

*No. 17-22-OR*

**AN ORDINANCE**

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 1007.11 of County Administrative Code, codified in Chapter 5 of the County Code of Ordinances as Article 1007.11, to provide for an exclusion from the residency requirement for County employment for telecommunications officers and shift commanders in the 911 Communications Division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services.

**Whereas**, Section 1007.11(A) of the County’s Administrative Code provides that all new applicants for County employment who accept an appointment as a County employee must become a resident of the County within one (1) year of the acceptance of such appointment; and

**Whereas**, the imposition of the existing residency requirement in the County’s Administrative Code upon an applicant seeking employment with the County as a telecommunications officer or shift commander at the 911 Communications Division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services will adversely affect the County’s ability to recruit and to retain personnel providing vital emergency response services at the 911 Communications Division; and

**Whereas**, the exclusion of telecommunications officers and shift commanders at the 911 Communication Division from the residency requirement for County employment set forth in Section 1007.11(A) of the County’s Administrative Code is in the best interests of providing efficient and effective emergency response services at the Department of Emergency Services.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:***

***SECTION 1.           Incorporation of Preamble.***

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

***SECTION 2.           Amendment of the Residency Requirements for County Employment.***

Paragraph C of Section 1007.11 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, which is codified as Article 1007.11 of Chapter 5 of the County Code of Ordinances, is amended to read as follows:

**§5-1007.11   Residency**

. . .

C. The residency requirement set forth in subsection A of this section requiring individuals to move to and live within Allegheny County within one (1) year of appointment as a County employee shall not apply to applicants for the following positions:

- (1) Registered nurses at the John J. Kane Regional Centers.
- (2) Licensed practical nurses at the John J. Kane Regional Centers.
- (3) All individuals employed as health care personnel at the Allegheny County Jail.
- (4) Telecommunications officers and shift commanders at the 911 Communications Division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall enter into effect immediately upon its approval.

**SECTION 4. Severability. *If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.***

**SECTION 5. Repealer. *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.***

**PRIMARY SPONSOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**


**CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL MEMBERS WALTON, KLEIN, DUERR, DeMARCO, MACEY, FILIAGGI, FUTULES, and PALMIERE and PRESIDENT CATENA**

Enacted in Council, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022

Council Agenda No. 12313-22



Patrick Catena  
President of Council

Attest:   
Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Approved:   
Rich Fitzgerald  
County Executive

Attest:   
Jennifer M. Liptak  
Chief of Staff

## **Summary**

Section 1007.11(A) of the County's Administrative Code provides that all new applicants for County employment who accept an appointment as a County employee must become a resident of the County within one (1) year of the acceptance of such appointment.

This proposed ordinance would amend Paragraph C of Section 1007.11 of the County's Administrative Code by adding an additional exclusion from the residency requirement for county employment for personnel providing emergency response services as telecommunications officers and shift commanders at the 911 Communications Division of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services.

**MEMORANDUM**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

TO: Jared E. Barker  
Allegheny County Council

FROM: William D. McKain CPA  
County Manager

DATE: May 19, 2022

RE: Proposed Ordinance

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The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.