

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: EPS 14

ISSUE CATEGORY: Enforcement & Public Safety

SOURCE: Daniel F. McNamara, President

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §7-803 (Duties)

Detroit Fire Fighters Assn, Letter dated

November 1, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION: Part III,

RELEVANT LAW(S): MCL 432.201 et seq. (Public Employee Retirement

Ch. 19 (Fire Prevention and Protection)

Act)

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Require that all fire companies be staffed with four (4) personnel.

Sec. 7-803. Duties

The fire department shall protect life and property from fire and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to fire prevention and safety within the city.

All active fire companies shall be staffed with four (4) personnel.

RATIONALE: None originally provided. Requested November 3, 2010 and the following was provided November 15, 2010: *"The Collective Bargaining Agreement spells out that all fire companies, other than a singular provision that allows for three at certain times, must have four personnel at all times.*

"Through Act 312 and contractual arbitrations this section reflects what is defined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and should be referenced as such. It needs to be in the charter because this is "inextricably intertwined" with individual and company fire fighters' safety. The Detroit Fire Fighters Association believes that no one statement, other than the promotional system, protects them and the city. Recent studies as well as NFPA standards, as well as the recent Wolkinson Act 312 arbitration between the city and the DFFA support this fire company staffing minimum." –Daniel McNamara, President, Detroit Fire Fighters Assn.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: