

**144. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO APPROVE INCREASES TO RETIREES PENSIONS WHO RETIRED IN 1999 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF GROTON RETIREMENT BOARD
(INITIALLY APPROVED AUGUST 5, 2002
AND FINALLY APPROVED SEPTEMBER 3, 2002)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, upon recommendation of the Retirement Board, may increase the benefits of retired employees; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received a qualified cost estimate from an actuary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton Retirement Board recommended increasing the benefits of retired employees who retired in 1999 at their meeting held on November 21, 2002:

That is: The COLA increase shall be calculated by multiplying the annualized increase in the Consumer Price Index issued by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor for the last available twelve (12) months by a factor of twenty-five percent (25%); however, in no event shall the adjustments exceed one and one-half (1.5%) per year. This adjustment is intended to provide persons retired before 1990 and those who retired up until December 1999 with the same COLA.

Effective Date This Ordinance shall become effective on or about March 1, 2003.

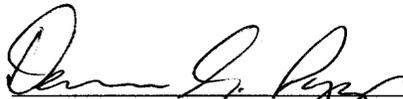
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council **initially** approved the increase for the employees who retired in 1999 at the Mayor and Council meeting held on January 6, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the initial approval was published in *The Day*, a newspaper having circulation in the City of Groton on January 10, 2003 and January 11, 2003;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council **finally** approve “An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Council to approve increases to retirees pensions who retired in 1999 as recommended by the City of Groton Retirement Board”.

Initially approved: January 6, 2003.

Finally approved: February 18, 2003.


Dennis L. Popp, Mayor


Debra Patrick, City Clerk