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In care of:

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This report presents the results of the Annual Actuarial Valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2015. 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 more than 65 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, 2015 annual actuarial valuation is to:

- Measure funding progress
- Establish contribution requirements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017
- 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, 2015 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, and this December 31, 2015 valuation report reflects changes in assumptions and methods. 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-2015AnnualActuarialValuation-Appendix.pdf](http://www.mersofmich.com/Portals/0/Assets/Resources/AAV-Appendix/MERS-2015AnnualActuarialValuation-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.

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Sincerely,

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## Executive Summary

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### New Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

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 this December 31, 2015 valuation report reflects several changes in actuarial assumptions.

The main assumption and method changes were:

- The mortality table was adjusted to reflect longer lifetimes.
- The assumed annual rate of investment return, net of all expenses, was lowered from 8% to 7.75%.
- The asset smoothing was changed from 10 to 5 years.
- The amortization period was moved to a fixed period amortization for the December 31, 2014 annual valuations.
  - o The period will continue to gradually decrease for both open and closed divisions until the current unfunded accrued liability (UAL) is completely paid off.
  - o Moving to this type of "fixed period amortization" means that all unfunded liabilities will be fully funded by a specific date in the future.
  - 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.

Various other actuarial assumptions were revised, but the revisions had a smaller impact than the two assumption changes above (first two bullets). For a summary of all of the actuarial assumptions and methods, please refer to the division-specific assumptions described on the last page of this report, and to the [Appendix](#).

The new amortization period layers and the new 5-year asset smoothing do not impact this 2015 annual valuation, other than the 6 year projections. These method changes will first impact the December 31, 2016 annual valuations.

The impacts of the assumption changes on the funded ratio and the required employer contributions are displayed on the next few pages. While these changes in assumptions will mean larger liabilities and contributions than anticipated by the prior assumptions for most employers, they will ensure each employer makes reasonable progress towards funding the unfunded liabilities of the employer. When

discussing changes in assumptions it is important to remember that, although the assumptions used impact the annual contributions, the true cost of the plan will be based on what will actually happen in the future – independent of the assumptions used. MERS recognizes that many municipalities are already taking steps to reduce their UAL. The MERS Board approved a “phase in” of the total impact of the assumption changes over the next 5 years (impacting fiscal years beginning 2017 – 2021) as an option for you. Of course, if the employer pays less in the first 4 years, they will likely have to pay somewhat more in later years.

MERS created a dedicated resource page on their website, [www.mersofmich.com](http://www.mersofmich.com), regarding this topic, with links to frequently asked questions, upcoming events and additional details.

### **Impacts from the Assumption Changes**

The new actuarial assumptions changed your December 31, 2015 percent funded from 63% to 61%, a change of -2%.

The new assumptions changed your total monthly employer contribution requirement, before any phase-in, from \$56,579 to \$64,596, a change of \$8,017 (a 14% increase). Under the 5-year phase-in the first year increase is instead 3% (from \$56,579 to \$58,180 monthly).

Additional detail is shown on the following pages.

## 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:

For comparison purposes, we have included your December 31, 2015 funded ratio if it had been calculated under the previous assumptions. Note: Your actual funded level as of December 31, 2015 is the amount listed under the new assumptions.

	New Assumptions	Previous Assumptions	
	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
<b>Funded Ratio</b>	61%	63%	65%

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. Note: Your minimum required contribution is the amount listed under the new assumptions, with phase-in. For comparison purposes, we have included your computed employer contribution if it had been calculated under the previous assumptions.

	Percentage of Payroll				Monthly \$ Based on Valuation Payroll			
	New Assumptions		Previous Assumptions		New Assumptions		Previous Assumptions	
	Phase-in	Full Impact			Phase-in	Full Impact		
Valuation Date:	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
Fiscal Year Beginning:	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2016
<b>Division</b>								
01 - General	-	-	-	-	\$ 38,298	\$ 42,686	\$ 37,203	\$ 35,105
10 - Slrd	-	-	-	-	11,540	12,872	11,207	10,536
11 - Non-Union	-	-	-	-	4,886	5,522	4,728	4,477
12 - All Employees Post 12/	5.55%	5.65%	5.53%	5.41%	3,456	3,516	3,441	1,056
<b>Municipality Total</b>					<b>\$ 58,180</b>	<b>\$ 64,596</b>	<b>\$ 56,579</b>	<b>\$ 51,174</b>

Under the new assumptions, both the full impact and the phased in employer contribution requirements are shown in the table above. The phase in allows the employer to spread the increase of the new actuarial assumptions over 5 fiscal years. By default, MERS will invoice you the phased in contribution amount. However, MERS strongly encourages employers to contribute more than the minimum required contribution, including paying the full amount of the impact of the changes, if possible.

