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Civil Service Commission

Lateral Police Officer Minimum Qualification Change

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Title

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Recommended Action

Staff Recommendation:

Move to approve the proposed changes to the Lateral Police Officer Minimum Qualifications.

Report

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Background

The “Academy Graduate” minimum qualifications were developed during a time of economic downturn and many positions being eliminated from departments. The department no longer wishes to consider academy graduates as lateral applicants because they have not spent any time working independently in the field. It is not to the advantage of the department or the candidate to hire them on as a lateral without the experience to back it up.

Findings:

The proposed change to the minimum qualifications of the Lateral Police Officer job posting reflects an adequate level of experience and training for a candidate to perform the job.

Policy Reference:

City of Olympia Civil Service Rule IV, Examinations