



APPLICATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE/ PARTNER PENSION FROM THE PENSION PLAN

Complete this *Application for Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension from the Pension Plan* if you are the spouse or qualified domestic partner of a deceased Pension Plan member in order to commence a Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension upon the death of the member. Unless already on file with Pension Fund, you must also complete and return with this Application a *Beneficiary Verification Form* and supporting documentation.

A Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension is an amount equal to 50% of the member's Age Retirement Pension. However, your Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension may be higher if the member elected to receive a reduced Age Retirement Pension in order for you to receive a 75% or 100% Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension, and the member had already commenced his or her Age Retirement Pension at the time of the member's death. Your Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension will also be increased by special apportionments that may be awarded from time to time by the Pension Fund Board.

If you married the member after the member retired and commenced his or her pension under the Pension Plan, then the marriage must have taken place at least 12 months prior to the member's death for you to be eligible to receive a Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension. If you entered into a qualified domestic partnership after the member retired and commenced his or her pension under the Pension Plan, then an *Affidavit of Qualified Domestic Partnership* must be effective for at least 24 months prior to the member's death for you to be eligible to receive a Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension.

Your Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension will be paid monthly for your life commencing on the member's date of death if the member died before he or she began to receive a pension under the Pension Plan or the first day of the month after the member's date of death if the member died while receiving a pension under the Pension Plan. The Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension will not be paid for any period preceding the date of this Application by more than three months.

- PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY -

I. SURVIVING SPOUSE/PARTNER INFORMATION

Spouse/Partner Name _____
(first) (middle) (last/family name)
Last four digits of Social Security No./ITIN _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Date of Marriage/Partnership ____/____/____
☐ Check here if there has been a change to your contact information on file.
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____ - _____
Home Phone Number (____) _____ Work Phone Number (____) _____ Cell Phone Number (____) _____
E-Mail Address _____ Citizenship _____
Member Name _____ Member Ref. No. _____
(first) (middle) (last/family name)

II. FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING RULES

Federal Withholding. Pension Fund will withhold on the distributions made to you from the Pension Plan as if you are single with no adjustments. Withholding rates apply only to the taxable portion of the distribution (e.g., after-tax contributions to the Pension Plan are not taxable to you).

You may elect to change your default withholding rate (within IRS limits) by completing a **Form W-4P, Withholding Certificate for Periodic Pension or Annuity Payments**. To access this form, see www.pensionfund.org. Your election will remain in effect until you make a new election by submitting a new Form W-4P. You may submit a new Form W-4P at any time, and it will be effective the first day of the next month that falls at least 30 days after the completed Form W-4P is received by Pension Fund.

State Withholding. Unless you have a current state income tax withholding election in place, you will need to complete a state tax withholding certificate for your state of residence. If you live in a state that mandates state income tax withholding, Pension Fund will withhold the required amount. For more information regarding the withholding requirements of your state of residence, see www.pensionfund.org.

Indicate your state of tax residence (if different than your home address in Section I) _____.

III. PAYMENT OF SURVIVING SPOUSE/PARTNER PENSION

I understand that my Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension will be direct deposited by ACH into my bank account. Complete the following information and attach a "void" check to this Application:

Name of Bank _____

Mailing Address of Bank _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Phone Number (_____) _____

Your Account Number _____ Bank Routing Number _____ ☐ Checking ☐ Savings

IV. SURVIVING SPOUSE/PARTNER CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing this Application, I make the following certifications:

- I certify that the information provided on this Application is accurate. I agree that I will timely notify Pension Fund of any changes to the information provided on this Application.
- Unless already provided to Pension Fund, I have returned a completed *Beneficiary Verification Form* and supporting documentation with this Application. I certify that I have identified all surviving children of the member of whom I am aware on the *Beneficiary Verification Form*. I understand that the member's surviving children may also be entitled to survivor benefits under the Pension Plan, and that I should contact Pension Fund for information on these benefits.
- I understand that, if applicable, an *Affidavit of Qualified Domestic Partnership* with supporting documentation must be on file with Pension Fund *before* the death of the member in order to be eligible for a Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension. I further understand that if the member has already commenced a pension or disability benefit under the Pension Plan as of the effective date of an *Affidavit of Qualified Domestic Partnership*, a Surviving Spouse/Partner Pension will be payable only if the *Affidavit of Qualified Domestic Partnership* has been effective for at least 24 months before the death of the member.
- I understand that the personal information provided on this Application will be used by Pension Fund to process my elections and to provide member services to me under the Pension Plan.
- I understand that if the member died while actively participating in the Pension Plan or while receiving a disability benefit under the Pension Plan, I may also be eligible for a Salary Continuation Death Benefit from the Pension Plan. I further understand that if the member was actively participating in the Pension Plan at his or her retirement date and was receiving a pension when he or she died, I may also be eligible for a Pensioner Death Benefit from the Pension Plan. I understand that I should contact Pension Fund for more information on these benefits.

Surviving Spouse/Partner Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____

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