# CITY OF LAKELAND POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Approved by the Board on:

IS YOUR BENEFICIARY FORM CURRENT? IN THE EVENT YOU DIE, YOUR BENEFIT OR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS DESIGNATED BY NAME ON THE BENEFICIARY FORM ON FILE WITH THE PENSION PLAN. NO PROVISION IN YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT WILL CHANGE THIS SELECTION. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR BENEFICIARY FORM DESIGNATES THE PERSON OR PERSONS YOU INTEND TO RECEIVE YOUR BENEFITS AND THAT YOU REVIEW THIS CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR LIFE CHANGE SUCH AS A DIVORCE OR THE DEATH OF YOUR BENEFICIARY.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System is pleased to present this booklet which briefly explains the provisions of your Police Officers' Pension Plan. As a participant in the plan, you are included in a program of benefits to help you meet your financial needs at retirement, or in the event of disability or death.

This booklet can assist you in preparing for your retirement and financial future. If you need further information on any of the topics presented in this booklet, please contact any member of the Board of Trustees. They will either answer questions you might have to help you understand your benefits or otherwise get you an answer to your questions. We urge you to read and understand this booklet in order to become familiar with the benefits of the plan and how they contribute to your financial security and how they will enrich your retirement years.

The information presented is only a summary of the pension plan ("Plan") as provided in the ordinances of the City of City of Lakeland. If there are any conflicts between the information in this booklet and the ordinances of the City of City of Lakeland, the ordinances shall govern. The provisions of this Summary Plan Description shall not constitute a contract between the Member and the Board of Trustees. The Plan shall be administered in accordance with state and federal law, notwithstanding any provisions in this booklet or ordinances to the contrary. A copy of the ordinance establishing the Plan can be obtained from the City Clerk's office, which is located at 228 S Massachusetts Ave Lakeland, FL 33801-5012.

Chairman, Board of Trustees, City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System

Date

## 1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLAN ADMINISTRATION

## A. <u>Administration</u>.

- (1) The City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System is a defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees which acts as the administrator of the plan. The Board consists of 5 Trustees, 2 of whom shall be legal residents of the City who are appointed by the City Commission, 2 of whom are Members of the plan who are elected by a majority of the Police Officers who are Members of the plan and a fifth Trustee who is chosen by a majority of the first 4 Trustees. Each Trustee serves a four year term.
- (2) DROP participants can be elected as but not vote for elected Trustees.

B. The names and addresses of the current Trustees are attached to this Summary Plan Description as Exhibit "A". The Chairman of the Board is designated as agent for the service of legal process.

## 2. <u>ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAN MEMBERSHIP</u>

A. <u>Conditions of eligibility</u>. All police officers as of the effective date will be members of the system and make member contributions and receive benefits as provided for herein as a Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 member. Current members shall make an irrevocable written election within 45 days of the effective date of this ordinance to be a Tier 1 or Tier 2 member, however if no such election is made, member will be considered to be a Tier 2 member, as follows:

- (1)Tier 1 - The members shall have benefits accrued under the provisions of the City of Lakeland Employees' Pension and Retirement System, the City of Lakeland Police Officers' Supplemental Pension and Retirement System (PORF.) and the Lakeland Police Officers' Share benefit Plan frozen as of the effective date of this City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System. On and after the effective date of this system, Tier 1 members shall be subject to the same provisions as Tier 2 members except as otherwise provided. These members shall be eligible to have benefits accrued in the PORF included in the City of Lakeland Employees' Pension and Retirement System Sec. 23.4.5 DROP upon attainment of age 60. These members can elect to participate in the DROP plan upon attainment of age 52 and the completion of 10 years of credited service or completion of 25 years of credited service. Amounts frozen in the city employees' plan shall be credited to the DROP account. Amounts accrued in the city police officers' plan since June 1, 2009 to the date of DROP participation shall be frozen at that time and credited to the DROP account upon attainment of age 55 and the completion of 10 years of credited service or completion of 25 years of credited service. Member contributions will be made as Tier 3 member contributions are made.
- (2) Tier 2 The members shall be subject to the provisions of this City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System not including those administered pursuant to other City of Lakeland Plans or Systems for Tier 1 or Tier 3 members.
- (3) Tier 3 The members who are DROP participants pursuant to Sec. 23.4.5 of the City of Lakeland Employees' Pension and Retirement System and making contributions to the City of Lakeland Police Officers' Supplemental Pension and Retirement System (PORF) which contributions shall continue after the

