## PENSION BOARD POLICIES FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS PENSION FUND OF THE CITY OF TAMPA

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Policy: Withdrawal of Pension Contributions

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Chapter 99-01

## **POLICY:**

When a member severs his/her connection with the police or fire department, either voluntarily or by lawful discharge, the member is entitled to a refund of his/her contributions without interest.

Any member who is seeking legal review of a discharge remains a member during the review process and is not eligible to receive a refund of his/her contributions until the conclusion of those proceedings and only if he/she is not reinstated.

A firefighter or police officer may voluntarily leave his/her contributions in the fund for a period of 5 years after leaving the employ of the fire or police department, pending the possibility of being rehired by the same department, without losing credit for the time he/she has participated actively as a firefighter or police officer. If the firefighter or police officer is not re-employed as a firefighter or police officer, with the same department within 5 years, his/her contributions shall be returned without interest.

A member must apply for a refund of pension contributions by completing a "Withdrawal of Pension Contributions" form furnished by the Pension Office. Additionally, the member's pension file must contain a copy of the member's social security card and/or Form W-9 and a copy of the member's driver's license and/or birth certificate. All required forms, documents, and paperwork must be received by the pension office before a refund can be issued.