

AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE SUNSET DATE OF ARTICLE XVIII (PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION FEE) OF ARTICLE 18 (LICENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is a Home Rule Municipality as established in Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois (Illinois Constitution); and,

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution provides that a Home Rule Municipality may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and,

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6(m) of the Illinois Constitution provides that the powers and functions of Home Rule units of government shall be construed liberally; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria has and maintains a Public Safety Department, comprised of a Police Division and Fire Division, in order to protect public health and welfare and to promote public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Police and Fire Divisions provide certain services within the City of Peoria and all residential and commercial structures benefit from the availability of those services; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that, in order to continue to provide those services, a fee shall be assessed against all residential and commercial real estate which contains a structure or multiple structures within the corporate limits of the City; and,

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2018 the City Council adopted Ordinance NO. 17641 implementing a public safety pension fee to offset Police and Fire Division costs for the Public Safety Division; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance NO. 17641 with a three (3) year sunset provision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it no longer wishes to sunset the ordinance in December of 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best fiscal interests of the citizens of the City of Peoria to continue the public safety pension fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. This City Council extends the provisions of Ordinance No. 17641 by eliminating the three (3) year sunset provision adopted on December 4, 2018.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 17641, codified at Chapter 18, Article XVIII of the Code of the City of Peoria will be in effect indefinitely or until further action of the City Council.

Section 3. This Ordinance is adopted by a two-thirds vote of the City Council, as required by Section 18-663 of the City Code.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this _____
day of _____, 2021.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Rita Ali, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stefanie Tarr, City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel