

THE CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD SHALL BE INCLUDED UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTIONS 123 THROUGH 130 OF THE ARTICLE. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY MAY LEASE OR TRANSFER UPON TERMS SATISFACTORY TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY OWNERSHIP TO THE CHARLES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD THE BUILDING WHICH IT NOW OCCUPIES AND THE EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS IT NOW USES. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PROVIDE THE SQUAD WITH AN ADVANCE OF NECESSARY OPERATING FUNDS FROM JULY 1, 1984 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1984 TO BE REIMBURSED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY BY OCTOBER 31, 1984.

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THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 130 THROUGH 130C, "ACTIVE VOLUNTEER MEMBER" MEANS A PERSON WHO ACCUMULATED A MINIMUM OF 50 POINTS PER CALENDAR YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POINT SYSTEM SET FORTH IN SECTION 130C.

130A.

(A) ANY PERSON WHO HAS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF ANY CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS SET FORTH IN §§ 130A THROUGH 130C, IF:

(1) THE PERSON IS CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 130C TO HAVE SERVED AS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 31, 1973.

(2) ANY PERSON WHO DISCONTINUED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1974 MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE SERVICE AFTER BEING CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 130C.

(B) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974, ANY PERSON WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF 60 AND WHO HAS COMPLETED A MINIMUM OF 25 YEARS OF CERTIFIED ACTIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE, WITH ANY CHARLES COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD OR COMBINATION THEREOF, SHALL RECEIVE BENEFITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 PER MONTH, FOR LIFE. PAYMENTS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY. THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY AND PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE VOLUNTEER ENTITLED TO SUCH BENEFITS. BEGINNING JULY 1, 1984 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE INCREASED OR DECREASED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL INCREASE OR DECREASE AS REFLECTED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, USING THE PUBLISHED MAY FIGURE EACH YEAR. THIS AMOUNT SHALL NOT EXCEED 4 PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE PER YEAR AND SHALL BE CUMULATIVE.

(C) AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF \$2 PER MONTH SHALL BE ADDED TO THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR