Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund

Procedures for Determining the Qualified Status of a Domestic Relations Order

I. Introduction

The Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund (the "Plan") is required to establish written procedures to determine whether a domestic relations order is a qualified domestic relations order ("QDRO"). The following plan procedures ("Procedures") were prepared pursuant to Section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and Section 206(d) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

Under ERISA and the Code, the interest of a Plan Participant generally cannot be alienated or assigned to any other party. However, a QDRO may operate to cause such interests to be transferred to another person in certain limited circumstances. The Plan will recognize a divorce decree, separation agreement, property settlement, restraining order, garnishment, attachment, execution or levy, as establishing the beneficial interest of a spouse, former spouse, child or other dependent in the accrued benefit of a Plan Participant if the Plan determines that it constitutes a QDRO.

These Procedures are used by the Plan to determine whether any judgment, decree or order, including an approved property settlement agreement, issued pursuant to state domestic relations or community property laws, which contains provisions for child support, alimony payments, or marital property rights of a spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant in the Plan (an "Order or a "Domestic Relations Order") constitutes a QDRO pursuant to ERISA and the Code.

The Plan (and the Trustees, and any other Plan fiduciaries and employees) shall be discharged from any obligation or liability to any Participant or Alternate Payee(s) to the extent of any payment made pursuant to an Order determined by the Plan to be a QDRO under these Procedures.

It is strongly suggested that the parties and their legal counsel prepare their proposed Order pertaining to the Participant's benefits and submit it to the Plan at the earliest possible date, and then finalize the Order as promptly as possible after the Plan has responded with any comments on the proposed Order. If the Participant should die before an Order is first entered by a court, the Plan may not be able to honor an Order to pay benefits to an Alternate Payee. The reason is that on the date of the Participant's death, rights to benefits may vest immediately in someone other than the Participant or the prospective Alternate Payee.

II. Notification of Receipt of a Domestic Relations Order

In the event the Plan receives a Domestic Relations Order, the Participant and the person named in the Order claiming an interest in the Plan ("Alternate Payee") will be notified (at the addresses provided in the Order) of the receipt of the Order. The Participant and

the Alternate Payee will be provided with a copy of these Procedures and will be notified of any determination with respect to the status of the Order or proposed Order.

In order to facilitate the efficient drafting and review of QDROs, the Plan will endeavor to provide a copy of these Procedures upon receipt of an initial inquiry about the process of submitting a Domestic Relations Order for a QDRO determination or upon receipt of a proposed Domestic Relations Order for an advance determination. A copy also will be provided upon the request of a Participant or prospective Alternate Payee (or either of their representatives).

Unless otherwise instructed in writing, these and all other notices required by law will be mailed to the Participant and Alternate Payee(s) at the address(es) specified in the Order or, if none, the last known address available to the Plan. The Participant and Alternate Payee(s) may designate representatives for service of notices.

III. Requirements of a QDRO

In order for the Plan to consider an Order to be a QDRO, it must meet the following requirements:

- 1. The Order is made pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including community property law).
- 2. The Order creates or recognizes an Alternate Payee's right to (or assigns to an Alternate Payee the right to) receive all or a portion of the Participant's Plan benefits. An "Alternate Payee" is defined as any spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent of the Participant who is recognized in the Order as having a right to receive all (or a portion of) the benefits payable to the Participant under the Plan.

Since attorneys are not considered Alternate Payees, the Order may not require the Plan to make the distribution check payable to the attorney of the Participant or Alternate Payee(s) or otherwise to pay the fees of such attorneys. However, if, in the opinion of the Trustees or the Director of Compliance, an Alternate Payee is a minor or legally incompetent, an Order can require payment to someone with legal responsibility for the Alternate Payee (such as a guardian).

