
ARTICLE X

TRANSFER OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES INTO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Notwithstanding any language in Article IX of this Charter to the contrary the City Council shall, upon the taking effect of this amendment, by ordinance provide for the transfer into the City Employees' Retirement System of all members of the Police and Fire Departments of the City of San Diego who were regularly employed and members of their respective Pension systems on June 30, 1946; provided, however, that in any such ordinance said Council shall provide as follows:

- (1) A minimum retirement allowance of \$200.00 per month when a member has completed the required number of years of service as provided in this Charter, and who at the effective date of the ordinance is receiving a monthly salary of at least \$400.00.
- (2) For retirement of members of the Police Department who entered the service of the department on or prior to the 8th day of May, 1941, and who have served for 20 years or more in the aggregate as a member or employee in any rank or capacity in said department, regardless of age, and for the retirement of members of the Police Department who entered the service of the department subsequent to the 8th day of May, 1941, after completion of 25 years of service in the aggregate.
- (3) For retirement of members of the Fire Department who entered the service of the Department on or prior to January 1, 1936, and who have served for 20 years or more in the aggregate as a member or employee in any rank or capacity in said department, regardless of age, and for the retirement of members of the Fire Department who entered the service of the department subsequent to the 1st day of January, 1936, after completion of 25 years of service in the aggregate.
- (4) Each member of either the Fire or Police Department who is entitled to retire after 20 years of aggregate service with the City shall receive a pension credit of 2 ½% of his final compensation for each year completed at the effective date of said ordinance, but in no case shall such credit exceed 50 % of such final compensation. For each year completed after the effective date of said ordinance the member shall be credited with 1/60th of his final compensation. The pension credits specified above will not be allowable until after such member shall have reached the age of 50 years. No member of either department who is entitled to retire after 20 years as above and who has had 20 years of service in the aggregate shall receive less than the following: \$200.00 per month as retirement allowance, together with such

additional amount per month as will represent the actuarial equivalent of that portion of the contributions of such member contributed after his 20th year of service but before his attainment of age 50.

- (5) Members of the Fire and Police Departments who are not eligible for retirement until the completion of 25 years of service in the aggregate shall receive a pension credit of 2 % of their final compensation for each year completed at the effective date of said ordinance, provided that such credit shall not exceed 50 % of such final compensation, and in addition thereto shall be entitled to credits of 1/60th of their final compensation for each year completed after the effective date of the ordinance. The pension credits specified in this paragraph will not be allowable until after such member shall have reached the age of 55 and has completed 20 years of aggregate service in the department, provided, however, that such member may be permitted to retire at the age of 50 years after 20 years of aggregate service in the department with a reduced allowance, as provided in Article IX and the ordinance passed pursuant thereto. Except as to those members who are forced to retire because of disability or who die, 'Final Compensation' within the meaning of paragraphs 4 and 5 hereof shall be the highest average compensation received during any five consecutive years of service, limited, however, to the following monthly maximums for members who retire: During the first year after the ordinance is adopted, \$400.00; during the second year, \$500.00; during the third year, \$600.00; during the fourth year, \$700.00; during the fifth year, \$800.00; and after the end of the fifth year there shall be no ceiling considered in determining the amount of the final compensation. As to those members who are compelled to retire because of disability or who die after the ordinance becomes effective 'Final Compensation' shall be defined as above, but with the following monthly maximums: For death or disability occurring during the first year, after the ordinance is adopted, \$500.00; during the second year, \$600.00; during the third year, \$700.00; during the fourth year, \$800.00; during the fifth year, \$900.00; and after the end of the fifth year no ceiling shall be considered in determining the amount of the final compensation.
- (6) No member of either the Fire or Police Departments transferred pursuant to the provisions of this Article of the Charter shall be required to contribute in excess of 8% of his total salary; and each member so transferred shall be classed as a safety member of a special class and shall be entitled to all of the service credit earned by such member in the Police and Fire Retirement System up to the date of transfer without further contributions from said member because of absences prior thereto while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Immediately upon the taking effect of the ordinance making the transfer of members into the City Employees' Retirement System, all of the provisions of Article IX not inconsistent with the hereinabove provided, together with any ordinance passed pursuant

thereto, shall be applicable to such transferred members, and the Police and Fire Retirement System heretofore created in 1947 is abolished, and except as prescribed by this amendment all benefits therein authorized are canceled.

All moneys in the Police and Fire Retirement Fund at the date of the taking effect of the ordinance transferring said members are hereby transferred to the City Employees' Retirement Fund.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way so as to affect the vested rights of members of the Police and Fire Departments who have been heretofore retired by virtue of any retirement or pension system of The City of San Diego.

(Amendment voted 04-19-1955; effective 05-05-1955.)

Note: Sections 149-192, relative to Police Relief and Pension Fund and Fire Relief and Pension Fund, were amended at various times, combined in 1947, and replaced in 1955 by new Article X.

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[Prior Language](#)