

X SIMPLE AMENDMENT

 SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

 PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOTION BY: ALD. ZAMARRIPA

FILE NO. 221377

VERSION: SUBSTITUTE 1

TITLE: A substitute charter ordinance relating to use of gender-neutral terminology for fire department personnel.

ITEM NO. 1

COMMITTEE: N/A

TEXT OF MOTION

I move to amend File Number 221377, Substitute 1, by renumbering current parts 7 through 28 to parts 8 through 29, and adding a new part 7 as described below. These amendments reflect the recommendations of the City Attorney and make clear that changes to terminology, such as changing “fireman” to “firefighter”, are done solely for the purpose of updating gendered language and do not alter, add, or create any benefits.

I further move passage of the ordinance as amended.

Part 7. Section 34-01-13-0 and g of the charter is amended to read:

13. DEFINITIONS. >>Any alterations to titles or definitions shall be understood only as revisions updating gendered language and do not alter, add, or create any benefits.<< The following words and terms as used in ch. 423 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1923 shall mean as follows, respectively:

g. ~~[[“Fireman”]]~~ >>“Firefighter”<<: Any person who is or shall be employed by the fire department of such city, even though such person does not perform the duties of a fireman and even though the duties of such person are not hazardous. The term ~~[[“fireman”]]~~ >>“firefighter”<< shall include the terms “member” and “employee” of the fire department. Emergency employees shall not be included. Any person who has been a contributor, participant, member, annuitant or beneficiary in said fund no matter what such person's duties in the fire department heretofore have been, shall be considered a ~~[[“fireman”]]~~ >>“firefighter”<< within this definition.

>>For the purposes of this chapter, the term "firefighter" means "fireman" pursuant to s. 4, Ch. 440, L. 1947, Wis. Stats.<< (S. 4, Ch. 440, L. 1947.)

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