

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 10**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF RON ZAK, AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING HIS TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING RATE OF PAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 737.22 the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Fire Chief to act as the head of the Willowick Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robert Posipanka has retired as Fire Chief from the City of Willowick Fire Department effective January 24, 2020 and it is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the City of Willowick to be without a Fire Chief during the process of filling said position on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, as Director of Public Safety, has determined that the temporary appointment of Captain Ron Zak as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Willowick; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish the terms and conditions of employment for the temporary appointment of Ron Zak as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick Fire Department, together with the rate of pay for said position, for a period not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO:

**SECTION 1.** That the Council of the City of Willowick hereby appoints Captain Ron Zak to the position of Fire Chief of the City of Willowick, on a temporary basis not to exceed one hundred and twenty (120) days, commencing January 25, 2020.

**SECTION 2.** That the aforesaid temporary Fire Chief shall be vested with and shall assume the same responsibilities and essential job functions previously exercised by the Fire Chief of the City of Willowick in furtherance of the City's essential business function.

**SECTION 3.** The temporary Fire Chief shall be paid compensation for the period beginning January 25, 2020, at the rate of \$2,115.38. per bi-weekly pay.

**SECTION 4.** That said temporary Fire Chief shall respond to the inquiry of Council regarding the services of his Department and such matters that would come within his Department's responsibilities.

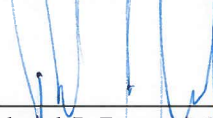
**SECTION 5.** That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and further, provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council: 1/21, 2020

  
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Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: JAN 22, 2020

  
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Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: JAN 22, 2020

ATTEST: Susan K. Wovrosh  
Susan Wovrosh, Clerk of Council