

ORDINANCE NO. 74

An Ordinance of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, Relating to Membership in the Florida Retirement System. Declaring the passage of said Ordinance to be an emergency and providing an effective date.

An ordinance declaring the policy and purpose of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, after holding a referendum of eligible police officers and employees, to extend to the police officials of said City of Port St. Joe, Florida, not excluded by law, the benefits of the Florida Retirement System, on the basis of applicable State laws and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations; authorizing and directing the mayor and city auditor and clerk to execute agreements and amendments thereto with the Department of Administration, 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 employers' 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 conduct a referendum on the 4th day of February, 1975, among eligible police officers and employees for the purpose of permitting said police officers and employees to elect to participate in the Florida Retirement System as authorized by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and amendments thereto, whereupon all those police officers and employees, except those excluded by law, electing by affirmative vote in said referendum to participate in the Florida Retirement System effective on the 1st day of June, 1975, and shall participate thereafter during their employment, and those police officers and employees who elect not to participate in the Florida Retirement System shall sign an appropriate rejection ballot which shall be attached to and become a part of the agreement with the State for providing coverage under the Florida Retirement System. Those officers and employees electing not to participate in the Florida Retirement System who were members of a local retirement system on the date of the referendum, shall be permitted to continue their membership in the local retirement system for as long as their employment continues.

All officers and employees hired on and after the date of the referendum shall be compulsory members of the Florida Retirement System as of the effective date of participation in the Florida Retirement System so stated herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and amendments thereto with the Department of Administration for the purchase of past service which is estimated to cost approximately \$57,629.05 and 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 any employment covered by such agreement for services performed on and after the 1st day of June, 1975.

Section 3. Withholding from salaries, wages, or other compensation 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 4. There shall be appropriated from available funds, derived from City of Port St. Joe General Fund 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, 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 5. 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 law and regulations relating to the Florida Retirement System.

Section 6. 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 7. The City Auditor and 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 designated the withholding and reporting agent and charged with the duty of maintaining records for the purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Introduced at the regular meeting of the City Commission of the 6th day of May, A.D. 1975, and Adopted by the City Commission on the 6th day of May, A.D. 1975, as an emergency Ordinance.

/s/ Frank Pate  
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ C. W. Brock  
City Auditor & Clerk

Clerk's Certificate

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 74 passed and approved the 6th day of May, 1975, and that it has been published according to law and is now in full force and effect.

/s/ C. W. Brock  
City Auditor and Clerk