AN ORDINANCE

99- O -1391

BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 78-28, 114-230 AND 114-236 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR COMPETITIVE TESTING FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Department of Fire currently allows assignments to the positions of fire apparatus operator, firefighter/rescue technician, section chief and battalion chief at the discretion of the fire chief and without the use of written competitive examinations, and

WHEREAS, through the implementation of a competitive testing process, the City can ensure that the best qualified candidates are promoted and assigned to the appropriate levels of responsibility,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: that Article II, section 78-28, "Assignment of certain positions without competitive examination; removal or transfer of certain persons," be amended to read as follows:

(a) The fire chief or designee is authorized, in the fire chief's discretion, to make assignments to the position of deputy chief and assistant chief without the use of written competitive examinations.
(b) Any deputy chief or assistant chief in the department may be removed or transferred at the pleasure of the fire chief. Such person so removed or transferred shall resume the nondiscretionary rank or title in the department held immediately prior to such person's appointment to deputy chief. Such person shall be notified in writing of the removal or transfer.

SECTION 2: that Subdivision II, section 114-230, "Status of present sworn members," be amended to read as follows:

Sworn members in the nondiscretionary ranks of police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain in the department of police and firefighter, fire apparatus operator, fir/rescue technician, lieutenant, captain, section chief, and battalion chief in the department of fire, on the effective date of the ordinance from which this subdivision derives and sworn members in the nondiscretionary ranks of corrections officer, sergeant, lieutenant and captain in the department of

corrections on the amended date of the ordinance from which this subdivision derives [ ], shall be given status in the nondiscretionary rank they hold as of that date. Sworn members of the department holding discretionary ranks on the effective date of the ordinance from which this subdivision derives, or the amended date as applicable, shall be given status in the nondiscretionary rank they held at the time they were appointed to their first discretionary rank.

SECTION 3: that Subdivision II, section 114-236 (a), "Minimum qualifications to compete," be amended to read as follows:

(a) The rank specifications defined in section 114-227 shall designate the lower rank from which promotions can be made, provided that:

(1) To be eligible to compete for the rank of either police sergeant, fire lieutenant or corrections sergeant, an applicant must have had at least five years' continuous service as a sworn member with the appropriate city department immediately prior to the last date for filling an application. To be eligible to compete for the rank of either fire apparatus operator or fire/rescue technician in the department of fire, an applicant must have the appropriate certifications and had at least three years continuous service as a sworn member with fire department immediately prior to the last date for filing an application; and

(2) To be eligible to compete for all nondiscretionary ranks above police sergeant, fire lieutenant, or corrections sergeant, the sworn member must have had at least two years' continuous service in the appropriate city department, immediately prior to the last date for filing an application, in a lower rank from which promotions can be made, as set forth in the rank specifications.

SECTION 4: Any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

RCS# 3298
11/19/01
5:22 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

MULTIPLE

Public Safety Ordinances #1 thru #17
Execept #8, #11, 18; Resol #1 through #2
FILE

#4) 99-O-1391

YEAS:	12
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	1
EXCUSED:	0
ABSENT	3

Y McCarty	B Dorsey	Y Moore	Y Thomas
B Starnes	Y Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
Y Bond	B Morris	Y Maddox	Y Alexander
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

MULTIPLE

99- O -1391

(Do Not Write Above This Line)

AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER CATHY WOOLARD

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 78-28, 114-230 AND 114-236 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR COMPETITIVE TESTING FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

FILED BY
CITY COUNCIL

NOV 19 2001

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred	8/2/99
Referred To:	Public Safety & Legal Affairs
Date Referred	
Referred To:	
Date Referred	
Referred To:	

First Reading
Committee
Date
Chair
Referred to

Committee	P.S. & L.A.	P.S. & L.A.
Date	8/10/99	4/11/00
Chair		
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)		
Other:		4/11/00
Members	8/31/99 9/14/99 9/28/99 10/26/99 11/9/99	5/9/00 6/13/00 6/29/00 7/11/00
Refer To	11/29/99	8/1/00

Committee		P.S. & L.A.
Date		8/16/00
Chair		
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)		
Other:	12/14/99	9/12/00 | 1/16/01
Members	1/11/00 2/11/00 2/15/00 2/29/00 3/14/00	9/26/00 | 1/30/01 10/16/00 | 2/13/01 10/31/00 | 3/13/01 11/14/00 | 3/27/01 11/28/00 | 4/12/01
Refer To	3/28/00	12/12/00 | 5/15/01 5/22/01

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐2nd ☐1st & 2nd Readings ☐3rd

☐Consent ☐V Vote ☐RC Vote

CERTIFIED

NOV 19 2001

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CERTIFIED

NOV 19 2001

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION