

ORDINANCE NO. **BG2022 - 61**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17
(PERSONNEL POLICIES) OF THE CITY OF
BOWLING GREEN CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATED TO EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN
THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Bowling Green desires to amend Chapter 17 (Personnel Policies) of the City of Bowling Green Code of Ordinances to delete the mandatory retirement age for police officers and firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to approve these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. Chapter 17 (Personnel Policies) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

17-1 PERSONNEL MERIT SYSTEM.

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17-2 CITY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

a. The City is authorized to participate in the County Employees' Retirement System (CERS) effective the first day of December 1969, and all eligible regular full-time officers and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to comply with the statutory requirements of this retirement system.

b. The pension plan established for police officers and fire[-]fighters under Chapter 95 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes is hereby limited effective August 1, 1988, to participation by those existing employees who were then participating therein and who filed with the City on or before November 1, 1988, a written election to continue participating therein in lieu of participating in CERS.

c. All police officers and fire[-]fighters employed after August 1, 1988, shall, if otherwise

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qualified, be eligible for CERS hazardous position coverage.

~~[d. All police and fire fighters eligible for hazardous position coverage shall be subject to compulsory retirement at age fifty seven (57); provided, however, that any police officer or fire fighter able to perform his assigned duties shall not be precluded from serving at least twenty (20) years.]~~

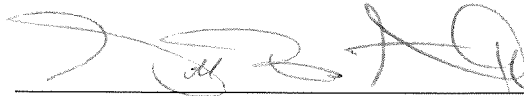
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2. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

3. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on December 6, 2022, and given final reading on December 20, 2022, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

ADOPTED: December 20, 2022

APPROVED: 
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: Ashley Jackson
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Jeffery B. Meisel, City Manager