

**Tennessee Consolidated
Retirement System**

A RESOLUTION to authorize certain optional benefit

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improvements for noncontributory
employees of a political subdivision
which have been enacted since the date
the subdivision joined the Tennessee
Consolidated Retirement System.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 34 - 37 provides that a political subdivision opting to join the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System does so under the laws governing the System as they exist at the time the political subdivision joins the Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, subsequent legislative improvements are optional to the political subdivision if they result in increased cost to the subdivision. These optional improvements may be adopted by separate resolutions approved by the chief governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Carmel Board Mayor & Aldermen _____ of
(Name of Governing Body)

MOUNT CARMEL desires to adopt through one (1) single resolution certain optional benefit improvements for employees of the political subdivision which have been enacted since the date the subdivision joined the Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the recommended employer contribution rate effective July 1, 1998 as the plan exists today is 5.61%; and

WHEREAS, the four (4) sets of optional benefit improvements from which the political subdivision desires to choose from and the respective cost associated with each such set are as follows:

<i>Sets</i>	<i>Accrued Liability</i>	<i>Increase in Employer Rate</i>
<i>Set 1</i>	\$53,073	1.79%

T.C.A. § 8-36-701(b)
Compounded cost-of-living increases

<i>Set 2</i>	\$0	0.00%
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T.C.A. § 8-36-124(a)(3)
5% increase in base retirement benefit

<i>Set 3</i>	\$9,495	0.32%
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T.C.A. § 8-34-101(4)(B)(iii)
Indefinite continuation of 3.6 indexing

<i>Set 4</i>	\$2,464	0.08%
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T.C.A. § 8-34-604(c)
Service credit for unused sick leave

T.C.A. § 8-36-109(b)
100% joint and survivor spouse death benefit for members with 10 years of service

T.C.A. § 8-36-209
Minimum benefit level increase

T.C.A. § 8-36-204(b)(2)
Reduce vesting requirement to qualify for retirement benefits from 10 years to 5 years

T.C.A. § 8-36-123
Provide inactive members with certain death and disability benefits

T.C.A. § 8-36-208(b)

Allow for an actuarial equivalent of an age 65 benefit for employees retiring after age 65

T.C.A. § 8-34-605

Service credit for certain periods of military service

T.C.A. § 8-34-625

Service credit for periods of temporary disability during which the employee was receiving workers' compensation payments based on covered employment

T.C.A. § 8-35-203(b)(1)

Credit for service credit lost as a result of advanced age

T.C.A. § 8-34-612(b)

Purchase of service credit for probationary period

T.C.A. § 8-36-108(b)

Benefits upon death in line of duty

T.C.A. § 8-36-301(a)

25-year retirement with actuarially reduced benefits

T.C.A. § 8-36-501(c)(3)

Reinstate ordinary disability projection

T.C.A. § 8-37-202(a)(4)

Limit a Group 1 member's contribution rate to 5% and 5½% for Group 2 members

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mt. Carmel Board Mayor & Aldermen
(Name of Governing Body)

of the MOUNT CARMEL hereby authorizes all its employees to

receive the benefit improvements listed in set(s) 1, 2, 3, 4 above pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the applicable sections of the Tennessee Code and hereby agrees to accept the associated liability; and

WHEREAS, the recommended employer contribution rate effective July 1, 1998 including the above benefit improvements will be 7.8% (Total Rate).

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF Hawkins

I, Nancy Carter, clerk of the Mt. Carmel Board Mayor & of
(Name of Governing Body)
Aldermen

MOUNT CARMEL, Tennessee do hereby certify that this is a true and

exact copy of the foregoing resolution that was approved and adopted at a meeting held on the 18 day of December, 1997, the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 6 members voted in favor of the resolution and that 6 members were present and voting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of the MOUNT CARMEL.


