

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 234

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ELECTING TO CHANGE THE BENEFITS IT HAS IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW: AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES CHANGING BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE: STATING WHICH OF CERTAIN OPTIONS ARE PERMITTED UNDER THE SAID LAW ARE ACCEPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP. IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Washington Township, being a member municipality of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, hereby elects to change its member 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 obligations, 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.

SECTION II. Membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be mandatory for all full-time, municipal employees of the Township. 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. Membership for part-time employees shall be optional. The election by part-time employees to join the System must be made within one (1) year after the individual's date of employment by the Township.

SECTION III. Credited service shall accrue from the effective date of the member's enrollment in the System. Benefits provided to members in the agreement dated May 25, 1995, shall accrue based on all credited service granted and earned in accordance with this section.

SECTION IV. Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this Ordinance and the agreement between the Board and Washington Township shall be made by the Township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law and Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan funding Standard and Recovery Act.

SECTION V. As part of this Ordinance, the Township agrees that the System shall provide the benefits set forth in the agreement between the Board and Washington Township, dated May 25, 1995. The passage and adoption of this Ordinance by Washington Township is an official acceptance of said agreement and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of said benefit package. Washington Township hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the acceptance of the benefit structure outlined in the above-referenced agreement.

SECTION VI. Washington Township intends this ordinance to be the complete authorization of the Township's municipal pension plan and it shall become effective and specifically repeal Ordinance No. 187 either immediately or on January 1, 2005, which is the effective date of the Agreement dated May 25, 1995, between the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System and Washington Township, whichever is later.

SECTION VIII. 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 municipal employees of Washington Township in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be effective the first day of January, 1995, with the revised plan structure reflected in the Agreement dated May 25, 1995, effective the first day of January, 2005.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, into an Ordinance this 12th day of JANUARY, 2005.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: David Hess  
David Hess, Chairman

By: David Renaldo  
David Renaldo

By: Daniel Crafa  
Daniel Crafa

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Delaney  
Township Secretary

Approved and certified this 12th day of JANUARY, 2005.

David Hess  
David Hess, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Delaney  
Township Secretary

NOTICE  
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Supervisors of Washington of intention to consider for enactment, Ordinance No. 234, at a public meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 1021 Washington Boulevard, Bangor, Pennsylvania. Said Ordinance, if enacted, will change the benefits of the Township under the PA Municipal Retirement System, and pursuant to the PA Municipal Retirement Law, as amended.

A full text of the Ordinance can be examined by any interested citizen at the Office of the Township Secretary, at 1021 Washington Boulevard, Bangor, Pennsylvania, during regular weekday office hours. In addition, a full text of the Ordinance can be reviewed at the Northampton County Law Library, Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042.

Any interested citizen is invited to attend the public meeting to offer any comments or questions.

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