



THE CITY OF ASHLAND, MISSOURI

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Status of City of Ashland's Police Chief

(ASHLAND, MO) -

Mr. Woolford is still currently employed as the Chief of Police pursuant to a written contract effective May 1, 2018. He is currently on paid administrative leave, pending a review of his job performance. The term of his contract expires on April 30, 2020.

The term of appointed officers is governed by Section 2.115 of the City's Code as shown below:

2.115. Term of appointive officers: All appointive officers shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen annually to serve for a period of one year except for the City Administrator who shall be appointed to serve for a period of two years. Each year, following the City elections, the appointed officers of the City shall be reappointed or new officers shall be appointed to fill their positions. If any officer is not reappointed and no successor is appointed, the previous officer shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed or until he or she is removed from office pursuant to 2.110. (amended 5-20-2014, Ordinance No. 976)

Section 2.100 stipulates that the appointed officers of the City of Ashland consist of the City Attorney, City Prosecutor, Chief of Police, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer.

Approximately two weeks ago, the City Administrator received a proposed new contract prepared by the Police Chief, and he intends to present this contract to the Board of Aldermen for action in accordance with Section 2.115.

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