

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-102

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY", SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 137.18 ENTITLED "RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS" TO EXPAND THE EXISTING COUNTIES THAT FIREFIGHTERS ARE PERMITTED TO RESIDE IN AND DECLARED AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Kent City Council wishes to amend the Codified Ordinance Section 137.18 entitled "Residency Requirements" in order to change the boundaries of the residency of the Firefighters to include the following counties; Portage, Summit, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Trumbull, Mahoning (these are existing counties), and adding Lake, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Holmes, Wayne, Medina and Lorain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Council does hereby amend Chapter 137 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Kent by changing Section 137.18 entitled "Residency Requirements" and is more fully outlined per Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part thereof.

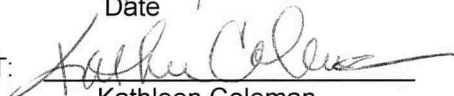
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 11/19/25
Date


Jack Amrhein
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: 11/19/25
Date

ATTEST: 
Kathleen Coleman
Clerk of Council

I, KATHLEEN COLEMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2025-102, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON November 19, 2025.

(SEAL)


KATHLEEN COLEMAN
CLERK OF COUNCIL

EXHIBIT "A"

137.18 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Employees of the Fire Department shall be required to reside within Portage County, **Summit, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Trumbull, Mahoning, Stark, Lake, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Holmes, Wayne, Medina or Lorain counties** or any county adjacent to Portage County, in the State of Ohio.

(b) Employees who are appointed to the classified service in the Fire Department on or after August 10, 1988 shall have 360 days after the date of their original appointment in which to establish residency within the boundaries of the district or their employment shall be terminated.

~~(c) Employees who have received an appointment to the classified service in the Fire Department before August 10, 1988 and who reside outside the District on such date shall not be required to establish residency within the District. However, once an employee establishes residency within the District, the employee may not move his or her residency outside of the District or his or her employment shall be terminated automatically upon the date that he or she moves outside of the District, regardless of whether such move is known to the employee's appointing authority and regardless of whether the employee is paid for work performed after such date.~~

~~—(d) Employees who have received an appointment to the classified service in the Fire Department before August 10, 1988 and who reside within the District on such date shall be required to maintain residency within the District or their employment shall be terminated automatically upon the date that they move outside of the District, regardless of whether their appointing authority knows of such move and regardless of whether the employees are paid for work performed after such date. Employees who have received an appointment to the classified service in the Fire Department before August 10, 1988 and who reside outside the District shall not be permitted to change residency unless residency is within the District. Employees with residency outside the District who change residency not within the District shall be terminated automatically upon the date they change residency not within the District shall be terminated automatically upon the date they change residency not within the District, regardless of whether their appointing authority knows of such move and regardless of whether the employees are paid for work performed after such date. (Ord. 1988-88. Passed 8-10-88.)~~

