

**CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 135**

**By: Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM  
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN EACH RANK IN THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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, this City previously established the maximum number of Firefighters and members of each rank of officer in the Fire Department through adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-241 on November 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 2015-241, the maximum number of members in the Fire Department with the rank of Captain was increased from three (3) to four (4) so as to allow the Fire Chief in his reorganization of the Fire Department to assign one (1) person with the rank of Captain to be in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau; and

WHEREAS, in reorganizing the Fire Department in November of 2015, it was the intent of the Fire Chief to abolish the one (1) position of Lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Bureau when the person holding that Lieutenant's position in the Fire Prevention Bureau retired from the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a notice of retirement of the Lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Bureau, whose last day is scheduled to be July 29, 2016, and it would be in the City's best interests upon his retirement to simultaneously abolish one (1) Lieutenant's position in the Fire Department so as to decrease the number of Lieutenants from fourteen (14) to thirteen (13), and increase the Firefighter positions from forty (40) to forty-two (42), in order to implement the Department's reorganization plan and anticipating the appointment of a future Lieutenant from a First Class Firefighter's position.

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

**Section 1.** That, pursuant to Section 252.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville and the upcoming retirement of the one (1) lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Bureau from the Fire Department, whose last day is scheduled to be July 29, 2016, this Council hereby simultaneously abolishes one (1) position of Lieutenant and establishes the maximum number of members of each rank of officer in the Fire Department as follows:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Maximum Number</b>
Chief	1
Assistant Chief	2

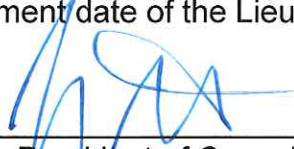
Captain	4
Lieutenant	<del>14</del> 13*
Firefighter	<del>40</del> 42**

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

**Section 2.** 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 3.** 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 4.** 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 immediately necessary to adjust the maximum number of members within the ranks of the Fire Department to implement the needed reorganization, to provide for the most efficient daily operation of the Fire Department, and to conserve public funds. 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, provided that the one Lieutenant's position being eliminated will take effect simultaneously on the official retirement date of the Lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

  
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President of Council

Approved   
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Mayor

Date Passed: July 5, 2016  
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Yea                      Nay

Date Approved: July 4, 2016  
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Daymut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
DeMio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dooner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Schönhut	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Short	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Southworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

Attest:   
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Clerk of Council

ORD. No. <u>2016-135</u>	Amended: _____
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