

**353B.07 SERVICE PENSIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Age and service eligibility requirements.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), upon termination of active employment as a police officer or firefighter, whichever applies, in the city in which the consolidating local relief association was located, a person who was a member of a consolidating local relief association who has attained the age of at least 50 years and who has credit for at least 20 years of allowable service shall be entitled upon application to receive a service pension.

(b) The age and service eligibility requirements upon termination of active employment as a police officer or firefighter, whichever applies, in the city in which the consolidating local relief association was located for entitlement upon application for the receipt of a service pension shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) attainment of the age of 55 years and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, Chisholm Firefighters Relief Association and Chisholm Police Relief Association;

(2) attainment of the age of 60 years and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, Crookston Fire Department Relief Association;

(3) attainment of the age of 50 years and the acquisition of credit for at least ten years of allowable service, Crookston Police Relief Association;

(4) attainment of the age of 50 years and the acquisition of credit for at least ten years of allowable service, Fridley Police Pension Association;

(5) attainment of the age of 55 years and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, Hibbing Firefighters Relief Association and Hibbing Police Relief Association;

(6) attainment of the age of 50 years if first employed before January 1, 1968, or of the age of 55 years if first employed after December 31, 1967, and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, Richfield Fire Department Relief Association;

(7) attainment of the age of 55 years and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service credit, Richfield Police Relief Association;

(8) attainment of the age of 50 years if first employed prior to July 1, 1969, or of the age of 55 years if first employed after June 30, 1969, and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, Rochester Fire Department Relief Association and Rochester Police Relief Association; and

(9) attainment of the age of 55 years and the acquisition of credit for at least 20 years of allowable service, West St. Paul Firefighters Relief Association.

Subd. 2. **Service pension.** The service pension shall be the formula percentage rate or rates specified in subdivision 4 applied to the salary base cited in section 353B.02, subdivision 11.

Subd. 3. **Formula percentage rate.** (a) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.333 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not in excess of 27 years, and .5 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 25 years for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Rochester Fire Department Relief Association;
- (2) Rochester Police Relief Association;
- (3) St. Cloud Fire Department Relief Association;
- (4) St. Cloud Police Relief Association;
- (5) St. Louis Park Police Relief Association; and
- (6) Winona Police Relief Association.

(b) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Albert Lea Police Relief Association;
- (2) Anoka Police Relief Association;
- (3) Faribault Fire Department Relief Association;
- (4) Faribault Police Benefit Association;
- (5) Mankato Police Benefit Association;
- (6) Red Wing Police Relief Association; and
- (7) West St. Paul Police Relief Association.

(c) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of service in excess of 25 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Austin Firefighters Relief Association;

- (2) Austin Police Relief Association;
- (3) South St. Paul Firefighters Relief Association;
- (4) South St. Paul Police Relief Association; and
- (5) Virginia Police Relief Association.

(d) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.1875 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.25 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service for the former members of the Columbia Heights Police Relief Association.

(e) The formula percentage rate shall be 2.65 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional annual benefit of \$120 per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not in excess of 25 years of allowable service for the former members of the following consolidating relief associations:

- (1) Hibbing Firefighters Relief Association; and
- (2) Hibbing Police Relief Association.

(f) The formula percentage rate or rates shall be the following for the former members of the consolidating relief associations as indicated:

(1) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Albert Lea Firefighters Relief Association;

(2) 2.5333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service, if service as an active member terminated before January 31, 1994, and 2.3333 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not in excess of 27 years of allowable service if service as an active member terminated on or after January 31, 1994, Bloomington Police Relief Association;

(3) the greater of 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to the final salary base, or two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to top grade patrol officer's salary base, Brainerd Police Relief Association;

(4) 4.25 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$10 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Buhl Police Relief Association;

(5) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$5 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Chisholm Firefighters Relief Association;

(6) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional benefit of \$5 per month per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Chisholm Police Relief Association;

(7) 2.1875 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service and 1.75 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Columbia Heights Fire Department Relief Association, Paid Division;

