

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-262

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: April 8, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: April 8, 2025

Type of Action: Appointment confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Willie S. King as Deputy Chief of the Fire and Rescue Department.

Background Information: The Mayor's Executive Branch reorganization bill, Ordinance 2024-175-E, amended Section 31.102, *Ordinance Code* and reestablished the Deputy Fire Chief position. Per the amended Sec. 31.102, the Deputy Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Deputy Fire Chief shall act for and exercise the functions of the Director during the absence or inability of the Director or in the event that the office of the Director is vacant. The Deputy Fire Chief shall have at least five years' experience in the administration or management of firefighting, emergency medical or rescue personnel, equipment and apparatus or other commensurate training and experience.

Chief King holds a bachelor's degree from ColumbiaSouthern University in fire administration. He has served with JFRD since 2009 in various capacities, including paramedic, firefighter, lieutenant, captain, and chief officer. Chief King is also a Navy veteran.

Policy Impact Area: JFRD operations

Fiscal Impact: The salary range for this position is \$116,027.16 – \$189,432.24

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