Employee contribution rates reflected in the valuations are shown below:

Valuation Date:	Employee Contribution Rate	
	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
<b>Division</b>		
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%

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 \$ 108,507, instead of \$ 64,596.
- To accelerate to a 100% funding ratio in 20 years, estimated monthly employer contributions for the entire employer would be \$ 69,525, instead of \$ 64,596.

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

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 2015 was 5.21%.

As of December 31, 2015 the actuarial value of assets is 113% 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, 2015 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 53% (instead of 61%); and ii) your total employer contribution requirement for the fiscal year starting January 1, 2017 would be \$ 895,380 (instead of \$ 775,152).

The asset smoothing method is a powerful tool for reducing the volatility of your required employer contributions. **However, if the current 13% 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 retirement plans, by their nature, are exposed to certain risks. While risks cannot be eliminated entirely, they can be mitigated 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 mitigate the economic and demographic risks, and the contribution volatility risks. For example, the investment risk is the largest economic risk and is mitigated by having a balanced portfolio and a clearly defined investment strategy. Demographic risks vary based on the age of the workforce and are mitigated 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 mitigated 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.

For example:

- Lower investment returns would result in higher required employer contributions, and vice-versa.

- Smaller than projected pay increases would lower required employer contributions.
- 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.
- Retirements at earlier ages than projected would usually increase required employer contributions.
- More non-vested terminations of employment than projected would decrease required contributions.
- More disabilities or survivor (death) benefits than projected would increase required contributions.
- Longer lifetimes after retirement than projected would increase 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, 2015 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%
<b>12/31/2015 Valuation Results</b>				
Accrued Liability	\$ 28,332,906	\$ 25,620,619	\$ 23,313,151	\$ 21,336,897
Valuation Assets	\$ 14,117,356	\$ 14,117,356	\$ 14,117,356	\$ 14,117,356
Unfunded Accrued Liability	\$ 14,215,550	\$ 11,503,263	\$ 9,195,795	\$ 7,219,541
<b>Funded Ratio</b>	50%	55%	61%	66%
Monthly Normal Cost	\$ 25,156	\$ 18,064	\$ 12,618	\$ 8,436
Monthly Amortization Payment	\$ 66,964	\$ 59,596	\$ 51,978	\$ 43,966
<b>Total Employer Contribution<sup>1</sup></b>	\$ 92,120	\$ 77,660	\$ 64,596	\$ 52,402

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Six Year Projection Scenarios

The table on the following page illustrates the plan's projected liabilities and computed employer contributions for the next six fiscal years, under the new actuarial assumptions and under three future economic/assumption scenarios. All four projections take into account the past financial losses that will continue to affect the smoothed rate of return for the next four years. 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.

Valuation Year Ending 12/31	Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Funded Percentage	Computed Annual Employer Contribution
<b>7.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return</b>					
<b>WITH 5-YEAR PHASE-IN</b>					
2015	2017	\$ 23,313,151	\$ 14,117,356	61%	\$ 698,160
2016	2018	23,560,805	13,646,755	58%	787,464
2017	2019	23,756,088	13,151,681	55%	878,148
2018	2020	23,908,381	12,672,873	53%	970,080
2019	2021	24,052,392	12,252,855	51%	1,062,708
2020	2022	24,200,663	12,256,720	51%	1,107,120
<b>NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN</b>					
2015	2017	\$ 23,313,151	\$ 14,117,356	61%	\$ 775,152
2016	2018	23,560,805	13,646,755	58%	839,712
2017	2019	23,756,088	13,237,675	56%	906,312
2018	2020	23,908,381	12,819,412	54%	975,732
2019	2021	24,052,392	12,435,372	52%	1,047,492
2020	2022	24,200,663	12,458,397	52%	1,091,220
<b>6.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return</b>					
<b>NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN</b>					
2015	2017	\$ 25,620,619	\$ 14,117,356	55%	\$ 931,920
2016	2018	25,863,829	13,514,564	52%	998,484
2017	2019	26,054,299	13,145,634	51%	1,066,296
2018	2020	26,202,117	12,767,958	49%	1,137,636
2019	2021	26,342,424	12,422,289	47%	1,211,796
2020	2022	26,487,945	12,500,291	47%	1,260,588
<b>5.75% Assumed Interest Discount Rate and Future Annual Market Rate of Return</b>					
<b>NO 5-YEAR PHASE-IN</b>					
2015	2017	\$ 28,332,906	\$ 14,117,356	50%	\$ 1,105,440
2016	2018	28,567,863	13,382,326	47%	1,174,440
2017	2019	28,750,122	13,072,858	46%	1,244,328
2018	2020	28,890,600	12,754,596	44%	1,318,380
2019	2021	29,024,951	12,465,601	43%	1,396,488
2020	2022	29,166,172	12,561,302	43%	1,455,264

## Employer Contribution Details (Without a 5-year Phase-In) For the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017

Table 1

Division	Amort. Period for Unfund. Liab. <sup>4,5</sup>	Employer Contributions <sup>1</sup>			Blended Employer Contribut. <sup>6</sup>	Employee Contribution Rate	Employee Contribut. Conversion Factor <sup>2</sup>
		Normal Cost	Unfunded Accrued Liability	Total Computed Employer Contribut.			
<b>Percentage of Payroll</b>							
01 - General	23	-	-	-	31.68%	4.70%	
10 - Slrd	23	-	-	-	31.68%	4.70%	
11 - Non-Union	23	-	-	-	31.68%	4.70%	
12 - All Employees Post	23	5.63%	0.02%	5.65%	31.68%	6.00%	0.77%
<b>Estimated Monthly Contribution<sup>3</sup></b>							
01 - General	23	\$ 6,727	\$ 35,959	\$ 42,686			
10 - Slrd	23	1,313	11,559	12,872			
11 - Non-Union	23	1,074	4,448	5,522			
12 - All Employees Post	23	3,504	12	3,516			
<b>Total Municipality</b>		<b>\$ 12,618</b>	<b>\$ 51,978</b>	<b>\$ 64,596</b>			
<b>Estimated Annual Contribution<sup>3</sup></b>		<b>\$ 151,416</b>	<b>\$ 623,736</b>	<b>\$ 775,152</b>			

<sup>1</sup> The above employer contribution requirements are in addition to the employee contributions, if any.

<sup>2</sup> If employee contributions are increased/decreased by 1.00% of pay, the employer contribution requirement will decrease/increase by the Employee Contribution Conversion Factor. The conversion factor is usually under 1%, because employee contributions may be refunded at termination of employment, and not used to fund retirement pensions. Employer contributions will all be used to fund pensions.

<sup>3</sup> For divisions that are open to new hires, estimated contributions are based on projected fiscal year payroll. Actual contributions will be based on actual reported monthly pays, and will be different from the above amounts. For divisions that will have no new hires, invoices will be based on the above dollar amounts which are based on projected fiscal year payroll. See description of Open Divisions and Closed Divisions in the [Appendix](#).

<sup>4</sup> If projected assets exceed projected liabilities as of the beginning of the January 1, 2017 fiscal year, the negative unfunded accrued liability is amortized (spread) over 10 years. This amortization is used to reduce the employer contribution rate. Note that if the overfunding credit is larger than the normal cost, the full credit is shown above but the total contribution requirement is zero. This will cause the displayed normal cost and unfunded accrued liability contributions to not add across.

<sup>5</sup> If the division is closed to new hires, with new hires not covered by MERS Defined Benefit Plan or Hybrid Plan provisions, the amortization period will decrease as follows: Under Amortization Option A, the period will decrease by 2 years each valuation year, until it reaches 6 or 5 years. Then it decreases by 1 year each valuation year until the UAL is paid off. Under Amortization Option B, the period will decrease by 2 years each valuation year, until it reaches 16 or 15 years. Thereafter, the period will reduce by 1 year each valuation year, until the UAL is paid off. This will result in amortization payments that increase faster than the usual 3.75% each year. If the division is closed to new hires, with new hires (and transfers) covered by MERS Defined Benefit Plan or Hybrid Plan provisions, the standard open division amortization period will apply.

