

REQUIRED TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF SERVICE, THEN THE VOLUNTEER IS ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY BENEFIT OF THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF CERTIFIED SERVICE COMPLETED MULTIPLIED BY FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.). THESE BENEFITS SHALL BE PAYABLE IN THE NORMAL MANNER.

I. IN THE EVENT THE QUALIFIED VOLUNTEER IS NOT SURVIVED BY A SPOUSE, THE BENEFITS DUE THAT VOLUNTEER UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PAID:

(1) TO THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY; OR

(2) IF THERE IS NO DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY, TO THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) MONTHS.

J. WHEN RECEIPTS OF FUNDS FROM § 54-1 D(3) EXCEED THE COSTS OF THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS A THROUGH I OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSIONERS MAY UTILIZE THE EXCESS FUNDS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO THOSE PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION.

54-10. BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS UPON ANNUAL REVIEW; CERTIFICATION LISTS.

A. COST OF LIVING REVIEW; ADJUSTMENTS.

(1) COMMENCING JULY 1, 1984, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, A COST OF LIVING REVIEW SHALL BE MADE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADJUST THE BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER § 54-9 B, C, D, E, F AND H OF THIS ARTICLE. THE ADJUSTMENT SHALL INCREASE OR DECREASE THE BENEFITS ACCORDING TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL INCREASE OR DECREASE AS REFLECTED BY THE CURRENT MAY CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED A FOUR-PERCENT (4%) INCREASE OR DECREASE PER YEAR AND SHALL BE CUMULATIVE. REVISED OR REVIEWED BENEFITS SHALL COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR.

(2) THE MAXIMUM OVERALL INCREASE MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT (150%). THIS CEILING OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT (150%) IN BENEFITS DOES NOT AFFECT THE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF MONEY FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF § 54-9 C OF THIS ARTICLE FOR THAT SERVICE PERFORMED AFTER THE DATE UPON WHICH THE PARTICIPANT BEGINS TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS.

B. RECORDS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR RESCUE SQUAD TO MAINTAIN DETAILED AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF EACH VOLUNTEER MEMBER ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC., AND APPROVED BY