

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED “DIVISION OF FIRE;” SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 141.01, TITLED “COMPENSATION; AGE; RANK” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio titled “DIVISION OF FIRE;” specifically, Section 141.01 “COMPENSATION; AGE; RANK” is hereby amended to read and provide as follows:

a) The Division of Fire shall consist of the following officers, in order of rank: Chief, three full-time Captains, five part-time Captains, ~~eight~~ **six** part-time Lieutenants and a maximum number of fifty-eight, who shall be designated as First Class or Probationary ~~, Second Class and Third Class~~ part- time firefighters.

(b) Upon recommendation of the Chief of Fire and with the approval of the Safety Director, any member of the Fire Division who has **up to eighteen months** of service as a Probationary firefighter shall advance to First Class firefighter provided he or she has satisfactorily completed all requirements as prescribed by the Training Officer and the Chief of the Division of Fire, ~~and any member of the Fire Division who has at least one year of service as a Second Class firefighter shall advance to First Class firefighter provided he or she has satisfactorily completed all requirements as prescribed by the Training Officer and the Chief of the Division of Fire.~~

(c) There shall be no maximum age limitation for an original appointment to the Willowick Fire Department.

Section 2. The existing Section 141.01 of the City’s Codified Ordinances are hereby repealed in that said Section and is suspended by this legislation.

Section 3. All formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees, which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare and dignity of the residents of the City of Willowick and therefore shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its passage by Council and its approval by the Mayor, or at the earliest period allowed by law.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council _____

Monica Koudela, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: _____

Approved by the Mayor: _____, 2025

Michael Vanni, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Alyssa Moran, Clerk of Council