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1.623 Pension Spike Letter
2. Pension Spiking Agency Report

7/19/2019

93401 - FORSYTH COUNTY<br>ATTN: CHIEF FINANCLAL OFFICER OR BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR<br>201 N. CHESTNUT STREET<br>WINSTON SALEM, NC 27101

## Dear 93401 - FORSYTH COUNTY:

During the 2014 General Assembly session, contribution-based benefit cap legislation was enacted effective January 1, 2015. This legislation was created to control the practice of "pension spiking," in which a member's compensation substantially increases, resulting in a monthly retirement benefit that is significantly greater than the member and employer contributions would fund. The contribution-based benefit cap (CBBC) approach was created to protect each system for current and future retirees and to prevent all employers in the Retirement Systems from absorbing the additional liabilities caused by compensation decisions made by other employers. This legislation applies to members who retire on and after January 1, 2015, with an average final compensation of $\$ 100,000$ or higher (adjusted annually for inflation), and will only directly impact a small number of those individuals. It requires the member's last employer to pay the additional contribution required to fund the member's benefit in excess of the cap. [G.S. 135-5(a3); 135-4(jj); 128-27(a3); and 128-26(y)]

In order to assist employing agencies with planning and budgeting to comply with the CBBC provisions, we are required to report monthly to each employer a list of those members for whom the employer made a contribution to the Retirement System in the preceding month that are most likely to require an additional employer contribution should they elect to retire in the following 12 months. This letter and the attached report serve as our required monthly notification to your agency under this provision. [G.S. 135-8(f)(2)(f) and G.S. 128-30(g)(2)(b)]

The chief financial officer of your agency is required to provide a copy of the attached report to the chief executive of your agency, as well as to the governing body, including any board which exercises financial oversight. Additionally, the chief financial officer of a public school system is required to provide a copy of the report to the local board of education and notify the board of county commissioners of the county in which the local administrative unit is located that the report was received and how many employees were listed in the report. [G.S. 115C-436(c); 1358(j); and 128-30(j)]

For the purpose of determining the employees of your agency that are likely to require an additional employer contribution should they elect to retire in the following 12 months, the Retirement System modified the criteria used in the CBBC calculation. This allows for a broad list of potential employees, including those whose compensation average may approach the threshold and attempts to provide your agency with prior notification of a potential cost. The attached report

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CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP REPORT


| Last <br> Name | First <br> Name | Department | Total Potential <br> Liability |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Anderson | Michael B. | Parks \& Recreation | None |
| Angell | Scott W. | General Services | None |
| Sanders-Pratt | Damon L. | Manager's Office | $\$ 85,071.77$ |
| Slater | Robert E. | Sheriff | None - Below AFC Min |
| Stanley | Frank B. | Sheriff | $\$ 4,905.14$ |
| Tatum | Ronda D. | Manager's Office | None |
| Watts, Jr. | Jack D. | Manager's Office | $\$ 511.87$ |

*Total potential liability is only an estimate of the possible lump sum payment due after the employee retires to cover the unforeseen liabilities based on the employee's latest salary should the employee elect to retire in the next 12 months. See the fourth paragraph of the CBBC Letter. AFC Min is the threshold amount that triggers the liability requirement. If an employee's AFC is under this amount, no liability is incurred. The amount is currently $\$ 108,018.05$ and is adjusted annually for inflation.

