

the payment to him by the City for life of a sum of money or monthly installments, equal to one-half of the compensation allowed him at the date of his retirement; provided, however, that such regular Policeman, Chief, Captain or Lieutenant shall have served faithfully as a Policeman of Hagerstown for not less than fifteen years or shall have been permanently disabled in the discharge of his duty as a policeman of Hagerstown, and the said Mayor shall in all cases, before making such retirement, procure and file among his records a certificate signed by at least two reputable physicians of Hagerstown, that the person proposed to be retired has been thoroughly examined by them, and that he is incapable of performing active police duty and that such disability is permanent in its nature. The Mayor shall have power in his discretion to require any regular Policeman, Chief, Captain or Lieutenant retired as aforesaid to perform light service in connection with the Police Department of Hagerstown in or around the headquarters of the Police Department at such periods as the Mayor may determine, provided that it shall be certified as aforesaid that such retired Policeman, Chief, Captain or Lieutenant is capable of performing such service.

The Council shall have full power and authority to appropriate and cause to be raised by taxation a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of and to pay the salaries or pensions provided for in this section.

The foregoing provisions of this section shall apply only to the retirement and pensioning of any such regular Policeman, Chief, Captain or Lieutenant as may be in the employ of the City prior to the date that this section shall become effective, on and after which date all such employees shall become members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland in which the City now participates. Any such regular Policeman, Chief, Captain or Lieutenant employed by the City prior to the effective date of this section shall be privileged to become a member of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland within the period of time prescribed by and upon compliance with all of the rules and regulations of the Board of Trustees of said system, whereupon such employee shall be deemed to have waived and forfeited all rights and benefits under the foregoing provisions of this section.

55. Whenever any regularly employed driver, tiller or chauffeur of any of the fire companies of Hagerstown shall have reached the age of 65 years, he shall be retired, and if he shall have given meritorious service as such