<sup>6</sup> For linked divisions, the employer will be invoiced the Total Required Employer Contribution rate shown above for each linked division (a contribution rate for the open division; a contribution dollar for the closed-but-linked division), unless the employer elects to contribute the Blended Employer Contribution rate shown above, by contacting MERS at 800-767-2308.

**Note** that the Employer Contribution Details shown in Table 1 do **not** reflect phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) of the increased contribution requirements associated with the new actuarial assumptions. The full contribution without phase-in is shown in Table 1 above. The contribution requirements including the 5-year phase-in are shown on page 8.

**Please see the Comments on Asset Smoothing.**



## Benefit Provisions

**Table 2**

### 01 - General: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 12

	2015 Valuation	2014 Valuation
<b>Benefit Multiplier:</b>	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
<b>Normal Retirement Age:</b>	60	60
<b>Vesting:</b>	10 years	10 years
<b>Early Retirement (Unreduced):</b>	55/25	55/25
<b>Early Retirement (Reduced):</b>	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
<b>Final Average Compensation:</b>	3 years	3 years
<b>Employee Contributions:</b>	4.70%	4.70%
<b>Act 88:</b>	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

### 10 - Slrd: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 12

	2015 Valuation	2014 Valuation
<b>Benefit Multiplier:</b>	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
<b>Normal Retirement Age:</b>	60	60
<b>Vesting:</b>	10 years	10 years
<b>Early Retirement (Unreduced):</b>	55/25	55/25
<b>Early Retirement (Reduced):</b>	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
<b>Final Average Compensation:</b>	3 years	3 years
<b>Employee Contributions:</b>	4.70%	4.70%
<b>Act 88:</b>	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

### 11 - Non-Union: Closed to new hires, linked to Division 12

	2015 Valuation	2014 Valuation
<b>Benefit Multiplier:</b>	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
<b>Normal Retirement Age:</b>	60	60
<b>Vesting:</b>	10 years	10 years
<b>Early Retirement (Unreduced):</b>	55/25	55/25
<b>Early Retirement (Reduced):</b>	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
<b>Final Average Compensation:</b>	3 years	3 years
<b>Employee Contributions:</b>	4.70%	4.70%
<b>Act 88:</b>	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

**Table 2** (continued)**12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012: Open Division, linked to Division 01, 10, 11**

	<b>2015 Valuation</b>	<b>2014 Valuation</b>
<b>Benefit Multiplier:</b>	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)	2.25% Multiplier (80% max)
<b>Normal Retirement Age:</b>	60	60
<b>Vesting:</b>	10 years	10 years
<b>Early Retirement (Unreduced):</b>	55/25	55/25
<b>Early Retirement (Reduced):</b>	50/25	50/25
	55/15	55/15
<b>Final Average Compensation:</b>	3 years	3 years
<b>Employee Contributions:</b>	6%	6%
<b>Act 88:</b>	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)	Yes (Adopted 2/15/1971)

## Participant Summary

**Table 3**

Division	2015 Valuation		2014 Valuation		2015 Valuation		
	Number	Annual Payroll <sup>1</sup>	Number	Annual Payroll <sup>1</sup>	Average Age	Average Benefit Service <sup>2</sup>	Average Eligibility Service <sup>2</sup>
01 - General							
Active Employees	30	\$ 1,327,579	35	\$ 1,602,415	49.9	14.3	14.3
Vested Former Employees	4	55,423	3	29,341	57.3	16.2	16.2
Retirees and Beneficiaries	55	1,163,766	53	1,042,556	70.8		
10 - Sldr							
Active Employees	5	\$ 259,006	7	\$ 363,548	47.9	12.1	12.1
Vested Former Employees	1	16,355	0	0	50.2	14.5	14.5
Retirees and Beneficiaries	15	428,555	15	390,905	70.2		
11 - Non-Union							
Active Employees	3	\$ 278,644	3	\$ 261,343	52.9	24.0	24.0
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retirees and Beneficiaries	2	93,580	2	93,340	70.2		
12 - All Employees Post 1							
Active Employees	10	\$ 407,849	6	\$ 234,258	38.5	1.2	1.2
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retirees and Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	0.0		
<b>Total Municipality</b>							
<b>Active Employees</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$ 2,273,078</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$ 2,461,564</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
<b>Vested Former Employees</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71,778</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29,341</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>
<b>Retirees and Beneficiaries</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,685,901</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,526,801</b>	<b>70.7</b>		
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>125</b>		<b>124</b>				

