

Proposals 86 and 87 Combined

Digest

This proposed amendment would increase the Fire Commission from five to seven members, and update the fire chief's powers, duties and functions to promulgate rules and regulation for the organization and internal administration of the department and to specify the services provided by the department.

Question

Should the Fire Commission be expanded from five to seven members, and should the fire chief's powers, duties and functions be updated to reflect current services?

Yes _____ **No** _____

Present Situation

There are currently five members on Fire Commission. The powers, duties and functions of fire chief include fire fighting and rescue work, responding to emergencies in hazardous terrain and on the sea, providing emergency medical care, maintaining and supervising a force of fire-fighting personnel, monitoring the construction and occupancy standards of buildings for the purposes of fire prevention, and providing educational programs related to fire prevention.

If Proposal Passes

The number of members on the Fire Commission would increase to seven members and the powers, duties and functions fire chief would be expanded to include promulgating rules and regulations for the organization, adding new services including providing education programs for life safety, and investigation of fires and explosions for cause and origin, as well as adding personnel for emergency response, reviewing construction plans and inspecting buildings to prevent fires.