

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

This Agreement shall incorporate the definitions enumerated below:

“Appointing Authority” - means an individual, officer, commission, agency, board or body having the power under the Charter or Columbus City Codes of appointment to, or removal from, a position with the City.

“Bargaining Unit” - means the group of employees included in the unit as defined in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.

“City” - means the City of Columbus, Ohio and its authorized representatives.

“CWA Local 4502” - refers to the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 and its authorized representatives.

“Compensatory Time” - means time off with pay for authorized overtime worked in lieu of hourly wages, calculated in accordance with Article 15 of this Agreement.

“Continuous Service” - means an employee's length of service as a full-time employee of the City uninterrupted by a separation from City employment; provided, however, time in unpaid status and/or part-time status shall be deducted from length of service.

“Day” - means calendar day unless otherwise specified.

“Demotion” - means a change to a classification which has a lower pay grade.

“De novo” - means trying a matter anew, the same as if it had not been heard before and as if no decision had been previously made.

“Employee” - means only a person included within the bargaining unit as defined in Section 2.1, unless in the context of the language concerned, a different meaning is clearly apparent.

“Extended Illness” - means three (3) or more consecutive work days, including the day on which the holiday is celebrated, of injury leave, sick leave and/or disability leave.

“Full-time Employee” - means a bargaining unit employee who is hired to perform duties for the City according to an established work schedule which includes not less than forty (40) hours per work week and contemplates fifty-two (52) work weeks per year. "Full-time Employee" includes employees on full-time limited appointments of one (1) year and employees who have been employed for more than one year of consecutive full-time limited appointments.

“Grievance” - mean a complaint against the City arising under and during the term of this Agreement by an employee or CWA that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the specific terms of this Agreement, except that any dispute or

difference of opinion concerning a matter or issue addressed by the Columbus Civil Service Commission's rules or which could be heard before the Columbus Civil Service Commission, except for disciplinary actions, shall not be considered a grievance under this Agreement.

"Immediate Family" - means spouse, domestic partner provided the terms of Ordinance No. 1077-2010, as amended, are met, son, daughter, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepsister, stepbrother, stepson, stepdaughter, half-brother, half-sister, and legal guardian or other person who stands in the place of a parent. [Note: This definition does not apply to the Family and Medical Leave Act.]

"Overtime" - means time during which an employee is on duty, working for the City in excess of regularly scheduled hours of work as set forth in Article 15. Overtime applies only to that time authorized to be worked by an Appointing Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

"PBI" - means Percentage Base Increase.

"PFL" - means Paid Family Leave under Article 10 (NEW) and takes effect as soon as practicable after the execution of the 2023-2026 Agreement.

"PRI" - means Pay Rate Increase.

"PTO" - means Paid Time Off and takes effect at the beginning of the 2024 vacation/PTO year. As the parties convert from "vacation leave" to PTO, all references to vacation in this Agreement shall apply to PTO and vice versa except where otherwise specifically stated.

"Part-time Employee" - means employees working a schedule less than 40 hours per seven (7) consecutive calendar days, for fifty-two (52) consecutive seven-day periods per annum.

"Pay Period" - means a two (2) calendar week period beginning on a Sunday and ending on the second Saturday thereafter.

"Position" - means any office, employment or job calling for the performance of certain duties and the exercise of certain responsibilities by one individual. A position may be vacant, occupied part-time, or occupied full-time.

"Re-employment" - means taking a position with the City following a break in continuous service.

"Resignation" - means the voluntary termination of employment of an employee, or unauthorized leave for five (5) consecutive workdays.

"Retirement" - means separation from City service which is not caused by resignation, layoff or discharge, with application for retirement benefits approved by the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS).

“Representative” - means a person designated by the President or his/her designee from each department for the purpose of representing bargaining unit members at investigatory interviews to provide advice, provided that this representation is limited to the work location, unless otherwise agreed to between a Department Human Resources representative and the Union President or designee.

“Seniority” - means an employee's uninterrupted length of continuous service within the City, department, division, work unit or job classification, depending upon the issue involved.

“Separation from City Employment” - means a termination of the employer-employee relationship and includes resignation, retirement, discharge, layoff and certification termination resulting from the establishment of an eligible list. A layoff or certification termination of thirty-five (35) days or less, or resignation to immediately accept another position in the employ of the City, shall not be considered a separation from City employment.

“Shift” - means the employee's regularly scheduled hours of work. In areas with multiple shifts or twenty-four hour operations, the early morning shift hereinafter is referred to as the first shift, the late afternoon shift hereinafter is referred to as the second shift, and the late evening shift hereinafter is referred to as the third shift.

“Standardized Time Reporting” - means that for all purposes including the usage of leave, overtime, tardiness, seniority, and any other matters involving the crediting, usage, and accumulation of time, the rounding of minutes, to tenths of an hour shall be as follows:

<u>Time Used, Earned or Paid in Minutes</u>	<u>Increment To Be Applied for Credit/Deduction</u>
1 to 6 min	0.1 hour
7 to 12 min	0.2
13 to 18 min	0.3
19 to 24 min	0.4
25 to 30 min	0.5
31 to 36 min	0.6
37 to 42 min	0.7
43 to 48 min	0.8
49 to 54 min	0.9
55 to 60 min	1.0

“Total City Service” - means an employee's length of service in the full-time employment of the City in active service or paid status. Non-consecutive periods of City service are included. Time spent in unpaid status does not count towards "total City service."

“Unclassified Employee” - means employees in classifications and positions as defined in the Columbus City Charter Section 148.

“Union” - means the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 and its authorized representatives.

“Unpaid Status” - means time an employee is on paid or unpaid suspension, on leave without pay or is absent without leave. Leave without pay status resulting from either injury received in the line of duty, approved disability coverage (after serving the requisite waiting period), or approved paid leave activities related to City-employee relations shall not be considered to be unpaid status.

Workday - means working time assigned or approved by the Appointing Authority in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION AND REPRESENTATION

Section 2.1. Recognition.

The City recognizes CWA as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the unit consisting of all regular full-time and part-time employees in classifications listed in Attachments A and B of the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) certification of Election Results and of Exclusive Representative dated February 17, 1994 in SERB Case No. 93-REP-07-0139. Excluded from the unit are all other employees, including, but not limited to, all Health Department employees, elected officials, Directors, Deputy Directors, Administrators, Superintendents, Assistant Administrators, Assistant Superintendents, all employees of the Mayor's Office and City Council, and select persons in classifications which deal directly with collective bargaining issues (the specific classifications and select persons so excluded from the unit as of November, 1993 are listed in Attachment C of the SERB Certification dated February 17, 1994 in SERB Case No. 93-REP-07-0139); short-term employees (i.e., those employed on a temporary or seasonal basis); part-time employees not regularly employed for at least twenty (20) hours per week; student interns; all employees represented for purposes of collective bargaining in other bargaining units (IAFF, Local #67; FOP, Capital City Lodge No. 9; FOP/Ohio Labor Council; AFSCME, Local 1632; AFSCME, Local 2191); and any supervisory, managerial, administrative, or confidential positions the same as or similar to those listed in Attachment C of the SERB Certification dated February 17, 1994 in SERB Case No. 93-REP-07-0139.

Section 2.2. Classifications Not Guaranteed.

The classifications or job titles used by the City are for descriptive purposes only. Their use is neither an indication nor a guarantee that these classifications or titles will continue to be utilized by the City.

Section 2.3. New Classifications and Pay Grade Assignment.

- (A) Notification to CWA. The City shall promptly notify CWA of its decision to create any new classifications pertaining to work of a nature performed by employees in the bargaining unit. The City, through the Civil Service Commission (CSC), may create, modify, or merge classifications and place abolished classifications in moratorium. The CSC will provide CWA with copies of proposed classification specifications, whether newly created, merged or modified at least fourteen (14) days before the Commission meeting where the proposed classification specifications will be on the

Commission agenda.

- (B) Successor Classification Titles. If the new classification is a successor title to a classification covered by the Agreement and the job duties are not significantly altered or changed, the new classification shall automatically become a part of this Agreement.
- (C) Bargaining Unit Determination. If the new classification consists in significant part of the work now being done by any of the classifications covered by this Agreement, or its functions are similar to those of employees in this bargaining unit, and CWA notifies the City of a desire to meet within fourteen (14) calendar days of its receipt of the City's notice, the parties will then meet to review the proposed classification, and if unable to reach agreement as to its inclusion or exclusion from the unit, the City shall be free to implement its decision and CWA shall be free to challenge that decision through the SERB's unit clarification procedure. CWA shall not be bound by such fourteen (14) day limit in any case where the City fails to notify CWA of a new classification as provided in Paragraph (A) of this Section 2.3.
- (D) Pay Grade Assignment. If the inclusion of the new classification is agreed to by the parties or found appropriate by SERB, the parties shall then negotiate as to the proper pay grade for the classification. The Department of Human Resources will determine a proposed pay grade for the affected classifications and shall notify the Union. Should the Union dispute the proposed pay recommendation of the City, it shall request to bargain. Negotiations shall not exceed thirty (30) days. If the parties are unable to resolve their differences through negotiations, they shall submit unresolved issues through arbitration pursuant to Section 8.2, Step 3, of this Agreement, except that the parties shall share the expenses equally. The matter shall be submitted to a mutually agreed upon arbitrator knowledgeable in classification and compensation matters.
- (E) Reallocations. In the event the City reallocates a position to a different but existing bargaining unit classification, the procedure set forth in Subsection 2.3(D) above shall apply and be followed with respect to negotiating the appropriate pay grade for the affected job classification to which the position has been reallocated.

Section 2.4. Exempted Classifications.

The parties agree to add to the list of limited exempt classifications in which certain individuals are excluded by name and position number from the bargaining unit (noted in the Agreement by an asterisk) and as listed in Appendix C; those positions that serve as secretaries of Deputy Directors involved in collective bargaining or human resources matters of a confidential nature; and employees in the human resources sections of each department/division who are verifiably involved in collective bargaining the vast majority of their time.

ARTICLE 3 - UNION SECURITY AND RIGHTS

Section 3.1. Payroll Deduction.

The City will deduct from each employee's pay in the first and second pay period of each month one-half of the regular monthly Union dues for each employee in the bargaining unit who has filed with the City a payroll deduction authorization form. Voluntary payroll deduction authorization is irrevocable and shall continue in effect, regardless of membership in the Union, unless it is cancelled by written notice to Central Payroll and the Treasurer of the Union, not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before any annual anniversary date of the employee's execution of a payroll deduction authorization, not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before any annual anniversary date of the effective date of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the City, or at or after the date of expiration or termination of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Union. The Union's payroll deduction authorization form is attached hereto as Appendix F. The City will honor all executed payroll deduction authorization forms received not later than fifteen (15) working days (i.e., days the City's administrative offices are open) prior to the next deduction date.

Total deductions collected for each calendar month shall be remitted by the City to the Treasurer of CWA together with a list of employees for whom deductions have been made not later than the tenth (10th) of the following month. The City will also provide to the CWA Treasurer, in spreadsheet format, a copy of the list of deductions for the current month. The spreadsheet copy shall include: name, pay rate, pay grade, department/division, classification, and social security number. CWA agrees to refund to the employee any amounts paid to the Union in error on account of this dues deduction provision.

Dues shall be withheld and remitted to the Treasurer of the Union unless or until such time as the City receives a notice of an employee's death, transfer from covered employment, termination of covered employment, or when there are insufficient funds available in the employee's earnings after withholding all other legal and required deductions.

Information concerning dues not properly deducted under this Section 3.1 shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Union, and this action will discharge the City's only responsibility with regard to such cases; there will be no retroactive deduction of such dues from future earnings. Deductions shall cease at such time as a strike or work stoppage occurs in violation of Article 9 (No Strike-No Lockout).

The actual percentage dues to be deducted shall be certified to the City Auditor by the Treasurer of the Union. The Union will give the City a forty-five (45) day notice of any change in the percentage of dues to be deducted.

CWA agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders, or judgments for monetary damages brought or issued against the City as a result of any action properly taken or not taken by the City under the provisions of this Section 3.1.

Section 3.2. Maintenance of Membership.

Each employee who, on the effective date of this Agreement, is a member of CWA, and employees who become a member after the date, has the right to voluntarily maintain membership in the Union; provided, that such employee may resign from the Union.

Section 3.3. Fair Share Fee.

In the event there are changes in the law that permit the mandatory collection of fees or other financial support from nonmembers of the Union through payroll deduction (e.g. fair share fees), the Union and the City shall enter into good faith negotiations to address and permit the collection of such fees and/or financial support through payroll deduction.

Section 3.4. Political Action Fund (PAF) Checkoff.

The City will deduct voluntary contributions on a monthly basis to the Communications Workers of America's Political Action Fund (PAF) from the wages of a member upon receipt from the Union of an individual written authorization card voluntarily executed by the member.

The contribution amount will be certified to the City by the Union and shall be in the minimum amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per month. Money deducted shall be remitted to the Union no later than ten (10) days following the end of the pay period in which the deduction is made if so approved by the City Auditor. Payment shall be made to the Treasurer of PAF and transmitted to CWA, 501 Third Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-2797. The payment will be accompanied by an alphabetical list of the names of those members for whom a deduction was made and the amount of the deduction. This list must be separate from the list of members who had union dues deducted and the list of employees who had fair share fees deducted.

A member shall have the right to revoke such authorization by giving written notice to the City and the Union at any time.

The City's obligation to make deductions shall terminate automatically upon receipt of revocation of authorization or upon termination of employment or transfer to a job classification outside the bargaining unit.

The Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the City harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings commenced by an employee against the City arising out of deductions made by the City pursuant to this Article.

Section 3.5. Union Communications.

The City recognizes that CWA has a responsibility to communicate with bargaining unit members. To facilitate this purpose, it is agreed that CWA may make reasonable use of e-mail, telephone, inter-office mail and fax machines to communicate with individual members (no mass communications), so long as the use does not unduly interfere with City work. The City will continue to permit CWA to use bulletin board space in appropriate and accessible locations approved by the Appointing Authority and will consider requests for changes or additions to such locations where appropriate. The Union will limit the posting of Union notices to such bulletin boards.

Appropriate items for communications under this section shall be:

- (A) Notices of Union elections;
- (B) Notices of Union meetings;
- (C) Notices of Union appointments and results of elections;
- (D) Notices of Union recreational and social affairs;
- (E) Newsletters of the Union (newsletters may be distributed at a central location for different sections, from a CWA member at their work site);
- (F) Matters of Agreement interpretation;
- (G) Matters of Agreement enforcement; and
- (H) Such other notices as may be approved by the Appointing Authority or the Director of Human Resources or designee.

Items specifically prohibited from this process include those that are derogatory, inflammatory, or disrespectful of individuals or organizations.

Items that are neither specifically permitted nor specifically prohibited may be submitted to the Appointing Authority or designee for prior approval.

Citywide items or items not approved by the Appointing Authority may be submitted to the Director of Human Resources or designee for review. Problems arising under this Section shall be discussed between the Director of Human Resources or designee and the Union.

ARTICLE 4 – UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 4.1. President's Authority.

The President/Vice President of CWA may appoint one (1) primary representative per department as listed below for the purpose of representing bargaining unit members at investigatory interviews to provide advice or at grievance hearings, provided that the representation is limited to the work location, unless otherwise agreed to between a Department Human Resources representative and the Union President or designee. All other representation will be scheduled through the President or Vice President, when acting in the place of the President. This will not preclude the ability of a representative to be contacted by a bargaining unit member for information or for a representative to contact management in order to attempt to resolve issues.

The President may also appoint one (1) alternate to the primary representative whose duties will be as outlined above. The alternate may replace the primary representative with forty-eight (48) hour notice to their Department's Human Resources, unless otherwise agreed to between a Department of Human Resources representative and the Union President or designee.

Section 4.2. Representatives Authority.

These representatives will not have the authority to deliver or file a grievance. Only the President or Vice President may actually file, deliver, or process a grievance or represent bargaining unit member(s) at a disciplinary hearing. In their absence the President or Vice President may specifically designate another elected Union official to attend meetings when requested by the City. Ordinarily the President or Vice President will represent bargaining unit members at disciplinary or grievance hearings. The performance of these duties shall not interfere with the normal work responsibilities of the representative, other than the President and Vice President.

Section 4.3. List of Designated Representatives.

CWA will provide to the City a list of designated representatives by Department. The Departments for which representatives will be provided include:

- 1 from the Department of Public Safety
- 1 from the Department of Public Service
- 1 from the Department of Public Utilities
- 1 from the Department of Recreation and Parks
- 1 from the Department of Development
- 1 from the Department of Technology
- 1 from the Department of Finance and Management
- 1 representative for City Auditor, City Attorney and Civil Service Commission
- 1 from the Department of Building & Zoning Services
- 1 from the Department of Neighborhoods

Section 4.4. Release Time for President and Vice President.

The President of CWA, upon election to the post and as long as ~~they~~ ~~he/she~~ continues in that post, will be permitted to devote ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ full time during the workweek to Union matters while continuing in ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ City job classification. The Union President's entitlement to ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ hourly wage, fringe benefits and service accrual will continue as though ~~they were~~ ~~he/she was~~ performing their normal job-related duties. The President of CWA will not, however, be eligible to receive overtime, holiday-worked pay, or merit pay as provided in Section 17.1(G). ~~The President shall not use such time to recruit or enroll members.~~ There will be a ~~three~~ ~~two~~ **(32)**-week transition period between the former President and the newly elected President during an election process.

The Vice President of CWA, upon election to ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ post and as long as ~~they~~ ~~he/she~~ continues in that post, will be permitted to devote ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ full time during the workweek to Union matters while continuing in ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ City job classification. The Union Vice President's entitlement to ~~their~~ ~~his/her~~ hourly wage, fringe benefits and service accrual will continue as though ~~they were~~ ~~he/she was~~ performing their normal job-related duties. The Vice President of CWA will not, however, be eligible to receive overtime, holiday-worked pay, or merit pay as provided in Section 17.1(G). ~~The Vice President shall not use such time to recruit or enroll members.~~ There will be a ~~two~~ ~~one~~ **(24)**-week transition period between the former Vice President and the newly elected Vice President following an election.

The President and Vice President shall account for all usage of accrued leave (sick leave, **PTO**, vacation leave, Personal Business Day and Birthday Holiday) by submitting a

Request for Leave form to the individual designated by their his/her Appointing Authority.

Any questions regarding the application of this article will be discussed between the President of CWA and the Director of Human Resources or their designees.

Section 4.5. Access to Work.

The President or Vice President of the Union and representatives of CWA District 4 may consult employees in the assembly area before the start of and at the completion of the day's work. With the approval of the Director of Human Resources or designee and notification to the Division Administrator, these same individuals shall be permitted access to work areas solely for the purpose of adjusting grievances, assisting in the settlement of disputes or carrying into effect the provisions and aims of this Agreement. This privilege is extended subject to the understanding that such access will not in fact interfere with work time or work assignments. Any suspected abuse of these privileges shall be resolved through a meeting of the City and the Union.

A representative from the Union shall be permitted to attend any established City, Department or division orientation sessions for new hires into the bargaining unit for the purpose of making a presentation on behalf of the Union.

Section 4.6. Release Time for Union Business.

Union business leave with pay shall be granted for persons from Local 4502 to attend to Union business. Such leave shall not exceed six hundred (600) hours collectively per calendar year and shall be permitted with the prior approval of the Director of Human Resources or designee. Request for such leave shall be submitted as soon as practicable using the Request for Leave for Union Business Form (see Appendix F). Further, joint trainings and the number of Union representatives attending said joint training must be agreed upon by the City and the Union and shall not be charged to Union leave. The Union will reimburse to the City an employee's hourly wage, including benefits, for any Union business leave in excess of the paid six hundred (600) noted herein.

Section 4.7. Release Time for Union Bargaining Team.

Prior to the first session of negotiations, the Director of Human Resources or designee will meet with the President and Vice President to determine the size and composition of the Union's negotiating team. Union bargaining committee members who participate in negotiations with the City shall be paid for time lost during regular working hours to attend such meetings.

Section 4.8. Release for Training Activities.

The City will allow two hundred and eighty-eight (288) hours of release time annually for training, conferences and/or seminars for bargaining unit members without loss of pay. Such release must be approved by the Director of Human Resources or designee with reasonable notice prior to the date(s) of release.

ARTICLE 5 - RESERVATION OF RIGHTS
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Section 5.1. Employee Rights.

It is agreed that a number of terms and conditions of employment for employees in the

bargaining unit are not specified in this Agreement, including, but not limited to, seniority, discipline and discharge (except for Article 7 which addresses disciplinary procedures), layoff, recall, bumping, promotions, demotions, and job transfers. Therefore, except as may be specified elsewhere in this Agreement, as for any and all terms and conditions of employment not specified in this Agreement, no employee in the bargaining unit waives any individual right under City Charter; City Code; City rule or regulation; and state or federal statute, constitutional principle, or common law. To the contrary, it is specifically recognized that such individual employee rights remain unaffected by this Agreement, and that such individual employee rights are enforceable through normal Civil Service, regulatory, and/or judicial processes. Nothing in this Section 5.1 shall be construed to limit in any way the authority of the City to enact, modify or repeal any City Charter or City Codes provision, ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, policy or procedure.

Section 5.2. Management Rights.

Except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement, the City retains all traditional rights to manage and direct the affairs of the City in all respects and to manage and direct its employees to unilaterally make and implement decisions with respect to the operation and management of the City in all respects, including, but not limited to, all rights and authority possessed or exercised by the City prior to the City's recognition of CWA as the collective bargaining representative for the employees covered by this Agreement. The authority and powers of the City as prescribed by the City Charter and City Codes, Statutes and Constitution of the State of Ohio and the United States shall continue unaffected by this Agreement, except as expressly limited by the express provisions of this Agreement. These City rights as prescribed by the City Charter, City Codes and the Statutes and Constitutions of the State of Ohio and the United States shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

To determine any and all terms and conditions of employment not specifically set forth in this Agreement, to plan, direct, control and determine all the operations and services of the City; to determine the City's mission, objectives, policies and budget and to determine and set all standards of service offered to the public; to supervise and direct employees and their activities as related to the conduct of City affairs; to establish the qualifications for employment and to employ employees; to determine the hours of work and to schedule and assign work; to assign or to transfer employees within the City; to establish work and productivity standards and, from time-to-time, to change those standards; to assign overtime; to layoff or relieve employees due to lack of work or funds or for other legitimate reasons; to determine the methods, means, organization and number of personnel by which such operations and services shall be made or purchased; to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations; to discipline, suspend and discharge employees; to change, relocate, modify or eliminate existing programs, services, methods, equipment or facilities; to determine whether services or goods are to be provided or produced by employees covered by this Agreement, or by other employees or non-employees not covered by this Agreement; to hire all employees and, subject to provisions of law, to determine their qualifications, and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion, and to evaluate, promote and transfer all such employees; to determine the duties, responsibilities, and assignment of those in the bargaining unit.

The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authorities, duties and responsibilities by the City and the adoption of policies, rules, and regulations in furtherance thereof, shall

be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement.

No action, statement, agreement, settlement, or representation made by any member of the bargaining unit regarding the City's obligations or rights under this Agreement, shall impose any obligation or duty or be considered to be authorized by or binding upon the City unless and until the City has agreed thereto in writing.

Section 5.3. Central Work Rules and Personnel Policies.

The City will establish and, from time-to-time, revise Central Work Rules and personnel policies; such rules shall not be in conflict with this Agreement. Such rules and policies shall be uniformly applied and any work rules made by individual departments or divisions shall not be in conflict with the Central Work Rules and personnel policies.

Section 5.4. Notification.

Prior to the adoption, modification or deletion of any work rule or policy affecting CWA employees, the City shall submit the work rule or policy to CWA with fifteen (15) days notice for comment and input. The Union may request additional time for comment and input. Such request will not be unreasonably denied. In an emergency situation, the Union will be given immediate notice of any affected changes; otherwise, new or revised rules or policies shall be communicated to affected bargaining unit members at least seven (7) days prior to the effective date.

<p>ARTICLE 6 - JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES</p>

Section 6.1. Health and Safety Committee.

The City-wide Safety Manager shall meet with the CWA President or designee to discuss safety issues related to the bargaining unit as needed. The City-wide Safety Manager and President or designee can invite additional representatives to the meeting as mutually agreed.

Section 6.2. Insurance Committee.

The parties agree that the Union will send representatives and participate in the Joint Labor-Management Insurance Committee. This joint insurance committee will provide a forum to discuss concerns regarding insurance benefits. The committee will meet at least quarterly.

Union membership shall be in proportion to the size of the bargaining unit. The number of City representatives on the committee shall never exceed the total number of Union representatives.

Section 6.3. Joint Labor-Management Committee.

The parties agree that they will continue the Joint Labor-Management Committee to discuss matters of mutual interest relating to the employees covered by this Agreement. Topics for the Joint Labor-Management Committee may include, but are not limited to, Professional Development, Incentive Pay, etc. The Committee shall meet quarterly or as mutually agreed by the co-chairs. The President of CWA or designee and the Director of Human Resources or designee shall serve as co-chairs.

ARTICLE 7 – DISCIPLINE

Section 7.1. Investigation.

- (A) When an Appointing Authority or designee acquires knowledge that may lead to disciplinary action against an employee or employees, the Appointing Authority or designee shall begin an investigation as soon as possible. The Appointing Authority or designee shall investigate all complaints against employees, whether the complainant is identified or anonymous.

- (B) The investigation shall be thorough and complete, and may include, but is not limited to, interviewing possible witnesses, including other bargaining unit members, and locating and researching any relevant documents. Any employee who may be a focus of the investigation may be interviewed as part of the investigatory process, in which event he/she may, upon request, have a Union representative present during that interview. The Union President or designee will be contacted by a Department/Division representative to schedule a mutual time for the investigatory interview. If the employee declines Union representation, a waiver form (See Appendix F), shall be signed by the employee and provided to the Union by the employee. Failure to provide a signed waiver to the Union shall not result in dismissal of any disciplinary charges against the employee. If a Union representative is not available, and the employee desires a Union representative be present, the interview will be rescheduled within a reasonable period of time to permit the Union to be present.

- (C) The investigation must be concluded within a reasonable length of time, not to exceed fifty (50) days, from the date the Appointing Authority acquires knowledge that may lead to disciplinary action except for those situations set forth in Section 7.8.

Section 7.2. Notice to Union after Completion of Investigation.

After the investigation has been completed, the Appointing Authority or designee will notify the Union of the results of the investigation. This notice shall be provided on a form agreed upon by the parties, notifying the Union of one of the following results:

- (A) Counseling, which may be oral or written, is not considered disciplinary action; or

- (B) Issuance of an oral reprimand; or

- (C) Issuance of a written reprimand; or

- (D) Notice that the Appointing Authority intends to bring disciplinary charges against the affected employee(s); or

- (E) Notice that the Appointing Authority intends to end the investigation with no further action.

Said notice shall be provided to the Union as soon as practicable, but no later than fifty (50) days after the Appointing Authority or designee gained knowledge of alleged misconduct by any employee, or at the conclusion of a criminal investigation or investigation of other allegations that local, state, or federal laws or executive orders of the Mayor, have been violated, or at the conclusion of criminal proceedings if criminal charges are filed against the employee.

Section 7.3. Service of Disciplinary Actions.

- (A) If disciplinary charges are brought against any employee, they shall be furnished to the employee in writing on a form agreed upon by the City and the Union and signed by the Appointing Authority or designee within fifty (50) days after the Appointing Authority or designee acquires knowledge. A copy of such form shall be made available to the CWA President. The Union shall be notified of the time and location of the hearing on the disciplinary charges and shall have the right to attend said hearing for the purpose of representing the employee and/or to protect the integrity of this Agreement.
- (B) Oral and written reprimands, signed by the Appointing Authority or designee, shall be furnished to the employee in writing on a form agreed upon by the City and the Union within fifty (50) days after the Appointing Authority or designee acquires knowledge.
- (C) When reasonable, the Appointing Authority or designee will serve disciplinary charges to the employee by personal service. If the employee cannot reasonably be served in person, the Appointing Authority or designee may serve disciplinary charges by regular U.S. mail and certified mail to the last home address furnished by the employee(s) to the Appointing Authority or designee.
- (D) Mail service shall be deemed complete three (3) days after mailing the disciplinary charges or reprimand to the employee's home address.
- (E) The City shall provide, upon the Union's request, access to the department/division's evidence that is available at the time of the Union's request.

Section 7.4. Hearing on Disciplinary Charges.

- (A) A hearing on the merits of the disciplinary charges shall be conducted by the Director of Human Resources or designee within thirty (30) days after the delivery of the charges to the employee. All hearings will be conducted in a fair manner, and the designated hearing officer will not assume the role of prosecutor in disciplinary hearings. When an Appointing Authority determines that an unclassified employee shall be terminated no hearing

will be conducted.

- (B) If an Appointing Authority or designee brings disciplinary charges against an employee as a result of an investigation prompted by a complaint, the complainant will be called to testify at the hearing if reasonably possible, unless there is sufficient independent evidence to prove the charges by a preponderance.
- (C) The results of said hearing shall be in writing and given to the employee, with a copy sent to the CWA President, within twenty (20) days of the hearing.
- (D) For purposes of Article 7, disciplinary action which may be taken as a result of a disciplinary hearing may be an oral reprimand, a written reprimand, suspension and/or demotion or termination. Discipline shall be commensurate and progressive. Progressive discipline shall be governed by the seven (7) tests of just cause as recorded in the Enterprise Wire case. When an Appointing Authority determines that an unclassified employee shall be terminated, the just cause standard shall not apply to such termination.
- (E) The City and the Union shall each be granted one (1) continuance of the scheduled disciplinary hearing. Additional continuances may be granted by mutual consent between the Director of Human Resources or designee and the Union President or designee in writing. Continuances shall not be unreasonably withheld. Thereafter, the City may order an employee to attend a disciplinary hearing, and if the employee refuses, the City may hold the hearing in the employee's absence.

Section 7.5. Disciplinary Grievances.

If the Union is not satisfied with the results of the hearing, the Union may appeal this determination to Step 2 of the grievance procedure, together with any alleged violations of administrative procedures and time limits set forth in this Article. It is not the purpose of the Step 2 grievance meeting in discipline cases to conduct a *de novo* review of the evidence and testimony, but rather to review the case based on information and evidence developed through the disciplinary hearing conducted pursuant to Section 7.4.

Section 7.6. Leave Forfeiture In Lieu of Suspension.

- (A) The designated hearing officer, after having found an employee guilty of one or more of the disciplinary charges, may make a recommendation as to the appropriate level of discipline.
- (B) Leave Forfeiture. Should this recommendation be a suspension, the Hearing Officer may make a written offer to the employee that the employee forfeit up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of accrued vacation or compensatory time, provided the employee has sufficient vacation and/or compensatory time balances at the time the offer is made. If the employee agrees to forfeit such accrued leave the forfeiture shall be one (1) hour of

accrued leave for each one (1) hour of the proposed suspension. The type of leave (vacation or compensatory time) shall be the employee's choice. The forfeiture of the leave shall constitute corrective/disciplinary action of record, shall be accordingly noted in the employee's personnel file, and shall constitute the final resolution of the departmental charges, which resolution shall not later be subject to challenge by the employee or the Union under the grievance procedure or in any other forum. If the employee chooses to accept the Hearing Officer's written offer, the Hearing Officer shall acknowledge the employee's acceptance of the offer in writing. Should the Hearing Officer choose not to offer this option or should the employee reject the offer, appropriate disciplinary action shall be imposed.

