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Allegan CRC

In care of:

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan
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This report presents the results of the Annual Actuarial Valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2016. The report includes the determination of liabilities and contribution rates resulting from the participation of Allegan CRC (0301) in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS"). MERS is a nonprofit organization, independent from the State, that has provided retirement plans for municipal employees for 70 years. Allegan CRC is responsible for the employer contributions needed to provide MERS benefits for its employees and former employees under the Michigan Constitution and the MERS Plan Document.

The purpose of the December 31, 2016 annual actuarial valuation is to:

- Measure funding progress
- Establish contribution requirements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018
- Provide actuarial information in connection with applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements

This valuation report should not be relied upon for any other purpose. Reliance on information contained in this report by anyone for anything other than the intended purpose could be misleading.

The valuation uses financial data, plan provision data, and participant data as of December 31, 2016 furnished by MERS. In accordance with Actuarial Standards of Practice No. 23, the data was checked for internal and year to year consistency as well as general reasonableness, but was not otherwise audited. CBIZ Retirement Plan Services does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the data used in this valuation.

The actuarial assumptions and methods are adopted by the MERS Retirement Board, and are reviewed every five years in an Experience Study. The most recent study was completed in 2015. Please refer to the division-specific assumptions described in table(s) in this report, and to the Appendix on the MERS website at:

www.mersofmich.com/Portals/0/Assets/Resources/AAV-Appendix/MERS-2016AnnualActuarialValuation-Appendix.pdf.



The actuarial assumptions used for this valuation produce results that we believe are reasonable.

To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate, was prepared in conformity with generally recognized actuarial principles and practices, with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board, and is in compliance with Act No. 220 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended, and the MERS Plan Document as revised. All of the undersigned are members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA), and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein. The Retirement Board of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan confirms that the System provides for payment of the required employer contribution as described in Section 20m of Act No. 314 of 1965 (MCL 38.1140m).

This information is purely actuarial in nature. It is not intended to serve as a substitute for legal, accounting or investment advice.

This report was prepared at the request of the Retirement Board and may be provided only in its entirety by the municipality to other interested parties (MERS customarily provides the full report on request to associated third parties such as the auditor for the municipality). CBIZ Retirement Plan Services is not responsible for the consequences of any unauthorized use.

You should notify MERS if you disagree with anything contained in the report or are aware of any information that would affect the results of the report that have not been communicated to us. If you have reason to believe that the plan provisions are incorrectly described, that important plan provisions relevant to this valuation are not described, that conditions have changed since the calculations were made, that the information provided in this report is inaccurate or is in anyway incomplete, or if you need further information in order to make an informed decision on the subject matter in this report, please contact your Regional Manager at 1.800.767.MERS(6377).

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods Adopted with the December 31, 2015 Valuations

The actuarial assumptions and methods are adopted by the MERS Retirement Board, and are reviewed every five years in an Experience Study. The Experience Study is a comprehensive, detailed analysis that reviews MERS' funding policy and compares actual experience with the current actuarial assumptions; the study recommends adjustments as necessary. The most recent study was completed in 2015 and changes to the assumptions and methods based on the 2015 Experience Study were first reflected in the December 31, 2015 valuations. The impact of these changes is being phased-in over a 5 year period. The phase-in allows the employer to spread the impact of the new assumptions over 5 fiscal years. This report continues to provide contributions both with and without the phase-in adjustments.

The assumptions and methods are described in the [Appendix](#) on the MERS website.

As part of the recent Experience Study, the following changes are first reflected in the December 31, 2016 annual valuation:

- The asset smoothing was changed from 10 to 5 years. The gain (loss) recognized each year will be 20% of the current year's gain (loss) plus 20% of the gain (loss) from each of the 4 preceding years. The cumulative difference between the market value and valuation assets as of December 31, 2015 will be recognized over 4 years.
- Annual changes in Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) will be amortized over fixed periods, creating "layers" of UAL. This will require removing and creating "layers" of UAL on an annual basis.
 - o Once the amortization period drops below 15 years (10 years for closed divisions), any future liability and asset gains or losses will be spread over a 15-year fixed period for open divisions and a 10-year fixed period for closed divisions — creating "layers" of UAL on an annual basis.
 - o This transparent method allows tracking of what changed your UAL, and sets a fixed period in time in which that UAL change will be fully funded.

MERS created a dedicated resource page on their website for additional information on these topics (<http://www.mersofmich.com/Employer/Work-Scenarios/Unfunded-Liability>).

Funded Ratio and Required Employer Contributions

The MERS Defined Benefit Plan is an agent multiple-employer plan, meaning that assets are pooled for investment purposes but separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer. Each municipality is responsible for their own plan liabilities; MERS does not borrow from one municipality's account to pay for another.

The funded ratio of a plan is the percentage of the dollar value of the accrued benefits that is covered by the actuarial value of assets.

Your Funded Ratio:

	12/31/2016	12/31/2015
Funded Ratio	59%	61%

Michigan Law requires that pension plans be pre-funded, meaning money is set aside now to pay for future benefits. Pension plans are usually funded by employer and employee contributions, and investment income.

How quickly a plan attains the 100% funding goal depends on many factors such as:

- The current funded ratio
- The future experience of the plan
- The amortization period

It is more important to look at the trend in the funded ratio over a period of time than at a particular point in time.

Your Required Employer Contributions:

Your computed employer contributions are shown in the following table. Employee contributions, if any, are in addition to the computed employer contributions. Changes to the assumptions and methods based on the 2015 Experience Study were first reflected in the December 31, 2015 valuations. The impact of these changes is being phased-in over a 5 year period. The phase-in allows the employer to spread the impact of the new assumptions over 5 fiscal years. This valuation reflects the second year of the phase-in.

Your minimum required contribution is the amount in the "Phase-in" columns. By default, MERS will invoice you the phased-in contribution amount, but strongly encourages you to contribute more than the minimum required contribution. If for 2017 your municipality is making employer contributions based on rates without the phase-in applied, contact MERS to ensure this rate is used again for 2018 and not the defaulted phase-in rates.

