



CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA

POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN



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Dear Honorable Mayor & Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees, City of Sunrise Police Officers' Retirement Plan. The purpose of this communication is to bring to your attention the Board's standing request to allow Members of the Plan the ability to purchase prior service through payroll deductions. Our prior request of January 3, 2013, resulted in a one line negative response from Ms. Kisslan.

The city ordinance (and state law) currently permits Members of the Plan the ability to purchase prior police and/or military credit. All of the costs for the service credit is paid for by the Member. However, the only mechanism in place today is to purchase the service by paying in one lump sum. There has only been one member that I recall that was able to do that. So in short, we have a benefit in place that is financially prohibitive. Many cities throughout the State of Florida allow for payroll deductions. Essentially, this would allow Members the ability to payoff the cost of the service purchase over time and at full actuarial cost. I attached the initial request and response for your review. Further I have also attached a letter from the Union endorsing this effort.

In closing, The Board of Trustees would like to thank you in advance for your sincere consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

David M. Williams, *Plan Administrator*
FOR THE BOARD

c: Board of Trustees

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January 3, 2013

Ms. Kimberly Kisslan
Office of the City Attorney
10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard
Sunrise, FL 33351

Re: City of Sunrise Police Retirement Plan

Dear Ms. Kisslan:

We represent the City of Sunrise Police Retirement Plan. As permitted under Section 185.02, Florida Statutes, the City of Sunrise Ordinance Article II Section 11-3 allows for members of the Police Retirement Plan to purchase credit for prior police and military service. As of now, the only payment option for members purchasing prior credit is to do so through a cash lump sum payment or a direct transfer from the City's 457 Plan. The Board believes that this benefit is underutilized due to the cost-prohibitive nature of requiring lump sum payments for purchasing prior service credit. We were directed by the Board to inquire whether the City would allow for payroll deductions for active members purchasing prior service credit. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Richelle Levy

cc: David Williams, Plan Administrator

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Re: City of Sunrise Police Retirement Plan
§ 11-3 Buy Back and Payroll Deduction

Dear Ms. Levy:

This letter follows up on your letter dated January 3, 2013 and my prior letter acknowledging receipt of that letter.

I am advised that the City does not wish to allow payroll deductions for active members purchasing prior service at this time.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly A. Kisslan
City Attorney

cc: Alan J. Cohen, City Manager
Laura Toebe, Finance Manager



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April 17th, 2013

City of Sunrise Police Pension
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Re: Previous Service Credit Balances

Dear Board of Trustees,

Let this letter serve as confirmation that the Sunrise F.O.P. Lodge #80 concurs with the Board of Trustees, in their effort to seek a systematic approach via payroll deductions to satisfy previous service credit balances.

Fraternally,

Roger Krege
President,
Sunrise F.O.P. Lodge #80



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