WHEREAS, MCL 46.12a allows counties to give service credit for prior public service when authorized by a 3/5 vote of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has approved an ordinance which allows the purchase of prior public service credit by a three-fifths (3/5) vote; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance specifies the conditions under which such purchase of prior public service can be allowed; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Labor Relations Manager/Attorney, County Administrator’s Office and the Ways and Means Committee
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the establishment of an Ordinance Allowing Retiring Employees to Purchase Up To Ten Years of Prior Service Credit To Be Applied To The County Pension Calculation.

Chair, Washtenaw County Commissioner

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ROLL CALL VOTE: TOTAL 14 0 1

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

I, Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 11, 1996, as appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this ________ day of __________, 19____.

PEGGY M. HAINES, Clerk/Register

BY: ____________________________________________
Deputy Clerk

Res. No. 96-0305
WASHTENAW COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COUNTY EMPLOYEES MAY PURCHASE UP TO 10 YEARS OF PRIOR PUBLIC SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF PENSION CALCULATIONS ORDINANCE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners ordains:

Section 1. Title: The title of this ordinance shall be County Employees May Purchase Up To 10 Years Of Prior Public Service For Purposes Of Pension Calculations Ordinance.

Section 1.01 Short title: Purchase of Additional Public Service Ordinance.

Section 2. Definitions:

“Prior Service” means the period of employment time with another public employer on which a pension calculation is determined.

“County” means Washtenaw County Government.

“Public Employer” means the United States Government, except the military, State Government or any of their political subdivisions.

Section 3. Conditions:

This ordinance allows the County employee’s to purchase up to ten years of additional service credit to be used when calculating the years of service for pension purposes. Additional years of service will be limited to a maximum of ten years including prior public service, military time and any additional years of service credit which the County may grant.

Section 4. Process:

An interested employee must contact the retirement administrator who will prepare the necessary documents. The employee is responsible for contacting the former public employer to obtain documentation of prior service. Once the amount of service is verified the employee may buy back the aggregate amount of contributions the county employee would have made had the service been acquired in the employ of the county, plus interest from the dates the contribution would have been made to the date of deposit, at rates determined by the board of commissioners.

If records are insufficient or unavailable to compute the exact amount of required deposit, the board may estimate the amount. The employee must also be vested in the
county retirement system without the additional years of prior service and must deposit in the county employee’s retirement system an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the contributions the employer would have made had the government service being credited under this section been acquired in the employ of the county.

The Board of Commissioners will set the interest rate at the same rate that is used by the retirement system, which may vary from time to time.

There will be a six month period immediately following the adoption of this ordinance during which current county retirees may elect to purchase prior government service. After the six months has elapse retirees will no longer be able to purchase such past service.

A county employee may purchase prior service up to the time of their retirement from the county.

Section 6. Implementation:

The effective date of this Ordinance is December 11, 1996.