
ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATIVE

Sec. 10. Police and fire departments.

- (a) *System ratified.* The civil service system, as adopted pursuant to Chapter 17166, Laws of Florida, is hereby ratified and adopted and by reference made a part hereof.
- (b) *Certain appointive officers.* The eligible lists for police chief and fire chief shall be open to all qualified persons, regardless of whether they are employed in the police department or fire department, as the case may be. Appointments to the positions of police chief and fire chief shall be made by the city manager and shall not be subject to final approval by the civil service board.
- (c) The police and fire chief residency shall be established by ordinance.
- (d) All persons regularly employed by a municipality as police officers or fire officers, excluding those holding the rank of police chief, deputy police chief, major and captain in the police department and fire chief, deputy fire chief and assistant fire chief and those persons who are members of the police and fire departments engaged in clerical work solely for said police and fire departments, shall be construed to come within the provisions of this act, but this act shall not include any officer or person employed for temporary duty only. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, all persons holding the rank of police chief, deputy police chief, major and captain in the police department and fire chief, deputy fire chief, and assistant fire chief on the effective date of the exclusion of such ranks from the provisions of this act shall continue to come within the provisions of this act, unless and until they are promoted to a higher rank within the department. Employees of the municipality, coming within the provisions of this act, shall be employed and retained in employment and advanced to any higher grade on merit and fitness only, and the merit and fitness of any applicant for said departments, or for advancement therein, shall be determined by competitive examination, as hereinafter provided.

(Ord. No. 93-27, § 1, 10-19-93; Ord. No. 93-32, § 1, 12-9-93; Ord. No. 93-33, § 1, 12-7-93; Ord. No. 2007-48, § 3, 11-6
