

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

137. *The City of Frederick shall have the power to take all necessary steps to have the officers and employees of the city included within the operation of any federal, state, or other pension or retirement system under the terms of which they are admissible. Any separate retirement systems for policemen or for any other city employees which may be in operation at the time this charter takes effect may be continued if the board of aldermen enacts in the form of ordinances the provisions of any such existing retirement systems. The board of aldermen, however, may provide that all city employes already covered by an existing retirement system shall be included in any retirement plan made applicable to Frederick city employees in general. Provided, however, that any former policeman or other city employee receiving a pension from the city at the time this charter becomes effective shall continue to receive the same pension under the same terms and conditions under which he has been receiving it.*

PROHIBITIONS

138. *No person in the classified service of the city or seeking admission thereto shall be appointed, promoted, demoted, removed, or in any way favored or discriminated against because of his political or religious opinions or affiliations or any other factors not related to ability to perform the work. No person shall wilfully or corruptly make any false statement, certificate, mark, rating, or report in regard to any test, certification, or appointment held or made under the personnel provisions of this charter or in any manner commit or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial execution of such personnel provisions or of the rules and regulations made thereunder. No officer or employee in the classified service of the city shall continue in such position after becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. No person seeking appointment to or promotion in the classified service of the city shall either directly or indirectly give, render, or pay any money, service, or other valuable thing to any person for or on account of or in connection with his test, appointment, proposed appointment, promotion, or proposed promotion. No person shall orally, by letter, or otherwise solicit or be in any manner concerned in soliciting any assessment, subscription, or contribution for any political party or political purpose whatever from any person holding a position in the classified service of the city. No person holding a position in the classified service*