- 3. The Order clearly contains the following information:
 - a) The name, last known mailing address, date of birth, and social security number of the Participant. The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.
 - b) The name, mailing address, date of birth, and social security number of each Alternate Payee. If an Alternate Payee is a minor, the name of the designated legal representative(s) must be identified. The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply

- with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.
- c) The amount or percentage of the benefits to be paid to each Alternate Payee (or the manner in which the amount or percentage is to be determined). Included in this requirement is the necessity that an Order set forth whether payments are computed based on the life of the Participant or on the life of the Alternate Payee. (Drafters should be mindful that the selection of a measuring life has extensive ramifications including, for example, the amount of the benefit paid to the Alternate Payee and what happens upon death of the Participant.)
- d) The number of payments or the period to which the Order applies. Included in this requirement is the necessity that an Order specify a form of payment and when payments are to begin. An Order that awards the Alternate Payee a separate and distinct interest in the Participant's benefit (called a "Separate Interest" Order), as opposed to a portion of the stream of payments to be paid to the Participant (called a "Stream of Payment" Order), may state that payments are payable in any form of benefit available under the Plan other than in a form that provides an annuity to a surviving spouse of the Alternate Payee following the Alternate Payee's death. In addition, the Order should make clear the payments made upon death of either of the parties and whether the Alternate Payee is considered the surviving spouse of the Participant.
- e) The name of each plan to which the Order relates.
- 4. The Order does not require the Plan to provide any of the following:
 - a) Any form or benefit option not otherwise available under the Plan. Drafters should be mindful of the fact that, if a Participant's benefits are in pay status at the time an Order is submitted, the Order will not constitute a QDRO if it is a Separate Interest Order (as opposed to a Stream of Payment Order) because this would require the Plan to pay a form of benefit not otherwise available under the Plan.
 - b) Actuarially or otherwise increased benefits.
 - c) Payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee that are required to be paid to another Alternate Payee under a separate Order previously determined to be a QDRO.
- 5. A copy of an executed Order that is either certified by the clerk of the court or bears a stamp or other indication of successful electronic filing with the court is provided to the Plan. The Plan will accept certified copies of Orders for qualification as a QDRO. Upon request, the Plan will make an advance determination as to the status of a proposed Order, but such an Order will not be deemed a QDRO until the Plan has made a determination with respect to a court-certified or electronically filed copy.

As noted above, an Order must specify when payments begin. The commencement of

payment of benefits under a QDRO will be subject to the following rules:

- 1. An Order may provide for payment of benefits to an Alternate Payee at any time prior to the Participant's separation from service (whether or not the Participant actually retires on that date) subject to 2. below.
- 2. The Plan does not permit payment to an Alternate Payee if the Participant has not attained the earliest retirement age under the Plan, which is age 55.
- 3. A QDRO may not provide that the Alternate Payee will share in any early retirement subsidy or cost of living adjustment before the Participant retires and actually receives such a subsidy or adjustment. However, a QDRO may provide that, if the Alternate Payee commences receipt of benefits before the Participant has retired, and then the Participant retires with an early retirement subsidy or receives a cost of living adjustment, the Alternate Payee's benefits will be recalculated so that the Alternate Payee will share in a portion of the subsidy or adjustment.
- 4. An Alternate Payee may not defer commencement of benefits beyond the date of the commencement of the Participant's benefits. In addition, the Alternate Payee is required to commence benefits no later than April 1st of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Participant attains or would have attained age 70½.
- 5. Regardless of the terms of a QDRO, the Plan may require that an Alternate Payee properly apply (in accordance with Plan procedures), including, without limitation, by submitting a completed benefit application (on forms provided by the Plan) in order to commence benefit payments.
- 6. Nothing in these Procedures gives a Participant or Alternate Payee a right to receive a distribution at a time otherwise not permitted under the Plan.

IV. Determination of Whether a Domestic Relations Order Constitutes a ODRO

The Trustees have delegated to the Director of Compliance the authority to make the initial determination as to whether a Domestic Relations Order constitutes a QDRO. The Director of Compliance may request that legal counsel or a consultant review the Domestic Relations Order to assist the Director of Compliance in making such determination. Within a reasonable time following receipt of a Domestic Relations Order, the Director of Compliance will review the Order to determine whether it is a QDRO. The Plan and Director of Compliance disclaim any disposition as to the jurisdiction of the court issuing the Order or as to the substance of state domestic relations law pursuant to which the Order is made.

