

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, DIVISION 2 – RETIREMENT OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY OF ABILENE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Replace §2-100 with the following:

Authorization of Updated Service Credits.

(a) On the terms and conditions set out in Sections 853.401 through 853.404 of Subtitle G of Title 8, Government Code, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the "TMRS Act"), each member of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (hereinafter referred to as the "System") who has current service credit or prior service credit in the System in force and effect on the 1st day of January of the calendar year preceding such allowance, by reason of service in the employment of the City (hereinafter called the "City") and on such date had at least 36 months of credited service with the System, shall be and is hereby allowed "Updated Service Credit" (as that term is defined in subsection (d) of Section 853.402 of the TMRS Act).

(b) On the terms and conditions set out in Section 853.601 of the TMRS Act, any member of the System who is eligible for Updated Service Credits on the basis of service with this City, who has unforfeited credit for prior service and/or current service with another participating municipality or municipalities by reason of previous service, and was a contributing member on the 1st day of January of the calendar year preceding such allowance shall be credited with Updated Service Credits pursuant to, calculated in accordance with, and subject to adjustment as set forth in said Section 853.601, both as to the initial grant thereunder and all future grants under this ordinance.

(c) The Updated Service Credit hereby allowed and provided for shall be 100% of the "base Updated Service Credit" of the member (calculated as provided in subsection (c) of Section 853.402 of the TMRS Act).

(d) Each Updated Service Credit allowed hereunder shall replace any Updated Service Credit, prior service credit, special prior service credit, or antecedent service credit previously authorized for part of the same service.

(e) The initial allowance of Updated Service Credit hereunder shall be effective on January 1, 2004, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the System. An allowance shall be made hereunder on January 1 of each subsequent year until this ordinance ceases to be in effect under subsection (e) of Section 853.404 of the TMRS Act, provided that, as to such subsequent year, the actuary for the System has made the determination set forth in subsection (d) of Section 853.404 of the TMRS Act.

(f) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of Section 853.401 of the TMRS Act, the deposits required to be made to the System by employees of the several participating departments on account of current service shall be calculated from and after the effective date of this ordinance on the full amount of such person's compensation as an employee of the City.

(g) Subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the System, this ordinance shall be and become effective on the first day of January 2004.

Passed and approved on first reading this the 13 day of November, 2003.

Passed and approved on second reading this the 25 day of November, 2003.

ATTEST:




City Secretary



Mayor

APPROVED:



City Attorney