	Percentage of Payroll				Monthly \$ Based on Projected Payroll			
	Phase-in	No Phase-in	Phase-in	No Phase-in	Phase-in	No Phase-in	Phase-in	No Phase-in
Valuation Date:	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2016	12/31/2016	12/31/2015	12/31/2015
Fiscal Year Beginning:	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017
Division								
01 - General	-	-	-	-	\$ 43,107	\$ 46,398	\$ 38,298	\$ 42,686
10 - Slrd	-	-	-	-	12,718	13,717	11,540	12,872
11 - Non-Union	-	-	-	-	3,957	4,434	4,886	5,522
12 - All Employees Post 12/	-	-	-	5.65%	2,305	2,350	3,456	3,516
13 - All Employees after 2/	3.43%	3.43%			1,340	1,340		
Municipality Total					\$ 63,427	\$ 68,239	\$ 58,180	\$ 64,596

Employee contribution rates reflected in the valuations are shown below:

Valuation Date:	Employee Contribution Rate	
	12/31/2016	12/31/2015
Division		
01 - General	4.70%	4.70%
10 - Slrd	4.70%	4.70%
11 - Non-Union	4.70%	4.70%
12 - All Employees Post 12/	6.00%	6.00%
13 - All Employees after 2/	4.00%	0.00%

The employer may contribute more than the minimum required contributions, as these additional contributions will earn investment income and may result in lower future contribution requirements. **MERS strongly encourages employers to contribute more than the minimum contribution shown above.**

Assuming that experience of the plan meets actuarial assumptions:

- To accelerate to a 100% funding ratio in 10 years, estimated monthly employer contributions for the entire employer would be \$ 112,506, instead of \$ 68,239.
- To accelerate to a 100% funding ratio in 20 years, estimated monthly employer contributions for the entire employer would be \$ 71,837, instead of \$ 68,239.

If you are interested in making additional contributions, please contact MERS and they can assist you with evaluating your options.

How and Why Do These Numbers Change?

In a defined benefit plan contributions vary from one annual actuarial valuation to the next as a result of the following:

- Changes in benefit provisions (see Table 2)
- Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods (see the [Appendix](#))
- Experience of the plan (investment experience and demographic experience); this is the difference between actual experience of the plan and the actuarial assumptions. For example:
 - o Lower actual investment returns would result in higher required employer contributions, and vice-versa.
 - o Smaller than assumed pay increases would lower required employer contributions.
 - o Reductions in the number of active employees would lower required contribution dollars, but would usually increase the contribution rate expressed as a percentage of (the now lower) payroll.
 - o Retirements at earlier ages than assumed would usually increase required employer contributions.
 - o More non-vested terminations of employment than assumed would decrease required contributions.
 - o More disabilities or survivor (death) benefits than assumed would increase required contributions.
 - o Longer lifetimes after retirement than assumed would increase required employer contributions.

Actuarial valuations do not affect the ultimate cost of the plan; the benefit payments (current and future) determine the cost of the plan. Actuarial valuations only affect the timing of the contributions into the plan. Because assumptions are for the long term, plan experience will not match the actuarial assumptions in any given year (except by coincidence). Each annual actuarial valuation will adjust the required employer contributions up or down based on the prior year's actual experience.

Comments on Asset Smoothing

The actuarial value of assets, used to determine both your funded ratio and your required employer contribution, is based on a smoothed value of assets (10-year smoothing prior to 2016; 5-year smoothing beginning in 2016). A smoothing method reduces the volatility of the valuation results, which affects your required employer contribution and funded ratio. The smoothed actuarial rate of return for 2016 was 5.14%.

As of December 31, 2016 the actuarial value of assets is 108% of market value. This means that meeting the actuarial assumption in the next few years will require average annual market returns that exceed the 7.75% investment return assumption.

If the December 31, 2016 valuation results were based on market value on that date instead of smoothed funding value: i) the funded percent of your entire municipality would be 55% (instead of 59%); and ii) your total employer contribution requirement for the fiscal year starting January 1, 2018 would be \$ 892,824 (instead of \$ 818,868).

The asset smoothing method is a powerful tool for reducing the volatility of your required employer contributions. **However, if the current 8% difference between the smoothed value and the market value of assets is not made up, the result would be gradual increases in your employer contribution requirement over the next few years (to around the levels described above).**

Risk Characteristics of Defined Benefit Plans

It is important to understand that Defined Benefit retirement plans, the plan sponsor, and the plan participants are exposed to certain risks. While risks cannot be eliminated entirely, they can be managed through various strategies. Below are a few examples of risk (this is not an all-inclusive list):

- Economic - investment return, wage inflation, etc.
- Demographic - longevity, disability, retirement, etc.
- Plan Sponsor and Employees - contribution volatility, attract/retain employees, etc.

The MERS Retirement Board adopts certain assumptions and methods to manage the economic and demographic risks, and the contribution volatility risks. For example, the investment risk is the largest economic risk and is managed by having a balanced portfolio and a clearly defined investment strategy. Demographic risks are managed by preparing special studies called experience studies on a regular basis to determine if the assumptions used are reasonable compared to the experience. Risk may be managed through a plan design that provides benefits that are sustainable in the long run. An Experience Study is completed every five years to review the assumptions and methods. The next Experience Study will be completed in 2020.

Alternate Scenarios to Estimate the Potential Volatility of Results ("What If Scenarios")

The calculations in this report are based on assumptions about long-term economic and demographic behavior. These assumptions will never materialize in a given year, except by coincidence. Therefore the results will vary from one year to the next. The volatility of the results depends upon the characteristics of the plan. For example:

- Open divisions that have substantial assets compared to their active employee payroll will have more volatile employer contribution rates due to investment return fluctuations.
- Open divisions that have substantial accrued liability compared to their active employee payroll will have more volatile employer contribution rates due to demographic experience fluctuations.
- Small divisions will have more volatile contribution patterns than larger divisions because statistical fluctuations are relatively larger among small populations.
- Shorter amortization periods result in more volatile contribution patterns.

The analysis in this section is intended to review the potential volatility of the actuarial valuation results. It is important to note that calculations in this report are mathematical estimates based upon assumptions regarding future events, which may or may not materialize. Actuarial calculations can and do vary from one valuation to the next, sometimes significantly depending on the group's size.

Many assumptions are important in determining the required employer contributions. In the table below, we show the impact of varying one actuarial assumption: the future annual rate of investment return. Lower investment returns would result in higher required employer contributions, and vice-versa.

The relative impact of each investment return scenario below will vary from year to year, as the participant demographics change. The impact of each scenario should be analyzed for a given year, not from year to year. The results in the table are based on the December 31, 2016 valuation, and are for the municipality in total, not by division. These results do not reflect a 5-year phase in of the impact of the new actuarial assumptions.