Section 7.7. Length of Time Prior Discipline May Be Considered.

Oral reprimands may be considered in connection with subsequent disciplinary action for a period of one (1) year. Written reprimands may be considered in connection with subsequent disciplinary action for two (2) years, unless there has been further discipline during that time period. Any other form of disciplinary action may be considered in connection with subsequent disciplinary action for a period of three (3) years, unless there has been further discipline during that time period. City and Union representatives may agree to a shorter period of time as referenced herein by settlement of the parties. After the expiration of the periods specified above, such disciplinary action shall not be used as a basis for any further disciplinary action. The length of time that prior discipline may be considered shall automatically be tolled on a day-for-day basis for any absence of fifteen (15) or more consecutive days.

Section 7.8. Exceptions/Extensions to Time Deadlines.

- (A) If an investigation requires more time to complete, the parties may agree to extend the time period. Such extensions shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Union.
- (B) The time constraint provisions of this Article shall not be applicable when actions of a criminal or conspiracy nature or when alleged violations of other local, state or federal laws, or Mayor's executive orders, warrants extensive investigation, or upon mutual consent of the parties.
- (C) If an employee is off duty on approved or unapproved leave, the time limits for investigation, delivery of charges, hearing, and delivery of the results of hearing shall automatically be tolled. The parties may agree to extend any of the time lines in Article 7. All extensions of time lines must be reduced to writing and mutually agreed to between the parties.

ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 8.1. Definition.

A grievance shall mean a complaint against the City arising under and during the term of this Agreement by an employee or CWA that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the specific terms of this Agreement, except that any dispute or

difference of opinion concerning a matter or issue addressed by the Columbus Civil Service Commission's rules or which could be heard before the Columbus Civil Service Commission, except for disciplinary actions, shall not be considered a grievance under this Agreement.

Discipline involving suspensions, demotions and terminations pursuant to Article 7 of this Agreement may only be grieved according to this Article. Grievances regarding oral and written reprimands may be filed at Step 1 and advanced to Step 2, but may not be referred to arbitration. The right of any bargaining unit employee to file an appeal from disciplinary action with the Civil Service Commission under Section 149-1 of the Columbus City Charter and/or the Civil Service Rules is specifically waived by this Agreement. Termination of probationary or unclassified employees shall not be grieved.

Nothing in this Grievance Procedure shall prevent an employee from filing a grievance or proceeding through the grievance process because he/she filed a charge of discrimination with the EEOC/OCRC; but in the event there are changes in the law that allow exclusivity of remedy for charges of discrimination, the Union and the City shall enter into good faith negotiations over the exclusivity of remedy for charges of discrimination pursuant to Article 20.2.

Section 8.2. Procedure.

The parties are encouraged to resolve through informal discussions any grievances as defined herein. When specifically requested by the employee, a CWA representative may accompany the employee to assist in the informal resolution of the grievance. Such informal discussions are not to be construed as a part of the grievance procedure.

If such informal discussions do not lead to a satisfactory resolution of a grievance as defined herein, the grievance shall be processed according to the following procedure.

First Step:

- (1) If the employee or CWA is unable to resolve a grievance informally, a written statement of the grievance shall be prepared, signed by the Grievant and delivered to the aggrieved employee's Appointing Authority or designee within thirty (30) days after the first event giving rise to the grievance or within thirty (30) days after the employee or CWA, through the use of reasonable diligence, could have obtained knowledge of the first event giving rise to the grievance. An employee grievant shall deliver a copy of the written grievance to the CWA President. Grievants shall make every effort to specify the section or sections of this Agreement that are allegedly violated, misinterpreted, or misapplied, the full facts on which the grievance is based and the specific relief requested.
- (2) After the written grievance is submitted, the Appointing Authority or designee shall meet with the grievant within ten (10) business days after receipt of the grievance. A CWA representative will be allowed to attend the First Step hearing. By mutual agreement of the Department representative and the Union, two CWA representatives may be allowed to attend the First Step hearing. The Appointing Authority or designee shall give a written

answer to the President of the Union within ten (10) business days after the hearing.

Second Step:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at the First Step, the grievant and/or the Union may submit the grievance in writing to the Director of Human Resources or designee, within ten (10) **business** days after receipt of the City's First Step answer, or within ten (10) **business** days of when the First Step answer was due, whichever occurs first.

Hearings for Non-Disciplinary Grievances

The Director of Human Resources or designee shall meet with the grievant and the Union President or the Vice President, and/or a representative of CWA within ten (10) business days after receipt of the grievance. The Director of Human Resources or designee, after consultation with the grievant's Appointing Authority or designee, shall give a written answer to the President of the Union within ten (10) business days after the hearing.

Meetings for Disciplinary Grievances

The Director of Human Resources or designee and appropriate representatives of the grievant's department shall hold a meeting with the employee and the Union President or the Vice President, and/or a representative of CWA within ten (10) business days after receipt of the grievance. The hearing officer conducting the Step 2 disciplinary grievance meeting shall not be the same hearing officer who conducted the disciplinary hearing pursuant to Section 7.4. The review of disciplinary cases at Step 2 shall be a meeting to review the case, not a hearing. Only evidence and/or information that was not available at the time of the disciplinary hearing will be independently reviewed. The Director of Human Resources or designee, after consultation with the grievant's Appointing Authority, shall give a written answer to the President of the Union within ten (10) business days after the meeting.

Third Step:

- (1) If CWA is not satisfied with the resolution at the Second Step, CWA may, through its President or his/her designee, refer the grievance to arbitration by written notice to the Director of Human Resources or designee within thirty (30) days after the decision is provided at the Second Step, or within thirty (30) days of when the answer in the Second Step was due, whichever occurs first.
- (2) A permanent panel of seven (7) arbitrators will be selected by the parties. An arbitrator shall be selected from the panel to hear grievances through random drawing. Once selected, the arbitrator's name will no longer be

available for selection until all remaining arbitrators on the panel have been selected. After all arbitrators on the panel have been selected once, the above process regarding random drawing will be repeated. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the arbitrator ~~arbitration hearing~~ shall be ~~conducted~~ **selected and the arbitration hearing shall be scheduled** within **ninety (90)** ~~sixty (60)~~ days of the CWA notice to arbitrate. A request for an extension of time beyond **ninety (90)** ~~sixty (60)~~ days by either party shall not be unreasonably denied.

- (A) The parties may mutually agree to remove an arbitrator from the panel after he/she has issued at least one (1) decision. This process shall be coordinated by the Union with the City at each step.
- (B) ~~Beginning on April 24, 2022, e~~ Either party may, upon written notice to the other party, remove one (1) arbitrator from parties' arbitration panel during the term of any Agreement.
 - i. An arbitrator shall not be removed prior to conducting at least one grievance arbitration hearing for the parties.
 - ii. An arbitrator selected for a case may not be removed until after the case has been resolved unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.
 - iii. The parties shall attempt to mutually agree on a replacement arbitrator for the panel. If the parties are unable to agree upon a replacement arbitrator, the parties shall request a panel of seven (7) arbitrators from Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, all of whom shall maintain an office in the state of Ohio, when a grievance would have been presented to an arbitrator removed in accordance with this Section (B)(iii). The parties shall strike names from the panel on an alternating basis. The party that receives the notice referred to in Section (B), above, shall elect to strike arbitrators first or second.
 - iv. The parties shall use the process described in Section (B)(iii) until the parties mutually agree on a replacement arbitrator.
- (3) The arbitrator shall be notified of his/her selection and shall be requested to set a time and place for the hearing, subject to the availability of CWA and City representatives. If the selected arbitrator is unable to schedule the hearing within thirty (30) days and refuses/cancels twice for the same hearing, the parties may select another arbitrator.
- (4) The arbitrator shall submit his/her decision in writing within thirty (30) days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, whichever is later.
- (5) More than one grievance may be submitted to the same arbitrator if both parties mutually agree in writing.

- (6) The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne by the losing party of such arbitration. The arbitrator shall identify the losing party in his/her written decision. The parties will share other expenses only if agreed upon in advance of the hearing, unless the arbitrator requests a written transcript, in which case the court reporter fees and the cost of the arbitrator's copy of the transcript shall be shared equally. If only one party requests a transcript, it shall pay for the entire cost of the transcript, and such transcript shall be the official record, which shall be unavailable to the other party unless it pays for one-half of the cost of the transcript.
- (7) The City and/or the Union shall supply adequate hearing room facilities for the arbitration hearing and shall excuse CWA representatives and witnesses from work with pay for purposes of participation at the hearing. Each party shall be responsible for otherwise compensating its own representatives and witnesses, and for any other expenses incurred by that party.

Section 8.3. Limitation on Authority of Arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the question of whether there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the specific provisions of this Agreement based on the specific issue(s) submitted to the arbitrator by the parties in writing. If no joint written stipulation of the issue(s) is/are agreed to by CWA and the City, the arbitrator shall be empowered to determine and decide the issue(s) raised by the grievance as submitted in writing at the First Step. The arbitrator shall be without power to make recommendations contrary to or inconsistent with any applicable laws or rules and regulations of administrative bodies that has the force and effect of law. The arbitrator shall not in any way limit or interfere with the powers, duties and responsibilities of the City under law and applicable court decisions. The decision of the arbitrator, if made in accordance with the jurisdiction and authority granted to the arbitrator pursuant to this Agreement, will be accepted as final by the City, CWA and the employee(s), and all parties will abide by the decision.

Section 8.4. Mediation.

Prior to arbitration, the City and the Union may discuss any grievance pending arbitration for possible resolution. Upon joint agreement, the City and the Union may agree to submit any grievance for mediation. The Union shall be responsible for contacting a mediator and arranging a mutually agreeable date for a mediation meeting.

Section 8.5. Time Limits.

No grievance shall be entertained or processed unless it is submitted within **thirty (30)** ~~fourteen (14)~~ days after the first event giving rise to the grievance or within **thirty (30)** ~~fourteen (14)~~ days after the employee or CWA, through the use of reasonable diligence, could have obtained knowledge of the first event giving rise to the grievance. If a grievance is not presented within this time limit, it ~~is shall be considered~~ "waived." If a grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or an agreed written extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the First Step Answer. Failure at any step of this procedure to hold a meeting or communicate a decision in a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the aggrieved party to treat the

grievance as denied and to proceed immediately to the next step. The parties may, by mutual agreement, extend in writing any of the time limits set forth in this Article.

Section 8.6. Release Time for Grievance Meetings.

- (A) A grievant and CWA representatives, when applicable, shall be given paid time off to participate in informal discussions, First, Second, and Third Steps of the grievance procedure as provided in Section 8.2, if the hearings are held at the request or consent of the City during the employee's working time. No other time spent on grievance matters shall be considered time worked for compensation purposes. The grievant shall use vacation, compensatory time, or unpaid leave for work time used for any other activities related to the investigation of, preparation for, or processing of a grievance, provided the employee's Appointing Authority or designee determines that time spent on such activities will not interfere with normal work activity.

- (B) Any necessary witnesses shall not lose any regular straight-time pay for time off the job while attending a grievance or arbitration hearing.

ARTICLE 9 - NO STRIKE-NO LOCKOUT

Section 9.1. No Strike.

During the term of this Agreement, neither the Union nor any officers, agents or employees will instigate, promote, sponsor, engage in, or condone any strike, sympathy strike, secondary boycott, residential picketing, slowdown, sit-down, concerted stoppage of work, concerted refusal to perform overtime, mass absenteeism, mass resignations, or any other intentional interruption or disruption of the operations of the City at any location, regardless of the reason for so doing.

Each employee who holds a position of officer of the Union occupies a position of special trust and responsibility in maintaining and bringing about compliance with the provisions of this Section 9.1. Accordingly, the Union agrees to notify all Union officers and representatives of their obligations and responsibility for maintaining compliance with this Article, including their responsibility to abide by the provisions of this Article by remaining at work during any interruption as outlined above. In addition, in the event of a violation of this Section of this Article, the Union agrees to inform its members of their obligations under this Agreement and to encourage and direct them to work by all means available under its Constitution, Bylaws, or otherwise.

Section 9.2. No Lockout.

The City will not lock out any employees during the term of this Agreement as a result of a labor dispute with the Union so long as there is good faith compliance with this Article, unless the City cannot efficiently operate in whole or in part due to a breach of Section 9.1.

Section 9.3. Penalty.

The only matter which may be made the subject of any proceeding concerning disciplinary action imposed for an alleged violation of Section 9.1 is whether the employee actually engaged in such prohibited conduct. The failure to confer a penalty in any instance is not a waiver of such right in any other instance nor is it a precedent.

Section 9.4. Judicial Relief.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude the City from obtaining a temporary restraining order, damages and other judicial relief in the event CWA or any employees covered by this Agreement violate this Article.

ARTICLE 10 – PERSONAL BUSINESS DAY

Continuing through the end of the 2023 vacation year, Each full-time bargaining unit member shall receive three (3) eight (8) hour Personal Business Days per vacation year as defined in Section 11.1 to conduct personal business that cannot be conducted outside of the regular workday. Personal Business Days may be used in increments of four (4) hours. Part-time members shall receive two (2) four (4) hour Personal Business Days subject to the provisions herein. The days shall not accumulate. If notice is given at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, no reason needs to be stated, and no documentation will be required. If notice of less than forty-eight (48) hours is given, the leave may be approved at the discretion of the Appointing Authority or designee. The days shall have no cash-out value. A Personal Business Day can be used the day before or the day after a holiday. The use of a Personal Business Day is subject to the usual operational need requirement. At the start of the 2024 vacation/PTO year and with the transition to Paid Time Off under Article 11 and its increased paid leave allowances, Personal Business Days will no longer be granted per vacation/PTO year.

ARTICLE 10 (NEW) – PAID FAMILY LEAVE (PFL)

Section 10.1. Paid Family Leave

Effective as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement, each full-time employee shall be granted up to twelve (12) weeks of Paid Family Leave (PFL), on a gender neutral basis, at one hundred percent (100%) of the employee’s regular straight time wage per rolling twelve (12) month period measured backward from the date leave begins. The City shall comply with the Family Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) and any current or future amendments to the Act.

Section 10.2. Employee Eligibility

Full-time employees are eligible for PFL on the first day of the first month following their date of hire. Employees are entitled to twelve (12) weeks of PFL per rolling twelve- (12) month period. PFL does not accrue and cannot be carried over beyond the rolling twelve- (12) month period. PFL is limited to twelve (12) weeks of paid leave per rolling twelve- (12) month period regardless of the number of eligible uses that occur within that twelve-(12) month period.

Section 10.3. Eligible Uses

Paid Family Leave shall be allowed for full-time employees in the following situations:

- (A) Birth of a Child. Eligible uses include birth of a child, pregnancy complications (as defined and/or qualify as a serious health condition under the FMLA), a miscarriage, or a stillbirth. The employee must be the birth parent, a biological parent, the spouse of a birth or biological parent, or the domestic partner of a birth or biological parent. The employee may use any or all of the twelve (12) weeks of PFL within the twelve (12) months immediately following the date of the event giving rise to the eligible use. Any unused leave expires twelve (12) months after the date of the event giving rise to the eligible use.
- (B) Placement of a Child for Adoption or Foster Care. The employee must be the adoptive parent or the spouse or domestic partner of the adoptive parent and must reside in the same household as the newly adopted or foster-care-placed child. The employee becomes eligible for PFL on the date of the child's permanent placement for adoption or initial placement for foster care and may use any or all of the twelve (12) weeks of PFL within the rolling twelve (12) months immediately following the placement. Any unused leave expires twelve (12) months after the child's placement.
- (C) Family Caregiving. The employee is entitled to PFL to care for a Covered Family Member with a serious health condition. The definitions of spouse, parent, child, and serious health condition are consistent with FMLA's definitions of the same, except that for purposes of PFL for family caregiving "parent" also includes a parent-in-law and "spouse" includes domestic partners. In addition, PFL for family caregiving may also be used to care for siblings (defined as "biological, adopted, foster, step, and sibling-in-law"). Any unused leave expires twelve (12) months after the first day on which PFL is taken to care for the Covered Family Member's serious health condition.

Section 10.4. Coordination with Other Leave

- (A) FMLA. Employees may be eligible for PFL even though they are not eligible for FMLA leave. For employees who are on PFL at the time they become eligible for FMLA, their PFL will run concurrently beginning with their first day of FMLA eligibility. For employees who are eligible for FMLA on the first day they use PFL, PFL will run concurrently with FMLA. Any PFL granted for reasons permissible and eligible as FMLA leave shall count toward the twelve (12) week per year limitation and will be run concurrently with FMLA.
- (B) Short-Term Disability ("STD"). Employees who are eligible for a STD benefit due to their own medical condition that would also qualify them

for PFL may choose to first use the STD benefit prior to using PFL, also commonly referred to as “stacking” the benefits. The employee may also choose to use a portion of the PFL coverage to supplement their STD benefit to cover any pay/salary gap between the STD benefit and their regular bi-weekly wages. After the employee’s STD benefit is exhausted, the employee may then choose to use any remaining portion of their twelve (12) weeks of PFL at their regular full pay rate.

Section 10.5. Continuation of Benefits While on PFL.

While an employee is on PFL, sick leave entitlement and PTO accruals, PERS contributions and all employee benefits shall continue uninterrupted and the City shall maintain applicable insurance benefits for the employee.

Section 10.6. Procedures and Qualifications

- (A) Employees shall give their Department/Division Human Resources notice of the intent to use PFL as soon as practicable under the circumstances of each eligible use.
- (B) Employees may use PFL in one continuous block of time, on scheduled intervals, or intermittently.
- (C) PFL may be used in increments of one tenth (1/10) of an hour.
- (D) The City may, in its sole discretion, require submission of supporting documentation for an employee’s request for PFL.
- (E) PFL may be used for multiple eligible reasons in any rolling twelve (12) month period, provided however that the benefit will not exceed twelve (12) weeks of leave in any rolling twelve (12) month period regardless of the number of eligible uses the employee may experience during the same time period.
- (F) PFL hours are not eligible for cash payout, do not carry over from year to year, and are not eligible for leave donation. Use of PFL shall not affect the employee’s anniversary date for increases or seniority, nor will it constitute a break in service for computing service credits for Civil Service examinations.
- (G) Upon the effective date of the Paid Family Leave benefit, the Paid Parental Leave MOU #2017-02 and Paid Caregiver Leave MOU #2017-03 (updated 2019) shall immediately terminate. Any employee on leave for an eligible use of PFL shall, upon the initial rollout of PFL, be entitled to use PFL to cover any remaining leave, provided the length of leave does not exceed twelve (12) total weeks, inclusive of any unpaid leave, STD-covered leave and paid PFL leave.
- (H) An employee on PFL shall not work for another employer while on leave.

ARTICLE 11 – VACATION (PAID TIME OFF (PTO))

Section 11.1. Vacation PTO Year.

The vacation **PTO** year for full-time non-seasonal employees shall end at the close of business on the last day of the first pay period that begins in the month of January. **As the parties convert from “vacation leave” to “Paid Time Off (PTO)” effective the beginning of the 2024 vacation/PTO year, all references to vacation in this Agreement shall apply to PTO and vice versa except where otherwise specifically stated.**

Section 11.2. Vacation PTO Accruals.

- (A) Each full-time non-seasonal employee working a forty (40) hour workweek shall earn vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Total City Service</u>	<u>Hours Per Pay Period</u>	<u>Days Per Year</u>
Less than 3 years	3.077 hours	10 days
3 years but less than 6 years	4.924 hours	16 days
6 years but less than 13 years	7.077 hours	23 days
13 years but less than 20 years	8.000 hours	26 days
20 years but less than 25 years	8.616 hours	28 days
25 or more years	9.231 hours	30 days

Effective the beginning of the 2024 vacation/PTO year, with the transition from vacation leave to PTO, the PTO schedule and accrual for full-time employees shall be as follows:

<u>Years of Total City Service</u>	<u>Hours Per Pay Period</u>	<u>Days Per Year</u>
<u>Less than 3 years</u>	<u>4.513 hours</u>	<u>14.667 days</u>
<u>3 years but less than 6 years</u>	<u>6.359 hours</u>	<u>20.667 days</u>
<u>6 years but less than 13 years</u>	<u>8.513 hours</u>	<u>27.667 days</u>
<u>13 years but less than 20 years</u>	<u>9.436 hours</u>	<u>30.677 days</u>
<u>20 years but less than 25 years</u>	<u>10.051 hours</u>	<u>32.667 days</u>
<u>25 or more years</u>	<u>10.667 hours</u>	<u>34.667 days</u>

- (1) **In order to recruit qualified persons to positions of responsibility, Appointing Authorities, in their discretion, may provide up to ten**

(10) days of PTO (in a one-time deposit to the employee's PTO bank) to a new employee upon initial appointment to a position in the classified service consistent with Section 11.2(A)(2) below.

(2) To determine whether providing a one-time deposit to a new employee's PTO bank is appropriate, the Appointing Authority will consider the employee's qualifications and work experience, in both the private and public sectors; the level of responsibility required in the position, including the exercise of independent judgment, the need for discretion and confidentiality, and the ability to bind their Appointing Authority; as well as the availability of qualified persons to perform such jobs, and other pertinent market factors.

(B) Any ~~vacation~~ **PTO** balance in excess of the amounts listed below shall become void as of the close of business on the last day of the first pay period that begins in the month of January:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Maximum Vacation PTO Balance</u>
Less than 3 years	160 hours (20 days)
3 years but less than 6 years	256 hours (32 days)
6 years but less than 13 years	368 hours (46 days)
13 years but less than 20 years	416 hours (52 days)
20 years but less than 25 years	448 hours (56 days)
25 or more years	480 hours (60 days)

(C) At the end of the ~~vacation~~ **PTO** year, employees may be paid for ~~vacation~~ **PTO** balances in excess of the maximums fixed by this Section 11.2 at the sole discretion of the Appointing Authority and upon certification by the Appointing Authority to the City Auditor, that due to exigent work requirements it is not in the best interest of the City to permit the employee to take ~~vacation~~ **PTO** leave which would otherwise be forfeited as provided in this Section 11.2. The Appointing Authority must receive the approval of the Mayor's Chief of Staff or designee, based upon guidelines prepared by the Departments of Human Resources and Finance and Management. The amount of ~~vacation~~ **PTO** time paid shall not exceed forty (40) hours in a given year, and ordinarily will not be considered unless the employee has made an effort to take ~~vacation~~ **PTO** time at points in the year when the work load of the Department or Division can best afford for the employee to be absent from work.

(D) ~~Vacation~~ **PTO** accrual rates are based on total full-time City service for all employees, including prior full-time service with the City of Columbus. In addition, for employees hired prior to July 5, 1987, ~~PTO~~ **vacation** accrual rates shall be based on the total of all periods of full-time employment with

the City, the State of Ohio and any political subdivision of the State.

However, any employee who has retired from the State of Ohio or any of its political subdivisions, including the City of Columbus, and is or was re-employed or hired by the City of Columbus before, on or after July 5, 1987, shall not have prior full-time service with the State of Ohio or any of its political subdivisions, including the City of Columbus, recognized for purposes of determining the ~~vacation~~ **PTO** accrual rate.

For employees who have not previously retired from City of Columbus employment, requests for recognition of periods of full-time service with the City of Columbus for accrual rate purposes shall be made in writing and forwarded to the City Auditor through the Appointing Authority before adjustments can be made to the ~~vacation~~ **PTO** accrual rate. Adjustments to ~~vacation~~ **PTO** accrual rates, based on previous full-time employment with the City of Columbus, as specified herein, shall be applied prospectively to be effective the first full pay period following the verification by the Appointing Authority to the City Auditor.

- (E) Any periods of interruption of service (including but not limited to resignation, layoff, or discharge for cause) as well as any periods of time in unpaid status of more than eight (8) hours (except for military leave without pay) will not be included in the computation of City service for the purpose of this Section 11.2.
- (F) The provisions of this paragraph shall be in lieu of any prospective or retrospective application of Section 9.44 of the Ohio Revised Code. For all purposes herein, the parties agree that Section 9.44 of the Ohio Revised Code does not apply to this Agreement or to any employees in the bargaining unit.

Section 11.3. Eligibility.

No ~~vacation~~ **PTO** credit shall be allowed for any 80-hour pay period in which a full-time employee does not receive compensation for at least forty (40) "hours of work"; the term "hours of work" for this purpose means actual work time plus paid holidays, ~~vacation~~ **PTO**, **Paid Family Leave**, sick leave, injury leave, military leave as provided in Section 14.1, CWA release time as provided in Section 4.6, jury duty and compensatory time off (no other paid or unpaid absences from duty shall be counted as "hours of work").

Section 11.4. Approval by Appointing Authority.

All ~~vacation~~ **PTO** shall be taken at such time as may be approved by the Appointing Authority or designee. ~~Vacation~~ **PTO** may be taken in increments as small as one-tenth (1/10th) of an hour with the approval of the Appointing Authority. ~~Any employee having unused vacation leave prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall be credited with such unused vacation leave for the purpose of this Agreement within the maximum limits indicated in Section 11.2.~~

For annual ~~vacation~~ **PTO** requests, if two (2) or more employees in the same classification in a section or reporting location request the same period of time during the ~~vacation~~ **PTO**

scheduling period for that section or reporting location, if any, classification seniority will determine preference. All other ~~vacation~~-PTO requests will be considered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

Section 11.5. Payment upon Separation from City Service.

An employee with ~~vacation~~-PTO accrual who is about to be separated from City service through resignation, discharge, retirement, or layoff and who has unused ~~vacation leave~~ PTO to his/her credit, shall be paid at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of separation in a lump sum or, at the employee's option, subject to approval by the Auditor's Office, the employee may elect in writing (at a time specified by the Auditor's Office for processing terminal leave pay) to receive three (3) equal installments - one-third (1/3) at the time of separation, one-third (1/3) one year later, and the final one-third (1/3) two years after separation (less applicable withholding) for each hour of unused ~~vacation leave~~ PTO, less any amounts owed by the employee to the City, provided, however, that such payment shall not exceed the maximum number of ~~vacation~~-PTO hours outlined in Section 11.2.

However, an employee who is involved in a layoff or certification termination and who has unused ~~vacation leave~~ PTO to ~~their~~his/her credit at the time the layoff is effective, may choose, in lieu of a lump sum cash payment for such unused ~~vacation~~-PTO credit, to leave such ~~vacation~~-PTO credit on account to be restored to ~~their~~his/her credit upon reemployment, provided such reemployment occurs within thirty-five (35) calendar days. If the reemployment does not occur within thirty-five (35) calendar days, then any unused ~~vacation leave~~-PTO left on account will be paid in lump sum to the employee, as provided for in this Section 11.5.

Section 11.6. Payment upon Death.

When an employee dies, any and all accrued, unused ~~vacation leave~~-PTO to ~~their~~ his/her credit shall be paid to ~~their~~ designated beneficiary ~~surviving spouse~~. In the event that the employee has no designated beneficiary ~~surviving spouse~~, said unused ~~vacation leave~~-PTO shall be paid to the employee's surviving spouse. **In the event the employee has no designated beneficiary or surviving spouse, said unused PTO shall be paid to the employee's** estate. Such payment shall be paid at the employee's hourly rate of pay at time of death in a lump sum (less applicable withholding), less any amounts owed by the employee to the City.

Section 11.7 PTO for Part-Time Employees

Effective the beginning of the 2024 PTO year and at the beginning of each PTO year thereafter, each Part-time Employee (as defined in Article 1) will receive twenty (20) hours of PTO. A part-time employee may request PTO upon reasonable notice to and approval by the Appointing Authority or designee. PTO for Part-time Employees may be approved in increments of one (1) hour. Any Part-time Employee's balance of PTO remaining at the end of the PTO year will not be carried over from year-to-year. Part-time Employees' PTO will not be subject to buy-back or cashing in at the end of the PTO year, at the time of Separation from City Employment, or upon the employee's death.

ARTICLE 12 – HOLIDAYS

Section 12.1. Holidays Observed.

The legal holidays observed by the City and for which full-time non-seasonal employees are to be compensated shall be as follows:

- (1) New Year's Day, January 1
- (2) Martin Luther King's Birthday, the third Monday in January
- (3) President's Day, the third Monday in February
- (4) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.
- (5) Juneteenth, June 19 [Implementing MOU 2021-02]**
- ~~(56)~~ Independence Day, July 4
- ~~(67)~~ Labor Day, the first Monday in September
- (8) Indigenous People's Day, second Monday in October effective 2024**
- ~~(79)~~ Veterans Day, November 11
- ~~(810)~~ Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November
- ~~(911)~~ Christmas Day, December 25
- ~~(4012)~~ Any other holidays proclaimed by the Mayor
- ~~(4113)~~ Employee's Birthday - If the employee's birthday falls on an above-named holiday, the employee shall be granted and compensated for one additional holiday. The Appointing Authority will allow the employee to take **their** his/her birthday holiday within a year (365 days) from when the employee's birthday occurs, upon appropriate request by the employee, with approval of the Appointing Authority or designee. If the employee's birthday falls on February 29, the holiday for the purpose of this Section shall be considered as February 28 unless otherwise authorized by the Appointing Authority. **Beginning the PTO year of 2024 and with the transition to Paid Time Off under Article 11 and its increased paid leave allowances, "birthday holidays" will no longer be granted or compensated.**

Section 12.2. Eligibility and Pay.

- (A) When a holiday falls on the first day of an employee's regularly scheduled days off, it shall be celebrated on the previous workday and when a holiday falls on the second day of an employee's regularly scheduled day off, it shall be celebrated on the following workday, except that at the time of a shift change which necessitates more than a two-day weekend, a holiday which falls on either of the first two days shall be celebrated on the last previous workday, and a holiday which falls on any other day of such weekend shall be celebrated on the next subsequent workday.
- (B) For each holiday observed (including the employee's birthday **in the 2023 vacation year**), a full-time non-seasonal employee shall be excused from work for eight (8) hours on such day at the discretion of the Appointing Authority or designee. If a full-time non-seasonal employee is working a flexible or alternative work schedule (i.e., anything other than eight (8) hours per day), **their** his/her work schedule for the week shall be adjusted so that the time off on the holiday is equal to eight (8) hours. If one of the holidays

mentioned in Section 12.1 occurs while an employee is on PTOvacation leave, such day shall not be charged against PTOvacation leave. Part-time and seasonal employees will only be compensated for time actually worked on holidays.

- (C) When a full-time non-seasonal overtime (D-level) eligible employee works on a day celebrated as a holiday (in accordance with Section 12.2(A) above), other than the employee's birthday **in 2023**, **the employee**he/she shall be paid eight (8) hours at straight-time rates as holiday pay. An eligible employee who works on a holiday shall be paid at a rate of time and one-half (1½) for all hours actually worked on the employee's regularly scheduled shift, which is considered premium pay.

