

**EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**John Knapp**  
Fire Chief

TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

THRU: Commissioner Mingus

FROM: Chief John Knapp

DATE: January 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution to hire and temporarily increase the number of firefighters

**DISCUSSION:** Please consider a resolution at the next City Council meeting to temporarily increase the number of firefighters within the East Peoria Fire Department by one firefighter, to a total of 34. As you may recall, currently we have three temporary firefighter positions in place and this temporary increase has resulted in a significant reduction in overtime. I am hopeful that the three temporary positions will also be extended another budget year based upon the positive results over the past year.

We have a firefighter who has submitted his letter of intent to retire in June 2020. I would like to hire an additional firefighter on or about 2-15-2020 to begin the next firefighter academy at IFSI in Champaign, which will begin on March 3, 2020. By adding this temporary position, we will be many weeks ahead in this individual being released as manpower which will result in significant overtime savings.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval the resolution authorizing a temporary increase in the number of firefighters on the East Peoria Fire Department.

cc: City Clerk Morgan Cadwalader  
cc: Finance Director Jeff Becker

**RESOLUTION NO. 1920-109**

**East Peoria, Illinois  
February 4, 2020**

**RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF  
FIREFIGHTERS ON THE EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 2.1 of the East Peoria City Code authorizes the City Council to determine from time to time by Resolution the number of individuals to hold each rank on the East Peoria Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2018, pursuant to Resolution No. 1819-106, the City temporarily increased the number of firefighters on the Fire Department by three to a total of 33 firefighters in an effort to minimize overtime costs in the Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Resolution No. 1819-106, the temporary increase to 33 in the number of firefighters in the Fire Department that was approved in December 2018 will then decrease back down to 30 through attrition of members leaving the Fire Department after April 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a firefighter has submitted his letter of intent to retire in June 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to retain the number of firefighters at a level of 33 upon the retirement of this firefighter, while determining whether the staffing level of firefighters will be decreased back to 30 at a later date after the passage of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of East Peoria to temporarily increase the total number of individuals holding the rank of firefighter in the East Peoria Fire Department by one to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City that after the retirement of this firefighter in June 2020, the total number of firefighters in the Fire Department be reduced by one to 33, and thereafter, the total number of firefighters in the Fire Department be reduced through attrition to 30;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** Effective immediately, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. Two Deputy Fire Chiefs

- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Nine Lieutenants
- E. Thirty-Four Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

**Section 2.** The Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Police and Fire Commission of the temporary increase in firefighters and to request the Police and Fire Commission to undertake the process of appointing a probationary firefighter to fill the position hereby created.

**Section 3.** Subject to further action by the City Council, effective on June 30, 2020, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel upon attrition to the staffing levels established in Resolution 1819-106:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. Two Deputy Fire Chiefs
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Nine Lieutenants
- E. Thirty Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk