

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 39 - 2023

APRIL 19, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 General Fund budget to allow for a position title change in the Health Bureau, changing the Sanitarian position to Environmental Health Specialist, needing no additional funds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the 2023 General Fund budget be amended as follows:

Sanitarian position be renamed to Environmental Health Specialist.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- **What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

This bill originates from DCED, Health

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

This allows for a name change of the Sanitarian position to Environmental Health Specialist.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- a. **What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?**

The goal of this bill is to rename the Sanitarian position to a title that reflects current professional recognition and trends in the field of environmental health. The new title is more descriptive of the duties and responsibilities of the position. The current position title is misleading to qualified job seekers that otherwise would consider applying for the position. By changing the title, it will be seen as more relevant to the field of environmental health.

- b. **What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?**

It brings into alignment with current national trends, thus promotes a better understanding of the position's role. It also equates the position to national accreditation standards, allowing for greater industry recognition and desirability as a career.

- c. **How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?**

Bringing the title in line with current national trends enables the City to attract and retain the best qualified applicants dedicated to the environmental health professions.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- a. **Cost (initial and ongoing)**

There is no financial impact to this bill. No new positions are being created. No salary changes are proposed.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This bill has a neutral effect financially.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - a. **If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.**

No funding source changes are required.

- **Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?**

No.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

By supporting this bill, Council will be promoting current trends in environmental health, and maintaining the importance and relevance of the position, while increasing the understanding of its roles, and desirability of the profession, thereby attracting the best qualified candidates to contribute to the mission of the City.