effective date of this City of Lakeland Police Officers' Retirement System in an amount calculated annually by the system's actuary and shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of those systems. These members shall be eligible to have benefits accrued in the PORF included in the Sec. 23.4.5 DROP upon attainment of age 60.

Future police officers shall be Tier 2 members.

B. <u>Designation of beneficiary</u>. Each police officer shall complete a form prescribed by the board designating a beneficiary or beneficiaries.

C. <u>Election for Tier 1 change</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection A. above, to the contrary, any member who elected to be a Tier 1 member may make an irrevocable written election on or before September 27, 2010, to be a Tier 2 member retroactively effective on June 1, 2009.

## 3. **PLAN BENEFITS**

All claims for benefits under the plan shall be made in writing to the Board.

A. <u>Normal Retirement Eligibility</u>. You are eligible for retirement upon the attainment of age 55 and the completion of 10 years of credited service or the completion of 25 years of credited service regardless of age .

B. <u>Amount of Normal Retirement Benefits</u>. The amount of the normal retirement benefit is based on your credited service and average final compensation:

"Credited Service" is generally your period of employment as a Police Officer in the Police Department measured in years and parts of years. Credited service will include credit for up to five years for a break in employment for military service, pursuant to conditions provided for under state or federal law, provided that you are reemployed within 1 year of discharge under honorable conditions. Additional credited service time may also be available (See subsection J. below).

"Average Final Compensation" is 1/12 of your average salary of the 5 best years of the last 10 years of credited service prior to your retirement, termination or death. A year is defined as 12 consecutive months.

"Salary" is total compensation for services rendered to the city as a police officer reportable on your W-2 form plus all tax deferred, tax sheltered, or tax exempt items of income derived from elective employee payroll deductions or salary reductions including unused sick and vacation pay lump sums but excluding special details paid for by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party at a flat rate.

Please be aware that an amendment to the definition of salary, in Chapter 185/112 Florida Statutes, has been adopted by the State Legislature and becomes effective on July 1, 2011, or for plans that are collectively bargained, becomes effective the date that the first collective bargaining agreement is entered into on or after July 1, 2011. Overtime up to, but not exceeding, 300 hours per year shall be included, but any payments for accrued unused sick or annual leave that was accrued after the above effective date, may not be included in the retirement calculation.

The normal retirement benefit is calculated by multiplying 3% times years of credited service times your average final compensation:  $(3\% \times CS \times AFC = normal retirement benefit)$ .

Normal and early retirement payments will commence on the first day of the month following your last day of employment. Early retirees may defer the commencement of benefits. The benefit is paid to you for your life, but you or your beneficiary shall receive at least 120 monthly benefit payments in any event.

C. <u>Early Retirement</u>. You are eligible for early retirement upon the attainment of age 50 and the completion of 10 years of credited service.

D. <u>Amount of Early Retirement Benefits</u>. The amount of the early retirement benefit is calculated in the same manner as for normal retirement and is available as follows:

- (1) A deferred monthly retirement benefit which will commence on what would have been your normal retirement date determined based upon actual years of credited service and will be continued on the first day of each month thereafter. The amount of each such deferred monthly retirement benefit will be determined in the same manner as for retirement on your normal retirement date determined based upon actual years of credited service except that credited service and average final compensation will be determined as of your early retirement date; or
- (2) An immediate monthly retirement benefit which will commence on your early retirement date and shall be continued on the first day of each month thereafter. The benefit payable will be as determined in paragraph (1) above, reduced by 3 percent for each year by which the commencement of benefits precedes the date which would have been your normal retirement date determined based on actual years of credited service.