	Assumed Future Annual Smoothed Rate of Investment Return			
	Lower Future Annual Returns		Valuation Assumption	Higher Returns
	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%	8.75%
12/31/2016 Valuation Results				
Accrued Liability	\$ 28,865,876	\$ 26,113,117	\$ 23,769,068	\$ 21,760,113
Valuation Assets	\$ 14,058,523	\$ 14,058,523	\$ 14,058,523	\$ 14,058,523
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 14,807,353	\$ 12,054,594	\$ 9,710,545	\$ 7,701,590
Funded Ratio	49%	54%	59%	65%
Monthly Normal Cost	\$ 24,719	\$ 17,807	\$ 12,467	\$ 8,363
Monthly Amortization Payment	\$ 75,390	\$ 67,932	\$ 55,772	\$ 52,448
Total Employer Contribution¹	\$ 100,109	\$ 85,739	\$ 68,239	\$ 60,811

¹ If assets exceed accrued liabilities for a division, the division's amortization payment is negative and is used to reduce the division's employer contribution requirement. If the overfunding credit is larger than the normal cost, the division's full credit is included in the municipality's amortization payment above but the division's total contribution requirement is zero. This can cause the displayed normal cost and amortization payment to not add up to the displayed total employer contribution.

Projection Scenarios

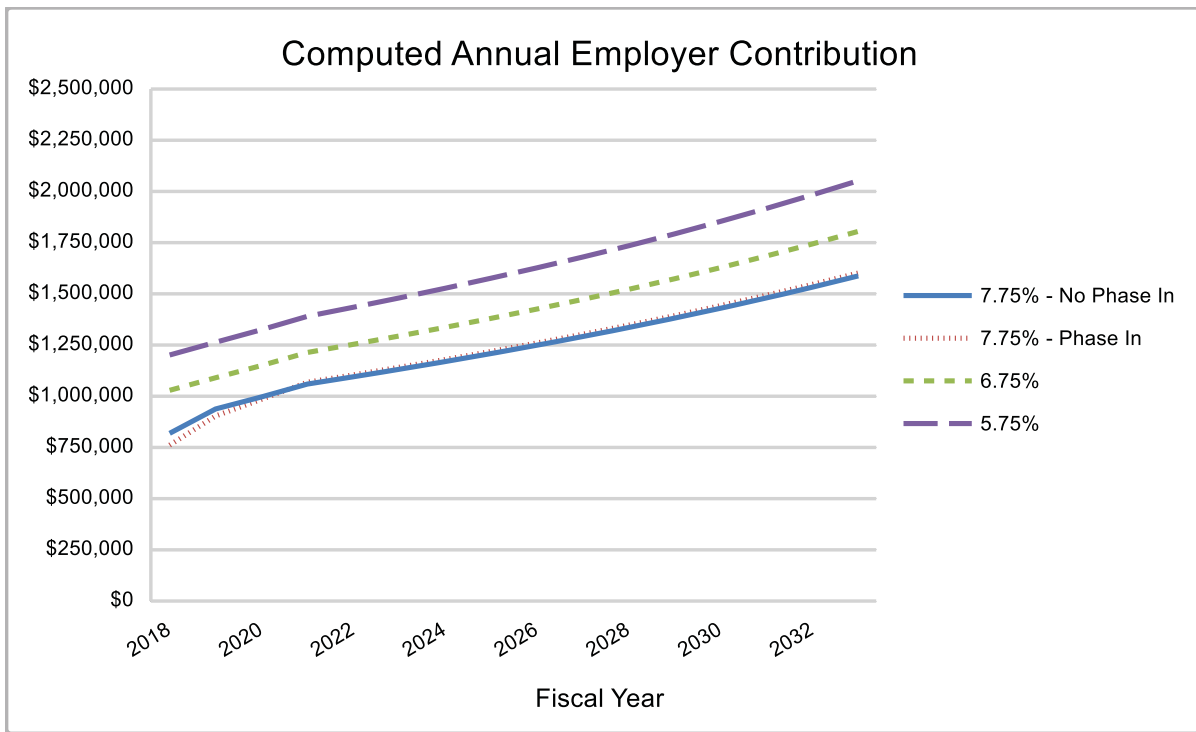
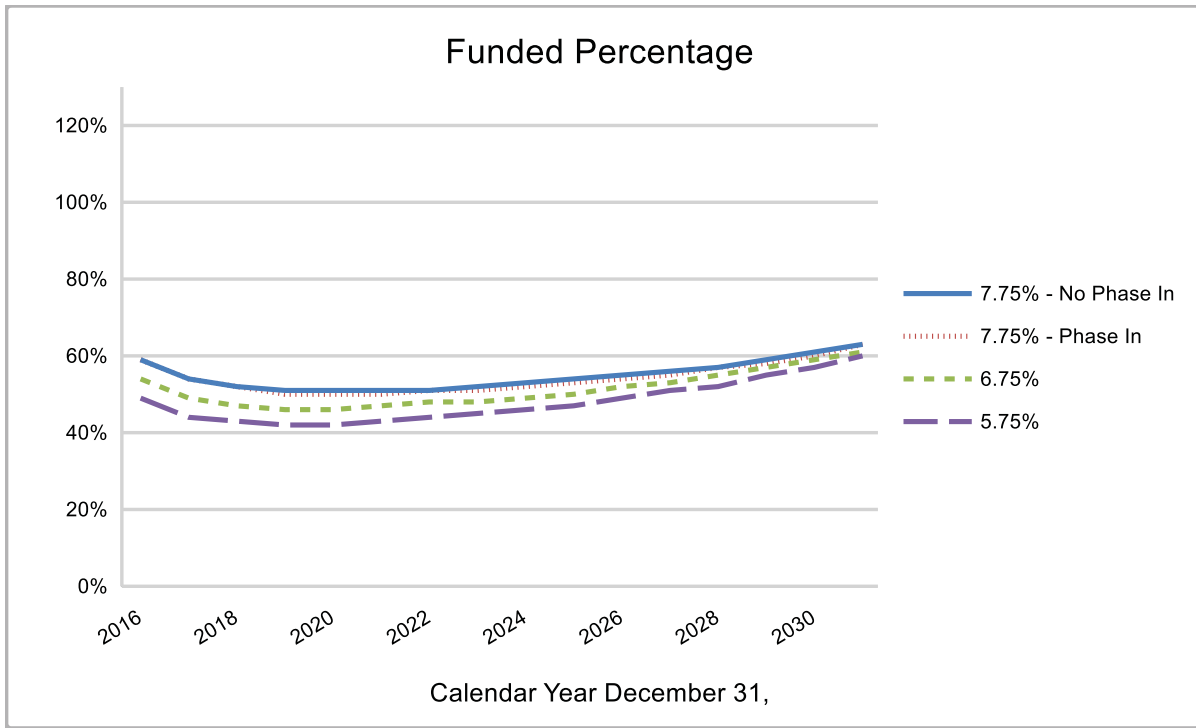
The next two pages show projections of the plan's funded ratio and computed employer contributions under the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation and alternate assumed long-term investment return scenarios. All four projections take into account the past investment losses that will continue to affect the smoothed rate of return in the short term. Under the 7.75% scenarios, two sets of projections are shown:

- Based on the phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. This projects your minimum required contribution.
- Based on no phase-in of the increased contribution requirements.

