

CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTHUMBERLAND

CHAPTER 12 – POLICE PENSION FUND

[History: Adopted by the Council of the Borough of Northumberland 8-7-79 as Ord. No. 351. Amended 5-30-89 as Ord. No. 0-1-89, 12-2-81 as Ord. No. 431, and 1-18-00 as Ord. No. 465.]

ARTICLE I – PENSION FUND

General Reference: Personnel - see Ch. 8

12.1.01 Election to change benefits. (12-1)

The Borough of Northumberland, being a member municipality of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, hereby elects to change the police benefits in that System as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act 15 of 1974, as amended, and does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of said Law, and to assume all obligation, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities. All references hereafter shall be based on benefits negotiated between the Board and the municipality under the provisions of Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.

12.1.02 Membership. (12-2)

Membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be mandatory for all full-time police officers of the Borough. Membership for elected officials and employees hired on a temporary or seasonal basis is prohibited, as is membership for individuals paid only on a fee basis.

12.1.03 Credit for prior year service. (12-3)

Credit for prior year service for original members is granted for each year or partial year thereof that the member was employed by the Borough from original date of hire or the expiration of the member's probationary period if one so existed. Benefits provided to members in the agreement dated January 18, 2000, shall accrue based on all credited service granted and earned in accordance with this section.

12.1.04 Municipal obligation. (12-4)

Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this ordinance and the agreement between the System and Northumberland Borough shall be made by the Borough in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law and Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding standard and Recovery Act.

12.1.05 Authorization of agreement. (12-5)

As part of this ordinance, the borough agrees that the System shall provide the benefits set forth in the agreement between the Board and Northumberland Borough, dated January 18, 2000. The passage and adoption of this ordinance by Northumberland Borough is an official acceptance of said agreement and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of said benefits package. Northumberland Borough hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created or which may be created due to the acceptance of the benefit structure outlined in the above-referenced agreement.

12.1.06 Repeal of previous ordinance. (12-6)

Northumberland Borough intends this ordinance to be the complete authorization of the Borough's police pension plan and therefore specifically repeals any and all previous agreements and ordinances.

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12.1.07 Effective date. (12-7)

A duly certified copy of this ordinance and the referenced agreement shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Membership for the police pension plan of Northumberland Borough in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be effective the seventh day of December 1976, with the revised plan structure reflected in the agreement dated January 18, 2000, effective the first day of January, 2000.