



# *Ordinance*

OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR  
CITY OF SAN LUIS

No. 444

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE SAN LUIS CITY CODE, MAKING THE CHIEF OF POLICE A CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED POSITION; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.**

**WHEREAS**, under the City Code, key positions of City Council's trust and confidence serve at the pleasure of the City Council, specifically the City Manager, the City Attorney, and the Magistrate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is responsible for the Police Department to:  
protect the residents,  
enforce the law (including those passed by City Council), and  
use its discretion wisely,  
making the Chief of Police a key position of City Council's trust and confidence; and

**WHEREAS**, as elected officials, the City Council Members are the link between the people residing in San Luis and their city government; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Chief manages a department with high visibility and close contact with the city populace, the Chief of Police position would benefit from City Council's direct direction and vision due to the Council Members' close link to the city's residents and their concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, for the above reasons, the City Council desires to bring the position of the Chief of Police under its direct control as a matter of policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, as follows:

**Section 1**: Section 2.20.020 of the San Luis City Code ("SLCC") is amended:

## **2.20.020 Appointment of Officers.**

The City Council shall appoint the Chief of Police, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, but subject to SLCC 2.15.240 regarding City Council-created officers being bonded.

**Section 2:** Section 2.15.010 of the SLCC is amended:

**2.15.010 Officers.**

City Council created the offices of City Manager, City Attorney, City Magistrate, and Chief of Police, which officers shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council, but subject to SLCC 2.15.240 regarding City Council-created officers being bonded.

**Section 3** In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this ordinance and any other ordinance, code, resolution, order, regulation, or policy of the City of San Luis, the conflicting provisions are repealed, superseded, and replaced, and the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

**Section 4:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law through controlling legislation, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, and APPROVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Luis, Yuma County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_day of August 2023.

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Nieves Riedel, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

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Kay Marion Macuil, City Attorney