E. <u>Other Retirement Options</u>. At retirement, certain additional options are

- (1) <u>Optional Forms of Retirement</u>. In lieu of the amount and form of retirement income payable under normal and early retirement, you may elect to receive a retirement benefit in a different form so long as the form you elect is of equal actuarial value as the normal benefit. The optional forms of benefits which are available are:
  - (a) A retirement income of a monthly amount payable to you for your lifetime only.
  - (b) A retirement income of a modified monthly amount, payable to you during your lifetime and following your death, 100%, 75%, 66 2/3% or 50% of such monthly amount payable to a joint pensioner for his lifetime.
  - (c) If you retire prior to the time at which social security benefits are payable, you may elect to receive an increased retirement benefit until such time as social security benefits shall be assumed to commence and a reduced benefit thereafter in order to provide, to as great an extent as possible, a more level retirement allowance during the entire period of retirement.

- (2) <u>Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)</u>.
  - (a) If you become eligible for normal retirement, and are still employed by the City as a police officer, you have the option of "retiring" from the pension plan but continuing your employment as a police officer for an additional five years. An election to participate in the DROP constitutes an irrevocable election to resign from the service of the City not later than 5 years from the commencement of DROP participation. You must request, in writing, to enter the DROP.
  - (b) Upon entering the DROP, your retirement benefit is immediately calculated and each monthly benefit payment is deposited into your DROP account. You may elect to either have your account credited with interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum or credited or debited with an investment return or loss equal to the net investment return realized by the System for that quarter.
  - (c) At the time of termination of employment at the end of the DROP period, you will receive your account balance in a lump sum or in another optional form and you will also begin receiving your monthly retirement benefit.
  - (d) Once you enter the DROP, you are no longer eligible for disability or pre-retirement death benefits, nor do you accrue any additional credited service. Your retirement benefit is fixed as of your entry date. You pay no member contributions to the plan once you enter the DROP.
  - (e) Participation in the DROP is not a guarantee of employment and DROP participants shall be subject to the same employment standards and policies that are applicable to employees who are not DROP participants.
  - (f) Additional information about the DROP can be obtained from the Board.
- (3) <u>Partial Lump Sum Option Plan (PLOP)</u>. If you do <u>not</u> participate in the DROP, you may also elect to receive an initial lump sum payment equal to 5%, 10%, 15% or 20% of your accrued benefit with the remaining 95% 90%, 85% or 80%, respectively, payable in a form selected by you and provided for in (1), (2) or (3) above or in the normal form (10 years certain and life).

F. <u>Disability Retirement</u>. You are considered disabled when you become totally and permanently unable to perform useful and efficient service as a Police Officer. A written application is made to the Board for a disability pension and the Board receives evidence of the disability and decides whether or not the pension is to be granted. If the pension is granted, the benefit amount shall be:

(1) If the injury or disease is service connected, a benefit equal to 3% of your average final compensation multiplied by the total years of service, but in any event the minimum amount paid to you will be 65 percent of your final pay.

(2) If the injury or disease is <u>not</u> service connected, a benefit equal to 3% of your average final compensation multiplied by the total years of credited service. This non-service connected benefit is only available if you have at least 10 years of credited service.

Terminated persons, either vested or non-vested, are not eligible for disability benefits, except that those terminated by the City for medical reasons may apply for a disability benefit within 30 days after termination.

Your disability benefit terminates upon the earlier of death, with 120 payments guaranteed, or recovery. You may, however, select a "life only" or "joint and survivor" optional form of benefit as described above under "Optional Forms of Retirement".

