

ORDINANCE NO: 114- 2018  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Roche

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS M. WETZEL  
TO THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF "CHIEF OF POLICE APPOINTEE",  
PROVIDING FOR HIS TEMPORARY COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, this Council has been advised by the Mayor/Director of Public Safety that Gene Rowe, the present City Chief of Police, will be retiring effective at 11:59 p.m. on November 2, 2018 and that it is necessary for Chief Rowe's successor, Thomas M. Wetzel, who has been appointed by the Mayor from a Civil Service eligibility list to become oriented to the City, its personnel, and his job duties and responsibilities as Chief by Chief Rowe prior to Mr. Wetzel's permanent appointment taking effect on November 3, 2018;

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Council that Thomas M. Wetzel be appointed to a temporary position to be known as "Chief of Police Appointee" for a maximum of 80 work hours from October 22 through November 2, 2018, and to authorize the Director of Finance to pay the newly-appointed Police Chief during that temporary period of time an hourly rate of pay generally commensurate with what his salary will be as the City's next Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: This Council authorizes the temporary appointment by the Mayor of Thomas M. Wetzel to the temporary position of "Chief of Police Appointee" in the City of Richmond Heights for the period of October 22 through November 2, 2018, for the total work time not to exceed 80 hours over that period of time and at an hourly rate of pay of \$46.15 per hour for the purpose of an orientation of Mr. Wetzel by the current Chief of Police prior to his retirement with respect to the City, its personnel and its government, and to his job duties and responsibilities as Chief of Police.

Section 2: The Director of Finance is authorized to pay Thomas M. Wetzel as the Chief of Police Appointee for up to 80 work hours during the period of time and at the rate of pay set forth in Section 1 above; and, if necessary, the Director of Finance is authorized to appropriate to a proper account the amount required to pay Mr. Wetzel within the limitations set forth in this Ordinance.

Section 3: The position of "Chief of Police Appointee" in the City shall terminate as of November 3, 2018.

Section 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees or subcommittees

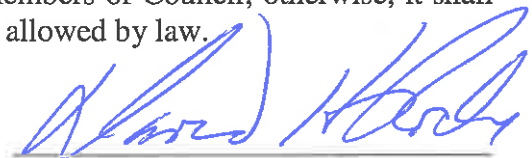
that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in accordance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to go into effect in order to properly and thoroughly orient the new appointee to the position of Chief of Police in the City to his new position so that he may be immediately effective in that position which is critical to the City's and its citizens' and visitors' safety and general welfare and to be oriented by the City's current Chief of Police who is retiring on November 2, 2018, and will not otherwise be available for such orientation after that date; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and its signature by the Mayor, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five members of Council; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

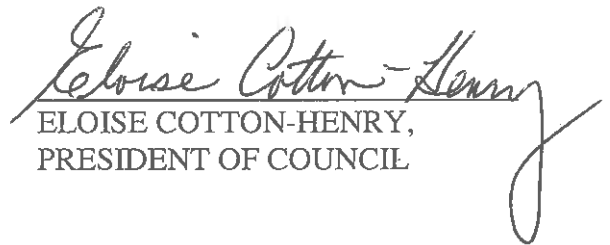
PASSED: October 9, 2018

APPROVED: October 9, 2018

ATTEST: Betsy Traben  
BETSY TRABEN,  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



DAVID H. ROCHE, MAYOR



ELOISE COTTON-HENRY,  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL