

Retirement System are directed to interpret any inconsistency or ambiguity to give full effect to the Plan of Adjustment.

#### **Sec 1.4. Board of Trustees**

Effective July 1, 1941, a Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit was created. The Board is vested with responsibility for the general administration, management and operation of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit and with the trust and investment powers conferred in this Combined Plan Document.

#### **Sec 1.5. Board of Trustees – Membership; Appointment**

The Board of Trustees of the Police and Fire Retirement System of the City of Detroit shall consist of seventeen Trustees, as follows:

- (1) The Mayor, *ex-officio*, or the Mayor's designee;
- (2) The President of City Council or a member thereof elected by the City Council, *ex-officio*;
- (3) The City Treasurer or Deputy City Treasurer, *ex-officio*;
- (4) The City Finance Director, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;
- (5) The City Budget Director, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;
- (6) The Corporation Counsel of the City, or a designated representative, *ex-officio*;
- (7) Three Fire Members of the Retirement System to be elected by the Fire Members under such rules and regulations as may be established by the Board of Fire Commissioners to govern such elections, as follows:
  - (a) Two to be elected by and from Members holding the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent) and lower ranks; and
  - (b) One to be elected by and from Members holding ranks above the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent);
- (8) Three Police Members of the Retirement System to be elected by the Police Members under the rules and regulations as may be established by the Commissioner of Police to govern such elections, as follows:
  - (a) Two to be elected by and from Members holding the rank of lieutenant (or its equivalent) and lower ranks; and
  - (b) One to be elected by and from Members holding a rank above lieutenant (or its equivalent); and

- (9) One individual who neither is a Member of the Retirement System nor an employee of the City in any capacity to be selected by the Board;
- (10) Two Retirees receiving benefits under the Retirement System, one of whom shall be elected by Retired Police Members and one of whom will be elected by Retired Fire Members pursuant to Sections 1.6 and 1.7 below;
- (11) One Trustee appointed by the Mayor upon election of a Retiree Police Trustee; and
- (12) One Trustee appointed by the Mayor upon election of a Retiree Fire Trustee.

**Sec 1.6. Board of Trustees; Scheduling of Elections for Active and Retiree Trustees**

- (1) Annual elections for active Police Officers and Fire Fighters shall be held in the Police and Fire Departments during the month of May to elect a trustee to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of a term.
- (2) Elections to fill vacancies created by the expiration of a term for a Retiree Trustee shall be held every three years during the month of May.
- (3) A special election for Retiree Trustees shall be held as soon as practicable after the Plan of Adjustment is confirmed. Unless a Retiree Trustee elected by reason of this special election resigns or is removed from the position of Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Combined Plan Document, a Retiree elected to the office of Trustee in the special election shall be eligible to serve a full term of three (3) years from the date of the special election, plus such period of time until the last day of June that follows the third anniversary of the special election, at which time an election for Retiree Trustees shall be held in accordance with Section 1.7.

**Sec 1.7. Procedures for election of Retiree Trustees**

The procedures for the election of the Retiree Trustees shall be as follows:

- (1) *Notice.* Notice of a primary election shall be sent to each Retiree by United States Mail.
- (2) *Notice of Candidacy.* A proposed candidate shall submit a notarized letter to the executive director notifying the Retirement System of his or her candidacy.
- (3) *Ballot.* Each candidate whose name appears on the ballot at any election held for the office of Retiree Trustee shall be identified by the title of the position the Retiree held at the time of retirement and by the word "incumbent" if the candidate is a current trustee seeking re-election. No ballot shall contain any organizational or political designation or mark. Rotation and arrangement of names on the ballot shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Board.
- (4) *Voting.* Procedures regarding mailing of ballots, poll lists, custody of ballots, marking of ballots, return of ballots, handling of return envelopes received, and sealed ballot boxes