As Clerk of the Board, as aforesaid

SEAL

TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BIENNIAL VALUATION AS OF JUNE 30, 1997
NEW ASSUMPTIONS WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS

MOUNT CARMEL
883.12

Actuarial Balance Sheet

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>
Present Assets at Market Value:	
Employee Assets	\$79,558
Employer Assets	138,711
Present Value of Prospective Contributions Payable by:	
Employees	0
Employer	
Normal	232,626
Supplemental Liability	1,409
Total	\$452,304
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	\$452,304

Membership

Active	Inactive	Retired	
Number	Number	Number	
Annual Salary	19	1	0
			\$0

Recommended Employer Contribution Rates

Normal	7.62 %
Supplemental Liability Amortization	0.03
Cost of Administration	0.15
Total	7.80 %

* Based on 18-Year Amortization of Supplemental Liability

NOTE: The present value of vested benefits computed in accordance with Opinion #8 of the Accounting Principles Board is \$ 110,856. The present value of accrued benefits, whether or not vested, is \$ 137,195.

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Employer Normal	166,533	Cost of Living Benefits Payable to:	
Supplemental Liability	0	Retired Employees	0
Total	\$384,802	Active Employees	0
		Inactive Employees	0
		Total	\$384,802

Membership

	Active		Inactive		Retired
Number		19	Number		
Annual Salary		\$430,117	1	Number	0
				Annual Benefit	\$0

Recommended Employer Contribution Rates

Normal	5.46 %
Supplemental Liability Amortization	0.00
Cost of Administration	0.15
Total	5.61 %

* Based on 18-Year Amortization of Supplemental Liability

NOTE: The present value of vested benefits computed in accordance with Opinion #8 of the Accounting Principles Board is \$ 94,176. The present value of accrued benefits, whether or not vested, is \$ 118,092.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

STEVE ADAMS
STATE TREASURER



STEVE CURRY
DIRECTOR

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT
CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM
10TH FLOOR ANDREW JACKSON STATE OFFICE BUILDING
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-0230**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Fiscal Officers of Political Subdivisions
FROM: Steve Curry 
DATE: November 21, 1997

SUBJECT: Biennial Actuarial Valuation

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Enclosed is an actuarial balance sheet which outlines the assets and liabilities of your pension plan, as well as the employer contribution rate which has been recommended by the actuary. Again, this rate will become effective July 1, 1998. If your recommended rate is zero, you (the employer) will not be required to contribute for the two year period ending June 30, 2000. You should be aware, however, that new hires, experience and benefit improvements may cause the rate to rise in the future.

If you choose to pay a higher rate than that recommended by the actuary, you should be prepared to maintain a separate accounting record of the contributions exceeding the actuarially required contribution. Excess contributions will need to be amortized in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 25 and 27.

Asset balance sheets have previously been distributed which reflected investment income for the fiscal year 1996-97. Due to the GASB Statement 25, we have been required to record all assets at full market value. This change in accounting standards combined with the extraordinary equity market return resulted in significant gains for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

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To assist your political subdivision in the consideration of whether to increase benefits to the same level provided to state employees and teachers, we have provided the actuarial balance sheets for the recommended employer contribution rate for your entity as your plan existed June 30, 1997, as well as for the recommended employer contribution rate if all benefit improvements are approved. A resolution is enclosed which may be approved by your governing body to allow for these benefit improvements. It should be noted that this resolution is generic in form and may address benefit improvements already included in your plan. The actuary is aware of the benefit improvements your entity currently has and the liabilities are reflected accordingly.

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SLC/tg

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TO: Local Government Personnel

FROM: Field Services Section

DATE: October 20, 1997

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TO: Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System

FROM: Down of Mt. Carmel
(Name of Employer)

SUBJECT: **New Employer Contribution Rate**

This is to acknowledge the new employer contribution rate to be effective July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000. Check one box.

7.80% New Employer Contribution Rate
James John
Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

1-22-98
Date

Sherry Miner 1-22-98
Signature of Chief Payroll Officer Date

NOTE: The department codes listed on this form and on the actuarial balance sheet are codes for departments within your local government. It is your responsibility to notify these departments of the new rates.

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