Your benefit will be reduced if you receive workers' compensation benefits and your combined benefit exceeds 100% of your final salary. The pension benefit will be reduced so that the total does not exceed 100%, except that the pension benefit shall not be reduced below the greater of 42% of average final compensation or 2% of average final compensation times years of credited service.

Any condition or impairment of health caused by hypertension or heart disease resulting in death or total and permanent disability is presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence; provided that you have successfully passed a physical examination on entering into service and there is no evidence of the condition at that time.

For conditions diagnosed on or after January 1, 1996, if you suffer a condition or impairment of health that is caused by hepatitis, meningococcal meningitis, or tuberculosis, which results in total and permanent disability, it shall be presumed that the disability is in the line of duty, unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence as provided for in Section 112.181, <u>Florida</u> <u>Statutes</u>; provided that the statutory conditions have been met.

To receive disability benefits, you must establish to the satisfaction of the Board, that such disability was <u>not</u> occasioned primarily by:

- (1) Excessive or habitual use of any drugs, intoxicants or narcotics.
- (2) Injury or disease sustained while willfully and illegally participating in fights, riots or civil insurrections or while committing a crime.
- (3) Injury or disease sustained while serving in any branch of the Armed Forces.
- (4) Injury or disease sustained after your employment as a Police Officer with the City of City of Lakeland shall have terminated.
- (5) Injury or disease sustained while working for anyone other than the City and arising out of such employment.

As a disabled pensioner, you are subject to periodic medical examinations as directed by the Board to determine whether a disability continues. You may also be required to submit statements from your doctor, at your expense, confirming that your disability continues.

G. <u>Death Before Retirement</u>. If you die prior to retirement from the Police Department, your beneficiary shall receive the following benefit:

- (1) <u>Prior to Vesting or Eligibility for Retirement</u>. If you were not receiving monthly benefits or were not yet vested or eligible for early or normal retirement, your beneficiary shall receive a refund of 100% of your accumulated contributions.
- (2) Deceased Members Vested or Eligible for Retirement with Spouse as <u>Beneficiary</u>. If you die and, at the date of your death were vested or eligible for early or normal retirement, your spouse beneficiary shall be entitled to a benefit as follows:
  - (a) If you were vested, but not eligible for normal or early retirement, your spouse beneficiary shall receive a benefit payable for 10 years, beginning on the date that you would have been eligible for normal or early retirement, at the option of your spouse beneficiary. The benefit shall be calculated as for normal retirement based on your credited service and average final compensation as of the date of your death and reduced as for early retirement, if applicable. Your spouse beneficiary may also elect to receive an immediate benefit, payable for 10 years, which is actuarially reduced to reflect the commencement of benefits prior to your early retirement date.
  - (b) If you were eligible for normal or early retirement, your spouse beneficiary shall receive a benefit payable for 10 years, beginning on the first day of the month following your death or at your otherwise normal or early retirement date, at the option of your spouse beneficiary. The benefit shall be calculated as for normal retirement based on your credited service and average final compensation as of the date of your death and reduced as for early retirement, if applicable.
  - (c) Your spouse beneficiary may not elect an optional form of benefit, however, the Board may elect to make a lump sum payment.
  - (d) Your spouse beneficiary may, in lieu of any benefit provided for in (a) or (b) above, elect to receive a refund of your accumulated contributions.
  - (e) If your spouse beneficiary commences receiving a benefit under (a) or (b) above, but dies before all payments are made, the remaining benefit shall be paid to the estate of the spouse beneficiary.
- (3) <u>Deceased Members Vested or Eligible for Retirement with Non-Spouse Beneficiary</u>. If your beneficiary is not your spouse, the benefits payable to your non-spouse beneficiary are the same as those to a spouse beneficiary, however, the date of commencement of those benefits may be required to be earlier, with the resulting reduction in the amount.

H. <u>Termination of Employment and Vesting</u>. If your employment is terminated, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the following benefits are payable:

- (1) If you have less than 10 years of credited service upon termination, you shall be entitled to a refund of the money you have contributed or you may leave it deposited with the plan.
- (2) If you have 10 or more years of credited service upon termination, you shall be entitled to a monthly retirement benefit. The benefit shall be determined in the same manner as for normal or early retirement and shall be based upon your credited service, average final compensation and the benefit accrual rate as of the date of termination. The benefit shall be payable to you starting at your otherwise normal or early retirement date, provided you do not elect to withdraw your contributions and provided you survive to your otherwise normal or early retirement date. If you do not withdraw your accumulated contributions and do not survive to your otherwise normal or early retirement date, your designated beneficiary shall be entitled to a benefit as provided herein for a deceased member, vested or eligible for retirement under Death Before Retirement.

The Internal Revenue Code provides that certain eligible lump sum distributions from the pension plan may be directly rolled over into qualified individual retirement accounts, annuities or certain other pension plans. A 20% withholding shall be required on taxable portions of such lump sum distributions not <u>directly</u> transferred to a new custodian.

In the event that you have also accumulated Credited Service in another pension system maintained by the City, then such other Credited Service will be used in determining vesting and for determining eligibility for normal or early retirement. Such other credited service will not be considered in determining benefits under this system. Only your credited service under this system on or after your date of membership in this system will be considered for benefit calculation. Any benefit calculation for you, once you are or become eligible for a benefit from this system after you have become a member of another pension system maintained by the City, will be based upon the your Credited Service, average final compensation and the benefit accrual rate in effect as of the date you cease to be a member of this system.

I. <u>Reemployment After Retirement</u>. If you retire under normal or early retirement and wish to be reemployed by the city, you should be aware that your ability to continue to receive your pension benefit upon reemployment may be restricted.

J. <u>Additional Credited Service</u>. In addition to credited service actually earned in the employment of the Police Department, you may also receive credited service as follows:

> (1) <u>"Buy-Back" for Prior Police Service</u>. The years or fractional parts of years that you previously served as a police officer with the City of Lakeland during a period of previous employment and for which period accumulated contributions were withdrawn from the plan shall be added to your years of credited service provided that within the first 90 days of your reemployment you pay into the plan the withdrawn contributions with interest.

If, after 90 days from your reemployment you have failed to purchase credited service pursuant to the previous paragraph or if you served as a full-time paid for any other municipal, county or state law enforcement department in the State of Florida, you will receive credited service only if:

- (a) You contribute to the plan a sum equal to:
  - (i) the amount that you would have contributed to the plan, based on your salary and the member contribution rate in effect at the time that the credited service is requested, had you been a member of the plan for the years or fractional parts of years for which you are requesting credit, <u>plus</u>
  - (ii) an additional amount to be determined by the Board's actuary so that there is no cost to the plan in giving you the additional years of credited service, <u>plus</u>
  - (iii) the amount charged by the actuary for determining the amount you must contribute.
- (b) Multiple requests to purchase credited service may be made at any time prior to retirement.
- (c) Payment of the required amount shall be made within 6 months of your request for credit, but not later than your retirement date, and shall be made in one lump sum payment upon receipt of which credited service shall be given.
- (d) The maximum credit under this subsection for service other than with the City of Lakeland, when combined with credited service purchased for military service prior to employment, shall be 5 years of credited service and shall count for all purposes, except vesting and eligibility for not-in-line of duty disability benefits. There shall be no maximum purchase of credit for prior service with the City of Lakeland and such credit shall count for all purposes, including vesting.
- (e) In no event, however, may credited service be purchased pursuant to this subsection for prior service with any other municipal, county or state law enforcement department, if such prior service forms or will form the basis of a retirement benefit or pension from a different employer's retirement system or plan.
- (f) In addition to service as a Police Officer in this State, credit may be purchased in the same manner as provided above for federal, other state, county or municipal service if the prior service is recognized by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission within the Department of Law Enforcement, as provided under Chapter 943, <u>Florida</u> <u>Statutes</u>, or you provide proof to the Board that such service is equivalent to the service required to meet the definition of a Police Officer.
- (2) <u>"Buy-Back" of Time Lost Due to Absences Authorized by the Family</u> <u>and Medical Leave Act</u>. If you are absent on unpaid leave under the Family & Medical Leave Act, you may purchase lost credited service by making an actuarially determined contribution to the plan, such that there is no cost to the plan in allowing such credited service, within strict time periods provided for in the plan document.