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

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

## Reported Assets (Market Value)

**Table 4**

Division	2015 Valuation		2014 Valuation	
	Employer and Retiree <sup>1</sup>	Employee <sup>2</sup>	Employer and Retiree <sup>1</sup>	Employee <sup>2</sup>
01 - General	\$ 7,484,221	\$ 1,013,252	\$ 8,061,923	\$ 1,182,913
10 - Slrd	2,304,784	197,556	2,549,253	250,961
11 - Non-Union	1,118,481	251,404	1,173,754	236,769
12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012	29,040	35,276	12,268	14,102
<b>Municipality Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,936,526</b>	<b>\$ 1,497,488</b>	<b>\$ 11,797,198</b>	<b>\$ 1,684,745</b>
<b>Combined Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 12,434,014</b>		<b>\$ 13,481,943</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Reserve for Employer Contributions and Benefit Payments

<sup>2</sup> Reserve for Employee Contributions

The December 31, 2015 valuation assets are equal to 1.135382 times the reported market value of assets (compared to 1.059937 as of December 31, 2014). 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						
2005	\$ 164,878		\$ 136,548	\$ 833,272	\$ (699,734)	\$ 0	\$ 18,814	\$ 13,649,053
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

**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, 2015

Table 6

Division	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets <sup>1</sup>	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
01 - General				
Active Employees	\$ 3,914,647	\$ 874,654	22.3%	\$ 3,039,993
Vested Former Employees	556,051	124,869	22.5%	431,182
Retirees And Beneficiaries	11,527,354	8,634,627	74.9%	2,892,727
Pending Refunds	<u>13,728</u>	<u>13,728</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>\$ 16,011,780</b>	<b>\$ 9,647,878</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>\$ 6,363,902</b>
10 - Slrd				
Active Employees	\$ 552,441	\$ 164,366	29.8%	\$ 388,075
Vested Former Employees	82,442	33,191	40.3%	49,251
Retirees And Beneficiaries	4,253,996	2,643,555	62.1%	1,610,441
Pending Refunds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>\$ 4,888,879</b>	<b>\$ 2,841,112</b>	<b>58.1%</b>	<b>\$ 2,047,767</b>
11 - Non-Union				
Active Employees	\$ 1,349,900	\$ 566,344	42.0%	\$ 783,556
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0.0%	0
Retirees And Beneficiaries	988,999	988,999	100.0%	0
Pending Refunds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>\$ 2,338,899</b>	<b>\$ 1,555,343</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>\$ 783,556</b>
12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012				
Active Employees	\$ 72,334	\$ 71,764	99.2%	\$ 570
Vested Former Employees	0	0	0.0%	0
Retirees And Beneficiaries	0	0	0.0%	0
Pending Refunds	<u>1,259</u>	<u>1,259</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>\$ 73,593</b>	<b>\$ 73,023</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	<b>\$ 570</b>
<b>Total Municipality</b>				
<b>Active Employees</b>	<b>\$ 5,889,322</b>	<b>\$ 1,677,128</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>\$ 4,212,194</b>
<b>Vested Former Employees</b>	<b>638,493</b>	<b>158,060</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>480,433</b>
<b>Retirees and Beneficiaries</b>	<b>16,770,349</b>	<b>12,267,181</b>	<b>73.1%</b>	<b>4,503,168</b>
<b>Pending Refunds</b>	<b><u>14,987</u></b>	<b><u>14,987</u></b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>\$ 23,313,151</b>	<b>\$ 14,117,356</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>\$ 9,195,795</b>
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.				
Linked Divisions 12, 01, 10, 11				
Active Employees	\$ 5,889,322	\$ 1,677,128	28.5%	\$ 4,212,194
Vested Former Employees	638,493	158,060	24.8%	480,433
Retirees and Beneficiaries	16,770,349	12,267,181	73.1%	4,503,168
Pending Refunds	<u>14,987</u>	<u>14,987</u>	100.0%	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>\$ 23,313,151</b>	<b>\$ 14,117,356</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>\$ 9,195,795</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes both employer and employee assets.

