

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDER #109-13/14 – Appointing a Health Officer for a 3-year term which will expire on 01/23/17. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

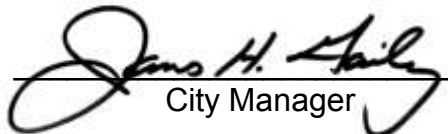
State statute, 22 M.R.S.A. §451, requires that the municipal officers appoint a health officer, provides that the health officer's term is three years, and requires notification of the appointed health officer be sent to the Department of Human Services. In the absence of a duly appointed health officer, the chairman of the municipal officers (i.e. the mayor) serves as health officer. The health officer acts as a local agent of the Department of Human Services' Bureau of Health. Duties involve the "reporting, prevention and suppression of diseases and conditions dangerous to health."

Stephen Fox, former Deputy of the South Portland Fire Department, has served in this capacity for the six years. Although, he is no longer a City employee, he has agreed to continue serving as Health Officer. He has agreed to conduct these services with the cost of his monthly cell phone as compensation. This cost is estimated at \$50.00 per month.

I recommend reappointing Stephen Fox as the City's Health Officer.

Requested Action:

Council passage of ORDER #109-13/14.


City Manager



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ORDERED, that pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §451, the South Portland City Council hereby appoints Stephen Fox as the City of South Portland's Health Officer for a term of three years commencing January 23, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Clerk shall notify the Maine Department of Human Services within ten days that Stephen Fox has been reappointed as the duly appointed Health Officer for the City of South Portland, which notification shall include Mr. Fox's age, address, date of appointment and the date of commencement of his three-year term as Health Officer.

Fiscal Note: Approximately \$600.00

Dated: March 3, 2014