



City of Apache Junction
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Date: September 25, 2024

To: Honorable Mayo and City Council Members

Through: Bryant Powell, City Manager

From: Jennifer Pena, City Clerk *JP*

Subject: Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board Code Section Amendment

During the city council work session of August 19, 2024, a request for consideration to amend the Apache Junction City Code Vol. 1 section 2-21-3 Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board. The amendment would allow the city council to fill a vacancy regardless of the quorum status. This would ensure equitable and impartial representation on the board since members consist of 2 civilian representatives, 2 police officers elected by the Police Officers Association, and a chairman.

On August 20, 2024, City Council directed staff to review and consider updates to the Apache Junction City Code, Volume 1, Subsection 2-21-3 Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board related to vacancies on the board.

Background

On November 2, 2021, the city council voted 6:1 to direct staff to amend the multiple board and commission sections of the city code so that in situations where the quorum is in danger of not being met, the council will fill the vacancies immediately using the then-current talent bank applications and will not wait until the annual October appointment cycle.

On December 7, 2021, the council adopted Ordinance No. 1520 and Resolution No. 21-53 related to the quorum preservation for all boards and commissions.

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board was included in this amendment. The board is comprised of two civilians, two elected police officers, and a chairman.

The board has increased in activity these past few years and to provide fair and equal representation to the members coming before the board, the city clerk's office is requesting an amendment to this section of the city code. The amendment would allow vacancies on the Public Safety Retirement Board to be filled immediately by the city council, even if the quorum is not in danger of not being met.

If there becomes a vacancy on the board, new applicants may be sought in addition to using the current talent bank applications for the Council to promptly fill the vacancy.

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board would be the sole entity affected by this change.