

EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

THRU: Commissioner Mingus

FROM: Fire Chief John Knapp

DATE: March 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution temporarily increasing the number of firefighters

DISCUSSION: Please consider another resolution (original 1819-106) temporarily increasing the total number of firefighters from 30 to 33. We have confirmed that this practice has been beneficial to the City from a financial standpoint and I recommend continuing to do so over the next budget year.

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

cc: Director of Finance Jeff Becker
City Clerk Morgan Cadwalader

RESOLUTION NO. 1920-131

**East Peoria, Illinois
April 7, 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 is set to decrease back down to 30 through attrition of members leaving the Fire Department after April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 1920-109, the City temporarily increased the number of firefighters on the Fire Department by one to a total of 34 firefighters due to the retirement of a firefighter in June 2020, and thus the City increased the staffing level of firefighters on the Fire Department by an additional one firefighter until the retirement of this firefighter in June 2020, at which time this temporary additional firefighter position will be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the City now seeks to retain the number of firefighters at a level of 33 upon the retirement of the firefighter until April 30, 2021, as a continued effort to minimize overtime costs in the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City that after the retirement of the firefighter in June 2020, the total number of firefighters in the Fire Department be reduced by one to 33 until April 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City that after April 30, 2021, the total number of firefighters in the Fire Department be reduced by three to 30 through attrition thereafter;

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. Effective after the retirement of the firefighter in June 2020, 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-Three Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

Section 3. Subject to further action by the City Council, effective on April 30, 2021, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel upon attrition to the staffing levels established in this Resolution:

- 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:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk