

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATED AND REPLACE PAROWAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 2.12.010 AND 2.12.020 TO ALLOW FOR THE HIRING OF A FIRE CHIEF RATHER THAN AN INTERNALLY ELECTED VOLUNTEER CHIEF

ORDINANCE DATED SEPTEMBER 26TH 2024

WHEREAS, Parowan City has historically had a Volunteer Fire Chief, who has been elected by the membership of volunteer firefighters within the Parowan City Volunteer Fire Department and then appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of the City Council. This process has been loosely described in City Code and further defined in the Fire Department By-Laws adopted by the Fire Department and accepted by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Parowan City has grown in terms of departmental needs to serve a larger population, larger commercial buildings, grant/financing needs, and enhanced fire-fighting techniques, equipment, and training. The time commitment required by the Fire Chief to address the growing needs of the city and the department requires the consideration of a paid employee, rather than a volunteer; and,

WHEREAS, the Parowan City Council would like the flexibility to be able to choose to hire a Fire Chief as an employee of the City, rather than only be able to elect a volunteer from the ranks of the volunteer department.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Parowan City, Utah, hereby adopts and passes the following:

ORDINANCE REPLACING PAROWAN CITY MUNICIPAL CODE 2.12.010 AND 2.12.020 TO ALLOW FOR THE HIRING OF A FIRE CHIEF RATHER THAN AN INTERNALLY ELECTED VOLUNTEER CHIEF

2.12.010 Creation Of Fire Department

There is hereby created and established a fire department for the City to be known as the Parowan Fire Department. Members of the Fire Department designated as volunteers shall serve subject to the discretion of the Parowan Fire Department, and a designated volunteer shall not be considered a permanent, vested or implied/explicit contractual employment position. Volunteers are subject to removal or restriction as deemed in the best interest of the Parowan City Fire Department, and removal or restriction may be by the Fire Chief or the Parowan City Council. Members of the Fire Department which have a part-time or full-time employment status shall be regulated by the Personnel Policy adopted by Parowan City. The members of the Fire Department may adopt by-laws, and such other rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective operation of the Department, including requirements for application or retention of membership therein. All by-laws, rules and regulations shall be recommended by the Fire Department and approved by the Parowan City Council.

2.12.020 Officers

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor, with advice and consent of the City Council. Hiring of part-time or full-time Fire Department employees shall be in accordance of with Parowan City Personnel Policy. Nomination of volunteer officers of the Parowan City Fire Department shall be made in accordance with the adopted and approved by-laws of the Parowan City Fire Department. Such officers so nominated by the Fire Department shall be presented to the Parowan City Council for final appointment and approval. The term of service of such other nominated positions, shall be in accordance with the Fire Department By-laws.

This ordinance is hereby passed and adopted by the Parowan City Council on the 26th day of September, 2024, and shall take effect immediately upon adoption of the same.

Mollie Halterman, Mayor
Parowan City, Utah

VOTING:	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
David Burton	___	___	_____	_____
Rochell Topham	___	___	_____	_____
Sharon Downey	___	___	_____	_____
John Dean	___	___	_____	_____
David Harris	___	___	_____	_____

Attested by:

Callie Bassett, City Recorder