



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE #25-13



## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TARENTUM BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF PRIOR PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME POLICE SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 49 OF 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Tarentum ("Borough") has established and maintains a Police Pension Plan pursuant to Act 600, as amended, and applicable Borough ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 464 was signed into law as Act 49 of 2024, authorizing municipalities and regional police departments to amend their police pension plans to allow vested officers the option to purchase prior part-time or full-time police service to be credited toward pension service purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Tarentum and the Tarentum Borough Police Wage and Policy Committee executed a Memorandum of Agreement dated February 11, 2025, which incorporates provisions allowing recognition of prior part-time police service for wage progression and further provides that eligible officers may purchase prior part-time service toward their pension benefits, consistent with Act 49 of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Tarentum finds it necessary and proper to formally amend the Police Pension Plan by ordinance to authorize such service purchase rights and to establish related administrative requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

### **Section 1. Amendment to Police Pension Plan.**

The Borough of Tarentum Police Pension Plan is hereby amended to allow any officer who is vested in the Police Pension Plan to purchase prior part-time or full-time police service previously performed with the Tarentum Borough Police Department, consistent with Act 49 of 2024 and Act 600.

### **Section 2. Eligibility and Creditable Service.**

A. Eligible officers may request to purchase:

1. Prior part-time police service, calculated based on accumulated hours worked, with 2,080 hours equaling one (1) year of creditable service, consistent with the MOU dated February 11, 2025
2. Prior full-time police service that qualifies under Act 49 of 2024.

B. Service purchased under this Ordinance shall be added to the officer's credited service for pension eligibility and benefit calculations in accordance with Act 600 and the governing pension documents.



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## Section 3. Cost, Payment, and Administrative Requirements.

- A. The cost of the service purchase shall be determined by the Borough's pension plan administrator using accepted actuarial standards.
- B. Payment terms, lump-sum or installment, as permitted, shall be established by the Borough in consultation with the pension administrator and communicated to eligible officers.
- C. The Borough Manager and pension plan administrator are authorized to develop any necessary forms, procedures, or administrative rules to implement this Ordinance.

## Section 4. No Guarantee of Benefit Enhancements.

Purchase of prior service shall not alter plan benefit formulas, normal retirement dates, or any other plan provisions except for the addition of creditable service consistent with Act 49 of 2024.

## Section 5. Severability.

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is deemed invalid, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

## Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall be incorporated into the Borough's Police Pension Plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Ordinance is duly Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum at a public meeting held this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager

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Scott Dadowski, President Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 29th day of December 2025.

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Eric Dee, Esq., Solicitor

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Bob Lang, Mayor