(8) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service rendered after attaining the age of 60 years, Crookston Fire Department Relief Association;

(9) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 30 years of allowable service, Crookston Police Relief Association;

(10) 2.25 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, but not more than 27 years of service, Crystal Police Relief Association;

(11) 1.99063 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent for the 21st year of allowable service, and 2.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 21 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Duluth Firefighters Relief Association;

(12) 1.9875 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent for the 21st year of allowable service, and 2.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 21 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Duluth Police Relief Association;

(13) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, and two percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 25 years of allowable service and not to include any year of allowable service rendered after attaining the age of 55 years, Fairmont Police Benefit Association;

(14) two percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first ten years of allowable service, 2.67 percent per year of allowable service in excess of ten years of allowable service but not more than 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of service but not more than 27 years of allowable service, Fridley Police Pension Association;

(15) 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service and an additional annual amount of \$30 per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 30 years of allowable service, Mankato Fire Department Relief Association;

(16) for members who terminated active service as a Minneapolis firefighter before June 1, 1993, 2.0625 percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 24 years of allowable service and five percent for the 25th year of allowable service, and for members who terminated active service as a Minneapolis firefighter after May 31, 1993, two percent for each year of the first 19 years of allowable service, 3.25 percent for the 20th year of allowable service, and two percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of service, but not more than 25 years of allowable service, Minneapolis Fire Department Relief Association;

(17) two percent per year of allowable service for each year of the first 25 years of allowable service, Minneapolis Police Relief Association;

(18) the greater of 2.5 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to the final salary base, or two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service applied to highest patrol officer's salary base plus .5 percent of the final salary base per year of allowable service for each of the first three years of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service, New Ulm Police Relief Association;

(19) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 25 years of allowable service and 1.5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, Red Wing Fire Department Relief Association;

(20) 2.75 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, Richfield Fire Department Relief Association;

(21) 2.4 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and 1.3333 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 27 years of allowable service, Richfield Police Relief Association;

(22) for a former member with less than 20 years of allowable service on June 16, 1985, 2.6 percent, and for a former member with 20 or more years of allowable service on June 16, 1985, 2.6175 percent for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and, for each former member, one percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years, but no more than 30 years, St. Louis Park Fire Department Relief Association;

(23) 1.9375 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 2.25 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years of allowable service but not more than 25 years of allowable service, and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, St. Paul Fire Department Relief Association;

(24) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service, St. Paul Police Relief Association;

(25) 2.25 percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service and one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 25 years of allowable service and .5 percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years, Virginia Fire Department Relief Association;

(26) two percent per year of allowable service for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but not more than 24 years of allowable service, three percent for the 25th year of allowable service and one percent per year of allowable service in excess of 25 years of allowable service but not more than 30 years of allowable service, West St. Paul Firefighters Relief Association; and

(27) 2.333 percent for each of the first 20 years of allowable service, 1.333 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 20 years but no more than 28 years, and .5 percent for each year of allowable service in excess of 25 years, Winona Fire Department Relief Association.

Subd. 4. **Application.** The application for a service pension shall be made in writing on a form prescribed by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association by the person entitled to the service pension, or by a person authorized to act on the behalf of that person, and shall be accompanied by appropriate substantiation in writing of the age of the person entitled to the service pension.

Subd. 5. **Accrual.** A service pension governed by this section shall accrue as provided in section 353.29, subdivision 7.

Subd. 6. **Payment.** Payment of a service pension governed by this section shall be made in accordance with section 353.29, subdivision 8.

Subd. 7. **Reemployment of service pensioner.** The reemployment of a person receiving a service pension governed by this section by the municipality in which the consolidating local relief association was located or any governmental subdivision as that term is defined in section 353.01, subdivision 6, shall not effect the amount of the service pension.

**History:** 1987 c 296 s 24; 1993 c 125 art 2 s 1; 1993 c 202 art 2 s 1; 1994 c 590 art 2 s 1; 1997 c 241 art 2 s 2