

**BOROUGH OF ST. CLAIR
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 453

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ST. CLAIR,
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE
ST. CLAIR BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE
TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR PRIOR
SERVICE WITH THE ST. CLAIR BOROUGH POLICE
DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of St. Clair (“Employer”), on January 1, 1960, established a retirement plan for certain of its employees known as the Borough of St. Clair Police Pension Plan;

WHEREAS, Employer now desires to amend the Police Pension Plan to conform with Act 49 of 2024, which amended Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal pensions, providing for pension service credit for prior service with a police department; and

WHEREAS, Employer has the authority, pursuant to 53 P.S. § 767, to establish, regulate and maintain police pension funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED that, effective January 7, 20 25, the St. Clair Borough Police Pension Plan Ordinance is amended to include the following provisions:

Purchase of Credit for Prior Service With St. Clair Borough Police Department. Full-time police officers who have satisfied vesting requirements within this Ordinance are hereby

given the option to purchase up to five (5) years of pension service credit for prior part-time or full-time police service provided in the St. Clair Borough Police Department.

Computation of Amount Due. The amount due for the purchase of credit for prior police service shall be computed by:

(1). Multiplying the normal cost rate for the police pension plan a police officer is buying into, but not to exceed 10%, by the police officer's average annual rate of compensation over the first three (3) years of service with the police department; and

(2). Multiplying the product from paragraph (1) by the number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable prior police service being purchased together with interest at the rate of 4.57% compounded annually from the date of initial entry into full-time service with the police department to the date of payment.

Ineligibility. The following apply:

(1) A police officer shall not be eligible to purchase service credit for prior police service for which the officer otherwise receives or is entitled to receive pension service credit from any other pension fund.

(2) A police officer shall not be eligible to purchase service credit for prior police service that combined with credited military service exceeds five (5) years.

Applicability to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to impact the portability and transfer of service credits between system-administered pension plans within the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.


Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after the adoption hereof.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by Borough Council of the Borough of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, this 7th day of January, 2025, in lawful session duly assembled.

ST. CLAIR BOROUGH


THOMAS DEMPSEY
Council President

ATTEST:


ROLAND PRICE, JR.
Borough Secretary

Approved by me this 7th day of January, 2025.


RICHARD E. TOMKO
Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the within Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance enacted by Borough Council of the Borough of St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on the 7th day of January, 2025.

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