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MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT

ARTICLE I.

PURPOSE OF PLAN

The Georgia Municipal Employees Retirement System Plan ("Plan") is hereby amended and restated, to incorporate all amendments through and including the amendments effective July 1, 2014, to the provisions of the Plan as last restated effective January 1, 2007, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, adopted _____, 2013. The Plan is a governmental qualified defined benefit plan under Internal Revenue Code Sections 401(a) and 414(d) and is intended to be adopted by Employers in Georgia.

The Plan is intended to comply with certain provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("PPA"); the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 ("HEART"); the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 ("WRERA"); as well as the additional guidance included in the 2012 Cumulative List under Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Notice 2012-76 to the extent applicable to the Plan. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Plan establishes the rights and obligations with respect to individuals who are Employees on and after such dates, as applicable, and to transactions under the Plan on and after such dates, as applicable. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the rights and benefits, if any, of individuals who are not Employees on or after such dates, as applicable, shall be determined in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Plan that were in effect on the date that their employment terminated.

Any Municipal Corporation accepted by the Board as an Adopting Employer may become a party to the Plan as of the first day of any Plan Year, or such other date specified by the Adopting Employer, by delivering to the Administrator an appropriate Ordinance of the

Governing Authority adopting the Plan. Any other Employer accepted by the Board as an Adopting Employer may become a party to the Plan as of the first day of any Plan Year, or such other date specified by the Adopting Employer, by delivering to the Administrator an appropriate Resolution of the Governing Authority adopting the Plan. With the consent of the Board, such organization shall become an Adopting Employer hereunder, as of the specified date, and shall be subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan as then in effect and thereafter amended.

The Plan document consists of this Master Plan document, the Adoption Agreement, and any Addendum of each Employer and any amendments to the Master Plan, the Adoption Agreement, and any Addendum. The Plan, generally effective as of the date set forth in the Adoption Agreement for each Employer, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, is established for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits to Participants.

This Plan is intended to be a volume submitter plan, to be used with a completed Adoption Agreement.

ARTICLE II.

DEFINITIONS

This Article covers all generally applicable definitions used in this Plan, except for definitions related to service, which are in Article III. Except as otherwise provided in the Employer's Adoption Agreement or any Addendum, the definition of terms contained in this Article II and Article III shall govern the meaning of such terms used in the Adoption Agreement. When the initial letter of a word or phrase is capitalized herein, the meaning of such word or phrase shall be as follows, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the content:

Section 2.01. **"Accrued Benefit"** shall mean, as of any date, the Normal Retirement benefit payable to a Participant at his Normal Retirement Date computed in accordance with the provisions of Article VI and the Adoption Agreement, based upon the

Participant's Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings (if applicable) as of the date that the Participant's Accrued Benefit is being determined.

Section 2.02. **"Actuarial Equivalent"** shall mean a benefit of approximately equal value when computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Article XII.

Section 2.03. **"Actuary"** shall mean an individual, or firm, appointed or approved by the Board of Trustees to perform actuarial calculations necessary in the funding of the Plan.

Section 2.04. **"Addendum"** means any Addendum to an Adoption Agreement entered into by an Adopting Employer.

Section 2.05. **"Administrator"** shall mean the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System or its designee.

Section 2.06. **"Adopting Employer"** shall mean an Employer who adopts this Plan through the adoption of the Adoption Agreement.

Section 2.07. **"Adoption Agreement"** shall mean the Adoption Agreement adopted by an Adopting Employer, which Adoption Agreement contains certain terms of the Plan, and whenever applicable shall include any Addendum amending provisions of the Adoption Agreement.

Section 2.08. **"Applicable Form"** shall mean the appropriate form as designated and furnished by the Administrator to make the election or provide the notice required by the Plan. In those circumstances where a written election or consent is not required by the Plan or the Code, the Administrator may prescribe an oral, electronic, or telephonic form in lieu of or in addition to a written form.

Section 2.09. **"Board of Trustees"** or **"Board"** shall mean the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System.

Section 2.10. **"Child"** or **"Children"** shall mean any natural or adopted child of the Participant or Terminated Participant, as applicable, who is younger than age twenty-two (22) as of the date of the Participant's or Terminated Participant's death. The term "adopted child" shall include any child who is legally adopted by the Participant and any child who is a member of the Participant's household if placed with the Participant by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption by the Participant. The term "child" does not include a foster child.

Section 2.11. **"Code"** shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable to governmental plans, as amended from time to time, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as applicable to governmental plans.

Section 2.12. **"Code Section 415(d) Cost of Living Adjustment"** shall mean the cost of living adjustment prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury under Code Section 415(d) for any applicable year.

Section 2.13. **"Contract"** shall mean the entire contents of the Ordinance or Resolution adopting this Plan, the Employer's Adoption Agreement, the Master Plan, the GMEBS Trust Agreement, and any amendments made hereafter.

Section 2.14. **"Contributions"** shall mean payments made by Employers (and Employees, if applicable) to GMEBS to provide the benefits specified in the Plan.

Section 2.15. **"Cost of Living Base Figure"** shall mean, with respect to Employers who elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide cost-of-living adjustments in benefits received under the Plan, the Consumer Price Index figure (All Urban Consumers Table – All Items, 1982-1984 Base Period) issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United

States Department of Labor for the November prior to the most recent November used to determine the Current Cost-of-Living Index Figure. However, if a Participant or Beneficiary has been drawing benefits for less than twelve (12) months, the Cost-of-Living Base Figure shall mean the Consumer Price Index figure (All Urban Consumers Table – All Items, 1982-1984 Base Period) issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for the month that is two (2) months prior to the month when benefit payments commenced.

Section 2.16. **"Covered Compensation A.I.M.E."** shall mean the portion of the Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (A.I.M.E.), annualized, as defined by the December 1977 amendments to the federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (O.A.S.D.I.), not subject to the fifteen percent (15%) benefit rate as defined in the amendments and as adjusted to the year of termination of employment as provided for in said amendments.

Section 2.17. **"Covered Compensation Dynamic Break Point"** shall mean, for any calendar year, the average of the maximum amount of earnings for which taxes are payable under the Social Security Act during the period of calendar years: (1) beginning with the later of 1959 or the calendar year thirty-five (35) years before the year for which Social Security Covered Compensation is being computed, and (2) ending with the calendar year preceding the year for which Social Security Compensation is being computed. The amount of Covered Compensation for a Participant shall be determined as of the date of his most recent Termination or his date of death, whichever is applicable.

Section 2.18. **"Covered Compensation Table Break Point"** shall mean the amount listed in the table below, opposite the year of birth of the Participant:

Year of Birth	Covered Compensation Amount	Year of Birth	Covered Compensation Amount	Year of Birth	Covered Compensation Amount
1903					

or earlier	\$4,944	1916	\$6,432	1929	\$6,900
1904	5,160	1917	6,480	1930	6,984
1905	5,352	1918	6,528	1931	7,080
1906	5,520	1919	6,576	1932	7,176
1907	5,652	1920	6,612	1933	7,260
1908	5,784	1921	6,660	1934	7,332
1909	5,892	1922	6,696	1935	7,416
1910	6,000	1923	6,720	1936	7,500
1911	6,084	1924	6,756	1937	7,572
1912	6,168	1925	6,792	1938	7,656
1913	6,240	1926	6,816	1939	7,728
1914	6,312	1927	6,840	1940	7,764
1915	6,372	1928	6,864	1941	7,800
				or later	

Section 2.19. **"Current Average Cost-of-Living Index Figure"** shall mean, with respect to Employers who elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide cost-of-living adjustments in benefits received under the Plan, the Consumer Price Index figure (All Urban Consumers Table – All Items, 1982-1984 Base Period) for the month of November most recently issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

Section 2.20. **"Default Beneficiary"** shall mean the person(s) or entity to whom a pre-retirement death benefit is payable in the absence of a beneficiary designation by the Participant or in the event there is no Primary or Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom a pre-retirement death benefit is payable, determined in accordance with and subject to Section 8.06.

Section 2.21. **"Disability"** shall mean, with respect to those Adopting Employers who elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide disability retirement benefits and unless otherwise provided in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the following:

(a) A physical or mental disability of a Participant who because of such disability becomes entitled to receive disability insurance benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(1) Such disability commenced on a specified date during the period of the Participant's employment with the Adopting Employer, as evidenced by a Social Security Administration (SSA) disability award submitted with the Participant's disability retirement application, reflecting a disability onset date on or before the Participant's Termination date; provided, however, that in the event a Participant has filed more than one disability application with the SSA and the SSA disability award reflects a disability onset date after the Participant's Termination date, and where due to SSA administrative res judicata rules the disability onset date reflected in the SSA disability award immediately follows the date that a prior SSA disability award was denied, then the Administrator may consider other documents submitted with the Participant's application for a SSA disability award to determine the disability onset date if the Participant provides such documents to the Administrator and the Administrator deems such documents sufficient to establish that the disability onset date is on or before the Participant's Termination date;

(2) In no event will the disability onset date be earlier than the latest disability onset date alleged by the Participant in his SSA disability application(s); and

(3) The Participant's disability was not self-inflicted, incurred in military service, incurred in the commission of a felonious enterprise, or the result of the use of narcotics or drugs or habitual use of alcohol; or

(b) A Participant who is not disabled in accordance with the definition under subsection (a) above solely because he lacks the quarters of Social Security coverage required under the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, shall qualify for Disability if the Pension Committee determines that the Participant is permanently disabled on the basis of a certificate

signed by at least two (2) physicians, (one physician selected and paid by the disabled Participant and one selected and paid by the Employer) stating that:

(1) The Participant is permanently disabled as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 72(m); and

(2) Such disability commenced on a specified date during the period of the Participant's employment with the Adopting Employer; and

(3) Such disability was not self-inflicted, incurred in military service, incurred in the commission of a felonious enterprise, or the result of the use of narcotics or drugs or habitual alcoholism.

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Section 2.22. **"Disability Retirement Date"** shall mean, with respect to those Adopting Employers who elect to provide Disability retirement benefits in the Adoption Agreement and with respect to Participants who Terminate Employment due to Disability on or after January 1, 2014, the first day of the first calendar month coinciding with or next following: (a) the date on which a Participant becomes entitled to receive a monthly disability insurance benefit under the Federal Social Security Act, as amended; (b) the date on which the Participant's Disability is determined by the Pension Committee to have commenced, in the case of Disability determinations made by the Pension Committee pursuant to Section 2.21(b); or (c) the date determined in accordance with the provisions of an Employer's General Addendum, as applicable. However, in no event will the Disability Retirement Date be earlier than the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of the Participant's Termination of Employment as a result of Disability.

Section 2.23. **"Early Retirement Date"** shall mean the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the day a Participant qualifies for Early Retirement as specified in the Adoption Agreement, as of which the Participant actually Retires.

Section 2.24. **"Earnings"** shall mean with respect to Participants who Terminate Employment on or after July 1, 2014, unless otherwise specified by the Employer in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the total gross earnings paid to a Participant by the Employer, as reflected in the Employer's payroll records and shall include salary, wages, bonuses, overtime, and compensation for unused sick, vacation, paid-time-off, personal, or any other paid leave. Earnings shall not be reduced for compensation deferred pursuant to Code Sections 401(k), 403(b) or 457, compensation redirected pursuant to Code Section 125 or 132(f)(4), or contributions picked-up under Code Section 414(h) during the Plan Year. Unless otherwise

specified in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, Earnings shall not include perquisites or allowances for a car or house rent, or compensation for severance pay.

The annual earnings of a Participant for any year taken into account under the Plan for any Plan Year beginning prior to January 1, 1994, shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) (as increased by the Cost of Living Adjustment for the year), or for any Plan Year beginning on or after January 1, 1994, shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) (as increased by the Cost of Living Adjustment for the year, pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(17)(B)). For any Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2001, the annual earnings of a Participant for any year taken into account under the Plan shall not exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) (as increased by the Cost of Living Adjustment for the year, pursuant to Code Section 401(a)(17)(B)). Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, in determining benefit accruals in Plan Years beginning after December 31, 2001, the limit hereunder for determination periods beginning before January 1, 2002, shall be Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

Annual earnings means Earnings during the Plan Year or such other consecutive twelve (12) month period over which Earnings are otherwise determined under the Plan (the determination period). The Cost of Living Adjustment for a calendar year applies to annual earnings for the determination period that begins with or within such a calendar year. If a short Plan Year occurs, the annual earnings limit is an amount equal to the otherwise applicable annual earnings limit multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in the short Plan Year, and the denominator of which is twelve (12).

Section 2.25. **"Effective Date"** shall mean the original effective date of the Adopting Employer's GMEBS-administered defined benefit plan as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 2.26. **"Eligible Employee"** shall mean any Employee who is designated as an Eligible Employee in the Adoption Agreement and who satisfies any eligibility conditions applicable to the class of Eligible Employees to which he belongs.

Section 2.27. **"Eligible Regular Employee"** shall mean any Regular Employee who satisfies the minimum hour and other eligibility conditions applicable to Regular Employees in the Employer's Adoption Agreement.

Section 2.28. **"Employee"** shall mean any person who is regularly employed in the services of the Employer as an employee and shall include elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers if they are included as Eligible Employees in the Adoption Agreement. However, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, the term "Employee" does not include: (a) an individual who is a nonresident alien and who receives no earned income (within the meaning of Code Section 911(d)(2)) from an Employer which constitutes income from sources within the United States within the meaning of Code Section 861(a)(3); (b) a leased employee; or (c) any person treated in good faith by an Employer as an independent contractor, regardless of whether such person is later determined to be a common law employee for tax purposes.

Section 2.29. **"Employer"** shall mean an Employer as defined in O.C.G.A. § 47-5-2(9) (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto). No employer which is not permitted to participate in a qualified governmental pension plan as defined in Code Section 401(a) and 414(d) shall be permitted to participate in this Plan.

Section 2.30. **"Enrollment Date"** shall mean the date that an Eligible Employee first becomes a Participant under this Plan. Said date shall be established by the Pension Committee on an Applicable Form.

Section 2.31. **"FMLA"** shall mean the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended from time to time.

Section 2.32. **"Firefighter"** shall mean an Eligible Regular Employee of the Adopting Employer who is either certified as a firefighter pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-4-1 et seq. (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto) or who would otherwise be required to be certified as a firefighter but who is exempt pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 25-4-12 (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto).

Section 2.33. **"Final Average Earnings"** shall mean with respect to Participants who Terminate Employment on or after July 1, 2014, unless otherwise elected in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the arithmetic annual average of the Earnings paid to a Participant by the Adopting Employer for a specified number of consecutive years (12 month periods) of Credited Service preceding the Participant's most recent Termination in which the Participant's Earnings were the highest. In computing said average, Earnings shall include, if applicable, Earnings paid at the end of the payroll period containing the Participant's Termination Date, and, if applicable and authorized by the Adopting Employer in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, severance payments made prior to, on or after the Participant's Termination Date.

The number of years to be used in determining Final Average Earnings shall be designated by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement or an Addendum thereto. The Administrator shall prescribe a formula for the determination of Final Average Earnings. Calculation of Final Average Earnings shall be subject to the following:

(a) If a Participant terminates employment or is on an unpaid leave of absence and he later returns to employment with the Employer, the period(s) prior to and following such absence from employment shall be considered consecutive.

(b) If a Participant has not completed the number of consecutive years of Credited Service necessary to compute Final Average Earnings under this Section as of the date of his most recent Termination preceding Retirement, then his Final Average Earnings shall be determined by dividing his total Earnings for his entire period of Credited Service by his total number of years of Credited Service. In computing the number of years of Credited Service for this purpose, incomplete years of Credited Service shall be converted to fractional equivalents of years and included in the computation.

Section 2.34. **"Governing Authority"** shall mean the entity named in the Adoption Agreement which is authorized to act for the Adopting Employer.

Section 2.35. **"Ineligible Employee"** shall mean an Employee of the Adopting Employer who is not an Eligible Employee.

Section 2.36. **"Interest"** shall mean a pro rata share of any and all interest, dividends, and capital gains or losses earned on the invested or reinvested funds of the GMEBS Investment Fund.

Section 2.37. **"Investment Fund"** or **"GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund"** shall mean the total amounts of all Contributions plus Interest, invested or uninvested, held by the

Board of Trustees in the GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund for all GMEBS Employers and their Employees where applicable.

Section 2.38. **"Late Retirement Date"** shall mean the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the day the Participant qualifies for Late Retirement, as specified in Section 6.03, as of which the Participant actually retires. The Plan shall not provide for a maximum retirement age.

Section 2.39. **"Military Service"** shall mean, unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, service performed while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States if the Participant was granted an honorable discharge. Except as otherwise required by federal or state law, Military Service shall not include service which is credited toward retirement under any other local, state, or federal retirement or pension plan.

Section 2.40. **"Monthly Retirement Benefit"** shall mean the monthly benefit as provided in Article VI or any optional benefit payable in lieu thereof as provided in Article VII.

Section 2.41. **"Municipal Legal Officer"** shall mean, with respect to those Employers who elect to include municipal legal officers as Eligible Employees, only those municipal legal officers specifically designated in the Adoption Agreement for inclusion as Eligible Employees, provided that such officer otherwise meets the Master Plan's definition of Employee.

Section 2.42. **"Normal Retirement Date" or "Alternative Normal Retirement Date"** shall mean the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date the Participant qualifies for Normal Retirement as specified in the Employer's Adoption Agreement. An Employer may also establish alternative Normal Retirement qualifications in the Adoption Agreement. In such case, the Participant's Alternative Normal Retirement Date shall

mean the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date the Participant meets the alternative Normal Retirement qualifications.

Section 2.43. **"Participant" or "Participating Employee"** shall mean any Eligible Employee who is or may become eligible to receive a benefit of any type from the Plan and who has commenced participation in the Plan under Article IV.

Section 2.44. **"Pension Committee"** shall mean the committee named in the Adoption Agreement to represent the Adopting Employer in the administration of the Plan.

Section 2.45. **"Plan"** shall mean the provisions of this Master Plan document, along with the Employer's Adoption Agreement (including any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, if applicable), setting forth the Employees to be covered, the benefits to be provided, and the conditions of retirement, and all amendments thereto which may hereafter be made.

Section 2.46. **"Plan Representative"** shall mean the Plan Representative designated in the Employer's Adoption Agreement. The Plan Representative must have full authority to represent the Governing Authority in all communications with GMEBS and the Adopting Employer's Employees. The Pension Committee Secretary may serve as the Plan Representative.

Section 2.47. **"Plan Year"** shall mean a twelve (12) consecutive month period specified as such in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 2.48. **"Police Officer"** shall mean an Eligible Regular Employee employed by the Adopting Employer's Police Department who is either certified or registered as a peace officer pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-8-1 et seq. (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto).

Section 2.49. **"Post-Retirement Beneficiary"** shall mean the person designated by the Participant, in writing and on the Applicable Form, to receive a post-retirement survivor benefit in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article VII and Section 8.12.

Section 2.50. **"Practitioner"** means Ice Miller LLP, Legal Counsel, who is the volume submitter practitioner sponsoring the Plan on behalf of GMEBS.

Section 2.51. **"Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary"** shall mean the person designated by the Participant, in writing and on an Applicable Form, to receive a pre-retirement death benefit, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article VIII.

Section 2.52. **"Regular Employee"** shall mean any Employee, other than an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or Municipal Legal Officer, who is regularly employed in the services of the Adopting Employer.

Section 2.53. **"Resolution"** shall mean a resolution duly adopted by an Employer.

Section 2.54. **"Retired Participant"** shall mean any Participant who has Terminated Employment with the Employer and who is receiving a benefit provided under the Plan.

Section 2.55. **"Retirement" or "Retires"** shall mean withdrawal from Service with a retirement allowance granted under the provisions of the Plan.

Section 2.56. **"Retirement System," "System," or "GMEBS"** shall mean the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System created by O.C.G.A. Section 47-5-1 et seq. (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto).

Section 2.57. **"Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary"** shall mean the person designated by the Participant, in writing and on the Applicable Form, to receive a pre-retirement

death benefit in the event the Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary does not survive the Participant, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Article VIII.

Section 2.58. **"Section"** shall mean, when not preceded by the word Code or ERISA, a section of the Master Plan document.

Section 2.59. **"Spouse"** shall mean a person who, as of the date of the Participant's or Terminated Participant's death, as applicable, is lawfully joined with the Participant or Terminated Participant in a marriage which is recognized under the laws of the State of Georgia, except as otherwise provided in Article X effective on or after September 16, 2013 with respect to distributions and rollovers under the Plan.

Section 2.60. **"Terminated Participant"** shall mean any Participant who has Terminated Employment with the Adopting Employer and who has a Vested Benefit under any provision of the Adopting Employer's Plan.

Section 2.61. **"Termination," "Terminate Employment," "Termination of Employment," or "Terminated"** shall mean a severance of employment with the Employer, including Retirement, resignation or discharge, lapse of recall rights after layoff, death, or vacation of office by an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or a Municipal Legal Officer. Provided, however, that Termination shall not include: (i) absence from active employment which is not treated by the Adopting Employer as a Termination of Employment; (ii) absence due to military service to the extent required under USERRA and Code Section 414(u)(8)(A), (iii) absence due to leave which qualifies as family or medical leave under the FMLA, to the extent required under the FMLA; or (iv) absence due to an authorized leave of absence for any reason if approved by the Adopting Employer. Unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, if an Employee on an

authorized leave of absence fails to return to active employment upon expiration of the leave of absence, the Employee will be considered terminated as of the date immediately preceding the approved leave period.

Section 2.62. **"Trust Fund"** mean the total amounts, invested or uninvested, held at any time by the Board in trust for the Employer under the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 2.63. **"Vested," "Vesting," "Vested Right," or "Vested Benefit"** shall mean the rights of a Terminated Participant as specified in Article IX.

ARTICLE III.

SERVICE

Section 3.01. **"Current Credited Service"** shall mean the number of years and complete months of Service of a Participant with the Adopting Employer from his Enrollment Date to his Termination, which are credited as Current Credited Service for purposes of meeting the Plan's requirements for vesting, retirement and death benefit eligibility, and/or for purposes of computing the amount of benefits payable under the Plan, determined in accordance with and subject to any limitations established in the Master Plan and the Employer's Adoption Agreement. Current Credited Service shall include unused paid time off which the Employer elects to treat as Current Credited Service for a Terminated Participant for certain purposes, as provided and subject to any limitations contained in the Adoption Agreement; provided, however, that leave conversions will be permitted only if (i) the leave is for unused accrued paid time off for vacation and/or sick leave or for comparable paid-time-off under an established leave policy without regard to whether the leave is due to illness or incapacity, (ii) the leave policy qualifies as a bona fide sick and/or vacation leave plan for purposes of Code Section 409A and Treasury Regulation § 1.409A-1(a)(5), (iii) the Plan provides for service credit for an Employee's unused paid time off, provided that the eligibility requirements for participation in the Plan do not permit

an Employee to become a Participant only in the Plan Year in which the Employee terminates employment, (iv) the conversion is automatic and the employee has no right to request a cash payment, (v) the unused paid time off is converted to service credit under a formula specified in the Adoption Agreement and which satisfies the definitely determinable standard of Treasury Regulation § 1.401-1(b)(1)(i), (vi) the Adopting Employer's Plan otherwise provides for service credit unrelated to the conversion of any Employee's unused paid time off, and (vii) the Participant's annual benefit, as adjusted by the leave conversion, does not exceed the limit under Code Section 415(b).

Section 3.02. "USERRA Military Service Credit."

(a) USERRA Military Service Credit. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, contributions, benefits, and service credit with respect to qualified military service shall be provided in accordance with Code Section 414(u). Code Section 414(u) provides that: (i) individuals reemployed under the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ("USERRA") must be treated as not having incurred a break in Service because of qualified military service, (ii) periods of qualified military service must be counted for vesting and benefit accrual purposes, except that periods of qualified military service must not be counted for benefit accrual purposes where the individual would have been required to make Employee Contributions under the Adopting Employer's Plan if he or she had remained continuously employed by the Adopting Employer during said period of qualified military service and the individual fails to make-up said Employee Contributions as provided herein, (iii) make-up of Employee Contributions up to the maximum the individual would have been required to make if continuously employed must be allowed, in one lump sum payment or in installments, during the period beginning on reemployment and lasting for the lesser of three (3)

times the period of qualified military service or five (5) years, (iv) any Employer Contributions contingent on make-up Employee Contributions must be made by the Employer, if and to the extent the individual contributes his or her make-up Employee Contributions as provided herein, (v) earnings are not required to be credited unless and until the Employee contributes make-up contributions, (vi) make-up Contributions are based on compensation the individual would have received during the period of qualified military service (if not reasonably certain, compensation for the 12 month period (or, if shorter, the period of employment) immediately preceding qualified military service can be used), and (vii) make-up Contributions are subject to the limitations of Code Sections 402(g), 415, and 404(a) for the year to which the contribution relates, not the year in which contribution is made.

(b) Ordered Military Leave under Georgia Law. To the extent not provided under subsection (a), the Plan will grant Credited Service for a period of "ordered" military service in accordance with and subject to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 38-2-279(f) (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto) to a Participant who was an Eligible Employee when such ordered military service commenced, if and to the extent that the Participant (or in case of the Participant's death during the period of military service, the Participant's Pre-Retirement Beneficiary or the legal representative of the Participant's estate) makes up any required Employee Contributions as provided herein. To obtain Credited Service for the period of ordered military service, the Participant must make-up the required Employee Contributions in one lump sum payment or in installments during a period that begins upon commencement of such ordered military service and ends no later than five (5) years after the period of military service ends. If the Participant dies during the period of military service, the Participant's Pre-Retirement Beneficiary or the legal representative of the Participant's estate must make up the

required Employee Contributions no later than one (1) year following proof of the Participant's death. The amount of Employee Contributions required to be made to receive Credited Service for a period of military service shall be determined in the same manner as provided under USERRA and HEART and subsection (a) above.

(c) Effective with respect to deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2007, while a Participant is performing qualified military service (as defined in chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code), to the extent required by Code Section 401(a)(37), survivors of the Participant are entitled to any additional benefits that the Plan would provide if the Participant had resumed employment and then died, such as accelerated vesting or survivor benefits that are contingent on the Participant's death while employed. In any event, a deceased Participant's period of qualified military service must be counted for vesting purposes.

(d) Beginning January 1, 2009, to the extent required by Code Sections 3401(h) and 414(u)(2), an individual receiving differential wage payments (while the individual is performing qualified military service (as defined in chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code)) from an Employer shall be treated as employed by that Employer, and the differential wage payment shall be treated as compensation for purposes of applying the limits on annual additions under Code Section 415(c). This provision shall be applied to all similarly situated individuals in a reasonably equivalent manner.

(e) Effective with respect to deaths occurring on or after January 1, 2009, while a Participant is performing qualified military service (as defined in chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code), to the extent permitted by Code Section 414(u)(8), for benefit accrual and vesting purposes, the Participant will be treated as having returned to employment on the day before the

death and as having terminated on the date of death. This provision shall be applied to all similarly situated individuals in a reasonably equivalent manner.

Section 3.03. **"Credited Past Service"** shall mean the number of years and complete months of Service of a Participant with the Adopting Employer prior to his Enrollment Date which are treated as Credited Past Service under the Employer's Adoption Agreement for purposes of meeting the Plan's requirements for participation, vesting, retirement and death benefit eligibility, and/or or for purposes of computing the amount of benefits payable under the Plan, subject to any limitations established in the Master Plan or the Adoption Agreement.

Section 3.04. **"Prior Governmental Service"** shall mean government service preceding the Eligible Employee's employment or reemployment date with the Adopting Employer, usually for an entity other than the Adopting Employer, which the Employer elects to treat as Credited Service for certain purposes, as provided and subject to any limitations contained in the Adoption Agreement

Section 3.05. **"Prior Military Service"** shall mean Military Service not covered by Section 3.02 which the Employer elects to treat as Credited Service for certain purposes, as provided and subject to any limitations contained in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 3.06. **"Service"** shall mean regular service rendered as an Eligible Employee of the Adopting Employer. Service may include absence from active employment with the Adopting Employer under conditions which are not treated by the Employer as a Termination of Employment, subject to Article IV concerning leaves of absence and any other conditions or limitations specified in the Master Plan and Adoption Agreement. For those Employers who elect in the Adoption Agreement to include elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority or Municipal Legal Officers as Eligible Employees, Service also means any

tenure of office held by an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or a Municipal Legal Officer, provided that such tenure of office does not include any calendar period during which any elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or Municipal Legal Officer is also in the regular service of the Employer as an Eligible Employee in another capacity. No Participant may receive credit for more than one (1) year of Service in any twelve (12) month period.

Section 3.07. **"Total Credited Service"** shall mean the sum of the Participant's Current Credited Service, Credited Past Service, Prior Military Service, and Prior Governmental Service, as specified in this Article and covered per the Employer's Adoption Agreement, subject to any limitations imposed under the Master Plan or the Employer's Adoption Agreement. The term Total Credited Service includes any Service required to be included in Total Credited Service by USERRA, or any other applicable federal or state law. Full months of Total Credited Service shall be treated as fractions of one (1) year. Partial months shall not be included in the calculation. The Employer may specify in the Adoption Agreement a maximum number of years that may be included as Total Credited Service. If an Employer elects in its Adoption Agreement to require Employee Contributions, Total Credited Service shall not include any period of time for which the Employee is required but fails to make such Employee Contributions to the Plan. If a Participant has received a cash single sum payment of the present value of his Plan benefit pursuant to Section 7.05 of the Master Plan upon or following termination with an Adopting Employer and subsequently returns to Service with such Adopting Employer, the Participant's prior Credited Service with the Adopting Employer for which the cash single sum payment was paid shall be counted for purposes of meeting the Plan's requirements for participation, vesting,

and retirement and death benefit eligibility but shall not be counted as Credited Service for purposes of benefit computation.

An Employee excluded from participation because of age shall receive credit for all Service as required by law.

ARTICLE IV.

ELIGIBILITY, QUALIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION

Section 4.01. **Classes of Eligible Employees.** The Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement the class(es) of Employees which are eligible to participate in the Plan. Provided, however, that if a person does not meet the definition of "Employee" contained in Article II, he or she may not be included in any Eligible Employee class.

Section 4.02. **Qualifications for Participation.**

(a) **Minimum Service Requirement.** With respect to each class of Eligible Regular Employees, the Employer may specify in the Adoption Agreement a minimum number of hours per week and/or a minimum number of months per year which are required to be scheduled and worked in order to establish and maintain one's status as an Eligible Employee. It shall be the responsibility of the Adopting Employer to determine whether these requirements are and continue to be satisfied. In determining whether said requirements are satisfied, the following rules shall apply:

(1) If an Employee is otherwise includable in an Eligible Regular Employee class, but he does not meet the minimum service requirements established by the Employer for said class pursuant to subsection (a) above, he or she shall not be considered an Eligible Employee, unless and until he satisfies such requirements. If an Eligible Regular Employee who has not yet become a Participant no longer meets said minimum service requirement, but he remains an Employee of the Employer, he or she

shall no longer be considered an Eligible Regular Employee, unless and until he again satisfies the minimum requirement.

(2) No period of employment during which an Employee fails to satisfy the Employer's minimum service requirement and no leave of absence granted to such Employee shall be counted in determining whether any waiting period for participation established by the Employer pursuant to subsection (b) below has been satisfied. However, provided the Employee remains continuously employed by the Employer, such periods shall not be considered a break in Service under subsection (b)(1) below for purposes of satisfying said waiting period.

(b) Waiting Period. Unless otherwise specified by the Adopting Employer in an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, Eligible Regular Employees shall be required to complete one (1) year of continuous, uninterrupted Service with the Adopting Employer in order to commence participation in the Plan. In determining whether this waiting period has been satisfied, the following rules shall apply:

(1) Breaks in Service. If an Eligible Regular Employee has a break in Service prior to satisfying the waiting period for participation and later becomes reemployed by the Adopting Employer, he shall be required to again satisfy the waiting period in order to be eligible to participate in the Plan. Service rendered prior to said break in Service shall not be taken into account in determining whether the waiting period has been satisfied.

(2) Employed on Effective Date; Waiting Period Satisfied. If an Eligible Regular Employee is employed by the Adopting Employer on the Effective Date of the Plan and he has completed a period of continuous, uninterrupted Service as an Eligible

Employee immediately prior to the Effective Date equal to or exceeding the length of the required waiting period, then he shall be considered to have satisfied the waiting period and he shall be eligible to commence participation in the Plan on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the Effective Date of the Plan.

(3) Employed on Effective Date; Waiting Period Not Satisfied. If an Eligible Regular Employee is employed by the Adopting Employer on the Effective Date of the Plan, but he has not completed a period of continuous, uninterrupted Service as an Eligible Regular Employee immediately prior to the Effective Date equal to or exceeding the length of the required waiting period, then he shall be eligible to commence participation in the Plan on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the date that he completes the minimum period of continuous, uninterrupted Service as an Eligible Regular Employee necessary to satisfy the required waiting period.

(4) Employed After the Effective Date. If an Eligible Regular Employee is initially employed by the Adopting Employer after the Effective Date of the Plan, he shall be eligible to commence participation in the Plan on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the date that he completes the minimum period of continuous, uninterrupted Service as an Eligible Regular Employee necessary to satisfy the required waiting period.

(5) Treatment of Leaves of Absence. For purposes of determining whether the waiting period for participation has been satisfied, Service shall include any period of absence from employment which is required to be taken into account for such purpose under USERRA, the FMLA, or any other applicable federal or state law. Unless

otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, an authorized leave of absence granted to an Eligible Regular Employee by the Adopting Employer shall be counted as Credited Service for purposes of determining whether the waiting period for participation has been satisfied. However, unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, if an Eligible Regular Employee on an authorized leave of absence fails to return to active employment or office upon expiration of the leave of absence, the Eligible Regular Employee shall be considered to have incurred a break in Service for purposes of meeting the waiting period for participation as of the date preceding the approved leave period.

(6) Treatment of Service as an Ineligible Employee. If an Employee of the Adopting Employer who is not an Eligible Employee becomes an Eligible Regular Employee while remaining continuously employed by the Adopting Employer, said Eligible Employee shall become eligible to commence participation on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the date he meets the eligibility requirements for participation under this Article. For purposes of satisfying any waiting period imposed by the Adopting Employer, and unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Eligible Regular Employee's prior period of employment as an Ineligible Employee shall be credited in the same manner as Service as an Eligible Regular Employee provided that during said prior period of service as an Ineligible Employee, he satisfied any minimum service requirement established by the Employer pursuant to Section 4.02(a). Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, if an Eligible Regular Employee becomes an Ineligible Employee prior to satisfying the waiting period for participation in the Plan, his service as an Ineligible Employee shall be

credited in the same manner as Service as an Eligible Regular Employee for purposes of satisfying said waiting period, provided that the Ineligible Employee satisfies the applicable minimum service requirements established for Eligible Employees pursuant to Section 4.02(a). However, in no event will an Ineligible Employee be permitted to become a Participant in the Plan unless and until he has satisfied the waiting period and has again become an Eligible Employee. For purposes of satisfying the waiting period, leaves of absence granted to an Ineligible Employee shall be treated in the same manner as leaves of absence for Eligible Regular Employees under paragraph (5) above.

(7) Prior Participation in Another GMEBS Plan. An Eligible Regular Employee who is hired after the Effective Date of the Plan shall be eligible to become a Participant on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the date on which he is employed by the Adopting Employer, regardless of any waiting period requirement established by the Employer, provided that: (i) his immediate prior employment was with another Employer in the GMEBS; (ii) he was a Participant in the previous Employer's GMEBS retirement plan; and (iii) he satisfies any minimum service requirement established by the Adopting Employer pursuant to Section 4.02(a) for his class.

Section 4.03. Establishing Participation in the Plan.

(a) Mandatory vs. Optional Participation. Participation in the Plan shall be considered mandatory for all classes of Eligible Employees unless, with respect to a particular class, the Employer specifies in the Adoption Agreement that participation is optional for members of said class.

(b) Mandatory Participation. If participation is mandatory for a class of Eligible Employees, then, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) below, all Eligible Employees in the class shall become Participants in the Plan on the first day of the month immediately following or coinciding with the date they satisfy the applicable waiting period and any other eligibility requirements for participation. Eligible Employees shall provide to the Pension Committee on an Applicable Form such participation enrollment information as shall be required by the Pension Committee, which shall include the Eligible Employee's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Plan. Notwithstanding an Eligible Employee's failure to complete the Applicable Form, the Eligible Employee shall become a Participant as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

(c) Optional Participation. The Employer may specify in the Adoption Agreement that participation is optional for certain classes of Eligible Employees, including Employees in the following categories: elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority, Municipal Legal Officers, City Manager, and Department Heads. If participation is optional for an Eligible Employee, then the Eligible Employee may elect to become a Participant at his option by filing with the Pension Committee, on an Applicable Form, such information as shall be required to enroll in the Plan, which shall include the Eligible Employee's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Plan. The election to participate must be made within 120 days after the later of: the date the Eligible Employee commences employment with the Adopting Employer, the date the Eligible Employee is elected or appointed to office, or the date participation in the Plan is first permitted for members of a class to which he belongs. The election to participate shall be irrevocable, and the failure to make an election within the 120-day time limit specified above shall be deemed an irrevocable election not to participate in the Plan. If Employee contributions

are required under the Adopting Employer's Plan, then Eligible Employees who apply for participation within the 120 day period may be required to make retroactive contributions in order to receive credit under the Plan for creditable Service prior the date they apply to participate in the Plan.

(d) Participation in the Plan shall not give any Eligible Employee the right to be retained in the employ of the Adopting Employer nor, upon dismissal, to have any right or interest in the Trust Fund other than as herein provided.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in this Section 4.03 to the contrary, effective for Employees initially employed or reemployed by an Adopting Employer on or after January 1, 2014, if within 120 days following the date on which an Employee is first employed or first takes office with an Adopting Employer, the Employee enters into a written agreement or employment contract with the Adopting Employer pursuant to which the Employee agrees that the Employee will not participate in the Plan, the Employee shall be ineligible to participate in the Plan regardless of whether the Employee otherwise satisfies the eligibility requirements for participation in the Plan. The Employer shall notify the Administrator if and when an Employee has entered into such an agreement with the Employer and provide such information to the Administrator as necessary to confirm the existence of said agreement. A subsequent change in the terms of said agreement will not make the Employee eligible to participate in the Plan unless the Adopting Employer amends its Adoption Agreement to specifically require participation by said Employee.

Section 4.04. Change in Employment Status.

(a) Transfer to Ineligible Status. Unless otherwise specified by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, if a Participant's employment status changes such that he becomes an

Ineligible Employee, he shall cease to accrue benefits under the Plan for any purpose and his interest under the Plan, if any, shall be only such as existed immediately before he became an Ineligible Employee, unless and until he again becomes a Participant. In no event will his service or earnings as an Ineligible Employee be taken into account for purposes of meeting the Plan's minimum service requirements for vesting, retirement eligibility, death benefit eligibility, or for purposes of computing the amount of any benefit payable under the Plan. However, said period of service as an Ineligible Employee shall not be considered a break in Service under Section 4.06, provided the Ineligible Employee remains continuously employed by the Adopting Employer. If the Ineligible Employee does not again become a Participant prior to Retirement or Termination of Employment, his Vested Benefit, if any, shall be paid as provided in Article IX.

(b) Transfer Back to Eligible Status. If an Ineligible Employee described in subsection (a) above remains continuously employed by the Adopting Employer and he has another change in employment status such that he again becomes a Participant, he shall thereafter be entitled to accrue benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan as in effect as of the date of the subsequent change in employment status. In no event, however, shall such a Participant receive a greater benefit under the Plan than that which the Participant would have received had the Participant not had a change in employment status.

Section 4.05. Participant Leaves of Absence.

(a) USERRA, FMLA Leave – Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, if any period of absence is required to be counted under USERRA, the FMLA or any other applicable federal or state law as Current Credited Service for the purpose of computing the amount of any benefit payable under the Plan, or for purposes of meeting the Plan's minimum

service requirements for vesting, retirement or death benefit eligibility, then said period of absence shall be counted as such in accordance with and subject to the requirements of such law.

(b) Other Leaves of Absence. Unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, an authorized leave of absence granted to a Participant by the Adopting Employer will be counted as Current Credited Service for the purpose of computing the amount of any benefit payable under the Plan, and for purposes of meeting the Plan's minimum service requirements for vesting and benefit eligibility. However, if the Participant does not return to active employment upon expiration of the authorized leave period, then subsection (c) shall apply.

(c) Failure to Return to Service. Unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, if a Participant does not return to active employment with the Employer upon expiration of a leave of absence, his interest under the Plan, if any, including his Current Credited Service for the purpose of computing the amount of any benefit payable under the Plan, and for purposes of meeting the Plan's minimum service requirements for vesting and any minimum service requirements for retirement or death benefit eligibility, will be limited to that accrued as of the date preceding the approved leave period.

(d) Unused Leave. The Adopting Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to credit certain unused leave at termination or retirement as Credited Service, subject to the terms and limits specified in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 4.06. Non-Vested Participant Breaks in Service.

Except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement, this Section shall apply only to Participants who are Eligible Regular Employees. If a non-vested Participant experiences a break in Service, the Participant's Current Credited Service shall not include any Service

rendered prior to the break in Service, unless the Participant returns to employment with the Adopting Employer and performs the lesser of: Service equal to the break in Service, or Service equal to one (1) year. The following limitations shall apply in administering the break in Service rule:

(a) Absence of Less Than One (1) Year. If a Participant terminates employment with the Adopting Employer and returns to employment with the Adopting Employer within one (1) year after said termination, the Participant shall not be deemed to have incurred a break in Service. Except as otherwise required under this Section, however, the time he was absent shall not be taken into account for any purpose under the Plan.

(b) Interim Employment with Another GMEBS Employer. If a Participant terminates employment with the Adopting Employer and returns to employment with the Adopting Employer after having spent the interim period in the continuous employment of another Employer in the GMEBS, he shall not be deemed to have incurred a break in Service. The time he was absent may be taken into account for purposes of determining whether the Participant has met the minimum Service requirements for vesting and retirement eligibility under the Adopting Employer's Plan, as provided by and subject to the provisions of Section 9.05 concerning portability. However, in no event shall the time he was absent from the Adopting Employer be taken into account for the purpose of computing the amount of any benefit payable under the Adopting Employer's Plan.

(c) Treatment of Leaves of Absence. No leave of absence or other period of absence from employment shall be considered a break in Service if it is not permitted to be treated as such under USERRA, the FMLA, or any other applicable federal or state law. Unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, any other authorized leave of

absence granted to a Participant shall not be deemed a break in Service, provided the Participant was regularly employed by the Employer immediately prior to his leave of absence and the Participant is reemployed by the Employer upon expiration of the leave of absence. Unless otherwise required by law or unless the terms of the leave otherwise specify, if a Participant does not return to active employment upon expiration of the approved leave period, he will be considered to have incurred a break in Service under this Section as of the date immediately preceding the approved leave period.

(d) Transfer to Ineligible Employee Status. Unless otherwise specified by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, if a Participant's employment status changes such that he becomes an Ineligible Employee pursuant to Section 4.04, the period of time spent as an Ineligible Employee shall not be considered a break in Service under this Section, provided the Participant remains employed by the Adopting Employer. Unless otherwise specified by the Adopting Employer, leaves of absence granted to an Ineligible Employee will not be considered a break in Service under this Section, provided the Ineligible Employee returns to active employment with the Employer upon expiration of the approved leave period and the requirements of subsection (c) are otherwise satisfied with respect to such leave of absence.

(e) Graduated Vesting. If the Adopting Employer has established a graduated vesting schedule in the Adoption Agreement, then a break in Service shall not affect that percentage of the Retirement Benefit in which a Participant is Vested prior to the break.

(f) Repeated Breaks in Service. If a non-vested Participant has a break in Service, returns to employment with the Adopting Employer, and experiences one or more additional breaks in Service prior to satisfying the one (1) year Service requirement necessary to work off the initial break, then the Participant's Current Credited Service shall not include any Service

rendered prior to the most recent break in Service, unless upon the Participant's return to employment with the Employer following the most recent break in Service he performs Service for a period equal to one (1) year.

ARTICLE V.

RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY

(a) The Retirement prerequisites of a Participant under this Plan are contingent upon the type of Retirement offered by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement and selected by the Participant: that is, Normal Retirement, Alternative Normal Retirement, Early Retirement, Late Retirement, or Disability Retirement, as applicable. The provision of an Alternative Normal Retirement benefit or the designation of an Alternative Normal Retirement Date in the Adoption Agreement shall not be construed to establish an Alternative Normal Retirement Age or Alternative Normal Retirement Date for purposes of the definition of Accrued Benefit under Section 2.01, for purposes of computing death benefits under Article VIII, or for purposes of applying the actuarial equivalent conversion provisions of Article XII. The minimum age and service requirements and other prerequisites associated with each type of Retirement for each class of Eligible Employees shall be as specified in the pertinent sections of the Adoption Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement with respect to in-service distributions for those who remain in service after they qualify for Normal Retirement or Alternative Normal Retirement, receipt of Retirement benefits shall also be contingent upon Termination of Employment.

(b) Provided a Participant is otherwise eligible to receive a Retirement benefit under the Plan, Retirement is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the Applicable Form provided for such purpose and the acceptance of the Applicable Form by the Pension Committee.

(c) Retirement applications shall be prepared and submitted at such time as to reach the office of GMEBS no earlier than ninety (90) days and no later than thirty (30) days prior to a Participant's effective Retirement Date. A Participant's effective Retirement date shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date he has satisfied all of the prerequisites for Retirement as specified in this Article V, and actually Retires.

ARTICLE VI.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Section 6.01. Normal Retirement Benefit.

(a) A Participant, upon Retirement on or after his Normal Retirement Date (or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, as applicable), shall receive a Monthly Retirement Benefit under which payments shall commence on the first day of the month in which his effective Retirement Date occurs and shall be payable on the first day of each month thereafter during his lifetime. However, if directed by the Employer, effective with respect to Participants who Terminate Employment on or after January 1, 2014, Normal Retirement Benefits (not including Alternative Normal Retirement Benefits or the in-service distribution of Normal or Alternative Normal Retirement Benefits) may be paid retroactively to the first day of the month following the month in which the Participant's Termination occurs (or, if the Participant's Termination occurs on the first of the month, the first day of the month in which the Participant's Termination occurs) or if later, the first day of the month in which his Normal Retirement Date occurs. The amount of the Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be determined based upon the applicable benefit formula specified in the Adoption Agreement and in effect at the Participant's Termination. If the Participant elects a form of benefit payment other than the standard form, the amount of the Monthly Retirement Benefit will be adjusted in accordance with and subject to the terms of the

option elected (see Section 7.01). Prior to November 1, 2007, all references in this subsection to the "first day" of a month referred instead to the "last day."

(b) No interest shall be paid on the retroactive payment of Normal Retirement benefits.

Section 6.02. Early Retirement Benefit.

(a) A Participant, upon Retirement on or after his Early Retirement Date and before his Normal Retirement Date or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, shall receive a Monthly Retirement Benefit under which payments shall commence on the first day of the month in which his effective Retirement Date occurs and shall be payable on the first day of each month thereafter during the lifetime of the Participant. The amount of such Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in the same manner as for a Normal Retirement Benefit, but reduced on an Actuarially Equivalent basis in accordance with the actuarial table contained in Section 12.01. An Adopting Employer may adopt in the Adoption Agreement an alternative early retirement actuarial reduction table for one or more classes of Eligible Employees, provided the adoption of such table satisfies the requirements of Code Section 401(a)(25). Prior to November 1, 2007, all references in this subsection to the "first day" of a month referred instead to the "last day."

(b) Provided the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to provide Disability benefits, a Participant who is otherwise eligible for an Early Retirement Benefit may apply for and receive an Early Retirement benefit (i) while a Disability Retirement benefit determination is pending, or (ii) while waiting for an approved Disability Retirement benefit to commence. Upon a determination that the Participant is entitled to receive a Disability Retirement benefit, the Participant's benefit will be changed to a Disability Retirement Benefit (if greater), retroactive to the Disability Retirement Date. However, no change in the form of

benefit payment or designation of the Post-Retirement Beneficiary may be made, and no Post-Retirement Beneficiary may be named if one had not been previously named.

(c) If directed by the Employer, effective with respect to Participants who Terminate Employment on or after January 1, 2014, Early Retirement benefits may be paid retroactively to a date (first day of the month) designated on the Participant's retirement application, provided that such date may be no earlier than the later of: 1) four (4) full calendar months prior to the date of the Pension Committee Secretary's execution of the Participant's retirement application; or 2) the Participant's Early Retirement Date. No interest shall be paid on the retroactive payment of Early Retirement Benefits.

Section 6.03. Late Retirement Benefit.

(a) A Participant may Retire from the active Service of the Adopting Employer on the first day of any month after his Normal Retirement Date, in which case the Participant shall receive a Late Retirement Benefit. For purposes of this provision and except as otherwise provided in an Employer's Adoption Agreement or Addendum, a Participant who Terminates Employment on or after January 1, 2014 will be treated as having Retired from the active Service of the Adopting Employer if the Participant submits a GMEBS retirement application no later than thirty-one (31) days after his or her Termination of Employment and said application is approved by GMEBS. The Late Retirement Benefit shall be calculated in the same manner as the Normal Retirement Benefit. However, the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement or Addendum thereto to provide for an increased Late Retirement Benefit, in which case the Late Retirement Benefit shall be calculated in the same manner as the Normal Retirement Benefit, but increased as provided in the Adoption Agreement or Addendum, as applicable.

Section 6.04. Disability Benefit.

(a) Provided the Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to provide Disability benefits, a Participant who becomes Disabled and terminates employment on or after July 1, 2011, and is otherwise entitled to receive a Disability Retirement Benefit, shall receive such benefit in accordance with and subject to the requirements of this Section. Prior to November 1, 2007, all references in this subsection to the "first day" of a month referred instead to the "last day."

(b) Requirements for Payment as of Disability Retirement Date - Provided the following requirements are satisfied, Disability Retirement Benefit payments shall be payable as of and may be paid retroactively to the Participant's Disability Retirement Date, and shall continue to be payable on the first day of each month thereafter during the Participant's Disability:

(1) GMEBS Retirement Application Must Be Filed Within 1 Year After Termination — No later than one (1) year after the Participant's Termination of employment due to Disability, the Participant must complete and submit a GMEBS retirement application form to the Pension Committee Secretary (regardless of whether the Participant has yet received a Social Security Administration (SSA) disability award or, if applicable, a Pension Committee determination of Disability, as provided under Section 2.21); and

(2) Application for SSA Disability Award Must Be Filed Within 1 Year After Termination — No later than one (1) year after the Participant's Termination of employment due to Disability, the Participant must file an application for a federal Social Security Administration disability award (or, if applicable under Section 2.21, an

application for determination of Disability by the Pension Committee) and within said one (1) year period the Participant must provide to the Pension Committee Secretary documentation which the Administrator deems sufficient to establish that the Participant has filed such application. Such documentation may include a copy of such application, a copy of the Disability award or determination received in response to such application, or an affidavit completed by the Participant (on the GMEBS retirement application or another Applicable Form provided for such purpose) in which the Participant affirms that he or she has filed such application; and

(3) SSA Disability Award Must Be Submitted Within 1 Year of Termination, or if Later, Within 6 Months After Date of Award — Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6.04(b)(4) below, the Participant must submit the Social Security Administration disability award (or, if applicable under Section 2.21, the Pension Committee determination of Disability), reflecting a Disability onset date on or before the Participant's Termination date, to the Pension Committee Secretary within one (1) year after the Participant's Termination of employment due to Disability or within six (6) months after the date of such award or determination, whichever is later.

(4) Special Rule in Case of Disability Award on Subsequent SSA Disability Application - In the event that a Participant complies with the requirements of subsection 6.04(b)(1) and (2) concerning filing a GMEBS retirement application and filing an application for a SSA disability award, but the Participant's application for a SSA disability award is denied, the Participant must make a subsequent application for a SSA disability award within six (6) months following such denial (not including a request for reconsideration or appeal of said denial), the Participant must allege in the subsequent

SSA application a disability onset date that is on or before the Participant's Termination date, and where the Participant is subsequently granted a SSA disability award, the Participant must within six (6) months after the date of such award or determination, or if later, one (1) year after the Participant's Termination of employment, submit documentation which the Administrator deems sufficient to establish that:

(i) Within six (6) months after the SSA's denial of the Participant's initial application for a disability award, the Participant filed a subsequent application for a SSA disability award in accordance with this subsection 6.04(b)(4); and

(ii) The Participant's SSA disability award reflects a disability onset date on or before the Participant's Termination date; or, the Participant's SSA disability award reflects a disability onset date that immediately follows the date of denial of the Participant's prior SSA disability application (due to application of Social Security Administration res judicata rules) but the Participant's actual Disability onset date was on or before the Participant's Termination date as provided under Section 2.21.

(c) Prospective Payment Following Retirement Application — If the Participant is otherwise eligible to receive a Disability Retirement Benefit and except as otherwise permitted under subsection 6.04(b) above with respect to payment of Disability Retirement Benefits retroactive to the Participant's Disability Retirement Date, Disability Retirement Benefits shall be payable as of the first day of the month following or coinciding with the date of acceptance of the Participant's completed GMEBS retirement application form by the Pension Committee, provided such application includes: (1) a Social Security Administration (SSA) disability award

reflecting a disability onset date on or before the Participant's Termination date; or (2) if applicable under Section 2.21, a Pension Committee determination of Disability reflecting a Disability onset date on or before the Participant's Termination date; or (3) where the Participant has received a SSA disability award in response to a subsequent SSA disability application as provided under Section 2.21, documentation which the Administrator deems sufficient to establish that the disability onset date reflected in the SSA disability award immediately follows the date of denial of the Participant's prior SSA disability application (due to application of Social Security Administration res judicata rules) and that the Participant's actual Disability onset date was on or before the Participant's Termination date. In no event shall Disability Retirement Benefits be payable before the Participant's Disability Retirement Date.

(d) Amount of Disability Retirement Benefit - The amount of the monthly Disability Retirement Benefit shall be determined as provided in the Adoption Agreement. The Adopting Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to specify another method for calculation of the benefit, and require an offset against the monthly Disability Retirement Benefit for other types of payments received by the Participant. The Participant shall receive the monthly Disability Retirement Benefit provided in this Section, or any other Monthly Retirement Benefit granted under the Plan for which he is eligible if such benefit is greater than the aforesaid monthly Disability Retirement Benefit. However, under no circumstances shall any Retired Participant be entitled at one time to more than one type of Retirement benefit granted under the Plan.

(e) No interest shall be paid on the retroactive payment of Disability benefits.

(f) Where an Employer has executed or executes a General Addendum to the Employer's Adoption Agreement which contains provisions on payment of Disability Retirement Benefits that conflict with the procedures or time limitations established in this Section 6.04, said

provisions of the General Addendum shall govern to the extent they conflict with this Section 6.04.

Section 6.05. Cost of Living Adjustment.

(a) An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide for a variable annual cost-of-living adjustment in the amount of benefits payable under the Plan to Participants or their Beneficiaries. In such event, the amount of benefits payable under the Plan shall be adjusted as provided in this Section, except as otherwise provided in the Employer's Adoption Agreement.

(b) The Current Average Cost-of-Living Index Figure as defined in Section 2.19 shall be ascertained as of January 1 in each year.

(c) Each Monthly Retirement Benefit then being received by Participants who terminate after the date specified in the Adoption Agreement and their Beneficiaries shall thereupon be adjusted as follows:

(1) Each Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be increased by the percentage that the Current Average Cost-of-Living Index Figure increased over each recipient's Cost-of-Living Base Figure, as defined in Section 2.15. If the Current Average Cost-of-Living Index Figure is less than the Cost-of-Living Base Figure, no reduction in the Monthly Retirement Benefit, shall be effected. Increased benefits are payable at the end of the month in which the adjustment is made.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, no increase in the amount of a Monthly Retirement Benefit due to changes in the Current Average Cost-of-Living Index Figure effective at any annual adjustment date (January 1) shall be in excess of a certain percentage of the amount of the Monthly Retirement Benefit payable immediately prior

to each Participant's or Beneficiary's applicable adjustment date. Said percentage limit shall be designated by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement.

(d) An Adopting Employer may implement one-time or ad-hoc cost-of-living adjustments by adopting an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement to effect said increase.

(e) In lieu of the variable cost-of-living adjustment referred to in subsections (a)-(c) above, the Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide for a fixed annual cost-of-living adjustment, subject to any limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code or regulations issued thereunder.

Section 6.06. Suspension of Benefits

(a) General Rule. Unless otherwise provided in this Section and in the Adoption Agreement, if a Retired Participant returns to Service as an Eligible Employee with an Adopting Employer from whose Trust Fund the Retired Participant is receiving a Monthly Retirement Benefit, said Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be suspended as of the date of said return to Service. The Adopting Employer may engage on a retainer or fee basis any person receiving benefits hereunder and such engagement will not terminate or suspend such benefits. In such case, said person will not accrue benefits or service credit for any purpose under the Plan during said period of reemployment.

(b) Re-Computation of Benefit in Case of Suspension. In any case where the payment of a Participant's Retirement benefit shall have been suspended, the Retirement benefit payable on his re-retirement (whether before or after his Normal Retirement Date) shall be the benefit computed in accordance with this Article on the basis of his aggregate Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings, if applicable, at the time of his subsequent re-retirement, but reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received by him prior to said

suspension, and by any actuarial factors used in calculating the benefit payable at the time of his previous Retirement. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefits received, determined as of the date of the Participant's re-retirement and computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting benefit be less than the benefit payable at the time of his previous Retirement. A Retired Participant who is reemployed as an Eligible Employee shall not be authorized to change his form of benefit payment on his subsequent re-retirement, or to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary, or to name a Post-Retirement Beneficiary if one had not been previously named. For the purposes of this Section, any such Participant's Credited Service subsequent to his reemployment by the Employer as an Eligible Employee shall commence as of the date of his reemployment as an Eligible Employee.

(c) Reemployment After Normal Retirement Date; In-Service Distribution.

Notwithstanding the requirement for suspension of benefits upon reemployment under subsection (a) above, an Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to permit Retired Participants or certain classes of Retired Participants to continue receiving Retirement benefits if they return to Service with the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee on or after their Normal Retirement Date. The Employer may also elect to permit Retired Participants or certain classes of Retired Participants to continue receiving Retirement benefits if they return to Service with the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee on or after their Alternative Normal Retirement Date. If the Employer has made such an election in the Adoption Agreement, then Retired Participants who are designated in the Adoption Agreement as eligible to receive in-service distributions may continue to receive their Monthly Retirement Benefit if they return to Service with the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee on or

after their Normal Retirement Date or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, as applicable. Except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or in an Addendum thereto, upon said Participants' subsequent re-retirement, their Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in accordance with this Article on the basis of their aggregate Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings, if applicable, at the time of re-retirement, but it shall be reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received prior to re-retirement, and by any actuarial factors used in calculating the benefit payable at the previous Retirement. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefits received, determined as of the date of the Participant's re-retirement and computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting benefit be less than the benefit payable at the time of the previous Retirement. A Retired Participant who returns to Service as an Eligible Employee shall not be authorized to change his form of benefit payment, or to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary on his subsequent re-retirement, or to name a Post-Retirement Beneficiary if one had not been previously named.

(d) Reemployment Prior to Normal Retirement Date; In-Service Distribution Upon Attaining Normal Retirement Date. This subsection shall apply only if an Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to permit in-service distribution of benefits upon reemployment after the Normal Retirement Date (or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, as applicable) pursuant to subsection (c) above, and if the Retired Participant belongs to a class for which in-service distributions are permitted under the Adoption Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) below, if a Retired Participant returns to Service as an Eligible Employee with the Adopting Employer before his Normal Retirement Date, his Retirement benefit payments shall

be suspended in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) above. However, if after becoming reemployed said Participant remains employed until his Normal Retirement Date (or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, as applicable), and if the Participant is otherwise eligible to receive a Normal Retirement Benefit, the Participant may apply for and receive a Monthly Retirement Benefit on or after his Normal Retirement Date (or Alternative Normal Retirement Date, as applicable), notwithstanding his continued Service with the Employer. Said Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in accordance with this Article, based upon the Participant's Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings, if applicable, through the date he recommences receipt of his Monthly Retirement Benefit pursuant to this subsection, but, except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or in an Addendum thereto, it shall be reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received by the Participant prior to said suspension, and by any actuarial factors used in calculating the benefit payable at the time of his previous Retirement. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefit payments received, determined as of the date the Participant recommences receipt of his Monthly Retirement Benefit, and computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting Monthly Retirement Benefit be less than the Participant's initial Monthly Retirement Benefit. Upon the Participant's subsequent re-retirement, his Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be re-computed in accordance with this Article on the basis of his aggregate Total Credited Service at the time of his re-retirement, reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received by him prior to his re-retirement. For purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefit payments received, determined as of the date of the Participant's re-retirement and computed on the basis of the

actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting Monthly Retirement Benefit be less than the prior Monthly Retirement Benefit. The Participant shall not be authorized under this subsection to change his form of benefit payment, or to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary, or to name a Post-Retirement Beneficiary if one had not been previously named.

(e) Reemployment After Early Retirement Date; In-Service Distribution. An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to permit Retired Participants or certain classes of Retired Participants who are receiving an Early Retirement benefit to continue receiving said benefit if they return to Service with the Employer as an Eligible Employee at any time on or after their Early Retirement Date. If the Employer has made such an election, and if a Retired Participant belongs to a class for which such in-service distributions are permitted, then upon the Retired Participant's return to Service with the Employer as an Eligible Employee after his Early Retirement Date, the Retired Participant may continue to receive his Monthly Retirement Benefit during the period of his reemployment. However, this provision shall apply only if the Participant's previous Retirement was in good faith and the Participant does not return to Service as an Eligible Employee following his initial effective Retirement date for a minimum period designated by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement which shall not be less than six (6) months. Except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or in an Addendum thereto, upon the Participant's subsequent re-retirement, his Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in accordance with this Article on the basis of his aggregate Credited Service and Final Average Earnings, if applicable, at the time of his re-retirement, but it shall be reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received by him prior to his re-Retirement, and by any actuarial factors used in calculating the benefit payable at his previous Retirement.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefits received, determined as of the date of the Participant's re-retirement and computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting benefit be less than the benefit payable at the time of his previous Retirement. Such a Participant shall not be authorized to change his form of benefit payment on his subsequent re-retirement, or to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary, or to name a Post-Retirement Beneficiary if one had not been previously named.

(f) Death in Service After Reemployment or After Normal or Alternative Retirement Age. If a Retired Participant returns to Service with an Adopting Employer as an Eligible Employee or an active Participant remains in Service after satisfying the Employer's qualifications for Normal Retirement or Alternative Normal Retirement and he dies during the period of his reemployment and before re-retirement or during the period of continuous employment, as applicable, then his Post-Retirement Beneficiary, if any, shall be entitled to receive the greater of: (1) the monthly post-retirement survivor benefit payable, if any; or (2) the monthly in-service death benefit, if any, payable for the class of Eligible Employees to which the Participant belongs as of his date of death, reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received by the Participant prior to his death. This provision shall not be interpreted to permit payment to a Pre-Retirement Beneficiary in the event of a Retired Participant's death during reemployment.

(g) Continuous Employment and In-Service Distribution. An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to permit active Participants who have satisfied the Employer's qualifications for Normal Retirement or Alternative Normal Retirement to apply for and begin receiving their Retirement benefit as an in-service distribution even though they have not yet

Terminated Employment with the Employer. Except as otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or in an Addendum thereto, upon said Participants' actual Retirement, their Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in accordance with this Article on the basis of their aggregate Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings, if applicable, at the time of Retirement, but it shall be reduced by the Actuarial Equivalent of any Retirement benefits received prior to Retirement, and by any actuarial factors used in calculating the benefit payable at the time the in-service distribution commenced. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "Actuarial Equivalent" shall mean an amount equal to the value of Retirement benefits received, determined as of the date of the Participant's actual Retirement and computed on the basis of the actuarial assumptions contained in Section 12.06. In no event shall the resulting benefit be less than the benefit payable at the time the in-service distribution commenced. An active Participant who receives Retirement benefits as an in-service distribution even though he has not yet Terminated Employment with the Employer shall not be authorized to change his form of benefit payment, or to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary on his subsequent actual Retirement, or to name a Post-Retirement Beneficiary if one had not been previously named.

(h) Suspension of Disability Benefits. Any Disability Retirement Benefit payable under the Plan to any Participant shall be suspended as of the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date his Disability ceases. A Participant's Disability shall be considered to have ceased upon the earliest of the following dates: (1) with respect to Participants whose entitlement to a Disability benefit is based upon receipt of disability insurance benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, the date as of which the Social Security Administration determines that the Participant is no longer disabled; or (2) with respect to Participants whose entitlement to a Disability benefit is based upon a determination by the Pension Committee, the date as of

which the Pension Committee determines that the Participant is no longer disabled as defined under Code Section 72(m), based upon an examination by a physician chosen by the Pension Committee. With respect to those Participants whose entitlement to a Disability benefit is based upon receipt of disability insurance benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, the Participant shall be required to notify the Pension Committee Secretary within sixty (60) days after the Participant receives notice that the Social Security Administration has determined that the Participant is no longer disabled. With respect to those Participants whose entitlement to a Disability benefit is based upon receipt of disability insurance benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, the Pension Committee shall have the right to require the Participant to prove at any time, as a condition for continued receipt of Disability benefits under the Plan, continued eligibility for receipt of disability insurance benefits under the Federal Social Security Act, as amended. With respect to Participants whose entitlement to a Disability benefit is based upon a determination of Disability by the Pension Committee, the Pension Committee shall have the right to require, as a condition for continued receipt of Disability benefits, that the Participant be examined at any time by a physician chosen by the Pension Committee. In the event that any Participant fails or refuses to submit to a physical examination or to obtain and provide other information requested by the Pension Committee to confirm continuation of a Disability, then the Participant's Disability benefits shall be suspended as of the first day of the month following expiration of the ninety (90) day period following the Pension Committee's request for such examination or information, unless the Pension Committee determines in its discretion that the failure to comply within ninety (90) days was due to circumstances beyond the Participant's control, in which case the ninety (90) day time limit may be extended by the Pension Committee and suspension may be deferred as determined by the Pension Committee.

(i) Suspension of Disability Benefit; Right to Other Benefits. In any case where the payment of a Participant's Disability Retirement benefit is suspended, the period of absence from employment due to such Disability shall be treated as a leave of absence without pay, except that such period of absence shall not be counted as Credited Service. Any Participant who shall have retired or been retired for Disability and who dies or who has been or shall be subsequently declared ineligible for a Disability Retirement benefit because of the cessation of said Disability, shall have a right to any benefit afforded under any other provision of this Plan to which he or his Beneficiary might otherwise be entitled. In such case, any Disability Retirement payments made prior to the date as of which his Disability ceases or as of which it is declared to no longer exist shall be retained by the Retiree and disregarded in computing any other benefit payable under the Plan.

ARTICLE VII.

OPTIONAL FORMS OF RETIREMENT INCOME

Section 7.01. Standard Benefit Payment Form; Other Payment Options.

With respect to retirement applications received by GMEBS on or after July 1, 2011, a Participant may elect, or may revoke a previous election and make a new election, at any time prior to his effective Retirement Date, to have his Retirement benefit payable under the standard benefit payment option or under one of the other benefit payment options set forth in Section 7.03. The standard benefit payment option is a monthly retirement benefit payable to the Participant during his lifetime only. At the death of the Participant all payments will cease and no further benefits will be payable to the estate of the Participant or other persons, except as otherwise provided in Subsection 8.12(b). The standard benefit payment form is referred to in the Master Plan as Option A. The benefit shall be paid in accordance with and subject to the terms of the benefit payment option elected. Election of

any option shall be made by the Participant in writing on the Applicable Form, and shall be subject to approval by GMEBS.

Section 7.02. Designation of Post-Retirement Beneficiary. With respect to retirement applications received by GMEBS on or after July 1, 2011, if the Participant elects Option B (Joint and Survivor Option with Pop-Up) or Option C (Period Certain and Life Option.) in Section 7.03, he shall designate a Post-Retirement Beneficiary to receive a survivor benefit in accordance with and subject to the terms of such Option. Designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary may be revoked or changed by the Participant by submitting a new completed Retirement Application at any time prior to the Participant's effective Retirement date. Only the last such designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary shall have effect, and any new designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary shall invalidate, supersede, and revoke any prior designation.

Section 7.03. Description of Options. With respect to retirement applications received by GMEBS on or after July 1, 2011, the amount of any optional benefit set forth below shall be the Actuarial Equivalent of the amount of the standard benefit that would otherwise be payable to the Participant under Section 7.01 (monthly retirement benefit payable to the Participant during his lifetime only, referred to as "OPTION A").

(a) **OPTION B: Joint and Survivor Option with Pop-Up.** A retirement benefit computed and paid in the same manner as Option A above, but with a decrease in the retirement benefit to account for the survivor benefit and the pop-up benefit provided under this Option B. If the Participant elects Option B, then the Participant will receive a decreased retirement benefit which shall be payable during the lifetime of the Participant. If the Participant's designated Post-Retirement Beneficiary should survive the Participant (except as provided in subsections (1) and

(2) below with respect to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's death before the Participant or the divorce of the Participant and Post-Retirement Beneficiary) the benefit shall continue to be paid to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary after the Participant's death during the lifetime of the Post-Retirement Beneficiary in the same amount (100%) or in such smaller amount (75%, 50%, or 25%), as the Participant has designated on his retirement application. This option shall be known as Option B. The Participant's retirement benefit under Option B shall be calculated in accordance with Section 12.02(a) or Section 12.02(b), whichever is applicable.

(1) Death of Post-Retirement Beneficiary Before Participant — In the event that the Participant's Post-Retirement Beneficiary dies before the Participant and after Retirement benefit payments have commenced, and provided the Participant furnishes GMEBS with proper proof of the Beneficiary's death within one (1) year after such death, the requirement for a reduction in the Participant's monthly retirement benefit on account of his election of Option B shall no longer apply (resulting in an increase, or "pop-up", in the Participant's monthly retirement benefit), effective as of the first day of the month following the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's death. Effective with respect to monthly payments made on and after such date, the amount of the Participant's monthly retirement benefit shall be equal to the monthly amount that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant under Article VI, had the Participant elected Option A. However, if the Participant fails to furnish the Plan with proper proof of the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's death within the one (1) year period referred to above, then said change in monthly retirement benefit shall not become effective until the first day of the month following the date such proof is submitted to GMEBS. If the Post-Retirement

Beneficiary does not survive the Participant, all payments shall cease at the death of the Participant and no further benefits will accrue to his estate or to other persons.

(2) Divorce of Participant and Post-Retirement Beneficiary—For purposes of this subsection, the term "Spouse" means a person who is lawfully joined with the Participant in a marriage which is recognized under the laws of the State of Georgia. If the Participant designates his Spouse as his Post-Retirement Beneficiary and provides GMEBS with proof that GMEBS in its sole discretion deems sufficient to establish that the Post-Retirement Beneficiary is the Participant's Spouse as of the Participant's effective retirement date, and if the Participant and the Post-Retirement Beneficiary become divorced after retirement benefit payments have commenced, then the Participant is permitted but not required to request a "pop-up" in his monthly retirement benefit, in accordance with and subject to the requirements of this subsection (2). A Participant who requests a pop-up pursuant to this subsection (2) will be bound by the provisions of this subsection and any other terms and conditions for receipt of said pop-up as set forth in an Applicable Form provided by GMEBS for such purpose. Such Participant shall furnish proof to GMEBS which GMEBS in its sole discretion deems sufficient to confirm the Participant's divorce from the Post-Retirement Beneficiary and the Participant's eligibility for the pop-up benefit provided herein, which may include but may not be limited to a court-certified copy of a valid divorce decree. In the event that the conditions of this subsection (2) are satisfied, the requirement for a reduction in the Participant's monthly retirement benefit on account of the election of Option B will no longer apply; provided, however, that GMEBS may deny the Participant's application for the pop-up in the event that GMEBS, in its sole discretion, determines that such denial is prudent or necessary

based on the terms of the applicable divorce decree. Any change in the monthly retirement benefit resulting from the pop-up, if approved by GMEBS, will be effective as of the first day of the month following GMEBS' receipt of said Applicable Form completed by the Participant, and after GMEBS' receipt of said proof evidencing divorce. Effective with respect to monthly payments made on and after such date, the amount of the Participant's monthly retirement benefit will be equal to the monthly amount that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant under Article VI had the Participant elected Option A. On and after said date, the Participant's Post-Retirement Beneficiary will not be eligible to receive any survivor benefits following the Participant's death, notwithstanding any prior designation made by the Participant or the later remarriage of the Participant and the Post-Retirement Beneficiary. All payments shall cease at the death of the Participant and no further benefits will accrue to his estate or to other persons. This provision shall not be construed to permit a Participant to change his form of benefit payment, to change his Post-Retirement Beneficiary after his effective Retirement date, or to name a new Post-Retirement Beneficiary following the Participant's divorce from the Post-Retirement Beneficiary. Nor shall this provision be construed to require or permit payment of all or a portion of a Participant's retirement benefit to a former spouse pursuant to a domestic relations order.

(b) OPTION C: Period Certain and Life Option. A decreased benefit payable monthly to the Participant during his lifetime and, in the event of his death within a period of specified years, either five (5), ten (10), fifteen (15), or twenty (20) years after his benefit commencement, the same monthly amount shall be payable for the balance of such period to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary designated by him. If the Post-Retirement Beneficiary survives the

Participant but dies before the end of such period, any unpaid monthly amounts that would have otherwise been payable to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary for the remainder of said period following the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's death shall be paid to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's estate. If the Post-Retirement Beneficiary does not survive the Participant, all payments shall cease at the death of the Participant and no further benefits will accrue to his estate or to other persons except as provided in Article VIII. This option shall be known as Option C. The Retirement benefit under Option C shall be calculated in accordance with Section 12.03.

Section 7.04. Cancellation of Election. The election by a Participant of any option in this Article VII shall be null and void if either the Participant or his designated Post-Retirement Beneficiary dies before the Participant's effective Retirement date.

Section 7.05. Rule for Small Benefits.

(a) Effective January 1, 2002, the present value of a Plan benefit shall be distributed in a cash single sum payment to the Participant, Terminated Participant, or Pre-Retirement Beneficiary, as applicable, if the present value of said Plan benefit payable to the recipient does not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on the date of distribution. The present value of said Plan benefit shall be determined in accordance with Article XII.

(b) Effective for distributions commencing on or after March 28, 2005, if a distribution to be made under subsection (a) is greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), is an eligible rollover distribution, and the recipient of the distribution does not elect to have the distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the recipient in a direct rollover or does not elect to receive the distribution directly, the Administrator will pay the distribution in a direct rollover to an individual retirement plan designated by the Administrator.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), effective on and after July 1, 2007, no distribution will be made under this Section unless and until the recipient of the distribution makes an election to either have the distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan specified by the recipient in a direct rollover or to receive the distribution directly in cash.

Section 7.06. Distributions.

(a) Distributions payable as of any date shall be made on or as soon as administratively feasible after that date.

(b) In a contributory plan, interest shall be paid on any refund of employee contributions only as specified in the Adoption Agreement.

Section 7.07. Compliance with Internal Revenue Section 401(a)(9). All distributions shall be made in compliance with Article X.

ARTICLE VIII.

DEATH BENEFITS

Section 8.01. Death in Service Prior to Retirement. In the event a Participant's employment or term of office is Terminated by reason of his death prior to his Retirement, there shall be paid to his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary (Primary, Secondary, or Default Beneficiary, as applicable), the in-service death benefit elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, provided the requirements of this Article are satisfied.

Section 8.02. Actuarial Reserve In-Service Death Benefit. An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide the Actuarial Reserve In-Service Death Benefit for one or more classes of Eligible Employees. In such case, the Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement the minimum Service and other eligibility requirements a Participant must satisfy in order to be entitled to receive such benefit. Provided a

Participant satisfies such requirements, then in the event the Participant's employment with the Adopting Employer is terminated by reason of his death prior to his Retirement, there shall be paid to his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary a lifetime monthly death benefit actuarially equivalent to the reserve required for the Participant's anticipated Normal Retirement benefit. In calculating the Normal Retirement benefit under the provisions of this Section, the following assumptions shall be used:

(a) The Participant's age at the time of his death is equal to the Normal Retirement Age as specified by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, or his attained age if his attained age is greater than the Normal Retirement Age; and,

(b) The Participant's Total Credited Service shall include the amount of Total Credited Service accrued prior to the date of the Participant's death. The Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to include additional imputed Credited Service in the calculation, but in no event shall the amount of Total Credited Service used in the calculation exceed the sum of actual Service performed plus ten (10) calendar years. The death benefit under this Section shall be calculated using the factors contained in Section 12.04.

Section 8.03. Auto A In-Service Death Benefit. An Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide the Auto A in-service death benefit for one or more classes of Eligible Employees. In such case, the Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement the minimum Service and other eligibility requirements a Participant must satisfy in order to be entitled to such benefit. Provided a Participant satisfies such requirements, then in the event that the Participant's employment with the Adopting Employer is terminated by reason of his death prior to his Retirement, there shall be paid to his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary a lifetime monthly death benefit, as follows:

(a) Monthly Death Benefit Payable to Spouse. If the Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom the in-service death benefit is payable under this Section (Primary, Secondary, or Default Pre-Retirement Beneficiary, as applicable) is the Participant's Spouse, then the lifetime monthly death benefit payable to said Spouse shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Participant's death. Alternatively, the Spouse may elect to defer benefit payment commencement until the first day of any month up to and including the date the Participant would have attained Normal Retirement Age as defined in the Employer's Adoption Agreement. For purposes of this Section, the term "Spouse" or "Spouse Beneficiary" shall be as defined in Section 2.59. A Spouse shall be considered to have deferred benefit payment commencement until the first day of the month following the date the Spouse makes application for payment of death benefits. If the Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom the in-service death benefit is payable under this Section (Primary, Secondary, or Default Pre-Retirement Beneficiary, as applicable) is not the Spouse of the Participant, then the lifetime monthly death benefit payable to said Beneficiary shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Participant's death.

(b) Computation of Monthly Death Benefits. Benefits under this Section shall be computed as of the date of the Participant's death, based upon the applicable benefit formula in effect on said date, as follows:

(1) Participant Death Before Early Retirement Age; Payment Before Early Retirement Age. If a Participant dies before attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Employer's Adoption Agreement, and if benefit payments commence to a Pre-Retirement Beneficiary (Primary, Secondary, or Default Beneficiary, as applicable) before the Participant would have attained Early Retirement Age, then the monthly death

benefit payable to said Beneficiary shall be the Actuarial Equivalent of the monthly Retirement benefit amount that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant, assuming the Participant: (i) terminated employment on his date of death; (ii) survived until Normal Retirement Age as defined in the Adoption Agreement; and (iii) elected to retire upon attaining Normal Retirement Age with the optional form of Retirement payment designated in Section 7.03 as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died. Said benefit shall be calculated in accordance with the actuarial assumptions specified in Section 12.06.

(2) Participant Death Before Early Retirement Age; Deferred Payment by Spouse Until After Early Retirement Age. If the Participant dies before attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Employer's Adoption Agreement and a Spouse who is eligible to receive the in-service death benefit hereunder defers payment until a date which is on or after the date the Participant would have attained Early Retirement Age, then the monthly death benefit payable to the Spouse Beneficiary shall be the monthly Retirement benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant, assuming that the Participant: (i) terminated employment on the date of death; (ii) survived until the date upon which the deferred benefit payments commence in accordance with the Spouse Beneficiary's selected benefit commencement date; and, (iii) elected to retire on the benefit commencement date with the optional form of Retirement payment designated in Section 7.03 as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

(3) Participant Death After Early Retirement Age; Payment Upon Death. If the Participant dies after attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Employer's Adoption Agreement, and if benefit payments commence to a Beneficiary (Primary

Beneficiary, Secondary Beneficiary, or Default Beneficiary, as applicable) on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Participant's death, then the monthly death benefit payable to said Beneficiary shall be the monthly benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant, assuming the Participant: (i) retired on the date of death, and (ii) elected the optional form of Retirement payment designated in Section 7.03 as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

(4) Participant Death After Early Retirement Age; Deferred Payment by Spouse. If the Participant dies after attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Employer's Adoption Agreement, and if a Spouse who is eligible to receive the in-service death benefit hereunder defers payment in accordance with this Section, then the monthly benefit payable to the Spouse Beneficiary shall be the monthly Retirement benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Participant, assuming that the Participant: (i) terminated employment on his date of death; (ii) survived until the date upon which the deferred benefit payments commence in accordance with the Spouse Beneficiary's selected commencement date, and (ii) elected to retire on the benefit commencement date with the optional form of Retirement payment designated in Section 7.03 as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

Section 8.04. Designation of Primary and Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary. Unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or an Addendum thereto, a Participant may designate, on an Applicable Form provided for that purpose, one person as his Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary. If the Participant's employment with the Employer is terminated by reason of the Participant's death prior to his Retirement and if as

of the date of the Participant's death the Participant has satisfied the minimum Service and other eligibility requirements to be entitled to an in-service pre-retirement death benefit, said Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary shall receive the monthly pre-retirement death benefit elected by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, provided the Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary survives the Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 47-1-15 (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto). The Participant may additionally designate, on an Applicable Form provided for that purpose, one person as his Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary. The monthly death benefit otherwise payable to the Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary hereunder shall be payable to the Participant's designated Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary in the event that: (1) the Participant's employment with the Employer is terminated by reason of the Participant's death prior to his Retirement; (2) the Primary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary does not survive the Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days; and (3) the Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary survives the Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days.

Section 8.05. Change of Beneficiary. Designation of a Primary or Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary may be changed by the Participant in writing on an Applicable Form provided for that purpose at any time prior to Retirement. Only the last such designation prior to Retirement shall have effect and any new designation of a Primary or Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary invalidates, supersedes, and revokes any prior designation.

Section 8.06. Default Beneficiary. In the absence of a designation by the Participant, or if there is no Primary or Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom a pre-retirement death benefit is payable under this Article, then the pre-retirement death

benefit shall be paid to the Participant's surviving Default Beneficiary in accordance with this Section. For purposes of this Section, the Participant's Default Beneficiary(ies) shall be as follows: (a) the Participant's surviving Spouse; or (b) if there is no surviving Spouse, the Participant's surviving Children; or (c) if there is no surviving Spouse or Children, the Participant's surviving Parent(s). For purposes of this Section, the term "surviving" shall mean surviving the Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days. For purposes of this Section, the term "Spouse" shall be as defined in Section 2.59. The term "Child" or "Children" shall be as defined in Section 2.10. The term "Parent" shall be as defined in O.C.G.A. §19-11-3(7), determined as of the date of the Participant's death. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, if a death benefit becomes payable to more than one Child of the Participant under this Section, then such benefit shall be paid to each such Child and calculated in a manner to provide each Child with an equal monthly benefit which ceases on the date such Child reaches age twenty-two (22). Such benefit shall be calculated using the factors contained in Section 12.06. If a death benefit is payable to more than one surviving Parent of the Participant under this Section, then such benefit shall be calculated in a manner to provide each such Parent with the same monthly benefit amount for his or her lifetime. If a Child who is receiving a monthly benefit hereunder reaches age twenty-two (22) or if a Child or Parent receiving a monthly benefit hereunder dies, this shall not affect the monthly benefit amount any other Child or Parent is receiving. Except as otherwise provided in Section 8.07, if there is no Primary, Secondary, or Default Beneficiary to whom a death benefit is payable, then no death benefit is payable under the Plan.

Section 8.07. Actuarial Reserve In-Service Death Benefit; Payment to Estate.

With respect to the Actuarial Reserve in-service death benefit only, if there is no Primary,

Secondary or Default Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom a death benefit is payable under Section 8.06, then the Actuarial Equivalent of the Participant's vested Accrued Retirement Benefit shall be paid to the Participant's estate in lieu of the lifetime monthly benefit which would otherwise be payable to a Pre-Retirement Beneficiary. Such Actuarial Equivalent shall be determined as if the Participant had terminated employment on the date immediately preceding his date of death and received a lump sum distribution of his benefit under Section 7.05, determined without reference to the maximum cash-out limits of said Section.

Section 8.08. Terminated Vested Death Benefits. If the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to provide a death benefit for Terminated Participants or for certain classes of Terminated Participants, then in the event such a terminated vested Participant dies before his effective Retirement Date, there shall be paid to his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary (Primary, Secondary, or Default Pre-Retirement Beneficiary, as applicable) the terminated vested death benefit specified in the Adoption Agreement, provided the requirements of this Article are satisfied.

Section 8.09. Terminated Vested Auto A Death Benefit. The Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide the Auto A Death Benefit for one or more classes of Terminated Participants. In such case, the Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement the minimum Service and other eligibility requirements a Terminated Participant must satisfy in order to be entitled to such benefit. Provided a Terminated Participant satisfies such requirements, then in the event that the Terminated Participant dies prior to his effective Retirement date, his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary may apply to receive a lifetime monthly death benefit subject to the provisions of this Section. If the Terminated

Participant's Pre-Retirement Beneficiary is the Terminated Participant's Spouse, then the lifetime monthly death benefit payable to the Spouse Beneficiary under this Section shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Terminated Participant's death. Alternatively, the Spouse Beneficiary may elect to defer benefit payment commencement until the first day of any month up to and including the date the Participant would have attained Normal Retirement Age as determined under the Employer's Adoption Agreement. For purposes of this Section, the term "Spouse" or "Spouse Beneficiary" shall be as defined in Section 2.59. A Spouse Beneficiary shall be considered to have deferred benefit payment commencement until the first day of the month following the date the Spouse makes application for payment of death benefits. If the designated and surviving Pre-Retirement Beneficiary is not the Spouse of the Terminated Participant, then the lifetime monthly death benefit payable to the Beneficiary under this Section shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Terminated Participant's death. Benefits under this Section shall be computed as follows:

(a) Terminated Participant Death Before Early Retirement Age; Payment Before Early Retirement Age. If a Terminated Participant dies before attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Adoption Agreement, and if benefit payments commence to a Spouse Beneficiary or non-spouse Beneficiary before the Terminated Participant would have attained Early Retirement Age, then the monthly death benefit payable to the Beneficiary shall be the Actuarial Equivalent of the monthly Retirement benefit amount that would have otherwise been payable to the Terminated Participant, assuming: (i) the Terminated Participant survived until Normal Retirement Age; and (ii) the Terminated Participant elected the optional form of Retirement

payment designated herein as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died. Said benefit shall be calculated in accordance with the actuarial assumptions specified in Section 12.06.

(b) Terminated Participant Death Before Early Retirement Age; Deferred Payment by Spouse Until After Early Retirement Age. If the Terminated Participant dies before attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Adoption Agreement and a Spouse Beneficiary defers payment until a date which is on or after the date the Terminated Participant would have attained Early Retirement Age, then the monthly death benefit payable to the Spouse Beneficiary shall be the monthly Retirement benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Terminated Participant, assuming that: (i) the Terminated Participant survived until the date upon which the deferred benefit payments commence in accordance with the Spouse Beneficiary's selected benefit commencement date; and, (ii) the Terminated Participant elected on such date to retire with the optional form of Retirement payment designated herein as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

(c) Terminated Participant Death After Early Retirement Age; Payment Upon Death. If the Terminated Participant dies after attaining Early Retirement Age as defined in the Adoption Agreement, and if benefit payments commence to a Spouse Beneficiary or non-spouse Beneficiary on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Terminated Participant's death, then the monthly death benefit payable to the Beneficiary shall be the monthly benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Terminated Participant, assuming: (i) the Terminated Participant retired on the date of death, and (ii) the Terminated Participant elected the optional form of Retirement payment designated herein as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

(d) Terminated Participant Death After Early Retirement Age; Deferred Payment by Spouse. If the Terminated Participant dies after attaining Early Retirement Age, and if a Spouse Beneficiary defers payment in accordance with this Section, then the monthly benefit payable to the Spouse Beneficiary shall be the monthly Retirement benefit that would have otherwise been payable to the Terminated Participant, assuming that: (i) the Terminated Participant survived until the date upon which the deferred benefit payments commence in accordance with the Spouse Beneficiary's selected commencement date, and (ii) the Terminated Participant elected to retire on such date with the optional form of Retirement payment designated herein as Option B at one hundred percent (100%), and then died.

(e) Calculation of Benefits. Benefits under this Section shall be calculated taking into account only the Participant's Total Credited Service and Final Average Earnings (where applicable) as of the date of his Termination of Employment with Adopting Employer, and the applicable benefit formula in effect on the date of said Termination.

Section 8.10. Accrued Retirement Benefit. The Employer may elect in the Adoption Agreement to provide a death benefit consisting of the Accrued Benefit for one or more classes of Terminated Participants. In such case, the Employer shall designate the minimum Service and other eligibility requirements a Terminated Participant must satisfy in order to be entitled to such benefit. Provided a Terminated Participant satisfies such requirements, then in the event that the Terminated Participant dies prior to his effective Retirement date, his Pre-Retirement Beneficiary may apply to receive a lifetime monthly death benefit subject to the provisions of this Section. Said benefit shall commence on the first day of the month coinciding with or immediately following the date of the Terminated Participant's death. The monthly death benefit payable to the Participant's Pre-Retirement

Beneficiary shall be the Actuarial Equivalent of the Terminated Participant's Accrued Benefit, determined as of the date of the Participant's death, taking into account the Participant's Total Credited Service, Final Average Earnings, and the benefit formula in effect as of the date of the Participant's Termination.

Section 8.11. Designation of Terminated Vested Pre-Retirement Beneficiary.

The Primary and Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary designated by the Participant to receive in-service death benefits under Section 8.04 shall automatically be considered the Participant's Primary and Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary for purposes of payment of terminated vested pre-retirement death benefits, if any, under the Employer's Plan. If the Participant changes his beneficiary designation in accordance with Section 8.05, his designation under this Section shall be considered changed as well to reflect the new designation. In the absence of a designation by the Participant, or if there is no Primary or Secondary Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom a terminated vested pre-retirement death benefit is payable upon the Participant's death, then the terminated vested pre-retirement death benefit otherwise payable, if any, shall be paid to the Participant's Default Beneficiary in accordance with Section 8.06. If there is no Primary, Secondary, or Default Pre-Retirement Beneficiary to whom a death benefit is payable, then no death benefit is payable under the Plan.

Section 8.12. Participant Death After Retirement Benefit Commencement.

With respect to retirement applications received by GMEBS on or after July 1, 2011, upon the death of a Retired Participant subsequent to his Retirement, there shall be payable to the Participant's designated Post-Retirement Beneficiary, a benefit to be determined as follows:

(a) If the Participant has elected a form of payment that does not permit designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary (Option A), as provided in Article VII, or if he has elected a form of payment that does permit such designation (Option B or C) and his designated Post-Retirement Beneficiary does not survive him, no further payment of any kind whatsoever shall be made at the death of the Participant, except as provided in subsection (b) below.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in an Addendum to the Adopting Employer's Adoption Agreement, in the event that a Retired Participant who has elected a form of payment that does not permit designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary (Option A), as provided in Article VII, dies after Retirement benefit payments have commenced but before the Retired Participant has received at least thirty-six (36) monthly Retirement benefit payments, a one-time lump sum death benefit shall become payable which shall be equal to the amount of the Participant's initial Retirement benefit (determined as of the date such monthly Retirement benefit commenced) multiplied by thirty-six (36); provided, however, that the total amount of such lump-sum death benefit shall be reduced by the aggregate amount of Retirement benefits paid to such Retired Participant, The one-time lump sum death benefit shall be payable to the Retired Participant's surviving Spouse, except as otherwise provided in this Subsection 8.12(b). In the event that: (1) such Retired Participant does not have a Spouse at the time of the Retired Participant's death; or (2) such Retired Participant does have a Spouse at the time of the Retired Participant's death but such Spouse does not survive the Retired Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days; or (3) such Retired Participant does have a Spouse at the time of the Retired Participant's death but such Spouse does not within six (6) months following the Retired Participant's death provide the Administrator with documentation which the Administrator deems sufficient to verify that he or she was the Retired Participant's Spouse at the time of the

Retired Participant's death, the lump-sum death benefit described in this Subsection 8.12(b) shall be paid to the estate of the Retired Participant. The lump sum death benefit described in this Subsection 8.12(b) shall not be considered part of the standard benefit payment form (Option A) for purposes of determining actuarial equivalence. The lump sum death benefit paid pursuant to this Subsection 8.12(b) shall be included in determining the sum of all benefits paid to the Participant for purposes of determining the amount of any refund of Employee Contributions payable under Section 13.06.

(c) If the Participant has elected a form of payment that permits designation of a Post-Retirement Beneficiary (Option B or C) as provided in Article VII, and his designated Post-Retirement Beneficiary survives him, benefits shall be payable to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary as provided by the option elected, commencing the month following the Participant's last benefit payment month.

ARTICLE IX.

TERMINATION BEFORE RETIREMENT; VESTING

Section 9.01. Vesting Requirement for Deferred Retirement Benefit. An Employer may establish different vesting requirements for different classes of Eligible Employees in the Adoption Agreement. A Participant whose employment is terminated for any reason other than death or Retirement shall be entitled to a Vested right in his Accrued Benefit only if he meets the Qualifications for a deferred Vested Retirement benefit specified in the Adoption Agreement. Payment of such Vested Retirement Benefit shall commence on the first day of the month in which his effective Retirement Date occurs and shall be payable on the first day of each month thereafter during the lifetime of the Participant, unless the Participant elects an optional form of benefit payment under Article VII. The amount of such Monthly Retirement Benefit shall be computed in the manner

prescribed for Normal or Early Retirement in Article VI, as applicable, but based upon the Participant's Final Average Earnings (if applicable) and Total Credited Service up to the Participant's date of Termination of Employment with the Adopting Employer. Unless otherwise provided in the Adoption Agreement or in an Addendum thereto, in the event that an Eligible Regular Employee terminates employment with an Adopting Employer and returns to Service with such Adopting Employer as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority, the portion of his monthly benefit attributable to Credited Service as an Eligible Regular Employee shall be computed based upon his Credited Service as an Eligible Regular Employee and the benefit formula in effect as of his latest termination of employment as an Eligible Regular Employee. Likewise, in the event that an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority vacates such office and returns to Service with the Adopting Employer as an Eligible Regular Employee, the portion of his monthly benefit attributable to Credited Service as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority shall be computed based upon his Credited Service as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority and the benefit formula in effect as of his latest vacation of such office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, if a Participant has satisfied the requirements for Normal Retirement as of the date of his Termination, the Participant shall be one hundred percent (100%) Vested in his Normal Retirement benefit. Prior to November 1, 2007, references in this Section to the "first day" of a month referred instead to the "last day."

Section 9.02. Termination of Tenure of Office Before Retirement. Unless otherwise specified by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who is an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or a Municipal Legal Officer, and

who vacates office for any reason other than death or Retirement shall be entitled to a Vested right in the portion of his Accrued Benefit attributable to his Credited Service as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority only if he meets the qualifications for a deferred Vested benefit applicable to elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers as specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Employer's Adoption Agreement or Addendum thereto, if a Participant has Credited Service both as an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or a Municipal Legal Officer and as an Eligible Regular Employee of the Adopting Employer, the Participant's combined Total Credited Service shall be taken into account in determining whether the Participant has satisfied the minimum service requirements for vesting under the Plan and the minimum service requirements for benefit eligibility under the Plan that are applicable to Eligible Regular Employees, Municipal Legal Officers, and/or elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority, as applicable.

Section 9.03. Immediate Vesting in Disability Retirement Benefit. If the Employer elects in the Adoption Agreement to provide Disability benefits, and unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant who is Disabled and otherwise meets the Plan's eligibility requirements for payment of a Disability Retirement Benefit shall be considered 100% Vested in such benefit.

Section 9.04. Involuntary Termination Without Cause. Notwithstanding any more restrictive vesting requirement imposed by the Employer in the Adoption Agreement, a Participant whose employment is terminated involuntarily and without cause shall be entitled to a Vested Benefit if he has completed five (5) years of Total Credited Service. For

the purpose of this condition, "cause" for dismissal shall mean negligence or inefficiency in performing the duties of the position held, unfitness to perform assigned duties, insubordination, or misconduct reflecting discredit on the Adopting Employer or upon the Governing Authority.

Section 9.05. Portability between Adopting Employers.

(a) This Section applies to a Participant, other than an elected or appointed member of the Governing Authority or Municipal Legal Officer, whose employment is terminated either voluntarily or involuntarily for any reason other than death or Retirement, after participation in the Plan.

(b) Subject to any limitations or conditions contained in the Employer's Adoption Agreement, in determining whether a Participant has satisfied the minimum service requirements for Vesting and the Service requirements for Retirement eligibility under the Adoption Agreement of any GMEBS Adopting Employer, the Participant's Total Credited Service with all other of the Participant's past and future Adopting Employers shall be taken into account. In no event, however, shall service with one GMEBS Employer be used to calculate the benefit amount due the Participant from another GMEBS Employer. Except as otherwise provided in Section 4.02(b)(7) concerning immediate participation for Participants who transfer from one GMEBS Employer to another, Service with one GMEBS Adopting Employer may not be used to establish participation in another Adopting Employer's plan.

Section 9.06. Forfeiture of Benefits for Public-Employment Related Crimes,

Other Crimes.

(a) Benefits otherwise payable under the Plan shall be reduced or forfeited, as applicable, upon final conviction for a public employment-related crime or final conviction for a

drug-related crime, in accordance with and subject to the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. § 47-1-20 through 47-1-25 (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto). The terms of O.C.G.A. § 47-1-20 et seq. are incorporated herein by reference, including any future amendments thereto.

(b) Survivor benefits or refunds otherwise payable to a person upon the death of a Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant, or Beneficiary shall be forfeited if the person commits or conspires to commit murder or involuntary manslaughter against a Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant, or Beneficiary, in accordance with and subject to the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. § 47-1-24 (a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto). The terms of said code section are incorporated herein by reference, including any future amendments thereto.

(c) If the Adopting Employer receives information that a Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant or Beneficiary has been convicted of any crime referenced in this Section which could potentially result in forfeiture of benefits, the Adopting Employer shall notify the Administrator when it receives notice of such conviction.

Section 9.07. Forfeitures.

(a) Effective on and after January 1, 2014, if the Adopting Employer is unable to determine the whereabouts of any Participant, Beneficiary or surviving Spouse to whom a payment (e.g., a payment of Retirement, Disability or Death benefits) is due and provide such information to the Administrator within a period of six (6) months from the later of: 1) the date on which the Administrator became aware that such payment became due and payable, or 2) the date on which the Administrator became unable to continue processing payments to the Participant, Beneficiary or surviving Spouse due to changes in his or her bank account, address,

or other necessary information, the Administrator shall direct that the payment and all remaining payments, if any, otherwise due to the Participant, Beneficiary or surviving Spouse be cancelled on the records of the Plan and the amount thereof be treated as a forfeiture. Likewise, if the Adopting Employer is unable to determine the whereabouts of any Participant or surviving Spouse to whom a return of Employee Contributions due pursuant to Section 13.03 or Section 13.06 of this Master Plan or pursuant to the Adopting Employer's Adoption Agreement or an Addendum thereto and provide such information to the Administrator within a period of six (6) months from a non-vested Participant's Termination of employment, a vested Participant's request for a return of contributions, or, in a situation to which Section 13.06 of the Master Plan applies, the date of a Participant's death, the Administrator shall direct that the return of Employee Contributions otherwise due to the Participant or surviving Spouse be cancelled on the records of the Plan and the amount thereof be treated as a forfeiture and placed in the Employer's GMEBS Trust Fund.

(b) In the event that a payment (e.g., a return of Employee Contributions, or a payment of Retirement, Disability or Death benefits) is provided to the estate of a Participant or Beneficiary but, following the expiration of six (6) months after the date on which the payment is issued the payment remains outstanding, the Administrator shall so notify the Adopting Employer. The Adopting Employer shall attempt to locate a correct address or bank account or other necessary information to process such payment. If the Adopting Employer is unable to ascertain such information within six (6) months after receiving notice from the Administrator of the outstanding payment, the Administrator shall direct that the payment be cancelled on the records of the Plan and the amount thereof be treated as a forfeiture.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, if a Participant, Beneficiary or surviving Spouse whose whereabouts are unknown and whose benefits are forfeited pursuant to this Section subsequently claims such benefits on the Applicable Form, such forfeited benefit shall be reinstated and shall be paid retroactively, without interest, to the date of the first cancelled payment. Likewise, if the executor of an estate to which a payment was forfeited pursuant to paragraph (b) above subsequently claims such benefits on the Applicable Form, the forfeited benefit shall be reinstated and shall be paid, without interest, to the estate.

(d) Forfeitures arising from the inability to determine the whereabouts of a Participant, Beneficiary or surviving Spouse, or arising from Termination of Employment, withdrawal or any other reason may not be applied to increase the benefits any individual would otherwise receive under the Plan. Forfeitures will remain Trust assets, and as such, may be used to reduce an Adopting Employer's contribution.

ARTICLE X.

DISTRIBUTION AND ROLLOVER RULES

Section 10.01. Distribution Rules Imposed by Federal Law. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, any distribution under the Plan shall be made in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, including the incidental benefit rules under Code Section 401(a)(9)(G), and shall comply with the following rules:

(a) With respect to distributions under the Plan made for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, the Plan shall apply the minimum distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) in accordance with the Final Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(9) that were issued on April 17, 2002, and June 15, 2004, notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to

the contrary. GMEBS is coordinating the compliance with the Final Regulations to comply with the good faith reasonable standard of Pension Protection Act of 2006 Section 823.

(b) A Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, to the Participant no later than the Participant's required beginning date. For purposes of this Section, "required beginning date" means April 1 of the calendar year following the later of (i) the calendar year in which the Participant reaches age seventy and one-half ($70\frac{1}{2}$), or (ii) the calendar year in which the Participant Retires.

(c) If the Participant dies before distributions begin, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed, or begin to be distributed, no later than as follows:

(1) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, then distributions to the surviving spouse will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, or by December 31 of the calendar year in which the Participant would have attained age seventy and one-half ($70\frac{1}{2}$), if later.

(2) If the Participant's surviving spouse is not the Participant's sole designated beneficiary, then distributions to the designated beneficiary will begin by December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the Participant died, over the life of the designated beneficiary or over a period certain not exceeding:

(A) unless the annuity starting date is before the first distribution calendar year, the life expectancy of the designated beneficiary determined using the beneficiary's age as of the beneficiary's birthday in the calendar year immediately following the calendar year of the Participant's death; or

(B) if the annuity starting date is before the first distribution calendar year, the life expectancy of the designated beneficiary determined using the beneficiary's age as of the beneficiary's birthday in the calendar year that contains the annuity starting date.

(3) If there is no designated beneficiary as of September 30 of the year following the year of the Participant's death, the Participant's entire interest will be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Participant's death.

(4) If the Participant's surviving spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary and the surviving spouse dies after the Participant but before distributions to the surviving spouse begin, this subsection (c), other than (c)(1), will apply as if the surviving spouse were the Participant.

If annuity payments irrevocably commence to the Participant before the Participant's required beginning date (or to the Participant's surviving spouse before the date distributions are required to begin to the surviving spouse under this subsection (c)), the date distributions are considered to begin is the date distributions actually commence.

(d) The amount that must be distributed on or before the Participant's required beginning date (or, if the Participant dies before distributions begin, the date distributions are required to begin under subsection (c)) is the payment that is required for one payment interval. The second payment need not be made until the end of the next payment interval even if that payment interval ends in the next calendar year. Payment intervals are the periods for which payments are received, e.g., bi-monthly, monthly, semi-annually, or annually. All of the Participant's benefit accruals as of the last day of the first distribution calendar year will be

included in the calculation of the amount of the annuity payments for payment intervals ending on or after the Participant's required beginning date.

(e) Any additional benefits accruing to the Participant in a calendar year after the first distribution year will be distributed beginning with the first payment interval ending in the calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which such amount accrues.

(f) If the Participant's interest is being distributed in the form of a joint and survivor annuity for the joint lives of the Participant and a non-spouse beneficiary, annuity payments to be made on or after the Participant's required beginning date to the designated beneficiary after the Participant's death must not at any time exceed the applicable percentage of the annuity payment for such period that would have been payable to the Participant using the applicable table set forth in the Treasury Regulations. If the form of distribution combines a joint and survivor annuity for the joint lives of the Participant and a non-spouse beneficiary and a period certain annuity, the requirement in the preceding sentence will apply to annuity payments to be made to the designated beneficiary after the expiration of the period certain.

(g) Unless the Participant's spouse is the sole designated beneficiary and the form of distribution is a period certain and no life annuity, the period certain for an annuity distribution commencing during the Participant's lifetime may not exceed the applicable distribution period for the Participant under applicable simple life table set forth in the Treasury Regulations for the calendar year that contains the annuity starting date. If the annuity starting date precedes the year in which the Participant reaches age seventy (70), the applicable distribution period for the Participant is the distribution period for age seventy (70) under the applicable single life table as set forth in the Treasury Regulations plus the excess of seventy (70) over the age of the Participant as of the Participant's birthday in the year that contains the annuity starting date. If

the Participant's spouse is the Participant's sole designated beneficiary and the form of distribution is a period certain and no life annuity, the period certain may not exceed the longer of the Participant's applicable distribution period, as determined under this Section, or the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the Participant and the Participant's spouse as determined under the applicable joint life table set forth in the Treasury Regulations, using the Participant's and spouse's attained ages as of the Participant's and spouse's birthdays in the calendar year that contains the annuity starting date.

(h) A Participant or Beneficiary eligible for benefits from an Adopting Employer's Plan must complete and return the Applicable Form provided for such purpose in order to commence distribution of benefits. Any excise tax under Code Section 4974 that results from a failure to timely apply for distribution of benefits under the Plan shall be the responsibility of the Participant or Beneficiary, as applicable.

Section 10.02. Rollover of Distributions. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary that would otherwise limit a Distributee's election under this Section, a Distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Administrator, to have any portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee in a Direct Rollover. The following definitions shall apply to this Section:

(a) An "Eligible Rollover Distribution" is any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the Distributee, except that an Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include: (i) any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) made for the life (or life expectancy) of the Distributee or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the Distributee and the Distributee's designated beneficiary, or

for a specified period of ten (10) years or more; (ii) any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under Code Section 401(a)(9); (iii) the portion of any distribution that is not includible in gross income; or (iv) any other distributions which the Internal Revenue Service does not consider eligible for rollover treatment, such as certain corrective distributions necessary to comply with the provisions of Code Section 402(g) or 415. Effective January 1, 2002, an Eligible Rollover Distribution also includes a distribution to a surviving spouse. Effective January 1, 2002, a portion of a distribution will not fail to be an Eligible Rollover Distribution merely because the portion consists of after-tax Employee Contributions that are not includible in gross income.

(b) An "Eligible Retirement Plan" is any one of the following that accepts the Distributee's Eligible Rollover Distribution: (i) an individual retirement account described in Code Section 408(a); (ii) an individual retirement annuity described in Code Section 408(b); (iii) an annuity plan described in Code Section 403(a); or (iv) a qualified trust described in Code Section 401(a). Effective for distributions made after December 31, 2001, an Eligible Retirement Plan will also include an eligible deferred compensation plan described in Code Section 457(b) which is maintained by an eligible employer described in Code Section 457(e)(1)(A) that agrees to separately account for amounts transferred into that plan; or an annuity plan described in Code Section 403(b); and effective for distributions made after December 31, 2007, an Eligible Retirement Plan will also include a Roth IRA described in Code Section 408A. The portion of an Eligible Rollover Distribution that is not includible in gross income may be transferred only to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity described in Code Sections 408(a) or 408(b), a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code Section 401(a), a qualified plan described in Code Section 403(a), or on or

after January 1, 2007, to a qualified defined benefit plan described in Code Section 401(a) or an annuity contract described in Code Section 403(b), that agrees to separately account for amounts so transferred, including separately accounting for the portion of such distribution which is includible in gross income and the portion of such distribution which is not so includible.

(c) A "Distributee" includes an employee or former employee. A Distributee also includes the employee's or former employee's surviving spouse. Effective January 1, 2008, a Distributee further includes a nonspouse beneficiary who is a designated beneficiary as defined by Code Section 401(a)(9)(E). However, a nonspouse beneficiary may only make a direct rollover of the distribution to an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity established for the purpose of receiving the distribution, and the account or annuity will be treated as an "inherited" individual retirement account or annuity.

(d) A "Direct Rollover" is a payment by the Plan to the Eligible Retirement Plan specified by the Distributee.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if an Eligible Rollover Distribution is expected to total less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) during a year, such payment may not be directly rolled over.

Section 10.03. Acceptance of Eligible Rollover Distributions. To the extent permitted by the applicable provisions of the Code and regulations issued thereunder, for the purpose of purchasing Credited Service as permitted under the Plan and the Employer's Adoption Agreement (i) a Participant may contribute to the Plan as a rollover contribution a qualified rollover amount from a qualified plan under Code Section 401(a), an annuity plan under Code Section 403(a), an individual retirement account or annuity under Code Sections 408(a) or (b), a governmental deferred compensation plan under Code Section 457(b), or a

tax-sheltered annuity under Code Section 403(b), that is includible in taxable income; or (ii) effective as of June 24, 2009, a Participant may make a direct rollover to the Plan of a qualified rollover amount from a qualified plan under Code Section 401(a) consisting of after-tax employee contributions that is not includible in taxable income provided that such amount will be separately accounted for under the Plan; provided, further, that the Administrator, in its discretion, determines that the contribution satisfies all applicable requirements of the Code. Such rollovers will be allowed to the extent permitted by law, subject to any conditions, proofs, or acceptance the Administrator deems appropriate.

Section 10.04. Acceptance of Trustee-to-Trustee Transfers. A Participant may make a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from another Code Section 401(a) qualified retirement plan, a governmental deferred compensation plan under Code Section 457(b), or a tax-sheltered annuity under Code Section 403(b) for the purchase of permissive service credit, as defined in Code Section 415(n)(3)(A) and as permitted under the Plan and the Employer's Adoption Agreement, or for a repayment to which Code Section 415 does not apply by reason of Code Section 415(k)(3), as permitted under the Plan and the Employer's Adoption Agreement. Such transfers will be allowed to the extent permitted by law, subject to any conditions, proofs, or acceptance the Administrator deems appropriate.

Section 10.05. Definition of "Spouse". Notwithstanding the definition of "Spouse" in Section 2.59 of the Master Plan, effective on and after September 16, 2013, for purposes of this Article X, a spouse means a person who, as of the date of the Participant's or Terminated Participant's death, as applicable, is lawfully joined with the Participant or Terminated Participant in a marriage which is recognized under the laws of any state or

foreign jurisdiction, whether opposite-sex or same-sex and regardless of whether or not the spouse resides in the state or foreign jurisdiction in which such marriage occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

LIMITATIONS ON BENEFITS

Section 11.01. Effective Date. The Plan shall be administered so as to comply with this Article for limitation years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 11.02. Limitation on Annual Benefit.

(a) In no event shall the aggregate annual benefit for a calendar year (the "limitation year") provided under this Plan and all other defined benefit plans (without regard to whether the plan has terminated) of the Employer for any Participant exceed an amount equal to One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) as adjusted pursuant to Code Section 415(d)(1)(A).

(b) Adjustment for Benefits Commencing Before Age 62.

(1) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins before age sixty-two (62) and occurs in a limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007, and the Plan does not have an immediately commencing straight life annuity payable at both age sixty-two (62) and the age of benefit commencement, the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation for the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the annual amount of a benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity commencing at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date that is the actuarial equivalent of the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation (adjusted under subsection (h) for years of participation less than ten (10), if required) with actuarial equivalence computed using a five percent (5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table for the retirement income benefit commencement date

(expressing the Participant's age based on completed calendar months as of the retirement income benefit commencement date).

(2) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins before age sixty-two (62) and occurs in a limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007, and the Plan has an immediately commencing straight life annuity payable at both age sixty-two (62) and the age of benefit commencement, the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation for the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the lesser of the limitation determined under paragraph (1) and the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation (adjusted under subsection (h) for years of participation less than ten (10), if required) multiplied by the ratio of the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date to the annual amount of the immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at age sixty-two (62), both determined without applying the limitations of this Article.

(3) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins before age sixty-two (62) and occurs in a limitation year that begins on or after January 1, 2002, but prior to July 1, 2007, the determination as to whether the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) limitation has been satisfied shall be made by reducing the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) limitation so that such limitation (as so reduced) equals an annual benefit (beginning when such retirement income benefit begins) which is equivalent to a One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) annual benefit beginning at age sixty-two (62). The age reduced dollar limit shall be the lesser of the equivalent amount computed using the actuarial table in Section 12.01 of the Plan for

actuarial equivalence for early retirement benefits, and the amount computed using five percent (5%) interest and the applicable mortality table (to the extent that the mortality decrement is used prior to age sixty-two (62)).

(c) Adjustment for Benefits Commencing After Age 65.

(1) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins after age sixty-five (65) and occurs in a limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007, and the Plan does not have an immediately commencing straight life annuity payable at both age sixty-five (65) and the age of benefit commencement, the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the annual amount of a benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity commencing at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date that is the actuarial equivalent of the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation (adjusted under subsection (h) for years of participation less than ten (10), if required), with actuarial equivalence computed using a five percent (5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table for that retirement income benefit commencement date as defined in Section 2.02 of the Plan (expressing the Participant's age based on completed calendar months as of the retirement income benefit commencement date).

(2) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins after age sixty-five (65) and occurs in a limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007, and the Plan has an immediately commencing straight life annuity payable at both age sixty-five (65) and the age of benefit commencement, the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the lesser of the limitation determined under paragraph (1) and the One Hundred Sixty Thousand

Dollar (\$160,000) limitation (adjusted under subsection (h) for years of participation less than ten (10), if required) multiplied by the ratio of the annual amount of the adjusted immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date to the annual amount of the adjusted immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at age sixty-five (65), both determined without applying the limitations of this Article. For this purpose, the adjusted immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the annual amount of such annuity payable to the Participant, computed disregarding the Participant's accruals after age sixty-five (65) but including actuarial adjustments even if those actuarial adjustments are used to offset accruals; and the adjusted immediately commencing straight life annuity under the Plan at age sixty-five (65) is the annual amount of such annuity that would be payable under the Plan to a hypothetical Participant who is age sixty-five (65) and has the same accrued benefit as the Participant.

(3) If the retirement income benefit under the Plan begins after age sixty-five (65) and occurs in a limitation year that begins on or after January 1, 2002, but prior to July 1, 2007, the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation for the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date is the annual amount of a benefit payable in the form of a straight life annuity commencing at the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date that is the actuarial equivalent of the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation (adjusted under subsection (h) for years of participation less than ten (10), if required) with actuarial equivalence computed using whichever of the following produces the smaller annual amount: (i) the actuarial

increase factors specified in Section 12.05 of the Plan; or (ii) a five percent (5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table as defined in Section 2.02 of the Plan.

(d) Notwithstanding the other requirements of this section, in adjusting the dollar limitation for the Participant's retirement income benefit commencement date under subsection (b) or (c), as applicable, no adjustment shall be made to the One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$160,000) limitation to reflect the probability of a Participant's death between the retirement income benefit commencement date and age sixty-two (62), or between age sixty-five (65) and the retirement income benefit commencement date, as applicable, if benefits are not forfeited upon the death of the Participant prior to the retirement income benefit commencement. To the extent benefits are forfeited upon death before the retirement income benefit commencement date, such an adjustment shall be made. Furthermore, notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the adjustments provided for in subsections (b) and (c) shall not apply (i) in the event the Participant's benefit is based on at least fifteen (15) years of service as a full-time employee of any police or fire department or on fifteen (15) years of military service, or (ii) in the case of pre-retirement disability benefits or pre-retirement death benefits.

(e) Adjustment for Form Not Subject to Code Section 417(e)(3). For distributions made in any form other than a straight life annuity or a qualified joint and survivor annuity to which Code Section 417(e)(3) does not apply [generally, a monthly benefit], such benefit shall be adjusted to a straight life annuity, beginning at the same age, which is the actuarial equivalent of such benefit.

(1) For limitation years beginning before July 1, 2007, the actuarially equivalent straight life annuity for purposes of applying the limitations under Code Section 415(b) to benefits is equal to the greater of (or the reduced limitation applicable

at the retirement income benefit commencement date which is the "lesser of" when adjusted in accordance with the following assumptions):

(A) the equivalent annual benefit computed using the interest rate and mortality table, or tabular factor, specified in Article XII of the Plan for actuarial equivalence for the particular form of benefit payable, and

(B) the equivalent annual benefit computed using a five percent (5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table described in Internal Revenue Service guidance (the mortality table specified in Revenue Ruling 98-1 prior to 2003 or Revenue Ruling 2001-62 on or after January 1, 2003).

(2) For limitation years beginning on or after July 1, 2007, the actuarially equivalent straight life annuity is equal to the greater of (or the reduced limitation applicable at the retirement income benefit commencement date which is the "lesser of" when adjusted in accordance with the following assumptions):

(A) the annual amount of the straight life annuity (if any) payable to the Participant under the Plan commencing at the same retirement income benefit commencement date as the Participant's form of benefit; and

(B) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the same retirement income benefit commencement date that has the same actuarial present value as the Participant's form of benefit, computed using a five percent (5%) interest rate assumption and the applicable mortality table described in Internal Revenue Service guidance (the mortality table specified in Revenue Ruling 2001-62 on or after January 1, 2003, or Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008-85 for years after December 31, 2008).

(f) Adjustment for Form Subject to Code Section 417(e)(3). As required by final Treasury Regulations, for distributions made in any form to which Code Section 417(e)(3) applies [generally, a lump sum benefit], such benefit shall be adjusted to a straight life annuity, beginning at the same age, which is the actuarially equivalent straight life annuity benefit which is the greatest of (or the reduced limitation applicable at the retirement income benefit commencement date which is the "least of" when adjusted in accordance with the following assumptions):

(1) The annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the retirement income benefit commencement date that has the same actuarial present value as the particular form of benefit payable, computed using the interest rate and mortality table, or tabular factor, specified in Article XII of the Plan for actuarial experience;

(2) The annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the retirement income benefit commencement date that has the same actuarial present value as the particular form of benefit payable, computed using a five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) interest assumption (or the applicable statutory interest assumption) and the applicable mortality table for the distribution under Internal Revenue Service guidance (the mortality table specified in Revenue Ruling 98-1 prior to 2003, Revenue Ruling 2001-62 on or after January 1, 2003, or Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008-85 for years after December 31, 2008); or

(3) the annual amount of the straight life annuity commencing at the retirement income benefit commencement date that has the same actuarial present value as the particular form of benefit payable computed using the applicable interest rate for the distribution under Internal Revenue Service guidance (the 30-year Treasury rate prior

to January 1, 2008, using the rate in effect for the month prior to retirement, and on and after January 1, 2008, using the rate in effect for the first day of the plan year with a one-year stabilization period) and the applicable mortality table for the distribution under Internal Revenue Service guidance (the mortality table specified in Revenue Ruling 98-1 prior to 2003, Revenue Ruling 2001-62 on or after January 1, 2003, or Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008-85 for years after December 31, 2008), divided by one and five-one-hundredths (1.05). However, effective for benefits commencing during limitation years beginning after December 31, 2008, this paragraph (3) does not apply to a Plan maintained by an eligible employer as defined under Code Section 408(p)(2)(C)(i) (generally, an Employer that had no more than one hundred (100) employees who received at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) of compensation from the Employer during the preceding year).

(g) Limitations on benefits under this Article shall not apply where the total annual benefits payable to a Participant under this Plan and all other qualified defined benefit plans (whether or not terminated) of the Employer do not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in the aggregate. This minimum limitation is not applicable for a Participant whose Employer maintains or has maintained a defined contribution plan in which such Participant participated.

(h) The Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) minimum limitation, if provided, must be reduced where a Participant has less than ten (10) years of service with the Employer at the time the Participant begins to receive retirement benefits under the Plan, and the maximum dollar limitation must be reduced where a Participant has less than ten (10) years of participation when retirement benefits under the Plan commence. These adjustments are made by multiplying the applicable limitations by the appropriate fraction:

(A) For the Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) minimum limitation – Years of service with the employer as of and including, the current limitation year divided by ten (10); or

(B) For the maximum dollar limitation – Years of participation with the employer as of and including, the current limitation year divided by ten (10).

(i) For purposes of applying the limits under Code Section 415(b) (Limit), the following will apply:

(1) prior to any limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007, adjustments under Section 6.05, will be taken into consideration when determining a Participant's applicable Limit;

(2) for any limitation year beginning on or after July 1, 2007:

(A) a Participant's applicable Limit will be applied to the Participant's annual benefit in the Participant's first limitation year without regard to any automatic cost of living adjustments under Section 6.05;

(B) to the extent the Participant's benefit equals or exceeds the Limit, the Participant will no longer be eligible for cost of living adjustments under Section 6.05 until such time as the benefit plus the accumulated adjustments under Section 6.05 are less than the Limit;

(C) thereafter, in any subsequent limitation year, a Participant's annual benefit, including any automatic cost of living increases under Section 6.05, shall be tested under the then applicable benefit Limit including any adjustment to the Code Section 415(b)(1)(A) dollar limit under Code Section 415(d), and the regulations thereunder; but

(D) in no event shall a Participant's benefit payable under the Plan in any limitation year be greater than the Limit applicable at the annuity starting date, as increased in subsequent years pursuant to Code Section 415(d) and the regulations thereunder. If the form of benefit without regard to the automatic benefit increase feature is not a straight life annuity, then the preceding provisions are applied by reducing the Code Section 415(b) limit applicable at the annuity starting date to an actuarially equivalent amount (determined using the assumptions specified in Treasury Regulation Section 1.415(b)-1(c)(2)(ii)) that takes into account the death benefits under the form of benefit.

Section 11.03. Limitation on Annual Additions.

(a) Effective beginning on and after January 1, 2002, to the extent required under Code Section 415(c), in no event shall the "annual addition" for a Participant for any calendar year (the "limitation year"), exceed the lesser of:

(1) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), as adjusted for increases in the cost of living under Code Section 415(d); or

(2) One hundred percent (100%) of the "compensation" of such Participant received from an Adopting Employer during the limitation year.

(b) For purposes of this Section, "compensation" means all of a Participant's wages as defined in Code Section 3401(a) for the purposes of income tax withholding at the source but determined without regard to any rules that limit the remuneration included in wages based on the nature or location of the employment or the services performed (such as the exception for agricultural labor in Code Section 3401(a)(2)); provided, however, for limitation years beginning after December 31, 1997, compensation shall also include the amount of any elective deferrals,

as defined in Code Section 402(g)(3), and any amount contributed or deferred by the Adopting Employer at the election of the Employee and which is not includable in the gross income of the Employee by reason of Code Section 125 or 457, but shall exclude Employee contributions picked up under Code Section 414(h)(2). For limitation years beginning after December 31, 2000, compensation shall also include any amount deferred by the Adopting Employer at the election of the Employee which is not includable in the gross income of the Employee by reason of Code Section 132(f)(4). For limitation years beginning on or after July 1, 2007, the following types of payments, if paid by the later of (i) two and one-half (2½) months following a Participant's Termination of Employment, or (ii) the last day of the limitation year that includes the Participant's Termination of Employment, will be included as compensation for purposes of this Section: payments that, absent a Termination of Employment, would have been paid to the Participant while he or she continued in employment and that are regular compensation for services rendered, and payments of accrued bona fide sick, vacation, or other leave, but only if the Participant would have been able to use the leave if employment had continued. Any payments not described in the preceding sentence are not considered compensation if paid after severance from employment, even if they are paid within two and one-half (2½) months following severance from employment, except for payments to the individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (within the meaning of Code Section 414(u)(1)) to the extent these payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than entering qualified military service. An Employee who is in qualified military service (within the meaning of Code Section 414(u)(1)) shall be treated as receiving compensation from the Employer during such period of qualified military service equal to (i) the

compensation the Employee would have received during such period if the Employee were not in qualified military service, determined based on the rate of pay the Employee would have received from the Employer but for the absence during the period of qualified military service, or (ii) if the compensation the Employee would have received during such period was not reasonably certain, the Employee's average compensation from the Employer during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the qualified military service (or, if shorter, the period of employment immediately preceding the qualified military service). For limitation years beginning on or after July 1, 2007, a Participant's compensation for purposes of this Section shall not exceed the annual limit under Code Section 401(a)(17).

(c) For purposes of this Section, "annual addition" means the sum of the following amounts credited to a Participant's accounts for the limitation year under this Plan and any other plan maintained by an Employer: (i) employer contributions; (ii) employee contributions; (iii) forfeitures; and (iv) allocations under a simplified employee pension plan. Amounts allocated after March 31, 1984, to an individual medical account, as defined in Code Section 415(l)(2), which is part of a pension or annuity plan maintained by an Employer are treated as annual additions to a defined contribution plan. Also, amounts derived from contributions paid or accrued after December 31, 1985, in taxable years ending after such date, which are attributable to post-retirement medical benefits, allocated to the separate account of a key employee, as defined in Code Section 419A(d)(3), under a welfare benefit fund, as defined in Code Section 419(e), maintained by an Employer are treated as an annual additions to a defined contribution plan.

(d) If the annual addition for a Participant under the Plan would be greater than the annual addition for such Participant as limited by subsection (a), then the excess shall be

corrected as permitted under the IRS Employee Plans Compliance Resolution System (currently set forth in Revenue Procedure 2008-50).

Section 11.04. Code Section 415(e) Limits. For limitation years beginning on and after January 1, 2000, any benefit limitations applied pursuant to Code Section 415(e) shall no longer apply for employees or former employees who are Participants with an accrued benefit under the Plan on or after January 1, 2000.

Section 11.05. Limitations on Service Credit Purchases.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if an Adopting Employer adopts an Addendum to the Adoption Agreement that provides for service credit purchases, the Administrator may modify a request by a Participant to make an Employee Contribution if the amount of the Contribution would exceed the limits provided in Code Section 415 by using the following methods:

(1) If the law requires a lump sum payment for the purchase of service credit, the Administrator may establish a periodic payment plan for the Participant to avoid a contribution in excess of the limits under Code Sections 415(c) or 415(n).

(2) If payment pursuant to paragraph (1) will not avoid a contribution in excess of the limits imposed by Code Section 415(c), the Administrator may either reduce the Employee Contribution to an amount within the limits of that section or refuse the Participant's Contribution.

(b) Effective for any permissive service credit contributions made in limitation years beginning after December 31, 1997, if a Participant makes one (1) or more contributions to purchase permissive service credit under an Adopting Employer's Plan, then the requirements of this Section will be treated as met only if:

(1) the requirements of Code Section 415(b) are met, determined by treating the accrued benefit derived from all such Contributions as an annual benefit for purposes of Code Section 415(b), or

(2) the requirements of Code Section 415(c) are met, determined by treating all such Contributions as annual additions for purposes of Code Section 415(c).

(3) For purposes of applying paragraph (1), the Plan will not fail to meet the reduced limit under Code Section 415(b)(2)(C) solely by reason of this paragraph (3), and for purposes of applying paragraph (2), the Plan will not fail to meet the percentage limitation under Code Section 415(c)(1)(B) solely by reason of this subsection (b).

(4) For purposes of this subsection (b) the term "permissive service credit" means service credit—

(A) recognized by the Plan for purposes of calculating a Participant's benefit under the Plan,

(B) which such Participant has not received under the Plan, and

(C) which such Participant may receive only by making a voluntary additional contribution, in an amount determined under the Plan, which does not exceed the amount necessary to fund the benefit attributable to such service credit.

Effective for permissive service credit contributions made in limitation years beginning after December 31, 1997, such term may include service credit for periods for which there is no performance of service, and, notwithstanding subparagraph (B), may include service credited in order to provide an increased benefit for service credit which a Participant is receiving under the Plan.

(5) The Plan will fail to meet the requirements of this subsection (b) if—

(A) more than five (5) years of nonqualified service credit are taken into account for purposes of this paragraph (5), or

(B) any nonqualified service credit is taken into account under this subsection (b) before the Participant has at least five (5) years of participation under the Plan.

(6) For purposes of paragraph (5), effective for permissive service credit contributions made in limitation years beginning after December 31, 1997, the term "nonqualified service credit" means permissive service credit other than that allowed with respect to—

(A) service (including parental, medical, sabbatical, and similar leave) as an employee of the Government of the United States, any State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing (other than military service or service for credit which was obtained as a result of a repayment described in Code Section 415(k)(3)),

(B) service (including parental, medical, sabbatical, and similar leave) as an employee (other than as an employee described in subparagraph (A)) of an education organization described in Code Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) which is a public, private, or sectarian school which provides elementary or secondary education (through grade 12), or a comparable level of education, as determined under the applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the service was performed,

(C) service as an employee of an association of employees who are described in subparagraph (A), or

(D) military service (other than qualified military service under Code Section 414(u)) recognized by such governmental plan.

In the case of service described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C), such service will be nonqualified service if recognition of such service would cause a Participant to receive a retirement benefit for the same service under more than one Plan.

(7) In the case of a trustee-to-trustee transfer after December 31, 2001, to which Code Section 403(b)(13)(A) or 457(e)(17)(A) applies (without regard to whether the transfer is made between plans maintained by the same employer)—

(A) the limitations of paragraph (6) will not apply in determining whether the transfer is for the purchase of permissive service credit, and

(B) the distribution rules applicable under federal law to the Plan will apply to such amounts and any benefits attributable to such amounts.

(8) For an eligible Participant, the limitation of Code Section 415(c)(1) shall not be applied to reduce the amount of permissive service credit which may be purchased to an amount less than the amount which was allowed to be purchased under the terms of the Plan as in effect on August 5, 1997. For purposes of this paragraph (8), an eligible Participant is an individual who first became a Participant in the Plan before January 1, 1998.

Section 11.06. Interpretation of this Article.

(a) The annual additions and annual benefit of a Participant shall be adjusted pursuant to this Article so as to produce the maximum annual benefit and maximum annual additions permissible for such Participant.

(b) For purposes of this Section and subject to Code Section 415(h), all defined benefit plans of an Adopting Employer, whether or not terminated, are to be treated as a single defined benefit plan, and all defined contribution plans of an Adopting Employer are to be treated as a single defined contribution plan. However, Adopting Employers shall be considered as separate Employers in accordance with State law.

ARTICLE XII.

ACTUARIAL EQUIVALENT CONVERSION TABLES

Section 12.01. Early Retirement Reduction Table. Unless otherwise elected in the Adoption Agreement or an Addendum thereto, the following early retirement reduction table is to be used:

<u>Number of Years Before Normal Retirement*</u>	<u>Percentage of Normal Retirement Benefit</u>
0	1.000
1	.933
2	.867
3	.800
4	.733
5	.667
6	.633
7	.600
8	.567
9	.533
10	.500

*Interpolate for whole months.

Section 12.02. Option B Tables.

(a) Participant Same Age Or Older – The following table is to be used for a Participant who is the same age or older than his Beneficiary:

Participant Age – Beneficiary Age	Contingent Annuity Factor			
	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>
0	.833	.870	.909	.952
1	.826	.864	.905	.950
2	.819	.857	.900	.947
3	.811	.851	.896	.945
4	.804	.845	.891	.943
5	.797	.839	.887	.940
6	.790	.833	.882	.938
7	.783	.828	.878	.935
8	.776	.822	.874	.933
9	.769	.816	.870	.930
10	.763	.811	.866	.928
11	.757	.806	.861	.926
12	.751	.800	.858	.923
13	.745	.795	.854	.921
14	.739	.791	.850	.919
15	.733	.786	.846	.917
16	.728	.781	.843	.915
17	.723	.777	.839	.913
18	.718	.772	.836	.911
19	.713	.768	.833	.909
20	.708	.764	.830	.907
21 or more	*	*	*	*

*Factor for twenty (20) year age difference minus extrapolation factor below times number of years in excess of twenty (20) that Participant's age exceeds his Beneficiary's age.

<u>Contingent Annuity Percentage</u>	<u>Extrapolation Factor</u>
100%	.005
75%	.004
50%	.003
25%	.002

(b) Participant Younger – The following table is to be used for a Participant who is younger than his Beneficiary:

Beneficiary Age – Participant Age	Contingent Annuity Factor			
	<u>100%</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>

Beneficiary Age – Participant Age	Contingent Annuity Factor			
1	.841	.876	.914	.955
2	.848	.882	.918	.957
3	.856	.888	.922	.960
4	.863	.894	.926	.962
5	.870	.899	.931	.964
6	.877	.905	.935	.966
7	.885	.911	.939	.968
8	.892	.916	.943	.970
9	.898	.922	.947	.973
10	.905	.927	.950	.974
11	.912	.932	.954	.976
12	.918	.937	.957	.978
13	.924	.942	.960	.980
14	.930	.946	.964	.981
15	.935	.951	.967	.983
16	.941	.955	.969	.984
17	.945	.959	.972	.986
18	.950	.962	.974	.987
19	.955	.966	.977	.988
20	.959	.969	.979	.989
21 or more	.960	.970	.980	.990

Section 12.03. Option C Table.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Factor</u>
5 Years	.973
10 Years	.911
15 Years	.842
20 Years	.780

Section 12.04. Life Annuity Factors to be Used in Computing Actuarial

Reserve Death Benefit.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Factor</u>
21	12.5773	43	11.4236
22	12.5567	44	11.3274
23	12.5337	45	11.2264
24	12.5082	46	11.1207
25	12.4804	47	11.0102
26	12.4501	48	10.8952
27	12.4170	49	10.7755

<u>Age</u>	<u>Factor</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Factor</u>
28	12.3809	50	10.6509
29	12.3416	51	10.5213
30	12.2994	52	10.3869
31	12.2541	53	10.2479
32	12.2056	54	10.1041
33	12.1535	55	9.9552
34	12.0976	56	9.8010
35	12.0383	57	9.6415
36	11.9754	58	9.4769
37	11.9088	59	9.3076
38	11.8384	60	9.1331
39	11.7640	61	8.9537
40	11.6855	62	8.7698
41	11.6026	63	8.5818
42	11.5154	64	8.3903
		65	8.1958

Section 12.05. Late Retirement Actuarial Increase Factors.

<u>Current Age</u>	<u>Factor</u>
65	1.0000
66	1.1317
67	1.2850
68	1.4645
69	1.6755
70	1.9246
71	2.2204
72	2.5734
73	2.9967
74	3.5073
75	4.1274

Figure factor using years and months. Divide difference between next highest age factor and age factor lower, by twelve (12), then multiply by number of months. Add this onto age for years factor to arrive at correct factor. (Round off to 4 decimals). Note: If normal retirement age differs from sixty-five (65), factors must be supplied by Actuary.

Section 12.06. Other Annuity Forms. Conversion factors for other annuity forms shall be computed by an enrolled Actuary on an actuarially equivalent basis assuming that the Participant is retiring at age sixty-five (65) and using the UP 1984 Mortality Table

without age setback and with interest of eight percent (8%), regardless of the actual age and sex of any Participant or Beneficiary. If appropriate, such factors may vary by the difference between the Participant's age and the Beneficiary's age. The value of Retirement benefits received by a Participant for purposes of Section 6.06 shall be determined using the UP 1984 Mortality Table without age setback and with interest of eight percent (8%).

Section 12.07. Lump Sum Payments. Effective January 1, 2001, a single sum distribution of benefits payable under Section 7.05, or upon plan termination, or if required for compliance with Code Section 401(a)(9), shall be computed on the basis of the actual age of the Participant and/or Beneficiary at the time of distribution and under the following actuarial assumptions:

(a) **Interest:** The applicable interest rate established by the Internal Revenue Service under Code Section 417(e)(3) and accompanying regulations, without regard to updates under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, as in effect for the month of September preceding the calendar year during which the distribution is paid.

(b) **Mortality:** The applicable mortality table established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to IRC Section 417(e)(3) and accompanying regulations, without regard to updates under the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

(c) **Age at Which Payments Begin:** The greater of the Normal Retirement Date or the age at the time of distribution of the Participant and/or Beneficiary.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 13.01. Adopting Employer Contributions. The Adopting Employer shall make the necessary Contributions to fund the Plan. The amount of these Contributions shall be based upon the actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees, the benefits

provided in the Plan, and the number of Participants and their respective ages, Earnings, and lengths of Creditable Service and such other factors as the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate to assure proper funding of the Plan. Contributions by the Adopting Employer shall be applied as necessary to assure the payment of Accrued Benefits to Participants and Beneficiaries. Employer Contributions received by GMEBS by the last day of any month shall accrue Interest from the first day of the following month.

Section 13.02. Employee Contributions. Participants or certain classes of Participants may be required to make Contributions to the Plan as specified in the Adoption Agreement. Unless otherwise specified by the Adopting Employer, Employee Contributions shall accrue interest at the same rate and in the same manner as Employer Contributions. When elected by the Adopting Employer to be picked up, the Adopting Employer shall pick up and pay contributions in accordance with Code Section 414(h)(2) as follows:

(1) The contributions, although designated as Employee contributions, shall be paid by that Adopting Employer in lieu of contributions by the Employee as elected by the Adopting Employer in the Adoption Agreement, which shall be effective on a prospective basis and constitute written formal action to implement the pick-up, and

(2) The Employee must not be given the option, on or after the effective date of the pick-up, to have a cash or deferred election right (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.401(k)-1(a)(3)) with respect to designated Employee contributions, which includes not having the option of receiving the amounts directly instead of having them paid to the Plan.

Section 13.03. Withdrawal of Employee Contributions.

(a) Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, if a non-vested Participant's employment is terminated for any reason other than death, he shall request that his Employee Contributions plus interest, if any, be withdrawn.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, if a vested Participant's employment is terminated for any reason other than death or Retirement, he may request that his Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit) plus interest be withdrawn, unless he chooses to claim his vested benefit, in which case his Employee Contributions shall not be withdrawn.

(c) Upon the Participant's termination, the Pension Committee shall provide notice to the Participant of his opportunity to withdraw his Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit, if permitted under the Adoption Agreement), and the Participant shall have sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice to submit a request for withdrawal on an Applicable Form provided for that purpose. Failure to make such a request within this sixty (60) day period shall result in the forfeiture of a vested Participant's right to request withdrawal upon termination and shall result in forfeiture of a non-vested Participant's right to the accrual of further interest. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, upon withdrawal of Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit, if permitted under the Adoption Agreement) pursuant to this Section, the Participant shall forfeit for himself, his heirs and assigns all his rights, title, and interest in the Plan, except as provided in subsection (d) below. Employee Contributions shall be returned to the Participant within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the Participant's request. A Participant may not withdraw his Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase

prior service credit, if permitted under the Adoption Agreement) as long as he remains in the employment of the Adopting Employer and he may not borrow against Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit, if permitted under the Adoption Agreement) at any time. A partial withdrawal of Employee Contributions is not permitted.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in the Employer's Adoption Agreement, if a Participant withdraws his Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit, if permitted under the Adoption Agreement) in accordance with this Section, and if he later resumes employment with the Adopting Employer in an Eligible Employee class, then any service credit or benefit amount he forfeited by virtue of his withdrawal may be reinstated upon his reemployment with the Adopting Employer, provided: (1) he repays during said period of reemployment all amounts previously withdrawn plus interest at a rate determined by the Board, compounded annually from the date of return of contributions through the date of repayment; and (2) provided the amount due is paid in full in accordance with any time limits and other requirements established by the Board or in the Adoption Agreement or any Addendum thereto for repayment of said Employee Contributions. A Participant may repay Employee Contributions (including any Contributions made to purchase prior service credit) under this subsection in a single lump sum, by after-tax payroll deductions, or any other method established by the Board, subject to any limitations included in the Adoption Agreement. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, in the event that withdrawal of Contributions made to purchase prior service credit is permitted by the Adoption Agreement, repayment will be permitted only to the extent permitted by the Adoption Agreement, and in

accordance with any re-purchase or other repayment restrictions specified in the Adoption Agreement.

(e) For purposes of this Section, the amount of "interest" shall be determined as of the date that the withdrawal under this Section is made, and the amount of interest shall comply with any applicable provisions of Section 4(i)(10)(B)(i) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA").

Section 13.04. Cessation of Contributions Without Penalty. The Employer may provide in the Adoption Agreement that Participants who have met certain retirement benefit eligibility requirements shall no longer be required to make contributions to the Plan.

Section 13.05. Continued Contributions During Leave of Absence. Subject to the applicable limits of Code Section 415, if the terms of an authorized leave of absence permit the Participant to continue accumulating Credited Service during said leave of absence, the Participant shall be required to continue making Employee Contributions in the same amount and at the same rate as immediately prior to the commencement of the leave of absence.

Section 13.06. Return of Contributions Upon Failure to Exhaust. If a Retired Participant elects the Option A form of benefit payment, and if upon the death of the Participant on or after January 1, 2014, the sum of all benefits paid to him does not equal or exceed the amount of the Participant's Employee Contributions plus interest posted thereon, then a lump sum payment in the amount of the difference shall be paid to the Retired Participant's surviving Spouse, or if there is no surviving Spouse, to the Participant's estate. For purposes of this Section, the term "surviving" shall mean surviving the Participant by at least thirty-two (32) days. For purposes of this Section, the term "Spouse" shall be as

defined in Section 2.59. If a Retired Participant elects retirement benefit payment Option B or C, and upon the death of the Retired Participant on or after January 1, 2014, or if later the death of his Post-Retirement Beneficiary on or after January 1, 2014, the sum of all benefits paid does not equal or exceed the amount of the Participant's Employee Contributions plus interest posted thereon, then a lump sum payment in the amount of the difference shall be paid to the Retired Participant's surviving Spouse, or if there is no surviving Spouse, to the Participant's estate; provided, however, that if the Post-Retirement Beneficiary dies after he has begun receiving survivor benefit payments, said lump sum payment shall be paid to the Post-Retirement Beneficiary's estate. If a Participant dies on or after January 1, 2014 in the Service of an Adopting Employer before he satisfies the eligibility requirements for an in-service death benefit, his Employee Contributions plus interest posted thereon shall be paid to the Participant's surviving Spouse, or if there is no surviving Spouse, to the Participant's estate. In the event the sum of all pre-retirement benefits paid to a Pre-Retirement Beneficiary(ies) by virtue of the death of a Participant or Terminated Participant, as applicable, does not equal or exceed the amount of the Participant's or Terminated Participant's Employee Contributions plus interest posted thereon, a lump sum payment in the amount of the difference shall be paid to the estate of the Pre-Retirement Beneficiary (or last surviving Pre-Retirement Beneficiary as applicable). For purposes of this Section, the amount of "interest posted" shall be determined as of the date that the lump sum payment payable under this Section is distributed, and the amount of interest posted shall comply with any applicable provisions of Section 4(i)(10)(B)(i) of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA").

ARTICLE XIV.

PENSION COMMITTEE

Section 14.01. Creation and Composition. There shall be a Pension Committee for each Adopting Employer. Unless otherwise specified in the Adoption Agreement, the Pension Committee shall be composed of the following:

For Municipal Corporations:

- (a) City Clerk and City Manager.
- (b) Two (2) Employee representatives appointed by the Governing Authority.
- (c) Three (3) appointed members of the Governing Authority.

For Other Adopting Employers:

- (d) Executive Director.
- (e) Two (2) Employee representatives appointed by the Governing Authority.
- (f) Four (4) appointed members of the Governing Authority.

Section 14.02. Responsibilities. The Pension Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) In its dealings with GMEBS or its duly appointed representatives, the Pension Committee shall:

(1) Assure that accurate and complete information is furnished to GMEBS with respect to eligibility for participation, Total Credited Service, Earnings, and Final Average Earnings of Eligible Employees, including elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers if they are designated as Eligible Employees in the Adoption Agreement.

(2) Assure the collection and remittance to GMEBS of all required Contributions (including Employee Contributions, if applicable).

(3) Collect, and furnish to GMEBS, in accordance with its rules and regulations, all reports, forms, and other records required or necessary to administer the Plan, including but not limited to completed applications for participation (if applicable), employee elections to participate (if participation is optional for a particular class), employee census reports reflecting information necessary to complete the annual plan valuation, completed pre-retirement beneficiary designation forms, completed leave of absence reports, and completed retirement applications (including disability retirement applications, if the Adopting Employer has elected in its Adoption Agreement to provide disability retirement benefits).

(4) Provide reasonable prior notice to GMEBS of any amendments that the Adopting Employer intends to make to the Adoption Agreement.

(5) Notify GMEBS of the termination of Participating Employees, and, if they are permitted in the Adoption Agreement to participate in the Plan, the vacation of office by elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers. Said notification should indicate whether the Employee has been involuntarily terminated without cause (see Section 9.04 concerning 5-year vesting for Employees involuntarily terminated without cause).

(6) Notify GMEBS when the Adopting Employer learns that an Eligible Employee, Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant or Beneficiary has been convicted of a public employment-related crime or other crime which could result in forfeiture of benefits (see Section 9.06).

(7) If the Adopting Employer has elected in the Adoption Agreement to provide disability retirement benefits, notify GMEBS of determinations made by the

Pension Committee with respect to disability (see Section 2.21(b)) or continuation of disability (see Section 6.06(g)).

(8) Notify GMEBS when the Adopting Employer learns of the death of an Eligible Employee, Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant, or Beneficiary.

(b) In dealing with those persons participating or eligible to participate in the Plan, the Pension Committee shall:

(1) Be responsible for the enrollment of Eligible Employees, including elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers if they are included as Eligible Employees in the Adoption Agreement.

(2) Handle distribution of all reports, forms, or other plan-related materials to Participants, including but not limited to plan summary booklets and annual participant statements.

(3) Handle arbitration between the Adopting Employer and Participants in all matters regarding the Plan and notify GMEBS of same.

(4) Handle and distribute as necessary any notices of eligibility, benefits, available options, and any other notices required by this Plan, Contract, or rules and regulations of GMEBS.

(5) Address Employee inquiries concerning eligibility for participation in the Plan, enrollment, eligibility for retirement, disability, and/or death benefits, benefit payment options, and other terms, conditions, and features of the Plan.

(c) The Pension Committee is not authorized to interpret the Master Plan document, or matters of State and federal law as they relate to interpretation of the Master Plan document. These matters are reserved for the sole discretion of the Board.

Section 14.03. Secretary. The Adopting Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement a Pension Committee Secretary who shall have full authority to represent the Pension Committee in all communications with GMEBS and the Adopting Employer's Employees, including elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority and Municipal Legal Officers.

Section 14.04. Legal Assistance. The City Attorney or other attorney appointed by the Governing Authority shall furnish legal advice to the Pension Committee with respect to the Plan and the Committee's assigned responsibilities hereunder.

Section 14.05. Plan Representative. The Adopting Employer shall designate in the Adoption Agreement an individual to serve as Plan Representative. The Plan Representative shall have full authority to represent the Governing Authority in all communications with GMEBS and the Adopting Employer's Employees. The Pension Committee Secretary may serve as the Plan Representative.

ARTICLE XV.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 15.01. Definitions. As used in this Article, "Act" refers to the Act of the General Assembly creating the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (O.C.G.A. § 47-5-1 et seq., a copy of which is included in the Appendix hereto), as amended.

Section 15.02. Powers. The powers of the Board of Trustees as fixed by the Act are hereby incorporated as part of the Plan. The Adopting Employer agrees that, in the

administration of the Plan, it will comply with all rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees under its authority as granted by the Act.

Section 15.03. Composition and Election. The composition of the Board of Trustees and the election of its members shall be as provided by the Act and as may be provided in the bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

Section 15.04. Officers. The election of officers by the Board of Trustees shall be conducted as may be prescribed by the Act and as may be provided in the bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

Section 15.05. Notice of Elections. The Board of Trustees shall provide through its bylaws for the giving of notice of elections, notice of any vacancy on the Board, the method or manner in which votes may be cast, and any other matter necessary or incident to the election of members of the Board. The Board may also provide for a proxy vote, and may determine how, when, and in what manner voting by proxy may be had in accordance with the Act and as may be provided in the bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

Section 15.06. Voting. Each Adopting Employer shall be entitled to vote in any election or other matter placed before the membership as provided in the bylaws of the Board of Trustees.

Section 15.07. Voting Representative for the Adopting Employer. The Pension Committee Secretary or other designated representative of the Pension Committee shall be the official representative of the Adopting Employer to cast the Adopting Employer's vote in any election of members of the Board of Trustees and in any other matters which the membership has the authority and responsibility for resolving, unless the Adopting Employer notifies GMEBS to the contrary in writing.

Section 15.08. Qualified Public Accountant. The Administrator may engage on behalf of all Participants an independent qualified public accountant to conduct such an examination of any financial statements of the Plan, and of other books and records of the Plan, as the qualified public accountant may deem necessary to enable him to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements and schedules required to be included in the annual report of the Plan are presented fairly in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to a governmental plan, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding Plan Year and who shall perform such other services for the Plan as the Administrator may require.

Section 15.09. Fiduciary Insurance. The Board of Trustees may purchase fiduciary liability insurance for any of its fiduciaries, or for itself, to cover liability or losses occurring by reason of the act or omission of a fiduciary.

ARTICLE XVI.

GMEBS TRUST AGREEMENT

All contributions under the Plan shall be transferred to the Trust to be held, managed, invested, and distributed as part of the Trust Fund by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and GMEBS Trust Agreement. All benefits under the Plan shall be distributed solely from the Trust Fund.

The Board shall distribute the corpus and income of the Trust Fund to the Participants and their Beneficiaries in accordance with applicable state and federal law and the Plan. At no time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities with respect to Participants and their Beneficiaries shall any part of the corpus or income be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their beneficiaries.

ARTICLE XVII.

CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

Section 17.01. **Disputes.** In the event of disagreement between a Participant and the Adopting Employer with respect to any rights, claims, or responsibilities under the Plan which cannot be resolved by the Pension Committee as provided under Article XV, the Participant may make an appeal regarding such rights, claims, or responsibilities to the Governing Authority. In the event that any such rights, claims, or responsibilities result in a suit or other legal action by a Participant or Beneficiary, such action shall be defended in the same manner as other suits against the Adopting Employer. Any legal action on behalf of the Adopting Employer with regard to the Plan shall be first authorized by the Governing Authority and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the Governing Authority. GMEBS shall have no responsibility to defend or pursue legal action arising under the Plan.

Section 17.02. **Disputes involving Federal or State Law Compliance.** In the event there is a dispute involving federal or state law compliance, between a Participant or Beneficiary and the Governing Authority or the Trustees, or between an Adopting Employer and the Trustees, GMEBS is a necessary party to any such dispute, or suit, settlement, or release arising therefrom.

Section 17.03. **Failure to Act.** GMEBS shall not be responsible for the failure of the Adopting Employers to perform any of their obligations under the Plan, including the duty to remit payments to GMEBS, to provide necessary records concerning Participants and their Earnings to GMEBS, or to perform any other functions required of the Adopting Employers by applicable law, the Master Plan, the Adoption Agreement (including any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, if applicable), the GMEBS Trust Agreement, or by the rules and regulations of GMEBS. To the extent permitted under state and federal law,

each Adopting Employer shall indemnify and hold GMEBS harmless for any failure to pay, delay in payment or other errors in processing benefits pursuant to this Plan due to the Adopting Employer's failure to perform its obligations under the Plan or provide accurate data to GMEBS for the purpose of administering the Plan.

ARTICLE XVIII.

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

Section 18.01. Amendment of the Plan by an Adopting Employer. The Governing Authority shall have the right at any time, and from time to time, to amend, in whole or in part, any or all of its elections in the Adoption Agreement; provided, however, that no such amendment shall:

- (a) Reduce the previously Accrued Benefit of any Participant or Beneficiary; or,
- (b) Authorize or permit any part of the Trust Fund held by the Board to be diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries; or,
- (c) Operate to deprive any Participant or Beneficiary of any rights or benefits irrevocably Vested in him under the Plan prior to such amendment, except that the Governing Authority may make any and all changes or modifications to the Adoption Agreement necessary to qualify the Plan or to keep the Plan qualified under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, or any amendment thereto; or,
- (d) Become effective until approved by the Administrator. In order to be approved by the Administrator, any amendment must comply with all applicable state and federal laws and the Master Plan. If the Administrator does not approve an amendment, the Administrator shall continue to administer the Plan as if such amendment had not been made.

In no event may an Adopting Employer amend the Master Plan or the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 18.02. Amendment of Plan by GMEBS.

(a) It is the intent of the Board that the Master Plan, Adoption Agreement form and Addendum form (collectively referred to for purposes of Sections 18.02 and 18.03 as "Plan") shall be and remain qualified for tax purposes under the Code. The Administrator shall timely submit the Plan for approval under the Code as necessary, and all expenses incident thereto shall be borne by the GMEBS Investment Fund. The Board hereby reserves the right to amend the Plan in its sole discretion without the consent of the Adopting Employers or of Participants (or any Beneficiaries thereof) to retain the qualified status of the Plan or to make desired changes in the design of the Plan. Any modification, alteration, or amendment made in accordance with this Section may be made retroactively, if necessary or appropriate. A true copy of the resolution of the Board making such amendment shall be delivered to the Administrator and the Adopting Employers. The Plan shall be amended in the manner and effective as of the date set forth in such resolution, and the Adopting Employers, Employees, Participants, Beneficiaries, the Administrator, and all others having any interest under the Plan shall be bound thereby.

(b) GMEBS will maintain a record of the Participating Employers, and GMEBS will make reasonable and diligent efforts to ensure that Adopting Employers have actually received and are aware of all Plan amendments and that such Adopting Employers adopt new documents when necessary. The provisions of this subsection shall supersede other provisions of the Plan to the extent those other provisions are inconsistent.

Section 18.03. Authority to Amend for Qualification of Plan.

(a) On and after February 17, 2005, the Board delegates to the Practitioner the authority to advise and prepare amendments to the Plan, for approval by the Board, on behalf of

all Adopting Employers, including those Adopting Employers who have adopted the Plan prior to the January 1, 2013, restatement of the Plan, for changes in the Code, the regulations thereunder, revenue rulings, other statements published by Internal Revenue Service, including model, sample, or other required good faith amendments (but only if their adoption will not cause such Plan to be individually designed), and for corrections of prior approved plans. These amendments shall be applied to all Adopting Employers. Employer notice and signature requirements have been met for all Adopting Employers before the effective date of February 17, 2005. In any event, any amendment prepared by the Practitioner and approved by the Board will be provided by the Administrator to Adopting Employers.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, no amendment to the Plan shall be prepared on behalf of any Adopting Employer as of either:

(1) the date the Internal Revenue Service requires the Adopting Employer to file Form 5300 as an individually designed plan as a result of an amendment by the Adopting Employer to incorporate a type of Plan not allowable in a volume submitter plan; or

(2) as of the date the Plan is otherwise considered an individually designed plan due to the nature and extent of the amendments.

If the Adopting Employer is required to obtain a determination letter for any reason in order to maintain reliance on the advisory letter, the Practitioner's authority to amend the Plan on behalf of the Adopting Employer is conditioned on the Plan receiving a favorable determination letter.

Section 18.04. Termination by Adopting Employer.

(a) The Adopting Employer expects the Plan to be continued indefinitely but, of necessity, reserves the right to terminate its Plan and Contributions thereunder at any time by action of the Governing Authority, subject to the Administrator's approval. Such termination shall be accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance or resolution (as applicable) by the Governing Authority terminating the Plan. Such ordinance shall conform to the rules and regulations of the Board governing Plan termination to the extent they are consistent with this provision.

(b) Upon full or partial termination or a complete discontinuance of Employer contributions, all affected Eligible Employees shall be deemed to be Participants, and the Accrued Benefits of such Participants shall be Vested to the extent funded required by federal law. The Pension Committee shall notify Participants, Terminated Participants, Retired Participants, and Beneficiaries of the full termination of the Plan, and shall provide a copy of such notice and the names and addresses of the persons notified to the Administrator.

(c) Upon termination, the Adopting Employer shall provide to the Administrator current Participant information necessary to calculate Accrued Benefits. Upon receipt of such information, the Administrator shall prepare a list of all the Adopting Employer's Participants, Retired Participants, Terminated Participants, and Beneficiaries, showing for each the present value of his Accrued Benefit, as determined by the GMEBS Actuary as of the date of termination.

(d) The Administrator, in accordance with the Board's current rules and regulations, and with generally accepted accounting practices, shall determine the value of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund as of the termination date. All mandatory Employee Contributions, if any, plus interest, shall be paid from the Trust Fund to the Participants, to the extent of available

Trust Fund assets. The Administrator shall then deduct from the Trust Fund a termination fee established by GMEBS for services provided in terminating the Plan. The Administrator, pursuant to the Board's rules and regulations, shall then allocate the remaining assets for distribution of the present value of Accrued Benefits in lump sums to the classes listed below. The benefits of each class shall be satisfied before proceeding to the next class. If at any time the remaining Plan assets would be insufficient to provide the present value of Accrued Benefits for the class in question, the remaining assets shall be applied on a pro rata basis within that class, and all subsequent classes shall receive no benefit. The pro rata allocation referred to above will be determined based upon the comparative value of each class member's Accrued Benefit (present value expressed in a lump sum) when measured against the lump sum present value of Accrued Benefits for the class as a whole.

CLASS A – Retired Participants or Beneficiaries who are receiving payments as of the termination date.

CLASS B – Participants delaying Retirement beyond the Normal Retirement Date.

CLASS C – Participants eligible for Early Retirement.

CLASS D – Other Participants, terminated or active, who have met the requirements for vesting as of the termination date.

CLASS E – All other Participants on a pro rata basis. Payment of benefits to Retired Participants, Beneficiaries, and Participants by the Administrator as a result of a Plan termination shall be limited solely to the assets available in the Trust Fund.

(e) In its termination ordinance, the Governing Authority shall instruct the Administrator as to the distribution of excess assets, if any, remaining after the satisfaction of

Accrued Benefits for the classes enumerated herein. In the absence of such instructions, any excess assets shall be distributed to the Adopting Employer.

(f) Upon distribution of the assets as specified above, the Adoption Agreement, Master Plan, and GMEBS Trust Agreement shall be regarded as terminated as to that Adopting Employer and no Participant or Beneficiary shall have any further rights or claim herein.

Section 18.05. Amendment of the Plan to Transfer Assets; Termination of Contract.

(a) The Adopting Employer may amend the Adoption Agreement by ordinance or resolution (as applicable) so as to provide for the transfer of assets to a successor trustee and to terminate the existing Contract between the Adopting Employer and the Board. Any such ordinance or resolution shall comply with Section 18.01 and with the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Board regarding amendment and transfer of Plan assets, to the extent they are consistent with this Section.

(b) In addition to other requirements, such ordinance or resolution shall:

- (1) Designate a new trustee or trustees to replace the Board;
- (2) Establish a month-end termination date, which shall be used for purposes of valuing the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund assets and which shall be fixed by the Administrator, taking into account the time reasonably required to liquidate GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund assets (if necessary) for purposes of the termination and transfer, the impact of the termination on the financial integrity of the Retirement System, and the time reasonably required for GMEBS and the terminating Employer to complete necessary administrative tasks associated with the termination. The termination date will

be no earlier than forty-five (45) days after the Adopting Employer provides written notice to the Administrator of its intent to terminate;

(3) Provide that after the established termination date, GMEBS shall have no further responsibility or obligation to administer the terminating Employer's retirement plan, except as otherwise agreed and provided for by GMEBS and the terminating Employer in the ordinance or resolution;

(4) Provide that the value of assets of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund as of the established termination date shall be determined based upon the value of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund as reflected in the unaudited financial statements for the GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund as of the established termination date, subject to verification and reconciliation against the most recent GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund audit coinciding with or following the termination date.

(5) Provide for the transfer of assets held in the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund to the successor trustee as follows:

(A) that no transfer shall take place until a successor Code Section 401(a) retirement plan and trust document have been adopted by the Adopting Employer and furnished to GMEBS, together with a current IRS determination letter or an opinion letter from an attorney confirming that the successor retirement plan is tax qualified under Code Section 401(a);

(B) that as soon as reasonably practicable after the established termination date, the Administrator will make an initial transfer to the successor trustee of an amount to be determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion, but in no event more than eighty-five percent (85%) of the value of the Adopting

Employer's Trust Fund, as reflected in the then most recently completed unaudited monthly financial statement for the GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund; and that prior to the completion of the initial transfer, the Administrator shall deduct from the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund a termination fee established by GMEBS for services provided in effecting the termination of the Adopting Employer's participation in GMEBS and the transfer of assets to the successor trustee;

(C) that as soon as reasonably practicable after completion of the GMEBS Retirement Fund unaudited financial statement for the month including the established termination date, the Administrator will make a second transfer to the successor trustee in an amount equal to the remainder of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund assets, if any; and that in any event distribution of assets to the successor trustee shall be completed within the time limits specified in the GMEBS Trust Agreement;

(D) that after the established termination date, any funds remaining in the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund shall not share in the gains or losses of the GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund, notwithstanding any provision of the GMEBS Master Plan or Trust Agreement to the contrary; and that any investment gains or losses that would otherwise be credited to or debited from the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund after the established termination date shall not be taken into account. Rather, after the established termination date through completion of the transfer of assets, any amount remaining in the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund shall earn interest at the same rate as the GMEBS active cash management

account which shall be credited monthly until the transfer of assets is completed; and,

(E) that if the audit of the GMEBS Retirement Trust Fund for the year including the established termination date reflects that the value of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund on the termination date was understated or overstated in the unaudited financial statement relied upon, then GMEBS or the Adopting Employer shall remit to the other the amount of any overpayment or underpayment, unless said amount is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Such remittance shall be made in a lump sum with interest. Said interest shall be calculated at the same rate as the GMEBS active cash management account and credited monthly as of the last day of each month following the established termination date up until the date of the remittance.

(6) Provide that the assets of the Plan will continue to be held by the successor trustee for the exclusive benefit of Participants and Beneficiaries.

(7) State that the existing retirement rights of Employees, Participants, and Beneficiaries shall not be impaired.

(8) Provide that upon completion of the transfer of assets, the GMEBS Board of Trustees shall have no further fiduciary responsibility for investment of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund assets or payment of liabilities, and the Adopting Employer's Contract and participation under the GMEBS Trust Agreement shall be considered terminated.

(9) Provide that, to the extent permitted by federal, state or local law, the Adopting Employer agrees to indemnify the Board of Trustees and the Administrator

from and against any loss, liability or claim arising out of the Employer's maintenance of the Plan from and after the date of the final transfer of assets.

(10) Provide that the surviving plan must provide each Participant on whose behalf Plan assets are transferred a benefit equal to or greater than the benefit he had accrued, if any, immediately before transfer of assets.

Section 18.06. Involuntary Termination.

(a) The Board may involuntarily terminate the Plan as to an Adopting Employer in the event of any of the following occurrences:

(1) Failure of the Employer to comply with the terms of the Master Plan, Adoption Agreement, or GMEBS Trust Agreement including, but not limited to, failure to pay required Contributions in a timely manner;

(2) Failure of the Adopting Employer to provide to GMEBS or respond to requests from GMEBS for information necessary for GMEBS to administer the Plan;

(3) Failure of the Adopting Employer to adequately fund the Plan in accordance with the GMEBS funding policy;

(4) Receipt of written notice from an Adopting Employer's Governing Authority of its intent to discontinue further Contributions;

(5) Insistence by the Employer on enforcing an amendment to the Adoption Agreement which the Board has disapproved; or

(6) Failure of the Adopting Employer to maintain qualification status under Code Sections 401(a) and 414(d).

(b) The rights, benefits, and entitlements under the Plan of any Participant, including those of his Beneficiary, any other provision of the Plan notwithstanding, before or after

Retirement, death, or other termination of employment shall, upon the failure of the Adopting Employer to pay and to continue to pay its required Contributions, be limited as specified in this Article.

(c) In the event of an involuntary termination, the GMEBS Board may in its sole discretion adopt a resolution providing for: (i) designation of the members of the Employer's Governing Authority as successor trustees for the Plan; (ii) designation of a person or entity other than the Employer's Governing Authority as successor trustee for the Plan; or (iii) outright termination of the Plan and distribution of assets to Participants and Beneficiaries. The specific terms and conditions associated with involuntary termination shall be as provided in the Board resolution. Neither the Administrator nor the GMEBS Board shall be subject to lawsuit or liability arising from the exercise of its discretion as provided herein.

(d) The Administrator shall notify the Governing Authority, Participants, and Beneficiaries in writing of an involuntary termination and the reasons therefor. Said notice shall also fix a termination date. Upon the request of the Administrator, the Employer shall within a reasonable period provide the Administrator with the last known addresses of Participants and Beneficiaries for this purpose. Neither the Administrator nor the GMEBS Board shall be subject to lawsuit or liability for non-compliance with this paragraph arising from the failure of the Employer to provide such information to the Administrator.

(e) The Administrator shall determine the value of the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund as of the termination date in accordance with the procedures described in Section 5(b)(4) of this Article. The Board shall deduct from the Trust Fund a termination fee established by GMEBS for services provided in effecting termination of the Adopting Employer's participation in GMEBS.

(f) Successor Trustee.

(1) Governing Authority as Successor Trustee. If upon voluntary termination, the GMEBS Board by resolution designates the members of the Employer's Governing Authority as successor trustees, the Adopting Employer shall be obligated to furnish GMEBS with a successor retirement plan and related documents as provided in Section 18.05(b)(5)(A). Distribution of assets to the Governing Authority or to a designee specified by the Governing Authority in writing, as successor trustee, shall then occur in accordance with the transfer procedures described in Section 18.05(b)(5). Payment of benefits to Retired Participants and Beneficiaries shall become the responsibility of the Governing Authority, as successor trustees, as of the termination date, except as otherwise provided in the Board's termination resolution.

(2) Other Entity as Successor Trustee. If upon involuntary termination, the GMEBS Board by resolution designates a successor trustee other than the members of the Employer's Governing Authority, distribution of assets to the successor trustee shall occur in accordance with the transfer procedures described in Section 18.05(b)(5) upon the Board's receipt of retirement plan and related documents as described in Section 18.05(b)(5)(A), and any other information reasonably requested by the Board. Payment of benefits to the Retired Participants and Beneficiaries shall become the responsibility of the successor trustee as of the termination date, except as otherwise provided in the Board's termination resolution.

(3) Termination without Successor Trustee. If upon involuntary termination, the GMEBS Board by resolution terminates the Employer's Plan outright, the assets of the Employer's Trust Fund will not be transferred to a successor trustee, but will be

distributed to Participants and Beneficiaries in accordance with and subject to the termination provisions of Section 18.04(b)-(f), except as otherwise provided in this subsection. The Employer shall provide current Participant information necessary to calculate Accrued Benefits as required under Section 18.04(c), within a reasonable period after the Administrator's request for such information. Any excess assets remaining after satisfaction of Accrued Benefits and payment of the termination fee shall be distributed to the Employer.

(g) Freezing of Benefit Accruals. In the event of an Employer's failure to pay required Contributions, the GMEBS Board may by resolution freeze benefit accruals under the Employer's Plan, as an alternative to involuntary termination. If the Board adopts such a resolution, the Employer's Plan must continue to be maintained as a qualified plan and the Employer will be responsible for funding benefits as determined under the frozen Plan's provisions. The Board's resolution to freeze benefit accruals shall specify the extent to which Service and Earnings after the freeze date will or will not be counted for purposes of computing the amount of benefits payable under the Plan, and for purposes of meeting the minimum service requirements for vesting and benefit eligibility under the Plan. The resolution shall also specify the conditions for recommencing benefit accruals under the Plan. The resolution may also provide that, in the event of an Employer's continued failure to pay required Contributions, the Employer's Plan will be terminated outright as of a date certain or upon the Board's adoption of a resolution providing for outright termination, consistent with the provisions of subsection (f)(3).

(h) The Board in its discretion may require an Employer to obtain appropriate IRS approval of the qualified status of the terminating Plan or a successor plan.

(i) In the event that an Adopting Employer fails to comply with the terms of the Master Plan, Adoption Agreement, or GMEBS Trust Agreement including, but not limited to, failure to pay required Contributions in a timely manner, the Board may in its sole discretion pursue any other legal or equitable means that it deems appropriate, including the filing of a writ of mandamus, to facilitate such compliance.

Section 18.07. Termination of the Master Plan by the Board. The Board reserves the right to completely terminate the Master Plan and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. In such an event, the provisions of Section 18.04 shall be applied to each Adopting Employer.

ARTICLE XIX.

NON-ALIENATION OF BENEFITS

(a) None of the benefits, payments, proceeds, or distributions payable under the Plan shall be subject to the claim of any creditor of any Participant or to the claim of any creditor of any Beneficiary hereunder, or to any legal process of levy or attachment by any creditor of any such Participant or Beneficiary; and no such benefits shall be in any manner liable for or subject to the debts, liabilities, engagements, or torts of any Participant or Beneficiary; and neither shall any such Participant or Beneficiary have any right to alienate, commute, anticipate, transfer, encumber, pledge, or assign any of the benefits, payments, proceeds, or distributions under this Plan.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to preclude the Administrator, subject to any terms and conditions set by the Administrator, from making a deduction and direct payment to the Adopting Employer or GMEBS on behalf of a Retired Participant for the limited purpose of paying for a contribution or premium for a post retirement benefit offered by the Adopting Employer or GMEBS, if the Retired Participant elects to have such deduction and

direct payment made. An election by the Retired Participant for such deduction and direct payment may be revoked at any time.

(c) Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to preclude the Administrator, subject to any terms and conditions set by the Administrator, from making a deduction and direct payment on behalf of a Retired Participant as provided under Section 845(a)(4)(D) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 in its current form or as amended, and as interpreted by the Internal Revenue Service, for the limited purpose of paying premiums for coverage for an eligible retired public safety officer, his spouse, and dependents, by an accident or health insurance plan or qualified long-term care insurance contract as defined in Section 7702B(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code, if the Retired Participant elects to have such deduction and direct payment made. An election by a Retired Participant for such deduction and direct payment may be revoked at any time.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 20.01. Construction.

(a) Words used in this Plan in the masculine gender shall be construed to include the feminine gender where appropriate, and words used in this Plan in the singular or plural shall be construed as being in the plural or singular where appropriate.

(b) The Plan shall be construed, enforced, and administered and the validity thereof determined in accordance with the Code, and, when not inconsistent with the Code, the laws of the State of Georgia and the bylaws of the Board.

(c) In resolving any conflict between provisions of the Plan and in resolving any other uncertainty as to the meaning or intention of any provision of the Plan, the interpretation that (i) causes the Plan to constitute a qualified governmental retirement plan under the

provisions of Code Sections 401 and 414(d) and the Trust as exempt from tax under Code Sections 501 and 115, and (ii) causes the Plan to comply with all applicable requirements of the Code and federal law shall prevail over any different interpretation.

(d) In resolving any conflict between the Plan and any policy or contract issued under the Plan, the provisions of the Plan shall prevail.

(e) The headings and subheadings in the Plan are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered in the construction of any provision of the Plan.

(f) The terms of this Master Plan document shall control except as otherwise provided in an Adopting Employer's Adoption Agreement (including any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, if applicable), as accepted by or on behalf of the GMEBS Board, in which case the terms of the Adopting Employer's Adoption Agreement (including any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement) shall control.

(g) Neither the establishment nor maintenance of the Plan nor any amendment thereof, nor any act or omission under the Plan or resulting from the operation of the Plan shall be construed:

(1) as conferring upon any Participant, beneficiary, or any other person a right or claim against the GMEBS Investment Fund, the Trust Fund, the Trustees, the Adopting Employer, or the Administrator, except to the extent that such right or claim shall be specifically expressed and provided in the Plan;

(2) as a contract or Agreement between the Adopting Employer and any Participant or other person;

(3) as being consideration for, or an inducement or condition of, employment of any Participant or other person, or as affecting or restricting in any manner or to any

extent whatsoever the rights or obligations of the Adopting Employer or any Participant or other person to continue or terminate the employment relationship at any time; or

(4) as giving any Participant the right to be retained in the service of the Adopting Employer or to interfere with the right of the Adopting Employer to discharge any Participant or other person at any time.

Section 20.02. Non-Diversion.

(a) The assets of the Plan shall never inure to the benefit of an Adopting Employer and shall be held for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to Participants in the Plan and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan, except in the case of a contribution which is made by an Adopting Employer under a mistake of fact as determined solely by the Administrator. Such contribution shall be returned to the Adopting Employer, upon demand, and shall be reduced for any loss incurred but unadjusted for any gains earned during the time the mistaken contribution was part of the Trust Fund.

(b) Trust assets shall be managed in compliance with Code Section 503(b).

Section 20.03. Legally Incompetent; Power of Attorney. Any Participant, Retired Participant, Terminated Participant, or Beneficiary receiving or claiming benefits under the Plan shall be conclusively presumed to be mentally competent and of age until the Administrator receives a written notice, in a form and manner acceptable to it, that such person is incompetent or a minor, and that a guardian or other person legally vested with the care of his estate has been appointed. In the event a guardian of the estate of any person receiving or claiming benefits under the Plan shall be appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, payments shall be made to such guardian and the guardian may take any and all actions with respect to the person's interest under the Plan in accordance with the terms of

the appointment, provided that proper proof of appointment is furnished in a form and manner suitable to the Administrator. Any payment so made shall be a complete discharge of liability therefor under the Plan. No person may act as an attorney-in-fact for an Employee, Participant, Terminated Participant, Retired Participant or Beneficiary with respect to a matter involving the Plan unless a valid power of attorney document appointing such person and authorizing such action is submitted in a form and manner acceptable to the Administrator. The Administrator shall be entitled to rely upon a power of attorney document which it reasonably determines to be valid, without liability for actions taken by the Administrator at the request of the designated attorney-in-fact, unless and until the Administrator receives notice that the power of attorney is no longer effective.

Section 20.04. Benefits Supported Only by Trust Fund. Any person having any claim under the Plan shall look solely to the assets of the Trust Fund for satisfaction. In no event shall the Adopting Employer, or any of its employees or agents, be liable in their individual capacities to any person whomsoever, under the provisions of the Plan or of the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 20.05. Non-Discrimination. The Adopting Employer, through the Pension Committee, shall administer the Plan in a uniform and consistent manner with respect to all Participants.

Section 20.06. Limitation of Liability; Legal Actions.

(a) It is expressly understood and agreed by each Employee who becomes a Participant hereunder that, except for willful neglect or fraud, neither the Adopting Employer, the Plan Representative, nor the Board of Trustees shall be in any way subject to any suit or litigation, or to any legal liability, for any cause or reason or thing whatsoever, in connection

with the Plan or its operation, and each such Participant hereby releases the Adopting Employer, all its employees and agents, the Plan Representative, and the Board of Trustees from any and all liability or obligation.

(b) The Adopting Employer and the Plan Representative shall be the only necessary parties to any action or proceeding involving any rights under the Plan or the proper administration thereof, and no Participant, Beneficiary, or other persons having or claiming to have an interest in the Plan shall be entitled to any notice of process. Any final judgment which is not appealed or appealable that may be entered in any such action or proceeding shall be binding and conclusive on the parties hereto and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the Plan.

Each fiduciary under the Plan shall be responsible only for the specific duties assigned under the Plan and shall not be directly or indirectly responsible for the duties assigned to another fiduciary. Any person or a group of persons may serve in more than one (1) fiduciary capacity with respect to the Plan.

Section 20.07. Claims. Any payment to a Participant or Beneficiary, or to their legal representatives, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, shall to the extent thereof be in full satisfaction of all claims hereunder against the Plan Representative or the Adopting Employer, either of which may require such Participant, Beneficiary, or legal representative, as a condition precedent to such payment, to execute a receipt and release therefor in such form as shall be determined by the Plan Representative or the Adopting Employer.

Section 20.08. Errors in Benefits.

(a) Underpayments. Any underpayments from the Trust Fund to a Retired Participant or to a Beneficiary caused by administrative errors shall be corrected with interest compounded annually from the date of the miscalculated payment. The rate applied shall be the actuarially assumed rate utilized by the plan actuary for estimating future plan investment earnings or, effective on and after January 1, 2014, such other rate established by the Board that is permissible under federal and state law and applicable guidance as of the date of the correction. Underpayments shall be made up from the Adopting Employer's Trust Fund.

(b) Overpayments. In the event of an overpayment from the Trust Fund to a Retired Participant or to a Beneficiary caused by administrative error, the following provisions shall apply:

(1) Corrective Amendment Option. In the event of an overpayment that is due to misapplication of the terms of the Plan, the Adopting Employer may be provided the opportunity to amend its Adoption Agreement (a "Corrective Amendment") in order to provide for such overpayment to be permissible under the terms of the plan, but only if the Corrective Amendment is consistent with the circumstances resulting in the overpayment and with the Master Plan, as determined by the Administrator. The Corrective Amendment may be effective either retroactively only, or both retroactively and prospectively.

(2) Determination of Reasonableness of Collection from Retired Participants or Beneficiaries. In the event that the Adopting Employer does not adopt a Corrective Amendment, or that the circumstances resulting in the overpayment or the Master Plan would not permit such an amendment, the Administrator and the Adopting Employer will

consult in making a determination of whether collection of the overpayment (in full or in part) from a Retired Participant or Beneficiary is reasonable under the particular facts and circumstances involved. In their determination, the Administrator and the Adopting Employer shall consider (1) the hardship of collection on the Retired Participant or Beneficiary; (2) any legal impediments to collection; and (3) the potential risk of litigation if collection is pursued, in consultation with the affected Adopting Employer's counsel.

(3) Failure to Reach Agreement on Reasonableness of Collection. If the Administrator and the Adopting Employer cannot reach agreement within six (6) months as to whether collection of an overpayment from a Retired Participant or Beneficiary is reasonable, the Board shall make this determination, considering the factors outlined above in paragraph (2).

(4) Collection Process. If a determination under this subsection is made that collection from the Retired Participant or Beneficiary is reasonable, the overpayment shall be corrected with interest compounded annually from the date of the miscalculated payment. The rate applied shall be the actuarially assumed rate utilized by the plan actuary for estimating future plan investment earnings or, effective on and after January 1, 2014, such other rate established by the Board that is permissible under federal and state law and applicable guidance as of the date of the correction. In collecting amounts of the overpayment (in full or in part), the Administrator shall have the discretion to use any of the following options: (i) single sum payments; (ii) installment payments; (iii) actuarial reduction of future Retirement payments; or (iv) deductions from Retirement payments.

Retirement payment deductions shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the amount of payment from which the deduction is made.

(5) Corrective Payment by Adopting Employer. If full collection of an overpayment is not achieved, either because of a determination that full collection from the Retired Participant or Beneficiary is not reasonable, or because efforts at collection do not result in a full collection of the overpayment, the Adopting Employer shall be responsible for making a separate, supplemental contribution to the Trust Fund in the amount of any uncollected overpayment, including interest as calculated under paragraph (4) ("corrective contribution"). Any corrective contribution by a Participating Employer must be made at the same time that the next regular employer contribution is due under the Plan. In the event employer contributions are paid in installments, the corrective contribution may be paid over that same installment period, but not to exceed a twelve (12) month period. The corrective contribution may not be included as a portion of the general liability of the Plan for which regular funding contributions are made.

(6) If the overpayment involves circumstances that are not addressed in the preceding provisions of this subsection, or if in the determination of the GMEBS board, the overpayment cannot be practicably or appropriately corrected using the methods addressed in this subsection, GMEBS may develop a correction approach that is appropriate under the circumstances, permissible under state and federal law and applicable guidance, and equitable to the parties involved.

Section 20.09. Notice. Any notice given under the Plan shall be sufficient if given to: (1) the Board if addressed to the Administrator at its office; (2) the Adopting Employer if addressed to the address of the Governing Authority indicated in the Adoption

Agreement; or (3) a Participant or Beneficiary, when addressed to the Participant at his or her address as it appears in the records of the Administrator or the Adopting Employer.

Section 20.10. Right of Recovery. If the Administrator makes any payment that according to the terms of the Plan and the benefits provided hereunder should not have been made, the Administrator may recover that incorrect payment, whether or not it was made due to the error of the Administrator, from the person to whom it was made, or from any other appropriate party. If any such incorrect payment is made directly to a Participant, the provisions of Section 20.08 apply.

Section 20.11. Evidence of Action. All ordinances, resolutions, forms, orders, requests, documents and instructions provided to the Administrator by an Adopting Employer or by any duly authorized representative (e.g., Plan Representative or Pension Committee Secretary), shall be in writing and the Administrator shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with such ordinances, resolutions, forms, orders, requests, documents and instructions.

Section 20.12. Reliance. The Administrator or Board shall not incur any liability in acting upon any notice, request, signed letter, telegram, form, or other paper or document believed by the Administrator or Board to be genuine or to be executed or sent by an authorized person.

Section 20.13. Information to Administrator. As a condition precedent to GMEBS's administration of the Plan, the Adopting Employer shall provide current information to the Administrator including but not limited to the name, date of birth, date of employment, Enrollment Date, annual Earnings, leaves of absences, Vesting eligibility, Credited Service and Termination date for each Eligible Employee who is or who is

expected to become a Participant under the Plan, together with any other information which the Administrator deems necessary. The information provided by the Adopting Employer to the Administrator shall be conclusive as to all persons.

Section 20.14. Participant Data to Administrator. Each Participant and each Beneficiary of a deceased Participant, as applicable, must provide the Administrator any evidence, data or other information as requested by the Administrator for the purpose of administering the Plan. The provisions of this Plan are effective for the benefit of each Participant upon the condition precedent that each Participant furnishes promptly full, true and complete evidence, data and information when requested by the Administrator. The Administrator shall advise each Participant of the effect of the failure to comply with its request.

Section 20.15. Entire Plan. The Plan document and the documents incorporated by reference herein shall constitute the only legally governing documents for the Plan. No statement by the Trustees, Adopting Employer, or Administrator shall be used in any claim unless in writing, signed by the party against whom the claim is being made.

The terms of the foregoing Master Defined Benefit Plan Document are hereby adopted and agreed to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System has caused its Seal and the Signatures of its duly authorized officers to be affixed this 5th day of December, 2013

Attest:

Board of Trustees
Georgia Municipal Employees
Benefit System

D. Calverley
(SEAL)

A. Lamar Martin
Secretary

11/20/13 10:00 AM

APPENDIX

REFERENCED SECTIONS OF O.C.G.A.

Copies of sections of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") referenced herein, as in effect on the date of adoption of this amended and restated Master Plan Document, are attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Georgia legislature may amend the provisions of the attached O.C.G.A. sections from time to time. Any such amendments by the Georgia legislature are afforded no reliance by the currently issued IRS advisory letter.

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