

RESOLUTION NO. R-87-35

WHEREAS, it has always been the policy of the Conway City Council, the Conway Fire Department and the Conway Civil Service Commission to provide the best possible fire protection to the citizens of Conway; and

WHEREAS, this policy has resulted in a highly professional and proficient fire department and a Class Five (5) ISO Fire Rating providing substantial savings in insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, for the past ten (10) years a residency requirement rule has been a vital part of this policy; this rule having been ratified by Council vote and Civil Service Commission vote in the past two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the Conway Civil Service Commission at a meeting on April 20th, 1987 called to discuss petitions from firemen and policemen for a change in the residency rule, voted and authorized an immediate change in the residency rule without complying with the (a) public notice; and (b) public hearing requirements of Arkansas Statute 19-1603; and

WHEREAS, to insure that any change in the residency rule conforms to the legal requirements of Arkansas Statute 19-1603, and allow full input from the City Council and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

1. The Conway City Council hereby requests the Conway Civil Service Commission meet immediately and rescind its action of the April 20th meeting and then call a public hearing in accordance with Arkansas Statute 19-1603, setting forth in detail the proposed role change along with the date and place of the public hearing. Said notice to be published twice in the Log Cabin Democrat.
2. That the City Council acting through its Police and Fire Committee adopt a formal position on the rule change for presentation at the public meeting.
3. That petitioners from the Police and Fire Departments be allowed to restate their position on the rule change at the public hearing.
4. That all interested citizens of Conway, the providers and consumers of the Police and Fire Department services, be urged to present their views concerning the rule change at the public hearing.

PASSED THIS 28th day of April, 1987.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Martha Hartwick
City Clerk

*This Resolution was
Voted April 29th 1987*