

**LABOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
AND
THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
PUBLIC SAFETY TECHNICIANS**

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THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this 1 day of July 2025, by and between the City of Southfield, Michigan, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the “City”, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) a Michigan non- profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the “Union”.

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION AND BARGAINING UNIT

1.1 Pursuant to the authority of Act 336 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, including Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, the City hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent with respect to wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for full-time public safety dispatchers and public safety technicians of the City of Southfield excluding supervisors and all others.

1.2 Employees employed in the bargaining unit on 6/30/00 and who successfully complete or have successfully completed probation in dispatch, continue with department directed training in dispatch and are available to work in dispatch when needed shall continue to be classified as public safety dispatchers even if they are working in a public safety technician position.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND INTENT

2.1 It is the purpose and intent of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial working and economic relationships between the parties hereto, to provide an orderly and peaceful means of resolving any misunderstandings or differences which may arise, and to set forth herein the basic agreement between the parties concerning wages, hours, and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE III UNION SECURITY

3.1 The Employer agrees to deduct from pay of each employee from whom it receives an authorization to do so and who is covered by this Agreement, the amount specified upon the authorization form. Each employee utilizing the City’s payroll deduction to pay for the remittance of sums to the Union shall provide the City with an authorization in the form as follows:

Authorization for Payroll Deduction		
By: _____	(Last Name)	(First Name)
To: _____		
I hereby request and authorize you to deduct from my earnings each month an amount established by the Union as monthly dues. The amount deducted shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Union.		

3.2 Changes in the regular amount of monthly dues may be made no more than once in a twelve (12) month period. Such change shall require signed, written authorization from the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Union.

3.3 Union dues will be deducted by the City the first pay of each month during the term of this Agreement. Such sums deducted from an employee's pay shall be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of the POAM at 27056 Joy Road, Redford, MI 48239-1949.

3.4 In the event that a refund is due any employee for any sums deducted from wages and paid to the Union, it shall be the responsibility of such employee to obtain the appropriate refund from the Union.

3.5 The Union shall indemnify and save the City harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken, or not taken by the City for purposes of complying with the provisions of this article.

ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATION

4.1 *Bargaining Committee.* The Bargaining Committee shall be composed of not more than two employee members and not more than one non-employee representative. The function of the Bargaining Committee shall be to negotiate new or modified agreements with the City. When submitting its contract proposals to the City, the Union shall at the same time inform the City, in writing, of the names of all persons who are members of the Bargaining committee. A Bargaining Committee member assigned to the afternoon shift for the day of bargaining may change that shift to the day shift for the day of bargaining. A Bargaining Committee member assigned to the midnight shift ending the day of bargaining may change that shift to the day shift for the day of bargaining. Union time may be used by members of the bargaining team on the day of bargaining.

4.2 *Grievance Committee.* Two employee members shall be designated by the Union to act as a Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee shall represent employees for the purpose of processing grievances as provided in the grievance procedure as established by this Agreement. Members of the Grievance Committee shall be permitted to investigate and process grievances on their shift without loss of normal duty compensation, after receiving approval from their supervisor on duty, which approval shall not be withheld except for reasonable cause. A record of time spent shall be initialed by the employee and retained by the City. Time spent processing grievances shall not be abused.

4.3 *Stewards.* The Union shall furnish the names of its authorized stewards to the City, in writing, or they will not be recognized,

4.4 *Union Time Off.* Two representatives of the Union shall be permitted to attend the POAM Annual Convention, of two days' duration, without loss of pay or benefits. The Union shall furnish to the Employer names of its delegates in advance of the convention.

4.5 The City will give one and one-half hours per week compensatory time to the Union to be used by the President, Vice President or board member subject to the following:

- A. Compensatory time remains with the office.
- B. All hours are terminated with the election of a new President or Vice President.
- C. Prior approval for use of compensatory time shall be obtained twenty-four (24) hours in advance from the Department Head.

ARTICLE V PLEDGE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

5.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination as to age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, religion, political affiliation or marital status.

5.2 All references to employees in this Agreement designate both sexes, and wherever male gender is used it shall be construed to include male and female employees.

5.3 The City agrees not to interfere with the rights of employees becoming members of the Union, and there shall be no discrimination, restraint or coercion against any employee because of Union membership or because of any employee's activity in an official capacity on behalf of the Union.

5.4 The Union recognizes its responsibility as bargaining agent and agrees to represent all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination, restraint or coercion.

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 It is recognized that the government and management of the City, the control of its properties, and the maintenance or order and efficiency are reserved to the City and that all lawful prerogatives of the City shall remain and be solely the City's right and responsibility. Such rights and responsibilities belonging solely to the City are hereby recognized, prominent among which but by no means wholly inclusive are, all rights involving public policy, the right to decide the number and location of facilities, stations, etc., functions to be performed, maintenance and repair, amount of supervision necessary, machinery and equipment, methods, schedule of work, together with the selection, procurement, design, engineering, and the control of equipment and materials, and the right to purchase the service of others, by contract or otherwise, to enter mutual aid pacts with other communities, and expressly reserves the right to the City to establish and maintain rules and regulations governing its operations and employees. It is further recognized that the responsibility of the City for the management of the City, for the selection and direction of the working forces, including the right to hire, suspend or discharge for just cause, assign, promote or transfer, to determine the amount of overtime to be worked, to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons, is vested exclusively in the City, except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement. During the term of the contract the City will not transfer work out of the bargaining unit if it would result in the layoff of bargaining unit members.

ARTICLE VII AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

7.1 In the administration of this Agreement, the City and the Union will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified employees with a disability. The need for and extent of such accommodations shall be determined by the City in accordance with its interpretation of the requirements of law, even if such accommodations may be in conflict with another provision of this Agreement. Prior to making an accommodation that would conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, the City will notify the Union of such accommodation and discuss it with the Union upon request. If the Union does not agree to the accommodation the matter shall be submitted to expedited arbitration as agreed upon by the City and the Union or to the American Arbitration Association for expedited arbitration. However, a ruling by a court shall have precedence over the contract or an arbitrator's decision interpreting the contract.

ARTICLE VIII NO STRIKE OR LOCK-OUT

8.1 The Union and the employees recognize that strikes (as defined by Section 1 of PA 336 of 1947, as amended, of Michigan Public Employment Relations Act) are contrary to law and public policy. The City and the Union subscribe to the principle that differences should be resolved by good faith bargaining in keeping with the highest standards of municipal government without interruption of essential governmental services. Accordingly, the Union and employees agree that during the terms of this agreement they shall not direct, instigate, participate in, encourage or support any strike, sit-down, stay-in, slowdown in any department of the City or any other unlawful activity interfering with the operation of government.

8.2 In the event of a work stoppage, or other curtailment of, or interference with operations, the City shall not negotiate on the merits of the dispute which gave rise to the stoppage or curtailment until the Union has made an earnest effort as set forth in Section 8.3 below.

8.3 In the event of work stoppage, or other curtailment, the Union shall immediately instruct the involved employees in writing that their conduct is in violation of the contract, that they may be disciplined up to and including discharge for such conduct, and instruct all such persons to immediately cease the offending conduct.

8.4 No lock-out of employees shall be instituted by the Employer during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE

9.1 *Discipline.* Disciplinary action or measures shall include only the following, although not necessarily in order:

Oral Reprimand
Written Reprimand

Suspension (Notice to be given in writing)
Discharge

9.2 Disciplinary action may be imposed upon an employee for failure to fulfill his responsibilities as an employee. Any disciplinary action or measures imposed upon an employee may be processed as a grievance through the grievance procedure.

9.3 If the Employer has reason to reprimand an employee, it shall be done in a manner that will not embarrass the employee before other employees or the public.

9.4 *Record of Discipline.* No record of discipline shall be retained in any employee's personnel file for a period longer than one (1) year from the date of the discipline, except that a suspension of three (3) days or more shall be retained for three (3) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that a disciplinary record may be retained during the period of any appeal until the final disposition thereof.

9.5 *Discharge.* The Employer shall not discharge or suspend any employee without just cause. If, in any case, the Employer feels there is cause for discharge, the employee involved may be first suspended. The employee and the President of the Local Union will be notified in writing that the employee has been suspended and is subject to discharge.

9.6 The Union shall have the right to take up the suspension and/or discharge as a grievance at the third step of the grievance procedure, and the matter shall be handled in accordance with this procedure through the arbitration step if deemed necessary by the Union.

9.7 Any employee found to be unjustly suspended or discharged may be reinstated with full compensation for all lost time and with full restoration of all other rights and conditions of employment.

9.8 Employees shall have the right to union representation during interviews with supervisors which will or are likely to result in discipline.

ARTICLE X GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

10.1 *Definition.* A grievance is a dispute between the City and the Union as to the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.

10.2 *Defenses to grievance procedure by City.* The following items shall be defenses to the grievance procedure and may be interposed by the City:

- A. Collective items which would normally be considered as a matter for the collective bargaining process. The intent of this provision is to prevent and stop those items which have been negotiated out, or set forth herewith, from being collaterally attacked either by way of the grievance procedure or otherwise.
- B. Multiple grievances submitted at a single time or step. The intent of this provision is to prevent more than one grievance being submitted to the same arbitrator at the same time unless mutually agreed upon by the

parties. A class grievance (not excluded herein) is a grievance involving more than one member where the facts involved are identical to all those affected and one in which only one member shall act as grievant for all concerned.

- C. Incident or other alleged infraction occurring prior to the date of adoption of this Agreement.
- D. Grievance not meeting time limits as set forth in the procedure below.

10.3 *General Rules.* The following general rules shall apply to the grievance procedure:

- A. If a grievance is not submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of its occurrence, it shall be automatically closed and forever held for naught.
- B. Any grievance not submitted in one of the steps of the procedure to the next step within the time limit prescribed shall be considered closed.
- C. The time limits may be extended by mutual agreement in writing by the parties.
- D. All grievances shall be processed in the following manner:

Step One. (Verbal) – Any employee having a grievance shall first take up the matter with his/her immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall render a decision within seven (7) calendar days.

Step Two. (Written) – If the grievance is not resolved at Step One, the Union shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the response was due to submit the grievance in writing to the Department Head or designee. The written grievance shall contain at least the following information:

- 1. Section(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated;
- 2. Name(s), time(s), date(s) and place(s) of alleged violation;
- 3. Action(s) that allegedly constitute violation(s) and party(ies) involved;
- 4. Remedy sought to correct alleged violation.

The Department Head shall hold a meeting with the Grievance Committee, which may include the aggrieved party, to discuss the grievance within ten (10) calendar days of the submission. The Department Head or designee shall have seven (7) calendar days after the meeting in which to reply, in writing, to the Grievance Committee.

Step Three. (Written) If the grievance is not resolved at Step Two above, the President of the Union or designee shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date the response was due to submit the

grievance in writing to the City Administrator or designee. The City Administrator or designee shall have seven (7) calendar days from the date of submission at Step Three to render a written decision.

Step Four. – If the grievance is not resolved at Step Three above, the Union shall have fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the response was due from Step Four to file with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS).

1. The parties may mutually select an arbitrator within such period of times as may be mutually agreed upon in writing. If the Union files an application for arbitration with FMCS, however, an arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the following procedure:

Each party shall advise the FMCS of its order of preference by numbering each name on the panel and submitting numbered list in writing to the Office of Arbitration Services. The name on the panel that has the lowest accumulated numerical number will be appointed.

2. The power of the arbitrator stems from this agreement and his function is to interpret and apply this Agreement and to pass upon alleged violations thereof. He shall not have the power to add to, subtract from or modify any of the terms of this Agreement, nor shall he have any power or authority to make any decision which shall require the commission of an act prohibited by law or which is violative of the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties.

3. *Fee of Arbitrator.* The fees and expenses of the arbitrator, including all filing fees, shall be borne fully by the losing party, as determined by the arbitrator. An employee involved in a grievance may attend the arbitration hearing without any loss in compensation for time spent during his or her normal tour of duty. If the grievance concerns more than one employee (class action), the Association may select only one employee to attend the hearing as grievant for all.

The City, in its sole discretion, may replace the grievant, and the pay, including any overtime or premium pay, shall be paid by the losing party, as determined by the arbitrator.

ARTICLE XI PROBATIONARY PERIOD

11.1 Each new employee shall serve a six (6) month probationary period from the date of hire. The purpose of this probationary period is to provide an accurate working test period to allow the City to properly evaluate the performance of an employee prior to

confirmation as regular employee. The City may extend the probationary period once for three or six months and may shorten the extension.

11.2 Probationary employees as defined herein shall not be eligible for membership in the Union.

11.3 An employee may be discharged from his employment by the City at any time during the probationary period. Discharges effective prior to the completion of the probationary period shall not be grievable through the grievance procedure provided in this contract.

11.4 Probationary employees shall accrue vacation leave and sick leave as provided in this Agreement but shall not be eligible to use such leave until after successful completion of the probationary period. If a probationary employee is not confirmed as a regular employee, he shall not be paid for vacation or sick leave accrued during the probationary period.

Accumulation of earned sick time leave in accordance with the ESTA shall begin on **February 21, 2025**, or upon commencement of employment, whichever is later. New hires will begin to accrue earned sick time leave hours upon hire. However, newly hired employees are not eligible to use paid medical leave during the first 60 days of employment. Newly hired employees may use earned sick time on the 61st day of employment, while their probationary period continues.

ARTICLE XII SENIORITY

12.1 *Seniority Date.*

- A. An employee's City seniority date shall be based on the length of continuous service after the date of regular appointment to a position in the City service, except that:
 - 1. Non-career or other types of employment with the City wherein benefits are not received shall not count toward seniority. Employee transferring from regular part-time employment shall receive credits toward seniority at a rate of fifty percent (50%) for the period of regular, part-time employment.
 - 2. Where two or more persons are appointed on the same date, relative seniority shall be determined by the relative standing on the employment list from which certified. However, in all cases of identical seniority date, persons entitled to preference under the Veteran's Preference Act shall be considered as having greater seniority than those without such preference. Any ties occurring beyond the above provisions shall be decided by lot.
- B. An employee's bargaining unit seniority shall be based on the length of continuous service after the employee's most recent starting date of employment within the bargaining unit described in Article I. Any ties shall be broken by method described in A(2) above.

- C. Where the term seniority is used without qualification, both City and bargaining unit seniority are intended.

12.2 *Seniority List.*

- A. The seniority list on the date of this Agreement will show the names and job titles of all employees of the unit entitled to seniority.
- B. The Employer will keep the seniority list up-to-date at all times and will provide the Local Union President with up-to-date copies as required.
- C. Seniority lists shall be posted on bulletin boards described in Article XX, through the month of March each year. All employees, including those absent from work for any reason, shall be presumed to be knowledgeable of their content. If no grievance(s) is filed by April 15th (fifteen days after lists are removed), the seniority lists shall be deemed correct.

12.3 *Effect of Leaves of Absence and Suspensions.* Employees off duty for personal reasons, on leave of absence for more than ten (10) working days, or employees suspended for thirty (30) days or more for cause shall have such periods deducted from seniority.

12.4 *Effect of Layoff.* Time elapsed between period of layoff and re-employment shall be deducted from seniority.

12.5 *Leaves Not Breaking Seniority.* The following shall not be considered as breaks in service:

- A. Military leave during the time of war as defined in the Veteran's Preference Act.
- B. Absence from work due to injuries compensated for under Workman's Compensation Act.
- C. Approved educational leave as specified in Section 37.4.

12.6 *Loss of Seniority.* An employee shall lose his seniority for the following reasons only:

- A. Quits or retires.
- B. If discharged for just cause.
- C. If he is absent for three consecutive work days without notifying the City, unless lack of notice is a result of physical impossibility.
- D. If he is absent for three consecutive work days without justifiable reason.
- E. Gives false reason to obtain a leave, or if he fails to return to work upon termination of any leave of absence without a bona fide excuse, acceptable to the City.

- F. If he is laid off for a period equal to his seniority at the time of layoff.
- G. Separation upon settlement covering total disability.
- H. Leaves the bargaining unit as set forth in Section 12.8 below.

12.7 *Terminations Breaking Seniority.* Any termination of employment (either voluntary or involuntary) shall nullify employee's right to all accumulated seniority in the event of rehire except as specified in the Southfield Employee's Retirement System.

12.8 Bargaining unit members who voluntarily accept employment with the City of Southfield outside of the bargaining unit are eligible for return to the bargaining unit at a later date according to the following:

- A. Eligibility for return is limited to that period of time while the employee is on probation in their new position, provided that employment with the City is continuous and unbroken. In any event, eligibility for return ceases one (1) calendar year from the date of promotion or movement out of the bargaining unit.
- B. Eligibility for return also ceases:
 - 1. In the event of discharge which is not reversed.
 - 2. In the event the employee requests and received an unpaid leave of absence while on probation in the new bargaining or employee unit.
- C. Bargaining unit members eligible for return to the bargaining unit will be returned to their former area of assignment (e.g. dispatch or property room, etc.), even though this might result in the reassignment of another bargaining unit member or the layoff of another bargaining unit member, or both.
- D. City seniority shall continue during probation in the new position. Bargaining unit seniority shall not accrue while in the new position although employees will retain that bargaining unit seniority which they had acquired as of the date they left the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE XIII LAYOFF AND RECALL

13.1 Should the City determine to lay off an employee, it shall lay off the employee in the classification with the least amount of bargaining unit seniority. If the laid off employee is a public safety dispatcher, the employee may bump the public safety technician with the least bargaining unit seniority if the public safety dispatcher has more bargaining unit seniority. Employees shall be recalled in the inverse order of their layoff.

ARTICLE XIV SHIFT TRANSFERS

14.1 *Shift Transfers Within Divisions.* A transfer of shifts, if any, shall take place semi-annually on November 1st and May 1st. An employee desiring a transfer of shifts shall file a request thirty calendar days prior to November 1st or May 1st. Employees with 42 or more months of bargaining unit seniority shall select shifts in order of their bargaining unit seniority. Employees with less than 42 months of bargaining unit seniority on the November 1st or May 1st effective date of the shift assignment shall then be assigned shifts.

14.2 *Shift Vacancies.* All vacancies in shifts which may occur during the year shall be filled in the same manner as the semi-annual transfer of shifts. Employees who are on special assignment which involves a change in shift shall not be automatically entitled to return to their prior shift where the assignment has lasted twelve (12) months or longer.

ARTICLE XV VACANCIES

15.1 When a vacancy occurs which the City determines shall be filled it will be posted for the bargaining unit for seven calendar days. All employees who have completed their initial hiring probationary period and who meet the qualifications for the position may apply.

15.2 Whenever qualified applicants are not available within the bargaining unit, the City reserves the right to hire from outside the bargaining unit.

15.3 Vacancies for public safety dispatchers shall be filled according to the following procedure:

- A. Employees who have voluntarily transferred out of dispatch within three years of the date of the posting and whose evaluations for the three years prior to transferring were 42 or better, shall be selected for the opening based on seniority and before other applicants.
- B. Employees who do not meet the conditions of paragraph A above shall be selected based on qualifications and ability. The employer only shall determine the ability and qualifications of all employees.

15.4 The movement of a public safety dispatcher to a public safety technician position or the movement of a public safety technician to a different public safety technician position shall be considered a transfer. An employee requesting a transfer shall submit a request in writing to the affected Department Heads or designates when a vacancy is posted. The employee requesting the transfer will be evaluated by the respective Department Heads or designates. If the employee meets the requirements for the position and both Department Heads or designates agree, the transfer shall be affected.

15.5 Employees awarded a job bid for public safety dispatcher shall have a maximum of six months to qualify for the position. Employees awarded a job bid for a public safety technician position shall have a maximum of two months to qualify for the position. The

City may disqualify the employee prior to the completion of the trial period where lack of ability is evident. Employees who fail to qualify shall be returned to their former position without loss of seniority.

15.6 All conditions affecting the filling of a vacancy in the position of public safety supervisor other than those expressly set forth below shall be determined by the City exclusively.

If the selection process is limited to members of the bargaining unit, the position requirements shall include two years Southfield public safety dispatch experience. If the selection process is open to persons outside the bargaining unit, the position requirements shall be the same for bargaining unit members and non-bargaining unit members.

For members of the bargaining unit, a maximum of two points may be added to the total examination score based on seniority. Seniority points shall be determined by subtracting five years from seniority years and adding 0.2 points per year of seniority. For example: 20 years – 2 points, 15 years – 2 points, 12 years – 1.4 points. Seniority years and points shall be calculated to four decimal places. Seniority shall be calculated through the date of the written examination.

For members of the bargaining unit, a maximum of two points may be added to the total examination score based on evaluations. The maximum points per evaluation shall be 50. The average of all evaluations for two years from the date of the written examination shall be determined. If the average is 40 or more, the average shall be multiplied by 0.04 to determine the number of evaluation points. For example: Average 50 - 2 points, average 40 - 1.6 points, average 30 – 0.00 points. Evaluation averages and points shall be calculated to four decimal places.

ARTICLE XVI TRADING DAYS

16.1 Employees working in similar assignments shall be permitted to exchange scheduled working days and shifts; provided, however, that this shall be without any additional cost to the City and so long as no employee works more than twelve (12) hours in one day, and upon approval of their immediate supervisor. Requests to trade which are made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance shall be granted by the supervisor unless one of the employees is required to be present on the day proposed to be traded.

ARTICLE XVII OVERTIME

17.1 Employees shall be paid at a time and one-half rate for all hours worked over forty in one week and on a 6th consecutive working day and paid a double-time (2 X) rate for all hours worked over forty in a week on a 7th working day. Employees shall also be paid at a time and one-half rate for hours over eight in one day.

Employees shall be paid at a double time (2x) rate for all overtime hours worked beyond twenty-five (25) hours of overtime worked during the same two (2) week pay period. Employees shall be paid at a double time (2x) rate for all overtime hours worked beyond

fifty (50) of overtime work during the same one (1) calendar month period.

17.2 Employees who work overtime shall be paid overtime in multiples of 1/10 of an hour for each six minutes worked.

17.3 Accrued time off allowed or time granted for sick leave or vacation leave shall be counted as hours worked for purposes of overtime computation.

17.4 Employees required to standby during non-duty hours shall be paid 1.33 hours at the time and one-half rate (equal to 2 hours at the straight time rate).

17.5 Employees called in to work outside of their regular work hours shall receive a minimum of two hours pay at the overtime rate unless the call-in occurs within two hours of the start of their regular shift.

17.6 For each period of time for which an employee is entitled to pay by this Agreement, the employee shall be paid in accordance with that pay provision which entitles the employee to the greatest pay but the employee shall not be entitled to pay by any other pay provision. Time for which an employee is paid according to the preceding sentence at a premium or overtime rate shall not be counted to enable the employee to receive compensation according to any other pay provision.

17.7 The Employer shall make reasonable effort to divide the assignment of overtime equally. Employees shall not be worked on a seventh day in the work week unless no qualified employee is able to work for whom the day would not be a seventh day worked in the work week.

In the case of an emergency call back or other circumstance where a delay in staff reporting for duty would impair efficient operation, the time it would take an employee to report for duty may be considered in offering or requiring overtime.

ARTICLE XVIII LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

18.1 Special meetings of the Labor-Management Committee may be requested by either the Union or the Employer. Whenever possible, sufficient notice shall be given in order to minimize disruption of the normal work day. The Committee shall function with the goal of furthering and improving the relationship between the employees and the department and the City. A reasonable number of employees, not to exceed four (4), who shall be designated by the Local Union President, shall be permitted to attend such meetings without loss of pay or benefits. The persons representing the Union may vary from meeting to meeting, depending on subject(s) to be discussed. A POAM representative shall be permitted to attend such meetings. Subjects for discussion may be, but shall not be limited to, alternate work week schedules, uniform design changes, training topics, career advancement, and promotional opportunities.

ARTICLE XIX EMPLOYEE SAFETY

19.1 In the performance of his job, the employee shall at all times use safety devices and protective equipment which may be furnished by the City and shall comply with safety regulations issued by the City. Failure to do so may be grounds for disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XX BULLETIN BOARDS

20.1 The City shall provide two (2) bulletin boards to be placed in locations of reasonable employee access upon which the union may post notices of general interest to the membership.

ARTICLE XXI HOLIDAYS

21.1 The following days shall be designated as holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day	Veteran's Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Friday before Easter	Day after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Day before Christmas
Juneteenth Day	Christmas Day
Independence Day	Day before New Years
Labor Day	

21.2 All employees shall be paid at regular rate for fifteen (15) holidays per year. Payment for holidays shall be made in a lump sum annually in the first pay period in December, if possible, of each year. Newly hired personnel shall be paid on the basis of date of hire and number of above holidays occurring after said date of hire.

21.3 An Employee who is scheduled to work and who does work any designated holiday as scheduled shall receive one (1) hour of compensatory time for each hour worked.

21.4 An employee who is not scheduled to work, and does work any designated holiday shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked plus an additional one (1) hour of compensation time for each hour worked. If the worked holiday is the seventh day worked in the week, the employee shall receive double time for all hours worked plus an additional one-half hour of compensatory time for each hour worked.

21.5 Employees in five day, forty hour operations shall be afforded reasonable opportunities to work on holidays consistent with the practice established for police patrol officers at the time of execution of this contract.

21.6 Any employee who wishes to observe his/her own religious holiday other than the paid legal holidays designated in the official schedule of benefits, may do so under the following procedure:

The employee may choose to be docked for the time off in observance of the religious

holiday or be compensated for same in the following manner: banked hours, if any have accumulated, may be used for payment. However, if the employee does not have banked hours accumulated, the employee may choose to be paid for the employee's religious holidays by electing not to be paid for an equal number of the officially designated paid legal holidays.

Personal Business Days (Section 31.1) may be used for time off for the observation of religious holidays in accordance with the provisions provided therein.

In any case, the employee must make selection known to the Department Head prior to taking the time off for observance of the employee's religious holidays.

ARTICLE XXII SICK LEAVE

22.1 *Sick Leave (Regular).* An employee shall accrue sick leave at the rate of one (1) working day per month or twelve (12) days per year; such sick leave shall not accrue while an employee receives sick leave benefits or Worker's Compensation payments. Such sick leave shall continue to accrue only for the balance of the calendar month during which such employee begins to receive sick leave benefits or Worker's Compensation payments.

Regular sick leave may be used for leaves granted pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to care for a seriously ill spouse, child or parent.

The use of regular sick leave may also be permitted with the approval of the Department Head to care for a spouse, child or parent in the circumstances which do not qualify for leave under the FMLA. This use is limited to one day per occurrence of an illness unless the Department Head approves a second day. The use of more than two days per occurrence is permitted only for leave granted pursuant to FMLA.

Reserve sick leave may not be used for leave under this section.

The employee must be prepared to furnish proof, including a physician's statement if requested, of the reasons for his/her absence. The City reserves the right to request such certification in order to determine the validity of absence under this section. If adequate medical certification is not made available or does not substantiate evidence of illness justifying the use of sick leave, such information may be grounds for discipline up to and including dismissal.

22.2 Sick leave shall not be considered a privilege which an employee may use at his discretion, but shall be allowed only in cases of actual sickness or disability.

22.3 The amount of time allowed an employee for sick leave shall, if not used during the year earned, be accumulated until a total of one hundred fifty (150) days is reached, and shall be kept to his/her credit for future sick leave with pay.

22.4 An employee with less than one (1) full year of service prior to January 1st may be allowed sick leave in the proportion that his actual service bears to a full year of service, i.e. one (1) day per month. The employee may not use this partial sick leave, however, until he has served his probationary period. Upon request of the employee and with approval of the Department Head, an employee may be given sick leave for a period of less than a full day. Sick

leave may be granted in minimum increments of one (1) hour.

22.5 Any employee with less than five (5) years continuous service or less than four hundred (400) hours accumulated sick leave, and who takes no more than two (2) days of sick leave in any year shall have two (2) days returned to his/her sick bank.

22.6 Any employee with more than five (5) years continuous service and more than four hundred (400) hours accumulated sick leave, who takes no more than two (2) days of sick leave in any year shall receive full pay for the two (2) days at normal rate of pay.

22.7 Sick leave shall be considered for all purposes as continuing service; however, in the event of resignation or discharge, all accumulated or unused sick leave shall be canceled, and not paid, with exception of retirement. Upon the death of an employee, his/her designated beneficiary shall be entitled to payment for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the amount of deceased employee's unused sick leave.

22.8 Any employee who becomes ill and unable to report for work must notify the supervisor on duty of his particular shift on the first day of his absence, and each day thereafter if the employee is not hospitalized, or the absence may not be chargeable against sick leave.

22.9 An examination certificate from the City Physician or other reputable physician may be required as evidence of illness before compensation for illness period is allowed. The City reserves the right to request such examination of any employee in order to determine validity of absence due to illness, with sick leave compensation provided in accordance with the physician's report. Should the physician's report indicate that the employee's request for sick leave was not justified, such information may be grounds for dismissal.

22.10 When an employee receives his/her last check for illness or disability, not including any payment made under the long term disability program, he will be placed on leave without pay for one year, except that any employee so placed on leave without pay as a result of having exhausted his/her sick leave due to illness or disability who has a minimum of ten years of continuous service with the City shall retain his hospitalization and life insurance benefits for the duration of such leave (not to exceed one year) the cost of which shall be borne by the City; provided, however, that said employee is not physically able to perform other duties with the City as may be determined by the City; and, further, that said employee is not gainfully employed elsewhere. If, at the end of that time, the employee is still unable to return to work, his employment shall be terminated. The employee shall be eligible for re-employment, provided he has a doctor's statement to the effect that he is able to discharge his required duties; and provided further that a position is available. Employees injured during other gainful employment outside the City shall not be eligible for sick or disability benefits.

22.11 An employee shall have to his/her credit unused sick leave and vacation leave when transferred to another department, except in the case where the employee transfers to a position covered by a police or fire contract. In the case of a transfer to a position covered by a fire department contract, vacation shall be paid off and accrued sick leave

shall be canceled. In the case of a transfer to a position covered by a police contract, vacation shall be paid off and accrued sick leave shall be canceled except that up to 240 hours of accrued reserve sick leave shall remain to the employee's credit.

22.12 *Reserve Sick Leave.* A reserve sick leave bank is established with accumulation at the rate of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) day per month, with a maximum accumulation of sixty (60) days. Use of days in the reserve sick leave bank shall be for continuous illness only, and only after the expiration of the employee's own regular sick leave. Reserve sick leave bank accumulation is not subject to pay provisions under any conditions except usage.

22.13 Continuous illness shall be defined for purposes of this Article as hospitalized illness or an illness extending for a period of at least thirty days.

22.14 Any amendments to the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) will apply as of the contract end date, following the effective date of any amendment.

ARTICLE XXIII SICK BANK POOL

23.1 In the event that a bargaining unit member has exhausted his/her regular sick bank and reserve sick bank, and would otherwise continue on sick leave without any compensation, bargaining unit members on an individual basis may elect to donate to that employee, any amount of time accrued in their vacation bank. At such time that the employee with the exhausted bank approaches that point, the Union shall be notified and shall poll its members and respond to the City within seven (7) days as to any amounts of vacation time to be donated. Each employee so donating shall confirm the amount in writing to the City. If the employee on sick leave returns to work prior to using all the donated time, such time shall be returned to donors on a pro-rata basis. In the event that the donated time is exhausted prior to return to work, the procedure for donation may be repeated at the option of the Union.

ARTICLE XXIV SICK LEAVE CREDITED AT RETIREMENT

24.1 An employee who is eligible to retire may utilize accumulated sick leave banks in the following manner:

1. An employee who is eligible for a normal retirement benefit may be paid in a lump sum for all accumulated hours of regular sick leave standing to his/her credit as of the effective retirement date, up to a maximum of 400 hours.
2. An employee who is eligible for an early retirement benefit may be paid in a lump sum for all accumulated hours of regular sick leave standing to his/her credit as of the effective retirement date, up to a maximum of 160 hours.
3. An employee who terminates employment and is eligible for a vested deferred pension is not eligible for any payment of sick leave banks as provided above.

ARTICLE XXV LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

25.1 The Department Head may grant a leave of absence without pay. A leave of absence without pay may be requested for any legitimate purpose and should be requested well in advance. However, if the leave is considered detrimental to the best interest of the City, permission shall not be granted. Leaves of absence without pay may not be granted in lieu of other valid leaves when they are available to the employee. Exception to this rule may be granted only upon specific approval of the Department Head. Leaves of absence without pay may not exceed one year in duration, however, at

the discretion of the Department Head, they may be renewed, provided the request is submitted not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the leave.

25.2 The Department Head must approve or disapprove request for leave of absence and indicate whether the position will be open. If the position is not open upon completion or prior to completion of the leave of absence, and the employee applied for reinstatement within the leave time granted, the employee's name will be placed on the top of an eligibility list for consideration in a position in the bargaining unit for which the employee is qualified. The appointing authority will be entitled to a list of the top three eligible in order to complete the selection process. Probationary status may be required by the Department Head. An employee who applies for reinstatement will remain on the top of the eligibility list for a period of nine months. If after that time the employee is not hired, and is still interested in reinstatement, the employee would have to be retested to obtain a rank on the eligibility list.

25.3 Leaves of absence granted by the Department Head up to ten days in duration are not subject to deduction from seniority. Any ten day leave developing into a longer period of leave without pay shall become a part of the longer leave of absence. Employees granted a leave of absence for a period over two weeks (ten working days) shall not accrue vacation or sick leave.

25.4 Employees on a leave of absence without pay shall not receive any compensation for holidays occurring during said leave and all city paid benefits and accrual of leaves shall cease immediately upon expiration of all earned leave time (and/or removal from the current payroll). The employee may, upon written request and upon written approval of the Human Resources Director, elect to continue in all or part of the paid insurance programs at his/her own expense. Upon electing to continue such coverage, said employee must make full payment in advance for participating in insurance programs.

25.5 The above provisions do not apply to leaves take under the FMLA, which leaves are governed by the provisions of the FMLA.

25.6 *Military Leave.* Any employee who has served three months, but less than one year with the City, and enters military service shall be allowed vacation time at the rate of 6.667 hours per month, with a maximum not to exceed ten days, paid to him at the time he leaves the City to enter military service. Vacation and sick leave time shall not accrue during periods of military leave. However, upon reinstatement, for the purpose of determining any vacation time the years of service with the City shall be the total of year's employment plus years, or fraction thereof, of required military service.

An employee who is inducted or enlists in the armed forces of the United States

for training or service shall be granted leave of absence without pay for the required duration for such service and for a period of ninety calendar days following the period of actual service. Upon termination of such service, or at any time during the ninety day period provided following such service, the employee shall have the right to return to the former position provided it exists and the employee is still otherwise qualified. At the time of application for reinstatement, the application must be accompanied by the certificate and medical statement provided for the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 and S.A. Res. 286. Upon reinstatement, the employee shall be returned to the step comparable to that held before leaving.

In the event employee's former position is not available or employee is no longer physically qualified for his former position and is able to satisfactorily perform duties of another position, every effort shall be made to place such employee in another position.

Employees belonging to the National Guard, Service Reserves or other such units are permitted to take leaves of absence without pay during the annual training period; this leave isn't to exceed two weeks per calendar year. Vacation privileges are not affected by such leaves. However, an individual who receives military training leave will automatically be considered last when the schedule for vacation leave is determined.

ARTICLE XXVI FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

26.1 The Family and Medical leave Act (FMLA) shall be administered according to the City policies and procedures in effect at the time the leave is requested to the extent that these policies and procedures are not in conflict with the party's contract. The City has the option to send an employee returning from FMLA controlled leave for a medical examination to determine ability to return to work.

ARTICLE XXVII DUTY DISABILITY LEAVE

27.1 In order to be eligible for duty disability leave an employee shall immediately report any injury, however minor, to his immediate supervisor and take such first aid treatment as maybe recommended, or waive such first aid in writing.

27.2 An employee who is unable to work as a result of an injury sustained through the course of employment with the City shall receive duty disability pay as follows:

- A. First seven calendar days – City will pay the employee his regular pay during the first week of disability. Employee's sick leave will not be charged for this time; time shall be charged to "Duty Disability Leave" which is limited to the first seven calendar days only for each occurrence.
- B. After seven calendar days – employee shall receive payment established under regulations of Workers' Compensation Act; in such cases the following shall apply:
 - 1. All disability compensation checks be made payable to the employee, but they will be delivered to the City Accounting office, endorsed by the employee.

2. If the employee has sufficient accrued sick leave, he will receive a payroll check for the difference between the Workers' Compensation check and his normal bi-weekly payroll check.
 3. In the event the employee has no accrued sick leave, the Workers' Compensation check will be mailed directly to him, and the employee will receive no other form of compensation.
 4. The City, through a combination of Workers' Compensation payments and City payments, will guarantee a minimum of eighty-five percent of the basic forty hour weekly wage (or portion thereof). Said guarantee of payment to 85% shall be limited to a maximum of thirteen weeks for each such disability in any one year (twelve consecutive months).
 5. During the first thirteen weeks of disability wherein the provisions of paragraph above apply, accumulated sick leave or vacation leave will be charged at the rate of the balance (15%) for full pay. At the end of the first thirteen weeks, sick leave or vacation leave will be charge on a daily basis proportionately between full pay and Workers' Compensation payments to provide full pay until all such benefits have been exhausted.
- C. After fourteen days continuous absence Workers' Compensation will reimburse the employee at the standard Workers' Compensation rate for the first week's absence previously paid by the City. Employees shall endorse the Workers' Compensation check to the City.

No employee shall be entitled to duty disability pay for absence due to injuries if said injuries were received when not on duty with the City.

ARTICLE XXVIII DISABILITY PERIODS

28.1 *Separate Periods of Disability.* Two or more separate periods of disability due to the same or related causes, which are separated by less than four months of full regular duty, will be deemed to be one period of disability. Such periods will be added together to determine waiting periods, if any, and to determine maximum payment and benefit periods.

ARTICLE XXIX LONG TERM DISABILITY PROGRAM

29.1 There is established a long-term disability program for employees to be administered as follows:

- A. There is a six (6) month continuous waiting period for eligibility;
- B. For each day of sick leave and reserve sick leave in the employee's unused leave banks on the last day worked prior to the beginning of the continuous

illness, the employee will receive one day credited to his long-term disability leave bank;

- C. All earned sick leave must be used prior to use of any long-term disability credits;
- D. Each day of credit in the long-term disability bank entitles the employee to one day of leave at fifty percent (50%) of base salary, less any payments received by the employee via social security, pension, Workers' Compensation or other type of program or insurance;
- E. The long-term disability credits are intended only for use by the employee and are not subject to any payoff upon resignation retirement, or any circumstances other than illness or disability of the employee;
- F. Employees receiving long-term disability benefits shall be considered as on a leave of absence without pay.

ARTICLE XXX VACATION LEAVE

30.1 Vacation leave is authorized absence from duty, with pay. Employees will be granted vacation leave in accord with the following schedule:

1-5 years service	2 weeks
5-10 years service	3 weeks
10-16 years service	4 weeks
16 years service	4 weeks and 1 day
17 years service	4 weeks and 2 days
18 years service	4 weeks and 3 days
19 years service	4 weeks and 4 days
20 years and over service	5 weeks

30.2 In no case will vacation time be granted until an employee has been employed at least six (6) months. Eligibility for vacation leave shall be computed on the basis of completion of the required number of year's service (continuous) with the City on the anniversary hire date. All vacation credits will be earned in one year for use in the following year.

30.3 An employee with less than one (1) full year of service prior to January 1st may be allowed vacation leave in the proportion that his actual service bears to a full year of service (6.667 hours per month). The employee may not use this partial vacation leave, however, until he has served his probationary period. Upon prior request of the employee and with the approval of the Department Head, an employee may be given vacation leave for a period of less than a full day. Vacation leave may be granted in minimum increments of one (1) hour.

30.4 Time lost by an employee by reason of absence without pay, or time otherwise not worked or paid for, shall not be considered in computing earned credits for vacation leave. Employees receiving sick leave benefits or Workers' Compensation payments shall accrue vacation credits for a maximum of thirty (30) days after starting to receive said sick

leave and/or Workers' Compensation payment.

30.5 Employees shall be paid for unused vacation time that has been earned in a two-year (2) period not taken by December 31st of any given calendar year as vacation time cannot be carried over in excess of two calendar years without the written consent of the Department Head and the City's Human Resources Director.

- 30.6 A. Vacation schedules shall be set up by the immediate supervisor so as to permit the continued operation of all City functions without interference; in some areas employment of temporary employees will be permitted for limited periods of time so that efficient operation can be maintained.
- B. Selection of vacation leave shall be by bargaining unit seniority.
- C. In dispatch, vacation requests for five consecutive work days (not counting leave days) will be given preference over requests for lesser amounts by supervisors or technicians according to the following procedure:
1. Vacation requests for June, July, and August which are submitted by May 1st shall have preference, and if requests are made for the same or overlapping period(s), preference shall be granted according to the following procedure:
 - a. For a first vacation, by bargaining unit seniority.
 - b. For additional vacations:
 - i. Among bargaining unit members, by bargaining unit seniority.
 - ii. Among bargaining unit members and supervisors, by City seniority.
 2. Vacation requests at other times which are submitted thirty days in advance shall have preference over requests submitted less in advance, and if requests are made for the same or for overlapping period(s) preference shall be granted:
 - a. To the employee who has not been granted a five consecutive work day vacation since the preceding June 1st.
 - b. Among employees who have been granted a five consecutive work day vacation since the preceding June 1st, preference shall be granted:
 - i. Among technicians, by bargaining unit seniority.
 - ii. Among technicians and supervisors, by City seniority.
 - c. Vacations of five consecutive work days may be granted with less advance notice if they can be granted consistent with scheduling requirements.

30.7 For employees granted a vacation request of a least 40 consecutive hours, his or her leave days immediately preceding and following the vacation period shall be considered part of the vacation leave, and the employee is considered unavailable to work those leave days unless no other qualified employee is available to work.

30.8 Employees shall be entitled to vacation pay in any of the following instances:

- A. Any employee who is unable to take his vacation leave because his work load prevents the granting of a vacation leave at any time during the calendar year shall be paid his regular rate for earned vacation leave.
- B. Any employee who gives proper notice regarding termination of his employment with the City shall be entitled to his regular pay for any unused portion of vacation time as of separation.
- C. Any employee who is laid off or separated from the City for reasons other than disciplinary action shall be paid his accrued or unused vacation time.
- D. Any employee who has served three months but less than one year with the City and enters military service shall be allowed vacation time at the rate of 6.667 hours per month, with a maximum not to exceed ten days, paid to him at the time he leaves the City to enter military service.
- E. Employees who are scheduled for a vacation leave during a holiday may be paid for the holiday or be given additional time off.

30.9 Employees shall not be entitled to vacation pay if any of the following applies:

- A. If an employee separates himself from the City by reason of absence without leave.
- B. If a probationary employee leaves the employ of the City before attaining permanent employee status.

ARTICLE XXXI PERSONAL BUSINESS DAYS

31.1 Each employee shall be eligible for three personal business days per fiscal year. Arrangement for use of a personal business day must be approved by the employee's supervisor at least three days prior to the requested time of use.

31.2 Unused personal business days may be carried over for a maximum of one (1) year. No compensation shall be paid for unused personal business days.

31.3 The City reserves the right to reject a request for use of personal business days if such use would interfere with the proper conduct of business.

31.4 Personal business days may not be used during the probationary period.

31.5 An employee terminating employment after the start of the fiscal year may use personal business days carried over pursuant to 31.2 and a prorated portion of the

personal business days credited at the beginning of the current fiscal year. If the employee has used personal business days in excess of the amount stated in the preceding sentence, the employer may deduct the amount of the excess from the employee's pay at the time of termination.

ARTICLE XXXII BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

32.1 In case of death in his "immediate family", an employee may be granted a leave of absence with pay not to exceed five (5) days, for each given occurrence. Said leave shall be in addition to other types of leave to which the employee's status entitles him.

32.2 "Immediate family" is defined as wife, husband, child, brother, sister, parent or parent-in-law, grandparent, and grand-parent-in-law. Effective July 26, 2004, add to the definition of immediate family: brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchild and step-child.

32.3 A leave may be granted, due to extenuating circumstances for a death of someone other than "immediate family" if the Department Head makes a request on behalf of the employee to the City Personnel Human Resources Director for approval to grant such leave.

ARTICLE XXXIII JURY DUTY

33.1 In the event an employee is required to serve jury duty, he shall receive his regular pay. All compensation received for jury duty, except mileage, however, must be paid to the City by the employee.

ARTICLE XXXIV LIFE INSURANCE

34.1 The City will provide group term life insurance with accidental death and dismemberment rider for each employee after thirty (30) days of employment.

34.2 The amount of life insurance to which each employee shall be entitled is as follows:

- Two (2) times base salary to a maximum of \$50,000.

Such coverage will cease when an employee is retired, laid-off, on leave of absence, or terminated for any reason.

ARTICLE XXXV HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

35.1 Hospitalization Insurance. The City shall make available to the employee, spouse and qualified dependents the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Blue PPO-10 plan, \$250/\$500 deductible; 90% in-network co-insurance; out-of-pocket maximum \$500/\$1,000; office co-pay including chiropractic visits \$10; emergency room co-pay if

not admitted \$50; prescription drug co-pay \$5/\$30/\$60.

The City may offer as an optional health insurance benefit, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Blue 12 Plan, consisting of \$1000/\$2000 annual deductible; 80% coinsurance; \$30 office visit co-pay; \$150 Emergency Room co-pay; \$7/\$35/\$70 Rx, with premium contribution in compliance with PA 152 as approved by City Council.

The City may offer as an optional health insurance benefit, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community Blue 15 Plan, consisting of \$2,500/\$5,000 annual deductible; 80% coinsurance; \$30 office visit co-pay; \$150 Emergency Room co-pay; \$10/\$40/\$80 Rx, with a premium contribution in compliance with PA 152 as approved by City Council.

The City may offer as an optional health insurance benefit, the HAP HMO Plan, consisting of \$250/\$500 annual deductible; 90% coinsurance; \$10 office visit co-pay; \$10 Urgent Care Co-pay, \$50 Emergency Room co-pay; \$5/\$30/\$45 5Rx, out of pocket max single \$6,600, Family \$13,200 with a premium contribution in compliance with PA 152 as approved by City Council.

Effective April 10, 2014, active employees in the unit shall be required to contribute to the cost of hospitalization and medical insurance in accordance with applicable state law and City Council resolution, through payroll deduction. Should the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, as amended (PA 152 of 2011) ("the Act") be repealed or rendered inapplicable to the bargaining unit, the parties agree that the terms of the Act immediately prior to repeal shall be incorporated in the contract and shall continue.

This program shall be effective April 10, 2014, for active employees while employed and at retirement; employees who retired and terminated employment prior to April 10, 2014, are not affected.

For participants in an HMO, where there is a generic equivalent, and the employee instead takes the brand drug, the employee may be required according to HMO rules to pay the difference between the brand drug and the generic equivalent, in addition to the standard brand drug co-pay.

35.2 Such coverage will begin the first day of the month following date of hire and will cease when an employee is retired, laid-off, on leave of absence, or terminated for any other reason.

35.3 *Dental Insurance.* The City will provide group dental insurance for the employee and dependents. Effective as soon as practical after July 26, 2004, increase the maximums to \$2,000 as provided in the Appendix A.

35.4 Dental insurance coverage will begin on the 1st day of the month following date of hire and will cease when an employee is retired, laid-off, on leave of absence, or terminated for any reason.

Beginning July 1, 2025, employees will contribute toward the cost of dental insurance.

The bi-weekly payroll deduction, made on a pre-tax basis, starting as soon as practicable following ratification will be:

Single:	\$ 4.50
Two-Person:	\$ 9.00
Family:	\$15.75

35.5 *Optical Insurance.* The City will provide group optical insurance for the employee and dependents as summarized in Appendix A. Such coverage will begin on the date of hire and will cease when an employee is retired, laid-off, on leave of absence, or terminated for any reason. Effective as soon as practicable after September 17, 2018, the optical insurance will be Blue Vision with VSP Choice Network 12/12/24 including \$250 coverage for glasses or \$250 coverage for contacts.

Beginning July 1, 2025, employees will contribute toward the cost of optical insurance. The bi-weekly payroll deduction, made on a pre-tax basis, starting as soon as practicable following ratification will be:

Single:	\$.79
Two-Person:	\$1.58
Family:	\$2.62

35.6 *Health Maintenance Organization.* Each employee shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the City's open enrollment for health insurance providers when such enrollment is held by the City. No medical, dental or optical benefits shall be diminished should the employer change insurance providers. The benefits shall be equal or better than the current coverage.

35.7 *Married Couples.* For active employees and future retirees, in the case of married couples where both spouses work for the City, or both spouses are retired from the City, or one spouse works for the City and one spouse is retired from the City, only one spouse will be eligible for a health insurance policy, dental policy and optical policy and may include the other spouse and dependents if eligible. A spouse who is an employee and who is covered under his or her spouse's policy will be eligible for an annual payment equal to \$1,300 for employees with two (2) person coverage and \$1,600 for employees with family coverage, payable on a biweekly basis. This payment is not available to retirees. (Example: If a member of this bargaining unit has a spouse employed by or retired from the City of Southfield, and the bargaining unit member does not carry the health, dental, and optical insurance for the couple, the bargaining unit member shall receive the above listed payment).

35.8 *Medical Opt-Out Program.*

Eligibility:

Employees can waive coverage for employer provided medical benefits and receive an incentive bonus in lieu of coverage if covered under:

- A spouse's employer provided, non-City of Southfield group health plan.
- A group health plan available through another employer.
- Any other qualifying plan.

Exclusions:

You are ineligible to receive the Opt-Out payment if you are:

- Retired from the City of Southfield.
- Covered by Medicaid.
- Absent due to a Workers' Compensation injury in excess of three (3) months; opt-out benefits will be suspended.
- On leave of absence during which City paid medical benefits are not provided.

Incentive Benefit Period:

The incentive benefit will be spread equally over bi-weekly pay periods on a calendar year basis. Enrollment will take place during the City's annual open enrollment period. Payments will commence in January of the following year. Benefit will be pro-rated for participation of less than a full calendar year.

Incentive (Opt-Out) Payment:

- \$1,600.00 to employees with family coverage who waive City health benefits.
- \$1,300.00 to employees with two person coverage who waive City health benefits.
- \$1,000.00 to employees with individual coverage who waive City health benefits.
- Part-time employees will receive a 50% or 75% payment depending on their part-time status.

These payments will be taxable to the recipient.

Enrollment:

- a. New employees will have thirty days after becoming eligible for City health benefits to complete an application for waiver (opt-out) and submit documentation of other coverage. Applicants who miss the deadline will again be eligible at Open Enrollment.
- b. Employees, other than new hires, must complete the application and documentation process during the annual Open Enrollment period in September of each year. Employees will be notified if an application is approved. Annual re-enrollment will not be required. Employees will automatically be re-enrolled until such time as they reinstate your City of Southfield health benefits. If an employee is terminated from the program, the employee will receive a termination letter.

Qualifying Events for Changes:

Employee participation in the Opt-Out Waiver Program will remain in effect unless the employee files a form provided by the Human Resources Department indicating a Qualifying Event to withdraw from the program or to enroll in the program outside of the Open Enrollment period.

Qualifying Events include:

- A change in family status such as marriage, divorce, annulment, legal separation.
- The death of a participant, spouse or dependent.
- The birth or adoption of an eligible dependent child.

- Meeting the terms of a Medical Support Order of the court.
- Termination of employment, including retirement.
- A change in spouse coverage which is significant and outside the control of the spouse.
- The participant's spouse has a change in employment status, which results in a change of health insurance coverage.
- The taking of, or returning from, an approved unpaid leave of absence

(LOA) by the participant. Upon returning, employees may apply for reinstatement within thirty days of returning to work.

Reinstatement of City Health Benefits:

- To reinstate health benefits for the following year, employee must submit application to reinstate to Human Resources during Open Enrollment period.
- To reinstate health benefits due to a qualifying event, the employee must provide proof of the event. Documentation and request for reinstatement must be received within thirty days of the qualifying event. If approved, reinstatement may be made retroactive to the date of the qualifying event. The IRS does not permit retroactive participation to a prior plan year.

Pension: Opt-out payments will not be included in final average compensation.

35.9 The City has given notice that as alternatives to the health insurance specified in the contract it will offer only Community Blue PPO and an HMO. The HMO plan option is HAP.

ARTICLE XXXVI RETIREMENT PROGRAM

36.1 For employees retiring after July 26, 2004: Increase the pension multiplier from 2.25% to 2.5%; incorporate other changes to the retirement ordinances enacted 12/16/02 and 2/24/03 that are not inconsistent with the agreement.

A. Employees hired after February 2, 2009, shall be subject to the following pension plan modifications:

- Regular Retirement Eligibility: Age 65 with 10 years of service, age 62 with 20 years of service, age 57 with 25 years of service.
- Benefit Multiplier: 2.0%
- FAC: Highest five consecutive years of last ten years, include a maximum of one hundred hours of vacation paid at retirement.
- Benefit Cap: 70% of FAC.
- Employee Contribution: 3% of pensionable wages, payable as a salary reduction on a pretax basis under IRS Section 414(h). These contributions will not be refunded at retirement.

36.2 Section 414(h) (2) of the IRS Code will be implemented for all employees under

which taxes on employee contributions to the retirement program are deferred until retirement.

36.3 Effective July 1, 1998, upon commencement of a member's monthly pension pursuant to Sections 1.319, 1.320, 1.321, 1.324 or 1.325, or upon commencement of the monthly pension of a member's eligible spouse or nominated beneficiary pursuant to Section 1.323(3), he or she shall be paid the member's accumulated contributions standing to the member's credit in the retirement system on June 30, 1995, plus the interest on these accumulated contributions which accumulate until they are paid in accordance with this Section, the members accumulated contributions made after June 30, 1995 shall not be paid pursuant to this Section.

36.4 All employees in the unit shall contribute 5.0% of pensionable wages made on a pre-tax basis under IRC Section 414h. These contributions will not be refunded at retirement, but shall be refunded upon termination prior to pension vesting, wherein no pension benefit is payable.

To equalize the 3% of non-refundable pension contributions of unit members with those made by other City employees, the unit members shall make, in addition to other non-refundable pension contributions required by other contract provisions, an additional pension contribution of pensionable wages made on a pre-tax basis under IRC Section 414h of 1.5% for 38 payroll periods, starting as of the first pay period following April 10, 2014 (total employee contribution during this period of 6.5%). Effective June 29, 2020, all active employees will pay an additional 1% non-refundable pre-tax pension contribution each pay period (total of 6% contribution). These contributions will not be refunded at retirement, but shall be refunded upon a termination prior to pension vesting, wherein no pension benefit is payable.

Should an employee retire or terminate for any reason prior to the fulfillment of the 38 pay period scheduled, the value of the 1.5% contributions payable over 38 pay periods shall be recoverable from employee cashouts for the amounts unpaid at the time the employee retires or terminates.

Effective April 10, 2014, in the event an employee is transferred into the unit from another bargaining unit wherein the required contributions referenced in this contract have not been made by the employee from the designated time or for the designated time periods such contributions shall be required.

36.5 Effective July 1, 1993, in addition to present eligibility, now-allowed will be normal retirement at age 57 with 25 or more years of service.

Effective July 26, 2004, in addition to the current eligibility conditions, members are allowed to retire with an unreduced regular pension when the member's age plus service totals 82. Fractional parts of age and service may be used in the calculation. The total must be equal to or greater than 82 without rounding.

36.6 Employees who retire after July 26, 2004 and their eligible spouses or eligible surviving spouses will be eligible to receive medical insurance from the City according to the following conditions:

- A. Effective April 10, 2014, subject to Section 36.6 I, upon retirement of an employee who qualifies for retiree health care, the City shall make available to the employee and eligible spouse the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Community

Blue PPO-10 plan, \$250/\$500 deductible; 90% in-network co-insurance; out-of-pocket maximum \$500/\$1,000; office co-pay including chiropractic visits \$10; emergency room co-pay if not admitted \$50; prescription drug co-pay \$5/\$30/\$60, or an alternate plan selected by the City of substantially equivalent coverage and benefits.

- B. Effective October 20, 2014, for employees who were hired prior to February 2, 2009 and who retire after October 20, 2014, the retiree's share of the premium for any post-retirement medical insurance shall be \$10 per month for the retiree and \$100 per month for the retiree's spouse, provided the retiree attained a minimum of 25 years of credited pension service at retirement. For a retiree with at least 15 years of credited pension service but less than 25 years of credited pension service at retirement, the City shall provide the retiree and eligible surviving spouse with a payment of 4% of the monthly premium/illustrative rate per year of credited pension service, with retiree paying a minimum payment for retiree's spouse of \$100 per month.

Effective September 17, 2018 and in lieu of the above contribution, for employees who were hired prior to February 2, 2009 and who retire after October 20, 2014, the following retiree contributions shall apply:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Retiree Contribution</u>
Less than 15 years	No retiree healthcare (unless duty disability or duty death)
15 to 19 years	50% of cost of premium/illustrative rates
20 to 24 years	retiree: \$75/month retiree and spouse: \$225/month
25+ years	retiree: \$30/month retiree and spouse: \$150/month

Effective September 17, 2018, employees and/or survivors who qualify for a duty death or duty disability pension shall receive retiree health care benefit under the same terms as if they had obtained 25 years of service. Employees and/or survivors who qualify for a non-duty death or non-duty disability pension shall receive retiree health care benefits under the same terms as if they had obtained 20 years of service, provided that if the employee otherwise qualified for the 25-year benefit level, the employee and/or spouse would receive that level of benefit.

For a retiree with less than 15 years of credited pension service at retirement, no retiree healthcare benefit will be provided by the City, but the retiree will receive a full refund of any employee contributions made to the Southfield Retiree Healthcare Benefits Plan and Trust. Employees and/or survivors who qualify for a disability retirement or death-in-service retirement benefit under the terms of the Southfield Employee Retirement System (SERS) ordinance will receive the retiree health care benefit

described herein as if the employee had attained 25 years of credited pension service.

- C. Retiree health, dental and optical benefits provided herein shall be effective on the first day of the month following the date of retirement, and the retiree shall continue to receive active employee health, dental and optical benefits between their retirement date and the effective date of retiree benefits.
- D. When the retiree or covered spouse becomes eligible for Medicare, Medicare must be applied for. Upon receipt of Medicare coverage, the City-provided insurance will change to Medicare supplemental insurance. The Medicare recipient shall be responsible for the Medicare premium. The Medicare premium is not a factor in determining the retiree's share of the premium for City-provided health insurance.
- E. An eligible spouse or surviving spouse is one to whom the member was legally married at the time of retirement. If an employee does not elect a survivorship option for pension, a surviving spouse is not eligible for medical insurance coverage under the City's policy after the retiree's death. Coverage for a spouse terminates upon divorce.
- F. This benefit is not paid for individuals who terminate service prior to vesting or who withdraw their contributions from the retirement system.
- G. The City-paid health insurance shall terminate in the case of a retiree and surviving spouse, if that individual assumes employment elsewhere and that employer provides health coverage to its employees which does not substantially differ from that offered by the City: Provided that should the individual lose such coverage from the other employer for any reason, including voluntary or involuntary separation of employment, upon production of proof of such loss to the City and satisfaction of continuing eligibility, the City's obligation to provide health coverage shall recommence immediately.
- H. The benefits of this section are not vested. The employee shall be eligible for retiree health insurance coverage according to the conditions in effect on the date the employee retired. Employees who terminate service prior to retirement with rights for a vested pension will not be eligible for retiree health insurance coverage when they begin to receive their pension. The health insurance plans and benefits available to retired employees through the City shall be determined by the City.
- I. Except as otherwise provided in this collective bargaining agreement, participation in City paid retiree health insurance shall be subject to the conditions set forth in the code of the City of Southfield in the Chapter designated Retiree Health Care Benefits Plan and Trust.

36.7 Payments for unused vacation leave accumulations shall be included in calculating a member's final average compensation. For any year used in calculating final average compensation, the amount of payment for unused vacation leave which is used shall not exceed the amount of payment for twice the member's vacation accrual for the year.

36.8 *RHC (VEBA) Contributions.* Effective July 1, 2007, employees shall make a 1% contribution, post tax, to the RHC (VEBA).

Effective July 1, 2008, employees shall make an additional 1% contribution, post tax, to the RHC (VEBA).

Section 36.9 *Health Care Provisions for Employees Hired On or After April 10, 2014.* New employees hired after April 10, 2014, will, in lieu of the retiree healthcare set forth in this

contract, be covered by the following provisions. In lieu of retiree healthcare, the City will contribute \$200 per each month employee works to a fund, which will be available upon retirement for purchase of healthcare. Employee shall contribute 2% of gross wages. The following vesting schedule will apply to Employer contributions:

- 3 years of service: 50% vested
- 4 years of service: 75% vested
- 5 years of service: 100% vested

Section 36.10 All new employees hired after the ratification of this agreement and placed on the new pay scale will receive retirement through a blended Pension plan administered through the City of Southfield.

Defined Benefits

- a) 1.5% multiply for all years of service
- b) 3 years final average compensation
- c) 10 years vesting
- d) 5% Employee contribution

Defined Contribution

- a) 3% City contribution
- b) 3% Employee contribution
- c) 5 years vesting

**ARTICLE XXXVII
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

37.1 *In-Service Training.* The City Administrator may authorize in-service training programs with pay for any employee to take schooling in the interest of the City. In such cases, the employee shall be required to return to the City employ for a specified time after completing said schooling. As determined by the Commission, an employee may be authorized by the City Administrator to attend outside training courses at City expense. If such is the case, the employee shall be expected to arrange to do so on his own time without additional compensation from the City except as indicated below.

37.2 *Minimum In-Service Training.* The employer shall provide a minimum of four (4) hours in-service training per year. Attendance by employees is mandatory unless excused for reasonable cause. Such training shall be provided on paid time at the employees' regular straight time rate. The Labor-Management Committee shall attempt to designate training subjects by mutual agreement. In the event the Labor-Management

Committee is unable to arrive at a mutually acceptable decision, the City may designate the training subject in order to fulfill the annual four (4) hour requirement.

37.3 *Tuition Reimbursement.* Career employees may qualify for tuition reimbursement of seventy-five percent of actual tuition costs (excluding labs, books, special fees, etc.) without regard to financial aid. The maximum reimbursement will be \$2,000 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), provided the employee receives at least a grade of "B" for graduate courses; in no case shall the tuition reimbursement exceed the actual tuition cost to the employee. Further, the City will pay up to an additional twenty-five dollars per course for books each term in which the employee is entitled to tuition reimbursement. These payments are all subject to the following conditions:

- A. That course work be taken at or under the direction of an accredited institution;
- B. Qualifying disciplines shall be: (a) Course Work related to a function in which the City employs career staff; (b) Course work in management or public administration; (c) Course work required for the completion of a diploma, certificate or degree in a discipline related to a career classification in the City;
- C. Course work be pre-approved, in writing, by the employee's department Director and the Human Resources Department as qualifying for reimbursement. This approval must be obtained and on file with the Human Resources Department prior to class commencement;
- D. A minimum grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be obtained;
- E. Tuition reimbursement shall not be paid to probationary employees. However, tuition reimbursement may be granted to career employees for courses begun during the probationary period but completed after career status has been granted, provided all other provisions of this Section have been observed;
- F. An application for tuition reimbursement, along with receipts for tuition and books as well as the final course grade are submitted to the Human Resources Department within thirty (30) days of completing the course. Failure to submit a timely and complete reimbursement application will forfeit the employee's right to such payment;
- G. In applying for and receiving tuition reimbursement benefits (including books and fees) under this Section, employees must agree to refund the City for any tuition benefits which are received in the one-year period prior to their resignation, retirement (regular or early), or discharge for cause. Employees receiving a duty disability or on a medical leave of absence will not be required to refund tuition benefits.

37.4 *Educational Leaves of Absence.* Upon request, an employee with written approval from the Department Head may be granted a Leave of Absence not to exceed four (4) months for the purpose of pursuing formal education. Said leave must be for attendance at an accredited institution and shall be without pay or benefits during the period of leave (continuation of group insurance benefits to be at employee's expense). If granting of said educational leave is deemed by the City to be in the best interest of the City, the City may approve said educational leave request.

ARTICLE XXXVIII WAGES

37.5 The wages are as follows:

Employees will receive base rate increase as listed:

- Effective July 1, 2025 – 3 % increase
 - Effective July 1, 2026 – 3 % increase
 - Effective July 1, 2027 – 3 % increase
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- a) New wage rates will become effective on July 1, 2025, or upon ratification by both parties, whichever is later, and shall be processed within 60 days after the last party to the agreement has approved the tentative agreement (Appendix C).
 - b) Employees on payroll on the date of ratifications will receive a \$2,000 signing bonus.
 - c) The signing bonus will be paid by separate electronic check and will not count toward pension calculations.
 - d) The City will offer a hiring bonus of \$1,000 for new employees for 1 year following ratification. The bonus is payable half after completion of probation and half after three years of employment. The City may extend the hiring bonus and will advise the Union of extension.
 - e) In the event the wage percentage increases proposed above are less than, the wage percentage increases approved by other non-Police/Fire unions, the City agrees to provide same annual percent wage increase and bonuses amount to Union members as received by other non-Police/Fire unions negotiated as part of 2025 negotiations.
 - f) The parties agree to the inclusion of new classification of Flex employees. Terms of Flex employees are listed in Appendix B.
 - g) A new employee classification of "Senior Dispatcher" shall be established within the unit for the tenure of one (1) employee with over 10 years of service upon ratification. The Senior Dispatcher classification wages shall include a 5% base wage increase for all hours worked in Dispatch. The employee will be selected for the position by interview. The position will be for one (1) year term and will be rebid each year. The position will be assigned additional duties by the Department Director.

38.1 Employees shall be eligible to participate in the deferred compensation plan.

ARTICLE XXXIX SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

39.1 An employee who is required to work a regular afternoon or night shift shall be paid a shift premium as follows: \$0.27 for afternoon shift; \$0.35 for night shift.

