INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Allan F. Angel
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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

## ORDINANCE 19-24

## AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 83 OF THE KENT COUNTY CODE RELATING TO COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A FIVE PERCENT CONTRIBUTION FOR NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, the Kent County Levy Court deems it advisable to amend the Kent County Code relating to the Kent County Employee Retirement Program to require newly hired employees to contribute five percent toward their pension benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LEVY COURT OF KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. CHAPTER 83 of the Kent County Code, § 83-17 Funding is hereby amended by revising Paragraph (H) and adding a new Paragraph (J) as follows:

- H. All eligible covered employees in covered employment hired [after the adoption of this subsection] between December 21, 2010 and December 31, 2019 shall contribute three (3%) percent of base salary on a pre-tax basis in excess of \$6,000 payable by payroll deduction over the normal pay periods in a fiscal year, or part thereof, toward their pension benefit.
- J. All eligible covered employees in covered employment hired after January

  1, 2020 shall contribute five (5%) percent of base salary on a pre-tax basis
  in excess of \$6,000 payable by payroll deduction over the normal pay
  periods in a fiscal year, or part thereof, toward their pension benefit.
- Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its provisions or any sentence, clause, or paragraph shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2020.

ADOPTED BY THE LEVY COURT OF KENT COUNTY, DELAWARE

President, Kent County Levy Court This 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

Clark of the Peace

## **SYNOPSIS**

This ordinance provides for a five (5%) percent employee contribution to the Kent County Employee Retirement Program for employees hired after January 1, 2020.