

133. **PERSONNEL.** The Fire Department shall be composed of a Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, and such number of subordinate officers and firemen as the Mayor and City Council may set by ordinance. In the temporary absence of the Fire Chief, the subordinate officers shall assume his duties, in the order of their respective rank.

134. **QUALIFICATIONS.** No person shall be employed in any capacity in the Fire Department unless he is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City for not less than three years, and of good moral character, nor unless he can read and write the English language and is not addicted to the use of alcoholic beverages.

135. **CLASSIFIED SERVICE.** All officers, members and employees of the Fire Department, including the Chief of the Fire Department, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, shall belong to the Classified Service of the City, to be chosen and to hold their positions accordingly, subject to the rights, privileges and duties thereof, as prescribed elsewhere in this Article.

136. **SALARIES.** (a) The salaries of the members of the Fire Department of the City shall be as established by the Mayor and City Council, subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) Such salaries may not be established lower than those established herein, namely, Fire Chief, \$286.00 per month; Assistant Fire Chief, \$256.00 per month; Captain or Lieutenant, \$226.00 per month; Fireman, \$190.00 per month during the first year of service and \$220.00 per month thereafter.

137. **PLATOON SYSTEM.** The Fire Chief shall organize the Fire Department on the basis of a two-platoon system. The hours of duty of each such platoon and the order of shifting their sequence shall be as set by the Fire Chief.

138. **VACATIONS.** Members of the Fire Department shall be entitled to not less than 15 days vacation with pay, and sick leave as other members of the Classified Service. In addition, they shall each be entitled to a leave of absence with pay for one day every week, to be designated by the Fire Chief. The members shall be entitled to vacation leave in the order of their seniority, with the senior members in point of service having the right in the order of their length of service to designate the time or times they prefer.