

(b) The amount of accumulated contributions of an employee withdrawing from the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland shall be transferred to this Plan and credited to the account of said employee to be held to provide retirement benefits for the employee transferring. Accumulated County contributions with respect to the employee will be simultaneously transferred to the pension fund under this plan.

(c) The County will make the remainder of the contributions necessary to provide the benefits hereunder and to pay the cost of administering the plan.

Section 1-234.

(a) The plan shall be administered by the Personnel Officer of the County, who shall have such powers as are necessary for proper administration of the plan, including but not limited to the following:

(1) To prescribe procedures to be followed by employees in filing application for benefits and for furnishing of evidence necessary to establish employee's rights to such benefits.

(2) To make determination as to the rights of an employee applying for or receiving retirement benefits and to afford a mechanism for adjusting the complaint of any individual dissatisfied with any such determination.

(3) To develop procedures for determining service of employees and, after affording employees an opportunity after written notice to make objection with respect thereto to establish such service in advance of retirement.

(4) To authorize all disbursements from the pension fund in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance and to establish necessary procedures therefor.

(5) To establish policies and standards and make determinations concerning total and permanent disability for the purposes of this plan.

(6) To notify employees at least two years prior to their normal retirement date of their right to elect the contingent annuitant option hereunder and the terms thereof.

(b) In any matter relating to the administration of the plan, the Personnel Officer may seek the advice and guidance of the county Personnel Board as provided in the county charter. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the personnel officer shall have the right to appeal to the county board of appeals as provided in Section 602 (d) of the Charter of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Section 1-235.

(a) This plan may be amended from time to time or terminated but any such amendment or termination shall not adversely affect any benefits payable before the effective date of any such change or termination, except as provided in Section 1-237. It is intended that the plan be permanent, but the County reserves the right to terminate it at any time. In the event of any such termination, the liability of the County under the plan shall be to the extent of all participant's contributions which have not been refunded plus the amount required, if any, to fully fund the benefits accrued to the date of termination for all participants who are then active, retired or disabled, or for other payees who are then receiving benefits hereunder.