

May 12, 2023

Karen Lauer
City of New Port Richey
5919 Main Street
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Re: City of New Port Richey
Firefighters' Retirement System

Dear Karen:

In response to Scott Christiansen's letter dated March 22, 2023, we have reviewed the proposed Ordinance (identified on page 7 as dm\npr\fire\03-14-23.ord) to include the following proposed changes:

1. Section 17-36, Definitions, is being amended to amend the salary definition to clarify the determination period for maximum annual compensation for members with less than 12 months of service during a fiscal year, as provided for in the Internal Revenue Code and its associated Treasury Regulations.
2. Section 17-39, Finances and Fund Management, is being amended to provide language regarding Board discretion on seeking recovery of inadvertent overpayments from the Fund, as permitted by Secure Act 2.0.
3. Section 17-42, Pre-Retirement Death, and Section 17-50.1, Minimum Distribution Benefits are being amended to provide for recent changes to the Internal Revenue Code in the Secure Act 2.0, changing the required contribution date from age 72 to the applicable age provided for in the IRC, as amended from time to time.
4. Section 17-50.9, Military Service Prior to Employment and Section 17-50.10, Prior Fire Service, are both being amended to provide an option for members to pay for purchased credited service by after-tax payroll deductions, over a period of time not to exceed 5 years, rather than making one lump sum payment.

Because the changes do not result in a financial impact on the funding requirements, it is our opinion that a formal Actuarial Impact Statement is not required in support of its adoption. However, since the Division of Retirement must be aware of the current provisions of all public pension programs, it is recommended that you send a copy of this letter and a copy of the fully executed Ordinance to each of the following offices:

Mr. Keith Brinkman
Division of Retirement
Bureau of Local Retirement Systems
P. O. Box 9000
Tallahassee, FL 32315-9000

Mr. Steve Bardin
Municipal Police and Fire
Pension Trust Funds
Division of Retirement
P.O. Box 3010
Tallahassee, FL 32315-3010

The undersigned is familiar with the immediate and long-term aspects of pension valuations, and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries necessary to render the actuarial opinions contained herein.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Carlson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara Carlson, ASA, EA, MAAA

cc via email: Scott R. Christiansen, Board Attorney