



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 Heavy Equipment Operator Joshua A. Poppy 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 Heavy Equipment Operator due to the fact that he was an excellent employee, with good character, he is highly trained, he would not need to complete formal recruit training again, and we currently have 18 vacancies in the Heavy Equipment Operator rank with no firm timeline as to when the Eligible List will be established. 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.

Heavy Equipment Operator Poppy was appointed on January 21, 2003, as a fire cadet, was promoted to firefighter on April 14, 2003, was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator on September 23, 2007. He was most recently assigned to Engine Company 36, until February 5, 2020, when he resigned to pursue a firefighting career out of state. For family reasons, he recently moved back to Wisconsin. I further respectfully recommend that HEO Poppy 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 September 21, 2020, contingent upon Finance approval, and medical and drug screens. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


MARK ROHLFING
Chief

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Enclosures
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Approved by the BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Date

Executive Director