- (3) <u>"Buy-Back" for Military Service Prior to Employment</u>. The years or fractional parts of years that you serve or have served on active duty in the military service of the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Merchant Marine or the United States Coast Guard, voluntarily or involuntarily and honorably or under honorable conditions, prior to first and initial employment with the City Police Department shall be added to your years of credited service provided that:
- (a) You contribute to the plan a sum equal to:
  - (i) the amount that you would have contributed to the plan, based on your salary and the member contribution rate in effect at the time that the credited service is requested, had you been a member of the plan for the years or fractional parts of years for which you are requesting credit, plus
  - (ii) an additional amount to be determined by the Board's actuary so that there is no cost to the plan in giving you the additional years of credited service, <u>plus</u>
  - (iii) the amount charged by the actuary for determining the amount you must contribute.
- (b) Multiple requests to purchase credited service may be made at any time prior to retirement.
- (c) Payment of the required amount shall be made within 6 months of your request for credit, but not later than your retirement date, and shall be made in one lump sum payment upon receipt of which credited service shall be given.
- (d) The maximum credit under this subsection, when combined with credited service with an employee other than the City of Lakeland, shall be 5 years and shall count for all purposes except vesting and eligibility for not-in-line of duty disability benefits.
- (4) <u>Rollovers or Transfers of Funds to Purchase Service</u>. In the event you are eligible to purchase additional credited service as provided above, you may be eligible to rollover or transfer funds from another retirement program in which you participate (traditional IRA, deferred compensation plan maintained by a government employer 457 plan, 401k plan, profit sharing plan, defined benefit plan, money purchase plan, annuity plan or tax sheltered annuity) in order to pay all or part of the cost of purchasing such additional credited service.

J. <u>Contributions and Funding</u>. The City is paying the portion of the cost of the pension plan over and above your contributions and any amounts received from the state insurance rebates. Your contributions are as follows:

(1) A Tier 1 member shall be required to make regular contributions to the fund in an amount to be determined annually by the board's actuary which shall be the sum of:

- (a) The rate charged to Tier 2 members; and
- (b) The rate needed to pay for additional liability created by these Tier 1 members who chose Tier 1 over Tier 2. The contribution rates will be calculated to pay for the additional cost over the expected future remaining working lifetime of the remaining Tier 1 members.
- (2) A Tier 2 member shall be required to make regular contributions to the fund in the amount of 11 percent of his salary.
- (3) A Tier 3 member shall be required to make regular contributions to the fund in an amount determined annually by the board's actuary of your salary to the plan. Your contribution will be excluded from your gross income for withholding purposes so you will realize income tax benefits.

K. <u>Maximum Benefits</u>. In no event will the annual benefits paid from this plan exceed \$195,000 annually, subject to certain cost of living adjustments and actuarial reductions, under certain circumstances, prior to age 62 as set forth in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you began participation for the first time on and after January 1, 1980, you cannot receive a benefit in excess of 100% of your average final compensation. If you began participation prior to this date, you are not subject to the 100% limitation.

L. <u>Forfeiture of Pension</u>. If you are convicted of the certain crimes listed in the plan document committed prior to retirement, or if your employment is terminated by reason of your admitted commission, aid or abetment of these crimes, you shall forfeit all rights and benefits under the plan, except for the return of your contributions as of the date of your termination.

