

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING  
THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS  
TO FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rolling Meadows is a home rule municipality, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, as a home rule municipality, the City of Rolling Meadows may exercise any power in performing functions pertaining to its government and affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-1 *et seq.*), govern the appointment, promotion and removal of police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's home rule authority, the City Code of the City of Rolling Meadows provides that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City may adopt, enact and implement rules that differ from the requirements of Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and may specifically establish rules regarding the maximum age for hiring police officers of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Rolling Meadows currently require that Police Department applicants must be less than 35 years of age at time of appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, as a measure to improve recruitment opportunities and attract quality candidates to fill the role as Rolling Meadows police officer, City management desires to increase the maximum age requirements applicable to applicants for original appointment to police officer in order to allow for said applicants to be less than the age of 35 at the time of application deadline.

**WHEREAS**, the corporate authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows find that it is in the best interests of the City of Rolling Meadows to amend the City Code, pursuant to its home rule power provided under Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, in order to increase the maximum age requirements applicable to applicants for original appointment to the position of police officer for the City of Rolling Meadows.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council for the City of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Section 2-688, entitled "Powers," of Division 2, entitled "Board of Fire and Police Commissioners," of Article V, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration," of the Code of the City of Rolling Meadows is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-688. - Powers.**

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the board of fire and police commissioners shall have only such powers and shall make only such rules and appointments as are provided in Division 2.1, of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code and in this Code.
- (b) The board of fire and police commissioners, pursuant to the city's home rule authority, is specifically granted the power and authority to adopt, enact, implement, and enforce rules and regulations inconsistent with the following provisions of Division 2.1 of Article 10 of the Illinois Municipal Code:
  - (1) The limitation on maximum age for hiring police officers provided in 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6, except that the rules of the board of fire and police commissioners must establish that applicants for original appointment to the position of police officer must be less than 35 years of age at the time of application deadline.

- (2) The limitation on promotional probation provided in 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6.
- (3) The awarding of military preference points, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-10 and 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-11, to eligible veterans whose names appear on promotional eligibility registers.
- (4) To require, contrary to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6, that a person is not eligible to apply for the position of police officer or firefighter unless they possess as a minimum a high school diploma and 48 college credit hours from a college or university accredited by the state in which it is located and which consists of a curriculum approved by the board of fire and police commissioners, or, in lieu thereof, a person may apply for the position of firefighter if they possess a high school diploma, be an Illinois state certified firefighter II and a certified emergency medical technician.

A person that is appointed a police officer or firefighter that was eligible to apply for the position because they possessed as a minimum a high school diploma and 48 college credit hours as described above must have a total of 60 college credit hours and, in addition, for police officers successfully completed the minimum basic requirements as adopted by the Illinois Local Governmental Law Enforcement Officers Training Board, by the conclusion of their probationary period, or any extension thereof, to be certified by the board of fire and police commissioners as having completed their probationary period.

- (5) To require, contrary to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-15, that a person is not eligible to apply for the position of police sergeant unless he possesses as a minimum a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours from a college or university accredited by the state in which it is located and which consists of a curriculum approved by the board of fire and police commissioners, unless the person was a member of the police department prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this subsection derives, in which event the minimum statutory education standards shall apply.
- (6) To require, contrary to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-15, that a person is not eligible to apply for the position of police commander, unless he possesses as a minimum a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by the state in which it is located, unless the person was a member of the police department prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this subsection derives, in which event the minimum statutory education standards shall apply.
- (7) To permit, contrary to 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1 et seq., that all police and fire personnel that are currently employed full-time and in good standing, and have completed their probationary period (unless waived by the board of fire and police commissioners) as a certified police officer or Illinois State certified firefighter II, certified emergency medical technician or paramedic with a municipality or fire protection district may be considered for accelerated entry and preference in appointment as a police officer or firefighter of the city pursuant to applicable rules adopted by the board of fire and police commissioners.

Section 3. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Rolling Meadows shall amend its rules and current application process to be consistent with this Ordinance, specifically applying the newly established age requirement to the current application process ongoing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the powers provided to the City of Rolling Meadows as a home rule unit, pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Section 5. This Ordinance will be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

AYES: Sanoica, McHale, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Bisesi, Reyez

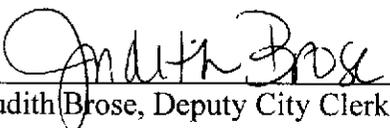
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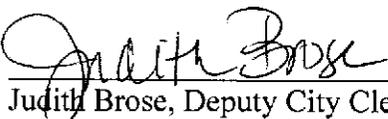


Joe Gallo, Mayor

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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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