

ORDINANCE NO. 54-16

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PROCESS ALLOWING FOR THE LATERAL TRANSFER OF POLICE OFFICERS TO THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, EX-OFFICIO SAFETY DIRECTOR, TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR POLICE OFFICER FROM THE CURRENT ELIGIBILITY LIST OR THE LATERAL TRANSFER LIST; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, this Council desires to make provisions for the hiring of experienced police officers for the City of Ashland, Ohio, in order to provide for the continued efficient, effective and adequate operation of the Police Division and reduce outside training time of said City; and

WHEREAS, for the reason that it is immediately necessary to make such provisions for the hiring of experienced police officers in order to provide for the continued efficient, effective and adequate operation of the Police Division of said City, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Ashland, State of Ohio, 5 members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Civil Service Commission be requested and encouraged to promulgate rules allowing for the Lateral Transfer of police officers to the City of Ashland from another Ohio jurisdiction. The Rules should include general requirements (i.e., OPOTA certification, valid Ohio driver's license, minimum physical abilities, etc.), address physical fitness minimums, vision standards, a ranking method and background investigation criteria. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, the City of Ashland encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

Section 2. Said Civil Service Rules should allow for the creation of a Lateral Transfer list from the applicants meeting the minimum criteria described in the rules. The Lateral Transfer list is suggested to be in effect for one year from certification and each year thereafter.

Section 3. Said Civil Service Rules should give the Mayor, Ex-Officio Safety Director (after consultation with the Police Chief) the ability to select from either the current Police Officer eligibility list or the Lateral Transfer list when filling an opening in the police officer ranks.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by Council and approval pursuant to Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Ashland, Ohio

Passed June 7th 2016

Ruth G. Detrow
Ruth Detrow, President of Council

Attest: Jody Toms
Jody Toms, Clerk of Council

Approved: Glen P. Stewart
Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:

Richard P. Wolfe II
Richard P. Wolfe II, Director of Law

Date: June 7th, 2016