The 7.75% scenarios provide an estimate of computed employer contributions based on current actuarial assumptions, and a projected 7.75% market return. The other two scenarios may be useful if the municipality chooses to budget more conservatively, and make contributions in addition to the minimum requirements. The 6.75% and 5.75% projections provide an indication of the potential required employer contribution if MERS were to realize investment returns of 6.75% and 5.75% over the long-term.

The projections are shown both in tabular and graphical form in total for the employer. The tables show projections for six years. The graphs show projections for fifteen years.

Valuation Year Ending 12/31	Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Funded Percentage	Computed Annual Employer Contribution
7.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return					
WITH 5-YEAR PHASE-IN					
2016	2018	\$ 23,769,068	\$ 14,058,523	59%	\$ 761,124
2017	2019	24,000,000	12,900,000	54%	903,000
2018	2020	24,100,000	12,500,000	52%	985,000
2019	2021	24,300,000	12,200,000	50%	1,070,000
2020	2022	24,400,000	12,200,000	50%	1,100,000
2021	2023	24,600,000	12,400,000	50%	1,140,000
NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN					
2016	2018	\$ 23,769,068	\$ 14,058,523	59%	\$ 818,868
2017	2019	24,000,000	12,900,000	54%	938,000
2018	2020	24,100,000	12,600,000	52%	997,000
2019	2021	24,300,000	12,300,000	51%	1,060,000
2020	2022	24,400,000	12,300,000	51%	1,100,000
2021	2023	24,600,000	12,500,000	51%	1,130,000
6.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return					
NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN					
2016	2018	\$ 26,113,117	\$ 14,058,523	54%	\$ 1,028,868
2017	2019	26,300,000	12,800,000	49%	1,090,000
2018	2020	26,500,000	12,500,000	47%	1,150,000
2019	2021	26,600,000	12,300,000	46%	1,210,000
2020	2022	26,700,000	12,400,000	46%	1,250,000
2021	2023	26,900,000	12,600,000	47%	1,290,000
5.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return					
NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN					
2016	2018	\$ 28,865,876	\$ 14,058,523	49%	\$ 1,201,308
2017	2019	29,100,000	12,700,000	44%	1,260,000
2018	2020	29,200,000	12,500,000	43%	1,320,000
2019	2021	29,300,000	12,300,000	42%	1,390,000
2020	2022	29,400,000	12,400,000	42%	1,430,000
2021	2023	29,500,000	12,700,000	43%	1,480,000



Please see the Comments on Asset Smoothing in the Executive Summary of this report.

Benefit Provisions

Table 2

01 - General: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 13

	2016 Valuation	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
Normal Retirement Age:	60	60
Vesting:	10 years	10 years
Early Retirement (Unreduced):	55/25	55/25
Early Retirement (Reduced):	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
Final Average Compensation:	3 years	3 years
Employee Contributions:	4.70%	4.70%
Act 88:	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

10 - Slrd: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 13

	2016 Valuation	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
Normal Retirement Age:	60	60
Vesting:	10 years	10 years
Early Retirement (Unreduced):	55/25	55/25
Early Retirement (Reduced):	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
Final Average Compensation:	3 years	3 years
Employee Contributions:	4.70%	4.70%
Act 88:	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

11 - Non-Union: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 13

	2016 Valuation	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
Normal Retirement Age:	60	60
Vesting:	10 years	10 years
Early Retirement (Unreduced):	55/25	55/25
Early Retirement (Reduced):	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
Final Average Compensation:	3 years	3 years
Employee Contributions:	4.70%	4.70%
Act 88:	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

Table 2 (continued)

12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 13

	2016 Valuation	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
Normal Retirement Age:	60	60
Vesting:	10 years	10 years
Early Retirement (Unreduced):	55/25	55/25
Early Retirement (Reduced):	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
Final Average Compensation:	3 years	3 years
Employee Contributions:	6%	6%
Act 88:	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

13 - All Employees after 2/1/16: Open Division, linked to Division 01, 10, 11, 12

	2016 Valuation	2015 Valuation
Benefit Multiplier:	1.50% Multiplier (80% max)	-
Normal Retirement Age:	60	-
Vesting:	10 years	-
Early Retirement (Unreduced):	-	-
Early Retirement (Reduced):	50/25	-
	55/15	-
Final Average Compensation:	5 years	-
Employee Contributions:	4%	-
Act 88:	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	-

Participant Summary

Table 3

Division	2016 Valuation		2015 Valuation		2016 Valuation		
	Number	Annual Payroll ¹	Number	Annual Payroll ¹	Average Age	Average Benefit Service ²	Average Eligibility Service ²
01 - General							
Active Employees	26	\$ 1,237,391	30	\$ 1,327,579	49.5	14.0	14.0
Vested Former Employees	4	56,518	4	55,423	56.1	16.6	16.6
Retirees and Beneficiaries	57	1,242,043	55	1,163,766	70.4		
10 - Sldr							
Active Employees	5	\$ 266,322	5	\$ 259,006	48.9	13.1	13.1
Vested Former Employees	1	16,355	1	16,355	51.2	14.5	14.5
Retirees and Beneficiaries	15	428,555	15	428,555	71.2		
11 - Non-Union							
Active Employees	3	\$ 283,136	3	\$ 278,644	53.9	25.0	25.0
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retirees and Beneficiaries	2	93,580	2	93,580	71.2		
12 - All Employees Post 1							
Active Employees	11	\$ 509,180	10	\$ 407,849	41.4	2.1	2.1
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retirees and Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	0.0		
13 - All Employees after							
Active Employees	4	\$ 117,308		\$	38.9	0.6	0.6
Vested Former Employees	0	0			0.0	0.0	0.0
Retirees and Beneficiaries	0	0			0.0		
Total Municipality							
Active Employees	49	\$ 2,413,337	48	\$ 2,273,078	47.0	10.8	10.8
Vested Former Employees	5	72,873	5	71,778	55.1	16.2	16.2
Retirees and Beneficiaries	74	1,764,178	72	1,685,901	70.6		
Total Participants	128		125				

¹ Annual payroll for active employees; annual deferred benefits payable for vested former employees; annual benefits being paid for retirees and beneficiaries.