1. <u>If the Order is determined to be a QDRO</u>: The Participant and Alternate Payee(s) will be notified in writing of such determination. The notice also may indicate to the parties the manner in which the Plan intends to interpret the QDRO, which interpretation will be binding on the parties. The QDRO will be given effect in accordance with its terms and the Plan's interpretation thereof.

Alternate Payee(s) may be requested to furnish an acknowledgement of the receipt of the notice of payment of benefits, a general release, a correct mailing address, and any other documents that the Trustees, in their sole and absolute discretion, deem necessary. The Participant and the Alternate Payee(s) also may be required to provide such information, and complete such forms and other documents, as would normally be required of the Participant prior to the payment of benefits under the Plan. Both Participants and Alternate Payee(s) must keep the Plan advised of any change in address or other identifying information.

2. If the Order is determined not to be a QDRO: The Participant and Alternate Payee(s) will be notified in writing of such determination. The notice will outline the issues that have caused the Order to be determined not to constitute a QDRO. Although an Order determined not to be a QDRO will not be conditionally qualified, the notice may set forth certain recommended modifications that likely will lead to the approval of the Order as a QDRO if it is revised consistent with those modifications and resubmitted to the Plan.

If the Order is determined not to be a QDRO, the Participant or Alternate Payee(s) may request a review of that determination, by filing a written request with the Trustees, in accordance with the Plan's appeals procedure (the appeals procedures are set forth in the Plan's Summary Plan Description).

As of the date of adoption of these Procedures, the Plan has two model QDROs (one which can be used when a Participant is not yet receiving a pension benefit and one which can be used when a Participant is receiving a pension benefit), which are included with these Procedures. These model QDROs may be used to assist in the preparation of a QDRO. However, at no time will the Plan condition its determination of QDRO status on the use of any particular form.

V. Interpretation of a QDRO

The Director of Compliance shall have full authority to interpret, on behalf of the Plan, the provisions of any Order, determine any questions (factual or legal) arising in connection with the determination as to whether it constitutes a QDRO, and the manner in which the Order relates to the administration of the Plan. The determination of the Director of Compliance shall be conclusive (subject to any appeal filed pursuant to the Plan's appeals procedure, in which case the determination of the Trustees shall be conclusive).

The Director of Compliance may, but is not required to, consult with the parties and their

counsel to clarify points of interpretation, but such communication will not be considered legal advice or recommendations to the parties. The Director of Compliance may (in his or her sole discretion), but is not required to, treat any interpretation of an Order agreed to by the parties as a binding interpretation of such Order. The Director of Compliance may (in his or her sole discretion), but is not required to, interpret an Order broadly to effect the intent of the parties.

