Board of Fire Commissioners Vacancy – 2024

The Spokane County Fire District 10 thanks you for your interest in serving as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving the community by overseeing the affairs of the District.

The Board will appoint an individual to fill one current Fire Commissioner vacancy. The individual appointed to this non-partisan position must run for elected office in November 2024 to fill the unexpired term. The term expires in December 2029.

Commissioner’s terms are set forth in RCW 52.14.060 for a period of six years. Elections are held with the county auditor opening up a special filing period. The person who receives the greatest number of votes is elected to that position and takes the official oath of office at the first board meeting in January. The fire commissioners elect a chair from their members each year as provided in RCW 52.14.080.

The Board of Fire Commissioners is governed by Chapter 52.14 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). RCW 52.14.010 sets for the number, qualifications and compensation for the board of fire commissioners. The code states: “The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of fire commissioners composed of at least three registered voters residing in the district except as provided in RCW 52.14.015 and 52.14.020.”

The code also details the rate of compensation for the board. At this time, the rate of compensation is $161 per day. Earnings cannot exceed a set amount each year. The current allowance for earnings is $15,456 per year. Board compensation is for time spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the board or in performance of other services or duties on behalf of the fire district.

The Chair of the board for Spokane County Fire District 10 assigns meeting attendance for the commissioners each year.

Requirements of Fire Commissioners:
- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be a resident of the area served by Spokane County Fire District 10 for at least 30 days immediately preceding such appointment
- Must be a registered voter in Spokane County for at least 30 days immediately preceding such appointment

Expectations of Fire Commissioners:
- Address issues in a well-informed, fair, unbiased and timely fashion
• Maintain working relationships with fellow Board members, District administrative staff and members of the District
• Be honest and ethical
• Be polite, respectful and non-confrontational
• Provide good customer service
• Work within the requirements of existing statutes
• Adhere to Robert’s Rules of Order

The board holds regular meetings once per month. The meeting schedule for the board for Spokane County Fire District 10 is the first Tuesday every month at 5 p.m. at Station 10-1 located at 929 S Garfield Road, Airway Heights WA 99001. All of the meetings follow the open public meeting requirements.

A completed application and letter of interest should be submitted to:
Spokane County Fire District 10
Human Resources
929 S Garfield Road
Airway Heights WA 99001

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, January 31st at 4p.m.