

RULES OF THE BOARD OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADISON  
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1. Scope

- a. These rules are adopted pursuant to WS 62.13(4) and WS 62.13(5) to guide the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners of the City of Madison (“Board”) in the course of its statutory responsibilities. Except as may be specifically noted, rules apply without distinction to both the Police and Fire Departments (“Department”).
- b. No provision of these rules and regulations shall be applied or construed in a manner contrary to any provision of WS 62.13 nor otherwise contrary to law.

2. Appointments to the positions of Fire Chief or Police Chief

- a. For the position of Chief, the Board shall appoint a suitable person in its discretion, who need not be a member of the Department or a resident of the City. ~~If the appointee is a nonresident,~~ The appointee shall establish residence within ~~15 miles of the jurisdictional boundaries of the City within~~ 60 days after appointment.
- b. The Board shall plan and implement arrangements for appointment to the position of Chief promptly upon determining that a vacancy will occur.
- c. If a vacancy in the position of Chief occurs, the Board shall promptly designate a Department officer to act as Chief during the pendency of the appointment process.

3. Appointments of Subordinates

a. Classification of Positions

- i. The Board recognizes the following subordinate ranks for purposes of appointment pursuant to statute.

(1) Police Department	(2) Fire Department
(a) Police Officer	(a) Firefighter
(b) Investigator	(b) Apparatus Engineer
(c) Detective	(c) Lieutenant
(d) Sergeant	(d) Captain
(e) Lieutenant	(e) Deputy Chief
(f) Captain	(f) Division Chief
(g) Assistant Chief	(g) Assistant Chief
(h) Inspector	
(i) Deputy Chief	
- ii. The Chief shall inform the Board regarding the duties and requirements associated with each rank, including any standing assignment to act in the absence of or on behalf of the Chief.