

Proposed Amendment No. 2

Amend the City's Home Rule Charter to add an Article 16 to read as follows:

Article 16. Fire Department Staffing Levels and Performance Objectives

Sec. 16.01 – Staffing levels.

- (a) The Round Rock Fire Department shall be governed by the minimum company staffing levels for engine companies, ladder/truck companies, and fire companies with quint apparatus identified in the version of NFPA 1710, *Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments*, in effect at the time.
- (b) The minimum company staffing levels in effect at the time this provision is enacted are found in Section 5.2.3 of the 2020 version of NFPA 1710 and are as follows:
 - (1) Fire companies whose primary functions are to pump and deliver water and perform basic fire fighting at fires, including search and rescue, shall be staffed with a minimum of 4 on-duty members.
 - (2) Fire companies whose primary functions are to perform the variety of services associated with truck work, such as forcible entry, ventilation, search and rescue, aerial operations for water delivery and rescue, utility control, illumination, overhaul, and salvage work, shall be staffed with a minimum of 4 on-duty members.
 - (3) A fire company that deploys with quint apparatus, designed to operate as either an engine company or a ladder company, shall be staffed with a minimum of 4 on-duty members.
- (c) By January 1, 2027, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 minimum company staffing levels for all ladder/truck companies and all fire companies with quint apparatus. By January 1, 2029, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 minimum company staffing levels for all ladder/truck companies, all fire companies with quint apparatus, and all engine companies located at specialty stations, such as Wildland, Hazmat, and Technical Rescue. By January 1, 2031, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 minimum company staffing levels for all engine companies, all ladder/truck companies, and all fire companies with quint apparatus.

Sec. 16.02 – Performance objectives.

- (a) The Round Rock Fire Department shall be governed by the performance objectives for alarm answering time, alarm processing time, turnout time, and travel time identified in the version of NFPA 1710, *Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments*, in effect at the time.
- (b) The performance objectives in effect at the time this provision is enacted are found in Section 4.1.2 of the 2020 version of NFPA 1710 and are as follows:
 - (1) An alarm answering time of not more than 15 seconds for at least 95 percent of the alarms received and not more than 40 seconds for at least 99 percent of the alarms received.
 - (2) An alarm processing time of not more than 64 seconds for at least 90 percent of the alarms and not more than 106 seconds for at least 95 percent of the alarms.
 - (3) 80 seconds turnout time for fire and special operations response and 60 seconds turnout time for EMS response.
 - (4) 240 seconds or less travel time for the arrival of the first engine company at a fire suppression incident.
 - (5) 360 seconds or less travel time for the arrival of the second company with a minimum staffing of 4 personnel at a fire suppression incident.
 - (6) For other than high-rise, 480 seconds or less travel time for the deployment of an initial full alarm assignment at a fire suppression incident.

- (7) For high-rise, 610 seconds or less travel time for the deployment of an initial full alarm assignment at a fire suppression incident.
- (8) 240 seconds or less travel time for the arrival of a unit with first responder with automatic external defibrillator (AED) or higher-level capability at an emergency medical incident.
- (9) 480 seconds or less travel time for the arrival of an advanced life support (ALS) unit at an emergency medical incident, provided that a first responder with an AED or basic life support (BLS) unit arrived in 240 seconds or less travel time.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

- (1) "Alarm" means a signal or message from a person or device indicating the existence of an emergency or other situation that requires action by an emergency response agency.
- (2) "Alarm answering time" means the time interval that begins when the alarm is received at the Round Rock public safety dispatch center and ends when the alarm is acknowledged at the dispatch center.
- (3) "Alarm processing time" means the time interval that begins when the alarm is acknowledged at the Round Rock public safety dispatch center until the beginning of the transmittal of the response information via voice or electronic means to emergency response facilities and emergency response units.
- (4) "Travel time" means the time interval that begins when a unit is en route to the emergency incident and ends when the unit arrives at the scene.
- (5) "Turnout time" means the time interval that begins when the emergency response facilities and emergency response units notification process begins by either an audible alarm or visual annunciation or both and ends at the beginning point of travel time.

(d) By January 1, 2031, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 alarm answering time and alarm processing time performance objectives. By January 1, 2033, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 turnout time and travel time performance objectives for 50 percent of alarms received. By January 1, 2035, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 turnout time and travel performance objectives for 75 percent of alarms received. By January 1, 2037, the Round Rock Fire Department shall meet the NFPA 1710 turnout time and travel time performance objectives for 90 percent of alarms received.

(e) Units dispatched from other jurisdictions under mutual aid or automatic aid arrangements may be considered for the purposes of meeting the performance objectives only if those units meet the NFPA 1710 minimum company staffing levels for engine companies, ladder/truck companies, or fire companies with quint apparatus, as applicable, and meet the travel time objectives for 90 percent of alarms received in the City of Round Rock.

Sec. 16.03 – Enforcement.

- (a) Compliance with performance objectives for firefighter staffing, alarm answering time, alarm processing time, turnout time, and travel time shall be determined by an analysis conducted by the International Association of Fire Fighters ("IAFF") every two years beginning with the adoption of this standard. This shall be accomplished using public GIS data and computer-aided dispatch data, which must be provided to the IAFF by the City of Round Rock.
- (b) If the IAFF determines that the City of Round Rock is out of compliance with any required performance objective for firefighter staffing, alarm answering time, alarm processing time, turnout time, and travel time, the City of Round Rock shall comply with any recommendations made by the IAFF to correct the deficiency.
- (c) Any resident of the City of Round Rock, any Round Rock fire fighter, and any employee association representing Round Rock fire fighters may sue the City of Round Rock to enforce any portion of this Article. Sovereign immunity is waived for such suits. In any such suit, a district court may issue a writ of mandamus requiring compliance with this Article and may award reasonable and necessary attorney fees to the prevailing party.