

City of Clearwater Pension Plan
Non-Hazardous Duty Employee Option Explanation Sheet

Option 1 - Joint and Survivor Annuity

For those eligible to retire prior to January 1, 2013 only: The normal form of retirement benefit shall be an annuity paid monthly for the life of the Participant, with a 100% survivor annuity paid monthly for a period of five years following the death of the Participant to the beneficiary, provided that following such five year period the survivor annuity shall be reduced to 50% of the original survivor annuity amount. [See section 2.397 (a) (3) (A)] The Participant's surviving spouse receives the designated amount for the rest of his/her life or until he/she remarries. If no surviving spouse, dependent children under the age of 18 shall be deemed to be the beneficiary and receive the designated amount until the age of 18. [Section 2.397 (a) (3) and Section 2.398 (e) (3)]

Option 2 – Life Annuity

The normal form of benefit for those not eligible to retire before 1/1/13 and an optional form for those who were eligible: The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. Upon the death of the Participant, benefits cease. [Section 2.416 (c) and Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 1.]

Option 3 - 10 Year Certain & Life Annuity - (must designate a beneficiary)

The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. If the Participant dies before 120 monthly payments have been made, the remaining payments up to the 120 payments are made to his/her beneficiary or the estate if his/her beneficiary is not alive. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 2.]

Option 4 - 50% Joint & Survivor Annuity - (must designate a beneficiary)

The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. If the Participant dies first, the beneficiary receives 50 percent of the pension for the rest of the beneficiary's life. If the beneficiary dies first, the Participant may elect another beneficiary or may continue to receive 100% of his/her pension and upon his/her death, benefits cease. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 3.]

Option 5 - 75% Joint & Survivor Annuity - (must designate a beneficiary)

The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. If the Participant dies first, the beneficiary receives 75 percent of the pension for the rest of the beneficiary's life. If the beneficiary dies first, the Participant may elect another beneficiary or may continue to receive 100% of his/her pension and upon his/her death, benefits cease. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 3.]

Option 6 - 100% Joint & Survivor Annuity - (must designate a beneficiary)

The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. If the Participant dies first, the beneficiary receives 100 percent of the pension for the rest of the beneficiary's life. If the beneficiary dies first, the Participant may elect another beneficiary or may continue to receive 100% of his/her pension and upon his/her death, benefits cease. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 3.]

Option 7 – 66 ⅔% Joint & Survivor Annuity - (must designate a beneficiary)

The Participant receives his/her pension as long as he/she lives. If the Participant dies first, the beneficiary receives 66 ⅔ percent of the pension for the rest of the beneficiary's life. If the beneficiary dies first, the Participant may elect another beneficiary or may continue to receive 100% of his/her pension and upon his/her death, benefits cease. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 3.]

Partial Lump Sum Payment Option

A partial lump sum payment equal to either ten percent (10%), twenty percent (20%), or thirty percent (30%) of the actuarially determined value of the normal retirement benefit due the member may be elected in combination with any of the options indicated above. If a member elects such a partial lump sum distribution, then the monthly retirement benefit for the option selected shall be reduced accordingly thereafter. [Section 2.424 (b) (2) a. 4.]