

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2019-857

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2019

Type of Action: Appointment Confirmation

Bill Summary: This bill confirms the Mayor's appointment of Keith Powers as Director of Fire and Rescue / Fire Chief, providing retroactive salary increase to \$160,000.

Background Information: Section 31.101, *Ordinance Code*, provides that the Director shall have a college degree, proven administrative ability and at least five years' administrative experience in the field of public safety, or commensurate training and experience.

Chief Powers has a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University. He has worked for Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department since 1996. As the current Interim Director, he has used his managerial and problem solving skills to oversee and manage the office.

Policy Impact Area: Fire & Rescue Department operations

Fiscal Impact: According to Employees Services, the salary range for this position is \$131,033 - \$213,932 annually.

Analyst: Distel