

## Intrastate Reciprocity

### What is Intrastate Reciprocity?

- Intrastate Reciprocity is an agreement between Milwaukee County, the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin Retirement Systems.
- The employee's retirement accounts from these Systems **are not combined** into one account.
- Each Retirement System calculates and pays their own benefits under their formula.

### What requirements do I need to qualify for Reciprocity?

You must apply to begin retirement from each Retirement System within a 60-day period.

### What are the benefits under Intrastate Reciprocity?

- An individual who becomes vested in any of the three Systems, **and** who terminates employment in one of the Systems on or after May 11, 1990, may use that vested service to satisfy the vesting requirement in one of the other systems.
- A County employee may include prior service in the City or State Systems, even if not vested in those Systems, to meet the vesting requirement of the County System.
- A retiring member who qualifies for a pension benefit from two or more of the Systems may have their deferred benefits from the previous Systems increased by a Social Security indexing factor at the time of retirement.

### How do I apply for Intrastate Reciprocity?

- You must complete the form "*Employee Summary of Prior Employment Covered by a Wisconsin Public Employees Retirement System*" available from the ERS office.
- The form requires verification by the Retirement Systems where you previously earned service credit.
- Once each Retirement System has completed the form, it is returned to ERS. ERS will document the data in their records.
- Reciprocity does not allow retroactive vesting under a prior System.

## Additional information

Additional information may be found in Milwaukee County Ordinances, Chapter 201§11.41 and WI Statute 40.30.

## How can I contact ERS?

### **In Milwaukee**

**Telephone: 414-278-4207**

### **Outside Milwaukee**

**Toll free: 877-652-6377  
(877 ML CO ERS)**

### **Website:**

Internet

[www.county.milwaukee.gov/retirement](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/retirement)

Intranet

[www.county.milwaukee.gov/ContactUs](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/ContactUs)

## Where is ERS located?

Employment Retirement System

Courthouse Room 210

901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233

### **Disclaimer**

**This brochure highlights certain aspects of your ERS benefits. In an effort to keep the brochure's language as clear and non-technical as possible, the information provided is only a brief overview of your benefits.**

**For a more detailed description of our benefits, including limitations on the exclusions, please consult Milwaukee County Ordinances and Pension Board Rules. (General Ordinances of County of Milwaukee/Ord. Section 201.24 and Appendix B).**

**You should also consult any Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) applicable to your position.**

**The information contained in this brochure is current through 12/9/2009.**

**Subsequent changes to Ordinances, Rules or CBA or later determined interpretations of Ordinances or Rules may affect the information in this brochure.**

**In case of any ambiguity or contradiction between the information in this brochure and the Ordinances and Rules, the Ordinances and Rules will govern.**

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