- 1. Unless otherwise provided by a QDRO, the following rules will apply:
 - a) If a QDRO requires the Plan to determine the number of Service Credits earned between two dates, this will be calculated by taking the number of Service Credits earned as of the later date and subtracting from it the number of Service Credits earned as of the earlier date. (Drafters should also be mindful of the fact that the Plan has a maximum number of Service Credits that may be earned by a Participant.)
 - If the QDRO calculation of the number of Service Credits earned between two dates results in more than 25 Service Credits (the maximum number of Service Credits allowed under the Plan), then the calculation will use the 25 Service Credits from the period specified in the QDRO which result in the largest benefit.
 - b) The Alternate Payee will not be deemed the surviving spouse of the Participant for any purpose under the Plan, except as specifically provided for in the QDRO. Note, however, that if the Participant was married to the Alternate Payee at the time the Participant entered pay status, and if the Participant elected to have his/her benefit paid in a surviving spouse form, the Alternate Payee automatically would retain his/her right to be treated as the Participant's surviving spouse at the Participant's death, and the Alternate Payee would receive benefits under the survivor annuity as the Participant's surviving spouse. If the QDRO provides that the Alternate Payee is considered the surviving spouse of the Participant, without specifying the portion of the Participant's benefit to which it applies, the Alternate Payee will be considered the surviving spouse of the Participant for the Participant's full benefit under the Plan.
 - c) The Alternate Payee will not share in any cost of living increases ("COLAs") unless specifically provided for in the QDRO.
 - d) The Alternate Payee will not share in any subsidy, including any early retirement subsidy, awarded to the Participant unless specifically provided for in the QDRO.
- 2. Regardless of the terms of a QDRO, the following rules will apply:
 - a) For a Stream of Payment Order: In the event the Alternate Payee dies before the Participant, the benefit payable to the Alternate Payee will cease and will revert to the Participant. In the event the Participant dies before the Alternate Payee, the benefits paid to the Alternate Payee will cease unless the QDRO provides that the Alternate Payee is deemed the surviving spouse of the Participant. If the

Alternate Payee is deemed the surviving spouse of the Participant, survivor benefits payable after the death of the Participant, if any, will be determined by the terms of the Plan. Note, however, that if the Participant was married to the Alternate Payee at the time the Participant entered pay status, and if the Participant elected to have his/her benefit paid in a surviving spouse form, the Alternate Payee automatically would retain his/her right to be treated as the Participant's surviving spouse at the Participant's death, and the Alternate Payee would receive benefits under the survivor annuity as the Participant's surviving spouse.

b) For a Separate Interest Order: The Plan's model QDRO provides that the Alternate Payee's life is used as the measuring life, which means that if the Participant dies prior to retirement and before the Alternate Payee commences benefits, the benefit assigned to the Alternate Payee will still be paid to the Alternate Payee. This means that it is not necessary to assign the Alternate Payee a portion of a pre-retirement survivor benefit to protect the Alternate Payee's benefit if the Participant dies prior to retirement and before the Alternate Payee commences benefits.

If the Alternate Payee dies after commencing benefits, payments will continue to be made in accordance with the Alternate Payee's chosen form of benefit. If the Alternate Payee dies prior to the Participant and prior to commencing benefits, the Alternate Payee's benefit will revert to the Participant.

If the QDRO provides that the Participant's life is used as the measuring life and the Participant dies before the Alternate Payee, the benefits assigned to the Alternate Payee will cease at the Participant's death. Survivor benefits payable after the death of the Participant will be paid only if the QDRO provides that the Alternate Payee is deemed the surviving spouse of the Participant.

- c) If a QDRO requires the Plan to provide the Participant or the Alternate Payee with notices other than those that are required by law, this will not be binding on the Plan and will be disregarded.
- d) If a QDRO provides that taxes will be borne by one party or the other, such provision will have no effect on the Plan and will be construed as an agreement between the parties. The Plan will withhold federal income taxes on any payment to an Alternate Payee, to the extent required by law, subject to the right of the Alternate Payee to elect a direct rollover. If the QDRO is submitted by an Alternate Payee to obtain child support payments, the taxes for such payments will be borne by the Participant.
- e) Actuarially equivalent benefits shall be determined using the actuarial equivalent factors determined under the Plan.

