

City of Warwick, Rhode Island  
Fire II Pension Fund  
Actuarial Valuation  
as of July 1, 2017



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## DISCUSSION

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## **I. Purpose and Summary**

This report presents the results of our July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island Fire II Pension Fund. The valuation was performed at the request of the City of Warwick for purposes of determining the employer and member contribution rates for the City's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

The total contribution level for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is 34.85% of covered earnings as compared to 35.00% of covered earnings determined by the previous valuation. In accordance with the City's ordinances, two-thirds of the cost (or 23.23% of earnings) will be met by the City, with the remaining one-third (or 11.62%) contributed by covered active members.

The member contribution rate of 11.62% is a blended rate between Tier I and Tier II members where the difference between the two is a constant 2.35%. Based on this difference and the size of the current population of active members, that produces a member contribution rate of 12.44% for Tier I members and 10.09% for Tier II members.

The development of the valuation results is shown in Tables 1 through 9 and is described in more detail on the following pages.

## **II. Membership Data**

The City furnished data for active members as of December 31, 2016. The data was projected to July 1, 2017 for valuation purposes reflecting anticipated age, salary and benefit increases, with some data adjustment after data questions responded. Although we did not audit this data, we did review it for reasonableness and consistency with the data collected for the previous valuation (prepared as of July 1, 2016). Table 4 provides a distribution by age and service for active members. There were 14 retirees as of June 30, 2017. There were also 3 inactive, non-retired members entitled to a future retirement benefit or a future refund.

## **III. Plan Provisions**

A summary of the principal plan provisions recognized for purposes of the valuation is provided in Table 9. There were no changes to this plan adopted since the last actuarial valuation.

#### **IV. Assets**

The City of Warwick furnished audited financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017. Tables 3a, 3b, and 3c provide information about the composition of plan assets and the development of valuation assets.

The asset value used in the determination of the annual contribution level is set equal to the market value of assets, adjusted to phase in the difference between actual and expected investment return over five years, at 20% per year. As shown in Table 3c, the market value of assets on June 30, 2017 was \$64,558,640 while the valuation assets were \$64,469,586 or 99.9% of the market value.

As shown in Table 3b, the dollar-weighted rate of return on the market value of assets for FY 2017 was 14.33%. This return is net of all investment expenses.

#### **V. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The results of the actuarial valuation are dependent on the actuarial assumptions used. Actual results can and almost certainly will differ, as actual experience deviates from the assumptions. Even seemingly minor changes in the assumptions can materially change the liabilities, calculated contribution rates and funding periods.

There were no changes to the assumptions and methods since the last actuarial valuation. We believe the assumptions are internally consistent and are reasonable, based on the actual experience of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island Fire II Pension Fund.

#### **VI. Funding Policy**

The plan is funded on an actuarially determined basis in accordance with the City's pension ordinances. The contribution amount determined by the July 1, 2017 valuation is projected with assumed base pay increases (2.75%) to determine the statutory contribution level for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The increase in accrued liability as of July 1, 2016, due to the change in assumptions is ratably recognized over a five year period according to the schedule found in Table 2.

## VII. Analysis of Changes

The funded ratio increased from 86.4% to 87.1%. The funded status measure alone is not appropriate for assessing the need for future contributions. Also, the funded status is not appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations

The following shows a reconciliation of the contribution rate from the prior valuation to the new rate set by this valuation.

Contribution rate set by prior valuation	35.00%
Staggered recognition of 2016 assumption changes	0.56
Demographic and payroll changes	(0.84)
Asset loss/(gain)	<u>0.13</u>
Contribution rate set by current valuation	34.85%

## VIII. Future Expectations

With the Tier II benefit provisions for new hires, the normal cost (and ultimately the total contribution requirement) should be trending slowly lower over the next decade as members in Tier I or in the Firefighters I Pension Fund who terminate or retire are replaced by members in Tier II. We commend the City for continuing to meet its actuarial contribution requirements as dictated by the approved funding policy. If the City continues to meet those obligations, we anticipate the funded ratio will increase consistently towards 100% over the next 15 years.

