

## **Rule Impact Statement**

Title 270. Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System

Chapter 10. Firefighters Pension and Retirement Plan

Permanent Rules under OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE § 270:10

*The Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 75, § 303(D)(1).*

### **I. Statement of need and legal basis.**

In accordance with OKLA. STAT. tit. 11, § 49-100.7, the proposed rules are necessary to “establish rules and regulations of the administration of the System and for the transaction of its business consistent with the law”, including the amendment of its rules and regulations to ensure compliance with current Oklahoma law.

### **II. Classification of the rule(s) and justification for classification.**

The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System (the “System”) classifies the proposed permanent rules as nonmajor as they are not intended to require additional implementation and compliance costs. To the extent that there may be annual implementation and compliance costs associated with these new rules, the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System believes that they will be de minimis if not zero.

### **III. Description of the proposed rule(s).**

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-8(c) removes the distinction between members whose service with a participating employer of the System began before or after November 1, 2013 for the purpose of establishing the years of credited service needed for a paid vested benefit or a vested volunteer benefit.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-8(f)(6) revises the classification of a paid firefighter to increase the salary required.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-8(g)(3) removes the distinction between members whose service with a participating employer of the System began before or after November 1, 2013 for the purpose of determining a member’s correct amount of service time.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-8(h)(5) adds language regarding the consideration of a volunteer member’s eligibility for consideration of a disability in the line of duty pension to make the volunteer member immediately eligible if the volunteer member passed the pre-employment medical evaluation.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 170:10-1-8(j)(2) revises what constitutes gross salary to specify that buy back pay is sick or annual leave that is not at termination and is not compensatory time.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-8(k) adds language allowing members to make installment payments for previously withdrawn contributions when reinstating prior service.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-9(A) adds requirements for purchase of transferred credited service, stating a member must be an active paid member at the time of purchase and must have been an active paid member for a minimum of (30) months.

The proposed rule amendment to OKLAHOMA ADMIN. CODE 270:10-1-9(B)-(E) provides additional requirements for the purchase of military service credit and specifies limitations on how the member may pay the purchase price of transferred credited service or military service credit.

**IV. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule(s), and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.**

The proposed rules will affect the members of the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System. As of this date, the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System has not received any cost impacts from private or public entities.

**V. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s).**

The proposed rules will benefit the members and potential members of the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System and the public by providing clear information reflecting the changes in Oklahoma law.

**VI. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.**

The proposed rules will have a neutral economic impact on the agency, affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy as a whole. No fee changes are proposed.

At this time, the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System does not anticipate negative impacts or increases to the number of full-time employees, an increase in costs or benefits. Further, as stated above, any implementation and compliance costs, as defined by

Okla. Stat. tit. 75, § 250.3(8), on affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government units, and state economy as a whole are either zero or de minimis.

**VII. Detailed explanation of methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact.**

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these proposed rules, the Office of the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System did not utilize any specific methodology or assumptions to determine the proposed rules' economic impact.

**VIII. Determination of whether implantation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s).**

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have a negative economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in the implementation of the rules.

**IX. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.**

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have an adverse impact on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act, OKLA. STAT. tit 75, §§ 501–507.

**X. Measures taken to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rules on business and economic development in this state, local government units of this state, and individuals.**

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these rules, no measures were necessary to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rules on business and economic development in this state, local government units of the State, and individuals.

**XI. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.**

Because these rules are proposed in accordance with OKLA. STAT. tit. 75, § 302(A)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes, they do not implicate public health, safety, and the environment.

**XII. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.**

See answer directly above.

**XIII. Analysis of alternatives to adopting the rule(s).**

Based on the definition of “rule” in OKLA. STAT. tit. 75, § 250.3(20), there is no alternative to adopting the rule.

**XIV. Estimated time spent by state employees to develop the rule(s) and other resources used in developing the rule(s).**

The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System estimates approximately ten (10) hours were used in developing the rule.

**XV. Summary and preliminary comparison of any existing or proposed federal regulations intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule(s).**

There are no existing or proposed federal equivalents to the proposed rules.

**XVI. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.**

The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System prepared this rule impact statement on December 12, 2025.