

State Legislative Program Amendment San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund 2023 Legislative Package

City Council – A Session

January 26, 2023

ITEM # 28

Proposed Legislative Items



The City was approached by the San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Board to support the following legislative items:

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Administrative Changes

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Death Cause or Abetted by Survivor

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Clarification of the Line of Duty Definition

4

Increasing the Non-Line of Duty Death Benefit Annuity

1 Administrative Changes

- Updates verbiage to provide better clarification
- General administrative changes:
 - Provides clarity of language
 - Aligns with federal law
 - Expands on defined terms
- The City supports these administrative changes

2 Death Caused or Abetted by Survivor

- New statutory provision
- Results in the denial of benefits
- Preclude a person from receiving benefits if that person is the principal or an accomplice in a willful act that resulted in the death of a member or beneficiary.
- Provides the board the authority to make that determination
- The City supports this provision

3 Clarification LOD Definition

- Clarification the definition of killed in the line of duty to include “if a member’s death directly resulted from traumatic injury sustained while engaging in law enforcement activity, fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, disaster relief or other emergency response activities or simulated trainings thereof.”
- Further defined traumatic injury to mean a severe physical injury of sudden onset and of a life-ending or life-threatening nature.
- The City supports clarification

4 Non-line of Duty Death Benefit Annuity

- Current pension statute provides a Death Benefit Annuity of a Minimum of 50% for all Non-Line of duty deaths
- City and Pension Fund Staff evaluated different options for increasing the current minimum non-line of Duty Death Benefit Annuity
- City staff recommends that the Pension Fund's Board Approved Legislative package be amended to include an increase in the minimum Death Benefit of 50% to a minimum of 75% for all non-line of duty deaths.

4 Non-Line of Duty Death Benefit Annuity

- The Pension Fund's Actuary estimated that the proposed change in the non-line of duty death benefit annuity from a minimum of 50% to 75%
 - Would increase the Funds total projected actuarial accrued liability by \$14.8 million and,
 - Increase the number of years to amortize the unfunded actuarially accrued liability by .8 years, from 13.57 years to 14.37 years.

Pension Fund Board Action



- September 28, 2022 – Legislative Package was approved by the Fire and Police Pension Fund Board (Pension Fund)
- January 9, 2023 - The Pension Fund Legislative Committee Met to discuss amending the Legislative Package approved on September 28th
- January 11, 2023 - Staff Briefing to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- January 31, 2023- Amended Legislative Package will be presented to the Pension Fund Board for consideration and approval

Recommendation



Recommend amending the City's State Legislative Program to include Support for San Antonio Fire and Police Pension Fund's 2023 Legislative Proposal as amended and contingent upon approval by the Pension Fund's Board

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