## Allentown Single Employer Pension Plans



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#### Preliminary Actuarial Valuation Results with Alternative Discount Rate (10 bps reduction)

January 1, 2021	Police	Fire	O&E	Total
Actuarial Liability with Retirement Assumption Changes*	\$ 228,800,000	\$ 133,530,000	\$ 10,870,000	\$ 373,200,000
Change due to Alternate Discount Rate (Alt DR)	 2,710,000	 1,440,000	 60,000	 4,210,000
Updated Actuarial Liability (AL) with Alt DR	\$ 231,510,000	\$ 134,970,000	\$ 10,930,000	\$ 377,410,000
Percentage Change	1.2%	1.1%	0.6%	1.1%
Actuarial Valuation of Assets	\$ 186,550,000	\$ 117,900,000	\$ 9,720,000	\$ 314,170,000
Funded Ratio with Retirement Assumption Changes*	81.5%	88.3%	89.4%	84.2%
Updated Funded Ratio with Alt DR	80.6%	87.4%	88.9%	83.2%
Total Normal Cost with Retirement Assumption Changes*	\$ 4,080,000	\$ 1,910,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,000,000
Change due to Alternate Discount Rate	 100,000	 40,000	 -	 140,000
Updated Total Normal Cost with Alt DR	\$ 4,180,000	\$ 1,950,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,140,000
Percentage Change	2.5%	2.1%	-	2.3%
Estimated 2022 MMO with Retirement Assumption Change*	\$ 9,190,000	\$ 3,570,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 12,990,000
Change due to Alternate Discount Rate	 430,000	 230,000	 	 660,000
Updated Est 2022 MMO with Alt DR	\$ 9,620,000	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 13,650,000
Discount Rate	7.50%	7.50%	6.50%	
Alternative Discount Rate	7.40%	7.40%	6.40%	

\* Reflects Police Retirement Assumption change: 20%/30%/15% retirement rates upon attainment of 20/21/22+ years of service, 100% retirement rate for 29+ years of service along, all participants retirement eligible upon attainment of 20 years of service, and update for non-vested contribution refund. O&E retirement assumption change: one active participant retires in 2 years.



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