The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides for the creation of the position of chief of fire support staff in the city of Shreveport. Such position shall be created by ordinance. The position shall be filled on a competitive basis and the right of selection, appointment, supervision, and discharge for such position shall be vested in the fire chief, subject to approval of the appointing authority.

Proposed law provides that the governing authority shall establish the duties and responsibilities of the chief of fire support staff in the ordinance creating the position. Such duties and responsibilities may include direct supervision over all support staff positions in the classified service below and including the rank of chief of training, chief of EMS, chief of communications, chief of fire prevention, and chief of maintenance as well as any other future support staff as assigned by the fire chief.

Proposed law provides that the chief of fire support staff shall have not less than ten years of full time fire service experience and shall at least hold the rank of training officer, EMS officer, fire communications officer, fire prevention officer, emergency vehicle technician, chief of fire safety, administrative assistant to the fire chief, or aviation task force coordinator in the classified fire service at the time of his appointment.

Proposed law provides that any person who is appointed from a position in the classified fire service to serve as chief of fire support staff shall not forfeit his seniority accumulated to the date of his appointment, and he shall continue to accumulate seniority in accordance with the provisions of present law during the time he holds the position of chief of fire support staff.

Proposed law provides that the chief of fire support staff shall serve indefinitely in the classified competitive position and shall be evaluated every three years by the fire chief. After each evaluation by the fire chief, the chief may reconfirm the chief of fire support staff for another three year period, or may, at his discretion, demote the chief of fire support staff to his former class of positions.

Proposed law provides that if any such person is demoted as the result of such evaluation, or otherwise vacates the position on the approval of the fire chief, he shall be demoted to a position in the class he held immediately preceding his appointment as chief of fire support staff. If a chief of fire support staff is subjected to corrective or disciplinary action, he shall have the same rights as any other employee in the municipal fire and police civil service.

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