### M. <u>Conviction and Forfeiture; False, Misleading or Fraudulent Statements.</u>

It is unlawful for you to willfully and knowingly make, or cause to be made, or to assist, conspire with, or urge another to make, or cause to be made, any false, fraudulent, or misleading oral or written statement or withhold or conceal material information to obtain any benefit from the plan.

If you violate the previous paragraph, you commit a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Section 775.082 or Section 775.083, <u>Florida Statutes</u>.

In addition to any applicable criminal penalty, upon conviction for a violation described above, you or your beneficiary may, in the discretion of the Board, be required to forfeit the right to receive any or all benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled under the plan. For purposes of this subsection, "conviction" means a determination of guilt that is the result of a plea or trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld.

N. <u>Claims Procedure Before the Board</u>. You may request, in writing, that the Board review any claim for benefits under the plan. The Board will review the case and enter a decision as it deems proper within not more than 180 days from the date of the receipt of such written request, or in the case of a disability claim, from receipt of a medical release and completed interrogatories. The time period may be extended if you agree to the extension.

The Board's decision on your claim will be contained in an order which will be in writing and will include:

(1) The specific reasons for the Board's action;

- (2) A description of any additional information that the Board feels is necessary for you to perfect your claim;
- (3) An explanation of the review procedure next open to you which includes a formal evidentiary hearing.

#### 4. NON-FORFEITURE OF PENSION BENEFITS

A. <u>Liquidation of Pension Fund Assets</u>. In the event of repeal, or if contributions to the plan are discontinued by the City, there will be a full vesting of benefits accrued to date of repeal.

B. <u>Interest of Members in Pension Fund</u>. At no time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities under the plan shall any assets of the plan be used for any purpose other than for the Police Officers' exclusive benefit. In any event, your contributions to the plan are non-forfeitable.

#### 5. **VESTING OF BENEFITS**

Your retirement benefits are vested after 10 years of credited service.

### 6. <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>

The plan is governed by certain federal, state and local laws, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. Internal Revenue Code and amendments thereto.
- B. Chapter 185, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, "Municipal Police Officers' Retirement Trust

Funds".

- C. Part VIII, Chapter 112, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, "Actuarial Soundness of Retirement Systems".
  - D. Ordinances of the City of City of Lakeland.
  - E. Administrative rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees.

### 7. PLAN YEAR AND PLAN RECORDS

The plan year begins on October 1 of each year and ends on September 30 of the following year. All records of the plan are maintained on the basis of the plan year.

#### 8. <u>APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING</u> <u>AGREEMENTS</u>

There is a current collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Officers. Pension benefits are bargainable.

## 9. FINANCIAL AND ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

A report of pertinent financial and actuarial information on the solvency and actuarial soundness of the plan has been prepared by the Pension Plan's actuary, Foster & Foster, Inc., and is attached as Exhibit "B".

#### 10. **DIVORCE OR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

Federal and state law provides certain restrictions regarding the payment of your pension benefits in the event of your divorce or dissolution of marriage. Immediately upon your involvement in such a legal proceeding, you should provide a member of the Board with the name and address of your attorney or your name and address if you have no attorney. The Board's attorney will then provide you or your attorney with information concerning the legal restrictions regarding your pension benefits. In addition, a copy of any proposed order must be submitted to the Board <u>prior</u> to entry by the court. Failure to do so may require you to pay any expenses incurred by the Board in correcting an improper court order.

#### EXHIBIT "A" BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The names and addresses of the members of the Board of Trustees are:

- Chairman: Greg Policastro 500 North Lake Parker Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801-2097
- Secretary: John Thomason 500 North Lake Parker Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801-2097
- Member: Doug McInnis 500 North Lake Parker Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801-2097
- Member: Carol Philipson 500 North Lake Parker Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801-2097
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