

**400.12 Seniority — extinguishment — reestablishment.**

1. For the purpose of determining the seniority rights of civil service employees, seniority shall be computed, beginning with the date of appointment to or employment in any positions for which they were certified or otherwise qualified and established as provided in [this chapter](#), but shall not include any period of time exceeding sixty days in any one year during which they were absent from the service except for disability.

2. In the event that a civil service employee has more than one classification or grade, the length of the employee's seniority rights shall date in the respective classifications or grades from and after the time the employee was appointed to or began employment in each classification or grade. In the event that an employee has been promoted from one classification or grade to another, the employee's civil service seniority rights shall be continuous in any department grade or classification that the employee formerly held.

3. A list of all civil service employees shall be prepared and posted in the city hall by the civil service commission on or before July 1 of each year, indicating the civil service standing of each employee as to the employee's seniority.

4. Unless otherwise provided in a collective bargaining agreement, a city council may extinguish the seniority rights, including but not limited to seniority accrued, provided pursuant to [this section](#) to all civil service employees who are not employed or appointed as a fire fighter or police officer, fire chief or police chief, or assistant fire chief or assistant police chief. A city council may subsequently reestablish seniority rights extinguished pursuant to [this section](#) for all employees who are not employed or appointed as a fire fighter or police officer, fire chief or police chief, or assistant fire chief or assistant police chief. Seniority rights reestablished in this way may include, but are not required to include, accrual of seniority for employment prior to the reestablishment of such rights.

[C39, §5698.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §365.12; C75, 77, 79, 81, §400.12]

[2017 Acts, ch 2, §55, 64](#); [2017 Acts, ch 54, §76](#)

Referred to in [§400.13](#)

See Code editor's note on simple harmonization

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