For purposes of determining overtime eligibility, holiday pay as provided above shall count towards the forty (40) hour workweek. The hours worked on the holiday during the regularly scheduled shift do not count toward the forty (40) hour workweek. ~~Any hours worked beyond the employee's regularly scheduled shift on a holiday shall be counted toward the forty (40) hour workweek, if any.~~

- (D) To be eligible for holiday pay an employee must have worked the full workday before and the full workday after the holiday, in addition to the full holiday when scheduled as part of the employee's normal work schedule, unless the employee was on an approved PTOvacation leave, personal business day (**in 2023**), jury duty, military leave as defined in Section 14.1, compensatory time off, approved union leave, approved FMLA leave, **Paid Family Leave**, or unless otherwise approved by the Appointing Authority or designee with appropriate emergency medical documentation. In addition, if the employee submits documentation from a physician or other licensed health care provider for each use of sick leave for the day before or the day after the holiday, the employee will be eligible for the holiday pay. The "workday before" refers to the employee's last regularly scheduled workday before the day on which the holiday is celebrated. The "workday after" refers to the first regularly scheduled workday following the day on which the holiday is celebrated. If an employee takes sick leave for all or part of either the work day before or the work day after a holiday, **the employee's**his/her absence from work on the holiday shall be presumed to be due to illness or other circumstance qualifying as sick leave under Section 13.2, and will, therefore, be paid for the holiday from **their**his/her sick leave bank instead of holiday pay, unless the employee submits documentation from a physician or other licensed health care provider, as described above. **An employee who takes sick leave for any part of the workday before or after the holiday yet works on the holiday will not receive holiday pay in addition to straight-time pay for hours actually worked and eight hours will be deducted from their sick leave bank.** If the sick leave is used as part of a disability waiting period the employee will receive holiday pay. If the sick leave is used for an extended illness as defined in Article 1, and the employee provides physician verification of the illness, the employee will receive holiday pay. If a D-level employee has no sick leave

available under these circumstances, ~~they~~he/she shall be in unpaid status for the holiday, unless the employee submits documentation from a physician or other licensed health care provider, as described above.

- (E) For the purposes of administering the provisions of this Article 12, holiday time shall apply to the shift beginning on the day that is celebrated as a holiday.

ARTICLE 13 – SICK LEAVE

Section 13.1. Computation of Sick Leave Bank for Full-Time Employees.

- (A) Sick leave banks for full-time employees shall consist of current annual entitlements under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, plus any hours carried over from previous years, transfers from other political subdivisions and hours carried over from other City employment outside the CWA bargaining unit under the terms of this Agreement, less any appropriate reductions or deductions as outlined below. ~~For purposes of carrying sick leave from year to year, the sick leave bank may be no more than four hundred (400) hours, less the annual sick leave entitlement.~~
- (B) On the first pay period of each calendar year, each full-time employee employed on that date shall receive eighty (80) hours of sick leave with pay for the remainder of that calendar year.
- (C) Each full-time employee hired on or after the first pay period of each year shall, on the date of hire receive ~~his/her~~ sick leave with pay for the remainder of that calendar year computed, as follows: six and 67/100 (6.67) hours for each calendar month in the calendar year of hire, commencing with the month following the month in which the employee was hired.
- (D) If an employee is in unpaid status for forty (40) hours or more in a calendar month, six and 67/100 (6.67) hours shall be deducted from the employee's paid sick leave entitlement. For purposes of this Article, hours in unpaid status do not include military leave without pay or unpaid FMLA hours. No other unpaid absences shall be counted as hours of work.

When an employee is required to report to work and does so report but is denied work because of circumstances beyond their ~~his/her~~ control, absence from work under these circumstances shall not be considered as unpaid work status for purposes of this paragraph, except if the employee is laid off as provided in this Contract.

- (E) If an employee changes from full-time non-seasonal status to part-time or seasonal status during a calendar year in which the employee he/she was eligible for sick leave, six and 67/100 (6.67) hours shall be deducted from the employee's ~~his/her~~ paid sick leave account for each full calendar month in which the employee is in part-time or seasonal status.

- (F) Employees entering the CWA bargaining unit from any other City employment may carry over up to ~~four hundred (400) hours~~ of their sick leave entitlement, which will become part of the employee's sick leave bank. ~~Any hours in excess of four hundred (400) hours will be forfeited without compensation. Employees entering the bargaining unit will not be subject to sick leave conversion as was provided in previous Agreements between the Union and the City.~~
- (G) Employees entering the CWA bargaining unit from outside the City, who have accrued sick leave from another political subdivision of the State of Ohio may transfer that sick leave upon their employment by the City. Any hours transferred from another political subdivision of the State of Ohio shall not be subject to payment upon termination or separation from the City for whatever reason. Such hours will not count toward the sick leave bank with the City.

Sick leave hours brought from another political subdivision of the State of Ohio are kept in a separate bank identified as "Sick Leave Other Agency". These hours can be used only after exhausting an employee's current City sick leave bank and will be paid at the hourly rate of pay at the date of City hire.

- ~~(H) Under no circumstances will an employee's CWA Sick Leave Bank be allowed to accumulate over four hundred (400) hours of sick leave. If an employee has more than four hundred (400) hours of sick leave, following any payment of sick leave reciprocity, those hours will be paid at the employee's regular straight-time hourly rate at the time of payment. No interest shall be paid by the City on this account.~~

Section 13.2. Eligible Uses of Sick Leave with Pay; Procedures.

- (A) Sick leave with pay will be at an employee's regular straight-time hourly rate and shall be allowed to full-time employees in one-tenth (1/10th) of an hour increments for the following purposes:
- (1) Illness of, or injury to, the employee, whether at work or non-work related.
 - (2) Physical, dental, or mental consultation or treatment of the employee by professional medical or dental personnel, whether work or non-work related.
 - (3) Sickness of a spouse, domestic partner provided the terms of Ordinance No. 1077-2010, as amended, are met, child, stepchild, and upon prior approval of the Appointing Authority, a family member who is dependent upon the employee for **their** his/her health and wellbeing. [Note: This definition does not apply to the Family and Medical Leave Act **or Paid Family Leave.**]
 - (4) Quarantine because of contagious disease. The Appointing Authority

or designee shall require a certificate of the attending physician before allowing any paid sick leave under this subsection.

- (5) **A bargaining unit member may be granted up to five (5) days of available leave (i.e., sick leave, PTO, or compensatory time in accordance with Articles 11, 13, and 15) to be paid as chosen by the employee for the death of a member of the employee's Immediate Family.** ~~Death in the employee's immediate family, as that term is defined in Article 1, Definitions, of this Agreement. **Up to three (3) of the five (5) days of available leave shall be paid as bereavement leave and not deducted from the employee's sick leave bank. In the event of no available leave balances, the employee may be granted leave without pay in accordance with Section 14.6 of this Agreement.**~~
- (6) Maternity, paternity and adoption leave **for employees until the effective date of the Paid Family Leave benefit under Article 10; thereafter, employees will no longer be able to use sick leave benefits for maternity, paternity, and adoption leave.**
- (7) ~~Up to three (3) of the five (5) days of available leave in Section 14.13 shall be paid as bereavement leave and not deducted from the employee's sick leave bank.~~
- (B) Any leave which is granted under this Section for reasons permissible under an FMLA leave as provided in Section 14.9 shall be charged as an FMLA leave and shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per **rolling twelve (12) month period** year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.
- (C) To the extent that it is possible to do so, employees shall submit sick leave requests in advance for medical appointments and scheduled treatments. Employees calling off sick shall complete and submit sick leave requests to their supervisors promptly upon their return to work.
- (D) In cases of extended illness (defined as three (3) or more consecutive work days) or frequent intermittent use of sick leave or suspected abuse, as determined by the Appointing Authority or designee, the Appointing Authority or designee may require evidence as to the adequacy of the reason(s) for an employee's absence during the time for which sick leave is requested.
- (E) Such evidence documenting the reasons for an employee's absence (both for illness of the employee, or **their** ~~his/her~~ immediate family) is defined as a certificate acceptable to the Appointing Authority or designee stating date(s) of treatment and the diagnosis, prognosis and expected return to work date from a licensed physician or other appropriate medical professional; provided, however, that falsification of either a written signed statement of the employee or a physician's certificate shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal, as well as grounds for denial of sick

leave.

- (F) Any sick leave that is determined, after investigation, as improperly used by the employee shall be repaid to the City.
- (G) If the Appointing Authority or designee has reason to question the ability of an employee to return to work, the Appointing Authority or designee may also require a certification that the employee is able to return to duty at the conclusion of a sick leave. If that certification from the employee's treating physician is not forthcoming or satisfactory, the Appointing Authority or designee may require the employee to be examined by a licensed physician or other appropriate medical professional identified by the Appointing Authority or designee. Failure to submit to the examination shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action as well as grounds for denial of sick leave.

Section 13.3. Advances on Sick Leave by City Council.

Except as provided by discretionary action of the City Council, sick leave cannot be taken before it is credited to an employee's sick leave account. In appropriate circumstances and within the discretion of City Council, employees may receive sick leave in advance upon passage of an ordinance by City Council authorizing such an advance. Any employee who has been advanced additional sick leave time by action of City Council must agree as a condition of the advance to have amounts deducted from their ~~his/her~~ sick leave account, during the first pay period of each year, not to exceed **eighty (80)** ~~seventy-two (72)~~ hours, until the advance is repaid. Under no circumstances shall an employee's annual sick leave entitlement be reduced by more hours than the aggregate yearly amount as set forth in the ordinance authorizing said advancement. Except as herein written, all provisions of the original ordinance advancing sick leave shall remain in effect.

Section 13.4. Annual Sick Leave Reciprocity Payment.

- (A) During November of **2023 and 2024**~~each year~~, each employee shall elect one of the following:
 - (1) To be paid, at the employee's ~~his/her~~ regular straight-time hourly rate in effect at that time, for any unused sick leave hours awarded during the preceding calendar year, up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours, on a one-for-one basis; or
 - (2) To carry over all unused sick leave hours to the next year as part of the employee's sick leave bank; or
 - (3) To split on a 50/50 basis (rounded to the nearest 1/10 of an hour) the remaining annual entitlement with one-half (1/2) going to the employee's CWA sick leave bank and one-half (1/2) being paid out in sick leave reciprocity.

An election to convert unused sick leave to cash occurs during the payroll year and payment for those unused hours will be made in

January of 2024 and 2025 following the payroll year.

- (B) Any hours of sick leave taken during the payroll year shall be deducted from the maximum amount of annual sick leave reciprocity (i.e., 80 hours) prior to calculating the annual sick leave reciprocity payment.
- (C) If an employee uses five (5) days or less of injury leave (regardless of the number of claims) during the year, this leave shall not be considered sick leave taken for computing sick leave reciprocity. If an employee uses more than five (5) days of injury leave, all injury leave used during the year will be considered hours of sick leave taken in computing sick leave reciprocity.
- (D) Employees who fail to sign the payroll register making an election to carry over, receive payment, or split their sick leave as outlined above shall maintain the same option as they elected the prior year.
- ~~(E) Employees cannot carry over their sick leave if by doing so they will exceed a total of four hundred (400) hours in their sick leave bank. Any hours in excess of four hundred (400) hours will be paid at the employee's straight-time hourly rate in effect at the time of payment.~~
- (E) Employees shall not have the option of electing to convert unused sick leave to cash in November 2025 for payment in January 2026 or at any time thereafter.**

Section 13.5. Disposition of Sick Leave Balances upon Separation from City Employment.

- (A) Annual Sick Leave Entitlement. When an employee separates from City service through resignation, retirement or layoff on or before December 31, the employee shall receive payment for their ~~his/her~~ annual sick leave entitlement as defined in Section 13.1 as follows:
 - (1) The annual sick leave entitlement which that employee has to their ~~his/her~~ credit at the time of separation shall be reduced by six and 67/100 (6.67) hours for each calendar month remaining in the calendar year following the month of separation.
 - (2) If, after such calculation, the employee has any unused sick leave for that year, the employee shall be paid, at the time of separation, for such unused sick leave hours, at their ~~his/her~~ regular straight-time hourly rate in effect at that time, less applicable withholding and any amounts owed by the employee to the City.
 - (3) If, after such calculation, the employee has used more sick leave hours than that to which they were ~~he/she was~~ entitled, an amount shall be deducted from the employee's ~~his/her~~ final paycheck for such hours, at their ~~his/her~~ regular straight-time hourly rate in effect at that time.

(B) Sick Leave Bank Payout Upon Separation. ~~All sick leave in the employee's sick leave bank may be paid to the employee who is separating from City service as follows: The number of accumulated unused hours up to three hundred twenty (320) hours shall be divided by two (2) and multiplied by the employee's hourly rate of pay at time of separation. All such lump sum payments are subject to applicable withholding and deduction for any sums owed by the employee to the City.~~ **An employee who experiences a Separation from City Employment may elect to receive pay for accumulated current sick leave or to transfer said sick leave to another political subdivision of the State of Ohio. If an employee elects to receive a lump-sum payment, said payment shall be one (1) hour pay for each two (2) hours of unused sick leave for all accruals up to and including nine hundred and fifty (950) hours.**

The City reserves the right to deduct from any final sick leave payment to the employee any amounts which the employee owes to the City.

- (C) Transferring Sick Leave to Other Political Subdivisions. Employees who are leaving City service to accept employment with another political subdivision of the State of Ohio may elect to transfer sick leave to that political subdivision, if it will accept such a transfer. Employees must elect to be paid or transfer sick leave balances to another political subdivision in writing prior to termination and at a time specified by the Auditor's Office for processing terminal leave pay.
- (D) Payment Upon Death. If an employee dies during employment with the City, their his/her unused sick leave account balances as defined herein shall be paid to a **their designated beneficiary** surviving spouse. In the event that the employee has no **designated beneficiary** surviving spouse, said balance shall be paid to the employee's **surviving spouse. In the event the employee has no designated beneficiary or surviving spouse, said balance shall be paid to the employee's** estate. The employee's sick leave balances shall be valued at the time of death in accordance with the applicable Sections of this Article.

Section 13.6. Sick Leave Disposition When Moving from Full-Time to Part-Time Status.

For any employee who moves from full-time status to part-time status on or before December 31 of any calendar year and who has used more sick leave hours than that to which the employee was entitled, the value of such hours shall first be deducted from the employee's sick leave bank. If the employee has insufficient hours in their his/her bank, such hours will be deducted from earned and unused **PTO**vacation accruals to the employee's credit. If the employee does not have sufficient sick leave and **PTO**vacation leave to cover the additional sick leave hours credited, the City shall develop a schedule to recover the funds out of any subsequent bi-weekly pay checks.

ARTICLE 14 – OTHER LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 14.1. Military Leave.

- (A) Full-time non-seasonal employees who are members of the Uniformed Services shall be granted military leave of absence with pay when ordered to service in the Uniformed Services including but not limited to active duty for training or annual training) for a maximum of twenty-two (22) eight (8) hour work days (176 hours), whether or not consecutive, during each calendar year. In the event that the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Ohio, or the Chief Executive Officer of the United States declares that a state of emergency exists, the employee, if ordered to active duty for purposes of that emergency, shall be paid pursuant to this Section 14.1 for a maximum of an additional twenty-two (22) eight (8) hour work days (176 hours), whether or not consecutive, during each calendar year.
- (B) An employee shall be paid his/her regular salary for each scheduled workday such employee is absent during military leave of absence with pay authorized by this Section 14.1.
- (C) The City shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and City laws relating to the granting of military leave and reinstating employees upon the conclusion of said leave. The City will maintain the benefits offered under all applicable laws as of the effective date of this Contract regardless of whether the laws are later revised to reduce the benefits provided herein.

Section 14.2. Jury Duty Leave.

- (A) An employee serving on a jury in any court **in the state of Ohio** ~~of record of Franklin County, Ohio, or adjoining counties~~ shall be paid his/her regular salary for the period of time so served. Time so served upon a jury shall be deemed active service with the City for all purposes. The employee is required to obtain a signed record from the courts to document the time spent on jury duty. Upon receipt of payment for jury service during regular working hours, the employee shall deposit such funds with the City Treasurer. An employee on jury duty leave who is normally assigned to the second or third shift in a twenty-four (24) hour continuous operation shall be assigned to the first shift, Monday through Friday, for the duration of his/her jury duty.
- (B) When an employee receives notice for jury duty in any court **in the state of Ohio** ~~of record of Franklin County, Ohio, or in any adjoining county~~, he/she shall present such notice to his/her immediate supervisor. A copy will be made of the notice and filed and recorded in the employee's personnel file.
 - (1) When notified by the court to report for jury duty on a certain day, a time report shall be completed and signed by the assignment commissioner or appropriate court official for each day during jury

service setting forth the time of arrival and departure from the court. Such record shall be presented by the employee to his/her supervisor upon return to work.

- (2) When an employee is not required to be in court for jury duty for two (2) or more hours of his/her regular shift, he/she shall report to work for such time at the beginning of his/her work shift before being required to report to jury duty and/or after being released from jury duty two (2) or more hours before the end of his/her work shift. The supervisor in each individual case shall determine the time the employee shall be released from work to report to jury duty or return to work after being released from jury duty.

Section 14.3. Examination Leave.

Time off with pay shall be allowed for employees participating in City Civil Service tests administered locally; or taking a required examination pertinent to their City employment or promotional opportunity within City employment before a state or federal licensing board administered locally with prior notice or proof of same to the Appointing Authority.

Section 14.4. Court Leave.

Time off with pay shall be allowed employees who are subpoenaed to attend any legal proceedings as a witness on behalf of the City of Columbus. ~~PTO/vacation leave~~ or leave without pay shall be granted to employees who are subpoenaed for other purposes. In the event that an employee is required to appear as a witness in a legal proceeding on behalf of a governmental body other than the City, the Human Resources Director or designee shall consider and may grant leave with pay, if he/she deems it appropriate. The provisions of Section 14.2(B)(2) above shall apply to all leaves granted under this Section 14.4.

Section 14.5. Disaster Leave.

Time off with pay shall be allowed to a fully qualified employee for service in specialized disaster relief service for the American Red Cross. Said leave shall be granted only after the requisition of the individual serving in such capacity by the American Red Cross. Eligibility of any employee for such service shall be established prior to the granting of leave and is subject to the approval of the Appointing Authority for the individual involved.

Section 14.6. Personal Leave.

Employees who have completed their probationary period may be granted personal leave of absence without pay by the Appointing Authority for good cause but employment other than with the City will not be considered grounds for such leave. Such leave may not exceed sixty (60) calendar days; however, extensions may be granted under the Civil Service Rules, if such need arises. Any such leave which is granted for reasons permissible under an FMLA leave as provided in Section 14.9 shall be charged as an FMLA leave and shall be subject to the twelve-week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.

Section 14.7. Educational Leave.

Employees may be granted a leave of absence without pay by the Appointing Authority for educational purposes. Such leave shall initially be limited to sixty (60) calendar days with possible extensions up to one (1) year provided such further educational pursuits are related to the operations of the City. Tuition reimbursement, as outlined in Section 23.1

of this Agreement, will not apply towards such leave.

Section 14.8. Injury Leave.

(A) General Scope of Benefits and Eligibility for Injury Leave.

The Injury Leave program is a benefit intended to cover employees, full-time and part-time injured on the job. Injury Leave will be approved according to the provisions of this contract and the rules and policies of the Human Resource Director or designee.

Injury Leave benefits will be paid through the end of the fifth calendar year following the date of injury or diagnosis as determined by the BWC.

~~On-The-Job Injuries. All employees shall be allowed injury leave with pay up to a maximum of sixty (60) workdays per calendar year for on-the-job injuries, not to exceed a total of one hundred twenty (120) workdays per injury. The one hundred twenty (120) day total shall apply to injury leave taken on or after April 1, 1990, and any injuries (and any recurrences of the same injuries) occurring prior to January 1, 2010. Any injury leave which is granted for reasons permissible under an FMLA leave as provided in Section 14.9 shall be charged as an FMLA leave and shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.~~

~~For all injuries that occur on or after January 1, 2010, all full-time and part-time employees shall be allowed injury leave with pay up to a maximum of forty (40) workdays per calendar year for on-the-job injuries, not to exceed a total of eighty (80) workdays per injury, for on-the-job injuries that meet the requirements set forth in this Article. The eighty (80) day total shall apply to injuries (and any recurrences of the same injuries) occurring on or after January 1, 2010.~~

~~Injuries must be reported to the employee's immediate supervisor no more than two (2) working days after such injury is known. If an employee who has been granted injury leave does not begin receiving payments in lieu of wages from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation by the time the injury leave has been exhausted, and the employee has a claim filed under the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation laws for such payment, then the City shall continue to pay the employee seventy-two percent (72%) or sixty-six and 2/3 percent (66 2/3%), whichever is applicable, of his/her wages until such time as payments from the Bureau are received or the claim is denied by the Industrial Commission of Ohio. In any instance of double payment by both the City and the Bureau for the same day or days, the employee shall provide full reimbursement to the City in a prompt manner.~~

(B) Report of Injury. Determination by the Department of Human Resources.

Injuries believed to be service connected must be reported immediately to the employee's immediate or acting supervisor. The employee shall complete and submit the City of Columbus accident report to the Department's Human Resources representative within forty-eight (48) hours. If the employee is physically unable to comply with the forty-eight (48) hour deadline, the employee's immediate or acting supervisor will complete the accident report on the employee's behalf, and forward to the Department's Human Resources representative and the Department's Safety Officer. Failure to follow the reporting procedure may result in discipline. The City will confirm receipt of the accident report to the injured employee and the Union within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt.

The employee's obligation to report their injury under this Section is not a condition precedent to being eligible for or receiving injury leave.

- ~~(1) Report of Injury. All then available medical documentation, supporting documentation, and a report of the cause of all injuries, both original or recurrent, must be submitted by the employee to the employee's immediate supervisor within fourteen (14) days from the date the injury is known. Signatures of the employee's immediate supervisor, the Division Administrator, and the Appointing Authority are required thereafter. Claims must be submitted through the Department or Division Human Resources representative, to the Human Resources Department within a total of twenty-eight (28) days from the date the injury is known (provided, however, that an employee's eligibility for injury leave shall not be prejudiced by a delay in filing caused by supervisors if the employee has complied with his/her fourteen (14) day filing deadline). Except that the Director of Human Resources or designee, may grant additional time if the doctor fails to provide additional information that has been timely requested.~~
- ~~(2) Actual Performance of Duties. Injury leave with pay shall be granted to an employee only for original or recurrent injuries determined by the Director of Human Resources or designee as caused by the performance of the actual duties of his/her position. Whenever an employee is required to stop working because of an injury or other service connected disability, he/she shall be paid for the remaining hours of that day or shift at his/her regular rate, and such time shall not be charged to leave of any kind. The City may require an independent medical examination for any employee requesting injury leave, at the City's expense.~~
- ~~(3) Written Authorization and Return to Work. No employee shall be granted injury leave with pay unless the Appointing Authority has in his/her possession written authorization signed by the Director of Human Resources or designee indicating the approximate length of~~

~~the leave. No employee on injury leave shall be returned to work without the written approval of an attending physician. If there is a recurrence of a previous injury, the Appointing Authority must request approval of injury leave for each recurrence. If, in the judgment of the Director of Human Resources or designee, the injury is such that the employee is capable of performing his/her regular duties or light duties during the period of convalescence, he/she shall so notify the Appointing Authority in writing and deny injury leave with pay.~~

(C) **Payment for Absence on Day of Injury.**

Whenever an employee is required to stop working because of an injury or other service connected disability, they shall be paid for the remaining hours of that day or shift at their regular rate and such time shall not be charged to leave of any kind.

(D) **Requirements for Receiving Injury Leave.**

All employees shall be allowed Injury Leave with pay up to a maximum of forty (40) workdays per year, not to exceed a total of eighty workdays, per allowed Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("BWC") claim number upon verification of the following:

(1) An order of the BWC, Industrial Commission or court allowing the workers' compensation claim for the conditions disabling the employee per MEDCO 14 or equivalent presented by the approved medical provider and the City has not appealed the claim allowances; and

(2) A BWC approved medical provider of the employee's choosing determines that the employee is temporary and totally disabled; and

(3) The employee submits a MEDCO 14 or equivalent issued by the employee's BWC approved medical provider of record to the Department's Human Resources representative. Injury Leave will continue to be paid as long as supported by MEDCO 14 or equivalent from the employee's BWC approved medical provider.

(E) **Return to Work. No employee on Injury Leave shall be returned to work without the written approval of the employee's BWC approved medical provider.**

(F) **Continued Contact with the ~~Department Division~~ and Return to Work Notification.** An employee on injury leave shall maintain oral biweekly contact with the ~~division personnel officer~~ **Department's Human Resources representative** or designee during the period of time ~~he/she is~~ **they are** injured. This requirement may be modified in writing by the

~~personnel officer~~ Department's Human Resources representative or designee for extended leaves. An employee shall notify the Department's Human Resources representative or designee at least seven (7) days before their expected return to work date to reconfirm that date.

(G) Employees receiving Injury Leave shall not:

(1) Engage in any outside activity inconsistent with restrictions or medical advice or that adversely affects the employee's recovery, as established by the employee's BWC approved medical provider; or

(2) Knowingly make a false or misleading statement or alter, falsify, destroy or conceal any document in order to receive the Injury Leave.

Violation of this section may result in termination of Injury Leave benefits and/or discipline.

(H) Termination of Benefits. Injury Leave will terminate:

(1) When the employee's BWC approved medical provider releases the employee back to work or for transitional duty; or

(2) For work hours during which the employee is incarcerated; or

(3) When Temporary Total benefits under the employee's workers' compensation claim are denied by the BWC or Industrial Commission; or

(4) When the Industrial Commission, or the employee's BWC approved medical provider determines that the employee is no longer entitled to Temporary Total benefits because the employee has reached Maximum Medical Improvement, unless such benefits are reinstated following an appeal to court; or

(5) If the employee is disqualified from workers' compensation benefits; or

(6) If the employee accepts workers' compensation Temporary Total disability benefits; or

(7) When an employee is provided an opportunity to perform transitional duties with the restrictions provided by the employee's BWC approved medical provider and refuses.

No Injury Leave time will be restored to an employee who has separated from City service.

- (I) **Errors and Fraud. Injury Leave found to be paid in error due to the employee's return to work, medical evidence of ability to return to work, employees refusal to return to work in a transitional duty assignment approved by the employee's BWC approved medical provider or the fraudulent receipt of injury leave while performing work outside employment shall be promptly repaid to the City.**
- (J) Forty (40) Day Fitness Hearing. After forty (40) days, the City may conduct a hearing to determine the employee's ability to perform the essential functions of his/her **their** classification.
- (K) **Coordination with FMLA Leave. Any Injury Leave which is granted for reasons permissible under the FMLA shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.**
- (L) **Vocational Rehabilitation. If the physician of record indicates an employee is medically eligible to participate in vocational rehabilitation, the employee shall agree to participate in the BWC voluntary vocational rehabilitation program. In the event the employee chooses not to participate, the Appointing Authority will be notified in writing and injury leave with pay will be denied.**

~~(6) Outside Employment. No injury leave payments shall be made to any employee who is working for one's self and/or another employer: (1) where such work involves or requires the performance of the same or similar duties as those regularly performed by the employee for the City; or (2) where such job involves duties and/or physical demands the performance of which would conflict with the injury/medical condition allowed.~~

~~Additionally, no injury leave payments will be made to any employee who is receiving temporary total benefits from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.~~

~~(7) Limitation on Recreational Activities. No injury leave payment shall be made to any employee engaged in recreational activities where the physical demands of such activities conflict with the injury/medical condition allowed.~~

~~(8) Fraudulent Claims. Fraudulent actions automatically preclude employees from receiving injury leave benefits and if any benefits are paid pursuant to a fraudulent claim, they shall be repaid immediately and/or may be withheld from an employee's final pay upon termination. Fraudulent actions are subject to disciplinary action where appropriate.~~

~~(9) Leave Pending Decision. Pending a decision by the Director of Human Resources or designee, an employee applying for injury leave may be carried on sick leave or vacation leave with pay, in that~~

~~order, which shall be restored to his/her credit upon certification by the Director of Human Resources or designee that injury leave has been approved. However, when an employee is applying for injury leave, exclusive of apparent heart attack cases, and the Division Administrator can establish that the injury occurred during the employee's hours of work for the City, then the employee may be carried on injury leave with pay pending certification by the Director of Human Resources or designee that injury leave has been approved. In no case may the employee be carried on injury leave for a period of time in excess of the employee's amount of accumulated sick leave and vacation leave prior to certification by the Director of Human Resources or designee that injury leave has been approved. If injury leave is not certified by the Director of Human Resources or designee, the employee will be charged sick leave, and vacation leave, in that order, for the time used.~~

~~(10) Appeal to Board of Industrial Relations. Any injured employee may appeal the decision of the Director of Human Resources or designee by written notice to the Board of Industrial Relations within ten (10) days of notification that injury leave has been denied. The Board of Industrial Relations, at the City's expense, may require an employee to be examined by a physician of the Board's choice. The Industrial Relations Board's decision shall be final. The employee may appeal the Board's decision to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.~~

(M) Time Off for Examination, Treatment and Related Hearings. Pursuant to rules established by the Director of Human Resources or designee, time off for the purpose of medical examination, including examinations by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, **for the purpose of medical treatment or allowance** and/or treatments resulting from **an injury approved under the Injury Leave program, shall be charged to Injury Leave.** ~~occurring during any period of time an employee was in paid status and performed services for the City required by his/her employment shall be charged to injury leave.~~ **Examinations, by the BWC, for the purposes of permanent partial awards, are not eligible for Injury Leave. A maximum of four (4) hours of Injury Leave shall be allowed per scheduled physician's appointment and/or treatment resulting from an on-the-job injury.** ~~Actual time spent, not to exceed four (4) hours of injury leave shall be allowed per scheduled physician's appointment and/or treatment resulting from an on-the-job injury (including travel time). An employee will be retained in his/her **their** current pay status at the time of Bureau of Workers' Compensation hearings or Industrial Relations Board hearings, if the employee provides his/her **their** immediate supervisor with proof of hearing notice prior to the date of hearing. The Director of Human Resources or designee may approve an employee's request for injury leave of greater than four (4) hours for a scheduled physician's appointment or for treatment resulting from an on-the-job injury if the Director of Human Resources or designee determines that such request is supported by medical documentation. However, such medical documentation must be submitted~~

to and in a form acceptable to the Director of Human Resources or designee by the employee prior to such appointment and/or treatment in order to be considered.

- (N) Accrual of Other Benefits. While an employee is on approved injury leave with pay, PERS contributions and all employee benefits (except sick leave, vacation **PTO**, and holidays) as provided elsewhere in this Agreement shall continue uninterrupted and the City shall maintain applicable insurance benefits for the employee until such time as the employee returns to duty or is terminated from employment. Upon proof that an employee is receiving payments in lieu of wages from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, applicable insurance benefits shall continue uninterrupted until the employee returns to duty or is terminated from employment. In all cases where insurance benefits are continued, the employee must make arrangements to pay their share of insurance premiums monthly in advance.

- (O) Use of Other Leaves Pending Decision on Injury Leave. Pending a decision on the allowance of the employee's workers' compensation claim, an employee applying for Injury Leave may be carried on sick leave, PTO, or compensatory time with pay, in that order, which shall be restored to their credit upon certification by the Director of the Human Resources Department or designee that the conditions of Section 14.8 have been satisfied. If Injury Leave is not certified by the Director of the Human Resources Department or designee, the employee will be charged sick leave, PTO or compensatory time, in that order, for the time used or charged leave without pay after the employee's sick leave, PTO and compensatory time are exhausted.

