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DATE: December 2, 2020
TO: Reporting Officials
FROM: Greg Samorajski, CEO
SUBJECT: Clarification: New Occupation Class Code for Full-Time Elected Officials

Effective January 1, 2021, all employers should use Occupation Class Code (OCC) 29 to report full-time elected officials. This new code does not affect OCC 03 for elected sheriffs, OCC 04 for members of the legislature or OCC 17 for part-time elected officials.

Below is a list of possible positions that should be reported under OCC 29.

State of Iowa	City	County
(Does not include members of the legislature)	Mayor	Board of Supervisors
Governor	City Council Members	Auditor
Lieutenant Governor		Treasurer
Secretary of State		Attorney*
Attorney		Recorder
Secretary of Agriculture		
Treasurer of State		

Because the retirement rules for full-time and part-time elected officials are different, these codes help us clearly determine the correct retirement rules for each member. Part-time elected officials can stop their contributions to IPERS at retirement and maintain their elected position. Full-time elected officials listed above must leave their elected position in order to receive IPERS' benefits.

We realize this is short notice and some employers may not be able to implement this change in time for the January 2021 wage reports. Please begin to use this new code as soon as possible but no later than the April 2021 wage report. If you cannot meet this deadline, please let us know.

*Per Iowa code chapter 97B, a county attorney is defined as an employee whether he/she works full or part time. County attorneys may not opt out of IPERS coverage.

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