² Description can be found under Miscellaneous and Technical Assumptions in the [Appendix](#).

Reported Assets (Market Value)

Table 4

Division	2016 Valuation		2015 Valuation	
	Employer and Retiree ¹	Employee ²	Employer and Retiree ¹	Employee ²
01 - General	\$ 7,857,125	\$ 890,130	\$ 7,484,221	\$ 1,013,252
10 - Slrd	2,327,220	211,753	2,304,784	197,556
11 - Non-Union	1,369,603	266,848	1,118,481	251,404
12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012	56,865	66,121	29,040	35,276
13 - All Employees after 2/1/16	3,294	3,300		
Municipality Total	\$ 11,614,107	\$ 1,438,152	\$ 10,936,526	\$ 1,497,488
Combined Reserves	\$ 13,052,259		\$ 12,434,014	

¹ Reserve for Employer Contributions and Benefit Payments

² Reserve for Employee Contributions

The December 31, 2016 valuation assets are equal to 1.077095 times the reported market value of assets (compared to 1.135382 as of December 31, 2015). The derivation of valuation assets is described, and detailed calculations of valuation assets are shown, in the [Appendix](#).

Flow of Valuation Assets

Table 5

Year Ended 12/31	Employer Contributions		Employee Contributions	Investment Income	Benefit Payments	Employee Contribution Refunds	Net Transfers	Valuation Asset Balance
	Required	Additional						
2006	\$ 202,082		\$ 131,850	\$ 1,089,634	\$ (782,599)	\$ (6,479)	\$ 0	\$ 14,283,541
2007	232,312		135,324	1,155,982	(825,865)	(57,599)	39,159	14,962,854
2008	266,631		140,905	635,711	(905,049)	0	20,098	15,121,150
2009	275,858		126,787	559,642	(1,017,804)	0	0	15,065,633
2010	306,808		118,982	694,909	(1,151,050)	0	0	15,035,282
2011	323,762	\$ 0	107,108	652,470	(1,305,425)	(11,433)	0	14,801,764
2012	378,332	0	104,238	568,174	(1,393,713)	0	0	14,458,795
2013	446,578	0	109,774	785,426	(1,483,870)	0	81,080	14,397,783
2014	498,149	0	117,653	777,876	(1,501,450)	0	0	14,290,011
2015	565,070	80,591	119,593	652,747	(1,590,656)	0	0	14,117,356
2016	622,534	255,000	121,938	667,754	(1,726,059)	0	0	14,058,523

Notes:

Transfers in and out are usually related to the transfer of participants between municipalities, and to employer and employee payments for service credit purchases (if any) that the governing body has approved.

Additional employer contributions, if any, are shown separately starting in 2011. Prior to 2011, additional contributions are combined with the required employer contributions.

In the actuarial valuation additional employer contributions are combined with required contributions and used to reduce computed future required employer contributions.

The investment income column reflects the recognized investment income based on the smoothed value of assets. It does not reflect the market value investment return in any given year.

Actuarial Accrued Liabilities and Valuation Assets As of December 31, 2016

Table 6

Division	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets ¹	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
01 - General				
Active Employees	\$ 3,484,580	\$ 751,703	21.6%	\$ 2,732,877
Vested Former Employees	540,576	124,583	23.0%	415,993
Retirees And Beneficiaries	12,317,489	8,531,494	69.3%	3,785,995
Pending Refunds	<u>13,845</u>	<u>13,845</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 16,356,490	\$ 9,421,625	57.6%	\$ 6,934,865
10 - Slrd				
Active Employees	\$ 618,438	\$ 178,280	28.8%	\$ 440,158
Vested Former Employees	89,039	33,473	37.6%	55,566
Retirees And Beneficiaries	4,180,852	2,522,962	60.3%	1,657,890
Pending Refunds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 4,888,329	\$ 2,734,715	55.9%	\$ 2,153,614
11 - Non-Union				
Active Employees	\$ 1,391,025	\$ 790,928	56.9%	\$ 600,097
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0.0%	0
Retirees And Beneficiaries	971,685	971,685	100.0%	0
Pending Refunds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 2,362,710	\$ 1,762,613	74.6%	\$ 600,097
12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012				
Active Employees	\$ 154,628	\$ 131,198	84.8%	\$ 23,430
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0.0%	0
Retirees And Beneficiaries	0	0	0.0%	0
Pending Refunds	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,270</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 155,898	\$ 132,468	85.0%	\$ 23,430
13 - All Employees after 2/1/16				
Active Employees	\$ 5,641	\$ 7,102	125.9%	\$ (1,461)
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0.0%	0
Retirees And Beneficiaries	0	0	0.0%	0
Pending Refunds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 5,641	\$ 7,102	125.9%	\$ (1,461)
Total Municipality				
Active Employees	\$ 5,654,312	\$ 1,859,211	32.9%	\$ 3,795,101
Vested Former Employees	629,615	158,056	25.1%	471,559
Retirees and Beneficiaries	17,470,026	12,026,141	68.8%	5,443,885
Pending Refunds	<u>15,115</u>	<u>15,115</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total Participants	\$ 23,769,068	\$ 14,058,523	59.1%	\$ 9,710,545

The following results show the combined accrued liabilities and assets for each set of linked divisions. These results are already included in the table above.

Table 6 (continued)

Division	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets¹	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
Linked Divisions 13, 01, 10, 11, 12				
Active Employees	\$ 5,654,312	\$ 1,859,211	32.9%	\$ 3,795,101
Vested Former Employees	629,615	158,056	25.1%	471,559
Retirees and Beneficiaries	17,470,026	12,026,141	68.8%	5,443,885
Pending Refunds	<u>15,115</u>	<u>15,115</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 23,769,068	\$ 14,058,523	59.1%	\$ 9,710,545

¹ Includes both employer and employee assets.

Please see the Comments on Asset Smoothing in the Executive Summary of this report.

See Section 46 of the Plan Document for MERS Fiscal Responsibility policy, on the MERS website at:
<https://employerportal.mersofmich.com/SharePointFormsService/Default.aspx?Publication=MERSPlanDocument.pdf>.

Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Table 7

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2002	\$ 12,370,024	\$ 12,355,498	100%	\$ 14,526
2003	12,914,970	12,761,760	99%	153,210
2004	14,453,113	13,195,275	91%	1,257,838
2005	15,269,350	13,649,053	89%	1,620,297
2006	15,911,593	14,283,541	90%	1,628,052
2007	17,515,567	14,962,854	85%	2,552,713
2008	18,652,044	15,121,150	81%	3,530,894
2009	19,117,084	15,065,633	79%	4,051,451
2010	19,850,984	15,035,282	76%	4,815,702
2011	20,463,223	14,801,764	72%	5,661,459
2012	20,508,865	14,458,795	71%	6,050,070
2013	21,261,541	14,397,783	68%	6,863,758
2014	21,887,525	14,290,011	65%	7,597,514
2015	23,313,151	14,117,356	61%	9,195,795
2016	23,769,068	14,058,523	59%	9,710,545

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Division 01 - General

Table 8-01: Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2006	\$ 11,249,986	\$ 10,273,639	91%	\$ 976,347
2007	12,555,133	10,752,259	86%	1,802,874
2008	13,265,800	10,681,457	81%	2,584,343
2009	12,955,621	10,403,717	80%	2,551,904
2010	13,462,933	10,355,127	77%	3,107,806
2011	13,946,469	10,138,093	73%	3,808,376
2012	13,808,276	9,907,258	72%	3,901,018
2013	14,425,090	9,879,093	69%	4,545,997
2014	15,031,444	9,798,944	65%	5,232,500
2015	16,011,780	9,647,878	60%	6,363,902
2016	16,356,490	9,421,625	58%	6,934,865

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Table 9-01: Computed Employer Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Active Employees		Computed Employer Contribution ¹	Employee Contribution Rate ²
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2006	52	\$ 1,991,455	7.48%	4.70%
2007	50	2,063,128	10.05%	4.70%
2008	46	2,104,198	12.19%	4.70%
2009	42	1,788,730	13.40%	4.70%
2010	36	1,532,368	17.02%	4.70%
2011	37	1,517,838	19.99%	4.70%
2012	36	1,484,609	21.88%	4.70%
2013	38	1,670,880	\$ 31,156	4.70%
2014	35	1,602,415	\$ 35,105	4.70%
2015	30	1,327,579	\$ 42,686	4.70%
2016	26	1,237,391	\$ 46,398	4.70%

¹ For open divisions, a percent of pay contribution is shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

² For each valuation year, the computed employer contribution is based on the employee rate. If the employee rate changes during the applicable fiscal year, the computed employer contribution will be adjusted.

Note: The contributions shown in Table 9 for the 12/31/2015 through 12/31/2019 valuations do **not** reflect the phase-in of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 9 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 7.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 37 for past benefit provision changes.

Division 10 - Slrd

Table 8-10: Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2006	\$ 3,145,343	\$ 2,962,810	94%	\$ 182,533
2007	3,378,438	3,090,402	91%	288,036
2008	3,707,629	3,258,418	88%	449,211
2009	4,450,410	3,399,694	76%	1,050,716
2010	4,574,149	3,331,561	73%	1,242,588
2011	4,503,788	3,287,473	73%	1,216,315
2012	4,640,934	3,163,030	68%	1,477,904
2013	4,703,210	3,072,851	65%	1,630,359
2014	4,661,413	2,968,050	64%	1,693,363
2015	4,888,879	2,841,112	58%	2,047,767
2016	4,888,329	2,734,715	56%	2,153,614

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Table 9-10: Computed Employer Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Active Employees		Computed Employer Contribution ¹	Employee Contribution Rate ²
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2006	10	\$ 448,200	5.58%	4.70%
2007	10	480,485	7.44%	4.70%
2008	10	499,376	10.07%	4.70%
2009	10	500,635	17.11%	4.70%
2010	10	506,777	19.04%	4.70%
2011	8	405,219	22.41%	4.70%
2012	7	349,676	31.53%	4.70%
2013	7	357,819	\$ 9,949	4.70%
2014	7	363,548	\$ 10,536	4.70%
2015	5	259,006	\$ 12,872	4.70%
2016	5	266,322	\$ 13,717	4.70%

¹ For open divisions, a percent of pay contribution is shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

² For each valuation year, the computed employer contribution is based on the employee rate. If the employee rate changes during the applicable fiscal year, the computed employer contribution will be adjusted.

Note: The contributions shown in Table 9 for the 12/31/2015 through 12/31/2019 valuations do **not** reflect the phase-in of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 9 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 7.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 37 for past benefit provision changes.

Division 11 - Non-Union

Table 8-11: Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2006	\$ 1,516,264	\$ 1,047,092	69%	\$ 469,172
2007	1,581,996	1,120,193	71%	461,803
2008	1,678,615	1,181,275	70%	497,340
2009	1,711,053	1,262,222	74%	448,831
2010	1,813,902	1,348,594	74%	465,308
2011	2,012,966	1,376,198	68%	636,768
2012	2,059,655	1,388,507	67%	671,148
2013	2,127,061	1,438,530	68%	688,531
2014	2,168,744	1,495,066	69%	673,678
2015	2,338,899	1,555,343	67%	783,556
2016	2,362,710	1,762,613	75%	600,097

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Table 9-11: Computed Employer Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Active Employees		Computed Employer Contribution ¹	Employee Contribution Rate ²
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2006	4	\$ 285,919	13.94%	4.70%
2007	3	245,289	15.82%	4.70%
2008	4	315,643	14.07%	4.70%
2009	4	320,836	13.40%	4.70%
2010	4	325,053	14.00%	4.70%
2011	3	239,277	20.82%	4.70%
2012	3	245,800	22.25%	4.70%
2013	3	257,925	\$ 4,508	4.70%
2014	3	261,343	\$ 4,477	4.70%
2015	3	278,644	\$ 5,522	4.70%
2016	3	283,136	\$ 4,434	4.70%

¹ For open divisions, a percent of pay contribution is shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

² For each valuation year, the computed employer contribution is based on the employee rate. If the employee rate changes during the applicable fiscal year, the computed employer contribution will be adjusted.

Note: The contributions shown in Table 9 for the 12/31/2015 through 12/31/2019 valuations do **not** reflect the phase-in of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 9 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 7.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 37 for past benefit provision changes.

Division 12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012

Table 8-12: Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2013	\$ 6,180	\$ 7,309	118%	\$ (1,129)
2014	25,924	27,951	108%	(2,027)
2015	73,593	73,023	99%	570
2016	155,898	132,468	85%	23,430

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Table 9-12: Computed Employer Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Active Employees		Computed Employer Contribution ¹	Employee Contribution Rate ²
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2013	3	\$ 132,521	5.23%	6.00%
2014	6	234,258	5.41%	6.00%
2015	10	407,849	5.65%	6.00%
2016	11	509,180	\$ 2,350	6.00%

¹ For open divisions, a percent of pay contribution is shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

² For each valuation year, the computed employer contribution is based on the employee rate. If the employee rate changes during the applicable fiscal year, the computed employer contribution will be adjusted.

