

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 21-42

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Antoskiewicz

AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PROCESS ALLOWING FOR THE LATERAL TRANSFER OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS TO THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO FROM ANOTHER OHIO JURISDICTION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND/OR FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS FROM THE CURRENT ELIGIBILITY LIST OR THE LATERAL TRANSFER LIST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: This City Council desires to make provisions for the hiring of experienced Police Officers and Firefighters/Paramedics for the City of North Royalton, Ohio in order to provide for the continued efficient, effective and adequate operation of the Police and Fire Divisions and reduce outside training time of said City; and

WHEREAS: It is immediately necessary to make such provisions for the hiring of experienced Police Officers and Firefighter/Paramedics in order to provide for the continued efficient, effective and adequate operation of the Police and Fire Divisions and to provide the best law enforcement and firefighting/paramedic protection to the residents of the City; this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Civil Service Commission be requested and encouraged to adopt and promulgate new rules allowing for the Lateral Transfer of Police Officers and Firefighters/Paramedics to the City of North Royalton from another Ohio jurisdiction. The Rules should include general requirements (i.e., OPOTA certification for Police Officers or Firefighters and Paramedic Certification for Firefighters/Paramedics, valid Ohio driver's license, minimum physical abilities, etc.), address physical fitness minimums, vision standards, a ranking method and background investigation criteria. As an Equal Opportunity Employer, the City of North Royalton encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

Section 2. Said Civil Service Rules should allow for the creation of a Lateral Transfer list for each of the Police and Fire Divisions from the applicants meeting the minimum criteria described in the rules. The Lateral Transfer list is suggested to be in effect for one year from certification and each year thereafter. Such Lateral Transfer list may be extended for up to one additional year.

Section 3. Said Civil Service Rules should give the Mayor of North Royalton (after consultation with the Police Chief or Fire Chief) the ability to select from either the current Police Officer or Firefighter/Paramedic eligibility list or the Lateral Transfer list when filling an opening in the Police Officer or Firefighter/Paramedic ranks.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after it is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city and for the further reason that the city desires to have the ability to hire the most qualified Police Officers and/or Firefighters/Paramedics by having such candidates with prior experience from Ohio public service.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Paul F. Marnecheck  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Larry Antoskiewicz  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: February 16, 2021

DATE APPROVED: February 17, 2021

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading February 16, 2021

YEAS: Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Krejci  
Dietrich, Weimer, Vos

NAYS: none