

Chapter 2.52 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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2.52.010 Established powers – Purpose.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 13 of the Laws of 1937 of the State of Washington (Chapter 41.12 RCW) there is created a civil service commission to execute the powers and perform the duties established by such state law in connection with the selection, appointment and employment of police. (Ord. 2406 § 1, 1999; Ord. 1391 § 1, 1974; prior code § 2-601)

2.52.020 Membership.

A. The civil service commission shall be composed of three members. Members shall be appointed by the city manager. Members shall serve without compensation and shall have the qualifications described by Section 3 of the acts cited in BMC [2.52.010](#).

B. At the next regular meeting of the civil service commission following the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, the commissioners shall determine by lot whose term shall expire in six years, four years, and two years respectively. Thereafter, the term of office for each appointive member shall be six years. The members of the commission shall determine which member shall serve as chairperson. (Ord. 2406 § 2, 1999; Ord. 2025 § 8, 1991; Ord. 2020 § 8, 1991; Ord. 1391 § 2, 1974; prior code § 2-602)

2.52.030 Rules and regulations – Meetings – Powers.

The civil service commission, upon appointment, qualification and organization, shall hold meetings, adopt rules and regulations, perform the duties and exercise the powers of such commission in compliance with the state law governing same. (Ord. 1391 § 4, 1974; prior code § 2-604)

2.52.040 Qualifications of police officers – Conditions of police service.

All applicants for employment with the police force of the city shall be required to have the qualifications, be subject to examinations, have a tenure in office, and be subject to removal, as provided by the civil service regulations adopted by the commission consistent with Chapter 13, Laws of 1937 of the state of Washington. (Ord. 1391 § 3, 1974; prior code § 2-603)

2.52.050 Benefits eligibility of existing police officers.

All members of the police force of the city as of the adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be eligible to the benefits accruing under Chapter 13, Laws of 1935 of the state of Washington and this chapter by compliance with the regulations of the commission and upon successfully qualifying for permanent appointment and promotion on merit, efficiency and fitness, which shall be ascertained by such qualifying examination and impartial investigation as the civil service commission may provide. (Ord. 1391 § 5, 1974; prior code § 2-605)