

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1671 WHICH GOVERNS POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND MAXIMUM POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION FOR THE CITY OF WATAUGA FIRE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 143.021; ADDING SIX (6) FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Watauga, Texas has adopted Local Government Code Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service for the City of Watauga Police Department and Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Local Government Code Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service, § 143.021 provides that the municipal governing body shall establish firefighter classifications, as well as the number of positions in each classification; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2019, the Watauga Civil Service Commission approved the classification and number of positions in each classification of the Watauga Fire Department as follows: Fire Chief (1), Assistant Fire Chief (1), Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal (1), Fire Lieutenant (3), and Firefighters (21); and

WHEREAS, the City of Watauga Fire Department was awarded the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant on September 6, 2019 providing funding for six (6) additional Firefighter positions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the addition of six (6) Firefighter positions will provide the citizens of Watauga with a higher level of service from the City of Watauga Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas that the following amendments be made to the personnel structure, rank, and classification in the Watauga Fire Department:

I.

The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct and adopted herein for all purposes.

II.

Effective October 1, 2019, six (6) additional positions within the classification “Firefighter” are created.

III.

Prior to the effective dates in this Ordinance, the following classifications and number of positions in each classification in the City of Watauga Fire Department existed:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>
FIREFIGHTER	15
FIRE LIEUTENANT	3
BATTALION CHIEF/ FIRE MARSHAL	1
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF	1
FIRE CHIEF	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>

IV.

As of the effective date outlined in this Ordinance, the following classifications and number of positions in each classification in the City of Watauga Fire Department shall exist, and no others:

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>
FIREFIGHTER	21
FIRE LIEUTENANT	3
BATTALION CHIEF/ FIRE MARSHAL	1
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF	1
FIRE CHIEF	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>

V.

This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Watauga, Texas, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances, except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance(s) are hereby repealed.

VI.

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

VII.

This Ordinance does not demonstrate, nor is it any evidence of any intent to enter into a contractual obligation, unilateral or otherwise, with any civil service employee. This Ordinance is enacted to comply with Chapter 143, Texas Local Government Code, specifically § 143.021, and for no other purpose. The City Council expressly disavows any intent to create a contractual obligation by adoption of this Ordinance.

VIII.

This Ordinance shall become effective and shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, and upon application of law and in accordance with Sections 3.11 and 3.13 of the Charter of the City of Watauga, Texas.

16th PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas on this the Sept day of Sept, 2019.

APPROVED:

Arthur L. Miner  
ARTHUR L. MINER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Gardner  
ANDREA GARDNER, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

George Hyde  
GEORGE HYDE, Interim City Attorney

