

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Tracking Number: I-18-210

Investigation Re: Residency Preference of Certain Pittsfield Firefighters appointed from Certification No. 05281.

Appearance for City of Pittsfield:

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Commissioner:

Christopher C. Bowman

**INVESTIGATION FINDINGS / CONCLUSION**

1. On December 14, 2018, the Civil Service Commission (Commission), pursuant to G.L. c. 31, § 2(a), initiated an investigation regarding whether certain candidates appointed as firefighters in the City of Pittsfield (City) from Certification No. 05281 were eligible for the residency preference, as claimed by those candidates.
2. At the Commission's request, the City conducted a review and concluded that three (3) candidates appointed from Certification No. 05281 did not meet the requirements of the residency preference, as had been claimed by these candidates.
3. The City subsequently accepted the resignation of two (2) of these candidates.
4. The third candidate's name appears on a new (current) eligible list for Pittsfield firefighter. The City, after review, has concluded that this candidate meets the residency preference requirements for the applicable time period associated with this new eligible list. If and when appointed from this new eligible list, this candidate's civil service seniority date will be modified accordingly.

Based on the above, including the actions taken by the City, the Commission's investigation regarding this matter is *closed*.

Civil Service Commission

/s/ Christopher Bowman

Christopher C. Bowman

Chairman

By a vote of the Civil Service Commission (Bowman, Chairman; Camuso, Ittleman, Stein and Tivnan, Commissioners) on June 6, 2019.

Notice to:  
Fernand Dupere, Esq. (for City of Pittsfield)