

RESOLUTION 2009- 150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2008-133 TO INCLUDE A 100 PERCENT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AND UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN; RESTATING THE CITY'S POLICY FOR PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM BENEFITS, WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND AS AMENDED BY THIS RESOLUTION, FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES AND CONVENIENCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City's policy for providing health insurance premium benefits ("HIPB"), was restated for convenience and administrative purposes pursuant to Resolution 2008-133; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the City Manager, the City also currently employs a management team consisting of the Deputy City Manager, City Clerk, Department Directors, and Deputy Department Directors (hereinafter "Executive Management Team"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Resolution 2008-133 to include a 100 % health insurance premium benefit to employees of the Executive Management Team, for the employee's lifetime, under the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to also restate the City's HIPB policy for convenience and administrative purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are deemed true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. HIPB Policy Amended and Restated. The City's policy regarding health insurance premium benefits ("HIPB"), as previously restated and approved by Resolution 2008-133, is hereby restated with amendments regarding the Executive Management Team in underlined and ~~strikeout~~ print as follows:

Section 1. Intent and Purpose. It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of this resolution as follows:

(a) To provide authority to pay health insurance premiums for the City's group insurance policy ("Group Insurance"), and the City's Medicare supplement policy ("Supplement to Medicare") in limited circumstances, to cover City employees taking normal or disability retirement, providing the eligibility requirements and terms and conditions proscribed herein are fully satisfied.

(b) To distinguish those employees employed by the City between February 11, 1986 and January 14, 1992 and those hired by the City after January 14, 1992 because, in fairness, the January 14, 1992 policy change should not be applied retroactively - thereby employees employed during the time period between February 11, 1986 and January 14, 1992 shall be provided an opportunity to participate in the prior policy (100% Benefit, infra) originally offered them.

(c) To provide any retiree the right to decline, in writing, the benefit provided herein and such declination shall be deemed immutable and permanent.

(d) To prohibit all City employees hired (as either a first time or rehired employee) after January 14, 1992 from being eligible for the 100% benefit, even if a rehired employee was previously employed between February 11, 1986 and January 14, 1992.

(e) To provide a 100% retirement benefit to employees serving on the Executive Management Team as a retention and recruitment benefit under the terms and conditions stated herein.

Section 2. One Hundred Percent (100%) Benefit. The City shall pay health insurance premiums for full-time City employees employed by the City during the time period between February 11, 1986 and January 14, 1992, for the employee's lifetime, upon normal or disability retirement, and for employees serving on the Executive Management Team upon executive management retirement, and under the following terms and conditions:

(a) The City shall pay for each employee one hundred percent (100%) of the health insurance premium for the Group Insurance until the retiree reaches age 65 or otherwise becomes eligible for Medicare, whichever comes first. When the retiree reaches age 65 or otherwise becomes eligible for Medicare, the retiree must enroll in Medicare Part A and B and the City's Medicare Supplement Plan, within thirty (30) days of becoming eligible for Medicare, in order to continue receiving the lifetime health insurance premium benefit paid by the City. Upon timely enrollment in Medicare Part A and B and the City's Medicare Supplement Plan, the City will be responsible for paying the actual cost of the Medicare Supplement Plan and will reimburse the retiree, on a quarterly basis, for the actual cost of Medicare Part B. However, the Medicare Part B reimbursement, when combined with the cost of the Medicare Supplement Plan paid by the City, shall not exceed the cost of the health insurance premium provided to individual City employees under the Group Insurance ("Reimbursement Allowance"). Any cost in excess of the Reimbursement Allowance shall be paid by the retiree. Notwithstanding, upon becoming eligible for Medicare, the retiree may decline to participate in the City's Medicare Supplement Plan and choose to continue to participate in the Group Insurance at retiree's expense. Medicare shall become the retiree's primary health insurance carrier and any health insurance provided by the City hereunder shall be considered as a Supplement

to Medicare. When the retiree's dependents reach age 65 or otherwise become Medicare eligible, whichever comes first, the dependent shall be eligible to participate in the City's Medicare Supplement Plan instead of Group Insurance under the terms and conditions of the Medicare Supplement Plan. The retiree shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of dependent coverage and upon the death of the retiree, the dependent coverage shall continue provided the dependent pays one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums.

(b) For purposes of this section, "normal retirement" shall mean:

- (1) For police officers and fire fighters, that term as it is defined in the retirement plan ordinances (applicable to the retiree), as amended from time to time.
- (2) For general employees, that term as it is defined in the retirement plan ordinances (applicable to the retiree), as amended from time to time.

(c) For purposes of this section, "executive management retirement" shall mean:

- (1) The employee must be employed with the City in a full-time capacity for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive years; and
- (2) Upon retirement from the City, the employee must be serving in the capacity of a member of the Executive Management Team and must have served as part of the Executive Management Team for at least five (5) years; and
- (3) Upon retirement from the City, the employee must be at least fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

(cd) Except for employees serving on the Executive Management Team as provided in subparagraph (c), the 100% benefit provided in this section shall be further limited to only those employees employed between February 11, 1986 and January 14, 1992 and who have either retired during that time period or retired subsequent to January 14, 1992 and were continuously employed by the City until retirement. Any employee previously employed during that time period, but who had employment terminated for any reason, shall not be eligible for the 100% benefit if they subsequently are rehired after January 14, 1992.

Section 3. Fifty Percent (50%) Benefit. The City shall pay health insurance premiums for full-time City employees hired after January 14, 1992, upon normal or disability retirement and under the following terms and conditions:

(a) The City shall pay for each retiree fifty percent (50%) of the health insurance premium for the Group Insurance until the retiree reaches the age of 65 or becomes eligible for Medicare, whichever occurs first, at which time all health insurance premium payments by the City shall cease. The retiree shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of dependent coverage and upon the death of the retiree, the dependent coverage shall continue provided the dependent pays one hundred

percent (100%) of the premiums. Employees retiring under disability shall meet Social Security rules for one hundred percent (100%) disability and draw Social Security.

(b) For purposes of this section, "normal retirement" shall mean:

- (1) For police officers and firefighters, that term as it is defined in the retirement plan ordinances (applicable to the retiree), as amended from time to time, and the employee has completed at least 25 years of credited service.
- (2) For general employees, that term as it is defined in the retirement plan ordinances (applicable to the retiree), as amended from time to time.

Section 4. City Manager Authority. The City Manager shall have the authority, when it is determined in the best interest of the City, to offer an early retirement health insurance benefit to any of the employees listed on Appendix A. Eligible employees will be able to retire early without losing their 100% paid health insurance benefits as long as they are within five (5) years of one of the eligibility criteria for retirement (years of service or age).

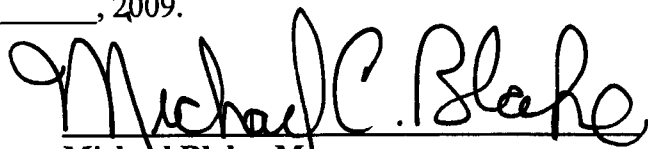
SECTION 3. Reservation of Rights. The City Council hereby reserves the right, at its discretion, with or without cause, to amend, modify, alter or repeal, in whole or in part, any term or condition contained in this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions. All prior inconsistent resolutions adopted by the City Council are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, clause, phrase, word, or provision is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive or procedural reasons, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, assembled this 24th day of November, 2009.


Michael Blake, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Joan Clark, City Clerk