



**ORDINANCE 22-1114--01**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM: (1) "UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS" IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE; (2) INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; AND, (3) AN INCREASE TO THE RATE OF DEPOSITS TO SAID SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATES FOR THE CHANGES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ORDINANCE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEHOUSE, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. 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 (which subtitle is referred to as the "TMRS Act"), each member of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (the "System") who has current service credit or prior service credit in the System in force and effect on the first day of January of the calendar year preceding such provision and allowance, by reason of service in the employment of the City, and on such date had at least 36 months of credited service with the System, shall be provided and allowed "Updated Service Credit," as that term is defined in TMRS Act §853.402(d).
- (b) The Updated Service Credit provided under this ordinance shall be 50% of the "base Updated Service Credit" of the member calculated as provided in TMRS Act §853.402(c).
- (c) Each Updated Service Credit provided under this ordinance 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.

**Section 2. Increase in Retirement Annuities.**

- (a) On terms and conditions set out in TMRS Act §854.203, the City elects to authorize and provide for payment of the increases below stated in monthly benefits payable by the System to retired employees and to beneficiaries of deceased employees of the City under current service annuities and prior service annuities arising from service by such employees to the City. An annuity increased under this Section replaces any annuity or increased annuity previously granted to the same person.
- (b) The amount of the annuity increase under this Section is computed as the sum of the prior service and current service annuities on the effective date of retirement of the person on whose service the annuities are based, multiplied by 70% of the percentage change in Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, from December of the year immediately preceding the effective date of the person's retirement to the December that is 13 months before the effective date of this Section.
- (c) An increase in an annuity that was reduced because of an option selection is reducible in the same proportion and in the same manner that the original annuity was reduced.
- (d) If a computation under this Section does not result in an increase in the amount of an annuity, the amount of the annuity will not be changed under this Section.
- (e) The amount by which an increase under this Section exceeds all previously granted increases to an annuitant is an obligation of the City and of its account in the benefit accumulation fund of the System.
- (f) Increases in retirement annuities under this Section also may be referred to as cost-of-living adjustments ("COLAs").

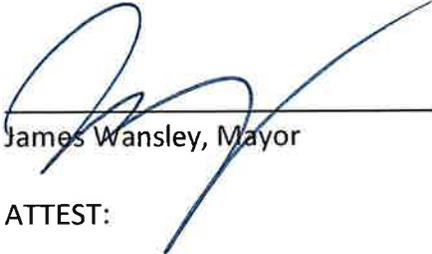
**Section 3. Increased Deposit Rate.**

All employees of the City, who are System members, shall make deposits to the System at the rate of 6% of their compensation.

**Section 4. Effective Dates of Changes Authorized by this Ordinance.**

- (a) The initial Authorization of Updated Service Credit and Increase in Retirement Annuities under Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2023, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the System. An allowance of Updated Service Credits and an increase in retirement annuities shall be made under Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance on January 1 of each subsequent year, provided that, as to such subsequent year, the actuary for the System has made the determination set forth in TMRS Act §853.404(d), until this ordinance ceases to be in effect as provided in TMRS Act §853.404(e).
- (b) The Increased Deposit Rate under Section 3 of this ordinance shall be effective on January 1, 2023.

Passed and approved on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.



James Wansley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Hargis, City Secretary