VI. Restrictions on a Participant's Ability to Continue or Begin Receiving Accrued Pension Benefits

- 1. If the Plan receives an Order purporting to assign all or a portion of a Participant's accrued benefits, and that Participant is currently receiving benefits under the Plan, the Plan shall separately account for the amounts which would have been payable to the Alternate Payee during such period if the Order had been determined to be a QDRO. If, within 18 months after the first payment to an Alternate Payee would have been due under the Order, the Order (or a modification thereof) is determined to constitute a QDRO, the Plan shall pay the segregated amounts to the person or persons entitled thereto under the QDRO.
- 2. If within the 18-month period described above it is determined that the Order is not a QDRO, the issue as to whether the order is a QDRO is not resolved, or the parties are unable to submit an amended Order that qualifies as a QDRO, the Plan shall pay the segregated amounts to the person or persons who would have been entitled to them had there been no Order.
- 3. Any Order that is determined to be a QDRO after the expiration of the 18-month period set forth above shall be applied prospectively only.
- 4. If the Participant applies for a pension and the Plan receives notice that a QDRO is being sought (by, for example, receipt of a proposed Order or request for pension information to prepare a QDRO) prior to payment, the Plan may delay the payment of benefits to the Participant for a reasonable period of time (except to the extent that payment is otherwise required by law). If the Plan delays payment of the Participant's benefits, it will notify the Participant and the prospective Alternate Payee of the delay. If the parties do not contact the Plan within 60 days following the date that the Plan implements a delay of the Participant's benefits, the Plan will write to the Participant and prospective Alternate Payee and give them an additional 30 days to provide the Plan with an Order entered by a court or other written documentation concerning the status of the proposed Order. Upon receipt of an Order entered by a court, the Plan will follow the procedure in paragraph 1 above. If the Plan does not receive an Order entered by a court, or other written documentation, within 30 days from the date of the letter, the Plan will no longer delay payment of the Participant's benefits, instead, the Plan will commence payment of the pension (unaffected by the notice that a QDRO is being sought) to the Participant retroactive to the original effective date. The Plan will notify the Participant and prospective Alternate Pavee(s) that the Participant's benefits are commencing and that any subsequent assignment of benefits must be through a "Stream of Payment" Order.

VII. Advance Determinations of Proposed Orders

Prior to obtaining the court's approval of an Order, a Participant or Alternate Payee may furnish the Plan with a copy of the proposed Order for the advance review of its qualified status. While advance determination requests are not required, the Plan encourages these requests to reduce administrative burdens and reduce the likelihood that an Order will be rejected by the Plan.

VIII. Assistance from the Plan

- 1. <u>General Plan Information</u>: General information about the Plan and its benefits, such as summary plan descriptions and Plan documents, are available to prospective Alternate Payees (or their legal representatives) from the Plan upon request. The parties may access this information at www.32bjfunds.org or request this information from the Director of Compliance or Member Services at 1-800-551-3225.
- 2. <u>Information About a Participant's Benefits</u>: Information about a Participant's benefits will only be released to prospective Alternate Payees (or their representatives) in the following circumstances:
 - a) The Participant provides authorization for such release.
 - b) There is a court order (such as a subpoena) requiring the Plan to produce such records.

All responses to inquiries regarding the financial data of a Participant will be in writing with copies sent to the Participant and the prospective Alternate Payee, or their respective representatives.

- 3. <u>Consultation in the Preparation of QDROs</u>: The Director of Compliance is prepared to consult with the Participant and the Alternate Payee(s) to ensure that Orders are handled efficiently and expeditiously. However, Participants and Alternate Payees (as well as their representatives) cannot rely on the Plan or any of its employees or agents for legal advice. The Plan only will provide factual information concerning benefits and the terms of the Plan. If Participants or Alternate Payees (or their representatives) are unsure as to the legal requirements for a QDRO, they should consult legal counsel.
- 4. <u>Following Approval of a QDRO</u>: An Alternate Payee is considered a beneficiary under the Plan for the purposes of ERISA. Accordingly, to the extent required by ERISA, the Alternate Payee will be furnished documents required to be provided to Participants and beneficiaries.

IX. Miscellaneous

The Trustees (or their authorized delegate, including, without limitation, the Director of Compliance) shall have complete authority, in their sole and absolute discretion, to construe the terms of these Procedures (and applicable Plan documents relating to any determination to be made hereunder) and to determine the eligibility for, and the amount of, benefits due to a Participant or Alternate Payee under the Plan in connection with a QDRO. All such decisions shall be final and binding on all parties affected thereby (subject to the appeals procedures set forth in the Plan's Summary Plan Description).

