

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 63

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.02 ENTITLED "FIRE CHIEF;
ASSISTANT CHIEF" OF THE PARMA HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Administration is recommending that Section 153.02 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 153.02 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: October 23, 2023 Thomas Rounds
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Allen October 23, 2023
CLERK OF COUNCIL APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: October 23, 2023 Marie Gallo
MAYOR MARIE GALLO

EXHIBIT A

153.02 FIRE CHIEF; ASSISTANT CHIEF.

(a) The Fire Chief shall, under the direction of the Mayor, be the executive head of the Department of Fire. 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 Lieutenant or above in the Fire Department to serve as the acting Chief.

(Ord. 2012-35. Passed 8-6-12.)

(b) The Fire Chief shall be responsible for the prevention and control of the hazards of fire and the care and maintenance of all fire equipment and the buildings in which such equipment is housed. He shall also supervise and direct the hours of work and the duties of all firemen. Members of the Department of Fire shall have all the powers and duties conferred by law upon firemen in a city under the Ohio Revised Code and such other powers, not inconsistent with the nature of their offices, as are conferred by ordinance of this Municipality from time to time.

(Ord. 1956-70. Passed 9-24-56.)

(c) The Fire Chief 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 and Local 1690 of the International Firefighters Association.

The Assistant Fire Chief shall receive the same fringe benefits, effective upon the same dates and in the same amounts, as provided to the position of Assistant Chief of Police (See Section 151.04(b)).

(Ord. 1994-48. Passed 10-11-94; Ord. 2000-16. Passed 4-10-00.)

(d) Effective January 1, 1985, when any vacancy in the office of Fire Chief 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.

(Ord. 1985-12. Passed 5-13-85.)

(e) Each non-aligned regular member of the Fire Department holding the position of Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief shall be entitled to emergency responder allowance in addition to his or her regular compensation. Such allowance shall be paid as follows: 6% 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. 2000-16. Passed 4-10-00; Ord. 2000-53. Passed 11-27-00; Ord. 2006-10. Passed 3-30-06.)