



MEMORANDUM

To: City Councilors

From: Mayor Joseph W. Peel

Date: January 7, 2015

Re: Consideration – Re-appointment of Charles R. Koch to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board

BACKGROUND:

The Fireman's Relief Fund Board is required by NCGS 58-84-30. The Board is composed of five members, two of whom shall be elected by members of the local fire department, two of whom shall be appointed by the City Council and one of whom shall be named by the Commissioner of Insurance. The Fire Department elects its members each January. The Council shall appoint its members in January. (Although it is not required, it has historically been the practice of the Council to appoint a member of the City Council to serve as one of the City's appointees). The Commissioner of Insurance appointee serves at the pleasure of the Commissioner. Terms are to be staggered for two years; however, the statute does not limit the number of terms an appointee may serve.

ANALYSIS:

Mr. Charles Koch was appointed to serve the Fireman's Relief Fund by former Mayor Melvin Daniels sometime between 1987 and 1989. He was reappointed in 2004. He has faithfully served the board for many years.

In September 2014, the City Council adopted its Policies and Procedures for Board Appointments, which contains the following provision:

SECTION 4. Length of Term of Appointment. *Unless otherwise stated by state statute or local ordinance, all terms of office shall be limited to two (2) years. No citizen may serve more than two successive terms in any one appointed position. This policy may be waived if the City Council determines that the removal of individuals made ineligible by this policy would be detrimental to the functioning of that board, commission, or committee.*

Mr. Koch has expressed his willingness and desire to continue to serve the Fireman's Relief Fund and has completed an application for reappointment (attached). In order to begin compliance with the Council's new procedures, it is my recommendation that Mr. Koch be appointed for a final two year term.

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion and ***roll call vote***, re-appoint Mr. Charles R. Koch to serve a two year term on the Fireman's Relief Fund Board to expire January 31, 2017.

JWP/vdw



CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY
Application for Board or Committee Appointment

Please indicate by number your preference to serve on the following boards and committees:

- Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
EC/PC Airport Authority
Board of Adjustment
Community Relations Commission
Elizabeth City Housing Authority
Historic Preservation Commission
Central Communication Advisory
Fireman's Relief Fund Board
Planning Commission
Personnel Appeals Committee
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
Storm Water Advisory Board
Tourism Development Authority
Urban Forestry Commission

Name: CHARLES R. KOCH

Home Address: 1213 CAROLINA AVE Email:

City and State ELIZABETH CITY N.C. Zip Code 27909

Telephone: Home: 252) 335-2322 Business: N/A

*Sex: M *Race: W *Age: 82

*This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross-section of the community is appointed.

Employed By: RETIRED Occupation: FIRE FIGHTER

Are you currently serving on another Board, Committee or Commission appointed by the City of Elizabeth City? If so, please list:

No

List below any experience or qualifications you have that are relevant to the Board/Committee/Commission for which you are applying. (Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

PRESENT MEMBER OF FIREMANS RELIEF FUND
32 yrs. in Fire Service Retired Post-Chief N.N.S.Y. PORTSMOUTH VA.

Do you live in the Corporate Limits Yes ETJ or County PASQUOTAUK

Date: 12-5-14 Signature: Charles R Koch

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