## IX. Certification

We certify that the information included herein and contained in this Actuarial Valuation Report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the City of Warwick, Rhode Island Firefighters II Pension Fund as of the valuation date.

All of our work conforms with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and to the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. In our opinion, our calculations also comply with the requirements of, where applicable, the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The undersigned are independent actuaries and consultants. Joseph P. Newton and Paul T. Wood are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries. Finally, both of the undersigned are experienced in performing valuations for large public retirement systems.

We are available to answer any questions in connection with this valuation of the plan or the information presented in this report.



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## TABLES

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# Table 1

## Valuation Results

	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>July 1, 2016</u>
<b>A. Membership Data</b>		
1. Active members		
a. Number	195	178
b. Annualized Salaries	\$ 14,141,458	\$ 13,917,985
c. Average pay	\$ 72,520	\$ 78,191
d. Average attained age	37.7	38.8
e. Average past service	10.5	11.1
2. Retired members and beneficiaries		
a. Number	17	10
b. Average benefit	\$ 43,320	\$ 51,173
c. Average attained age	50.8	48.0
<b>B. Liabilities</b>		
1. Actuarial accrued liability		
a. Active members	\$ 58,926,015	\$ 56,120,906
b. Retired members and beneficiaries	13,541,986	9,377,722
c. Inactive members	1,534,097	-
d. Total	<u>\$ 74,002,098</u>	<u>\$ 65,498,628</u>
2. Valuation assets	\$ 64,469,586	\$ 56,561,310
3. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability [(1)(d) - (2)]	\$ 9,532,512	\$ 8,937,318
4. Funded Ratio [(2)/(1)(d)]	87.1%	86.4%
<b>C. Determination of City Contribution for FY+1</b>		
1. Normal cost with interest	\$ 4,946,481	\$ 4,607,914
2. Amortization of unfunded liability (Table 2)	<u>\$ 462,283</u>	<u>\$ 340,434</u>
3. Total annual contribution [(1) + (2)]	\$ 5,408,764	\$ 4,948,348
4. Projected Covered Payroll	\$ 15,518,321	\$ 14,139,896
5. Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll [(3) / (4)]	34.85%	35.00%
6. City contribution as a percentage of payroll [2/3 x (5)]	23.23%	23.33%
7. Average member contribution rate [(5) - (6)]	11.62%	11.67%
a. Tier I Rate	12.44%	12.22%
b. Tier II Rate	10.09%	9.87%

## Table 2

### Summary of Amortization Bases

Date Established	Purpose	Initial Amount	Remaining Balance as of July 1, 2017	2018 - 2019 Amortization Payment*	Years Remaining as of July 1, 2018
7/14	Fresh Start, Offsetting of Prior Bases	\$ 3,779,979	\$ 3,690,521	\$ 357,673	13
7/15	2015 Experience (Gain)/Loss	(255,999)	(249,940)	(24,223)	13
7/16	2016 Experience (Gain)/Loss	211,851	210,396	16,411	18
** 7/16	2016 Assumption Change - FY19 Stagger	1,040,297	1,112,078	87,231	20
** 7/16	2016 Assumption Change - FY20 Stagger	1,040,297	1,112,078	-	21
** 7/16	2016 Assumption Change - FY21 Stagger	1,040,297	1,112,078	-	22
** 7/16	2016 Assumption Change - FY22 Stagger	1,040,297	1,112,078	-	23
** 7/16	2016 Assumption Change - FY23 Stagger	1,040,297	1,112,078	-	24
7/17	2017 Experience (Gain)/Loss	321,145	<u>321,145</u>	<u>25,191</u>	20
	Total		\$ 9,532,512	\$ 462,283	

\* Assuming payment made at the middle of the year.

