



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

**To:** Mayor Graham and City Council  
**From:** John Betten, Chief of Police  
Walter Denton, City Administrator  
**Date:** August 21, 2006  
**Subject:** Rescind Ordinance 32.17 Educational Requirements for Police Officers

**List of committees that have reviewed:** Public Safety

**Background:** Currently, Section 32.17 of the Code of Ordinances requires all applicants for police officer positions to have achieved at least an Associates Degree to be considered for employment. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has voted to amend the entry level requirements included in their Rules and Regulations to allow candidates with 64 credit hours earned toward a Bachelors Degree or Certified Police Officers with two years experience to apply. The BFPC believes that this amendment will help the City to attract more qualified candidates. No other aspect of the hiring process will change and we will continue to employ a rigorous selection process. If this ordinance is not rescinded, the BFPC Rules and Regulations would be in conflict.

**Legal Considerations, if any:** None

**Budget Impact:** None

**Staff recommendation:** Approval