

ORDINANCE NO. 15-003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; **CREATING SECTION 13-38a; PROVIDING FOR A DISABILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SAME**; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 13-38A of the Code of Ordinances is hereby created so that the same shall read hereinafter as follows:

Sec. 13-38A (Disability Review Committee).

- a. There shall be a disability review committee, made up of the following members:
 1. The Treasurer and Secretary and of the Retirement Board (who shall chair the committee);
 2. The Risk Management Administrator for the City;
 3. The Human Resources Director for the City;
 4. The Human Resources Manager for the Utilities Authority;
 5. A Designated Representative for the Police Department;
 6. And the Administrative Department Head of the Department by whom the benefits applicant or retirant was employed.
- b. The Disability Review Committee shall be responsible for the following:
 1. Preliminary Investigation of each application for disability benefits, whether under Section 13-36 or Section 13-37;
 2. Review and reexamination of continued entitlement of retirants to disability benefits;
 3. Devise forms for use in the disability administrative process, which forms shall include but not be limited to applications, authorizations and correspondence, with all such forms to receive approval by the Retirement Board;
 4. Obtain and consider all pertinent medical evidence which may be available or may be requested of the retirant or applicant;
 5. Establish policies and procedures necessary to carry out the responsibilities imposed by this Section;
 6. Preparation and maintenance of a list of suitable outside consultants and medical experts, with such list to be periodically submitted to the Retirement Board for approval. Such list shall be available as a convenience in guiding the choice of a physician by the Board's Treasurer and Secretary when making a medical referral in accordance

with Code Section 13-36(7). But the choice of referral is not limited to listed consultants or physicians, should the Treasurer and Secretary reasonably determine that referral should be made to consultant or physician whose name is not on the list;

7. Submission of a written report setting out a recommendation to the Retirement Board upon completion of the preliminary investigation;
8. Serve as an advisory body to the Retirement Board on matters relating to award, continuation and administration of disability benefit entitlement.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances and conflict herewith are and the same shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect whatsoever.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is and the same shall become effective immediately upon final passage hereof.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Robert V. Schwerer, Esq.
City Attorney

**STATE OF FLORIDA)
ST. LUCIE COUNTY)SS**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 15-003 was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on January 10, 2015; copy of said ordinance was made available at the office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on January 20, 2015; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on February 2, 2015, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Linda Hudson,
Mayor Commissioner

Linda W. Cox,
City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)