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REPORT TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

SUBJECT

Request to Extend Eligible List for Firefighter I (Job Code 487)

ACTION AND AUTHORITY

The Fire Department is requesting to extend the eligible list for Firefighter I (Job Code 487) pursuant to Civil Service Rule 4.3 (Duration of Lists) which provides that, "Eligible lists shall remain in force for a period of one (1) year. Eligible lists for sworn promotional positions in the police department shall remain in force for a period of two (2) years. The eligible list may be extended to two (2) years with the approval of the Commission. The eligible list for entry level Police Officers shall remain in force for six (6) months. The Director of Human Resources may abolish an eligible list if that list contains less than five (5) names."

BACKGROUND

The current eligible list for Firefighter I (Job Code 487) was established on May 19, 2020 and is set to expire on May 20, 2021. The Fire Department is requesting approval for the Commission to extend the Firefighter I (Job Code 487) eligible list for one (1) year with a new expiration date of May 20, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the City hiring freeze, the Fire Department has not been able to fill any Firefighter I (Job Code 487) positions since the list was established. In order to quickly fill their positions with candidates from the existing list, it is recommended that the Commission approve the extension of the eligible list for one (1) year with a new expiration date of May 20, 2022. Extending the eligible list will allow the Fire Department to hire off of the current eligible list which has 181 active and qualified candidates remaining on the list. Due to the extensive volume of the candidate pool and multiple steps in the hiring process, extending the eligibility list will expedite the recruitment process in the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no additional cost to the City other than administrative staff time.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Civil Service Commission approve the request to extend the eligible list for Firefighter I (Job Code 487) by one (1) year with a new expiration date of May 20, 2022

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