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Allentown City Council
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RE: Civil Service Board Rule Changes

Dear Mr. Hanlon and Allentown City Council Members,

I write on behalf of the City of Allentown Police and Fire Civil Service Board (“Board”). Pursuant to the Board’s Internal Operating Procedures, the Board may, in its discretion, amend or repeal its Rules by majority vote of the Board at any properly convened meeting of the Board. An amendment or repeal of these Rules shall become effective only after approval by City Council.

In accordance with this provision, at its May 1, 2026, Regular Meeting, the Board voted to repeal two provisions of its Rules (which are titled, the City of Allentown Civil Service Board Governing the Appointment and Promotion of Police Officers and Fire Fighters (“Rules”)).

More specifically, the Board approved the following repeal in “Part II: Rules Governing Appointment of Police Officers Pursuant to the Competitive Examination Process, Rule I, Applications and Qualifications, Section 4, Automatic Eligibility Disqualifications” (repealed language shown by strikethrough):

The Board shall not examine an applicant or, after examination, shall not place an applicant upon the eligibility list or certify the applicant for employment if it determines that one or more of the following disqualifications applies to the applicant:

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~~d) Failed to register with the Selective Service System.~~

In addition, the Board approved the following change to “Part V: Rules Governing Appointment of Fire Fighters, Rule I, Applications and Qualifications, Section 4, Automatic Eligibility Disqualifications” (repealed language shown by strikethrough):

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~~d) Failed to register with the Selective Service System.~~

In accordance with its Internal Operating Procedures, the Board respectfully requests that City Council approve these changes at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Consistent with that request, the Board provides the enclosed legislation for Council to effectuate its approval.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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