

**44.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** Unless the context requires otherwise, the words and phrases defined in the following subdivisions shall have the meanings there ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. **Appointing authority.** "Appointing authority" means the official, employee, council, board, or commission empowered by statute, charter, or ordinance to make an appointment to the position referred to in the context.

Subd. 3. **Board.** "Board" means the personnel board provided for in section 44.04.

Subd. 4. **Council.** "Council" means the city council or other body having general authority to adopt ordinances.

Subd. 5. **Classified service.** "Classified service" means the positions covered by the merit system.

Subd. 6. **Employee.** "Employee" includes an officer, employee, or other holder of a position in a municipality.

Subd. 7. **Merit system.** "Merit system" means the method provided in sections 44.01 to 44.16 and rules adopted thereunder for the employment, promotion, dismissal and discipline of municipal employees.

Subd. 8. **Merit system ordinance.** "Merit system ordinance" means the ordinance establishing the merit system in any municipality and includes, except where preceded by the word "original," all amendments thereto.

Subd. 8a. **Peace officer.** "Peace officer" means an employee of a city with a merit system established under section 44.02 who is licensed by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, is charged with the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the general criminal laws of the state, and has the full power of arrest.

Subd. 9. **Position.** "Position" includes an office, employment, or place in the municipal service that may be filled by an employee.

**History:** 1951 c 675 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 2010 c 186 s 1