~~Administration by Director of Human Resources or Designee. The provisions of this Section 14.8 shall be administered by the Director of Human Resources or designee who shall make necessary rules, devise forms, keep records and investigate cases subject to the approval of the Industrial Relations Board.~~

- (P) Deadline for Application for Disability Following Denial of Injury Leave. In the event the employee has been denied all remedies through Injury Leave and Workers' Compensation, the employee has thirty (30) days to file for short-term disability benefits.

- ~~(G) If the Physician of Record indicates an employee is medically eligible to participate in vocational rehabilitation, the employee shall agree to participate in the Bureau of Workers' Compensation voluntary vocational rehabilitation program. In the event the employee chooses not to participate, the Appointing Authority will be notified in writing and injury leave with pay will be denied.~~

Section 14.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave.

- (A) The Family and Medical Leave Act requires employers to provide notice to employees of their rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. The City uses the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division (WHD) publication 1420 to accomplish this notice and has included WHD publication 1420 in Appendix X. The City will implement the FMLA in accordance with the FMLA and Department of Labor FMLA regulations which may be in effect from time to time. The City specifically reserves all of its rights to rely upon and apply the FMLA and the Department of Labor FMLA regulations in its administration of FMLA leave regardless of the fact that the statute and regulations are not duplicated in this article.
- (B) In addition to the above paragraph, the City also:
- (1) Calculates FMLA leave using a “rolling” twelve (12) month period measured backward from the date of any FMLA leave usage;
 - (2) Requires the employee to provide medical certification for his/her own serious health condition or the serious health condition of a family member as permitted by the FMLA and the regulations pertaining to the FMLA; An employee’s failure to provide a timely medical certification may result in the delay or denial of leave;
 - (3) Retains the right to require written documentation of the family relationship when applicable;
 - (4) Requires employees to follow all applicable customary notice and procedural requirements for requesting leave;
 - (5) Requires employees to utilize all accrued sick leave, disability leave if applicable, PTO vacation, and compensatory time in that order, for any FMLA leave taken for any FMLA-qualifying reason **except for reasons that qualify for and for which Paid Family Leave is granted under Section**. Any paid leave taken shall run concurrently with FMLA. An employee may request to retain a PTO vacation balance not to exceed forty (40) hours when exhausting FMLA. When using paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the terms and conditions of the City’s normal paid leave policies. If the employee does not comply with the City’s normal paid leave policies, the employee is not entitled to paid leave, but may take unpaid FMLA leave.
 - (6) ~~Requires~~ **Authorizes** employees to take FMLA leave after the birth of a healthy child or after the placement of a healthy child for adoption or foster care **intermittently**, ~~only as a block of continuous FMLA leave (not intermittent leave) unless the City otherwise agrees. The Appointing Authority may authorize intermittent leave at its discretion;~~

- (7) Requires employees who take FMLA leave for their own serious health condition to provide medical certification of their fitness to report back to work; the City may delay an employee's return to work until the certification is provided;
 - (8) Requires an employee on FMLA leave to report periodically on his/her status and intent to return to work. An employee is not permitted to work for another employer or be self-employed while on FMLA leave from the City;
 - (9) Requires that leaves that are granted under any other provision of this Contract or under State law, whether paid or unpaid, including ~~PTO~~vacation leave, sick leave, **Paid Family Leave**, injury leave, disability leave, or leave without pay as provided in Articles **10**, 11, 13, 14 and 18, respectively, for purposes which are covered under the Family and Medical Leave Act, shall be charged as FMLA leave and shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.
- (C) During an unpaid FMLA leave, employees shall not continue to accrue seniority or continuous service and shall not accrue any employment benefits for the period of the leave, except for continuation of insurance benefits.
 - (D) In situations where the employer/employee relationship has been interrupted, such as an employee who has been on layoff, the employee must be recalled or otherwise be re-employed before being eligible for FMLA leave. Under such circumstances, an eligible employee is immediately entitled to further FMLA leave for a qualifying reason.

Section 14.10. Transitional Return to Work.

The City agrees to make reasonable efforts to provide transitional return to work assignments for all employees who have sustained an occupational injury or illness or a re-occurrence/exacerbation of a pre-existing condition or, in some cases, are returning from short-term disability leave. This Section 14.10 is not to be construed as requiring the assignment of transitional return to work in any case, but only that reasonable efforts to do so will be made. This will be done in accordance with the following:

- (A) During the time an employee is in a transitional return to work program, the employee will be assigned duties which the employee is capable of performing based upon the recommendation of the employee's attending physician. Such assignment shall not exceed ninety (90) days. Duties will be reviewed bi-weekly and may be discontinued at any time.
- (B) Upon request of the City, employees must participate in the transitional return to work program unless precluded from participation by their attending physician. If an employee is capable of performing his/her regular duties or transitional duties, such duties are available and the employee refuses to return to work, applicable benefits shall not be paid.

- (C) A transitional return to work assignment may be to a classification in a lower pay range and the employee's regular hourly rate of pay will not be reduced.
- (D) The terms of the transitional return to work arrangements shall be reduced to writing including the instructions of the employee's attending physician.

Section 14.11. Reopener.

The parties agree that Article 14 will be reopened if either of the following two actions occur:

- (A) Should the City opt to self-insure Workers' Compensation.
- (B) The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes its rating methodology in such a way as to negatively impact the injury leave program.

Negotiations shall not exceed thirty (30) days. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, they shall submit unresolved issues through arbitration pursuant to Section 8.2, Step 3, of this Agreement, except that the parties shall share the expenses equally.

Section 14.12. Betty Brzezinski Living Organ Donor Leave.

A full-time employee in active service will be eligible to receive regular pay for up to two hundred forty (240) hours of leave per year for the employee's donation of any portion of an adult liver, lung or pancreas or because of the employee's donation of an adult kidney.

A full-time employee in active service is eligible to receive regular pay for up to fifty-six (56) hours of leave per year for the employee's donation of adult bone marrow.

Such leave shall be charged as Family Medical Leave (FMLA) as provided in Section 14.9 and shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave provided the employee qualifies as provided in Section 14.9(A).

Paid time off pursuant to this Section is subject to review of appropriate medical documentation by the Director of Human Resources or designee.

Section 14.13. Bereavement Observed.

A bargaining unit member may be granted up to five (5) days of **paid bereavement leave** available leave **for the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. The City shall pay the first three (3) days. The two (2) additional days shall be compensated through a deduction from** (i.e., sick leave, vacation leave **PTO**, and/or compensatory time in accordance with Articles 11, 13, and 15) ~~to be paid as chosen by the employee for the death of a member of the employee's immediate family.~~ **Bereavement leave shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay.** In the event of no available leave balances, the employee may be granted leave without pay in accordance with Section 14.6 of this Agreement.

Section 14.14. Leave of Absence to Accept Another Job Classification.

An employee may be granted a leave of absence in accordance with the Civil Service Commission Rules if the member accepts appointment to another classification until that

probationary period is completed. An employee's request will not be denied arbitrarily or capriciously. Upon the employee's written request, any reason for such denial will be provided to both CWA and the employee in writing.

Section 14.15. Precinct Election Official Leave. [Incorporate MOU 2022-08]

- (A) **Eligibility. Any employee who is a registered voter of Franklin County, who resides in the City of Columbus, and who meets the other requirements established by the law and the Franklin County Board of Elections may request Election Official Leave with pay for the purposes of being a judge of an election engaged by the Franklin County Board of Elections.**

The employee must obtain written authorization for paid Precinct Election Official Leave from the Appointing Authority prior to contacting the Board of Elections to register as a judge of an election. The Appointing Authority reserves the right to reject an application based on operational need. Should several employees apply who perform a similar function and operational need dictates that not all may participate, then priority shall be given by the Appointing Authority on the basis of the order in which applications are received.

- (B) **If ~~t~~The Board of Elections reserves the right to refuses to place an employee with prior approval for Precinct Election Official leave if the employee's services are not needed on Election Day. In such an instance, the employee must report to work during the employee's regular work hours. Lastly, the Board of Elections may give priority to employees who have served as judges in prior elections.**

- (C) **Leave for Training. The employee will be required to attend Precinct Election Official training courses as mandated by Ohio law. Training will be conducted by the Franklin County Board of Elections. Training held during the employees normal working hours will be covered under the Precinct Election Official Leave Program. This paid leave for Precinct Election Official training will not be considered "hours worked" for the purpose of computing overtime. The employee's prompt return to work on the employee's next regular working day is expected, and violation of such is subject to the normal policies and procedures of the employee's appointing authority.**

- (D) **Election Leave & Pay. An employee using Precinct Election Official Leave is entitled to the regular compensation awarded to judges of elections under Ohio Law and as established by the Franklin County Board of Elections in addition to the employee's Precinct Official leave with pay. This leave with pay is not to be considered "hours worked" for the purpose of computing overtime. As verification that the employee serves as a Precinct Election Official on Election Day, the employee shall submit a copy of the employee's poll worker paycheck or pay stub provided by**

the Board of Elections subsequent to each election worked. Following Election Day, the employee's prompt return to work on the employee's next regular working day is expected, and violation of such is subject to the normal policies and procedures of the employee's Appointing Authority.

ARTICLE 15 - HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 15.1. Application of Article.

This Article is intended only as a basis for calculating overtime payments for overtime eligible (i.e., only D-level) employees and to generally describe the parameters for employees' work schedules, and nothing in this Article or Agreement shall be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per shift, per week, or any other period.

Section 15.2. Normal Work Period and Workday.

Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the current normal work period for employees shall be seven (7) days. The normal workday shall be eight (8) hours of work, plus an unpaid lunch period scheduled near the middle of an employee's shift, subject to operating requirements. The current normal work schedule consists of five (5) eight (8) hour workdays in a seven (7) day work period. The City reserves the right, however, to establish or approve alternate work schedules in its discretion, and to determine the beginning and ending of the seven (7) day work period, scheduled days off and the beginning and ending time of all work shifts in a day.

Section 15.3. Changes In Normal Work Schedule, Work Period and Workday.

Should it be necessary in the interest of efficient operations to establish schedules departing from the normal or established work schedule, work period, workday or shifts, the Appointing Authority or his/her designee will give at least forty-eight (48) hours notice where practicable of such change to the individuals affected by such change.

Section 15.4. Overtime Pay.

- (A) **Employee Eligibility.** Employees whose job classifications are listed in Appendix B, E-level classifications, of this Agreement are not eligible to receive compensation for overtime worked. Employees whose job classifications are listed in Appendix B, D-level classifications, of this Agreement are eligible to receive payment in cash or compensatory time off for overtime worked as provided in this Section 15.4.
- (B) **Overtime Eligibility and Pay.** When any D-level employee works between forty (40) and forty-eight (48) hours in a seven (7) day work period, **they** he/she shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times **their** his/her regular straight-time hourly rate of pay for each overtime hour worked. Overtime worked beyond forty-eight (48) hours in a seven (7) day work period shall be paid at double **their** ~~time his/her~~ regular straight time hourly rate. Overtime pay shall be received in one-tenth (1/10th) of an hour segments. For purposes of this Article, time worked shall include only that

time spent on duty as provided by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), plus time compensated but not actually worked for jury duty, holidays, compensatory time and ~~PTO vacation leave~~, but shall not include any other uncompensated periods or time which is compensated but not actually worked, including but not limited to **Paid Family Leave**, sick leave, injury leave, or any other paid or unpaid leave of absence. Call-back hours not worked will not be counted towards overtime (time and one-half or double time) eligibility. All overtime shall be paid on the basis of a regular straight-time hourly rate calculated by dividing an employee's annual salary by 2080.

- (C) **Authorization of Overtime.** The City reserves the right to require overtime work. It shall be the policy of the City to avoid overtime work except when necessary as determined by the Appointing Authority or designee. Overtime work may only be performed on the authorization of the Appointing Authority or designee.

- (D) **Overtime Distribution.** Employees shall be canvassed annually to determine if they want to be offered overtime opportunities outside of their regular hours of work. Overtime eligibility lists shall be established based on seniority and the initial opportunities shall be offered based upon seniority. Thereafter, insofar as practicable, overtime shall be equitably distributed on a rotating basis by overtime hours worked among those who normally perform the work. Specific arrangements for implementation of these overtime provisions shall be worked out at the department level. Overtime rosters shall be purged at least every twelve (12) months. Such arrangements shall recognize that in the event the Appointing Authority or designee has determined the need for overtime, and if a sufficient number of employees is not secured through the above provisions, the Appointing Authority or designee shall have the right to require the least senior employee(s) on a rotating basis who normally performs the work to perform said overtime. The overtime distribution policy shall not apply to overtime work which is specific to a particular employee's work load or specialized work assignment or when the incumbent is required to finish a work assignment. An employee who is offered but refuses an overtime assignment shall be credited on the roster with the amount of overtime worked by the employee who accepted the overtime opportunity. An employee who agrees to work overtime and then fails to report for said overtime shall be credited with the amount of overtime hours accepted and the employee shall be considered absent without approved leave, unless the employee can prove that extenuating circumstances prevented the employee from reporting. In such cases the employee will be credited as if the overtime opportunity was refused. In the event of an emergency as determined by the City, the Appointing Authority or designee may assign someone to temporarily meet the emergency requirements, regardless of the overtime distribution roster.

Section 15.5. Compensatory Time.

- (A) Eligibility. A compensatory time account may be established for hourly full-time non-seasonal employees whose job classifications are listed in Appendix B, D-level classifications, of this Agreement.
- (B) Compensatory Time Calculation. Compensatory time may only be earned at the applicable rate as established in Section 15.4(B) in lieu of cash payment for authorized time worked on an overtime basis. By mutual agreement of the employee and the Appointing Authority or designee, an employee shall receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime payment at the applicable rate for time worked on an overtime basis. Compensatory time account balances shall be maintained in units of hours.
- (C) Conditions Governing Use and Accumulation. Compensatory time off shall be taken by the employee at such time or times as may be approved or established by the Appointing Authority. Any compensatory time account balance above eighty (80) hours shall be paid off at the employee's hourly rate as of the end of a pay period established by the Appointing Authority for each Division within the Appointing Authority's jurisdiction. The cut-off time established pursuant to this section shall be set no less than six (6) months in advance of the pay period selected. Notice of the date of the end of the selected pay period shall be posted within the Division and shall be sent to the City Auditor. No interest is to be paid by the City on any compensatory time account. Except for employees engaged in a public safety activity, emergency response activity or seasonal activity, employees who have accrued two hundred forty (240) hours of compensatory time, shall be paid for any additional overtime hours of work over two hundred forty (240). For employees working in a public safety activity, emergency response activity or seasonal activity, who have accrued four hundred eighty (480) hours of compensatory time shall be paid for any additional overtime hours of work over four hundred eighty (480).
- (D) Payment upon Certain Appointments, Separation from City Service or Death. An employee who is appointed to an exempt position with the City, separated from City service for any reason, or who dies while still employed shall be paid for any unused compensatory time account balance to the employee's ~~his/her~~ credit prior to starting the exempt position, upon separation, or upon death (less applicable withholding), less any amounts owed by the employee to the City. In the event of death, the payment shall be made to the employee's surviving spouse or to the employee's estate in the event there is no surviving spouse. Such payment shall be calculated by multiplying the employee's regular hourly straight time wage rate at the time of separation or death by the number of hours in their ~~his/her~~ compensatory time account balance.

Section 15.6. Call-Back Assignment and Pay.

When the City has an urgent and immediate operational need, employees may be called back to work. For overtime eligible employees, the provisions of Section 15.4(D) shall apply, depending on operational need. This call-back shall be deemed a call-back assignment under this Section when:

- (1) The employee is instructed to report to work by the Appointing Authority or designee after the employee ~~he/she~~ has been relieved of duty upon the completion of their ~~his/her~~ regular schedule and ~~he/she~~ does so report; and
- (2) It is an unscheduled work assignment that does not immediately precede or follow an employee's regularly scheduled work hours; and
- (3) The employee is instructed to report to work as soon as possible and may only refuse with good cause.

Full-time non-seasonal employees in a D-level classification, as provided in Appendix B, who work a call-back assignment as defined above shall be paid for a minimum of four (4) hours or the actual hours worked, whichever is greater, at one and one-half (1-1/2) the employee's straight time rate, or if applicable, double (2) time rates as provided in Section 15.4(B). Actual hours worked shall include thirty (30) minutes of travel time to the reporting location.

If the time extends to the employee's regular work shift or if the individual is called back to rectify their ~~his/her~~ own error, the four (4) hour minimum shall not apply, but the employee shall be paid for actual time worked, not including travel time, at applicable rates.

Section 15.7. Report-In Pay.

Report-in pay applies only to a full-time non-seasonal employee in a D-level classification as provided in Appendix B. When an employee eligible for report-in pay reports for work on their ~~his/her~~ assigned shift and has not received written notification from the Appointing Authority or ~~his/her~~ designee by the previous workday not to report, the employee ~~he/she~~ shall be assigned at least three (3) hours of work at any available job, or in the event that no work is available, the employee ~~he/she~~ shall be paid three (3) hours straight-time at their ~~his/her~~ regular hourly rate and released from duty no more than thirty (30) minutes after the report-in time. All written notices not to report shall be countersigned by the employee affected. This Section shall not apply in hazardous weather conditions, power failure, equipment failure, work stoppages or other conditions beyond the immediate control of the City.

Section 15.8. Late Reporting Procedure.

In the absence of a reasonable excuse as determined by the Appointing Authority or ~~his/her~~ designee, the failure of any employee to report to or cause themselves ~~himself~~ to be reported late or off duty in any City operation with two or three shifts at least one (1) hour before the employee's ~~his/her~~ scheduled starting time shall constitute and be reported as an absence without leave for all scheduled hours which were not worked. All other employees shall report or cause themselves to be reported late or off duty thirty (30) minutes prior to their regularly scheduled starting time, or at their regularly scheduled starting time, depending upon the reporting procedures established at their work location. Failure to report or to be reported in at the specified time above shall constitute and be reported as an absence without leave for all scheduled hours which were not worked.

The above provisions will not apply where it is impossible for the employee to comply due

to circumstances beyond the employee's control, provided that the employee will then report or cause themselves himself to be reported at the earliest opportunity followed by an acceptable written explanation of the circumstances that caused the employee him/her not to report as directed.

Section 15.9. Flex Time for D-Level Employees.

An Appointing Authority or designee shall determine whether to permit D-level employees to “flex” their time within any given workweek. The Appointing Authority or designee’s decision to allow, refuse, revise, or revoke an employee’s permission to flex their schedule in a given workweek is not grievable, except under Article 26 of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 16 – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING
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Section 16.1. Prohibited Conduct.

Employees shall be prohibited from:

- (A) Reporting to work or working under the influence of alcohol or medical marijuana;
- (B) Consuming or possessing alcohol or medical marijuana at any time while on duty, or anywhere on any City premises or in any City vehicle;
- (C) Possessing, using, being under the influence of, selling, purchasing, manufacturing, dispensing or delivering any illegal drug at any time and at any place;
- (D) Abusing, illegally distributing or selling any prescription drug;
- (E) Failing to report to their supervisor any work-related restrictions imposed as a result of prescription or over-the-counter medication they are taking;
- (F) Using any adulterants;
- (G) Refusing to take a drug and/or alcohol test.

Section 16.2. Testing to be Conducted.

- (A) Reasonable Suspicion. When the City has reason to believe an employee is: 1) under the influence of alcohol or medical marijuana, or consuming or possessing alcohol or medical marijuana in violation of this Article; or 2) is possessing, using or under the influence of illegal drugs; or 3) is misusing and/or abusing prescription drugs, the City shall require the employee to submit to drug and alcohol testing.

The City shall hold harmless any employee or supervisor, who, in good faith and with just cause, recommends that an employee be tested for drugs and/or alcohol.

- (B) Random Testing. All employees required to possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) shall be subject to random drug and alcohol testing pursuant to federal law and guidelines.
- (C) Post-Accident Testing. All employees, while driving a vehicle while conducting City business or while on duty, who are involved in a vehicular accident shall be required to submit to drug and alcohol testing where any of the following occur:
 - (1) A fatality; or
 - (2) The employee receives a citation and a vehicle is disabled and requires a tow; or
 - (3) The employee receives a citation and someone involved in the accident requires off-site medical treatment.

Section 16.3. Procedures.

- (A) CDL Testing procedures will be consistent with those set forth in federal regulations governing drug and alcohol testing for CDL holders. Any employee who tests positive for drugs and/or alcohol shall be relieved of duty without pay (unless the employee elects to use his/her available vacation or compensatory time balances) and referred to the City's Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Alcohol levels at .04 or higher for any CDL holder and at .06 or higher for any non-CDL holder shall be considered positive. Before returning to work after a positive test result, an employee must take a return-to-duty test and test negative. An employee shall be subject to follow-up testing consistent with the federal regulations governing drug and alcohol testing for CDL holders.
- (B) Any employee who voluntarily requests drug and alcohol education and/or treatment shall not be disciplined in connection with that request, if the request is made prior to an accident, prior to selection for random testing, and prior to the City's reasonable suspicion.
- (C) Failure to cooperate and refusal to test shall be construed as a positive test result. Any drug test that reveals the presence of adulterants shall be construed as a positive test.
- (D) Any employee who has completed his/her initial probationary period and tests positive the first time will not be disciplined for the positive result, provided that said employee complies with the provisions of the Drug-Free Workplace Policy. Additionally, the employee may be disciplined for other work rule or policy violations in connection with that positive result. A second positive drug or alcohol test shall result in discipline up to and including termination of employment.
- (E) The City shall maintain a policy and procedure for drug and alcohol testing

consistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

- (F) The City will continue to conduct training on reasonable suspicion and the random drug and alcohol testing process. This training will be provided to all affected employees, supervisors and bargaining unit representatives.
- (G) The City and the Union will make reasonable efforts to encourage self-referral to the Employee Assistance Program for education and treatment programs, upon request of the employee.

Any non-CDL holder who tests at 0.04 to .0599 and any CDL holder who tests at .02 to .0399 for alcohol shall not be considered as having tested positive, but shall be relieved of duty for the remainder of his/her scheduled work day, and may elect to use vacation leave or compensatory time to cover this absence.

ARTICLE 17 - SALARIES AND COMPENSATION

Section 17.1. Base Pay and Merit Increases.

- (A) The CWA pay plan is based on the pay structure and classification assignments to pay grades as set forth in Appendices A and B.

A ~~five two and one-half percent (52.5%)~~ percentage base increase (PBI) will be effective upon the acceptance of this Agreement by City Council; a ~~three~~ **four** percent (~~43%~~) PBI will be effective the pay period including April 24, 2022~~4~~; a three percent (3%) PBI will be effective the pay period including April 24, 2025.

- (B) Step X is a compensation mechanism used to accommodate a specific set of circumstances in which an employee's pay rate may exceed the pay grade maximum for ~~their~~ **his/her** classification. It authorizes the employee's current base pay rate to be continued when it exceeds the maximum of the pay grade until the point in time that the pay grade increases enough to include the employee's base pay rate. Those circumstances may include:
 - (1) The pay grade assignment for a classification is changed as a result of market analysis conducted by the Department of Human Resources, and in negotiation with the Union, and the employee's pay rate exceeds the new pay grade maximum; or
 - (2) Any Civil Service Commission action which creates a reallocation to different classifications that results in the incumbent(s)' current pay rate(s) exceeding the new pay grade maximum.
 - (3) While in Step X, the employee continues to be eligible for PBIs and merit increases consistent with 17.1(G) as provided by this Agreement, but the increase must be in the form of a lump sum payment as provided for in Section 17.1(C)(3), and may not be added

to the base pay.

- (C) Under no circumstances may an employee's base pay be adjusted above the pay grade maximum, nor below the pay grade minimum, in the employee's pay grade as set forth in Appendix A.
- (1) Employees who are currently in Step X will continue to be eligible for PBIs and merit increases in the form of a lump sum payment and may not be added to the base pay.
 - (2) Employees who are at or near pay grade maximum are eligible for PBIs and merit increases, but their base increases will be limited to the amount that moves their pay to pay grade maximum. The remainder of the percentage increase will be paid in the form of a lump sum payment as provided in (3) below.
 - (3) The above-referenced lump sum payments will be calculated as follows: Such lump sum payment will be based on the employee's hourly rate multiplied by 2,080 hours (1,040 hours for part-time employees), plus any overtime hours worked in the previous 26 pay periods, valued at time and one-half (1.5), multiplied by the remaining PBI or merit increase.
- (D) Retroactive pay adjustments, for any PBIs referenced in Section 17.1(A), shall be limited to **two pay periods prior to acceptance of this Agreement by City Council and shall be limited to** straight-time (any time paid by the City, i.e., vacation, sick, injury, holiday, compensatory time, approved union release, and time worked out-of-class); overtime; and reciprocity hours only. Any retroactive pay increase shall be limited to those employees in the bargaining unit as of the **date of the** ~~effective date of the PBI who continue to be employed by the City upon acceptance of this Agreement by City Council. Effective with the acceptance of this Agreement by City Council, those employees who have entered the bargaining unit after the effective date of any PBI and the pay period in which any initial retroactive adjustments are paid shall be eligible for retroactive pay from the date that the employee entered the bargaining unit.~~
- (E) The Appointing Authority will designate the rate within the pay grade at which a newly hired employee shall be paid, consistent with Appendices A and B.
- (F) The pay grades and hourly rates of pay as well as any annual salaries established in Appendix A shall be based upon a forty (40) hour workweek. Nothing in this Agreement, however, shall be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per shift, per day, per week or any other period.
- (G) The City will continue the merit pay review system for bargaining unit employees. Each employee shall be evaluated annually based on the employee's classification seniority date. If an employee is denied a merit

pay increase, the employee shall be provided the reason(s) for such denial in writing.

- (H) Any merit increase will be retroactive to the first day of the first pay period following the employee's classification seniority date.

Section 17.2. Employee's Contribution to OPERS.

- (A) The term "earned compensation" shall mean any and all monies earned by an employee from the City of Columbus, for which there is a pension contribution.
- (B) Salary Reduction Employer Pick-up means the employee pays the retirement contributions and the employee's contributions are tax deferred.

All of the employee contribution shall be paid by the employee. This contribution is a salary reduction employer pick-up and is tax deferred.

- (C) The City shall, in reporting and making remittances to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System, report that each employee's contribution has been made as provided by statute and separate ordinances as required and as passed by City Council.

Section 17.3. Salary Deductions.

Salaried employees (E-level classifications) who are permanently assigned to full-time job classifications are paid on a bi-weekly salary basis. Salaried employees are paid a bi-weekly salary based on a minimum of two (2) forty (40) hour workweeks. The bi-weekly salary received by salaried employees will not be reduced regardless of the number of hours the salaried employee actually works in any week in which the salaried employee performs any work except for the following deductions:

- (A) Deductions from a salaried employee's salary may be made for any workweek in which the salaried employee performs no work.
- (B) Deductions from a salaried employee's salary may be made when the employee ~~is~~ ~~absents himself~~ from work for a full day or days for personal reasons, other than sickness or accident. This provision shall not prevent appropriate deductions from being made from any employee's ~~vacation~~ **PTO** leave balance pursuant to Article 11 of this Agreement for absences of less than a day for personal reasons, other than sickness or accident.
- (C) Deductions from an employee's salary may be made when a salaried employee ~~is~~ ~~absents himself~~ from work for a day (or days) for sickness or accident disability in accordance with the provisions of Articles 13 and 14 of this Agreement.
- (D) Deduction in a salaried employee's salary may be made for the initial or terminal week of the salaried employee if the salaried employee fails to work the entire workweek.

- (E) Disciplinary suspensions. Disciplinary suspensions may be imposed in increments of one (1) day.
- (F) Deductions may not be made from an employee's salary for absences caused by jury duty, paid military leave, or attendance as a witness pursuant to Section 14.4. However, deductions may be made from the employee's salary for any amounts received by the employee for such jury duty, military leave or attendance as a witness.

The provisions of this Section 17.3 shall be construed and applied at all times in a manner consistent with applicable provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and applicable rules and regulations there under.

Section 17.4. Working Out of Classification.

Employees in full-time non-seasonal job classifications as listed in Appendix B who are temporarily assigned by a designated management representative the duties of a classification assigned a higher wage rate, will be paid four percent (4%) above the employee's current rate for each hour worked in the higher class upon completing at least four (4) hours of a workday in the higher class. Working out of class assignments are not to be used in lieu of seeking approval for filling a vacant position, nor shall it be used for the sole purpose of paying an employee at a higher class in circumvention of the requirements set forth by the Civil Service Commission.

Section 17.5. Shift Differential.

The Appointing Authority at the time of hire shall designate or assign the applicable shift for each new hire. The shift designation shall determine the shift differential for the entire shift. Only full-time, non-seasonal employees are eligible for shift differential pay.

- (A) The early morning shift shall be known as the First Shift, the late afternoon shift shall be known as the Second Shift (i.e., a shift where a majority of the hours occur between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.); and the late evening shift shall be known as the Third Shift (i.e., a shift where a majority of the hours occur between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.).
- (B) A differential in pay of ~~seventy-five~~ **seventy-five** ~~sixty-seven~~ cents (~~\$.7567~~) per hour over the regular hourly rate shall be paid to full-time, non-seasonal employees who are assigned to work eight (8) hours on the Second Shift; a differential of ~~ninety~~ **ninety** ~~eighty~~ cents (~~\$.9080~~) per hour over the regular hourly rate shall be paid to full-time, non-seasonal employees who are assigned to work eight (8) hours on the Third Shift.
- (C) Those employees whose regularly assigned shift is a rotating shift shall be paid a shift differential of ~~one dollar~~ **one dollar** ~~eighty~~ cents (~~\$1.0080~~) per hour over the regular hourly rate for all hours worked regardless of shift. A rotating shift is a permanent shift that is comprised of a regularly scheduled assignment on First, Second and Third shifts or any variation thereof.
- (D) For purposes of computing leave with pay except for compensatory time,

shift differential shall not be paid in addition to regular pay.

- (E) In those divisions, departments, and offices where only one (1) shift prevails, no differential shall be paid regardless of the hours of the day that are worked.
- (F) Shift differential pay shall be added to the base hourly rate prior to computing the overtime rate.
- (G) Any employee who **receives approval to flex their schedule** ~~participates in a flextime program~~ shall not qualify for shift differential pay **under this Section as a result of that flex but will continue to receive any shift differential consistent with their regular shift designation for the duration of the hours flexed.**

Section 17.6. Service Credit.

A service credit payment shall be paid during December of each year to full-time non-seasonal employees who are in paid status or authorized leave without pay as of November 30 of each calendar year in accordance with the schedules below. The computation shall be based on years of continuous service as set forth in the following schedule and shall be based upon paid status as a full-time employee as of November 30 of the appropriate calendar year. For the sole purpose of determining service credit in this Section 17.6, years of continuous service shall include military leave without pay, leave without pay due to a City injury when the employee is receiving payments in lieu of wages from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and other administrative leave without pay as authorized by the Appointing Authority for activities connected with City employee relations. No service credit shall be allowed or paid to any employee for time lost for any other leave without pay or time lost as a result of disciplinary action.

The following service credit schedule shall be used for all eligible bargaining unit employees.