\*\* Assumption change staggers will begin in the fiscal year indicated and be 20 scheduled payments

# Table 3A

## Asset Information

### Composition of Fund As of June 30, 2017

	Market Value	Percentage of Total
1. Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,952,630	3.0%
2. Equities, including index funds	28,379,051	44.0%
3. Fixed income investments	34,315,856	53.1%
4. Receivables less payables	<u>(88,897)</u>	<u>(0.1%)</u>
5. Total	\$ 64,558,640	100.0%

## Table 3B

### Asset Information

#### Asset Reconciliation and Expected Returns

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
1. Beginning of year market value	35,305,964	44,745,257	49,536,539	52,607,801
2. Contributions				
a. City	2,903,462	2,943,087	2,973,277	3,149,947
b. Member	1,451,731	1,471,544	1,486,639	1,574,973
c. Total	<u>4,355,193</u>	<u>4,414,631</u>	<u>4,459,916</u>	<u>4,724,920</u>
3. Benefits and admin expenses paid	(394,626)	(397,442)	(449,467)	(608,493)
4. Net return	5,478,726	774,093	(939,187)	7,834,412
5. End of year market value	44,745,257	49,536,539	52,607,801	64,558,640
6. Net market return	14.69%	1.66%	-1.82%	14.33%
7. Expected market value				
a. Beginning of year	35,305,964	44,745,257	49,536,539	52,607,801
b. Net cash flow	3,960,567	4,017,189	4,010,449	4,116,427
c. Earnings assumption	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	6.90%
d. Expected earnings	2,796,469	3,506,539	3,865,632	3,769,586
e. Excess/(shortfall)	2,682,257	(2,732,446)	(4,804,819)	4,064,826



## Table 4

### Distribution of Active Members by Age and by Years of Service

As of July 1, 2017

Attained Age	Years of Credited Service												Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 & Over	
	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	Count & Avg. Comp.	
Under 25	5 \$18,916	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$17,688	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	6 \$18,711
25-29	12 \$18,940	0 \$0	0 \$0	8 \$67,652	14 \$73,072	4 \$69,380	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	38 \$54,448
30-34	4 \$18,940	0 \$0	0 \$0	5 \$68,199	15 \$74,232	17 \$80,247	1 \$77,336	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	42 \$70,756
35-39	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	4 \$74,393	8 \$79,739	11 \$78,350	3 \$81,096	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	26 \$78,485
40-44	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	15 \$78,229	8 \$86,418	3 \$92,419	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	26 \$82,386
45-49	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	8 \$81,756	20 \$84,613	11 \$89,290	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	39 \$85,346
50-54	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	7 \$79,302	3 \$81,009	5 \$87,342	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	15 \$82,323
55-59	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	1 \$86,296	2 \$78,052	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	3 \$80,800
60-64	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0
65 & Over	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0	0 \$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b> \$18,934	<b>0</b> \$0	<b>0</b> \$0	<b>13</b> \$67,862	<b>33</b> \$73,759	<b>30</b> \$76,577	<b>43</b> \$79,258	<b>36</b> \$84,056	<b>19</b> \$89,271	<b>0</b> \$0	<b>0</b> \$0	<b>0</b> \$0	<b>195</b> \$72,520

## Table 5

### History of Investment Return Rates

Year Ending June 30 of	Market	Actual
(1)	(2)	(3)
2000	28.23%	
2001	-30.40%	
2002	-13.11%	
2003	3.75%	
2004	13.73%	
2005	8.23%	
2006	7.71%	
2007	14.05%	9.46%
2008	-3.48%	7.26%
2009	-16.90%	1.67%
2010	13.14%	2.06%
2011	20.89%	5.74%
2012	0.28%	4.48%
2013	11.17%	10.56%
2014	14.69%	10.56%
2015	1.66%	7.85%
2016	-1.82%	5.55%
2017	14.33%	6.47%
Average Returns:		
Last 5 Years	7.79%	8.18%
Last 10 Years	4.82%	6.18%