The Procedures may be modified from time to time in order to comply with changes in the operation of the Plan and/or any changes in applicable law. The Trustees shall have full authority to amend the Procedures and any change or amendment may be applied retroactively to any QDRO to the extent deemed necessary by the Trustees to comply with any regulations interpreting Section 414(p) of the Code or Section 206(d) of ERISA. If the Procedures are in conflict with any terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall prevail in resolving such conflict.

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In the event that you intend to have a proposed domestic relations order reviewed prior to submission to a court, please forward the proposed order to the Director of Compliance.

Sample Domestic Relations Order For a Participant Not In Pension Pay Status

It is the intent of the Court that the provisions of this domestic relations order ("Order") operate as an effective assignment of the Participant's interest in the Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund set forth below to the Alternate Payee under both state and federal laws, for all purposes, and constitute a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO") in compliance with Section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") and Section 206(d)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

- 1. Plan: This Order shall apply to the Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund (the "Plan"). The Plan Administrator is the Board of Trustees, c/o the Director of Compliance, Building Service 32BJ Benefit Funds, 25 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.
- 2. The Participant is:

Mailing Address: Social Security Number: Date of Birth:

[The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.]

3. The Alternate Payee is:

Mailing Address: Social Security Number: Date of Birth: [The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.]

The Alternate Payee is instructed to keep the Plan advised of any change of current mailing address or name by calling Member Services at 1-800-551-3225 or mailing written notice to Plan Administrator, c/o Director of Compliance, Building Service 32BJ Benefit Funds, 25 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.

The Alternate Payee is the *[insert applicable party – spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent]* of the Participant.

4. This Order assigns to the Alternate Payee the right to receive that portion of the pension benefit provided by the Plan to the Participant as described in the following paragraph(s).

[Choose one Paragraph 5.]
5. The Alternate Payee is hereby assigned a benefit of [% or \$] (choose one) of the Participant's benefit accrued as of (insert date of separation or date of divorce or other date agreed on by the parties).
[or]
5. The Plan shall pay the Alternate Payee a pension benefit based upon the following formula:
Total # of Months Married While Participant in Plan Total # of Months Participant In Plan up to [DATE] * Accrued benefit through [DATE] * = Portion
[*The Drafter should insert the appropriate "date", i.e., benefit commencement date, date of divorce, date of separation, or other date agreed on by the parties.]
Date of Marriage
Date of Separation/Divorce
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6. The Alternate Payee shall have the right to elect to receive benefit payments on or after the date on which the Participant attains or would have attained the "earliest retirement age" under the Plan (but taking into account only the present value of benefits actually accrued and not taking into account the present value of any employer subsidy for early retirement), subject to the Plan's receipt from the Alternate Payee of a complete application for pension benefits on the form(s) provided by the Plan for such purpose. Payments shall commence as soon thereafter as administratively possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Alternate Payee must commence benefits on or by the date that the Participant commences benefits. The Alternate Payee's benefit shall be determined based upon the Participant's benefit as of the date contained in paragraph 5. above. The Alternate Payee's benefit shall be actuarially adjusted to provide for a benefit payable over the Alternate Payee's lifetime.

