

employee for a period of at least 15 continuous years prior to the date of such retirement, he shall be paid by the City of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension of \$80.00 per month.

Whenever any such driver, tiller, or chauffeur shall have given meritorious service as such employee for a period of at least 15 continuous years, he shall be retired upon the recommendation of the Chief Marshal of said fire department, provided that after a physical examination given by three physicians to be selected by said Chief Marshal and acceptable to the Mayor, it shall be found that such employee is physically incapable of properly performing the duties or services required of him, and that such disability is permanent in its nature, whereupon such employee shall be paid by the City of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension of \$80.00 per month.

Whenever, after a physical examination given by three physicians to be selected by said Chief Marshal and acceptable to the Mayor, it shall be found that any such driver, tiller, or chauffeur shall be physically incapable of properly performing the duties or services required by him and that such disability is permanent in its nature and is the direct result of an accident or injury occurring in the course of duty while actively participating in fighting a fire or while going to or coming from a fire, then such employee shall be retired and he shall be paid by the City of Hagerstown during the remainder of his natural life a salary or pension of \$80.00 per month. 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 driver, tiller or chauffeur 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 when employed shall become members of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland in which the City now participates. Any such driver, tiller, or chauffeur 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 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