



FINAL AVERAGE SALARY DESIGNATION

Pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Charter and City Administrative Code*, Tier 3, 4 and 5 members may designate which twelve (12) consecutive months of service will be used to determine the "Final Average Salary" (FAS). The law also allows a surviving spouse to make this designation if the Plan Member should die prior to making the election.

Please initial each statement:

_____ I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to obtain my Lost Service Time (LST), also known as "bad time," history from my Department's Accounting/Payroll Section. I have reviewed my LST history report and have been informed that the inclusion of any LST during the twelve (12) month period I have selected will result in a reduction of my Final Average Salary.

_____ I understand that if there is a pending Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the time of my FAS election, any **increase or decrease** in my monthly salary as a result of the agreed negotiations will affect my FAS election and that my monthly pension entitlement will be adjusted accordingly. I understand that I will not be allowed to change my FAS election as a result of any MOU salary change.

_____ **I understand that this is a one-time, irrevocable election.**

Please initial the appropriate statement:

_____ I elect to have my pension entitlement calculations based on the last twelve (12) consecutive months of my employment.

_____ I elect to have my pension entitlement calculations based on the twelve (12) consecutive month period of:

From: _____ through _____
Date Date

Member's Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Social Security Number: _____

Signature of Member: _____

Date: _____

City of Los Angeles Charter §§ 1502(o) and 1602(o) and City Administrative Code § 4.2002(o).



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Tiers 3, 4, 5

Excerpt

Charter Section 1502(o) – Tier 3

Charter Section 1602(o) – Tier 4

Administrative Code, Division 4 – Chapter 20 Section 4.2002(o) – Tier 5

(o) "Final Average Salary" means an amount equivalent to a monthly average of salary actually received during any 12 consecutive months of service as a Plan Member as designated by the Tier 3, 4 or 5 Plan Member. In the absence of such designation, the last 12 consecutive months preceding the date upon which retirement would become effective shall be used as the basis for the calculation of Final Average Salary.

For the purposes of determining Final Average Salary for periods during which the Tier 3, 4 or 5 Plan Member receives less than full salary on account of injury or illness, pursuant to any applicable ordinance of the City, the Final Average Salary shall be based upon the salary, including any Length of Service Pay, Special Pay, Assignment Pay or Hazard Pay, the Tier 3, 4 or 5 Plan Member would have received but for the injury or illness.

Included in the calculation of Final Average Salary shall be Length of Service Pay, Special Pay, Assignment Pay and Hazard Pay actually received during the 12 consecutive months used to determine Final Average Salary. For those Tier 3, 4 or 5 Plan Members who retire from the Fire Department while holding a rank no higher than Captain or from the Police Department holding a rank no higher than Lieutenant: If Hazard Pay was not received during all or any part of the 12 consecutive months used to determine Final Average Salary, then an amount equivalent to 10% of the Hazard Pay received at the time of the termination of the last assignment to hazardous duties for each year in the aggregate of the assignment to hazardous duties shall be added to the Final Average Salary, not to exceed 10 years in the aggregate. The total amount of Hazard Pay included in Final Average Salary may not exceed 100% of the amount the Plan Member would have received had the Tier 3, 4 or 5 Plan Member been entitled to Hazard Pay during the entire 12 month period utilized in the calculation of Final Average Salary.

Overtime compensation or payments of money to the member not designated as salary by an ordinance of the City shall not be considered for purposes of calculating Final Average Salary.

If you have any questions, please contact the DROP/Service Pensions Section at:

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