



## Legislation Text

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Administrative Ordinance establishing the minimum qualifications for the vacancy for the position of Fire Chief pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.01(a) of the Administrative Code and Section 12.12.1 of the Saint Paul City Charter.

WHEREAS, Section 12.12.1 of the Saint Paul City Charter provides that upon receipt of a notice of vacancy for the position of Fire Chief, the Council shall establish minimum qualifications for such vacant position; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has given written notice of a vacancy in the position of Fire Chief to the City Council; now, therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

### SECTION 1

That the minimum qualifications for candidates for the position of Fire Chief shall be as follows:

~~An associate~~ A bachelor's degree or ~~60 semester credits~~ in Fire Science, Business Administration, Public Administration, or a closely related field, and three (3) years of command experience working in a full-time paid fire department as a Chief Officer at the district/battalion level or above are required. Such command-level experience shall include the areas of fire suppression, rescue, fire investigations, emergency medical services, or emergency response planning and exercise using an all hazards approach. A minimum of thirteen years in a full-time paid fire department is required. Out-of-title or acting experience in a command position will not be counted unless the candidate can demonstrate full responsibility of at least six months or longer. Experience working in a unionized environment and experience working in an organization that provides advanced life support services are preferred. Additionally, a bachelor's or master's degree in one of the aforementioned fields is preferred.

### SECTION 2

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.