

Item Title: Resolution for Amendment to the Wake County Fire Commission Rules of Procedure

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Fire Commission to amend Section III D of the Wake County Fire Commission's Rules of Procedure by inserting the words "primary citizen appointees" before the words "shall not be affiliated with any county fire department or their Board of Directors" and add the words, "Citizens may be considered for appointment as Alternates regardless of whether they are affiliated with a county fire department as long as they recuse themselves on issues presenting a conflict of interest to them or the county fire department with which they are affiliated, such as votes on recommendations directly impacting the affiliated fire department" at the end of that section.

Item Summary:

At the May 4, 2017 Wake County Fire Commission meeting, there was discussion regarding the restructured Fire Commission's two new "alternate" positions. As the "alternate" positions would be non-voting, unless they were sitting in for an absent "primary" member, the majority of the Fire Commission was of the opinion that these members should not be held to the standard of non-affiliation with county fire departments. It was felt that this restriction would result in diminished participation opportunity for the individual and thus discourage volunteers. The Fire Commission voted, on a vote of ten to one, to recommend that the Wake County Board of Commissioners authorize the Fire Commission to amend Section III D of the Wake County Fire Commission Rules of Procedures by adding the words "*Primary citizen appointees*" before "shall not be affiliated with any County fire department or their Board of Directors". Staff recommends adding the words, "*Citizens may be considered for appointment as Alternates regardless of whether they are affiliated with a county fire department, as long as, they recuse themselves on issues presenting a conflict of interest to them or the county fire department with which they are affiliated, such as votes on recommendations directly impacting the affiliated fire department*" at the end of that section.

Attachments:

1. Wake County Fire Commission Rules of Procedure – Red line