Service Credit Payment Schedule

More than 5 years of continuous service	\$ 750
More than 8 years of continuous service	\$ 850
More than 14 years of continuous service	\$ 950
More than 20 years of continuous service	\$ 1050
More than 25 years of continuous service	\$ 1150

Section 17.7. Adoption Assistance Program.

The City will continue an Adoption Assistance Program for adoptions whereby employees in full-time non-seasonal classifications, with at least one year of continuous City service, may be eligible for adoption assistance up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per adopted child. Adoption of a "special needs" child may provide for assistance up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000). A "special needs" child is defined as a child qualified with special needs as described by each state agency under Title IV-E Program.

Assistance will be on a reimbursement basis for specific adoption-related expenses. Only the following items will be considered for reimbursement:

- (A) Licensed adoption agency fees (including fees for placement and parental counseling);
- (B) State-required "pre-placement home study" and "post-placement supervision" program;
- (C) Charges for temporary foster care before placement. The foster care must be provided by an approved or licensed agency and will be limited to thirty (30) days; ~~and~~
- (D) Charges for domestic transportation to obtain physical custody of the adoptive child. Transportation charges must be reasonable and be for both the adoptive parents and the adoptive child-; **and**
- (E) Legal Fees.

Financial assistance payments will be made after the adoption is finalized. A written request for reimbursement must be submitted to the Director of Human Resources along with the itemized bills. Written requests must be made within ninety (90) days after the adoption is finalized. Financial assistance payments will be made directly to the employee. The Department of Human Resources may request additional documentation regarding itemized bills.

Section 17.8. Pre-Tax Dependent Care Program.

The City will continue a pre-tax dependent care program, whereby employees may set aside, on a pre-tax basis, the amount of money needed to pay for "dependent care," as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. This benefit shall be made available in accordance with, and only to the extent it continues to be authorized by Section 129 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 17.9. Wage Rate Adjustment.

The City may adjust wage rates for bargaining unit employees whose rates of pay may be less than those of other employees in the same job classification due to market or operational driven reasons (e.g., reorganization, restructuring, increase in responsibilities); compression; internal or external relevant experience; internal equity; relevant licensure, education, or certification beyond the minimum qualifications of the classification, if deemed desirable by the City; and other adjustments as deemed appropriate by the City.

Section 17.10. Individual Classification Pay Grade Assignment Change.

This process is intended to address those specific issues that may arise during the life of this Agreement. An Appointing Authority may request a pay grade assignment review of an individual classification when evidence indicates that the City is experiencing recruitment and/or retention issues, or issues of compression. The Union may also bring these issues to the attention of the Appointing Authority. The Appointing Authority or

designee will submit the request for review, if appropriate, to the Director of Human Resources. Any recommendation by the Director of Human Resources for pay grade change will be negotiated with the Union, and any unresolved issues will be resolved through interest arbitration following the procedures set forth in Section 8.2, starting with (2) under the Third Step. The parties shall bear the cost of the arbitration equally.

The Union may also bring these issues directly to the attention of the Director of Human Resources. However, in the absence of a recommendation for a pay grade change by the Director of Human Resources, a Union recommendation for a pay grade change is not subject to interest arbitration under this Section 17.10.

ARTICLE 18 – INSURANCE

Section 18.1. Medical, Prescription Drug, Disability, Dental, Vision Coverage and Life Insurance.

Full-time employees and their eligible dependents shall become eligible for medical, prescription drug, vision, dental and life insurance benefits on the first of the month following their hire date. If hired on the first day of the month, the employee's coverage will begin immediately. The City shall continue to make available to eligible full-time employees and their eligible dependents substantially similar group medical insurance, prescription drug, disability, dental and vision coverage and benefits as existed immediately prior to the signing of this Agreement, except as follows:

- (A) Comprehensive Major Medical. The City shall maintain a preferred provider organization(s) (PPO) for medical services.
- (1) A three hundred dollar (\$300.00) annual single deductible with an eighty/twenty percent (80/20%) coinsurance of the next two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in reasonable charges or four hundred dollars (\$400.00), for a total out-of-pocket maximum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per single contract per year. Deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and visit limits will fully reset on January 1 of each year.
 - (2) A six hundred dollar (\$600.00) annual family deductible with an eighty/twenty percent (80/20%) coinsurance of the next three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) of reasonable charges or six hundred dollars (\$600.00), for a total out-of-pocket maximum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per family contract per year. Deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums, and visit limits will fully reset on January 1 of each year.
 - (3) If an employee and/or an eligible dependent receive services from a preferred provider (PPO), reimbursements will be paid at the current coinsurance rate of eighty/twenty percent (80/20%) of reasonable charges.

If an in-network provider is not used, coinsurance will reduce to sixty/forty percent (60/40%) of one hundred forty percent (140%) of the published reimbursement rates allowed by Medicare; the annual deductible will be increased to eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per single contract per year and one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) per family contract per year; and the out of pocket maximum will be increased to one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) per single contract per year and three thousand two hundred dollars (\$3,200.00) per family contract per year. Any network modifications made by the plan administrator will apply.

An emergency room visit will be subject to a ~~seventy-five~~**one hundred and fifty** dollar (~~\$75~~**150**.00) co-pay per visit and twenty percent (20%) co-insurance after the co-pay and deductible. If admitted, the co-pay will be waived. An in-network urgent care visit will be subject to a thirty dollar (\$30.00) co-pay per visit ~~and twenty percent (20%) co-insurance after the co-pay and deductible~~. A non-network urgent care visit will be subject to a thirty dollar (\$30.00) co-pay per visit and forty percent (40%) co-insurance after the co-pay and deductible. Mental health services will not be subject to emergency room or urgent care co-pays.

- (4) Physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or chiropractic visits will be covered up to a combined annual maximum of thirty (30) visits per person, based upon medical necessity. With prior authorization, an employee may receive additional occupational therapy and/or chiropractic visits beyond the annual maximum.
- (5) Physician office visits will be subject to a twenty dollar (\$20.00) co-payment per in-network primary care physician visit (includes Family, General, Internal, Pediatrician, mental health and OB/GYN physicians). Eligible services shall include diagnostic, surgical and/or specialty services.

A specialty care physician office visit will be subject to a thirty dollar (\$30.00) co-payment per in-network specialist visit. Eligible services shall include diagnostic, surgical and/or specialty services.

The co-payment does not apply to the annual deductible and coinsurance; however, office co-payments will apply to the annual out-of-pocket maximum. The annual medical plan deductible will not apply to office visit charges for which the office co-payment applies.

Preventive care services, as defined and updated under the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"), will be provided by doctors and health care professionals within the City's plan provider network without cost-sharing (copayments, coinsurance and deductibles).

Preventive services that are not originally defined or eventually included in the ACA shall be subject to the annual deductible, co-insurance, and out-of-pocket maximum as specified in Section 18.1 (A)(1), (2), **and** (3) and (4).

Preventive services rendered by non-network providers shall be subject to the annual deductible, co-insurance, and out-of-pocket maximum for non-network providers as specified in Section 18.1 (A)(1), (2), **and** (3) and (4).

Insured members should contact the City's health plan administrator prior to obtaining preventive services for determination of preventive services coverage.

In addition to the preventive services provided for under the ACA, the City shall maintain the following services:

- (a) provide coverage for an annual (one (1) per calendar year) routine prostate/colon rectal cancer tests.
- (b) an annual (one per calendar year) PSA blood test will be covered.
- (c) provide coverage for one (1) baseline mammogram for women 35-39 years old.

~~(6) Up to a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) life-time maximum will continue to be paid for temporomandibular joint pain dysfunction, syndrome or disease or any related conditions collectively referred to as TMJ or TMD on the basis of medical necessity. This limit does not apply to surgical services on the jaw hinge.~~

The City reserves the right to change or offer alternative insurance carriers or to self-insure as it deems appropriate. ~~The parties agree to the UnitedHealthcare "UHC" "medical necessity" program as it exists as of the execution of the 2020-2023 Agreement.~~ The City shall provide the Union with at least sixty (60) days advance written notice of any material changes to the "medical necessity" program. Employees will not be adversely impacted by any such change unless such advanced notice has been given.

(B) Prescription Drug.

- (1) If an employee and/or eligible dependent receives prescription drugs at a participating pharmacy, the employee shall be responsible for a five dollar (\$5.00) co-pay for a Tier 1 drug. For a Tier 2 drug, the co-pay is fifteen dollars (\$15.00). For a Tier 3 drug or if the prescription is written "dispense as written" and a lower tier drug exists, the co-pay is thirty dollars (\$30.00). The annual out-of-pocket maximum per single contract per year will be two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); the annual out-of-pocket maximum per family contract per year will be

four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

- (2) Mail order prescription drugs will be limited to a thirty (30) day minimum and a ninety (90) day maximum supply.

Maintenance drugs may be obtained through the mail order program, if such maintenance drugs are available through the mail order program.

The out-of-pocket maximums for prescription drugs fulfilled through mail order will remain the same as described in Section 18.1(B)(1) above. Under the mail order program, the employee shall be responsible for a twelve dollar and fifty cent (\$12.50) co-pay for a Tier 1 drug. For a Tier 2 drug, the co-pay is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). If the prescription is for a Tier 3 drug or if the prescription is written "dispense as written" and a lower tier drug exists, the co-pay is sixty dollars (\$60.00).

- (3) The City will provide a prescription drug coverage plan that provides for the use of a formulary and prior authorization requirements for certain types of drugs; and some drugs will require the employee and/or dependent to undergo step therapy (trial of a lower cost drug before a higher-cost drug is covered). The City's Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) will determine which drugs require prior authorization and/or step therapy. After the formulary takes effect, the City's obligation to provide substantially similar prescription drug benefits and coverages under Article 18.1 applies to the formulary. The City's prescription drug coverage plan will include the following clinical programs:

- (a) Formulary. No changes to the formulary shall be effective until thirty (30) days following the date written notice is delivered to the Union. Tier changes to the formulary will happen once per year.
- (b) Exclusions. Under the exclusion program prescription drugs may be excluded from the formulary only if an equivalent generic or therapeutically equivalent prescription drug remains available on the formulary or over-the-counter.
- (c) Prior Authorization.
- (d) Step Therapy (trial of a lower cost drug before a higher cost drug is covered).
- (e) Specialty Pharmacy.

The City's PBM will determine which drugs are included in any or all of these clinical programs and the applicable quantity level limits subject to the restrictions noted above.

- (4) Control Drug Management Program. The City's PBM will review prescriptions to assess whether abuse of narcotics and similar drugs

may be occurring and will follow up with only the prescribing physicians as appropriate to further evaluate suspected instances of abuse.

(C) Dental Insurance.

- (1) A dental PPO shall be available to members which allow selection of a participating provider which will result in no balance billing over reasonable charges. All existing coinsurance levels and exclusions continue to apply.
- (2) All other provisions of the dental insurance coverage shall remain the same as under the last Agreement between CWA and the City.

(D) Schedule of Vision Insurance Benefits

- (1) In-network provider benefits:

Professional Services

Examination co-pay \$ 5.00

Materials

Prescription glasses co-pay \$ 12.50
Contact lens co-pay \$ 40.00

- Includes single vision, bifocal, lenticular or trifocal lenses
- Lens enhancements are an extra cost to member and not included in the co-pay.
- **Polycarbonate lenses covered in full**

Retail frame allowance ~~\$135.00~~ **150.00**
 Contact Lenses – necessary \$195.00
 Contact Lenses – cosmetic ~~\$115.00~~ **150.00**

- (2) Non-network provider reimbursement schedule:

Professional Fees

Examination up to \$ 35.00

Materials

Single Vision Lenses, up to \$ 35.00
 Bifocal Lenses, up to \$ 50.00
 Trifocal Lenses, up to \$ 60.00
 Lenticular Lenses, up to \$ 90.00
 Contact Lenses - necessary ~~\$170.00~~ **210.00**
 Contact Lenses - cosmetic \$ 90.00

Frames, up to

\$ 35.00

- (E) The City will continue to provide hearing aid benefits to CWA bargaining unit employees through the Ohio AFSCME Care Plan on the same basis that the City funds and provides benefits for employees represented by AFSCME Local 1632.
- (F) The City shall engage a cancer treatment advocate as soon as reasonably practicable and offer its benefits and services to all covered employees.**

Section 18.2. Cost.

- (A) The monthly premium for all full-time employees hired before January 1, 2018 who participate in the City's insurance program shall be an amount equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the funding rate established by the actuary for the City.

The monthly premium for all full-time employees hired on or after January 1, 2018 who participate in the City's insurance program shall be an amount equal to twenty percent (20%) of the funding rate established by the actuary for the City.

The monthly premium contribution for the HDHP/Health Savings Account design option shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month less than the single rate established as the funding rate and one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00) per month less than the family rate established as the funding rate.

- (B) It is the intent of the Parties that the increased cost of premiums for new hires on or after January 1, 2018 shall be shared equally based upon the number of bargaining unit employees enrolled in the City's insurance program as of the pay period that includes ~~January~~ **July** 1. ~~Effective with the pay period that includes April 1, 2022 and thereafter, t~~ **The monthly premium will be increased to include the difference between the applicable premium for those hired before January 1, 2018 (15%) and the premium for those hired on or after January 1, 2018 (20%). The formula for this calculation is included in Appendix H.**
- (C) The funding rate established by the actuary for the City will be consistent with industry standards and based upon the actuary's analysis of information, including but not limited to applicable claims and enrollment data, reserve liabilities, expenses, industry trends and plan design; the funding rate and related information will be provided to the Union for each benefit year a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any change to the employee monthly premium.

The premium will be established as single and family rates. The employees' portion of insurance coverage will be deducted from paychecks as is

currently practiced. One-half (1/2) of the monthly premium will be deducted each pay period not to exceed the total monthly premium.

- (D) For the purpose of this Article, Part-Time Employee means an employee that works an average of less than thirty (30) hours per week (seven (7) day calendar period), unless otherwise required by law. Eligibility for enrolling part-time employees for medical, prescription drug, vision, dental, and life insurance benefits shall be based upon membership in the bargaining unit; and the employee having worked at least 1,040 hours in the previous calendar year; and payment of thirty percent (30%) of the established funding rate, which will be converted into a single and family premium. Enrollment will occur during the annual open enrollment month. In the event of a Qualifying Life Event (divorce, legal separation, the death of a spouse, or the spouse involuntarily loses family coverage through the spouse's employer), the eligible employee may enroll with the City insurance program within thirty (30) days of such event date.
- (E) The Union may, at its discretion, reimburse the City up to twenty percent (20%) of the employee's contribution for health care premiums. The manner of reimbursement will be determined by the parties.
- (F) Employees hired on or after January 1, 2018 who participate in the City's medical insurance program and use tobacco will be charged a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) per month surcharge.
- (G) If an employee elects individual life insurance coverage only, the pre-existing monthly single employee life insurance premium rate to be charged to the employee shall be five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50), when enrolled during Open Enrollment month. Such premiums shall be paid through an automatic payroll deduction.

Section 18.3. Life Insurance.

- (A) The City shall maintain term life insurance, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), for all eligible employees. The City shall maintain term life insurance in the amount of one and one-half times the employee's straight-time hourly rate in effect at the time of death, multiplied by 2,080 hours, or **twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000)**, whichever is greater, for all full-time employees less than sixty-five (65) years of age. Full-time employees who are sixty-five (65) to seventy (70) years of age shall receive term life insurance in the amount of either sixty-five percent (65%) of one and one-half times the employee's straight-time hourly rate in effect at the time of death multiplied by 2080, or **seventeen thousand seven hundred dollars (\$17,700)**, whichever is greater.

Full-time employees who are seventy (70) years of age and over shall receive term life insurance in the amount of either thirty-nine percent (39%) of one and one-half times the employee's hourly rate in effect at the time of death multiplied by 2080, or **ten thousand five hundred and thirty dollars**

(\$10,530) whichever is greater.

- (B) Voluntary Universal Life Insurance. Employees shall be eligible to purchase additional life insurance through payroll deduction.

Section 18.4. Continuation of Benefits while on Unpaid Leave.

Providing the employee continues monthly premium coverage payments set forth in Section 18.2 above, insurance coverage for which the employee is eligible will be extended ninety (90) days beyond the end of the month during which an employee's approved leave without pay or leave of absence status became effective. The employee's insurance will then be terminated with an option to participate in the City's insurance continuation program, COBRA, at the employee's expense. If any monthly premiums coverage payments are not paid as specified herein, the City is authorized to pursue collection of monies due by either deducting the monies directly from the employee's regular paycheck, if any, or final paycheck from the City.

Section 18.5. Terms of Insurance Policies to Govern.

The extent of coverage under the insurance policies (including self-insured plans) referred to in this Agreement shall be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in said policies or plans. Any questions or disputes concerning an employee's claim for benefits under said insurance policies or plans shall be resolved in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said policies or plans, including the claims appeal process available through the insurance company or third party administrator, and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement unless in the context of a self-insured plan, the City either (1) assumes the role of directly administering the terms of the plan without a third-party administrator or (2) overrides the decision of the City's third-party administrator inconsistent with the terms of the plan regarding specific claims for coverage. The failure of any insurance carrier(s) or plan administrator(s) to provide any benefit for which it has contracted or is obligated shall result in no liability to the City, nor shall such failure be considered a breach by the City of any obligation undertaken under this or any other Agreement. However, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to relieve any insurance carrier(s) or plan administrator(s) from any liability it may have to the City, employee or beneficiary of any employee.

Section 18.6. IRC Section 125 Plan.

The City will continue to maintain an IRC Section 125 Plan whereby employees will be able to pay for their share of medical insurance premiums with pre-tax earnings. New employees will be automatically enrolled in this IRC Section 125 Plan unless the employee elects otherwise. This plan will remain in effect so long as it continues to be permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 18.7. Disability Leave.

All applicable insurances (medical, prescription drug, vision, dental and life) shall continue while the employee is on short-term disability.

- (A) Disability Program Eligibility. The City will provide, at no cost to employees, a disability program covering full-time employees for non-work-related illnesses and injuries. Disability forms must be submitted no later than forty-five (45) days from the commencement of disability; failure to comply will

result in a denial of disability benefits. The disability benefit shall be eighty-one percent (81%) of the employee's regular straight-time biweekly gross pay (in no event more than eighty (80) hours of pay at straight-time rates), less applicable withholding. The employee may, if he/she so desires, elect to use all, or part, of his/her accumulated but unused sick leave in order to make up any difference between one hundred percent (100%) of his/her gross wages and the amount which he/she receives under the disability program. If an employee exhausts all sick leave benefits, other approved leave may be granted by the Appointing Authority. During the period in which an employee receives such payments, he/she shall suffer no reduction in his/her paid sick leave entitlement set forth in Article 13 of this Agreement, as applicable. If, while receiving such payments, the employee performs work for the City or another employer, the amount of payment under the disability program shall be reduced by the compensation which he/she receives during that time period.

- (B) While an employee is paid disability benefits pursuant to this Section, vacation accruals shall cease. Holidays shall be paid at the disability benefit rate as set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section.
- (C) The disability waiting period for employees shall provide for payment to employees from the twelfth (12) day of accident or illness for a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks per rolling 365 day period.
- (D) Employees must complete one (1) year of continuous City service before qualifying for disability; such benefits will become available at the first of the month following the month in which they complete one (1) year of continuous service.
- (E) An employee on disability leave shall maintain bi-weekly contact with the designated department/division human resources representative during the period of time they are disabled. This requirement may be modified in writing by the designated department/division human resources representative for extended leaves. An employee shall notify the designated department/division human resources representative at least seven (7) days before his/her expected return to work date to reconfirm that date.
- (F) No disability payments shall be made to any employee who is working for another employer or receiving temporary total benefits. Fraudulent actions automatically preclude employees from receiving any disability benefits. If a payment is made pursuant to a fraudulent claim, the employee shall repay the City immediately.
- (G) Any disability leave, which is granted for reasons permissible under an FMLA leave, shall be subject to the twelve (12) week per year limitation for the length of an FMLA leave.

Section 18.8. Benefits Booklet Information.

The City will provide and update as necessary information on its website concerning

bargaining unit employee insurance benefits within a reasonable time frame before any updates take effect. The City will incorporate changes made to insurance benefits through the collective bargaining process into the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) days after City Council approval of the 2020-2023 Agreement.

Section 18.9. Training.

If changes occur in the insurance benefits during the term of this Agreement, the City will work with the Union to provide insurance benefit training for all members of the bargaining unit.

Section 18.10. High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)/Health Savings Account Design Option.

Effective for the year beginning January 1, 2024, the City shall offer a non-mandatory HDHP to all full-time and part-time employees. The plan will be based on the medical plan coverage design, except as follows:

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Family</u>
<u>Deductible</u>		
<u>In-Network</u>	<u>\$1600</u>	<u>\$3200</u>
<u>Non-Network</u>	<u>\$3200</u>	<u>\$6400</u>
<u>Out of Pocket</u>		
<u>Maximum</u>		
<u>In-Network</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$6000</u>
<u>Non-Network</u>	<u>\$6000</u>	<u>\$9000</u>

If more than one person in a family is covered under the policy, the single deductible and out-of-pocket limit does not apply. The HDHP has a combined medical and pharmacy deductible and out-of-pocket maximum; the out-of-pocket maximum includes the deductible and coinsurance for both medical and pharmacy claims. After the deductible is met, both medical and pharmacy claims are paid at the coinsurance level until the out-of-pocket maximum is met.

During each year of the contract, the annual deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums will be increased if and to the extent necessary to maintain the option’s status as a high deductible health plan under the Internal Revenue Code (the minimum deductible is adjusted for COLA).

In 2024, for each employee that elects HDHP coverage, the City shall contribute, into the employee-established health savings account at a financial institution chosen by the City, the amount of five-six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for single coverage and one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for family coverage.

In 2025 and 2026, the City contributions will be made on a semi-annual basis in January and July in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for single coverage and six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for family coverage.

For those employees who do not elect coverage under the HDHP, there will be no health

savings account contribution from the City.

ARTICLE 19 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 19.1. Gender.

Every effort has been made to make the context gender neutral, however unless the context in which they are used clearly requires otherwise, words used in this Agreement denoting gender shall refer to **all persons** ~~both the masculine and feminine.~~

Section 19.2. Ratification and Amendment.

This Agreement shall become effective when ratified by the City Council and CWA and signed by authorized representatives thereof and may be amended or modified during its term only with mutual written consent of authorized representatives of both parties.

Section 19.3. External Law.

If there is any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any legal obligations or affirmative action requirements imposed on the City by federal or state law, such legal obligations or affirmative action requirements thus imposed shall be controlling.

Section 19.4. Application of Agreement to Part-Time Employees.

Except as otherwise specifically provided elsewhere in this Agreement, part-time employees in the bargaining unit shall not be eligible for any fringe benefits under this Agreement, including but not limited to sick leave, other leaves of absence, holidays, vacations, insurance, service credit and tuition reimbursement.

Section 19.5. Uniforms.

Employees who are required by the Appointing Authority to wear a prescribed uniform in the performance of their duty as City employees shall be furnished such uniforms and replacements in accordance with rules established by the Appointing Authority and may be subject to applicable taxes and paid by employees.

Section 19.6. Employee Address.

Employees shall provide their payroll clerk or other individual designated by the Appointing Authority with their correct current name, home address and home telephone number, and shall update this information with their payroll clerk to keep it current at all times.

Section 19.7. Agreement Copies.

The City and the Union will jointly select a printer to print copies of the final signed version of this Agreement. The City will pay for the number of copies it orders for use by City administrative personnel, and CWA will pay for the number of copies it orders for distribution to bargaining unit employees.

Section 19.8. Job Vacancies and Transfers.

The Civil Service process shall continue to be used for filling of positions. The Appointing Authority will give fair consideration for same classification transfers across departments requested by CWA employees. An unfilled position becomes a vacancy for the purposes

of seniority bidding only when the Appointing Authority or designee determines to post the position. Seniority bidding for a vacant position is permitted only within a classification and a division.

An employee shall be permitted a reasonable period of time to interview for other positions within the employment of the City of Columbus during regular working hours with prior approval of the Appointing Authority or designee, provided it does not create a hardship or interfere with operational needs. Such request shall be made in writing on a form designated by the City.

Section 19.9. Seniority List.

The City will provide the Union with a seniority list of all employees in the bargaining unit upon request. Seniority lists shall contain the name, job classification, department/division and date of classification seniority of all employees in the unit. The City shall meet with the Union to review the seniority list whenever necessary to correct any reported errors.

Section 19.10. Telecommuting.

An Appointing Authority or designee may permit employees, by mutual agreement, to telecommute on a temporary, occasional, or regular basis dependent upon operational efficiencies and essential functions. Employees granted permission to telecommute will be required to attend in-person meetings or appointments as determined by the Appointing Authority or designee and are not entitled to any additional pay, reimbursement, or incentives for reporting to a location as directed by their Appointing Authority or designee. The employee's telecommuting arrangement must be in writing and approved in advance by the employee's manager or supervisor and shall be kept on file with the Department's Human Resources.

The Appointing Authority's decision to allow, refuse, revise, or revoke permission to telecommute is not grievable, except under Article 26. This Section does not restrict an Appointing Authority's ability to respond to an emergency situation that requires employees to telecommute, such as the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 19.11. Flex Time for E-Level Employees.

An Appointing Authority or designee shall determine whether to permit E-level employees to "flex" their time. The Appointing Authority or designee shall provide an employee with as much notice as practicable for decisions revoking or revising an employee's permission to flex their schedule. The Appointing Authority or designee's decision to allow, refuse, revise, or revoke flexible schedules is not grievable, except under Article 26 of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 20 - IMPASSE RESOLUTION

Section 20.1. Changes in Conditions of Employment Which Are Not Specifically Established by the Agreement.

Any term and/or conditions of employment not specifically established by this Agreement shall remain within the discretion of the City to modify, establish or eliminate; provided,

however, that no such determination shall be implemented prior to consultation with the Union, as provided below in Subsections (A) and (B):

- (A) Changes in Mandatory Subjects Not Specifically Established by the Agreement. The parties agree the City may implement changes in terms and conditions of employment during the term of the Agreement where the subject matter of the change is a mandatory subject of bargaining under Ohio Revised Code (ORC), Chapter 4117, and where the Agreement does not expressly address the subject matter of the change after giving the Union notice of the proposed change and a reasonable opportunity to bargain about it. In the event the parties do not reach an agreement about the proposed change, parties agree that the Union may choose to grieve the matter to arbitration pursuant to the arbitration provisions of Section 8.2, Step 3 except that the parties shall share the expenses equally. The City will not implement its proposed change until the arbitrator issues an award, unless the Union chooses not to grieve in which case the City may implement its final proposal.

- (B) Changes in Permissive Subjects Not Specifically Established by the Agreement. It is further agreed that this bargaining obligation referenced in Subsection (A) above does not apply to any change which does not constitute a mandatory subject of bargaining under ORC Chapter 4117. If the City intends to modify, establish or eliminate any term or condition of employment which is not expressly addressed in the parties' Agreement, and which is not a mandatory subject of bargaining under ORC Chapter 4117, the City may do so after consultation with the Union. The City also shall comply with the posting and notification requirements set forth in Section 5.3 of the Agreement, when applicable. If the Union disagrees with the change in terms and conditions of employment after the City implements it, the Union may choose to grieve the reasonableness of the implemented term or condition of employment under the grievance procedure of the Agreement.

Section 20.2. Changes in Conditions of Employment Which Are Specifically Established by the Agreement.

The parties may, by mutual agreement, reopen negotiations to expand, clarify, modify or amend provisions of this Agreement. In order to amend the Agreement, the party proposing the amendment shall identify to the other party the specific section(s) of the Agreement to be reopened. Except as stated in other sections of this Agreement, neither party shall be obligated to agree to reopen the Agreement.

In addition to reopening this Agreement for the purpose of amendment, the parties may enter into written memoranda of understanding that define, clarify, interpret or construe the meaning of specific Agreement sections. Such memoranda of understanding shall not be valid until signed by the Director of Human Resources or designee and appropriate Union officials. Such memoranda of understanding cease to exist at the date stated therein or the expiration of the current Agreement (whichever is less) unless the parties specifically incorporate them by reference into the successor Agreement. Any action taken by the Civil Service Commission which would change Appendix B of this Agreement

shall be accomplished by a memorandum of understanding.

ARTICLE 21 - SAVINGS

If any provision of this Agreement is or shall at any time be contrary to or unauthorized by law, then such provision shall not be applicable or performed or enforced, except to the extent permitted or authorized by law; provided that in such event all other provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect.

ARTICLE 22 - LAYOFFS

The Civil Service Commission is responsible for the establishment and enforcement of the rules governing layoffs. Both the City and the Union agree to strictly adhere to Civil Service Rule XII C. as provided in Appendix G of this Agreement.

The parties further agree that the names of any laid-off provisional employees or employees in noncompetitive classifications shall be placed on the appropriate recall list for the Department which initiated the layoff, in order of seniority, for a period of twenty-four (24) months. In the event that a vacancy in a department is to be filled in a class for which a recall list exists, then the appointment shall be made of the individual highest on the list who was laid off from that department. Otherwise, appointment may be made as provided elsewhere by the Civil Service Rules. No recall list shall remain in effect after a competitive eligible list for the class has been established.

ARTICLE 23 – CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING

Section 23.1. Tuition Reimbursement.

All full-time employees who have completed one or more years of continuous active service prior to the date of the start of a course(s) shall be eligible for a reimbursement of instructional fees, books, ~~laboratory fees~~ and ~~general~~ **course** fees of up to ~~four~~ **five** thousand ~~five~~ **two** hundred **and fifty** dollars (~~\$4,500~~**5,250**) for undergraduate studies per calendar year; up to five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) per calendar year for graduate studies; or up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for courses for continuing education voluntarily undertaken by the employee which is directly related to the employee's job duties or may lead to career advancement within the City. Reimbursement shall not exceed a combined total of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) per calendar year for undergraduate and graduate studies. Such tuition reimbursement shall be taxable if required by law. The tuition reimbursement program shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (A) No employee on an unpaid leave of absence, unauthorized leave of absence, disability leave or injury leave **shall be eligible to apply for tuition reimbursement under this Article unless that employee shall be able to return from leave no later than the date the course commences.**

However, employees on injury leave who had a course approved by the Human Resources Director or designee prior to being injured may apply for tuition reimbursement for that course may apply for tuition reimbursement.

- (B) There must be a correlation between the employee's duties and responsibilities or courses that may lead to career advancement within the City and the courses taken or the degree program pursued.
- (C) Tuition reimbursement shall be extended to include reimbursement for course fees for continuing education required as a condition of maintaining a license or certification which the employee is required to maintain as a condition of his/her employment as provided in the Civil Service Commission classification specification (for example, law license, CPA, tree trimming license).
- (D) All undergraduate and graduate courses must not be taken during scheduled working hours. At the discretion of the Appointing Authority, an employee's work hours may be adjusted to accommodate a course schedule, or in situations where such accommodations cannot be made, leave time may be approved. Continuing education courses may be taken during scheduled working hours with the approval of the Appointing Authority. All scheduled hours for courses of instruction must be filed through the Appointing Authority or his/her designee and forwarded to the Department of Human Resources. All courses are subject to approval by the Department of Human Resources. All scheduled times of courses must be approved by the Appointing Authority or his/her designee. Any situation which, in the discretion of the Appointing Authority or his/her designee, would require an employee's presence on the job shall take complete and final precedence over any time scheduled for courses.
- (E) ~~Institutions must be located, courses of instruction given or conferences or seminars must be held within Franklin County or adjoining counties.~~ Courses must be taken at accredited colleges, universities, technical and business institutes or at their established extension **centers held within Franklin County or adjoining counties, or online, which shall be accredited by either the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).** ~~as accredited by the U.S. Department of Education.~~

~~Internet~~ **Online** courses will be approved on a case-by-case basis. "Distance learning" and similar fees related to enrollment in ~~internet~~ **online** courses will not be reimbursed.

