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RULE II  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION A. STATEMENT OF POLICY

1. It is the purpose of these rules to give effect to the requirements of Article VII of the St. Louis County Charter. These rules shall be applied to assist the County in achieving the following objectives:
  - a. To provide a system of personnel administration designed to increase effectiveness and promote economy in the services provided by the County to its residents;
  - b. To offer fair and equal employment, conditions of employment, and promotional opportunities for all persons without discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability/handicap condition, sexual orientation, marital status, veterans status, political affiliation, or other non-merit factors, and to appoint, retain, promote or remove employees on the basis of merit and ability;
  - c. To provide a work environment free from sexual harassment and demonstrate values to ensure consistent and equitable treatment of employees;
  - d. To establish and administer a uniform job classification plan based upon the duties, responsibilities and functions of positions in the merit system;
  - e. To establish and administer a pay plan with due consideration of both employee and taxpayer, based on the principle of equal pay for equal work, and to assure that the pay range is proportionate to the difficulty, responsibility and qualification requirements of the work performed;
  - f. To make the County service attractive as a career and to elicit each employee's best service to the County and its residents;
  - g. To provide Appointing Authorities freedom of action consistent with legitimate employee security, and positive employee relations.
2. The Civil Service Commission and the Personnel Director shall encourage and exercise leadership in fostering change and innovation and in the practice of effective personnel administration within the departments of the County. We welcome suggestions from employees and residents to the end that the conditions of employment and the quality of service to the County be continually improved.

33 SECTION B. APPLICATION OF THESE RULES – These rules, authorized by the  
34 Charter and the Ordinance, shall apply to all positions in the merit system.

35 SECTION C. ADOPTION OF RULES – These rules shall be approved by the  
36 Commission only after public notice and a public hearing open to any resident or  
37 employee of St. Louis County.

38 SECTION D. AMENDMENT OF RULES – These rules may be amended, repealed or  
39 replaced as necessary from time to time. Amendments shall become effective upon  
40 approval by the Commission after public notice and public hearing. Personnel actions  
41 taken prior to the effective date of new, abolished or amended rules shall be governed  
42 by the rules in effect on the effective date of the action.

43 SECTION E. ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES – The Commission  
44 may from time to time adopt, rescind or amend administrative procedures for the  
45 implementation, administration and enforcement of these rules.

46 SECTION F. VALIDITY OF RULES – If any part of the Charter, the Ordinance, these  
47 rules or subsequent amendments thereof is held to be invalid, every other part not so  
48 held shall continue in full force and effect as if the invalid part had not been included.

49 SECTION G. VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES – Any person who shall willfully or  
50 through culpable negligence violate or conspire to violate any provision of these rules  
51 shall be subject to the penalties provided in the Charter, Ordinance or these rules.  
52 Nothing in this section shall be construed to supplant or in any way affect any  
53 prosecution that may be initiated under any other provision of public law relating to the  
54 nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance of public officers.

55 SECTION H. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES – All rules and amendments shall become  
56 or upon the date specified by the Commission.