



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. XI. H
5/23/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Ordinance on final hearing, relating to the Police Department, amending Chapter 43 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2020, by amending Section 43-13, Retired-Commission Card and Uniform Privilege of Sworn Police Personnel Who Retire from Employ of City.

Deferred from March 28 and May 9, 2023.

Request deferral to July 5, 2023.

Purpose:

To amend an existing ordinance by revising the process by which former or present Oklahoma City Police Department officers who retire, may make application to retain possession of the Department uniform and receive identification cards.

Background:

The existing ordinance creates a process by which former or present Oklahoma City Police Department officers can make application for retired-commission cards or the privilege of wearing an Oklahoma City Police Department uniform upon retirement.

The application process (for both the identification card and the uniform) has been modified to remove a multi-layered "hearing process" and to make the Police Chief the final decision-maker regarding the issuance of retired-identification cards and uniforms to former police officers. Additionally, rather than granting permission for a former/retired police officer to wear a uniform identical to that worn by current, sworn police officers, the amendment requires retired officers to affix a "rocker" patch identifying the officer as retired and creates restrictions regarding when said uniforms can be worn. The amendment further establishes that it shall be unlawful and constitute a Class "a" offense for any individual to wear a City of Oklahoma City Police Department badge or uniform without authorization to do so by the Chief of Police.

Review:

Police Department

Recommendation: Ordinance be adopted.