

How to get started:

1. Call TMRS at (800) 924-8677 or log on to www.tmrs.com for your personalized retirement estimate. You will need to provide the month and year you wish to retire when you speak to a representative.
2. Call our HR department at (361) 826-3300 to set up your retirement appointment. This appointment can take place anywhere from 30-90 days before your retirement date.
3. Please notify your department of your retirement date, with at least two weeks' notice.
4. If you have an ICMA-RC 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, contact representative Sandra Aguilar at (202) 246-4757 to discuss your retirement options.
5. Call the Social Security Administration to find out how to apply for retirement benefits at (800) 772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov. TTY users call (800) 325-0778.
6. If you are turning 65 within the next three months, contact Medicare at (800) 633-4227 or at www.Medicare.gov to enroll in Medicare insurance coverage.

What to expect at your retirement appointment:

Your appointment will be in the HR department on the 2nd floor of City Hall. You are welcome to bring your spouse. You will need to provide:

- **Your Driver's License.**
- **Beneficiary Information:**
 - o Birthdate
 - o Social Security Number
 - o Driver's License (if applicable)

- **Bank information for direct deposit (i.e. voided check or letter from bank).**

You will select your TMRS benefit payments and name your beneficiary(ies).

You will then enroll or waive retiree insurance coverage. If you waive coverage, you will not be able to get back on our coverage in the future.

If you are turning 65 and have the retiree coverage, we can transition you to one of our Aetna Medicare Advantage plans. You will need to provide your Medicare A & B Card to enroll.



What happens after I retire?

- With TMRS, your retirement is effective on the last business day within the month you retire. You will receive your first retirement check at the end of the following month.

Example: If you retire on December 14th, your retirement is effective with TMRS on December 31st, and you can expect your first TMRS check on January 31st.



- If you choose to enroll in retiree insurance, you will be billed on the 15th of each month. Depending on when you retire, your first month of insurance coverage will be pro-rated.

- If you enroll in the City's Medicare Advantage plan, you will need to make arrangements with Aetna to pay for your premiums. This information will be mailed to you.