

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 132

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 252.01 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH RANK IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, **AS AMENDED**.

WHEREAS, Section 252.01(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville establishes the membership of the uniformed ranks of the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville provides that the **maximum** number of members of each rank of officer in the Fire Department shall be as authorized by Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that as a result of **the anticipated opening of the new fire station City budgetary constraints, anticipated 2026 revenues**, and recent retirements from the Fire Department, it would be in the City's best interests to **revise the maximum number of certain decrease the number of Assistant Chief** positions in the Fire Department.

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

Section 1. That Section 252.01 of Chapter 252 of Title Six of Part Two-Administration Code of the City of Strongsville, be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

252.01 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSTION.

(a) Pursuant to Section 252.01(b), Council hereby establishes the maximum number of members of each rank of officer in the Fire Department as follows:

Rank	Maximum Number
Chief	1
Assistant Chief	2 4 2
Captain	5
Lieutenant	13 16*
Firefighter	47 56**

* This number shall include any lieutenant(s) designated as lieutenant paramedic.

** This number shall include any firefighter(s) designated as firefighter-paramedic.

~~(Ord. 2020-162. Passed 11-16-20.)~~

(b) Within the rank of firefighter shall be the special position of firefighter-paramedic. Within the rank of lieutenant shall be the special position lieutenant-paramedic. The maximum number of members in each rank shall be as authorized by Council from time to time.

(c) In addition to the maximum number of Firefighters provided in Section (a), when there is a known vacancy for a position as a Firefighter to occur on a date certain in the future, the Appointing Authority may hire an

additional Firefighter above the maximum number set out in Section (a) for a period not to exceed six (6) months before the known vacancy date for that position, in order to insure that the Firefighter obtains the necessary training and certifications to be able to properly perform the Firefighter's duties when that Firefighter permanently fills the vacant position.

(d) When by collective bargaining agreement rates of compensation are established within a rank for classes within the rank based upon time in service, such compensation classes shall not constitute a special position within rank and promotional examination shall not be required to progress from one compensation class to the next.

(Ord. 2023-102. Passed 7-3-23.)

Section 2. That the amendment to Section 252.01(a) of Chapter 252 of Title Six of Part Two-Administration Code of the City of Strongsville shall be effective **on the date of passage of this Ordinance as of January 21, 2026.**

Section 3. That the funds for the purposes of this Ordinance have been appropriated and shall be paid from the Fire Levy Fund and Fire Pension Fund.

Section 4. That 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 this 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. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is necessary to provide for continuity in the operation of the Fire Department, **in light of the anticipated opening of the new fire station.** 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.

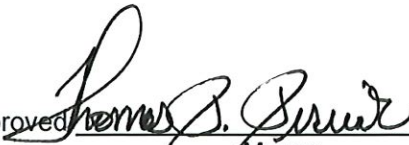
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President of Council

Date Passed: July 27, 2026

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<u>✓</u>	_____
Clark	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kaminski	<u>✓</u>	_____
Kosek	<u>✓</u>	_____
Roff	<u>✓</u>	_____
Short	<u>✓</u>	_____
Zacharyasz	<u>✓</u>	_____

Approved: 

Mayor

Date Approved: July 27, 2026

Attest: Manalynn Beach
Acting Clerk of Council

Ord. No. 2025-132 Amended: _____
1st Rdg. 11-17-25 Ref: PS + H
2nd Rdg. 12-01-25 Ref: PS + H
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