



## CITY OF FORT PIERCE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEM

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Stanley Fidge, Vice Chairman 

**RE: Ordinance No. 15-058 Amending Code Sections 13-73(c); Providing That Retirement Board May Be Represented By Attorney of its Own Choosing Upon Approval by the City Commission**

Date: November 23, 2015

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This memorandum serves to enclose an ordinance setting out the amendment to Chapter 13, of the City's Code of Ordinances.

The Retirement Board has requested that the City Commission consider for formal adoption Ordinance No. 15-058, amending Section 13-73(c) of the Code. As it is currently written, the City Attorney, or his/her designee shall serve as legal advisor to the retirement board; this amendment will allow for legal representation of the board's own choosing, with approval by the City Commission.

In light of the changes in the City's legal department, the board desires to retain Attorney Jim Walker as its legal counsel. Atty. Walker has served as legal counsel to the board for several years, and has done an outstanding job safeguarding its long-term integrity. He has a plethora of knowledge, as it relates to pension law, as well as institutional knowledge of the City's retirement plan.

The retirement board is authorized and empowered to employ professionals and other services as are required for the proper administration of the retirement system. Such services shall be employed on a contractual or fee basis and shall be fixed by the retirement board, subject to your approval.