Note: The contributions shown in Table 9 for the 12/31/2015 through 12/31/2019 valuations do **not** reflect the phase-in of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 9 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 7.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 37 for past benefit provision changes.

Division 13 - All Employees after 2/1/16

Table 8-13: Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2016	\$ 5,641	\$ 7,102	126%	\$ (1,461)

Notes: Actuarial assumptions were revised for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 actuarial valuations.

Table 9-13: Computed Employer Contributions - Comparative Schedule

Valuation Date December 31	Active Employees		Computed Employer Contribution ¹	Employee Contribution Rate ²
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2016	4	\$ 117,308	3.43%	4.00%

¹ For open divisions, a percent of pay contribution is shown. For closed divisions, a monthly dollar contribution is shown.

² For each valuation year, the computed employer contribution is based on the employee rate. If the employee rate changes during the applicable fiscal year, the computed employer contribution will be adjusted.

Note: The contributions shown in Table 9 for the 12/31/2015 through 12/31/2019 valuations do **not** reflect the phase-in of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 9 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 7.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 37 for past benefit provision changes.

Division 01 - General

Table 10-01: Layered Amortization Schedule

Type of UAL	Date Established	Original Balance	Original Amortization Period**	Amounts for Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2018		
				Outstanding UAL Balance*	Amortization Period**	Amortization Payment
Initial	12/31/2015	\$ 6,363,902	23	\$ 6,564,778	22	\$ 447,684
Gain/Loss	12/31/2016	426,274	22	459,310	22	31,320
Total				\$ 7,024,088		\$ 479,004

* This is the remaining balance as of the valuation date, projected to the beginning of the fiscal year shown above.

** Please see the [Appendix](#) on the MERS website for a description of the amortization policy.

The unfunded accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 (see Table 6) is projected to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are being calculated. This allows the 2016 valuation to take into account the expected future contributions that are based on past valuations. The projected unfunded accrued liability is amortized over the appropriate period.

Division 10 - Slrd

Table 10-10: Layered Amortization Schedule

Type of UAL	Date Established	Original Balance	Original Amortization Period**	Amounts for Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2018		
				Outstanding UAL Balance*	Amortization Period**	Amortization Payment
Initial	12/31/2015	\$ 2,047,767	23	\$ 2,110,222	22	\$ 143,904
Gain/Loss	12/31/2016	61,452	22	66,214	22	4,512
Total				\$ 2,176,436		\$ 148,416

* This is the remaining balance as of the valuation date, projected to the beginning of the fiscal year shown above.

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The unfunded accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 (see Table 6) is projected to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are being calculated. This allows the 2016 valuation to take into account the expected future contributions that are based on past valuations. The projected unfunded accrued liability is amortized over the appropriate period.

Division 11 - Non-Union

Table 10-11: Layered Amortization Schedule

Type of UAL	Date Established	Original Balance	Original Amortization Period**	Amounts for Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2018		
				Outstanding UAL Balance*	Amortization Period**	Amortization Payment
Initial	12/31/2015	\$ 783,556	23	\$ 812,015	22	\$ 55,380
Gain/Loss	12/31/2016	(204,970)	22	(220,855)	22	(15,060)
Total				\$ 591,160		\$ 40,320

* This is the remaining balance as of the valuation date, projected to the beginning of the fiscal year shown above.

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The unfunded accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 (see Table 6) is projected to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are being calculated. This allows the 2016 valuation to take into account the expected future contributions that are based on past valuations. The projected unfunded accrued liability is amortized over the appropriate period.

Division 12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012

Table 10-12: Layered Amortization Schedule

Type of UAL	Date Established	Original Balance	Original Amortization Period**	Amounts for Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2018		
				Outstanding UAL Balance*	Amortization Period**	Amortization Payment
Initial	12/31/2015	\$ 570	23	\$ 1,807	22	\$ 120
Gain/Loss	12/31/2016	21,070	22	22,703	22	1,548
Total				\$ 24,510		\$ 1,668

* This is the remaining balance as of the valuation date, projected to the beginning of the fiscal year shown above.

** Please see the [Appendix](#) on the MERS website for a description of the amortization policy.

The unfunded accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 (see Table 6) is projected to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are being calculated. This allows the 2016 valuation to take into account the expected future contributions that are based on past valuations. The projected unfunded accrued liability is amortized over the appropriate period.

Division 13 - All Employees after 2/1/16

Table 10-13: Layered Amortization Schedule

Type of UAL	Date Established	Original Balance	Original Amortization Period**	Amounts for Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2018		
				Outstanding UAL Balance*	Amortization Period**	Amortization Payment
Gain/Loss	12/31/2016	(1,461)	15	(1,574)	15	(144)
Total				\$ (1,574)		\$ (144)

* This is the remaining balance as of the valuation date, projected to the beginning of the fiscal year shown above.

** Please see the [Appendix](#) on the MERS website for a description of the amortization policy.

The unfunded accrued liability as of December 31, 2016 (see Table 6) is projected to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are being calculated. This allows the 2016 valuation to take into account the expected future contributions that are based on past valuations. The projected unfunded accrued liability is amortized over the appropriate period.

GASB 68 Information

The following information has been prepared to provide some of the information necessary to complete GASB Statement No. 68 disclosures. Statement 68 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. Additional resources, including an Implementation Guide, are available at www.mersofmich.com.

Actuarial Valuation Date:	12/31/2016
Measurement Date of Total Pension Liability (TPL):	12/31/2016

At 12/31/2016, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:	74
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits:	5
Active employees:	<u>49</u>
	128

Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2015 measurement date:	\$ 22,790,556
Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2016 measurement date:	\$ 23,237,923
Service Cost for the year ending on the 12/31/2016 measurement date:	\$ 253,281

Change in the Total Pension Liability due to:

- Benefit changes ¹ :	\$ 0
- Differences between expected and actual experience ² :	\$ 159,128
- Changes in assumptions ² :	\$ 0

¹ A change in liability due to benefit changes is immediately recognized when calculating pension expense for the year.

² Changes in liability due to differences between actual and expected experience, and changes in assumptions, are recognized in pension expense over the average remaining service lives of all employees.