39.2 For purposes of definition, an afternoon shift is any shift starting between 12 o'clock noon and 10:00 p.m. and a night shift is any shift starting between 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Employees scheduled for midnight/afternoon should be paid shift differential for all hours worked, including scheduled overtime.

ARTICLE XL DISPATCH REPORTING TIME

40.1 Employees working in dispatch shall be required to report six (6) minutes prior to the start of the shift and shall be paid at a rate of time and on-half (1½) for the six (6) minutes. The parties agree that this payment is complete compensation for overtime arising from the reporting procedures for the relieving employee and the employee being relieved.

ARTICLE XLI RESIDENCY

41.1 Employees who are Southfield residents as of January 1st will receive 1.5% of base pay (longevity, overtime, etc. will not be included in the calculation) provided in the form of deferred compensation only. Employees will have a choice of different deferral plans provided through the City's deferred compensation carriers.

The term "residence" means the place where one resides, a place of abode accompanied with the intent to remain, a settled or permanent home or domicile. Residency shall be construed to be the actual domicile of the individual; where he normally eats and sleeps and maintains his normal personal and household effects, and where the employee's spouse and/or dependents reside.

Eligible Southfield residents will be required to apply to the Office of Management and Budget for their residency incentive. This department will verify the residency, indicate the amount of funds the employee will be able to defer and stipulate the different deferral plans provided by the deferred compensation carrier. The employee will be required to indicate his choice of deferral plans on the supplemental participation form. These funds will then be placed with deferred compensations of the first pay period in February.

An employee's statement of residency will be subject to verification by the City of Southfield at the time of application and any other time deemed appropriate. At the time of application, the employee will affirm that he lives in the City and show a valid Driver's License indicating a Southfield address. If residency is challenged, the employee may also be required to substantiate residency by producing utility bills, voter's registration and any other such tests that may be deemed reasonable by the City.

Upon completion of a preliminary investigation, the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) will determine residency. If the applicant for the residency incentive wishes to appeal the decision made by OMB, then such appeal may be made through the grievance procedure.

Probationary employees who live in Southfield by January 1st will be eligible for the benefit immediately and will not be required to wait until their probationary status has ended.

The residency benefit cannot be pro-rated. In other words, the program will be offered only once at the beginning of each calendar year. If an employee moves into Southfield in June, the residency benefit will commence the following January. The employee has to be on active City payroll on January 1st to be eligible for this benefit.

The City can, under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, participate in a deferred compensation program for resident employees. The limit would be the annual maximum deferral of 25% of base salary or \$7,500 whichever is the lesser. For those employees who are currently participants in the Deferred Compensation Program, the City's participation would either allow them to reduce their contributions if already at the maximum or to have contribution levels increased by the amount of the City incentive, if below the minimum. The residency incentive will be included as "compensation" in determining "final average compensation" for retirement purposes.

ARTICLE XLII LONGEVITY PAY PROGRAM

42.1 The following schedule of City service shall apply to employees hired on or after July 1, 1982 and prior to September 17, 2018:

- After 3 years of service - \$125
- After 5 years of service - \$275
- After 10 years of service - \$400
- After 15 years of service - \$650
- After 20 years of service - \$1,000

42.2 The amounts indicated above will be paid to eligible employees on an annual basis as of the first pay period of December. Eligibility is based on qualifying by a cut-off date of December 31st of the year in which various levels of service are attained. Any employees who will have reached the required years of service by December 31st will receive the amount stipulated in the first pay period of December and this amount, whatever the category, will also be paid in intervening years on this same annual basis.

42.3 Leaves of Absence shall be deducted for purposes of computing service credit toward longevity, except military leave during the time of war as defined in the Veteran's Preference Act or absence from work due to injuries compensated for under the Workers' Compensation Act. In addition, Leaves of Absence during a calendar year that are equal to or in excess of a quarter of a year (three months continuous or aggregate) would adjust the longevity pay on a percentage of actual straight time earnings for the remaining period of the calendar year rather than base rate of pay.

42.4 Longevity bonus shall not be paid to any eligible employee for the calendar year in which his or her employment is terminated with the City inasmuch as the innovation of

the longevity program is based on a concept of rewarding the employee for remaining in the service of the City, excepting that retirees shall receive a longevity bonus in his or her final paycheck based on the foregoing schedule as it applies to the calendar year in which he or she retires.

42.5 An eligible employee, in order to receive his longevity bonus, qualified by being in the employ of the City on December 31 of each year in which he is eligible to receive a longevity bonus, excepting retirees as indicated in the preceding paragraph.

42.6 Longevity bonus will be eliminated from the contract for new hires after September 17, 2018.

ARTICLE XLIII CLOTHING AND CLEANING ALLOWANCES

43.1 *Clothing Allowance.* A clothing allowance of \$250 shall be credited to each employee's account annually (July 1st). Clothing purchases in accordance with departmental regulations and City purchasing programs shall be charged against the account. Balance of annual clothing allowance remaining in account on June 30th shall be cumulative.

- A. Initial uniforms required by the City for performance of their duties will be furnished without cost to new employees. Such new employees' first annual clothing allowance (after initial purchase) shall be prorated based upon date of hire.
- B. Initial issue of any or all uniform items shall be furnished by the City without cost to employees in the event that the employer requires a change in uniforms.
- C. Termination – Employees leaving the Department shall return to the Department all uniform clothing (in their possession or control), leather goods and Department property.

43.2 *Cleaning Allowance.* A cleaning allowance of \$250 per year shall be paid annually lump sum December 1st of each year.

ARTICLE XLIV LUNCHES AND BREAKS

44.1 The employer shall make reasonable effort to afford lunch periods and relief breaks.

ARTICLE XLV COMPENSATORY TIME BANK

45.1 Compensatory time may be accumulated up to one hundred (100) hours.

45.2 An employee's floating holiday time shall be accrued in the compensatory time

bank and an employee's overtime (at compensatory time and one-half or other

premium rate) may be accrued in the compensatory time bank at the employee's option.

- 45.3 Compensatory time accrued in excess of eighty (80) hours shall be converted to pay once each calendar quarter and on June 30th each year the bank shall be liquidated of hours over eighty (80) by payoff at the base rate in effect on June 30th.
- 45.4 Employees should monitor their individual compensatory time balance, and when this balance approaches eighty (80) hours, they should either use the time and/or turn in any future overtime for pay to keep this balance below eighty (80) hours.
- 45.5 Employees shall request compensatory time off with reasonable advance notice to avoid filling their shift with overtime by another employee.

ARTICLE XLVI TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

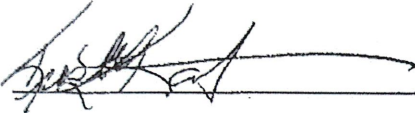
- 46.1 These Agreements shall be effective as of the 1st day of July 2025, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 30th day of June 2028.
- 46.2 Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement, as set forth above, the Union shall submit to the City a list of its demands for the next ensuing contract period, together with a list of the names of the current officers of the Union.
- 46.3 If any Article or Section of this Agreement, or any supplement thereto, shall be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article or Section should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and supplements shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such Article or Section.
- 46.4 An emergency manager appointed under the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575, is allowed to reject, modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement as provided in the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 PA 436, MCL 141.1541 to 141.1575. Inclusion of this language is required under Section 15(7) of the Public Employee Relations Act and does not constitute an agreement by the Union to the substantive or procedural content of the language.

The current agreement reflects changes agreed to by the parties by Tentative Agreement dated 06/04/2025, approved by City Council on 06/23/2025, ratified by the Union on _____.

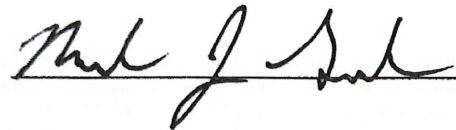
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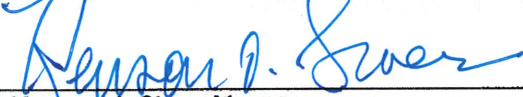


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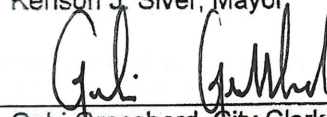
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FOR THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD:



Kenson J. Siver, Mayor

June 1, 2026
Date: _____



Gabi Grossbard, City Clerk

6/3/2026
Date: _____

APPENDIX A



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CITY OF SOUTHFIELD Dental Coverage Benefits-at-a-glance

This is intended as an easy-to-read summary and provides only a general overview of your benefits. It is not a contract. Additional limitations and exclusions may apply. Payment amounts are based on BCBSM's approved amount, less any applicable deductible and/or copay. For a complete description of benefits please see the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders, if your group is underwritten. If your group is self-funded, please see any other plan documents your group uses. If there is a discrepancy between this Benefits-at-a-Glance and any applicable plan document, the plan document will control.

Coverage determination: Claims are subject to dental necessity verification and availability of dental benefits when they are processed, as well as the terms and conditions of the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders.

Network access information

With Blue Dental PPO, members can choose any licensed dentist anywhere. However, they'll save the most money when they choose a dentist who is a member of the Blue Dental PPO network.

Blue Dental PPO network- Blue Dental members have unmatched access to PPO (in-network) dentists through the Blue Dental PPO network, which offers more than 535,000 dentist locations* nationwide. PPO dentists agree to accept our approved amount as full payment for covered services, and members pay only their applicable coinsurance and deductible amounts. Members also receive discounts on noncovered services when they use PPO dentists (in states where permitted by law). To find a PPO dentist near you, please visit mibluedentist.com or call 1-888-826-8152.

**A dentist location is any place a member can see a dentist to receive high-quality dental care. For example, one dentist practicing in two offices is two dentist locations.*

Blue Par SelectSM arrangement- Most non-PPO(out-of-network) dentists accept our Blue Par Select arrangement, which means they participate with the Blues on a "per claim" basis. Members should ask their dentists if they participate with BCBSM before every treatment. Blue Par Select dentists accept our approved amount as full payment for covered services, and members pay only applicable coinsurance and deductibles. To find a dentist who may participate with BCBSM, please visit mibluedentist.com.

Note: Members who go to nonparticipating dentists are responsible for any difference between our approved amount and the dentist's charge.

