

DECREASE AS REFLECTED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, USING THE PUBLISHED MAY FIGURE EACH YEAR. THIS AMOUNT SHALL NOT EXCEED A FOUR-PERCENT (4%) INCREASE OR DECREASE PER YEAR AND SHALL BE CUMULATIVE. BEGINNING JULY 1, 1990, THE AMOUNT PAYABLE MONTHLY FOR EACH YEAR IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS SHALL BE EQUAL TO FOUR-PERCENT (4%) OF THE AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

D. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER BECOMES DISABLED DURING THE COURSE OF SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR RESCUE SQUADMAN WHILE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES, AND IN THE EVENT THAT THE DISABILITY PREVENTS THE VOLUNTEER FROM PURSUING THE VOLUNTEER'S NORMAL OCCUPATION AND THAT THE DISABILITY IS OF A PERMANENT NATURE AS CERTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION OR OTHER COMPETENT MEDICAL AUTHORITY AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THEN THE VOLUNTEER IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER BENEFITS REGARDLESS OF AGE OR LENGTH OF SERVICE. THESE BENEFITS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENCY OF THE DISABILITY.

E. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER SHALL DIE WHILE RECEIVING BENEFITS, THEN THE SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS EQUAL TO SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF THE VOLUNTEER'S BENEFITS. THESE BENEFITS SHALL TERMINATE UPON DEATH OR REMARRIAGE OF THE SPOUSE.

F. IN THE EVENT THAT A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER DIES PRIOR TO RECEIVING ANY BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE IS ENTITLED TO BENEFITS EQUAL TO SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF THE BENEFITS EARNED BY THE DECEASED VOLUNTEER. THESE BENEFITS SHALL TERMINATE UPON DEATH OR REMARRIAGE. A "QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER" IS DEFINED AS:

(1) ONE WHO HAS COMPLETED TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE; OR

(2) ONE WHO IS RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION.

G. WHEN A QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER DIES, A DEATH BENEFIT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.) SHALL BE PAID TO THE VOLUNTEER'S DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.

H. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OR SQUADMAN, HEREIN DEFINED AS ONE WHO HAS HAD AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS OF QUALIFYING SERVICE IN THE FIVE (5) PRECEDING YEARS, ATTAINS THE AGE OF SEVENTY (70) YEARS AND FAILS TO ACHIEVE THE