

ORDINANCE NO. 49

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, RELATING
TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

An ordinance declaring the policy and purpose of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, to extend to the employees and officials of said City of Port St. Joe, Florida, not excluded by law or hereinafter excepted, the benefits of the Florida Retirement System, and amendments thereto, on the basis of applicable State laws and regulations; authorizing and directing the Mayor (or other Chief Executive Officer) to execute agreements and amendments thereto with the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System, for coverage of said employees and officials; providing for withholding from salaries and wages of employees and officials of said City so covered to be made and paid over as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said City shall appropriate and pay over employer's contributions and assessments as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said City shall keep records and make reports as required by applicable State laws or regulations:

Be it Ordained By the City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, as Follows:

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, to extend, effective April 1, 1971, to the employees and officials thereof, not excluded by law or excepted herein, the benefits of the Florida Retirement System as authorized by Chapter 70-112, Laws of Florida, and amendments thereto, to cover by such plan all services which constitute employment as defined in Section 2 of Chapter 70-112, Laws of Florida, performed in the employ of said City by employees and officials thereof.

Section 2. There is hereby excluded from this ordinance any authority to include in any agreement entered into under Section 3 hereof any service, position, employee, or official now covered by or eligible to be covered by an existing retirement system sponsored by the City except Social Security only after holding a referendum, in which all employees and officials in the affected units have the right to participate. Only those employees and officials electing coverage under the Florida Retirement System by affirmative vote in said referendum shall be eligible for coverage, and those not participating or electing not to be covered by the Florida Retirement System shall remain in their present system and shall not be eligible for coverage. After said referendum is held, all future employees shall be compulsory members of Florida Retirement System.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System for the purpose of extending the benefits provided by the Florida Retirement System to the employees and officials of this City as provided in Section 1 and 2 hereof, which agreement shall provide for such methods of administration of the plan by said City as are found by the Administrator of the Florida Retirement System to be necessary and proper, and shall be effective with respect to services in employment covered by such agreement performed on and after the 1st day of April, 1961.

Section 4. Withholding from salaries, wages, or other compensations of employees and officials for the purpose provided in Section 1 hereof are hereby authorized to be made, and shall be made, in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State laws or regulations, and shall be paid over to the Administrator designated by said laws or regulations to receive such amounts.

Section 5. There shall be appropriated from available funds, derived from General Funds and Water & Sewer Revenue Funds such amounts and at such times as may be required to pay promptly the contributions and assessments required of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, as employer, by applicable State laws or regulations, which shall be paid over to the lawfully designated Administrator of the Florida Retirement System at the times and in the manner provided by law and regulation.

Section 6. The City of Port St. Joe, Florida, shall keep such records and make such reports as may be required by applicable State laws or regulations, and shall adhere to all laws and regulations relating to the Florida Retirement System.

Section 7. The City of Port St. Joe, Florida, does hereby adopt the terms, conditions, requirements, reservations, benefits, privileges, and other conditions thereunto appertaining, of the Florida Retirement System, for and on behalf of all officers and employees of its departments and agencies to be covered under the agreement.

Section 8. The City Auditor & Clerk of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, is hereby designated the custodian of all sums withheld from the compensation of officers and employees as authorized herein and of the appropriated funds for the employer's contributions as provided in Section 5 hereof. Also, the City Auditor and Clerk is hereby made the withholding and reporting agent and charged with the duty of maintaining records for the purposes of this ordinance.