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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1663

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 14 OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY CODE RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION AND OPERATIONS OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, it has been determined and is recommended to the full County Council that the Lancaster County Fire Commission ordinance be amended to reflect necessary changes to improve the Commission's operation and function; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County Council desires to amend the Fire Commission Ordinance to allow career Fire Rescue employees to serve on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster County Council further desires to amend the Fire Commission Ordinance to allow the Alternative Representative to cast a vote on behalf of the station they represent;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power and authority granted to the Lancaster County Council by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the powers granted to the County by the General Assembly of the State, it is ordained and enacted that:

Section 1. Article II, Chapter Fourteen of the Lancaster County Code is amended as follows:

ARTICLE II. - FIRE COMMISSION

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Sec. 14-23. - Composition.

a) The fire commission shall consist of one (1) representative from each fire station in Lancaster County appointed by county council as provided herein. The members shall be

representatives of each of the fire departments officially recognized by the county (inclusive of any geopolitical subdivision thereof). Each member will serve a term of four (4) years. No representative can succeed himself or herself as a department's representative. The exact number of members will be defined and explained in Lancaster County Fire Service SOG # 206.01. No representative or alternate may be compensated for attendance and service on the fire commission.

b) Each year a class of members' terms will end and new representatives will become members of the fire commission. The exact rotation schedule for the members will be defined and explained in Lancaster County Fire Service SOG # 206.01.

c) A representative may not change departments in order to remain on the commission as a representative of another department.

d) In the event that a representative must be changed during a term, the department shall submit the name of its prospective representative on the commission to the fire service director. The director shall then submit the name to county council for approval. This representative will complete the term of the previous representative. The rotation for that department will remain the same as it was for the initial representative. If the current alternate replaces the representative, a new alternate name must be submitted for approval.

e) Member requirements: All voting members of the fire commission must meet or exceed the minimum requirements listed in SOG # 206.1

f) Members currently on the commission that do not meet these requirements will be allowed to complete their current term. In order to serve on the commission again they must meet the requirements set forth in subsection 14-23(e).

~~g) — No full-time paid Lancaster County Fire Service or Lancaster County Emergency Management employee or any person supervised directly by the Lancaster County Fire Service Director can serve as a voting member of the fire commission.~~

h) Alternate representatives approved by the commission may be used by each member to attend up to four (4) regular scheduled commission meetings. Alternate representatives will have no voting privileges however they and may take an active role in discussions and information sharing between the commission and their station while serving in the allowed four meetings. One alternate representative should be submitted by each station prior to May 31st each year for approval by the commission. A notice shall be given within a twenty-four-hour period of the regularly scheduled meeting that has or will be missed by the commission member. Failure in attendance by the alternate will constitute an unexcused absence for the commission member.

Section 2. Severability.

If any section, subsection or clause of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected.

Section 3. Conflicting Provisions.

To the extent this ordinance contains provisions that conflict with provisions contained elsewhere in the Lancaster County Code or other County ordinances, the provisions contained in this ordinance supersede all other provisions and this ordinance is controlling.

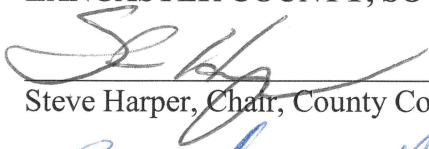
Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance is effective upon Third Reading.

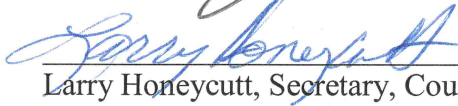
AND IT IS SO ORDAINED

Dated this 22nd day of JUNE, 2020.

LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA




Steve Harper, Chair, County Council



Larry Honeycutt, Secretary, County Council

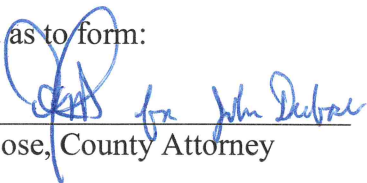
ATTEST:



Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

First Reading: May 26, 2020
Second Reading: June 08, 2020
Third Reading: June 22, 2020

Approved as to form:



John DuBose, County Attorney