

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE, TITLE III “ADMINISTRATION”, CHAPTER 32 “LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT”, SECTION 32.010 “POLICE DEPARTMENT; CLASSES OF POSITIONS; AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.” BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS WITHIN THE CLASSIFICATION OF SERGEANT BY TWO (2), PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR READING THIS ORDINANCE ON THREE (3) SEPARATE DAYS; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION BY CAPTION ONLY IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY.**

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**WHEREAS**, section 143.021 of the **Texas Local Government Code** requires the governing body of a municipality to provide for the classification of all police officers; and

**WHEREAS**, section 143.021 provides that the governing body must establish by ordinance the classifications and number of positions in each classification; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Texas City deems it is in the best interest of the City to increase the number of positions within the classification of Sergeant by two (2); and

**WHEREAS**, Effective on January 5, 2022, the following classes of positions, and numbers of positions within each classification, were hereby established in the classified service of the City’s Police Department:

- (1) Assistant Police Chief.....1
- (2) Captain .....3
- (3) Lieutenant.....4
- (4) Sergeant.....8
- (5) Police Officers .....85

Total: 101

Effective on April 19, 2023, the following classes of positions, and numbers of positions within each classification are hereby established in the classified service of the City’s Police Department:

- (1) Assistant Police Chief.....1
- (2) Captain .....3
- (3) Lieutenant.....4
- (4) Sergeant.....10
- (5) Police Officers .....83

Total: 101

**SECTION 1:** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission that

the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 2:** That it is further provided that, in the event any section, clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall be for any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, invalidate, or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** That the Charter requirement for reading this Ordinance on three (3) separate days has been dispensed by a majority vote of all members of the City Commission.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2023.**

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Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor  
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Rhomari D. Leigh  
City Secretary

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Kyle L. Dickson  
City Attorney