


TO: Joint Committee of the Whole

FROM: Daniel M. Eul, Chief of Police 

DATE: January 11, 2021

RE: Resolution 21-001-R: A Resolution Exercising Home Rule Authority to the Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Extend the Current Police Officer Eligibility List

Summary

The Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the Batavia Police Department to extend the current Police Officer Eligibility List for up to an additional year (from 2 years to 3 years) due to the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic that would make hosting a large in-person testing event extraordinarily difficult. This decision will also result in the postponement of an estimated expenditure of \$8000.00.

Background

The current Batavia Police Officer Eligibility List will expire on August 9, 2021 by statute. After discussions with a high number of candidates still remaining on the current list, the Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Police Department, and a cost deferral for the City to extend the eligibility list for up to one (1) additional year through August 9, 2022. The City of Batavia, as a home rule entity, has the authority to authorize the Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to extend the eligibility list beyond the statutory two-year time frame.

Staff Recommendation:

On behalf of the Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, staff requests that at the 01/26/2021 meeting, the Joint Committee of the Whole approve Resolution 21-001-R and recommend to the City Council that it exercise home rule authority to the Commission to extend the current Police Officer Eligibility List through 08/09/2022.

Recommended Committee Action:

Motion to City Council to approve Resolution 21-001-R, at their 02/01/2021 meeting, Exercising Home Rule Authority to the Commission to extend the current Police Officer Eligibility List through 08/09/2022, unless otherwise exhausted prior to that date.

Required Action by City Council:

Approve Resolution 21-001-R: Exercising Home Rule Authority to the Batavia Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Extend the Current Police Officer Eligibility List.

Copies (w/att) to: Mayor Schielke and City Council
Laura Newman, City Administrator
Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

**CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION 21-001-R**

**EXERCISING HOME RULE AUTHORITY TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF THE
BATAVIA BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Batavia is a home rule entity; and,

WHEREAS, the current eligibility list for original appointment to the Batavia Police Department was established on August 9, 2019, and the list expires by statute on the date two years following the establishment of the list; and,

WHEREAS, the City has the authority, by the exercise of home rule powers, to authorize the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to extend the eligibility list beyond the statutory two year time frame, and the Mayor and members of the City Council find that it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. That authority is hereby given to the Batavia Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to extend the eligibility list for original appointment to the Batavia Police Department established on August 9, 2019, through August 9, 2022.

CITY OF BATAVIA, ILLINOIS RESOLUTION 21-001-R

PRESENTED to and **PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Batavia, Illinois, this ___ day of _____.

APPROVED by me as Mayor of said City of Batavia, Illinois, this ___ day of _____

Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor

Ward	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain	Aldermen	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
1	O'Brien					Baerren				
2	Callahan					Wolff				
3	Meitzler					Chanzit				
4	Malay					Knopp				
5	Uher					Beck				
6	Cerone					Russotto				
7	McFadden					Miller				
Mayor Schielke										
VOTE:		Ayes	Nays	Absent		0 Abstentions				
Total holding office: Mayor and 14 aldermen										

ATTEST:

Ellen Posledni, City Clerk