Average expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive):	3
Covered employee payroll: (Needed for Required Supplementary Information)	\$ 2,413,337

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate:

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
Change in Net Pension Liability as of 12/31/2016:	\$ 2,253,970	-	\$ (1,934,708)

Note: The current discount rate shown for GASB 68 purposes is higher than the MERS assumed rate of return. This is because for GASB 68 purposes, the discount rate must be gross of administrative expenses, whereas for funding purposes it is net of administrative expenses.

GASB 68 Information

This page is for those municipalities who need to “roll-forward” their total pension liability due to the timing of completion of the actuarial valuation in relation to their fiscal year-end.

The following information has been prepared to provide some of the information necessary to complete GASB Statement No. 68 disclosures. Statement 68 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. Additional resources, including an Implementation Guide, are available at www.mersofmich.com.

Actuarial Valuation Date:	12/31/2016
Measurement Date of Total Pension Liability (TPL):	12/31/2017

At 12/31/2016, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:	74
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits:	5
Active employees:	49
	128

Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2016 measurement date:	\$	23,025,970
Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2017 measurement date:	\$	23,447,538
Service Cost for the year ending on the 12/31/2017 measurement date:	\$	251,248
Change in the Total Pension Liability due to:		
- Benefit changes ¹ :	\$	0
- Differences between expected and actual experience ² :	\$	223,124
- Changes in assumptions ² :	\$	0

¹ A change in liability due to benefit changes is immediately recognized when calculating pension expense for the year.

² Changes in liability due to differences between actual and expected experience, and changes in assumptions, are recognized in pension expense over the average remaining service lives of all employees.

Average expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive):	3
Covered employee payroll: (Needed for Required Supplementary Information)	\$ 2,413,337

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the discount rate:

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Discount Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
Change in Net Pension Liability as of 12/31/2017:	\$ 2,247,698	-	\$ (1,931,303)

Note: The current discount rate shown for GASB 68 purposes is higher than the MERS assumed rate of return. This is because for GASB 68 purposes, the discount rate must be gross of administrative expenses, whereas for funding purposes it is net of administrative expenses.

Benefit Provision History

The following benefit provision history is provided by MERS. Any corrections to this history or discrepancies between this information and information displayed elsewhere in the valuation report should be reported to MERS. All provisions are listed by date of adoption.

01 - General

12/1/2016	Service Credit Purchase Estimates - Yes
1/1/2016	Flexible E \$10 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2016)
1/1/2010	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2010)
1/1/2009	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2009)
1/1/2008	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2008)
9/1/2007	Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)
1/1/2007	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2007)
1/1/2006	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2006)
1/1/2005	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2005)
4/1/2004	Benefit B-3 (80% max)
4/1/2004	Member Contribution Rate 4.70%
1/1/2004	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2004)
1/1/2003	Flexible E \$30.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2003)
1/1/2002	Flexible E \$30.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2002)
1/1/2001	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2001)
1/1/2000	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2000)
1/1/1999	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/1999)
1/1/1998	Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
1/1/1998	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/1998)
1/1/1995	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1995)
1/1/1993	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1993)
1/1/1992	Benefit B-2
1/1/1992	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1992)
1/1/1991	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1991)
4/1/1977	Benefit C-1 (Old)
2/28/1975	Exclude Temporary Employees
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Benefit FAC-5 (5 Year Final Average Compensation)
7/1/1946	10 Year Vesting
7/1/1946	Benefit C (Old)
7/1/1946	Member Contribution Rate 3.00% Under \$4,200.00 - Then 5.00%
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

10 - Slrd

12/1/2016	Service Credit Purchase Estimates - Yes
1/1/2016	Flexible E \$10 Monthly Adopted (01/01/2016)
1/1/2010	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2010)
1/1/2009	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2009)
1/1/2008	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2008)
3/1/2007	Benefit B-3 (80% max)

10 - Slrd

1/1/2007	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2007)
1/1/2006	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2006)
1/1/2005	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2005)
1/1/2004	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2004)
1/1/2003	Flexible E \$30.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2003)
1/1/2002	Flexible E \$30.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2002)
1/1/2002	Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
1/1/2002	Member Contribution Rate 4.70%
1/1/2001	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2001)
1/1/2000	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2000)
1/1/2000	Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)
1/1/1999	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/1999)
1/1/1998	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/1998)
1/1/1995	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1995)
1/1/1993	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1993)
1/1/1992	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1992)
1/1/1992	Benefit FAC-5 (5 Year Final Average Compensation)
1/1/1992	10 Year Vesting
1/1/1992	Benefit B-2
1/1/1992	Member Contribution Rate 3.00% Under \$4,200.00 - Then 5.00%
1/1/1991	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1991)
2/28/1975	Exclude Temporary Employees
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

11 - Non-Union

12/1/2016	Service Credit Purchase Estimates - Yes
1/1/2016	Flexible E \$10 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2016)
1/1/2009	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2009)
1/1/2008	Flexible E \$10.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2008)
1/1/2007	Flexible E \$15.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2007)
1/1/2006	Flexible E \$20.00 Monthly COLA Adopted (01/01/2006)
6/1/2004	Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)
6/1/2004	10 Year Vesting
6/1/2004	Benefit B-3 (80% max)
6/1/2004	Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
6/1/2004	Member Contribution Rate 4.70%
2/28/1975	Exclude Temporary Employees
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012

12/1/2016	Service Credit Purchase Estimates - Yes
1/1/2013	Day of work defined as 88 Hours a Month for All employees.
1/1/2013	Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)

12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012

1/1/2013	Exclude Temporary Employees requiring less than 12 months
1/1/2013	10 Year Vesting
1/1/2013	Benefit B-3 (80% max)
1/1/2013	Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
1/1/2013	Member Contribution Rate 6.00%
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

13 - All Employees after 2/1/16

12/1/2016	Service Credit Purchase Estimates - Yes
2/1/2016	Day of work defined as 80 Hours a Month for All employees.
2/1/2016	Benefit FAC-5 (5 Year Final Average Compensation)
2/1/2016	Exclude Temporary Employees requiring less than 12 months
2/1/2016	10 Year Vesting
2/1/2016	1.5% multiplier (80% max)
2/1/2016	Participant Contribution Rate 4%
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

Plan Provisions, Actuarial Assumptions, and Actuarial Funding Method

Details on MERS plan provisions, actuarial assumptions, and actuarial methodology can be found in the [Appendix](#). Some actuarial assumptions are specific to this municipality and its divisions. These are listed below.

Increase in Final Average Compensation

Division	FAC Increase Assumption
All Divisions	5.00%

Withdrawal Rate Scaling Factor

Division	Withdrawal Rate Scaling Factor
All Divisions	100%

Miscellaneous and Technical Assumptions

Loads – None.