- 7. In the event of the Alternate Payee's death prior to the Alternate Payee's commencement of benefits, the Alternate Payee's portion of the benefit shall revert to the Participant.
- 8. If the Participant dies before benefits to the Alternate Payee or the Participant begin, the benefit assigned to the Alternate Payee will still be paid to the Alternate Payee.
- 9. The benefits assigned to the Alternate Payee under paragraph 5 shall be distributed to the Alternate Payee in any form permitted by the Plan other than a joint and survivor annuity with the Alternate Payee's subsequent spouse as joint annuitant, which is selected by the Alternate Payee prior to the Alternate Payee's benefit commencement date.
- [Optional Paragraph] In the event that the Participant elects to retire from the Plan prior to normal retirement age and by reason of such early retirement the Participant receives an early retirement subsidy, then the Alternate Payee's benefit shall be recomputed to provide the Alternate Payee with a proportionate share of such subsidy applicable to the accrued benefit assigned to the Alternate Payee hereunder.
- 10. All benefits payable under the Plan other than those payable to the Alternate Payee shall be payable to the Participant in such manner and form as the Participant may elect in his/her sole discretion, subject only to Plan requirements (and paragraph 8 above if the Alternate Payee is designated the surviving spouse with respect to the Participant's Plan interest).
- 11. Nothing contained in this domestic relations order shall be construed to require the Plan or the Plan Administrator:
 - a. To provide to the Alternate Payee any type or form of benefit, or any option, not otherwise available under the Plan, or
 - b. To pay any benefits to the Alternate Payee which are required to be paid to another Alternate Payee under another domestic relations order previously determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or
 - c. To require the Plan to provide increased benefits (determined on the basis of actuarial value).
- 12. Payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee will be governed by the terms of the Plan. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this QDRO and the terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall prevail.
- 13. This QDRO continues to be effective with respect to any successor or transferee plan, including any plan into which the Plan is merged.
- 14. It is expressly understood by and between all parties that benefits will be payable to the Alternate Payee pursuant to this Order only if the Participant is entitled to a pension from the Plan. Should the Participant accrue insufficient pension credit or insufficient vesting service to be eligible for a pension from the Plan, then this Order requires no payment be made to the Alternate Payee by the Plan.

- 15. This Order, after entry and execution by all parties, shall be submitted to the Plan Administrator, who shall determine whether the Order constitutes a Qualified Domestic Relations order for purposes of the Plan. If the Plan Administrator concludes that the Order is qualified, then the Plan shall honor the Order in accordance with ERISA section 206(d). The Plan Administrator shall be entitled to rely on this Order in payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee and shall be held harmless from any action by the Participant or by any other party arising from the payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee.
- 16. By affixing their signatures hereto, the Participant and the Alternate Payee, and their respective Counsel, signify their agreement with the division of benefits set forth herein and specifically agree to waive any claim against the Plan Administrator relating to payment of benefits, so long as payment is made in compliance with the terms of this Order.
- 17. The Plan Administrator may unilaterally modify any term of this QDRO to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law. However, should any portion of this Order be rendered invalid, illegal, unconstitutional, or otherwise incapable of enforcement, or should any of the procedural matters herein ordered need to be adjusted to accomplish the objectives of this Order, the court reserves jurisdiction to make such adjustment in this Order as will effect the intent of the parties as manifested herein
- 18. A certified or electronically filed copy of this Order shall be served upon the Plan Administrator.

Dated this day of, 20	·
	Signature of Judge
Participant's Signature	Alternate Payee's Signature
(If applicable) Name and Address and Signature Attorney for Participant	(If applicable) Name and Address and Signature Attorney for Alternate Payee

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Sample Domestic Relations Order For a Retired Participant in Pay Status

It is the intent of the Court that the provisions of this domestic relations order ("Order") operate as an effective assignment of the Participant's interest in the Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund set forth below to the Alternate Payee under both state and federal laws, for all purposes, and constitute a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO") in compliance with section 414(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") and Section 206(d)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

- 1. Plan: This Order shall apply to the Building Service 32BJ Pension Fund (the "Plan"). The Plan Administrator is the Board of Trustees, c/o the Director of Compliance, Building Service 32BJ Benefit Funds, 25 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.
- 2. The Participant is:

Mailing Address: Social Security Number: Date of Birth:

[The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.]

3. The Alternate Payee is:

Mailing Address: Social Security Number: Date of Birth: [The date of birth and social security number may be provided to the Plan in a separate document in order to comply with state court rules to avoid placing such identifying information in the public record.]

