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(a) Whenever a member of the County police shall have reached fifty-five years of age, and shall have served on the County police for twenty-five years and while in good standing, such member may make written application to the County Personnel Board and be retired from the service thereof and be entitled to relief from the Police Relief and Retirement Fund in the amount of fifty per cent per year of the annual salary received by such member at the date of retirement; provided, that any member of the County police who elects to remain a member of such police after twenty-five years' service shall be entitled, on retirement, to receive two percentum per annum of his salary for each additional year served but in no case shall he receive in excess of a total of sixty percent of his salary at the date of retirement; provided further that the requirement of fifty-five years of age shall apply only to persons entering service with the County police on or after July 1, 1955, unless any such persons shall elect to have deducted from his salary, pursuant to the provisions of Section 18-16(a)(4) of this Chapter, six and one-half percent of such salary, in lieu of five percent thereof as provided in Section 18-16(a)(4), beginning July 1, 1960, in which event such person may be retired after twenty-five years of service, irrespective of age, such service including all or part of the period of July 1, 1955, through June 30, 1960, without the payment of additional contributions in excess of five percent for this period provided however, that there shall be deducted from the salary of any person who enters service with the County police on or after July 1, 1960, or re-enters pursuant to subsection (g) hereof, on or after July 1, 1960, six and one-half percent of such salary, such person thereby being eligible for retirement after twenty-five years of service irrespective of age. The normal retirement date of any police officer in any one of the three retirement categories mentioned hereinabove shall not be changed as a result of the contribution rate increase as provided in Section 18-16(a)(4) of this law. The mandatory retirement date of all members of the County police shall be age sixty (60), except that the mandatory retirement date may be extended as provided in Section 94-62, Normal Retirement Date, Early Retirement Date and Administrative Retirement Date, of Article II of the Employees' Retirement System of Montgomery County.

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(k) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, all persons receiving benefits payable under the provisions of this Article may be paid on the same periods as regular employees of the County government, or, in any event, on a monthly, semi-monthly or bi-weekly basis. Effective July 1, 1971 the provisions of Section 94-77. Payment of Benefits, sub-section (a) Amount of pension payment, of