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**THE CITY OF CALUMET CITY  
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Calumet City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Cook County, Illinois (the "Board" ) is part of a home rule municipality pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs (the "*Home Rule Powers*"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman and Board have reviewed the Rules and Regulations of the Fire and Police Commission, (the "*Rules*"), as amended from time to time, which regulate the hiring of police and firemen for the City of Calumet City, to ensure that the Rules reflect the current state of the law as well as the policies of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act (the "Act") has recently amended the educational requirements for police applicants. 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6 (h). Pursuant to the amendment, the requirement that a police applicant possess an associate degree may be waived under certain circumstances, including where the applicant has successfully received credit for a minimum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6 (h); and

**WHEREAS**, where the Board, as policy, will also award 5 preference points to Candidates who have Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement as a declared major, as indicated on their official school transcript.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Section 3 (l) of the current Rules entitled “Disqualification” does not reflect the amended State of Illinois educational requirements as stated in the State of Illinois Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act. 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6 (h). The following language in 3 (l) must be replaced with the following language to comply with the statute: The Board may refuse to examine an applicant or, after examination, to certify him as eligible: *(l) Who, if applying for a position as a police officer, has not successfully received a minimum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.*

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 (b) of the current Rules, entitled “Initial Eligibility Register – Police Officer” currently does not contain language regarding the five additional preference points as recommended by the Board for Candidates. The following language in 8 (b) must be added to comply with the Board’s policy: *Candidates who have criminal justice or law enforcement as a declared major, as indicated on their official school transcript, will be automatically awarded five (5) preference points; and*

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a resolution by the Board is required for the Rules and Regulations of the Board to be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman and Board hereby recommend that the Rules be amended to reflect the amended State of Illinois educational requirements as stated in the State of Illinois Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act pursuant 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6 (h) and the additional preference points as recommended as policy by the Board; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chairman and the Board of Commissioners of the Board of Fire and Police Commission of the City of Calumet City, Cook County, Illinois, by and through its Home Rule Powers, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** The Board finds that Section 3 (l) of the current Rules entitled “Disqualification” must be replaced with the following language to comply with the statute: The Board may refuse to examine an applicant or, after examination, to certify him as eligible:  
*(l) Who, if applying for a position as a police officer, has not successfully received a minimum of 60 credit hours toward a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.*65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6 (h);

**Section 3.** The Board finds that the language Section 8 (b) of the current Rules, entitled “Initial eligibility Register – Police Officer” must be added to comply with the Board’s policy:  
*Candidates who have criminal justice or law enforcement as a declared major, as indicated on their official school transcript, will be automatically awarded five (5) preference points;*

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 6.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

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