

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 131.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FREMONT REGARDING AGE LIMITS AND RESIDENCIES OF ORIGINAL APPOINTEES TO THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, CITY OF FREMONT, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 131.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Fremont which reads as follows:

**131.02 AGE LIMITS AND RESIDENCIES OF ORIGINAL APPOINTEES.**

(a) Persons receiving an original appointment to the Police Department shall be older than twenty-one years of age, but no older than thirty-four years of age, per R.C. 124.41 at the date of appointment and shall be residents of the continental United States.

(b) Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 9.481(B)(2) to ensure adequate response times by the Police Department to emergencies or disasters, as a condition of employment, all applicants for the Police Department shall reside either in Sandusky County where the political subdivision (Fremont) is located or in any adjacent county in the State of Ohio, or signify in writing his or her intention to become, within a year after appointment, a resident of Sandusky County or an adjacent county.

**THEREAFTER SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**131.02 AGE LIMITS AND RESIDENCIES OF ORIGINAL APPOINTEES.**

(a) No person shall be eligible to receive original appointment to the Police Department, as a police officer, unless the person has reached the age of twenty-one and has, not more than one hundred twenty days prior to the date of such appointment, passed a physical examination, given by a licensed physician, a physician assistant, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse practitioner, or a certified nurse-midwife, certifying that the applicant is free of cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, and showing the applicant meets the physical requirements necessary to perform the duties of a police officer as established by the civil service commission having jurisdiction over the appointment. The City shall, prior to making any such appointment, file with the Ohio police and fire pension fund a copy of the report or findings of the licensed physician, physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife. The professional fee for such physical examination shall be paid by the civil service commission. There

shall be no maximum age for original appointment as referenced in R.C. 124.41; however, the person shall be a resident of the continental United States.

(b) Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 9.481(B)(2) to ensure adequate response times by the Police Department to emergencies or disasters, as a condition of employment, all applicants for the Police Department shall reside either in Sandusky County where the political subdivision (Fremont) is located or in any adjacent county in the State of Ohio, or signify in writing his or her intention to become, within a year after appointment, a resident of Sandusky County or an adjacent county.

**SECTION 2.** All prior ordinances are hereby repealed and/or amended only to the extent they are inconsistent with this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

**SECTION 4.** The immediate operation of the provisions of this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Fremont, said emergency being the need to expand the hiring pool of applicants, increase the chances of reaching maximum hiring numbers, and staffing a full police force in an expeditious manner.

This ordinance, provided it receives a two-thirds yea or nay vote of all the members elected to the Fremont City Council, is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council of the City of Fremont, approval by the Mayor, and publication and posting as required by law.

*Angie Ruiz*  
Jamie Hafford *Angie Ruiz*  
President of Council *Pro Tem*

PASSED: 02-24-22

Effective date: 02-24-22

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

*Stephanie L. Martin*  
Stephanie L. Martin, City Council Clerk

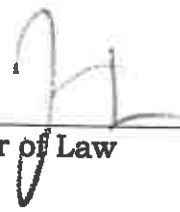


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Daniel R. Sanchez, Mayor

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Approved as to form:



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James F. Melle, Director of Law  
City of Fremont, Ohio