

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA
Ordinance No. 2024 - 03

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2017-03 as previously amended by 2016-08 and Ordinance 2013-05 and Ordinance No. 2014-36 Regarding the Number and Employment Status of the Hobart Fire Department, Fire Suppression Service, Eligible for Advancement in Rank

WHEREAS, the Common Council (“Council”) of the City of Hobart, Indiana (“City”) is empowered to determine and authorize the number and compensation of the members of the City Fire and Police Departments pursuant to I.C. §36-8-3-3 (d) and (e); and

WHEREAS, the Council previously enacted Ordinance No. 2013-05 on February 6, 2013 which established authorized limits for the number of fire fighters of the City occupying certain ranks, and

WHEREAS, the Council thereafter enacted Ordinance No. 2014-36 on November 5, 2014, which amended Ordinance No. 2013-05 by increasing the authorized number of persons entitled to hold the rank of Lieutenant from three (3) to (6) six; and

WHEREAS, the Council thereafter enacted Ordinance No. 2016-08 on April 20, 2016, which amended Ordinance No. 2014-36 by increasing the authorized number of persons entitled to hold the rank of Lieutenant from six (6) to (9) nine; and

WHEREAS, the Council thereafter enacted Ordinance No. 2017-03 on March 1, 2017, regarding an increase in officers acting as Lieutenants when current rank lieutenants were serving in the specialized positions of Emergency Medical Service Director and Fire Prevention Service Director; and

WHEREAS, currently it has again come to the attention of the Council, that due to various persons holding rank status with the Hobart Fire Department, Fire Suppression Service that are entering retirement and/or concluding their employment with the Fire Department and who retain employee status but are not active Hobart fire fighters in Fire Suppression Service, has caused a deficiency in rank fire fighters who are actively employed; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Administration of the City has determined, considering both current and anticipated needs, that the number of Rank employees should only reflect *active* Hobart Fire Department fire fighters and exclude those who no longer engage in active duty and shall not be returning to active duty; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the request and finds that revisions are needed to the above-referenced Ordinances to clarify the determination of Rank limits for Hobart Fire Department, Fire Suppression Service fire fighters to include only those fire fighters who are actively engaged in Fire Suppression Service with the department.

46 THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart as
47 follows:

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49 SECTION ONE. Section One of Ordinance No. 2017-03 as amended by 2016-08,
50 and Ordinances 2013-05 and Ordinance No. 2014-36, is hereby amended by inserting the
51 following new language:

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53 Authorized Staffing Levels-Fire Suppression Service. The
54 Council hereby reaffirms and restates that the Hobart Fire Department, Fire
55 Suppression Service, **which, for purposes of rank limits, includes only those fire**
56 **fighters who are actively employed and engaged in fire suppression services,**
57 consists of the following ranks in descending order below the position of Assistant
58 Fire Chief, and above the base rank of Private Firefighter and specifies the
59 authorized maximum number of places or positions within each such rank:

	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Number</i>
63	1. Battalion Chief	3
64	2. Captain	3
65	3. Lieutenant	9

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67 In the event a fire suppression Lieutenant, Captain or Battalion
68 Chief holds the administrative positions of Director of Emergency
69 Medical Services or Director of Fire Prevention, then:

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71 a. Officers of the civil service rank of
72 Battalion Chief, Captain or Lieutenant holding one
73 of said positions shall receive the higher of the
74 compensation prescribed for the officer's civil
75 service rank or the compensation authorized for the
76 administrative position the officer holds; and

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78 b. The Fire Department, in accordance
79 with the provisions of the applicable fire civil
80 service laws, rules and regulations, may promote a
81 fire fighter to the rank of an officer serving in the
82 above stated administrative positions for assignment
83 to fire suppression for each officer serving in an
84 administrative position specified above.

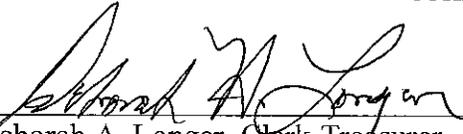
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86 SECTION TWO: All other sections of Ordinance No. 2017-03 as
87 amended by Ordinance No. 2016-08 and Ordinances 2013-05 and 2014-36 are
88 affirmed.

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90 SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption in
91 the manner required by law.

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93 SECTION FOUR: All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the
94 effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
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97 ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart,
98 Indiana on this 7th day of February, 2024.

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102 Joshaua Huddlestun, Presiding Officer

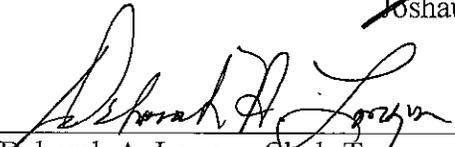
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105 ATTEST: 
106 Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer
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109 PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 7th day of February,
110 2024 at the hour of 7:15pm.

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113 Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer
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118 APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City
119 of Hobart on this 7th day of February, 2024.

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122 Joshaua Huddlestun, Mayor
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126 ATTEST: 
127 Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer
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