

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2017-07

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 46 - Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II - Fire Department, Division 2 - Officers, Section 46-77 (3) - Election and Voting Regulations for Nominees - Eligible Voters of the Dover Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-77. - Election and voting regulations for nominees.

Each fire company shall conform to the following regulations for the conduct of nominee elections for fire department officers:

- (1) *Membership list.* At least two days before the nominee election, each fire company shall send a list of its active members in good standing to the city council. These lists shall be certified by the president and secretary of each fire company, shall be under seal and shall be used by the judges of the nominee election to determine qualified voters.
- (2) *Where and how election held.* The nominee election shall take place at a firehouse designated by the city council and shall be conducted by three judges appointed by the city council for that purpose.
- (3) *Eligible voters.* The nominee election judges shall not permit anyone to vote whose name is not on one of the lists mentioned in subsection (1) of this section. If a member's name appears on the lists, but it is proven to the satisfaction of the judges that he does not meet the requirements of active membership, then that person shall cast a challenged ballot. The term "active membership," for the purposes of this section, shall mean a member who has responded to at least one hundred twenty-five (125) of the alarms, by way of attendance, during the year immediately preceding the certification of the voting list. This requirement is waived for any member who was on active duty in the military service during any portion of that year and who is otherwise in good standing with his individual fire company.
- (4) *Secret ballot.* The nominee election shall be by secret ballot and each voter shall have only one vote for each of the open nominee positions.
- (5) *When polls open.* Polls shall open at 7:00 p.m. and shall close at 9:00 p.m.
- (6) *Absentee voting.* Absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with the procedure adopted for absentee voting at regular municipal elections contained in chapter 34, article III.

ADOPTED: JUNE 26, 2017

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SYNOPSIS

The amendment reduces the responses required for voting eligibility from 25 percent of the alarms to 125 of the alarms. (SPONSORS: SLAVIN AND HARE)

Actions History

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06/12/2017 - First Reading - City Council

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