

such permanent member who has been an employee of the Fire [bureau] *Department* for more than five but less than ten years, the ordinary disability benefit allowance shall be twenty-five percent of the annual salary which he last received as such employee. For any such permanent member who has been an employee for more than ten years, an additional two and one-half percent shall be added for each year above ten years of service, with a fifty percent ceiling.

21-9. Amount of benefits for retired members.

The Director of Personnel is hereby authorized to retire from office in the Fire [bureau] *Department* any permanent member thereof, including the chief engineer, who has become permanently disabled while in the active performance of duty, and place the member so retired upon a pension roll and to allow to each pensioner annually an amount equal to one-half the yearly amount received by him at the time of his retirement payable in monthly installments; provided, that no member of the Fire [bureau] *Department* shall be retired until he shall have been examined by the board of physicians herein provided for, and their findings as to the disability assigned as reason for a retirement shall have been certified by them to the Director of Personnel; the physicians serving on said board shall be selected and compensated, as provided in Section 21-17 of this Code as amended.

21-10. Authority to pension widows and infant children of firemen killed in line of duty.

The county is hereby authorized to make such provisions for pensioning the widow and infant children of firemen who have been killed in the active discharge of their duties as members of the Fire [bureau] *Department* as in the judgment of the county shall be just and proper.

21-12. Retirement benefits for twenty years of service.

Any permanent member of the Fire [bureau] *Department* including the chief engineer, who shall perform faithful service in the [bureau] *department* for a period of not less than twenty years, may, by the county, be retired at that time, and such members shall be placed upon the pension roll as provided in Section 21-9 of this Code and entitled to all benefits therefrom as therein provided for. All members of the department, including the chief engineer, shall for the purposes of this section be credited with all the time they may have served in the department prior to June 1, 1922. The retirement and pensioning provisions effective as to the Fire [bureau] *Department* shall apply only to the chief engineer, his assistants and members of the [bureau] *department* engaged for actual fire fighting duty of the operation of fire fighting machinery in actual service and to no other person whatsoever.

21-12.1. Payments to 10 year employees.

Any person who has been an officer or employee of the Fire [bureau] *Department* of Baltimore County [formerly known as the Fire Department of Baltimore County] for more than ten years, and who has contributed to the special fund, and who for any reason ceases to be such an officer or employee, shall forthwith be paid by Baltimore County, Maryland, a sum of money equal to that paid into the fund by the said officer or employee during the time he served as such. This section shall apply to any person who ceased to be an officer or employee of the Fire [Bureau or] *Department* on or subsequent to January 1, 1953.

21-13. Authority to increase pensions.

The county is hereby authorized to increase the pensions of retired firemen in order that a retired fireman shall at all times receive a sum