



Fire Department

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To the Honorable
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
200 East Wells Street, Room 706
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting to reappoint former Fire Paramedic Tyler D. Phillips under Fire and Police Commission Rule XIII, Section 1. I understand that it has been more than six months since he resigned, but I am asking the Board to make an exception to this rule, and also waive part of Rule XIII, Section 2, and reappoint him as a Fire Paramedic, due to the fact that he was an excellent employee, with good character, he is highly trained as both a paramedic and as a former member of the haz-mat team, he completed his state certifications to act as a Heavy Equipment Operator, he volunteered to work on the recruitment team, and he would not need to complete formal recruit training again. Also, the COVID-19 pandemic has made everything logistically much more complicated and protracted. The cost to the department to reappoint him would be minimal.

Fire Paramedic Phillips was appointed on September 16, 2013, as a fire cadet, was promoted to firefighter on August 3, 2015, and became a fire paramedic on November 23, 2015. He was most recently assigned to Engine Company 4, until February 15, 2020, when he resigned to pursue a firefighting career out of state. I further respectfully recommend that Fire Paramedic Phillips be reinstated at the pay level he had at his resignation, and his sick leave balance be restored to the amount he had on that date. His service date will be adjusted to account for his time off the payroll. I have attached his request.

If your Honorable Board approves my request, I would ask for the reappointment to be effective January 25, 2021, contingent upon Finance approval, and medical and drug screens. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

AARON LIPSKI
Acting Chief

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Enclosure
F&P: 12/9/20 (1 FF position)
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Approved by the BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Date _____

Executive Director

