

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 61

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.04 ENTITLED "CHIEF OF POLICE;
ASSISTANT CHIEF/CAPTAIN" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED
ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Administration is recommending that Section 151.04 of the Parma Heights Codified Ordinances be amended; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the recommendation of the Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That Section 151.04 of the Codified Ordinances as it previously existed is amended, and as amended, shall henceforth read as shown by edits set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Section 2: This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3: This Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, and safety of the Municipality, and for the further reason that it is necessary to allow for appropriate staffing of safety services without interruption; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED: September 25, 2023 Thomas Rounds
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Allen September 25, 2023
CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: September 25, 2023 Marie Gallo
MAYOR MARIE GALLO

EXHIBIT A

151.04 CHIEF OF POLICE; ASSISTANT CHIEF/CAPTAIN.

(a) The Chief of Police shall, under the direction of the Mayor, be the executive head of the Department of Police. In his absence from duty or incapacity the Chief, or in his absence the Mayor, shall have the authority to designate any full-time officer from the rank of Sergeant and above in the Police Department to serve as the acting Chief.

(Ord. 1955-67. Passed 8-1-55; Ord. 2012-36. Passed 8-6-12.)

(b) (1) The Chief of Police shall be entitled to the following employee benefits: uniform allowances, medical and life insurance coverage, vacations, holidays, longevity compensation, sick leave, emergency responder pay and college education pay, as described in the employment contract entered into by the City with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the Police Sergeants and Captains.

(2) The Assistant Chief of Police shall receive the same fringe benefits, effective upon the same dates and in the same amounts, as provided to the rank of Captain by the employment contract entered into by the City with the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association for Police Sergeants and Captains.

(c) Effective January 1, 1985, when any vacancy in the office of Chief of Police occurs due to retirement, death, or termination, or any other circumstances provided in the Civil Service Rules, and a member of the Department is assigned the duty of "Acting Chief" on a temporary or interim basis, such member shall may be paid at the Chief's normal rate of pay for such duty during the interim time period until a new Chief is appointed.

(d) Each nonaligned regular, full-time member of the Police Department holding the position of Chief of Police or Assistant Chief of Police shall be entitled to emergency responder allowance in addition to his or her regular compensation. Such allowance shall be paid as follows: six percent of the base annual salary, payable in two equal installments, on the pay days closest to May 1 and November 1 of each calendar year. When an employee leaves the Department through retirement, resignation or termination, the emergency responder allowance shall be pro-rated and the amount paid but unearned shall be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

(Ord. 2019-5. Passed 2-11-19.)