A BILL ENTITLED
AN ORDINANCE concerning: Pensions – Deferred Retirement Option Program – Fire Service Retirement Plan

FOR the purpose of modifying the eligibility for the sixth year of participation in DROP for certain participants in the Fire Service Retirement Plan; and generally relating to pensions.

BY repealing and reenacting: § 5-1-506(b)
Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. PENSIONS

TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

5-1-506. Participation period; mandatory retirement upon expiration.

(b) Term of participation period. The initial term of a DROP participation period is three years. The DROP participation period may be extended by no more than three additional one-year terms for all participants who qualify for participation in DROP under § 5-1-503. A DROP participant shall file an election for each extension on the form required by the Personnel Officer no fewer than 30 days before the end of the current term. Failure of a DROP participant to file a timely election for an extension results in the
expiration of the DROP participation period at the end of the current term. A participant who is a member of the Detention Officers’ and Deputy Sheriffs’ Retirement Plan must have the approval of the appointing authority to extend the DROP participation period beyond the initial term and to continue employment with the County. A participant of the Fire Service Retirement Plan, [[other than a Battalion Chief]] who is in the classification of Fire Division Chief, Fire Deputy Chief, Fire Assistant Chief or Fire Chief, or of the Police Service Retirement Plan who is in the classification of Police Captain, Police Major, Policy Deputy Chief, or Police Chief must have the approval of the appointing authority to extend the DROP participation period [[beyond the fifth year]] TO A SIXTH YEAR.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 5th day of July, 2022

By Order:

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 6th day of July, 2022

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 14th day of July, 2022

Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE:  August 28, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO. 61-22 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Laura Corby
Administrative Officer