Seminars, conferences and workshops will only be considered for reimbursement under the provisions of Section 23.1(C).

- (F) The Director of Human Resources or designee shall determine the approved institutions for which reimbursement for instructional fees, **books,**

~~and course fees and associated fees (general and laboratory)~~ may be made under this Section. Only those institutions approved by the Department of Human Resources shall establish eligibility of the employee to receive reimbursement. Additional institutions may be added by forwarding an application for reimbursement to the Department of Human Resources. Application for approval of institutions and courses must be made to the Department of Human Resources **not less than fourteen (14) days** ~~not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days~~ prior to the first day of the scheduled course(s).

- (G) Any financial assistance from any governmental or private agency available to an employee, whether or not applied for and regardless of when such assistance may have been received, shall be deducted in the entire amount from the full tuition reimbursement the employee is eligible for under this Section. If an employee's tuition is fully covered by another governmental or private agency, then the employee is not entitled to payment from the City.
- (H) Reimbursement for instructional fees, **books and course fees** ~~and associated general, laboratory fees~~ or continuing education fees will be made when the employee satisfactorily completes a course and presents an official certificate or its equivalent and a receipt of payment or the original of the unpaid invoice from the institution confirming completion of the approved course. The employee must submit this documentation within four (4) weeks of the course completion, unless unable to do so through no fault of their own. A deferred payment charge, **late fees** or any other fees associated with an employee's deferral of tuition payment will not be reimbursed.
- (I) No reimbursement will be granted for paper, supplies of whatever nature, transportation, meals, or any other expense connected with any course except the cost of instructional fees, **books, and course fees.** ~~and associated fees (general and laboratory).~~
- (J) The administration of the tuition reimbursement program will require the Director of Human Resources or designee to be responsible for establishing rules, devising forms and keeping records for the program.
- ~~(K) An employee participating in the tuition reimbursement program who terminates City employment for any reason (other than layoff or death) must repay the tuition reimbursement, paid by the City for courses taken within the following time frames based on the employee's termination date (pay back period to be based on the date the course or semester ended, not the date of payment by the City):~~

~~2 years — undergraduate studies/graduate studies~~

~~3 years — J.D./PhD studies~~

~~Any amounts due to the City under this pay back requirement shall be deducted from the employee's final paycheck. The employee shall make arrangements for payment of any additional balance due with the Department of Human Resources before his/her last day of employment.~~

Section 23.2. General Educational Development (GED Program).

Each full-time employee with one or more years of continuous City service who successfully completes GED certification shall be eligible for a reimbursement of the examination fee of up to ~~\$20.00~~ **\$150.00** (or any future increase in examination fee that may be approved by the Office of Adult Basic Education, Ohio Department of Education) subject to the following conditions:

- (A) Any financial assistance from any governmental or private agency available to any employee in pursuit of his/her GED shall be deducted in the entire amount from the examination fee. If an employee's examination fee is fully covered by another governmental or private agency, then the employee is not entitled to payment from the City.
- (B) Reimbursement of the examination fee will be made when the employee satisfactorily completes the GED examination and presents an official certificate or its equivalent and a receipt of payment confirming completion of the examination to the Department of Human Resources through his/her department/division.
- (C) No reimbursement will be granted for paper, supplies of whatever nature, transportation, childcare, meals, or any other expense connected with the GED preparation or examination, except the cost of the examination fee as outlined above.
- (D) Time off with pay may be granted, with the approval of the Appointing Authority, for purposes of preparing for the GED examination and for purposes of taking the examination. All scheduled hours for preparatory courses and examination must be filed with the Appointing Authority and with Director of Human Resources or designee within a reasonable time period. All scheduled times of courses must be approved by the Appointing Authority or designee. Any situation which, at the discretion of the Appointing Authority or designee, would require an employee's presence on the job shall take complete and final precedence over any time scheduled for courses.
- (E) The administration of the General Educational Development Program will require the Director of Human Resources or designee to be responsible for establishing rules, devising forms, and keeping records.

ARTICLE 24 – TIME DONATION PROGRAM

Section 24.1. Purpose.

A time donation program has been established to assist full-time employees, eligible to earn accruals, who have exhausted all accumulated paid leave and all disability leave benefits available as a result of a catastrophic illness or injury that is not job related. This program neither supersedes nor replaces other disability programs covered by this Agreement.

Section 24.2. Conditions.

An employee may utilize the time donation program only if all of the following conditions are met:

- (A) Prior to requesting approval for donation of ~~PTO~~vacation leave, the employee must have exhausted all paid leave and disability leave benefits available to ~~them~~him/her; and
- (B) The employee shall submit an application requesting donation of ~~PTO~~vacation leave from other bargaining unit employees in the same Department to their Department's Human Resources Representative for processing. The application shall include acceptable medical documentation of a catastrophic illness or injury that is not job related, including diagnosis and prognosis. ~~The injury or long-term illness must require the employee to be away from work for at least one (1) full pay period.~~ **The application for donation of PTO is attached as Appendix F;** ~~This application shall be on a form mutually agreed to by the City and the Union;~~ and
- (C) The Director of the Department of Human Resources or designee shall determine that the injury or long-term illness is catastrophic in nature and that the employee is eligible to receive ~~PTO~~vacation leave donations from other bargaining unit employees in the same Department; and
- (D) The approved application shall be forwarded to CWA. The Union may post a notice on the Union bulletin boards to other bargaining unit employees in the same Department that the eligible employee may receive donations of ~~PTO~~vacation leave; and
- (E) If the eligible employee is in a probationary period, the probation will be extended by the number of days the employee is off duty receiving ~~PTO~~vacation leave donations. The Civil Service Commission must be notified of an extension of any probationary period; and
- (F) Donated ~~PTO~~leave shall be considered sick leave but shall never be converted into a cash benefit.

Section 24.3. Employees Donating PTO Vacation Time.

- (A) An employee desiring to donate ~~PTO~~vacation leave shall submit a completed time donation form to their payroll office.

- (B) It is understood that all ~~PTO~~vacation-leave donations are voluntary and once ~~PTO~~vacation-leave is donated, it will not be returned to the donating employee.
- (C) All donated ~~PTO~~vacation-leave shall be paid at the regular hourly rate of the employee receiving and using the donated leave, not at the regular hourly rate of the employee donating the leave.
- (D) ~~Vacation-leave~~ PTO may be donated in increments of at least four (4) hours.

This is a completely voluntary program. A decision made by the City regarding implementation, acceptance or rejection of an application for donations shall be final and the same shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

ARTICLE 25 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement supersedes all prior practices and agreements, whether written or oral, unless expressly stated to the contrary herein, and constitutes the complete and entire agreement between the parties, and concludes collective bargaining for its term. The parties acknowledge that, during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter within the scope of bargaining as defined by State law, and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as specifically provided in Section 2.3 and Article 20, the City and CWA, for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated, to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter, whether or not referred to or covered in this Agreement, including the impact or effects of the City's exercise of its rights as set forth herein on salaries, fringe benefits or terms and conditions of employment, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement. It is expressly agreed that the City may unilaterally make and implement decisions consistent with the City's rights as set forth in Article 5, even though the exercise of such rights may involve subjects or matters not referred to or covered in this Agreement; provided only that the City's exercise of its management rights shall be subject to employees' individual rights (i.e., those derived from sources other than this Agreement and the collective bargaining relationship which produced it) as provided in Section 5.1 and Article 20.

ARTICLE 26 – NO DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION

Section 26.1. No Discrimination (EEO)

- (A) In accordance with applicable law, the provisions of this Contract shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination as to age, sex, familial status, race, color, religion, ancestry, genetic information, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military or veteran status, or political affiliation. The Union shall share equally with the City the responsibility for applying this provision of the Contract.
- (B) The City of Columbus EEO Office is an appropriate forum for formally resolving any disagreement concerning any interpretation and application of this Article 26. Employees are encouraged to resolve informally any disagreement concerning any interpretation and application of this Article 26 as it relates to alleged discrimination by the City through discussions with CWA representatives and the City of Columbus EEO Office. Nothing contained in this paragraph limits employee rights under Article 8 or access to any other forum with jurisdiction over claims of alleged discrimination.

Section 26.2. No Discrimination (Union Membership, Activity and Representation)

- (A) The City recognizes the right of all eligible employees to be free to join the Union and to participate in lawful concerted Union activities. Therefore, the City agrees there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, coercion or reprisal by the City against any employee as a result of Union membership or the lawful activity of any member acting in an official capacity on behalf of the Union.
- (B) In filling job vacancies, the City agrees that any union members appearing on a properly certified Civil Service Commission eligible list shall not be discriminated against as a result of such Union affiliation.

ARTICLE 27 – DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective when executed by authorized representatives of both parties and shall remain in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 23, ~~2026~~ 2023. It shall automatically be renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing at least **one hundred and twenty (120)** ~~sixty (60)~~ days prior to the April 24 anniversary date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event such notice is given, negotiations shall begin **as soon as practicable thereafter but** no later than **ninety (90)** ~~forty-five (45)~~ days prior to the anniversary date.

In the event either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party no less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date which shall not be before the anniversary date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have set their hands this ____ 7th day of **June** ~~September~~, 20234.

APPENDIX B
Correlation of Pay Grades to Job Classifications

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Classification

<u>Job Code</u>	<u>BU Code</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Pay Grade</u>
0440	D	311 Service Supervisor	55
1235	D	Accountant II	54
0820	D	Administrative Secretary (U) *	53
0773	D	Administrative Secretary *	54
3763	D	Arborist	55
3457	D	Automotive Mechanic Supervisor II	57
3495	D	Building Maintenance Supervisor I	54 55
3496	D	Building Maintenance Supervisor II	56
3675	D	Communication Systems Specialist	56
0497	D	Commission Secretary (U)	54
3897	D	Composting Facility Supervisor	56
<u>3530</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Custodial Supervisor II</u>	<u>56</u>
0436	D	Customer Service Supervisor	55 56
4054	D	Damage Prevention Supervisor	55 56
0552	D	Desktop Support Technician	55
3670	D	Electronic System Specialist	56
3669	D	Electronic System Technician Supervisor	56 57
1627	D	EMS Instructor II	58
1028	D	Engineer-in-Training I	55
1353	D	Fleet Administrative Specialist	54
3697	D	Gardener Supervisor	54
0549	D	GIS Analyst	57
0545	D	GIS Technician	55
3187	D	Golf Assistant Professional	52
3903	D	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Supervisor	56
1538	D	Horticultural Specialist I	52
1539	D	Horticultural Specialist II	54
0854	D	Human Resources Representative	53
0659	D	Income Tax Auditor II	56
0661	D	Income Tax Auditor Supervisor	57
3010	D	Latent Print Examiner II	55
1993	D	Legal Administrative Assistant (U)	52
1991	D	Legal Advocate (U)	54
1990	D	Legal Intake Counselor (U)	50
1998	D	Legal Investigator/Paralegal (U)	54
0517	D	Legal Secretary (U)	53
0779	D	Management Analyst I	54
0521	D	Network Analyst	56 57

0409	D	Office Assistant III*	54
1240	D	Office Manager *	55
3023	D	Parking Enforcement Supervisor	54
3773	D	Parks Maintenance Assistant Manager	55
0414	D	Payroll/Benefits Clerk	53
0900	D	Personnel Analyst I	55
3815	D	Plant Maintenance Supervisor II	56
0446	D	Police Records Technician Supervisor	54 55
3016	D	Polygraphist	57
0784	D	Purchasing Coordinator	55
3196	D	Recreation Program Specialist	53
3928	D	Refuse Collection Supervisor	55
1718	D	Safety Manager *	56
3539	D	Security Specialist Supervisor	53
3969	D	Sewer Maintenance Supervisor II	56
3974	D	Sewer Telemonitoring Supervisor	56
3779	D	Sports Field Maintenance Supervisor	55
3989	D	Street Cleaning and Maintenance Supervisor	55 56
0553	D	Technical Support Analyst	57
0544	D	Technology Service Desk Representative	54
4026	D	Traffic Line Supervisor I	55
4010	D	Traffic Sign Shop Supervisor	55
3876	D	Wastewater Plant Supervisor II	57
1862	D	Wastewater Pretreatment Analyst	56
1861	D	Wastewater Pretreatment Technician II	54
4052	D	Water Maintenance Manager	58
4041	D	Water Maintenance Supervisor II	56 57
3882	D	Water Plant Operator II	55 56
1871	D	Water Protection Specialist I	53
1872	D	Water Protection Specialist II	54
3278	D	Water Service Supervisor	55 56
0525	D	Web Content Coordinator	56
0441	E	311 Service Manager	57
0870	E	Aging Programs Care Coordinator	54
0867	E	Aging Programs Case Management Supervisor I	55
0876	E	Aging Programs Case Management Supervisor II	56 57
0874	E	Aging Programs Manager	59
0877	E	Aging Programs Outreach Specialist	54
0875	E	Aging Programs Provider Relations Specialist	55
1773	E	Building Compliance Specialist	56
1769	E	Building Inspector II	57 58

3497	E	Building Maintenance Manager	57
1117	E	Building Plans Examiner Supervisor	59 60
2016	E	Building Services Specialist	54
2000	E	Business Development Specialist *	56
1252	E	Business Manager *	57
0543	E	Business Systems Analyst	59
0269	E	Cable Television Manager	58
3558	E	Cable Worker Supervisor II	58
1530	E	City Forester	57
0527	E	Citywide Web Coordinator	57
0763	E	Claims Investigator	55
3676	E	Communication Systems Manager	58
0796	E	Community Relations Coordinator *	55
1024	E	Construction Material Analysis Coordinator	57
0437	E	Customer Service Manager	56 57
<u>0574</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Cyber Security Technician Pay Grade</u>	<u>57</u>
<u>0575</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Cyber Security Analyst Pay</u>	<u>58</u>
4056	E	Damage Prevention Program Manager	56 57
0541	E	Data Center Supervisor (formerly Computer Ops Super.)	57 58
0572	E	Database Administrator	59
2015	E	Development/Neighborhoods Program Coordinator	59
0350	E	Development Program Manager	57
1620	E	Education Program Supervisor	54
3619	E	Electric Metering Supervisor II	55
1783	E	Electrical Inspector II	57 58
3671	E	Electronic System Coordinator	58
1629	E	EMS Education Manager	59
0756	E	Energy Manager	57
1046	E	Engineer I	57
1047	E	Engineer II	58
1048	E	Engineer III	59
1049	E	Engineer IV	60
1104	E	Engineering Associate III	56
1029	E	Engineer-in-Training II	56
0800	E	Equal Opportunity Representative*	55
3198	E	Event Coordination Manager	57
3197	E	Event Coordination Specialist	54
3498	E	Facilities Projects Manager	58
1120	E	Fire Protection Plans Reviewer	56
0845	E	Fleet Operations Assistant Manager	58
3454	E	Fleet Coordinator	58

3714	E	Golf Courses Maintenance Manager	57
3189	E	Golf Professional	53
3191	E	Golf Program Manager	56
2029	E	Graphics Designer	54
0762	E	Historic Preservation Officer	59
1540	E	Horticulturist	56
2049	E	Housing Rehabilitation Programs Coordinator	56
0855	E	Human Resources Analyst*	56
0662	E	Income Tax Auditor Specialist	58
1847	E	Industrial Hygienist *	58
0566	E	Information Architect	57
0548	E	Information Systems Analyst	57
0869	E	Information Systems Manager	59
0603	E	Information Technology Account Manager	59
1335	E	Inventory Control Manager	56
0751	E	Keep Columbus Beautiful Manager	55 56
1201	E	Land Development Specialist	56
3011	E	Latent Print Examiner III	56
1999	E	Legal Administrative Coordinator (U)	55
1894	E	License Supervisor	56
0780	E	Management Analyst II *	57
1116	E	Master Plans Examiner (former Building Plans Ex. II)	58
1816	E	Mechanical Inspector II	57 58
0083	E	Natural Resources Manager	57
3155	E	Nature Programs Administrative Manager	56
3154	E	Nature Programs Developer	54
0799	E	Neighborhoods Program Specialist *	57
0522	E	Network Administrator	57 58
0523	E	Network Engineer	58 59
<u>1718</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Occupational Safety and Health Manager*</u>	<u>57</u>
3778	E	Parks Maintenance Manager	57
1203	E	Parks Planning and Design Manager	57 59
1945	E	Photography Laboratory Manager	54
2011	E	Planner II	56
2012	E	Planning Manager	58
1114	E	Plans Examiner Associate	57
3817	E	Plant Maintenance Assistant Manager	57
3816	E	Plant Maintenance Manager	58
1162	E	Plant Operation and Maintenance Training Coordinator	56
1776	E	Plumbing Inspector II	57 58
3581	E	Power Distribution Assistant Manager	59

3582	E	Power Distribution Manager	60
3569	E	Power Line Worker Supervisor II	58
1932	E	Pretreatment Program Manager	58
0580	E	Programmer Analyst	57
3104	E	Public Relations Specialist I *	54
3105	E	Public Relations Specialist II *	57
3043	E	Public Safety Analyst*	56
2027	E	Real Estate Asset Manager	57
1997	E	Real Estate Specialist (U)	58
3165	E	Recreation Administrative Manager	56
0786	E	Recreation and Parks Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator	58
3163	E	Recreation Assistant Manager	54
3164	E	Recreation Center Manager	55
3931	E	Refuse Collection District Assistant Manager	57
3933	E	Refuse Collection District Manager	58
1161	E	Regulatory Compliance Advisor	59
2036	E	Relocation Program Manager	57
3168	E	Rental Services Supervisor	54
0287	E	Sealer of Weights and Measures	56
0581	E	Senior Programmer Analyst	58
0563	E	Senior Systems Administrator	58
3970	E	Sewer Maintenance Assistant Manager	59
3971	E	Sewer Maintenance Manager	60
3991	E	Street Maintenance Assistant Manager	57
3990	E	Street Maintenance Manager	58
1016	E	Surveyor	57
0564	E	Systems Administrator	57
3174	E	Therapeutic Recreation Manager	57
4029	E	Traffic Line Supervisor II	57
4032	E	Traffic Operations Manager	59
4019	E	Traffic Maintenance Supervisor II	56
1043	E	Utilities Permits Manager	58
0863	E	Utility Services Coordinator	58 59
3280	E	Utility Services Manager (formerly Water Service Manager)	57 58
1929	E	Wastewater Chemist II	56 57
1930	E	Wastewater Chemist III	58
1158	E	Wastewater Plant Assistant Manager	59
1159	E	Wastewater Plant Manager	60
1160	E	Wastewater Plants Coordinator	60
1157	E	Wastewater Treatment Residuals Manager	59
3865	E	Water Distribution Operator II	57

4046	E	Water Maintenance Assistant Coordinator	59
4047	E	Water Maintenance Coordinator	60
1170	E	Water Plant Manager	59 60
1169	E	Water Plant Operations Manager	58 59
1873	E	Water Protection Coordinator	56
1935	E	Water Research Analyst I	55
1936	E	Water Research Analyst II	56 57
1937	E	Water Research Laboratory Manager	58
1165	E	Water Supply and Treatment Coordinator	60
1173	E	Watershed Manager	59

APPENDIX D – Memoranda of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #1998-02 (Revised September 2014)
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS of AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4502

Regarding Incentive for Information Technologists

The City of Columbus and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 agree to the creation of a retention and recruitment incentive program to encourage the continued service of current key employees and to assist in the recruitment of certain information technology positions within the City of Columbus, as outlined herein. It is understood that eligible employees will be required to execute an acknowledgement of receipt of the bonus once received. Further, eligible employees will be required to acknowledge their understanding of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. Employees in the Division of Information Services, who have received a performance rating of satisfactory and above and who are classified in the following classifications, shall be eligible for the incentive program:

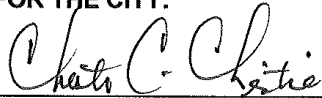
Programmer Analyst I
Senior Programmer Analyst

2. The employee classified in one of the aforementioned classifications who contractually agrees to remain in the City's employ for a period of no less than one (1) year will receive a one-time bonus, equal to ten percent (10%) of the employee's annual base salary, less applicable lawful withholdings.
3. An employee classified in one of the aforementioned classifications who contractually agrees to remain in the City's employ for a period of three (3) years will receive an increase of two percent (2%) added to the employee's hourly base rate of pay upon completion of one year of continuous service from the date of agreement, in addition to the one-time payment (10% of the employee's annual base salary, less applicable lawful withholdings).
4. A new employee hired on or after the effective date of this agreement may be eligible for the 10% bonus, less applicable lawful withholdings, and/or the 2% wage increase dependent upon the terms negotiated at the time of hire based on training and/or experience.

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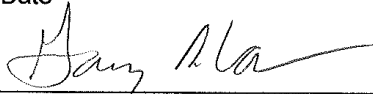
5. If an employee does not fulfill the terms of the commitment (one (1) or three (3) years) for any reason, the employee will be required to repay the incentive bonus associated with the incentive plan. The City Auditor will be authorized to recover, through payroll adjustments, any amounts owed the City by the employee. The employee shall authorize this potential withholding upon receipt of the bonus/increase.
6. Appointing Authorities for departments and divisions other than the Division of Information Services may extend the terms of the retention and recruitment incentive program to employees classified in the aforementioned classifications in their respective departments with appropriate justification and approval of the Mayor or designee.
7. All payments authorized and made pursuant to this MOU shall be in addition to all general wage increases and merit pay increases to which any employee may be entitled.
8. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party giving to the other at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, but shall not extend beyond April 23, 2017.

FOR THE CITY:



Chester C. Christie
Director of Human Resources

12-11-14
Date



Gary R. Cavin
Director of Technology

12-16-2014
Date

FOR CWA LOCAL 4502:



David H. McCune
President

12-11-14
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #1998-06 (Revised September 2014)
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS of AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4502

Regarding the Department of Recreation & Parks Golf Pro-Shop Operations

The City of Columbus and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 agree that the following provisions apply to the classifications of Golf Program Manager and Golf Professional with regard to the operation of the pro-shop.

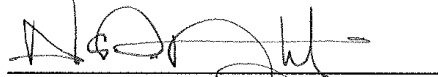
1. Side Letter #3, dated November 21, 1994, of the collective bargaining Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
2. Current employees classified as Golf Program Manager and Golf Professional shall have right of first refusal to operate the pro-shop as an independent contractor, at their respective course.
3. The City, and the employees classified as Golf Program Manager and Golf Professional shall provide for termination of the Agreement for the pro-shop operation in a separate Agreement for Services, to be entered into by the parties.
4. The City reserves the right to decline to give the right of first refusal to future employees classified as Golf Program Manager and Golf Professional.
5. The operation of a golf pro-shop by employees classified as Golf Program Manager and Golf Professional pursuant to an Agreement for Services, shall not be effected by provisions of the City Charter, specifically Section 227, or other local or state laws.

FOR THE CITY:



Chester C. Christie
Director of Human Resources

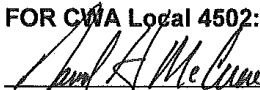
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Alan D. McKnight, Director
Recreation & Parks Department

Date 12/16/14

FOR CWA Local 4502:



David H. McCune
President

12-11-14
Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #1999-07 (Revised September 2014)
BETWEEN CWA LOCAL 4502
AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
DIVISION OF WATER
FIELD SERVICE SECTION**

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502, the parties hereto agree to the following provisions being enacted for the supervisors of the Division of Water, Field Service Section.

HOURS OF WORK

The normal work week shall consist of four (4) ten (10) hour days that shall be worked Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY PAY

- (A) The provisions contained in Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) shall govern the eligibility and usage of holiday pay for those supervisors covered herein, unless specifically changed hereunder.
- (B) Any supervisor who does not work a day on which a holiday is celebrated shall be paid ten (10) hours straight-time hourly rate of pay for said holiday.
- (C) Any supervisor who is working a ten (10) hour shift on a day celebrated as a holiday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked, in addition to his/her regularly ten (10) hours of straight-time hourly pay for the holiday.
- (D) If supervisor is assigned to shift A and a holiday falls on Friday or Saturday, the holiday will be celebrated on Thursday.

DISABILITY LEAVE PROCEDURES

- (A) The supervisor working ten (10) hour days shall be eligible to participate in the City's disability leave program as provided in Article 18 of the Agreement; provided, however, that any ten (10) hour supervisor on approved disability leave shall receive 81% of said supervisor's gross wage under the following formula:

- (1) The supervisor's gross wage shall be computed on a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week in which a supervisor is off work.
- (2) The supervisor shall receive 81% of his/her gross wage based upon said forty (40) hour workweek for each full week the supervisor is off work.
- (3) For any partial week in which a supervisor is on the disability program, said supervisor shall receive 81% of his/her gross wages, under the above noted formula prorated to the number of hours said supervisor is off work due to disability during his/her regularly scheduled work week.

VACATION LEAVE

- (A) Any supervisor who requests and is granted a vacation day off for any day on which he/she is scheduled to work a ten (10) hour shift shall be charged ten (10) hours of vacation pay for said day off. For vacation leaves of less than one full work day, a supervisor shall be charged in increments of one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time off during any shift.
- (B) The number of supervisors allowed on scheduled vacation at any one time shall be determined by the section manager. This is to ensure adequate coverage during the various shifts.

SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AND USAGE

Sick leave entitlement and usage shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Agreement with the following modifications:

For each ten (10) hours of regular work from which the supervisor is absent, sick leave pay shall be used at the rate of ten (10) hours. For sick leave of less than one full work day, a supervisor shall be charged in increments of not less than one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time on sick leave during any shift.

OVERTIME ELIGIBILITY AND PAY

Overtime eligibility and pay shall be administered as provided in Article 15 of the Agreement.

DURATION

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination but the duration shall be no longer than April 23, 2017.

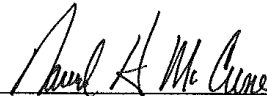
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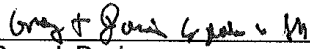
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FOR CWA LOCAL 4502:



David H. McCune
President

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Greg J. Davies
Director of Public Utilities

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #1999-09 (Revised September 2014)
 BETWEEN CWA LOCAL 4502
 AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
 DIVISION OF SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE
 COMPOST FACILITY**

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502, the parties hereto agree to the following provisions being enacted for the supervisors of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Compost Facility.

(1) HOURS OF WORK

- (A) The normal work week shall consist of four (4) ten (10) hour days that shall be worked as follows:

Workgroup A	Sunday - Wednesday	5:45 A.M. - 4:15 P.M.
Workgroup B	Wednesday - Saturday	5:45 A.M. - 4:15 P.M.

(2) HOLIDAY PAY

- (A) The provisions contained in Article 12, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (herein referred to as the Agreement) shall govern the eligibility and usage of holiday pay for those supervisors covered herein, unless specifically changed hereunder.
- (B) Any supervisor who does not work on a day on which a holiday is celebrated shall be paid ten (10) hours of straight time at his/her regular hourly rate of pay for said holiday.
- (C) Any supervisor who is working a ten (10) hour shift on a day celebrated as a holiday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for all hours worked, in addition to his/her regular ten (10) hours of straight time pay for the holiday.
- (D) If a holiday falls on:

Workgroup	Regular Day Off	Holiday Falls	Holiday Celebrated
A	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Thursday, Friday	Wednesday
A	Thursday, Friday, Saturday	Saturday	Sunday
B	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday	Sunday, Monday	Saturday
B	Sunday, Monday, Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday

- (3) **DISABILITY LEAVE PROCEDURES.** The supervisor working ten (10) hour days shall be eligible to participate in the City's disability leave program as provided in Article 18 of the Agreement; provided, however, that any ten (10) hour supervisor on approved disability leave shall receive 81% of said supervisor's gross wages under the following formula:
- (A) The supervisor's gross wage shall be computed on a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week in which a supervisor is off work.
 - (B) The supervisor shall receive 81% of his/her gross wage based upon said forty (40) hour workweek for each full week the supervisor is off work.
 - (C) For any partial week in which a supervisor is on the disability program, said supervisor shall receive 81% of his/her gross wages, under the above noted formula prorated to the number of hours said supervisor is off work due to disability during his/her regularly scheduled work week.
- (4) **VACATION LEAVE.** Any supervisor who requests and is granted a vacation day off for any day on which he/she is scheduled to work a ten (10) hour shift shall be charged ten (10) hours of vacation for said day off. For vacation leaves of less than one full day, a supervisor shall be charged in increments of one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time off during any shift.
- (5) **SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AND USAGE.** Sick leave entitlement and usage shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Agreement with the following modification:
- For each ten (10) hours of regular work from which the supervisor is absent, sick leave shall be used at the rate of ten (10) hours. For sick leave of less than one full work day, a supervisor shall be charged in increments of not less than one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time on sick leave during any shift.
- (6) **OVERTIME ELIGIBILITY AND PAY.** Overtime eligibility and pay shall be administered as provided in Article 15 of the Agreement.

- (7) **DURATION.** This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination, however the duration shall be no longer than April 23, 2017.

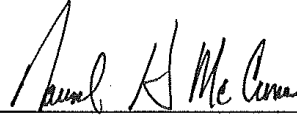
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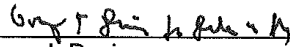
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FOR CWA LOCAL 4502:



David H. McCune
President

12-11-14
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Greg J. Davies
Director of Public Utilities

12-11-14
Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2001-01 (Revised September 2014)
BETWEEN CWA LOCAL 4502
AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
DIVISION OF WATER
PARSONS AVENUE WATER PLANT**

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502, the parties hereto agree the following provisions being enacted for employees in the Water Plant Operator II classification assigned to the Division of Water Parsons Avenue Water Plant.

HOLIDAY PAY

- (A) The provisions contained in Article 12, of the Collective Bargaining Contract (hereinafter referred to as Contract) shall govern the eligibility and usage of holiday pay for those employees covered herein, unless specifically changed hereunder.
- (B) Any employee who does not work a day on which a holiday is celebrated shall be paid ten (10) hours straight-time hourly rate of pay for said holiday.
- (C) Any employee who is working a ten (10) hour shift on a day celebrated as a holiday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) or double time if applicable for all hours worked, in addition to his/her regular ten (10) hours of straight time pay for the holiday.

DISABILITY LEAVE PROCEDURES

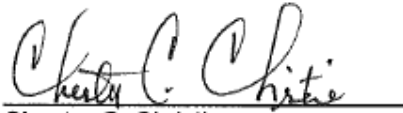
- (A) All employees working ten (10) hour days shall be eligible to participate in the City's disability leave program as provided in Article 18 of the Contract, provided however, that a ten (10) hour employee on approved disability leave shall receive 81% of said employee's gross wage under the following formula:
 - (1) The employee's gross wage shall be computed on a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week in which an employee is off work.
 - (2) The employee shall receive 81% of his/her gross wage based upon said forty (40) hour workweek for each full week the employee is off work.
 - (3) For any partial week in which an employee is on the disability program, the employee shall receive 81% of his/her gross wage, under the above noted formula prorated to the number of hours the employee is off work due to disability during his/her regularly scheduled workweek.

