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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014- 09

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8 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON**
9 **AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE**
10 **COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 62**
11 **LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO ADD SEC. 62-2.**
12 **DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE**

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15 **WHEREAS**, certain additions have been suggested to the section of the
16 Code addressing the addition of Deputy Chief of Police for the City of Covington;
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council deems these additions appropriate
19 to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as provided for in Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:2481.4,
21 governing authorities, including the City of Covington, may create the position of
22 Deputy Chief of Police, pursuant to the provisions thereof, which position shall be
23 filled on a competitive basis from a list of eligibles provided for therein, and the
24 right of selection, appointment, supervision and discharge of such position shall be
25 vested in the Police Chief, subject to the approval of the appointing authority.

26 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with
27 law,

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City
29 of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 62 Law Enforcement,
30 shall be amended to include Sec. 62-2. Deputy Chief of Police; competitive
31 appointment, and shall read as follows:

32 Sec. 62-2. Deputy Chief of Police; competitive appointment
33 A. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, the position of Deputy Chief of

1 Police may or may not be filled. If filled, the Deputy Chief of Police shall
2 be appointed in accordance with applicable state law.

3 B. The Deputy Chief of Police shall direct and be responsible for all positions
4 in the classified service below the rank of Chief of Police, shall assist the
5 Police Chief in the management and administration of the overall function
6 and operations of the police department, the planning and development of
7 departmental operations, participate in the personnel management function
8 for the department, and shall perform such additional duties and
9 responsibilities as assigned by the Police Chief with a high degree of
10 independence, reporting directly to the Police Chief. Additionally, the
11 Deputy Police Chief shall perform the duties of the Police Chief in the
12 absence of the Police Chief.

13 C. In accordance with state law, the Deputy Chief of Police shall have not less
14 than eight years of full time law enforcement experience and shall at least
15 hold the rank of sergeant in the classified police service at the time of his
16 appointment.

17 D. Eligibility for admission to the competitive test for Deputy Chief of Police
18 shall be limited to members of the same department as the Chief of Police at
19 the time of appointment.
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21 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 62 shall
22 remain the same and in full force.

23 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance
24 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein
25 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the
26 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

27 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having
28 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City
29 of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole,
30 the vote thereon being as follows:

31 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by Alexius, seconded by Wright.

32 **YEAS:** 5 **ABSENT:** 2 (Coner and Smith)

33 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

34 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 1st day of July, 2014.

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38 R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
39 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 3rd day of July, 2014, at 11:10 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved or Vetoed by the Mayor on this 3rd day of July, 2014.

Michael B. Cooper
MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 3rd day of July, 2014, at 11:15 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL