

## PLAN A - TIER 1

## HIRE DATE BEFORE 01/01/2013

Employee Rate 10% (tax deferred)

Accrual Rate 3% for each year of service credit or 3.5% for elected

officials.

Retirement Eligibility 25 years of service credit at any age

10 years (minimum) of service credit at 60 yrs. of age

20 years early out - actuarially reduced

Disability Eligibility 5 years of service credit at any age

Survivor Eligibility 5 or more years of service credit with legal spouse for at least

last 12 months before death - 40% at age 60 or minimum of

20% immediately (actuarially calculated)

5 or more years of service credit with minor children with no

legal spouse - 30% to each child, not to exceed 60%

5 or more years of service credit with minor children and legal spouse - 60% until youngest child reaches the age of 18, then legal spouse decides on immediate (not less than 20%)

or deferred benefit (40% at age 60)

Eligible for retirement with legal spouse for at least last 12

months before death - automatic Option 2

Drop Eligibility 25 Years of service credit at any age

10 years (minimum) of service credit at 60 yrs. of age

Vested 10 years of service credit (may receive benefit at 60 yrs. of

age)

Refund Must be terminated for 30 days and all contributions received

by system. Subject to 20% Federal withholding and possible

10% penalty when taxes are filed with IRS.

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