

First Reading: September 24, 2024
Second Reading: October 1, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 14154

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE,
PART II, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-2, RELATING TO THE
AGE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA,
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 16, Section 16-2, be amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:


Sec. 16-2. Other Qualifications; Transfers.

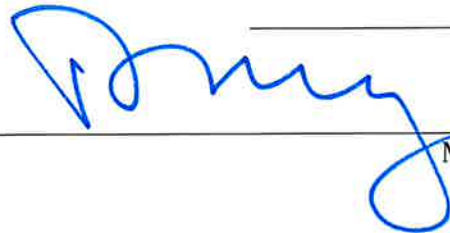
- (1) Any applicant for a sworn position in the Police Department and the Fire Department must, at a minimum, meet the following qualifications:
 - (a) Police Department applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and less than forty (40) years of age to be eligible for full membership in the Firemen's and Policemen's Insurance and Pension Fund. Applicants for a sworn position in the Fire Department may be at least eighteen (18) years of age and less than forty (40) years of age to be eligible for full membership in the Firemen's and Policemen's Insurance and Pension Fund as of October 15, 2024. These age limitations shall not apply to transfers as set out in subparagraph (2) of this section or to the positions of fire chief and police chief who are appointed to terms concurrent with the Mayor pursuant to the City Charter;
 - (b) Pass a psychological examination designated by the head of the department(s) of fire and police;
 - (c) Have received an honorable discharge from a military service as stipulated on a DD214, if applicable;
 - (d) Have or be eligible to obtain a valid Tennessee driver's license and maintain a good driving record;

- (e) Must not have any guilty pleas or felony convictions which are prohibited by TCA § 68-102-308 for firefighters or TCA § 38-8-106 for police officers. This qualification applies to violations of any federal/state laws relating to force, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor, or controlled substances where applicable; and
 - (f) The Chief of Police and Fire Chief may augment these qualifications as they deem necessary for the effective functioning of these departments as required for the safety of the residents of the City of Chattanooga.
- (2) A person is eligible to transfer to the Police Department from the Fire Department or transfer to the Fire Department from the Police Department, provided that such employee meets the qualifications in subparagraph (1), however, any such person being so transferred must have been previously a member of the Firemen's and Policemen's Insurance and Pension Fund.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: October 1, 2024


 _____ CHAIRPERSON
 APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:


 _____ MAYOR

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