

**317 Retirement**

*Effective Date: 08/01/2022*

All new non-elected employees employed twenty hours (20) or more per week, for more than five (5) months per year, are required to participate in the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS). Elected officials may apply for membership.

We pay a portion of your gross monthly salary on your behalf, if eligible. You must contribute a percentage on a pre-tax basis. NDPERS provides for invested retirement benefits after three years of service.

The NDPERS Portability Enhancement Provision (PEP) allows vesting in our contribution if you participate in an approved pre-tax Deferred Compensation Program. This means that if you leave employment and do not wish to draw a pension, you have the opportunity to take both your contribution and our contribution out of the NDPERS system.

If you terminate employment prior to being vested (three years), you may be required to receive a refund. If you terminate employment after becoming vested, you should work with Human Resources and NDPERS.

If you are a temporary or part-time employee employed less than 20 hours per week, you can elect to participate in NDPERS. You shall make monthly payments in an amount equal to the applicable percentage as defined times the present monthly salary to the fund. You may continue to participate as a temporary or part-time employee in the public employee's retirement system until termination of employment or classification as a standard employee.

Refer to the appropriate North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System handbook for more details.

If you began employment prior to the mandatory date (May 1971) for NDPERS enrollment, you are not required to participate in NDPERS. At that time, you had the option to enroll under the NACo Deferred Compensation Program. Under NACo, we contribute a portion of your gross monthly salary as a benefit.