



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of the second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 Personnel, Article 9.03 Police Department, Section 9.03.004 Chief of Police

DATE: July 17, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PRESENTED BY: Consent Item: Jim Williams, MBA, ICMA-CM, Assistant City Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Section 9.03.004 of the City Code of Ordinances currently states that the Mayor appoints the Police Chief, subject to confirmation by the City Council. However, this provision became outdated in 2017 when the City adopted a Home Rule Charter and transitioned to a Council-Manager form of government.

Under the Home Rule Charter, the responsibility for appointing, suspending, and removing City staff, unless otherwise specified in the Charter, rests with the City Manager. As such, this ordinance proposes to amend Section 9.03.004 by removing the obsolete language related to the Mayor's appointment and Council confirmation of the Police Chief.

All other provisions within Section 9.03.004 will remain unchanged. This amendment ensures consistency between the City Code and the governance structure established in the Home Rule.

The first reading of this ordinance was approved by City Council on July 3, 2025.

Attached is the proposed ordinance for City Council's approval.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

- Aligns with duties of the City Manager provisions in the City Charter.
- Aligns with the City's Strategic Action Plan pillars of Operational Excellence.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Ordinance approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Item: I move to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9 Personnel, Article 9.03 Police Department, Section 9.03.004 Chief of Police.