

ORDINANCE NO. 23-21

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Richland amending Richland Municipal Code Section 2.44.010 related to membership on the firefighters' pension board.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code to eliminate ambiguities or come into compliance with established practice or policy; and

WHEREAS, recent staff changes have created an opportunity to review the composition of the LEOFF I police and fire pension board membership; and

WHEREAS, to ensure continuity and consistency between the City's two LEOFF I pension boards, the City's best interests are served by appointing the same two city staff positions to serve as voting members on each board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Richland Municipal Code Section 2.44.010, entitled Firemen's pension board created – Membership, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 30, and last amended by Ordinance No. 38-83, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.44.010 Firemen's ~~Firefighters'~~ pension board created – Membership.**

There is hereby created and established the ~~firemen's~~ firefighters' pension board which shall have and exercise the powers, duties and responsibilities prescribed in Chapter 91 of the Laws of 1947 of the state of Washington, as amended, being Chapter 41.16 RCW; Chapter 382 of the Laws of 1955, as amended, being Chapter 41.18 RCW; and Chapter 255 of the Laws of 1961. For the purposes of membership prescribed in RCW 41.16.020, the finance director shall be deemed to be the city treasurer. ~~The members of the board shall be, ex officio, the mayor or the mayor's designated representative who shall be an elected official, who shall chair the board, the city comptroller or clerk, the support services director, and in addition two regularly employed firemen elected as provided in RCW 41.16.020 and their alternate, selected as provided in this section, who shall serve in the absence of either of the regularly elected firemen members.~~

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction

of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
Ryan Lukson, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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