

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15

ORDINANCE ADOPTING RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR THE BROOKLAND POLICE OFFICERS UNDER THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LOPFI); AND FOR AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Brookland, Arkansas desires to provide its eligible employees with retirement coverage by the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI); and

WHEREAS, the City of Brookland, Arkansas desires to enter into an irrevocable agreement to adopt retirement coverage for its Police Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKAND, ARKANSAS:

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of Brookland, Arkansas has, by a majority vote, agreed to cover its Police Officers under the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI).
- Section 2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized to execute any and all agreements to adopt retirement coverage and other documents related thereto for the purpose of enrolling the Brookland Police Officers in LOPFI. The effective date for the election to adopt LOPFI coverage shall be the first day of the month following the adoption of the Ordinance, or sooner if allowed by law.
- Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify in a manner and form acceptable to the Board of Trustees of LOPFI the determination of the City to adopt LOPFI retirement coverage within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- Section 4. The purpose of this Ordinance is to comply with the requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated §24-10-302 as well as all Arkansas law governing the requirements to adopt LOPFI retirement coverage.
- Section 5. A copy of this Ordinance, duly certified by the City Clerk, shall be filed with the LOPFI office and the City Clerk's office.
- Section 6. Emergency Clause. Due to the dangerous nature of the work of the Brookland Police Officers and the current climate with threats to the safety of police officers, it is hereby found and determined that the disability and death benefits associated with LOPFI are necessary for the health, welfare and safety of the populace of Brookland for its Police Officers be covered as soon as possible by LOPFI; therefore an emergency is hereby declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and adopted this 18th day of July, 2016.



ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LOPFI) AGREEMENT TO ADOPT RETIREMENT COVERAGE

The City Council for the City of Brookland, Arkansas, an Arkansas city of the first class desires to provide its eligible employees with retirement coverage by the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI); and, the eligible employment of such employees is not now covered by a retirement plan (Social Security excepted); and, LOPFI has advised what the initial employer contribution rate(s) will be upon joining LOPFI.

The City Council for the City of Brookland, Arkansas, a "political subdivision" as defined in Arkansas Code Annotated §24-10-101 et. seq, makes an irrevocable decision to join LOPFI and cover all its eligible present and future employees who are a "Police Officer", as defined by LOPFI.

Retirement coverage shall begin the first day of August, 2016, or sooner if allowed under Arkansas law. The City of Brookland understands employer contributions (and applicable member contributions) are effective the first day of the month following the adoption of LOPFI coverage and shall deduct from the covered pay of each employee the applicable member contributions and to promptly remit the deductions together with the required employer contributions in the time and manner directed by LOPFI.

The City of Brookland understands and agrees, that as a condition of joining LOPFI, shall maintain email and internet capability and use LOPFI's web-based employer reporting and shall remit all payments to LOPFI by electronic means.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify all information on this Agreement is true and accurately records the approved action of adopting LOPFI coverage for the City of Brookland, Arkansas.

City Clerk

Date:

LOPFI 620 W.3rd, Suite 200 Little Rock, AR 72201-2223