I. INTRODUCTION

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) makes it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against people 40 years of age and older on the basis of their age and prohibits an employer from maintaining an employee benefit plan that requires or permits the retirement of an individual because of age. However, compulsory retirement of law enforcement officers is permitted under the law enforcement officer exception to ADEA.

II. POLICY

A. Sixty-five is the maximum age for:

1. Sworn members, who have less than 35 years of active creditable service.

2. Reserve sworn members, detention officers, population control supervisors.

B. Sworn members, reserve sworn members, detention officers and population control supervisors who wish to continue employment between the ages of 60 and 65 must apply for continued employment annually.

III. PROCEDURE

A. The Employee Benefits Unit will provide written notification and a copy of the Application for Continued Employment, Form 5179 P.D., to affected members two (2) months prior to the date the application must be approved.

B. The affected member will complete the application portion and forward to their immediate supervisor. The supervisor will complete the supervisory recommendation portion, basing the recommendation on the member's job performance, and forward through the chain of command.

C. The bureau commander will forward the application to the Chief of Police, who will make the final recommendation to the Board of Police Commissioners.

D. Final decisions on continued employment will be made by the Board of Police Commissioners.
E. The application will be sent to the Employee Benefits Unit, which will notify the affected member of the Board's decision and include the application in the member's file.

Richard C. Smith
Chief of Police

Adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners this day 22nd of October, 2019.

Nathan Garrett
Board President

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