

ORDINANCE NO. 08 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND REVISING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE II, FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DELTONA BY AMENDING SECTION 46-54, DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN, TO EXTEND THE AGE LIMIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DROP TO AGE 65; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City established and maintains the City of Deltona Firefighters' Pension Plan ("Pension Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Pension Plan currently limits participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan to the attainment of age 60; and

WHEREAS, the City and the bargaining representative of the Firefighters have agreed to extend said limit to the attainment of age 65; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for the Pension Plan have requested and approved such amendments after considering them to be in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has received, reviewed, and considered the impact of the amendments and finds them to be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 46, Article II, Firefighters' Pension Plan, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Deltona is hereby amended by amending Section 46-54,

Deferred Retirement Option Plan, subparagraph (b)(3), *Period of Participation*, of, as follows:

Sec. 46-54 – Deferred retirement option plan

(b) *Participation.*

(3) *Period of participation.* A participant who elects to participate in the DROP under subsection (b)(2), shall participate in the DROP for a period terminating not later than the earlier of:

- a. Ninety-six months from the date his or her election to participate in the DROP first becomes effective; or
- b. The completion of 35 total years of service (including service while in the DROP and including any years purchased for prior military service or prior fire service);
or
- c. The attainment of age 65 years of age.

An election to participate in the DROP shall constitute an irrevocable election to resign from the service of the city not later than the date provided for above. A participant may participate only once.

SECTION 2: Specific authority is hereby granted to codify and incorporate this Ordinance in the existing Code of Ordinances of the City of Deltona.

SECTION 3: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase of this ordinance, or the particular application thereof shall be held invalid by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remaining section, subsection, sentences, clauses, or phrases under application shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage; however, the provisions of this Ordinance that are specified to take effect as of a date certain shall take effect as of the date specified herein.

PASSED ON FIRST READING, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

CITY ATTORNEY