**Please see the Comments on Asset Smoothing.**

See the MERS Fiscal Responsibility Policy on the MERS website at:

[http://www.mersofmich.com/Portals/0/Assets/PageResources/MERS/PlanDocument/Pension/MERSPlanDocument\\_Section46.pdf](http://www.mersofmich.com/Portals/0/Assets/PageResources/MERS/PlanDocument/Pension/MERSPlanDocument_Section46.pdf) .

## Actuarial Accrued Liabilities - Comparative Schedule

**Table 7**

Valuation Date December 31	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets	Percent Funded	Unfunded (Overfunded) Accrued Liabilities
2001	\$ 11,221,940	\$ 12,483,042	111%	\$ (1,261,102)
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

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
2005	\$ 10,766,433	\$ 9,816,724	91%	\$ 949,709
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

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 <sup>1</sup>	Employee Contribution Rate <sup>2</sup>
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2005	55	\$ 2,099,488	7.19%	4.70%
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%

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 valuation do **not** reflect phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) 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 8.

See the Benefit Provision History on page 31 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
2005	\$ 3,061,439	\$ 2,863,076	94%	\$ 198,363
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

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 <sup>1</sup>	Employee Contribution Rate <sup>2</sup>
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2005	10	\$ 427,949	5.91%	4.70%
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%

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 valuation do **not** reflect phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) 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 8.

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## 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
2005	\$ 1,441,478	\$ 969,253	67%	\$ 472,225
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

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 <sup>1</sup>	Employee Contribution Rate <sup>2</sup>
	Number	Annual Payroll		
2005	4	\$ 277,716	14.14%	4.70%
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%

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 valuation do **not** reflect phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) 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 8.

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## 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

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 <sup>1</sup>	Employee Contribution Rate <sup>2</sup>
	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%

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 valuation do **not** reflect phase-in over 5 fiscal years (beginning in 2017) 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 8.

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## GASB 68 Information

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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](http://www.mersofmich.com).

Actuarial Valuation Date:	12/31/2015
Measurement Date of Total Pension Liability (TPL):	12/31/2015

At 12/31/2015, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:	72
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits:	5
Active employees:	<u>48</u>
	125

Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2014 measurement date:	\$ 21,405,839
Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2015 measurement date:	\$ 22,790,556
Service Cost for the year ending on the 12/31/2015 measurement date:	\$ 240,776

Change in the Total Pension Liability due to:

- Benefit changes <sup>1</sup> :	\$ 0
- Differences between expected and actual experience <sup>2</sup> :	\$ 70,811
- Changes in assumptions <sup>2</sup> :	\$ 953,487

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)	\$ 2,273,078

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 12/31/2015:	\$ 2,218,335	-	\$ (1,903,039)

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

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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.

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Actuarial Valuation Date:	12/31/2015
Measurement Date of Total Pension Liability (TPL):	12/31/2016

At 12/31/2015, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:	72
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits:	5
Active employees:	48
	125

Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2015 measurement date:	\$	21,757,204
Total Pension Liability as of 12/31/2016 measurement date:	\$	23,025,970
Service Cost for the year ending on the 12/31/2016 measurement date:	\$	237,536
Change in the Total Pension Liability due to:		
- Benefit changes <sup>1</sup> :	\$	0
- Differences between expected and actual experience <sup>2</sup> :	\$	86,453
- Changes in assumptions <sup>2</sup> :	\$	980,038

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)	\$ 2,273,078

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:	\$ 2,212,429	-	\$ (1,899,658)

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

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

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)
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)

**10 - Slrd**

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	Benefit F55 (With 25 Years of Service)
1/1/2002	Member Contribution Rate 4.70%
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	Benefit FAC-3 (3 Year Final Average Compensation)
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	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 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%
1/1/1992	E 2% COLA Adopted (01/01/1992)
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**

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**

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)
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)



**12 - All Employees Post 12/31/2012**

1/1/2013	Member Contribution Rate 6.00%
2/15/1971	Covered by Act 88
7/1/1946	Fiscal Month - January

## Plan Provisions, Actuarial Assumptions, and Actuarial Funding Method

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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.