

EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Commissioner Mingus

FROM: Fire Chief Bobby Zimmerman

DATE: February 15, 2023

SUBJECT: Temporary Increase in Fire Lieutenants

DISCUSSION: Lt. Justin Hale has submitted his letter to retire effective June 16th, 2023. Currently, he is using benefit time to reach that date. Dan Bourscheidt is the next individual to be promoted to the position of Lieutenant. It is in the best interest of the City to temporarily increase the number of Lieutenants to ten (10), with dropping back to nine (9) through attrition. This is cost neutral to the City.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the ordinance as presented.

CC: City Clerk Morgan Cadwalader

RESOLUTION NO. 2223-157

**East Peoria, Illinois
February 21, 2023**

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS IN 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, pursuant to Resolution No. 2223-049 approved in August 2022, the number of firefighters in the Fire Department was indefinitely increased to 33; and

WHEREAS, Fire Lieutenant Justin Hale has now submitted his intent to retire effective June 16, 2023 and is currently using benefit time to reach that date; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest to temporarily increase the number of Lieutenants to by one to ten until his retirement date of June 16, 2023 at which time the number of Lieutenants will decrease by one to nine;

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. One Deputy Fire Chiefs
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Ten Lieutenants
- E. Thirty-Three 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 increase in Firefighters.

Section 3. Effective June 16, 2023, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. One Deputy Fire Chief
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs

- D. Nine Lieutenants
- E. Thirty-Three Firefighters
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APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk