

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2181

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, PERTAINING TO THE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 17-41, BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT - THIRTEENTH CHECK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 17, Pensions and Retirement, Article III, Firefighters' Retirement System, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Port Richey, is amended by amending Sec. 17-41, Benefit Amounts and Eligibility, by adding subsection (e), *Supplemental benefit - thirteenth check*, and re-lettering the remaining subsection, to read as follows:

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(e) *Supplemental benefit - thirteenth check.* Each person who was receiving a benefit from the plan on October 1, 2019, including joint pensioners and beneficiaries, and who were receiving benefits since October 1, 2009 shall receive a one-time additional benefit payment equal to the sum of the current regular monthly benefit payment and the supplemental benefit payment, payable upon adoption of this ordinance.

(e-f) *Required distribution date.* The member's benefit under this section must begin to be distributed to the member no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the calendar year in which the member attains age seventy and one-half (70½) or the calendar year in which the member terminates employment with the city.

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SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase of this ordinance, or the particular application thereof shall be held invalid by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remaining section, subsection, sentences, clauses, or phrases under application shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 3: Specific authority is hereby granted to codify and incorporate this Ordinance in the existing Code of Ordinances of the City of New Port Richey.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly read and approved on first reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida this 18th day of February, 2020 and read and adopted on second reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, this 3rd day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

Robert Marlowe, Mayor-Council Member

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE
USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY,
FLORIDA:

Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney