

Madison Police Department

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City of Madison Police and Fire Commission Attn: President Enemuoh-Trammell 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI 53703

President Enemuoh-Trammell,

In May of 2003, The City of Madison, City of Fitchburg and Town of Madison agreed to a cooperative plan to resolve the future of the Town of Madison. Under the agreement, the Town of Madison will dissolve on October 31, 2022; part of the current Township will be absorbed by the City of Madison, the remainder will be absorbed by the City of Fitchburg. All three municipalities are now engaged in planning to accommodate this transition.

A significant component of the transition involves current Town employees. Currently, Police and Fire Commission rules allow for the creation of a special eligibility list for hiring officers in connection with an intergovernmental agreement, annexation agreement or cooperative plan (rule 4. g.). The rule currently limits any such eligibility list to individuals who have been employed by the other municipality for at least five years.

I am requesting that the Police and Fire Commission consider removing this five-year requirement, and allow the pertinent Chief to exercise discretion in what individuals will be recommended for employment through this process. This change will allow for greater flexibility when working through the Town of Madison transition and any future, similar situations. I have discussed this request with Chief Davis and he is supportive.

It is my intent that Town of Madison officers interested in employment with MPD pursuant to this agreement will be required to fulfill all of the standard steps in our hiring process. None of these officers are guaranteed a position with MPD; only those who meet our standards and will further the mission of MPD will be recommended for PFC approval.

Thank you for your consideration; please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Victor Wahl, Acting Chief of Police