The Alternate Payee is instructed to keep the Plan advised of any change of current mailing address or name by calling Member Services at 1-800-551-3225 or mailing written notice to Plan Administrator, c/o Director of Compliance, Building Service 32BJ Benefit Funds, 25 West 18th Street, New York, NY 10011.

The Alternate Payee is the *[insert applicable party - spouse, former spouse, child, or other dependent]* of the Participant.

4. This Order assigns to the Alternate Payee the right to receive that portion of the pension benefit provided by the Plan to the Participant as described in the following paragraph(s).

[Choose one paragraph 5.]

5. The Alternate Payee is hereby assigned a bepension benefit.	enefit of% of the Participant's monthly
•	[or]
5. The Alternate Payee is hereby assigned \$ _ benefit.	of the Participant's monthly pension

- 6. The Alternate Payee shall commence his/her portion of the benefit as soon as administratively possible after the Plan's determination that this Order is a Qualified Domestic Relations Order and receipt of a complete application for pension benefits from the Alternate Payee on the form(s) provided by the Plan for such purpose, and will include any amounts segregated for the benefit of the Alternate Payee after the Plan's receipt of a domestic relations order assigning benefits to the Alternate Payee, adjusted, if necessary, according to the terms of this Order, and subject to the provisions of ERISA section 206(d)(3) and Code section 414(p) regarding segregated amounts.
- 7. Payments to the Alternate Payee of his/her portion of the benefit will continue until the earlier of the Participant's death or the Alternate Payee's death. If the Participant dies before the Alternate Payee, survivor benefits, if any, will be payable to the Alternate Payee pursuant to the form of benefit elected by the Participant at retirement provided that the form of benefit elected provided for survivor benefits for the Alternate Payee.
- 8. In the event of the Alternate Payee's death prior to the Participant, the Alternate Payee's portion shall revert to the Participant and no further benefits will be payable under this Order.
- 9. Nothing contained in this domestic relations order shall be construed to require the Plan or the Plan Administrator:
 - a. To provide to the Alternate Payee any type or form of benefit, or any option, not otherwise available under the Plan, or

- b. To pay any benefits to the Alternate Payee which are required to be paid to another alternate payee under another domestic relations order previously determined to be a Qualified Domestic Relations Order, or
- c. To require the Plan to provide increased benefits (determined on the basis of actuarial value) not available to the Participant.
- 10. Payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee will be governed by the terms of the Plan. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this QDRO and the terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall prevail.
- 11. This QDRO continues to be effective with respect to any successor or transferee plan, including any plan into which the Plan is merged.
- 12. This Order, after entry and execution by all parties, shall be submitted to the Plan Administrator, who shall determine whether the Order constitutes a Qualified Domestic Relations order for purposes of the Plan. If the Plan Administrator concludes that the Order is qualified, then the Plan shall honor the Order in accordance with ERISA section 206(d). The Plan Administrator shall be entitled to rely on this Order in payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee and shall be held harmless from any action by the Participant or by any other party arising from the payment of benefits to the Alternate Payee.
- 13. By affixing their signatures hereto, the Participant and the Alternate Payee, and their respective Counsel, signify their agreement with the division of benefits set forth herein and specifically agree to waive any claim against the Plan Administrator relating to payment of benefits, so long as payment is made in compliance with the terms of this Order.
- 14. The Plan Administrator may unilaterally modify any term of this QDRO to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law. However, should any portion of this Order be rendered invalid, illegal, unconstitutional, or otherwise incapable of enforcement, or should any of the procedural matters herein ordered need to be adjusted to accomplish the objectives of this order, the court reserves jurisdiction to make such adjustment in this Order as will effect the intent of the parties as manifested herein.

15. A	certified or	electronically	filed copy	of this	domestic	relations	order shall	l be serve	ed upor
the Pl	an Adminis	strator.							

Dated this day of	_·
	Signature of Judge
Participant's Signature	Alternate Payee's Signature
(If applicable) Name and Address and Signature Attorney for Participant	(If applicable) Name and Address and Signature Attorney for Alternate Payee