

## Proposition J

An amendment to the City Charter providing that the Fire Chief shall be appointed by the City Manager with confirmation by the City Council.

### **Section 5.09 Fire Department.**

The City shall take all necessary measures to protect the City and the property of its citizens from destruction by fire or conflagration; and shall have the authority to establish and maintain a fire department within the City, at such time as State Statutes may require, or as the Council may deem advisable, and to cooperate with any person, other governmental body, association, or corporation in the operation of the fire department, under such terms as the City Council may prescribe by ordinance. Authority is also granted to support and assist in the maintenance of a volunteer fire department.

The City Manager shall appoint with the confirmation of the City Council, a Chief of the Fire Department, whose duties and obligations shall be determined and supervised by the City Manager. The City Manager may remove a Fire Chief, with or without cause, without requiring the confirmation of the City Council.