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DURATION

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination, but the duration shall be no longer than April 23, 2017.

FOR THE CITY:



Chester C. Christie
Director of Human Resources

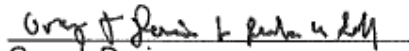
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FOR CWA LOCAL 4502:



David H. McCune
President

12-11-14
Date



Greg J. Davies
Director of Public Utilities

12-11-14
Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) #2014-04
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 4502**

**Regarding Certification Incentive
Revised March 2015**

The City of Columbus and Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 agree to the following provisions to be enacted for the employees of the Department of Public Utilities.

Certification Incentive

Incentive pay for certification beyond what is required by the classification specification will be provided for the classifications listed below based on hours in paid status. Payment shall not be made for multiple certifications. Effective as soon as practicable following passage of the 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement by City Council, an employee will receive the incentive based on each hour paid:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Certification Required/Incentive Provided</u>	<u>Incentive</u>
Water Plant Operator II	Ohio Public Water System Operator Class II / III	\$0.50
Water Plant Operator II	Ohio Public Water System Operator Class II / IV	\$1.50
Wastewater Plant Supervisor II	Ohio Wastewater Works Operator Class III / IV	\$1.50
Wastewater Plant Assistant Manager	Ohio Wastewater Works Operator Class III / IV	\$2.00
Water Plant Operations Manager	Ohio Public Water System Operator Class III / IV	\$2.00

The applicable incentive pay will be added to the base wage notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17.1(C) of the collective bargaining agreement. The incentive pay will be paid through the use of incentive step(s) as established by the Civil Service Commission and the City Auditor's Office. With this revised MOU, the parties agree that the provisions of this MOU will be retroactive to no earlier than December 21, 2014, and that the effective date of adding the incentive will be based on the first pay period after an employee submits adequate documentation to the Department that he/she has achieved the certification. The Department is responsible for monitoring continued eligibility for this certification incentive.

Duration

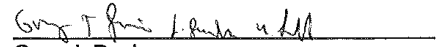
This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party giving to the other at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, but shall not extend beyond April 23, 2017.

FOR THE CITY:



Nichole M. Brandon
Director of Human Resources

3/17/15
Date



Greg J. Davies
Director of Public Utilities

3/17/15
Date

FOR LOCAL 4502:



David H. McCuhe
President

3/12/15
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) #2016-01 (Revised June, 2019)
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 4502

REGARDING DESIGNATED AFTER HOURS REVIEW PAY
MASTER PLANS EXAMINER, BUILDING PLANS EXAMINER SUPERVISOR, & ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING II

The City of Columbus and Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502 agree to the following provisions to be enacted for employees in the Master Plans Examiner, Building Plans Examiner Supervisor, and Engineer-in-Training II classifications in the Department of Building and Zoning Services as related to Articles 10 and 17, and Appendices A and B of the collective bargaining agreement as detailed below. Unless specifically amended by this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), all wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment shall be administered in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

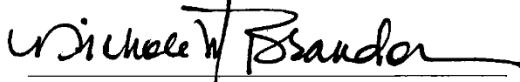
DESIGNATED AFTER HOURS REVIEW PAY

When a Master Plans Examiner or Building Plans Examiner Supervisor within the Department of Building and Zoning Services is assigned to conduct a designated After Hours Review, the employee will be paid at a rate of \$75 per hour for all hours involving the special assignment provided that the employee shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours per special assignment or the actual hours worked whichever is greater. When an Engineer-in-Training II within the Department of Building and Zoning Services is assigned to conduct a designated After Hours Review, the employee shall be paid at a rate of \$60 per hour for all hours involving the special assignment provided that the employee shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours per special assignment or the actual hours worked whichever is greater. To qualify as a designated After Hours Review, the employee must be assigned to conduct the expedited review during hours beyond a typical work day or on days when an employee typically is not scheduled to work. The \$75 per hour rate of pay for Master Plans Examiner and Building Plans Examiner Supervisor, and the \$60 per hour rate of pay, for Engineer-in-Training II, are a flat rate that is paid in lieu of the employee's regular rate of pay for designated After Hours Review assignments. The establishment of the designated After Hours Review Pay does not affect the employees' status under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The Master Plans Examiner, Building Plans Examiner Supervisor, and Engineer-in-Training II classifications remain overtime-exempt classifications for purposes of the FLSA and the parties' collective bargaining agreement. The Master Plans Examiner, Building Plans Examiner Supervisor, and Engineer-in-Training II classifications will continue to retain Class E designations in Appendix B of the parties' collective bargaining agreement. The parties will develop a mutually agreed upon special assignment distribution procedure for Designated After Hours Reviews.

DURATION

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party giving to the other at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, but shall not extend beyond April 23, 2020.

FOR THE CITY:



Nichole M. Brandon
Director of Human Resources

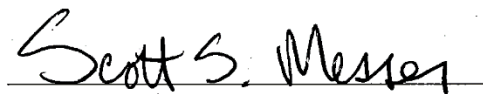
7/15/19
Date

FOR LOCAL 4502:



Susan L. Wilson
President

7/11/19
Date



Scott S. Messer
Director of Building and Zoning Services

7/12/19
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-01

BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 4502
REGARDING THE CITY'S GPS/TELEMATICS PROGRAM

The City of Columbus ("City") and Communications Workers of America, Local 4502 ("CWA" or "Union") have engaged in mid-term bargaining regarding the effects of the implementation of the City's GPS/Telematics System. As a result of these negotiations, the City and the CWA have reached the following agreement, effective ~~this 22nd~~ day of ~~March~~, 2017: *the 1st DAY* *ccm*

May

1. The GPS/Telematics System (a.k.a., "GPS/AVL") will generate alerts in response to certain data received from GPS/Telematics units installed in City-owned vehicles. That data calculates: geographic location ("geo-fence"); idling time; and speed. It is acknowledged and agreed that alerts will be transmitted to, and may be investigated by, the Appointing Authority or designee, when a City-owned vehicle equipped with a GPS/Telematics unit, as set forth, below:
 - A. Travels at a speed that is 10 mph or greater over the posted speed limit;
 - B. Travels beyond the outer boundary of any county that is contiguous with Franklin County;
 - C. Idles for at least three (3) continuous hours.

2. Posted Speed Limit Violations:
 - A. If an employee driving a City-owned vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit by 10 to 14 miles per hour (hereinafter, "mph") for three (3) consecutive pings, the employee shall receive a counseling session, which shall remain effective for twelve (12) months. After an employee is counseled three (3) times in a rolling twelve (12) month period, the employee may be subject to discipline under the GPS/AVL Track (GAT).

- B. If an employee exceeds the posted speed limit by 15 to 19 mph for two (2) consecutive pings, the employee may be subject to discipline under the GAT.
- C. If an employee exceeds the posted speed limit by 20 or more mph, the employee may be subject to discipline under Article 7.4(D) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter, "Agreement").

3. Excessive Idling Violations:

A City vehicle that idles for more than 3 consecutive hours for a non-work related reason may subject a City employee to discipline under the GAT.

4. Geofence Violations:

A City vehicle that travels beyond the outer boundary of any county that is contiguous to Franklin County for a non-work related reason may subject a City employee to discipline under the GAT.

5. GPS/AVL Disciplinary Track (GAT):

An employee subject to discipline under GAT shall receive discipline in accordance with the following progression; provided, there is just cause:

A. Disciplinary Progression:

- 1. First Violation: Written Reprimand
- 2. Second Violation: 1-Day Suspension
- 3. Third Violation: 3-Day Suspension
- 4. Fourth Violation: 5-Day Suspension
- 5. Fifth Violation: 10-Day Suspension
- 6. Sixth Violation: Termination

B. The City will not skip steps in the GAT disciplinary progression under Paragraph 5.A.

C. The length of time prior discipline may be considered for GAT discipline is subject to Article 7.7 of the Agreement.

D. Except as noted in Paragraph 2.C, above, discipline under GAT and non-GAT discipline shall be separate for all purposes under this MOU and the Agreement.

E. Nothing contained in this MOU prohibits the City from disciplining employees for alleged misconduct that is distinct from but caused by or occurs in conjunction with alleged misconduct described in Paragraphs

2, 3, and 4 of this MOU (e.g., an employee who is counseled or disciplined for a Posted Speed Limit Violation may be disciplined for a motor vehicle accident that was caused by excessive speed if there is just cause, an employee who is counseled or disciplined for a Geofence violation may be disciplined for submitting false payroll information if there is just cause). However, the City shall not charge an employee with a Central Work Rule violation for alleged misconduct described in Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this MOU (e.g., the City will not charge an employee accused of a Posted Speed Limit Violation with negligence or insubordination or any other Central Work Rule violation).

6. Without limiting the Union's right to information under the Agreement, R.C. 4117 and other applicable law, the City shall provide, upon the Union's request, access to the department/division's evidence that is available at the time of the Union's request.
7. The parties agree that the City may directly access the GPS/Telematics system to review and/or monitor the location of its employees and assets for a good business reason, as set forth herein:
 - a. Health and safety of its employees;
 - b. Security and maintenance of its assets;
 - c. Compliance with lawful public records requests, subpoenas, and court orders; and,
 - d. Investigation of employee conduct.
 - i. Investigations of employee conduct are subject to Article 7 and are limited to circumstances in which the City has a reasonable basis for suspecting an employee(s) is engaged in misfeasance, malfeasance, and/or nonfeasance as defined in the Central Work Rules. The City will not arbitrarily or capriciously select a particular employee(s) for review.
 - ii. Any investigation of employee conduct may only be based upon GPS/Telematics data that, on the day the City decides to initiate an investigation, was generated less than twelve (12) months prior. No data generated by the GPS/Telematics system prior to the effective date of this MOU may be used to support the initiation of an investigation and/or used as a basis of for discipline.

- 8. All provisions of the Agreement (unless specifically addressed by this MOU) are applicable to the GPS/Telematics System. This includes, but is not limited to, Article 20.

- 9. Nothing in this MOU shall preclude any right, to which the Union or the City previously was entitled under the Agreement or R.C. 4117, to seek legal or other contractual redress and recovery in any forum or tribunal with jurisdiction, nor do the parties to this MOU concede to waive any rights in regard to which they may be entitled with respect to this MOU.

- 10. After two (2) years from the date this MOU becomes effective, the parties agree, upon request, to bargain in good faith over changes to this MOU. Negotiations over changes to this MOU are subject to Article 20.1(A) of the Agreement.

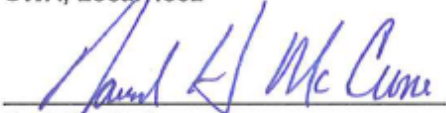
City of Columbus:



Nichole Brandon
Director, Department of Human Resources

3/16/17
Date

CWA, Local 4502



David H. McCune
President, CWA Local 4502

3/22/17
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-02

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (“CWA”) Local 4502,
REGARDING ASE CERTIFICATIONS**

The City of Columbus (“City”) and CWA, Local 4502 agree as follows:

Employees classified as: Automotive Mechanic Supervisor II in the Department of Finance and Management will be paid five hundred dollars (\$500.00) (“incentive payment”) if the employee holds certain Master Automotive Service Excellence (hereinafter referred to as ASE) Certifications or Master Emergency Vehicle Technician (hereinafter referred to as EVT) Certification(s), including:

1. ASE Master Automobile Technician;
2. ASE Master Collision Repair/Refinish Technician;
3. ASE Master Medium/Heavy Vehicle Technician;
4. ASE Master Truck Equipment Technician;
5. EVT Master Level III Fire Apparatus Technician; and
6. EVT Master Level III Ambulance Technician.

The City retains the discretion to name additional positions within the Department of Finance and Management and additional Master ASE and/or Master EVT certifications that will qualify an employee for the incentive payment.

Employees will receive one incentive payment for each approved Master ASE or Master EVT certification, up to a total of four (4) Master ASE or Master EVT certifications in any five (5) year period. The five (5) year period will be a look back period from the date the employee receives payment for the first Master Certification; at no time shall an employee receive more than four (4) total Master Level incentive payments within a five-year period.

All proof of Master certifications must be submitted no later than end of business the last day in February of the pay-out year.

DURATION

This MOU remains in full force and effect unless and until terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice.


City of Columbus:



Nichole Brandon
Director, Department of Human Resources

11-14-17

Date

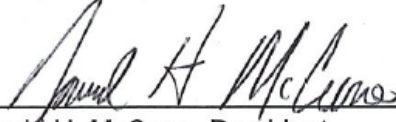


Joseph A. Lombardi
Director, Finance

10-30-17

Date

CWA, Local 4502:



David H. McCune, President
CWA, Local 4502

11/9/17

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-02

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 4502
REGARDING PAID PARENTAL LEAVE**

The City of Columbus ("City") and Communications Workers of America, Local 4502 agree as follows:

Effective August 1, 2017, full-time City employees who meet the following criteria are eligible for up to six (6) weeks of Paid Parental Leave (PPL). Employees must have:

1. Completed one (1) year of continuous full-time City service;
2. Worked for a least one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) hours over the twelve (12) month period preceding the leave;
3. Not taken any PPL in the preceding rolling twelve (12) month period measured backward.

PPL qualifying events are the following:

1. Birth of a child, provided the employee is the biological parent, or the spouse or domestic partner of the biological parent, or a legal guardian of the child.
2. Permanent placement of an adoptive child, provided the employee is the adoptive parent, or the spouse or partner of the adoptive parent, and must reside in the same household as the newly adopted child.

PPL benefits are as follows:

1. The eligible leave period of six (6) weeks begins on the date of the qualifying event (i.e., birth of a child or permanent placement of an adoptive child). PPL is not intended to extend disability leave, and therefore will not be used at the end of disability following the same event.
2. Eligible employees may receive a total Paid Parental Leave benefit of six (6) weeks; this program shall provide for payment to the employee from the fifteenth (15th) day of the qualifying event for a maximum of four (4) weeks of PPL benefits at seventy percent (70%) of current salary.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14.9, during the waiting period only, employees may elect to use sick leave, vacation, compensatory time or unpaid leave time.
4. During the six (6) weeks of PPL, the employee may, if he/she so desires, elect to use all, or part, of his/her accumulated but unused sick leave in order to make up any difference between one hundred percent (100%) of his/her gross wages and the amount which he/she receives under the PPL program, provided that all new (current year) sick leave accruals are exhausted before an employee may use the available

balance in his/her old sick leave bank. If an employee exhausts all sick leave benefits, other approved leave may be granted by the Appointing Authority.

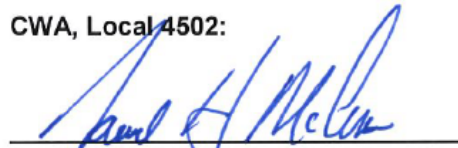
5. PPL must be taken as one continuous block of leave and may not be taken intermittently.
6. Any PPL which is granted for reasons permissible under FMLA leave shall count toward the twelve (12) week per year limitation.
7. While an employee is paid PPL benefits, vacation accruals shall cease. Holidays shall be paid at the PPL benefit rate as set forth in item #2.

DURATION

This MOU remains in full force and effect unless and until terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice.

City of Columbus:

CWA, Local 4502:



Nichole Brandon
Director, Department of Human Resources

David H. McCune
President

7/24/17
Date

7/20/17
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-03 (Updated 2019)

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 4502
REGARDING PAID CAREGIVER LEAVE**

The City of Columbus ("City") and Communications Workers of America (CWA) agree as follows:

Effective August 1, 2019, full-time City employees who meet the following criteria are eligible for up to four (4) weeks of Paid Caregiver Leave (PCL). Employees must have:

1. Completed one (1) year of continuous full-time City service;
2. Worked for a least one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) hours over the twelve (12) month period preceding the leave;
3. Not taken any PCL in the preceding rolling twelve (12) month period measured backward.

PCL may be taken when the employee's covered family member has a serious medical condition as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requiring the employee's care.

Covered family members under the FMLA are the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent as defined in the FMLA Regulations.

PCL benefits are as follows:

1. The eligible leave period of four (4) weeks begins on the date the employee requests leave to care for an eligible family member with a serious health condition.
2. Eligible employees may receive a total Paid Caregiver Leave benefit of four (4) weeks; this program shall provide for payment to the employee from the fifteenth (15th) day of the qualifying event for a maximum of two (2) weeks of PCL benefits at seventy percent (70%) of current salary.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14.9, during the waiting period only, employees may elect to use sick leave, vacation, compensatory time or unpaid leave time.
4. During the four (4) weeks of PCL, the employee may, if he/she so desires, elect to use all, or part, of his/her accumulated but unused sick leave in order to make up any difference between one hundred percent (100%) of his/her gross wages and the amount which he/she receives under the PCL program, provided that all new (current year) sick leave accruals are exhausted before an employee may use the available

- balance in his/her old sick leave bank. If an employee exhausts all sick leave benefits, other approved leave may be granted by the Appointing Authority.
5. PCL must be taken as one continuous block of leave and may not be taken intermittently.
 6. Any PCL which is granted for reasons permissible under FMLA leave shall count toward the twelve (12) week per year limitation.
 7. While an employee is paid PCL benefits, vacation accruals shall cease. Holidays shall be paid at the PCL benefit rate as set forth in item #2.

DURATION

This MOU remains in full force and effect until the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement, dated April 24, 2017 through April 23, 2020, and may be extended thereafter by mutual agreement of the parties.

City of Columbus:



Nichole Brandon
Director, Department of Human Resources

7/11/19
Date

CWA, Local 4502:



Susan Wilson
President, CWA Local 4502

7/11/19
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-05
BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 4502

Prohibition Against Medical Marijuana Use

The City of Columbus and the Communications Workers of America, Local 4502, hereby agree to the following provisions:

Thirty (30) days after any revisions to the federal Controlled Substances Act that render the use and/or possession of marijuana lawful, all references to medical marijuana in Article 16 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between CWA Local 4502 and the City will be null and void.

FOR THE CITY:



Nichole M. Brandon
Director of Human Resources

Date 11/15/17

FOR CWA:



David McCune
President

Date 11/15/17

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2017-06
BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 4502**

REGARDING SENIORITY

Employees in the Street Cleaning and Maintenance Supervisor and Parking Enforcement Supervisor job classifications may bid based upon classification seniority for shift, reporting location and work schedules (i.e. different days off or different regular hours) each time a vacancy in the classification occurs and the Appointing Authority determines to post the position.

This MOU will remain in full force and effect for the duration of the collective bargaining agreement between the City and CWA, Local unless modified by mutual agreement.

FOR THE CITY:



Nichole M. Brandon
Director of Human Resources

5/25/2021

DATE

FOR CWA:



Susan Wilson
President

4/26/21

DATE

~~MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2020-03~~

~~THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AND
COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) Local 4502~~

~~REGARDING ALTERNATE WORK ARRANGEMENTS FOR E-LEVEL EMPLOYEES~~

Flex Time for E-Level Employees

~~An Appointing Authority or designee shall determine whether to permit E-level employees to “flex” their time. The Appointing Authority or designee shall provide an employee with as much notice as practicable for decisions revoking or revising an employee’s permission to flex their schedule. The Appointing Authority or designee’s decision to allow, refuse, revise, or revoke flexible schedules is not grievable, except under Article 26 of the Agreement.~~

FOR THE CITY:

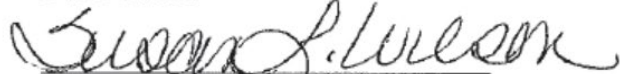


Nichole M. Brandon, Director
Department of Human Resources

5/24/2021

Date

FOR CWA:



Susan Wilson, President
CWA Local 4502

4/26/21

Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) #2021-05
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
AND
CWA Local 4502**

Certification Incentive Pay Program

The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and CWA Local 4502 agree to establish an incentive pay program in an effort to prepare employees to advance into related job classifications where a valid Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Class II Wastewater Collection System, Class II Water Distribution, or Class II Water Supply Operator Certificate is required by minimum qualification.

Incentive pay for certifications will be provided for each hour worked in the amount of:

- **\$0.25 per hour for Class I Wastewater Collection System, Class I Water Distribution, and Class I Water Supply Operator** certificate holders who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria outlined in this MOU.
- **\$.50 per hour for Class II Wastewater Collection System, Class II Water Distribution, and Class II Water Supply Operator** certificate holders who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria outlined in this MOU.

Unless specifically amended by this MOU all other wage related items shall be administered in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible classifications in the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Sewer Maintenance Operations Center, include:

- Sewer Maintenance Supervisor II
- Sewer Telemonitoring Supervisor

To receive incentive pay, employees in one of these classifications shall possess a valid Class I or Class II Wastewater Collection System Certificate from the Ohio EPA.

Eligible classifications in the Division of Water, Water Distribution Maintenance Section, include:

- Water Maintenance Supervisor II
- Water Maintenance Manager

To receive incentive pay, employees in one of these classifications shall possess a valid Class I or Class II Water Distribution or Water Supply Operator Certificate from the Ohio EPA.

Certification Preparation and Training

Employees will have the opportunity to prepare for their certification exam by participating in the preparation training offered by the Department. Training approvals, providers, offerings, and scheduling will be determined at the sole direction of management.

Notice to Human Resources

Employees who have earned one of the aforementioned Ohio EPA certificates and who work in one of the eligible classifications/work sections, as specified in the "Eligibility Criteria" section of this MOU, shall notify the DPU Human Resources Office by furnishing a copy of their certificate from the Ohio EPA. Incentive pay will be effective the first pay period following notice of certification to the DPU Human Resources Office. Incentive pay is not retroactive.

Maintaining Incentive Pay and a Valid Certificate

Employees will maintain eligibility for incentive pay so long as they continue working in an eligible classification within an eligible work section, as described in the "Eligibility Criteria" section of this MOU. If/when an employee changes classifications and/or work sections that are not eligible, incentive pay will be revoked effective the pay period of the date they became ineligible.

Employees who claim this incentive shall follow the continuing education and renewal rules established by the Ohio EPA to maintain a valid certificate. Certifications will be verified for validity at least once per year by the DPU Human Resources Section, working in conjunction with Management. Per chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code, a "Valid Certificate" means a certificate that is not expired, suspended, revoked or invalid.

Employees who are receiving an incentive and fail to maintain a valid certification shall notify the DPU Human Resources office within one (1) working day of loss of such certification. Employees who fail to notify human resources of the loss of certification will be subject to disciplinary action. Employees who fail to maintain a valid certification will have their hourly incentive revoked, effective the pay period of the date of loss.

DURATION

This MOU remains in full force and effect unless and until terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice.

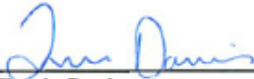
City of Columbus:



Nichole Brandon
Director, Department of Human Resources

11/23/2021

Date




Tracie Davies
Director, Department of Public Utilities

11/16/2021

Date

CWA Local 4502:



Susan Wilson, President
CWA Local 4502

11/16/2021

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2022-06 (REVISED)

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4502
AND
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

REGARDING WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY STAFFING

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502 hereby agree this Memorandum of Understanding shall apply to hourly and salaried employees who assist with snow and ice during the winter season in addition to performing their regular job duties. Unless specifically amended by this MOU, all wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment shall be administered in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

During Winter, the Department needs additional CDL licensed and non-CDL drivers for snow and ice removal or dispatch for heavy storms. Employees outside of Infrastructure Street Maintenance who meet the eligibility requirements and who perform snow and ice removal duties would be eligible for supplemental pay for performing these duties.

Eligible Employees to Participate in Snow and Ice Removal

Any employee who:

- Has completed successfully the Snow Warrior training; and
- Has the authorization by his/her supervisor to participate in snow/ice removal; and
- Has the following credentials:
 - A CDL Class A or B license and is part of the random CDL drug/alcohol testing pool; or
 - A regular driver's license.

Supplemental Pay for Snow and Ice Removal

1. For Class D employees:
 - a. If they are assigned to do snow and ice duties in lieu of their regular job duties, they will be paid a four percent (4%) working out of class premium pay for all hours worked on these duties, when those hours would be part of their normal forty (40) hour work week.
 - b. For hours worked outside of the normal work week, they are eligible for overtime pay pursuant to Section 15.4, or call-back pay pursuant to Section 15.6, whichever is appropriate for the situation.
2. For Class E employees:
 - a. If they are assigned to do snow and ice duties in lieu of their regular job duties, they will be paid a four percent (4%) working out of class premium pay for all hours worked on these duties, when those hours are within their regular work schedule.
 - b. If these duties occur outside of their regular work schedule, they shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours or the actual hours worked, whichever is greater, at the following rates of pay based upon their classification pay range:

PR 56: \$55.00/hr

PR 57: \$62.00/hr

PR 58: \$69.00/hr

Actual hours worked shall include thirty (30) minutes of travel time to the reporting location.

Duration

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination, but the duration shall be no longer than April 23, 2026.

FOR THE CITY:

FOR THE UNION:

Jennifer E. Edwards, Chief Negotiator

Sarah Ingles, Chief Negotiator

Date

Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2022-09
BETWEEN CWA LOCAL 4502
AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
AUDITOR'S OFFICE
INCOME TAX DIVISION**

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502, the parties hereto agree to the following provisions being enacted for employees in the Office Assistant III, Income Tax Auditor II, Income Tax Auditor Supervisor, and Income Tax Auditor Specialist classifications, assigned to the Income Tax Division of the Auditor's Office.

HOURS OF WORK

The normal workweek shall consist of five (5) eight (8) hour days. The alternate work schedule covered by this MOU shall consist of four (4) ten (10) hour days that shall be worked as follows:

Workgroup A	Monday – Thursday	7:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Workgroup A	Monday – Thursday	7:15 A.M. – 5:45 P.M.
Workgroup A	Monday – Thursday	7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Workgroup B	Tuesday – Friday	7:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Workgroup B	Tuesday – Friday	7:15 A.M. – 5:45 P.M.
Workgroup B	Tuesday – Friday	7:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY PAY

The provisions contained in Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (herein referred to as the "Agreement"), shall govern the eligibility and usage of holiday pay for those employees covered herein, unless specifically changed hereunder.

In accordance with Article 12, the Appointing Authority shall adjust the workweek schedule for a holiday week, to consist of five (5) eight (8) hour workdays. Time off on the holiday is equal to eight (8) hours.

DISABILITY LEAVE PROCEDURES

All full-time employees working ten (10) hour days shall be eligible to participate in the City's disability leave program as provided in Article 18 of the Agreement, provided however, that a ten (10) hour employee on approved disability leave shall receive 81% of said employee's gross wage under the following formula:

The employee's gross wage shall be computed on a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week in which an employee is off work.

The employee shall receive 81% of their gross wage based upon said forty (40) hour workweek for each full week the employee is off work.

For any partial week in which an employee is on the disability program, the employee shall receive 81% of their gross wage, under the above noted formula, prorated to the number of hours the employee is off work due to disability during their regularly scheduled workweek.

COMPENSATORY TIME

Any eligible employee who requests and is granted compensatory time off for a day on which they are scheduled to work a ten (10) hour shift shall be charged ten (10) hours of compensatory time for said day off. For compensatory time of less than one (1) full work day, an employee shall be charged in increments of not less than one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time on compensatory time during any ten (10) hour shift.

VACATION LEAVE

Any employee who requests and is granted a vacation day off for any day on which they are scheduled to work a ten (10) hour shift shall be charged ten (10) hours of vacation for said day off. For vacation leaves of less than one (1) full day, an employee shall be charged in increments of one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time off during any shift.

PERSONAL BUSINESS DAY

Personal Business Day entitlement and usage shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Agreement. Employees covered herein must either supplement the remaining time with vacation leave or compensatory time or must report to work for the remaining two (2) hours.

SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENT AND USAGE

Sick leave entitlement and usage shall be administered for employees covered by this MOU in accordance with the provisions of Article 13 of the Agreement with the following modifications:

For each ten (10) hours of regular work from which the employee is absent, sick leave pay shall be used at a rate of ten (10) hours. For sick leave of less than one full work day, employees shall be charged in increments of not less than one-tenth (1/10) hour for all time on sick leave during any ten (10) hour shift.

OVERTIME ELIGIBILITY AND PAY

Overtime eligibility and pay shall be administered as provided in Article 15 of the Agreement.

MORATORIUM

Each year, to maintain staff coverage during tax season, the approval of vacation requests are limited to special circumstances. During this moratorium, the Appointing Authority shall adjust the workweek schedule to consist of five (5) eight (8) hour workdays. All employees assigned to an alternate work schedule covered by this MOU shall return to their normal workweek upon conclusion of the moratorium.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the alternative work schedule covered by this MOU, full-time employees currently in their probationary period must receive an average rating of "Fully Competent" on their one hundred twenty (120)-day probationary period appraisal.

NON-PARTICIPANTS

Any employee choosing not to participate in the four (4) ten (10) hour per day work schedule shall be assigned to the traditional five (5) eight (8) hour per day workweek schedule.

During January of each year, each full-time employee has the opportunity to change their participation status in the alternate work schedule covered by this MOU. Additional changes must be approved by the Appointing Authority.

DURATION

This alternate work schedule is considered a pilot program for the Income Tax Division. This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice.

FOR THE CITY:



Nichole M. Brandon, Director
Department of Human Resources

12/19/22
Date


Megan N. Kilgore
City Auditor

12/19/2022
Date

FOR THE UNION:


Susan L. Williams, President
CWA Local 4502

12/14/2022
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2023-01

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4502
AND
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS**

REGARDING ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502 hereby agree as follows:

All bargaining unit members employed as of the date of City Council's acceptance of the 2023-2026 Agreement between the Parties will receive a one (1) time payment in the gross amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), less applicable withholdings.

FOR THE CITY:

FOR THE UNION:

Jennifer E. Edwards, Chief Negotiator

Sarah Ingles, Chief Negotiator

Date

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2023-02

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA (CWA) LOCAL 4502
AND
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

REGARDING TRAFFIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (“TERT”) PREMIUM PAY

The City of Columbus and CWA Local 4502 hereby agree this Memorandum of Understanding shall apply to employees who work on the Traffic Emergency Response Team (“TERT”). Unless specifically amended by this MOU, all wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment shall be administered in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The TERT is a program that the Department of Public Service provides to help mitigate large traffic incidents that last more than two hours. TERT responds to incidents at the request of the Columbus Police Department. They assist with lane or road closures on major roadways and help coordinate efforts to clean up the roadway and reopen it to traffic. They work closely with Police, Fire, and other City entities as well as outside agencies to make the incident as safe as possible not only for first responders but for the travelling public as well.

Eligible Employees for TERT

Employees in Traffic Management, Infrastructure Management, or the Director’s Office who have the following qualifications:

- Must have exemplary communication skills (verbal and written).
- Must be able to follow as well as give instruction in a calm and respectful manner.
- Daily work must be independent. A TERT member cannot be a part of a crew.
- Adapt easily to quickly changing conditions and or supervision.
- Be comfortable working next to high speed traffic.
- Be able to endure unpleasant sights found at crash scenes.
- Be capable of lifting and carrying at least 60 pounds.
- Works well and follows through with duties under minimum supervision.
- Driver’s license required.
- Complete TERT Training.
- Have authorization by his/her supervisor to be a TERT member.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Working knowledge of general Maintenance of Traffic (“MOT”) principles.
- Know the City of Columbus Standard MOT Drawings.
- Know ODOT MOT typical applications.
- Be familiar with the best practices and procedures on how to set up a safe work zone.
- Know the TERT Policy.
- Have a mindset of continuous improvement.
- Maintain equipment, e.g. truck, cones, arrow board.

- Report back to TERT Coordinator within 48 hours after an incident with the details and debrief of the situation.
- Attend monthly TERT meetings as required.
- If a member wishes to withdraw voluntarily from the TERT, the member is required to provide at least two (2) weeks' notice.

Scheduling for TERT Members

TERT members may be called at any time during the day or night to respond to an incident. Because the TERT Team includes employees from multiple divisions and classifications, an overtime equalization list is not feasible. TERT members are set up on a rotational schedule so they know when they might get called to report. If the employee needs time off during their scheduled rotation, they need to identify a substitute TERT member to swap rotations and notify the TERT Coordinator in advance.

Reasons for Potential Removal from the TERT Team

- Disrespect towards a fellow TERT member or any other person on scene at the incident (Police, Fire, EMS, Water, etc.).
- Failing to respond to two (2) TERT calls during a rolling calendar month.
- Failure to properly execute the proper set up (taper length, taper placement, cone spacing, etc.).
- Display of dangerous activity while on a response.

Incentive Premium Pay

Employees who meet the qualifications for TERT and who have satisfied all TERT training requirements are eligible for additional TERT compensation, as follows:

1. For D Class employees, they will receive a premium pay added to their base rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour for the duration that they serve on the TERT. They are eligible for overtime and call-back pay pursuant to Article 15 of the Agreement.
2. For E Class employees, they will only be contacted if an insufficient number of the TERT team are available to handle the assignment and will not be on the regular TERT schedule. If these employees are required to handle a TERT situation, they shall be paid for a minimum of three (3) hours or the actual hours worked, whichever is greater, at the following rates of pay based upon their classification pay range:

PR 56: \$55.00/hr
 PR 57: \$62.00/hr
 PR 58: \$69.00/hr

Actual hours worked shall include thirty (30) minutes of travel time to the reporting location.

Duration

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other party thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination, but the duration shall be no longer than March 31, 2026.

FOR THE CITY:

Jennifer E. Edwards
City Chief Negotiator

Date

FOR CWA:

Sarah Ingles
CWA Chief Negotiator

Date

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING #2023-03
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND CWA LOCAL 4502
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Division of Fleet Management**

The City of Columbus ("City") and CWA Local 4502 agree that the following provisions be enacted for CWA employees who have been assigned to and approved for a regular work schedule consisting of four (4) ten (10) hour days:

HOLIDAY PAY

- (A) The provisions contained in Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) shall govern the eligibility and usage of holiday pay for those employees covered herein, unless specifically changed hereunder.
- (B) Any employee who does not work a day on which a holiday is celebrated shall be paid ten (10) hours straight-time hourly rate of pay for said holiday.
- (C) Any employee who is working a ten (10) hour shift on a day celebrated as a holiday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) or double time if applicable for all hours worked, in addition to their regular ten (10) hours of straight time pay for the holiday.

DISABILITY LEAVE PROCEDURE

- (A) CWA employees assigned to work ten (10) hour days shall be eligible for the City's disability leave program as provided in Article 18 of the Agreement and shall receive the applicable percentage of the employee's gross wages under the following formula:
 - 1. The employee's gross wage shall be computed on a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week in which that employee is off work.
 - 2. The employee shall receive the referenced percentage in Section 18.7 based upon a forty (40) hour workweek for each full week the employee is off work.
 - 3. For any partial week in which an employee is on the disability program, the employee shall receive eighty-one percent (81%) of their gross wages, under the above noted formula prorated to the number of hours the employee is off work due to disability during their regularly scheduled work week.

Duration

This MOU may be terminated by either party giving to the other at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination.

FOR THE CITY:

FOR THE UNION:

Jennifer E. Edwards, Chief Negotiator

Sarah Ingles, Chief Negotiator

Date

Date

APPENDIX E - Side Letters

Side Letter #1 (Revised September 2014)

September 18, 2014

William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road, Room 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Subject: Voluntary Legal Insurance Plan

Dear Bill:

This letter will confirm and document certain understandings and representations of the parties in connection with the settlement of the 1994-97 collective bargaining agreement (the "Agreement") between the City of Columbus, Ohio and the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4502. Specifically, CWA is desirous of providing a voluntary group legal services plan to full-time members of the bargaining unit with the premiums to be paid entirely by participating members of the bargaining unit and, to that end, has requested that the City grant it one payroll deduction slot for the voluntary deduction of monthly premiums from participating bargaining unit members' wages. As part of the resolution of the parties' Agreement, the City has agreed to provide CWA with a payroll deduction slot for this purpose, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The group legal services plan sponsored by CWA will be the complete and sole responsibility of CWA to process, administer and monitor.
2. The City will provide CWA access to an available payroll deduction slot (one deduction slot for use by the CWA bargaining unit) and will facilitate enrollment by eligible bargaining unit members of CWA in individual City departments by agreeing to have payroll clerks process the payroll deduction authorizations for the group legal services plan.

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3. The actual amount to be deducted each month for the CWA-sponsored group legal services plan shall be certified to the City Auditor by the Treasurer of the Union, and shall be based on a uniform amount for each employee in order to ease the City's burden of administering this agreement. This amount will not be changed more than once each fiscal year during the life of this agreement. The Union will give the City a forty-five (45) day notice of any such change in the monthly amount to be deducted.
4. Deductions shall be made during one (1) pay period each month; if any participating bargaining unit member's pay for the period is insufficient to cover the deduction for the plan after withholding all other legal and required deductions (including CWA dues, if any), no deduction will be made for such employee for that month. Information concerning amounts properly not deducted under this paragraph will discharge the City's only responsibility with regard to such cases; there will be no retroactive deduction of such amounts from future earnings. Deductions shall cease at such time as a strike or work stoppage occurs in violation of Article 9 (No Strike-No Lockout).
5. The City's role will be solely clerical in nature, that is, to process the amount of the payroll deduction for the group legal services plan and to transmit the monies deducted from the payroll.
6. Only full-time bargaining unit members who have properly executed the required payroll deduction authorization card for the group legal services plan (a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix F) shall be eligible to participate in the payroll deduction plan for the group legal services plan.
7. An annual enrollment period during the month of February each year is hereby established, during which interested eligible bargaining unit members may sign a payroll deduction card for the plan. Payroll deduction authorization cards received by the City on or after March 1 of each year shall be deemed invalid. In any event, the City shall not be obligated in any way to honor the payroll deduction authorization cards that are untimely.
8. The City shall continue to make the appropriate monthly deduction from the pay of a participating bargaining unit member until such time as the City receives a written revocation of the authorization for payroll deduction during the month of February signed by the participating member, or notice of an employee's death, transfer out of the bargaining unit, or termination

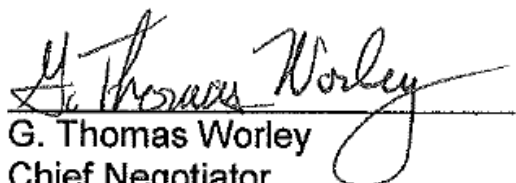
of City employment. To be valid and effective a written revocation of the authorization for payroll deduction must be submitted and received by the City during the month of February.

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9. The City will be held harmless from any claims, actions, or proceedings commenced by any person or employee(s) against the City arising out of the terms of this side letter of agreement or its implementation.
10. This side letter of agreement shall expire April 24, 2017.

Please sign this letter in the space provided below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understandings of the parties.

Sincerely,



G. Thomas Worley
Chief Negotiator
City of Columbus

Agreed and accepted on
behalf of CWA Local 4502



William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator

Date 12-11-14

Side Letter #2 (Revised September 2014)

September 18, 2014

William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA, Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road, Room 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Dear Bill:

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding #1998-06

The City commits that during this Agreement period that the subject matter covered in Memorandum of Understanding #1998-06 will be referred to the City Attorney and other appropriate administrators in order to seek an arrangement which would not require a further extension of said memorandum of understanding.

Sincerely,


G. Thomas Worley
City Chief Negotiator

Side Letter #3

November 21, 1994

William C. Moul, Esq.
Thompson, Hine and Flory
One Columbus
10 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3435

Subject: 1994-97 City of Columbus CWA Agreement (Separate Supplemental Agreements Regarding Golf Professionals and Golf Program Managers)

Dear Bill:

This letter will confirm and document certain understandings and representations of the parties in connection with the settlement of the 1994-97 collective bargaining agreement (the "Agreement") between the City of Columbus, Ohio and the Columbus Municipal Association of Government Employees (CWA). Specifically, negotiators for the parties have become aware of the fact that certain terms and conditions of employment for Golf Professionals and Golf Program Managers exist which are not reflected in the parties' Agreement, and that such conditions of employment historically have been worked out directly between the City and the individuals involved. These conditions of employment include such things as arrangements for the operation of golf pro shops, individual and group lessons and the rental of equipment. The parties agree that the Agreement does not alter or affect these pre-existing arrangements, and that such conditions of employment for these individual employees shall continue to be established by individual agreements with the employees involved, which agreements will not require the ratification or approval of CWA. Such individual agreements shall not reduce any benefit set forth in the Agreement.

Please sign this letter in the space provided below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understandings of the parties.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Long
Chief Negotiator
City of Columbus

Agreed and accepted on
Behalf of CWA
William C. Moul
Signed 2-21-1995

Side Letter #11 (Revised September 2014)

September 18, 2014


William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road, Room 200
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Dear Bill:

Subject: Veterans Day

When the Mayor authorizes release time for Veterans Day, the City shall make every reasonable effort to allow CWA members who are veterans release time to participate in the activities.

Sincerely,


G. Thomas Worley
City Chief Negotiator

Agreed and accepted on behalf of CWA:



William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator

Date 12-11-14

Side Letter #13

September 18, 2014

William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road
Room 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Dear Bill:

This letter is to document the parties' recognition of the existence of the Continuing Quality Improvement Process (CQIP) by participating agencies.

The parties agree that quality outcomes and improvements resulting from CQIP will not be used as the basis or rationale for layoffs. If, as the result of the CQIP actions or recommendations, CWA classifications are changed or altered, jobs are abolished, or positions eliminated, management shall attempt to find other suitable employment within the CWA employee's job family. If an affected employee's current pay rate is higher than the maximum pay rate of a new position, the employee's salary shall be placed in Step X until such time as the employee's pay schedule catches up to the Step X hourly rate. CWA employees shall not be subjected to loss of pay or layoff pending suitable placement under this letter of agreement.

No provision of this letter of agreement shall be construed to prevent the City from exercising its rights provided in the parties' collective bargaining agreement or in law to layoff bargaining unit employees or abolish bargaining unit positions for reasons other than outcomes and improvements resulting from CQIP.

Please sign this letter in the space below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understanding of the parties.

Sincerely,



G. Thomas Worley
City Chief Negotiator

Agreed and accepted on behalf of Local 4502:



William H. Bain
Local 4502 Chief Negotiator

Side Letter #14 (Revised September 2014)

September 18, 2014

William H. Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road
Room 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Dear Bill:

This letter is to document the parties' discussion regarding Section 15.6. Section 15.6 of the collective bargaining agreement remains unchanged from the 2008-2011 agreement language, but Local 4502 agrees with the City's application of the language; meaning that call-back pay is for the "inconvenience" of an employee being required to report back to work during unscheduled working hours and not having the ability to decline the call-back without good cause. Additionally, Section 15.6 (Call-Back Assignment and Pay) is separate and distinct from Section 15.4(D) and voluntary overtime distribution where an employee has the right to accept or deny the offer of overtime. Further, if a sufficient number of employees is not secured through the provisions of 15.4(D), the City maintains the right to require the least senior employee(s) on a rotating basis who normally performs the work to perform said overtime; and it is not considered a call-back assignment.

Please sign this letter in the space below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understanding of the parties.

Sincerely,



G. Thomas Worley
City Chief Negotiator

Agreed and accepted on behalf of Local 4502:



William H. Bain
Local 4502 Chief Negotiator

Side Letter #15 (Revised September 2014)

September 18, 2014

Bill Bain
Chief Negotiator
CWA Local 4502
20525 Center Ridge Road
Room 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Dear Bill:

Subject: Merit reviews and wage compression issues


The parties agree that when a bargaining unit member is considered for annual merit pursuant to Section 17.2(G) and qualifies for a merit pay increase, an appointing authority may consider wage compression as one of the factors when determining the amount of the merit pay increase. Moreover, the parties understand, however, that generally wage compression is more appropriately addressed under Section 17.9, which is the usual process, but in certain circumstances an appointing authority may consider wage compression as one of many factors in determining merit increases.

Sincerely,



G. Thomas Worley
City Chief Negotiator

Agreed and accepted on behalf of CWA:



William H. Bain
CWA
Chief Negotiator

Side Letter #16

September 18, 2014

G. Thomas Worley
Chief Negotiator
City of Columbus
77 N. Front Street, Room 101
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Tom:

SUBJECT: Article 18 - Insurance

This side letter is to document the parties' understanding regarding Article 18, Insurance.

The parties agree that prior to, and during the life of this Agreement, insurance benefits have been and may be enhanced based upon the enactment of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or similar legislation and/or regulatory requirements. The parties also recognize that the City has no control over the extent or duration of these required enhancements. Nonetheless, if the benefit of any required enhancement decreases to a level below what the City offered prior to these enhancements, the City will continue the prior level of insurance for the duration of this Agreement or will establish an alternative level by mutual agreement of the parties. If any such decrease to a government-mandated insurance benefit occurs, the City will provide notice to the Union of the nature of the change. The parties will then meet and confer before implementation of any such changes. It is also understood that in any event, for the duration of this agreement there shall be no diminishment of insurance coverage or benefits from that which was permitted in December 2013 without the express written consent of the Union.

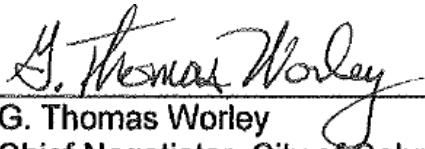
Please sign the letter in the space below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understanding of the parties.

Sincerely,



William H. Bain
CWA Chief Negotiator

Agreed and accepted on behalf of City of Columbus:



G. Thomas Worley
Chief Negotiator, City of Columbus

Side Letter #19

December 31, 2020

Jonathan C. Wentz
BARKAN MEIZLISH DEROSE
WENTZ MCINERNEY PEIFER, LLP
250 E. Broad Street, 10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

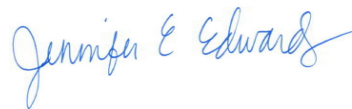
Dear Jon:

SUBJECT: ~~Telecommuting~~

~~An Appointing Authority or designee may permit E-level employees, by mutual agreement, to telecommute on a temporary, occasional, or regular basis dependent upon operational efficiencies and essential functions. Employees granted permission to telecommute will be required to attend in-person meetings or appointments as determined by the Appointing Authority or designee; E-level employees who telecommute are not entitled to any additional pay, reimbursement, or incentives for reporting to a location as directed by their Appointing Authority or designee. The employee's telecommuting arrangement must be in writing and approved in advance by the employee's manager or supervisor and shall be kept on file with the Department's Human Resources.~~

~~The Appointing Authority's decision to allow, refuse, revise, or revoke permission to telecommute is not grievable, except under Article 26. This Side Letter does not restrict an Appointing Authority's ability to respond to an emergency situation that requires employees to telecommute, such as the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. This Side Letter does not restrict the Union's rights with respect to the City's or an Appointing Authority's response to an emergency situation. The parties retain their respective rights and positions regarding whether the City may require a work group, section, Division or Department to telecommute and nothing contained in this letter expands or reduces the rights of either party.~~

Sincerely,



Jennifer E. Edwards
City Chief Negotiator

Side Letter #20

December 31, 2020

Jonathan C. Wentz
BARKAN MEIZLISH DEROSE
WENTZ MCINERNEY PEIFER, LLP
250 E. Broad Street, 10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Jon:

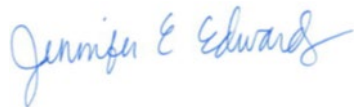
SUBJECT: Article 18 - Insurance Information Sharing

The City and the Union are committed to sharing information on employee insurance benefits and usage trends. The City will, on at least a semi-annual basis/quarterly basis, share with the Union the following related to CWA's members:

- Healthcare fund status updates regarding utilization of the plan and associated costs (semi-annual).
- High cost claims for medical and behavioral health (semi-annual).
- High cost claims for pharmacy (quarterly).
- Out-of-network usage (semi-annual).
- Subrogation (semi-annual).

Additionally, once per year, the City will meet with CWA specifically to discuss the funding rate calculation performed by the City's actuary. The City shall also provide CWA, upon request, with information reasonably necessary to evaluate the cost and quality of benefits. The Union shall contact the Employee Benefits & Risk Manager to request such additional information regarding the City's insurance plans.

Sincerely,



Jennifer E. Edwards
City Chief Negotiator

SIDE LETTER #21

June 16, 2023

Sarah Ingles
Wentz, McInerney, Peifer & Petroff LLC
14 E. Gay Street
Columbus, OH 43215

CWA Local 4502

Re: Procedure for Successor Negotiations

Dear Sarah,

This letter sets forth the process to be followed for the negotiation of successor agreements to the Collective Bargaining Agreement ending April 23, 2026. Nothing in this letter of intent changes or modifies, nor shall it be interpreted to change or to modify, any provision contained in Article 27 of our 2023-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement, nor does the letter limit the right of either party to make proposals regarding Article 27 during bargaining.

The City and the Union (“the parties”) agree to the following:

1. It is in the interest of the parties to schedule dates for bargaining and to hold an appropriate amount of bargaining sessions prior to the expiration of the 2023-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. The parties agree to meet and confer to schedule bargaining dates by the last day of October prior to the expiration of the contract, at the latest. The parties will present at the scheduling meeting in good faith and with a list of available dates for their respective bargaining teams.
 - a. The parties agree to schedule bargaining dates in an amount that may exceed but is at least equal to the average of one full bargaining day per week, beginning January 1st through the date of expiration of the contract.
 - b. The parties agree that they will schedule at least four full days of bargaining prior to the date of February 15th.
3. The parties understand that, at times, schedules may change and circumstances may arise that cause the parties to cancel previously scheduled bargaining dates. The parties agree to work in good faith to avoid cancellation of scheduled bargaining dates, unless mutually agreed. However, in instances where bargaining dates must be cancelled, the parties will, in good faith, attempt to schedule the substituted bargaining date as close to the cancelled date as possible.

The Union may submit its first information request following the Union’s filing of the Notice to Negotiate with the State Employment Relations Board and service upon the City. The Union agrees the City must only respond to information requests from Local 4502 tailored

to the relationship between the City and the Union. The City will endeavor to provide as many responses to the requested information as practicable by the deadline set forth in the information request, which shall be no shorter than 30 days, but at least by three days prior to the first scheduled bargaining date. If the City cannot provide responses to the information request three days prior to the first scheduled bargaining date, it will provide as much information as practicable and a date by which the Union should expect the remaining responses to the information request. Please sign the letter in the space below if the foregoing accurately reflects the understanding of the parties.

Sincerely,

Jennifer E. Edwards
City Chief Negotiator

Agreed to and accepted on behalf of CWA Local 4502:

Sarah Ingles
CWA Chief Negotiator

SIDE LETTER #22

June 14, 2023

Sarah Ingles
Wentz, McInerney, Peifer & Petroff LLC
14 E. Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

CWA Local 4502

Re: Water Research Analyst I and COAAA Aging Programs Classifications

Dear Sarah:

This letter is to confirm information the City conveyed to CWA regarding wage rate adjustments for the Water Research Analyst I classification in the Department of Public Utilities, and the following classifications located in the Department of Recreation and Parks, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA): Aging Programs Care Coordinator, Aging Programs Outreach Specialist, Aging Programs Provider Relations Specialist, and Aging Programs Case Management Supervisor I. Pursuant to Article 17, Section 17.9, the City intends to adjust the wage rates of the bargaining unit incumbents in the classifications listed above. The City intends for this wage rate adjustment to occur no later than July 30, 2023.

Thank you for bringing the appropriateness of these wage rate adjustments to the City's attention.

Sincerely,

Jennifer E. Edwards
City Chief Negotiator

APPENDIX F – FORMS

Original to Supervisor then to
Payroll
Send a Copy to the Union Office

City of Columbus – CWA Local 4502 Request for Leave for Union Business

In accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement, this completed document shall act as notification of and a request for authorization to absent myself from my regular job duties or worksite to conduct the Union business described below.

Name: _____

Expected:

Date: ___ / ___ / ___ Start Time ___:___ a.m. /p.m. End Time ___:___ a.m. /p.m.

Destination Phone Number:

Union Hall Phone#: 485-1265 Other Location _____ Phone #: _____

Description:

Acting Vice President Secretary/Treasurer Representative
 Trustee Member Other

Purpose:

Employee Contact Answer Telephone Inquiry
 Answer Management Inquiry Board Meeting
 Representative Meeting Training
 Representing Employee Officer Duties
 Complaint Investigation Issue: Investigatory Meeting

Resolved? Yes No If no, Grievance number assigned ___ - 201__

Grievance Hearing Grievance # ___ - 201__ Step 1 Step 2

Other _____

Check here if this form is submitted to document the cumulative time spent today responding to short phone inquiries or in-person conversations initiated by others. (Attach additional sheet for cumulative time spent.) All other situations require prior approval of the supervisor.

Union Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Designated Management Representative: _____ Date: _____

Actual Hours Charge to Union Leave: _____ President/Vice President Initials: _____

**City of Columbus
Notice to CWA Local 4502
Summary of Investigation**

Employee: _____ **Classification:** _____
Division: _____ **Department:** _____

**Date management acquired
knowledge:** _____

**Date Investigation was
completed:** _____

Alleged incident:

The following action is being taken with regards to this incident:

- _____ **The Appointing Authority intends to end the investigation with no further action.**
- _____ **Counseling, which may be oral or written and is not considered disciplinary action.**
- _____ **Issuance of an Oral Reprimand**
- _____ **Issuance of an Written Reprimand**
- _____ **The Appointing Authority intends to bring disciplinary charges against this employee.**

_____ **Management Designee** _____ **Title** _____ **Date**

Distribution:
Copy: CWA Local 4502
Original: Investigative Package

**City of Columbus
Disciplinary Reprimand Form
For Use With CWA Local 4502**

_____ Oral Reprimand	_____ Written Reprimand
Employee: _____	Classification: _____
Division: _____	Department: _____

Violation of Central Work Rule # _____

Violation of Dept./Division Policies (if applicable): _____

On _____ **(date of occurrence), this employee engaged in conduct which violated the above listed rules and/or policies. The following is a brief explanation of the violation:**

_____	_____
Appointing Authority or Designee	Date

On this date, _____, I issued and reviewed the contents of this document with the named employee.

_____	_____
Supervisor Signature	Date

_____	_____
Employee Signature	Date

Distribution: Original to Human Resources Unit;
Copies to Employee and Union

CWA LOCAL 4502
WAIVER OF UNION REPRESENTATION

Pursuant to Section 7.1(B) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the undersigned employee of the CWA Local 4502 bargaining unit agrees to waive the right to Union representation when meeting with the undersigned representatives of Management of the respective Department/Division.

Employee **Date**

Management Representative **Date**

Department/Division **Date**

Original: CWA Local 4502
Copy: Department/Division
Copy: Employee

Waiverform11/05



**Communications Workers of America,
Local 4502
399 E Main Street, Suite #200
Columbus, OH 43215**

Payroll Deduction Authorization Agreement

Beginning in ____/____, I hereby authorize the City of Columbus to deduct from my
(Month/Year)

compensation, and each month thereafter, an amount equal to regular monthly union dues, as certified in writing to the City of Columbus by the Treasurer of Communications Workers of America, Local 4502 (“Union”), or the Union’s duly constituted agent. Each amount so deducted shall be remitted by the City of Columbus to the Treasurer of Union, or the Union’s duly constituted agent. If for any reason the City of Columbus fails to make a deduction, I authorize the City of Columbus to make and remit such deduction in a subsequent payroll period.

I understand and agree that this Payroll Deduction Authorization Agreement is voluntarily made and not conditioned on my present or future membership in the Union, nor is it considered a quid pro quo for Union membership. This authorization is irrevocable and shall continue in effect, regardless of membership in the Union, unless it is cancelled by written notice to the City of Columbus Payroll Department and the Treasurer of Union, not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before any annual anniversary date of my execution of this Payroll Deduction Authorization Agreement, not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days before any annual anniversary date of the effective date of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Union and the City of Columbus, or at or after the date of expiration or termination of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of Columbus and the Union.

(Date)

(Signature of Employee Authorizing Payroll Deduction)

Return this Payroll Deduction Authorization Agreement to:

CWA Local 4502
399 E. Main Street
Suite 200
Columbus, OH 43215

CMAGE/CWA LOCAL 4502
LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM – RECEIVER APPLICATION FORM

Attachment A

Pay Period Beginning _____ through Pay Period Ending _____ (to be completed by Division Payroll)

I. PERSON ASKING TO RECEIVE LEAVE (to be completed by employee requesting vacation leave donation)

Receiving Employee:

(Last Name) (First) (Middle Initial)

Department: _____

Division: _____ Section: _____

Bargaining Unit: CMAGE/CWA Local 4502

II. MEDICAL INFORMATION (to be completed by the attending physician of the employee requesting vacation leave donation)

My patient has an illness or injury that is not related to his/her employment with the City of Columbus.

Prognosis: _____

[The prognosis must place the employee off work for a minimum of one (1) full pay period, which is equivalent to two (2) weeks.]

Date: _____

Doctor signature

III CERTIFICATION (to be completed by employee requesting vacation leave donation)

I hereby certify that I have exhausted all accumulated paid leave and all disability leave benefits.

Date: _____

Employee Signature

Department/Division Verification

Date: _____

Department/Division HR Signature

Date: _____

Approved:

Denied:

Department of Human Resources Signature

CMAGE/CWA LOCAL 4502
LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM – DONOR APPLICATION FORM

Attachment B

Pay Period Beginning _____ through Pay Period Ending _____ (to be completed by Division Payroll)

I. DONOR INFORMATION (to be completed by employee donating vacation leave)

Donating Employee:

(Last Name) (First) (Middle Initial)

Department: _____

Division: _____ Section: _____

Bargaining Unit: CMAGE/CWA Local 4502

Number of vacation hours donated: _____ [Must be in increments of four (4) hours.]

II. PERSON TO RECEIVE LEAVE (to be completed by employee donating vacation leave)

Receiving Employee:

(Last Name) (First) (Middle Initial)

Department: _____

Division: _____ Section: _____

Bargaining Unit: CMAGE/CWA Local 4502

III. CERTIFICATION (to be completed by employee donating vacation leave)

I hereby certify that I have sufficient vacation leave available to me to donate and that this request is made voluntarily. I was not coerced, intimidated or financially induced to donate vacation leave. My signature verifies that I relinquish all rights to the vacation leave designated above and the benefits accruing to or attached to the same. I understand that the donation of vacation leave is irrevocable and irreversible, and that donated vacation leave will not be removed from my vacation leave bank until it is needed by the employee requesting the donation.

Date: _____

Signature of Donating Employee

Department/Division Verification

Date: _____

Department/Division HR Signature

CMAGE/CWA LOCAL 4502
LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM – NOTIFICATION FORM
Attachment C

EMPLOYEE APPROVED TO RECEIVE VACATION LEAVE

The Department of Human Resources has approved _____
to receive vacation leave donations from CMAGE/CWA Local 4502 bargaining unit members in
the Division of _____.

Date: _____

APPENDIX G – Civil Service Rule XIIC

APPENDIX H

It is the intent of the Parties that the increased cost of premiums for new hires on or after January 1, 2018 shall be shared equally based upon the number of bargaining unit employees enrolled in the City's insurance program as of the pay period that includes July 1 January 1. ~~Effective with the pay period that includes April 1, 2022 and thereafter,~~ The monthly premium will be increased to include the difference between the applicable premium for those hired before January 1, 2018 (15%) and the premium for those hired after January 1, 2018 (20%). The formula for this calculation is included in Appendix H.

Appendix H - Calculation Example

Monthly Funding Rate established by the actuary	\$1,031.61	\$2,579.03
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Premium for Employees hired before January 1, 2018	\$154.74	\$386.85
Premium for Employees hired on/after January 1, 2018	\$206.32	\$515.81
Difference	\$51.58	\$128.96
# Rate Units hired before January 1, 2018 as of January <u>July</u> 1, 2022 ⁽¹⁾	(I) = 330 * 1.0 + 800 * 2.5 = 2,330.0	
# Rate Units hired on/after January 1, 2018 as of January <u>July</u> 1, 2022 ⁽¹⁾	(K) = 128 * 1.0 + 101 * 2.5 = 380.5	
% Rate Units hired on/after January 1, 2018 as of January <u>July</u> 1, 2022	14.0%	

Additional increase amount to be added April 1, 2022	\$7.24	\$18.10
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	Blended Single	Blended Family
Premium for Employees hired before January 1, 2018	\$154.74	\$386.85
Additional increase amount to be added April 1, 2022	\$7.24	\$18.10
Blended Rate	\$161.98	\$404.95
Contribution %	15.7%	15.7%

APPENDIX I

Benefits	CWA	CWA HDHP
Deductible		
In-Network	\$300 sgl / \$600 fam	\$1600 sgl / \$3200 fam
Non-Network	\$800 sgl / \$1600 fam	\$3200 sgl / \$6400 fam
Coinsurance		
In-Network	80% / 20%	80% / 20% after ded
Non-Network	60% / 40%	60% / 40% after ded
Out of Pocket Maximum		
In-Network	\$700 sgl / \$1200 fam	\$3000 sgl / \$6000 fam
Non-Network	\$1600 sgl / \$3200 fam	\$6000 sgl / \$9000 fam
Office Visit		
Primary Care	\$20 copay	20% after ded
Specialist	\$30 copay	40% after ded
Hospital Inpatient Stay		
In-Network	20% after ded	20% after ded
Non-Network	40% after ded	40% after ded
Outpatient Surgery		
In-Network	20% after ded	20% after ded
Non-Network	40% after ded	40% after ded
Emergency Room		
In-Network	\$150 \$75 copay & 20% after ded; copay waived if admitted	20% after ded
Non-Network	same as in-network	same as in-network
Urgent Care		
In-Network	\$30 copay	20% after ded
Non-Network	\$30 copay & 40% after ded	40% after ded
Lifetime Maximum	No maximum	No maximum
Pre-Notification Penalty	Benefits reduced to 50% of eligible expenses	Benefits reduced to 50% of eligible expenses
Rx Copays	Retail/Mail	Retail/Mail
Tier 1	\$5/\$12.50	20% after ded
Tier 2	\$15/\$25	20% after ded
Tier 3	\$30/\$60	20% after ded
Rx OOP Maximum	\$2000 sgl/\$4000 fam	\$3000 sgl / \$6000 fam