

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10, "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION," ARTICLE II, "FIRE MARSHAL," SECTION 10-22, "DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PAY," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY ADDING THE SECTION AS SET OUT BELOW; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 143.042, the City Council may authorize assignment pay for fire fighters or police who perform specialized functions within the fire department.

WHEREAS, the assignment pay is in an amount that is payable under conditions set by ordinance and is in addition to the regular pay received by members of the fire department.

WHEREAS, a fire department firefighter assigned as the Deputy Fire Marshal will receive specialized training and certifications in the realm of arson investigations, facility site plan interpretations, and federal, state, and local laws pertaining to building and fire codes.

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the Abilene Fire Department is requesting special assignment pay in the form of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month for the fire department firefighter assigned as the Deputy Fire Marshal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1: That Chapter 10, Article II, Section 10-22 of the Abilene Municipal Code be added as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

Part 2: That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force or effect.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 28th day of May, 2020.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 7th day of June, 2020, the same being more than 24 hours prior to a public hearing being held in the Council Chamber of City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m. on the 11th day of June, 2020, to permit the public to be heard.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 11th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

APPROVED:



Stanley Smith
City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

Sec. 10-22 Deputy Fire Marshal, Assignment Pay.

The chief of the fire department may assign a firefighter as the Deputy Fire Marshal. Special assignment pay in the amount of \$200 per month shall be paid to the firefighter assigned as the Deputy Fire Marshal. The special assignment pay shall not be paid to the firefighter assigned as the Deputy Fire Marshal if the firefighter holds a rank higher than lieutenant.

Sec. 10-23. Reserved.