

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2019

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10, "FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 10-4, "COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM, 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 special assignment pay for fire fighters who perform specialized functions within the fire department; and

WHEREAS, the special 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; and

WHEREAS, fire department personnel assigned to the Community Response Team (CRT) will receive specialized training and certification in the realm of evaluating and dealing with mental health clients; and

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 fire department personnel primarily assigned to the CRT.

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

PART 1: That Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-4 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 11th day of July, 2019.

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 21st day of July, 2019, 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 4:30 p.m. on the 25th day of July, 2019, to permit the public to be heard.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 25th day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

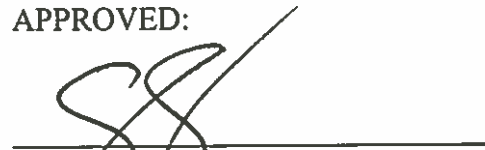


CITY SECRETARY



MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY



Exhibit A

Sec. 10-4. Community Response Team, Assignment Pay.

The chief of the fire department may assign one or more firefighters to the Community Response Team. To be eligible to be assigned to the Community Response Team, a firefighter must meet the following requirements: (1) certified in Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety Professionals; (2) trained in Preventing and Managing Aggressive Behavior (PMAB); (3) certified for Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS); and (4) trained in body armor use and self-protection. Special assignment pay in the amount of \$200 per month shall be paid only to the primary firefighter assigned to a Community Response Team. There may be more than one Community Response Team.

Secs. 10-5-10.15. Reserved