

House File 297 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTAIN EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY A CITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 362.5, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

α. The payment of lawful compensation of a city officer, volunteer fire fighter as defined in section 85.61, emergency medical care provider as defined in section 147A.1, or employee holding more than one city office or position, the holding of which is not incompatible with another public office or is not prohibited by law. This section shall not be construed to prohibit nominal stipends, compensation, incentives, or benefits for volunteer fire fighters or emergency medical care providers.

Sec. 2. Section 372.13, subsection 10, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

10. A council member, during the term for which that member is elected, is not precluded from holding the office of chief of the volunteer fire department or from serving the volunteer fire department in any other position or capacity. A person holding the office of chief of such a volunteer fire department at the time of the person's election to the city council may continue to hold the office of chief of the fire department during the city council term for which that person was elected. A currently serving member may serve as chief of the volunteer fire department upon a majority vote of the council. A council member who is a candidate for the position of chief of the volunteer fire department or an appointed officer position shall

abstain from voting upon the council member's own appointment to the position.

Sec. 3. Section 384.3, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

384.3 General fund.

1. All moneys received for city government purposes from taxes and other sources must be credited to the general fund of the city, except that moneys received for the purposes of the debt service fund, the trust and agency funds, the capital improvements reserve fund, the emergency fund, and other funds established by state law must be deposited as otherwise required or authorized by state law. All moneys received by a city from the federal government must be reported to the department of management, who shall transmit a copy to the legislative services agency.

2. a. A city may establish an additional fund or a reserve savings account to pay costs associated with the acquisition, possession, and maintenance of major equipment for police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services. Moneys in a fund or account established under this paragraph may remain in the fund or account at the end of each fiscal year.

b. If a city has established an additional fund or a reserve savings account under paragraph "a" and has received a payment, award, judgment, or insurance settlement for damaged police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services equipment or vehicles, the city shall deposit the moneys into the relevant fund or account rather than into the general fund of the city. However, if a city uses moneys from its general fund to cover costs to repair or replace damaged police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services equipment or vehicles, the city may deposit into its general fund an amount received from the payment, award, judgment, or insurance settlement that is equal to the amount used from the general fund. The city shall deposit any remaining amount received from the payment, award, judgment, or insurance settlement into the relevant fund or account established under paragraph "a".

c. If a city has established an additional fund under paragraph "a", moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year may be deposited into a reserve savings account. Moneys in a reserve savings account shall be used for the purpose

of maintaining or acquiring major equipment including vehicles.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 297, Ninety-first General Assembly.

MEGHAN NELSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2025

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