## Table 6

### Near Term Outlook

Valuation as of July 1,	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Market Value of Fund	For Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Employer Contribution Rate	Covered Compensation	Employer Contributions	Employee Contributions	Benefit Payments and Refunds	Net External Cash Flow
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
2017	\$ 9,532,511	87.1%	\$ 64,558,640	2018	23.3%	\$ 15,102,989	\$ 3,523,527	\$ 1,762,519	\$ 1,057,740	\$ 4,228,306
2018	9,330,077	88.7%	73,363,352	2019	23.2%	15,518,321	3,604,906	1,803,229	1,322,426	4,085,709
2019	9,075,573	90.1%	82,628,156	2020	23.2%	15,945,075	3,694,474	1,848,034	1,588,112	3,954,396
2020	8,766,683	91.3%	92,395,869	2021	23.2%	16,383,565	3,792,795	1,897,217	1,925,326	3,764,686
2021	8,350,555	92.5%	102,640,799	2022	23.2%	16,834,113	3,900,464	1,949,390	2,321,930	3,527,924
2022	7,806,028	93.6%	113,347,208	2023	23.2%	17,297,051	4,004,267	2,001,269	2,830,111	3,175,425

These projections are based on the current funding policy and assumes that all current assumptions are met each year in the future.



## Table 7

### Schedule of Funding Progress

Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (3) - (2)	Funded Ratio (2)/(3)	Annual Payroll	UAAL as % of Payroll (4)/(6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
July 1, 2009	\$ 18,265,170	\$ 20,678,480	\$ 2,413,310	88.3%	\$ 8,816,280	27.4%
July 1, 2011	24,781,826	31,782,763	7,000,937	78.0%	9,354,240	74.8%
July 1, 2013	34,394,949	41,218,696	6,823,747	83.4%	11,299,967	60.4%
July 1, 2014	42,195,568	46,060,602	3,865,034	91.6%	11,548,952	33.5%
July 1, 2015	49,682,745	53,252,922	3,570,177	93.3%	13,302,964	26.8%
July 2, 2016	56,561,310	65,498,628	8,937,318	86.4%	13,917,985	64.2%
July 1, 2017	64,469,586	74,002,098	9,532,512	87.1%	14,141,458	67.4%

# Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

## **Actuarial Cost Method:**

*Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method.* Under this method, the normal cost is the amount calculated as the level percentage of pay necessary to fully fund each active member's prospective benefit from entry age to retirement age. The total actuarial accrued liability, which is re-determined for each individual member as of each valuation date, represents the theoretical accumulation of all prior years' normal costs for the active members as if the present plan had always been in effect, plus the liability for any retirees or beneficiaries. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability represents the excess of the total actuarial accrued liability over the valuation assets.

## **Amortization Policy:**

The amortization of the UAAL is determined as a level percentage of payroll over a closed period using the process of "laddering". Bases that existed prior to this valuation continue to be amortized on their original schedule. New experience losses are amortized over individual periods of 20 years. New gains are offset against and amortized over the same period as the current largest outstanding loss which in turn decreases contribution rate volatility.

## **Asset Valuation Method:**

The actuarial value of assets is based on the market value of assets with a five-year phase-in of actual investment return in excess of (less than) expected investment income. Offsetting unrecognized gains and losses are immediately recognized, with the shortest remaining bases recognized first and the net remaining bases continue to be recognized on their original timeframe. Expected investment income is determined using the assumed investment return rate and the market value of assets (adjusted for receipts and disbursements during the year). The returns are computed net of administrative and investment expenses.

## Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Continued)

- 1. **Interest** 6.90% per year, net of investment expenses.
  
- 2. **Salary Increases** The sum of (i) a 3.50% wage inflation assumption (composed of a 2.75% price inflation assumption and a 0.75% additional general increase), and (ii) a service-related component as shown below:

Police/Fire Employees		
Years of Service	Service-Related Component	Total Increase
1	10.00%	13.50%
2	9.00	12.50
3	7.00	10.50
4	4.00	7.50
5	2.50	6.00
6	3.00	6.50
7	0.50	4.00
8	0.50	4.00
9 or more	0.00	3.50

Salary increases are assumed to occur once a year, on January 1. Therefore the pay used for the period year following the valuation date is equal to the reported pay for the prior year, increased by the salary increase assumption. For employees with less than one year of service, the reported rate of pay is used rather than the fiscal year salary paid.

## Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Continued)

### 3. Mortality

#### A. Pre-retirement mortality (combined ordinary and duty):

- a. Male employees: 115% of the RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA.
- b. Female employees: 95% of the RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White Collar adjustments, projected with Scale AA.
- c. Disabled males – 60% of the PBGC Table Va for disabled males eligible for Social Security disability benefits.
- d. Disabled females – 60% of the PBGC Table VIa for disabled females eligible for Social Security disability benefits.

#### B. Pre-retirement mortality (combined ordinary and duty):

- a. Male employees: 75% of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Males with White Collar adjustments.
- b. Female employees: 75% of RP-2000 Combined Healthy for Females with White Collar adjustments.

Sample rates are shown below:

Number of Deaths per 100		
Age	Males	Females
25	0.03	0.02
30	0.03	0.02
35	0.04	0.03
40	0.07	0.05
45	0.10	0.08
50	0.15	0.12
55	0.25	0.19
60	0.42	0.35
65	0.83	0.65
70	1.45	1.14

## Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Continued)

### 4. Disability

Sample rates per 1,000 active members are shown below. Ordinary disability rates are not applied to members eligible for retirement.

Age	Number of Disabilities per 1,000	
	Ordinary, Males and Females	Accidental, Males and Females
25	0.26	2.55
30	0.33	3.30
35	0.44	4.35
40	0.66	6.60
45	1.08	10.80
50	1.82	18.15
55	1.82	18.15
60	1.82	18.15
65	1.82	18.15

### 5 . Termination:

Termination rates (for causes other than death, disability, or retirement) are a function of the member's service. Termination rates are not applied to members eligible for retirement. Rates are shown below:

Service	Termination Rate	Service	Termination Rate
1	0.100000	11	0.012761
2	0.047300	12	0.011332
3	0.036903	13	0.010026
4	0.030821	14	0.008826
5	0.026506	15	0.007714
6	0.023158	16	0.006679
7	0.020424	17	0.005711
8	0.018111	18	0.004802
9	0.016108	19	0.003944
10	0.014342	20+	0.000000

## Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Continued)

**6. Retirement**

Rates of retirement are based on an employee’s length of service, as follows:

Retirement Election for Fire II Members		
Service	Tier I	Tier II
20	12%	
21	10%	
22	10%	
23	10%	
24	12%	
25	14%	10%
26	16%	2%
27	18%	2%
28	20%	2%
29	20%	2%
30+	35%	100%

**7. Benefit and Compensation Limits**

Benefit limits under Section 415 and compensation limits under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code are assumed to have no impact on benefits earned under this plan.

**8. Marriage / Dependents**

80% of active employees are assumed to be married at retirement or death, with two children ages 11 and 13. Wives are assumed to be three years younger than their husbands. No remarriage is assumed.

**9. Service Purchase**

None assumed.

**10. Administrative and Investment Expenses**

None. The 6.90% investment return assumption represents the assumed return net of all investment expenses. Administrative expenses are assumed to equal the actual administrative expenses from the prior fiscal year.

# Outline of Principal Plan Provisions

## 1. Effective Dates:

a. Original Plan May 29, 1992.

## 2. Eligibility:

All permanent members of the fire department hired on or after May 29, 1992.

## 3. Tier:

Members who hire by June 30, 2012 are in Tier I, while members who join later are in Tier II.

## 4. Final Average Salary(FAC):

Tier I: Salary received in the highest year of creditable service.

Tier II: Average of the salaries received in the last three years of creditable service.

For pension purposes, annual salary includes regular, holiday, and longevity pay.

## 5. Retirement:

### a. Eligibility

Tier I: Members who have completed 20 years of service may retire.

Tier II: Members attain age 50 or older and with at least 25 years of service may retire.

### b. Benefit Formula

Tier I: The annual benefit at retirement is equal to 50% of annual salary at retirement, plus 2% of annual salary for each year of service between 20 and 25, plus 3% of annual salary for each year of service between 25 and 30.

