


City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 21, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS PENSION PLAN TO REQUIRE A MANDATORY LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO A TERMINATING PARTICIPANT WITH A VESTED BENEFIT PRESENT VALUE OF \$1,000 OR LESS

ISSUE: Consideration of a proposed change to the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan (the "Plan").

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) amending the City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan to comply with federal law. The threshold allowing a plan to provide a lump sum payment to a terminated participant with a vested accrued benefit valued at \$5,000 or less is changed to \$1,000 or less.

DISCUSSION: The Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan became effective January 1, 2004. The Plan currently requires that a single lump sum payment be made to a terminating participant if the present value of the participant's vested accrued pension benefit is \$5,000 or less. The value of the vested accrued pension benefit needs to change for the plan to comply with the federal Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (EGTRRA). EGTRRA allows a plan to have a mandatory distribution provision if the present value of the vested accrued benefit is valued at \$1,000 or less.

As required by the Plan document, participants were provided with written notice of these proposed changes, a 60-day comment period and the opportunity to participate in several public meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT: This change should have no fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENT:
Resolution to Amend City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan

STAFF:
Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Laura B. Triggs, Acting Director of Finance
Steven Bland, Retirement Administrator

**SIXTH AMENDMENT
TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS
PENSION PLAN**

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FIRST AND ONLY CHANGE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Amendment to be executed by its City Manager on this ____ day of _____, 2007.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

By: _____
James K. Hartmann, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2233

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ADOPTED: June 12, 2007


WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk