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THE CHAIR

A substitute charter ordinance relating to the utilization of the medical panel for duty disability applications based on mental stress for policemen.

36-02-20 am

36-05-3-c-1-a am

Current charter pension provisions utilize a medical panel for duty disability applications based on mental stress for members of the Milwaukee Police Association and members of the Firefighters Local 215. This ordinance amends those provisions to include all policemen.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 36-02-20 of the charter is amended to read:

20. MEDICAL PANEL as it relates to policemen and firemen shall mean a panel of physicians consisting of one member to be selected by designation of the city; one member to be selected by the certified bargaining agent for the affected policeman or fireman; and the 3rd member to be selected by the other 2 members. In the case of a policeman ~~[[represented by the Milwaukee Police Association]]~~ who becomes a member of the retirement system after June 28, 2005, or a fireman

represented by Local 215, IAFF, who becomes a member of the retirement system after December 13, 2005 and who applies for, or is granted, a duty disability retirement allowance based on a mental injury, "medical panel" shall mean the medical council. In the case of a policeman or fireman who is not represented by a certified bargaining agent, "medical panel" shall mean the medical council. All decisions of the medical panel shall be made by a majority vote.

Part 2. Section 36-05-3-c-1-a of the charter is amended to read:

36-05. Benefits.

3. DUTY DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

c. Firemen and Policemen Duty Disability.

c-1-a. Recommendations. Except for policemen ~~[[represented by the Milwaukee Police Association]]~~ who become members after June 28, 2005, and firemen represented by Local 215, IAFF, who become members of the retirement system after December 13, 2005 and apply for duty disability retirement allowance based on a mental injury, such member shall be examined by a medical panel and such medical panel shall make the examination, determination and certification required under this act in accordance with the form prescribed by the board. If the panel recommends that such person is entitled to duty disability retirement allowance provided for in this section, the board shall thereupon grant such allowance. For policemen ~~[[represented by the Milwaukee Police Association]]~~ who become members of the retirement system after June 28, 2005, and firemen represented by Local 215, IAFF, who become members of the retirement system after December 13, 2005 and apply for a duty disability retirement allowance based on a mental injury, the application shall be referred to the medical council established under s. 36-15-12, in lieu of the medical panel, which medical council shall make the determination and certification required under this act. In any reexamination authorized by this act of such retired beneficiary, the beneficiary shall be referred to the medical council, in lieu of the medical panel, for reexamination and such medical council shall make the determination and certification required under this act. Except as otherwise provided in subd. 3-f and g, any fireman or policeman who shall become disabled as the direct result of injury incurred in the performance of one or more specific acts of duty shall have a right to receive duty disability benefit during the period of such disability of an amount equal to 75% of the current annual salary for such position which he held at the time of such injury. Except as otherwise provided in subd. 3-f and g, the surviving spouse of such member after his or her death but only during the period prior to remarriage shall receive 70% of the amount of the duty disability which the member received at the time of his or her death, and such percentage shall thereafter be based upon the salary of the position of such member at the time of his or her death. Prior to such person attaining the minimum service retirement age, periodic medical examinations of such person shall be made at least once each year but the heads of the respective departments may direct more frequent examinations. Effective January 1, 2000, the annual escalator payable under sub. 1-h-5 shall be extended to the allowance received by the surviving spouse of a retired fireman or policeman who retired on a duty disability retirement allowance under this subpar. prior to January 1, 1993 and died while receiving a duty disability retirement allowance if the member (or the surviving spouse of the member is deceased) participates in the combined fund. Effective January 1, 2000, the annual escalator payable under sub. 1-h-6 shall be extended to the allowance received by the surviving spouse of a retired fireman or policeman who retired on a duty disability allowance under this subpar. on or after January 1, 1993 and dies while receiving a duty disability retirement allowance if the member (or the surviving spouse of the member is deceased) participates in the combined fund. The annual escalator shall be payable to the surviving spouse at the same times and in the same percentages as the increases the member would have received had the member retired on a service retirement allowance on the date of his or her death.

Part 3. This is a charter ordinance and shall take effect 60 days after its passage and publication, unless within 60 days a referendum petition is filed as provided in s. 66.0101(5), Wis. Stats., in which event this ordinance shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Legislative Reference Bureau

Date: _____

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney

Date: _____

Department of Employee Relations

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