Tier II: 2% of FAC times years of service.

### c. Maximum Benefit

Tier I: 75% of FAC.

Tier II: 70% of FAC.

### d. Commencement Date

Retirement benefits commence as of the first payroll period after retirement.

### e. Form of Payment

The annual benefit calculated in accordance with the formula in (b) above is payable semi-monthly for the remainder of the retired member's life, with 67.5% of the member's benefit payable for the lifetime of his surviving spouse.

## Outline of Principal Plan Provisions (Continued)

### 4. Vested Termination:

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| a. Eligibility       | Upon termination of employment after 10 years of service a member is eligible for a benefit deferred to retirement age. |
| b. Benefit Formula   | 2.5% of average salary multiplied by full years of service at termination.  |
| c. Commencement Date | 20th anniversary of employment.   |
| d. Form of Payment   | Same as retirement.   |

### 5. Disability Retirement:

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| a. Eligibility       | A member who is unable to perform active duty as a result of disability which the Board of Public Safety finds to be permanently incapacitating is eligible to receive disability retirement benefits.  |
| b. Benefit Formula   | <p><u>Service Related</u> For <u>Tier I</u> members, the benefit would be equal to 66-2/3% of highest annual salary, reduced for each dollar of earned income in excess of the salary the member would earn as an active employee, to a minimum of 50% of salary. For <u>Tier II</u> members, the benefit would initially be the same, but once the member reached 25 years of service, including service while disabled, the benefit would be converted to a regular retirement benefit. (The age 50 minimum for retirement would not apply to this benefit.)</p> <p><u>Other Service Related and Non-Service Related</u> 50% of average salary.</p> |
| c. Commencement Date | Benefits commence as of the first payroll period after disability.  |
| d. Form of Payment   | Same as retirement.   |

### 6. Non-vested Termination of Employment:

A member who leaves employment prior to completing 10 years of service will receive a lump sum payment of his accumulated contributions without interest.



## Outline of Principal Plan Provisions (Continued)

### 7. Death Before Retirement -- Survivor Annuity Benefits

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| a. Eligibility                   | Death while actively employed.   |
| b. Benefit Formula               |  |
| (1) Surviving spouse             | <u>Service Related.</u> The annual benefit is 50% of the deceased member's average salary, payable to the surviving spouse until death or earlier remarriage.<br><br><u>Non-Service Related.</u> 30% of the deceased member's average salary, payable to the surviving spouse until death or earlier remarriage. |
| (2) Surviving children           | 10% of the deceased member's average salary, payable to each surviving child until his 18th birthday (or for life if such child becomes permanently disabled prior to the member's death).   |
| (3) Maximum family death benefit | <u>Service Related.</u> 75% of deceased's average salary.<br><br><u>Non-Service Related.</u> 50% of deceased's average salary.   |
| c. Commencement Date             | Benefits commence as of the first payroll period after death.  |
| d. Form of Payment               | Surviving spouse's and children's benefits are payable semi-monthly.   |

### 8. Death Before Retirement -- Lump Sum Refund of Contributions

A lump sum payment equal to the member's accumulated contributions without interest shall be paid to the estate of any active member who dies with no surviving spouse or children.

## Outline of Principal Plan Provisions (Continued)

### 9. Retiree Cost-of-Living Increases

Tier I: All benefits in pay status are increased by 3% annually.

Tier II: All benefits in pay status are increased by 75% of CPI, annual cap of 3%.

### 10. Service Purchase

For Tier I member, an active employee eligible to retire who has served in the U.S. armed forces may "purchase" additional years of service up to his number of years of military service, but no more than four years. A member may also purchase up to four years of prior civilian employment time with the City of Warwick. Either purchase would require the employee to contribute to the fund, at retirement, an amount which represents the actuarial equivalent value of the benefit increase purchased. However, the right to buy municipal service would be eliminated for Tier II members.

### 11. Employee Contributions

Members contribute a percentage of their covered earnings (regular, holiday, and longevity) equal to one third of the actuarially determined contribution rate.