



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 080765

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Councilmember Blackwell

**Referred to the
Committee on Law and Government**

RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide within civil service regulations for the posthumous promotion to the next rank for any Philadelphia police officer or firefighter who is killed or who dies in the line of duty, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
BRANCH – POWERS AND DUTIES

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CHAPTER 4
CIVIL SERVICE; REGULATIONS

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The regulations shall provide for:

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(e) Promotions which shall give appropriate consideration to the applicant's qualifications, record of performance, seniority and conduct. Vacancies shall be filled by promotion whenever possible, and promotion shall be on a competitive basis except where the Personnel Director with the approval of the Civil Service Commission finds that competition is impracticable. *Philadelphia police officers and firefighters who are killed or who die in the line of duty shall be posthumously promoted to the rank that immediately follows the police officer's or firefighter's rank at his or her time of death.*

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Explanation:

Italics indicates new matter added.