Eligibility information

Member	Eligibility Criteria
Dependents	- Subscriber's legal spouse - Dependent children: related to you by birth, marriage, legal adoption or legal guardianship; eligible for dental coverage through the end of the calendar year in which they turn age 26, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Member's responsibility (deductible, coinsurance and dollar maximums)

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Deductible	None	None

BLUE DENTAL;DO-BM-\$2000;DO-FLX;DO-IN-C1-C0%;DO-IN-C2-C10%;DO-IN-C3-C40%;DO-IN-C4-C40%;DO-NP-C3-C40%;DO-NP-C4-C40%;DO-OLM-\$2000;DO-ON-C1-C0%;DO-ON-C2-C10%;DO-PPO

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is a nonprofit corporation and independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Coinurance (percentage of BCBSM's approved amount for covered services)	None (covered at 100%)	None (covered at 100%)
• Class I services		
• Class II services	10%	10%
• Class III services	40%	40%
• Class IV services	40%	40%
Dollar maximums	\$2,000 per member	
• Annual maximum for Class I, II and III services		
• Lifetime maximum for Class IV services	\$2,000 per member	

Class I services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Oral exams	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Twice per calendar year		
A set (up to 4 films) of bitewing x-rays	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Twice per calendar year		
Panoramic or full-mouth x-rays	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Once every 36 months		
Prophylaxis (cleaning)	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Twice per calendar year		
Sealants - for members age 19 and younger	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Once per tooth in any 36 consecutive months when applied to the first and second permanent molars		
Emergency palliative treatment	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Fluoride treatments	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Two per calendar year		
Space maintainers - missing posterior (back) primary teeth - for members 18 and younger	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount
Note: Once per quadrant per lifetime		

Class II services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Fillings - permanent (adult) teeth	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
Note: Replacement fillings covered after 24 months or more after initial filling		
Fillings - primary (child) teeth	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
Note: Replacement fillings covered after 12 months or more after initial filling		
Crowns, onlays, inlays, and veneer restorations - permanent teeth - for members age 12 and older	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
Note: Once every 60 months per tooth		

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Recementation of crowns, veneers, inlays, onlays and bridges	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Three times per tooth per calendar year after six months from original restoration	
Oral surgery	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
Root canal treatment	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Once per tooth per lifetime	
Scaling and root planing	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Once every 24 months per quadrant	
Limited occlusal adjustments	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Limited occlusal adjustments covered up to five times in any 60 consecutive months	
Occlusal biteguards	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Once every 12 months	
General anesthesia or IV sedation	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: When medically necessary and performed with oral surgery	
Repairs and adjustments of a partial or complete denture	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Six months or more after denture is delivered	
Relining or rebasing of a partial or complete denture	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Once per arch in any 36 consecutive months	
Tissue conditioning	90% of approved amount	90% of approved amount
	Note: Once per arch in any 36 consecutive months	

Class III services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Removable dentures (complete and partial)	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
	Note: Once every 60 months	
Bridges (fixed partial dentures) - for members age 16 and older	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
	Note: Once every 60 months	
Endosteal implants - for members age 16 or older who are covered at the time of the actual implant placement	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
	Note: Once per tooth per lifetime when implant placement is for teeth numbered 2 through 15 and 18 through 31	

Class IV services - Orthodontic services for dependents under age 19

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Minor treatment for tooth guidance appliances	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
Minor treatment to control harmful habits	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
Interceptive and comprehensive orthodontic treatment	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
Post-treatment stabilization	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount
BLUE DENTAL;DO-BM-\$2000;DO-FLX;DO-IN-C1-C0%;DO-IN-C2-C10%;DO-IN-C3-C40%;DO-IN-C4-C40%;DO-NP-C3-C40%;DO-NP-C4-C40%;DO-OLM-\$2000;DO-ON-C1-C0%;DO-ON-C2-C10%;DO-PPO		

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Cephalometric film (skull) and diagnostic photos	60% of approved amount	60% of approved amount

Note: For non-urgent, complex or expensive dental treatment such as crowns, bridges or dentures, members should encourage their dentist to submit the claim to Blue Cross for predetermination **before** treatment begins.

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CITY OF SOUTHFIELD VISION COVERAGE

Vision Coverage

This is intended as an easy-to-read summary and provides only a general overview of your benefits. It is not a contract. Additional limitations and exclusions may apply. Payment amounts are based on BCBSM's approved amount, less any applicable deductible and/or copay. For a complete description of benefits please see the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders, if your group is underwritten. If your group is self-funded, please see any other plan documents your group uses. If there is a discrepancy between this Benefits-at-a-Glance and any applicable plan document, the plan document will control.

Blue Vision benefits are provided by Vision Service Plan (VSP), the largest provider of vision care in the nation. VSP is an independent company providing vision benefit services for Blues members. To find a VSP doctor, call **1-800-877-7195** or log on to the VSP Web site at **vsp.com**.

Note: Members may choose between prescription glasses (lenses and frame) or contact lenses, but not both

Note: Discounts up to 20% for additional prescription glasses and any amount over the allowance **plus** savings on non-covered lens extras (up to 25%) when obtained from a VSP provider

Member's responsibility (copays)

Benefits	VSP network doctor	Non-VSP provider
Eye exam	None	None
Prescription glasses (lenses and/or frames)	None	None (member responsible for difference between approved amount and provider's charge)
Medically necessary contact lenses	None	None (member responsible for difference between approved amount and provider's charge)
Note: No copay is required for prescribed contact lenses that are not medically necessary.		

Eye exam

Benefits	VSP network doctor	Non-VSP provider
Complete eye exam by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The exam includes refraction, glaucoma testing and other tests necessary to determine the overall visual health of the patient.	100% of approved amount	Reimbursement up to \$45 (member responsible for any difference)
One eye exam in any period of 12 consecutive months		

Lenses and frames

Benefits	VSP network doctor	Non-VSP provider
Standard lenses (must not exceed 60 mm in diameter) prescribed and dispensed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Lenses may be molded or ground, glass or plastic. Also covers prism, slab-off prism and special base curve lenses when medically necessary.	100% of approved amount	Reimbursement up to approved amount based on lens type (member responsible for any difference)
Progressive Lenses - Covered when rendered by a VSP network doctor	One pair of lenses, with or without frames, in any period of 12 consecutive months	

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Benefits	VSP network doctor	Non-VSP provider
Standard frames	\$250 allowance that is applied toward frames (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance)	Reimbursement up to \$70 (member responsible for any difference)
Note: All VSP network doctor locations are required to stock at least 100 different frames within the frame allowance.		
	One frame in any period of 24 consecutive months when services are rendered by a VSP network provider	

Contact Lenses

Benefits	VSP network doctor	Non-VSP provider
Medically necessary contact lenses (requires prior authorization approval from VSP and must meet criteria of medically necessary)	100% of approved amount	Reimbursement up to \$210 (member responsible for any difference)
	Contact lenses up to the allowance in any period of 12 consecutive months	
Elective contact lenses that improve vision (prescribed, but do not meet criteria of medically necessary)	\$250 allowance that is applied toward contact lens exam (fitting and materials) and the contact lenses (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance)	\$105 allowance that is applied toward contact lens exam (fitting and materials) and the contact lenses (member responsible for any cost exceeding the allowance)
	Contact lenses up to the allowance in any period of 12 consecutive months	

APPENDIX B

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

Flex Employee Classification – PST

January 31, 2025

1. Flex employee positions shall be classified employees in Unions/ACS/Management positions.
2. Flex employees working non-bargaining unit classifications may be hourly, ACS or Management Group employees, depending on the position.
3. Flex employee positions that correspond to bargaining unit (Union) classifications shall be positioned within the respective Unions and shall be subject to the position's respective bargaining unit's collective bargaining agreement (CBA), except as expressly stated herein.
4. Flex employees in Union positions will have the same eligibility to apply for open positions within their Union as other employees in their Union.
5. Flex employees shall not exceed 25% of the total Union membership.
6. Flex employees will be utilized for work prior to non-career and temporary employees.
7. Flex employees will regularly be scheduled to work part-time, between 10-30 hours per week.
8. Flex employees may be subject to schedule changes upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice.
9. Flex employees may periodically be scheduled to work 40 or more hours per week, on an as needed or emergency basis, which shall be defined as significant increase in department work requirements or to cover employee absents, for a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year, (January 1 – December 31).
10. Flex employees will be subject to layoff before career employees shall be subject to layoff, in accordance with their City seniority date.
11. Flex employees will be eligible to enroll in a city-sponsored group health insurance plan as designated by the City. If not enrolled in a city-sponsored group health insurance plan will be eligible for the City opt out payment.
12. Flex employees will be enrolled in a retiree health savings account consistent with career employees hired after 2020. [Biweekly employee contribution of 2% of salary with 2% matching City contribution.]
13. Flex employees will be enrolled in the Defined Contribution Retirement (401A) with 3% required employee contribution and 3% employer matching contribution.
14. Flex employees who are later hired as career employees will be offered the opportunity to enroll into the Southfield Employee Retirement System's Blended Pension Plan (SERS-BP) within 60 days of hire as a career employee. If the employee does not select SERS-BP plan in writing, employee will remain in 401A with 3% required employee contribution and 3% employer matching contribution.
15. Career employees or Departments may make a request to reduce status of employees to Flex status as allowed by City and Union agreement (if the position a PST bargaining unit position).

16. Career employees who are members of SERS and who become Flex employees will be required to freeze their credited service time in SERS upon their classification date as a Flex employee and will be enrolled in the City's 401A plan with a required 3% employee contribution and 3% employer matching contribution.
17. Career employees who are enrolled in the SERS-BP who become Flex employees will be required to freeze their credited service time for the SERS portion of their retirement plan upon their classification date as a Flex employee, and will continue to be enrolled in the 401A plan only.
18. Employees enrolled in a SERS plan will be allowed to purchase three (3) years of retiree service credits. All cost(s) for purchase, including employer contributions and interest, will be paid by the employee through lump sum, rollover of other retirement funds, or payroll deduction which must be completed within 36 months. No retiree healthcare may be purchased as part of this service credit purchase.
19. Flex employees will serve a probationary period for eight (8) months as "At-will" employees.
20. Flex employees who are vested in SERS must have the approval of the Human Resources Director to serve as Flex employees beyond 24 months. Approval must be granted for each subsequent year by the Human Resources Director for continued employment.
21. Flex employees will be eligible for Personal Time Off (PTO) under the following conditions:
 - a. Forty (40) hours after six (6) months of employment
 - b. Sixty (60) hours yearly after five (5) years of employment
 - c. Eighty (80) hours yearly after ten (10) years of employment
 - d. PTO will at no time accrue less than the Michigan Paid Time Off Statutes

After five (5) years of service, Flex employees may request a payout of twenty (20) hours yearly.

Employees may accumulate up to two (2) years of PTO. Any PTO hours exceeding two years will be forfeited on January 1 of each calendar year.

Employees will be paid PTO time not used, if separated from the City employment.

Full time employees converted to Flex employees must cash out or waive all vacation accruals and all sick hours in excess of eighty (80) hours; the 80 or less hours remaining of and employee's vacation or sick leave accruals will then be converted to PTO hours.

PTO hours and sick reserve hours accrued from Career employment are not subject to payment.

Apart from PTO leave time, Flex employees are eligible for sick leave in accordance with the Earned Sick Leave Act, as amended.

Flex employees do not accrue credited service time for purposes of the SERS plan.

APPENDIX C - WAGE SCALE

Public Safety Technicians (POAM)
Salary Schedule - Effective July 1, 2025

.27 AFT/SHIFT
.35 MID/SHIFT
\$2.50 Dispatch Premium

Position	Start	6 Mos	18 Mos	30 Mos	42 Mos	54 Mos	60 Mos
PS Dispatcher	\$48,467	\$51,515	\$54,564	\$57,613	\$60,661	\$63,710	\$66,759
Fixed	\$1,864.12	\$1,981.35	\$2,098.62	\$2,215.89	\$2,333.12	\$2,450.39	\$2,567.66
Hourly 1	\$23.3015	\$24.7669	\$26.2328	\$27.6987	\$29.1640	\$30.6299	\$32.0958
Hourly 2	\$23.5715	\$25.0369	\$26.5028	\$27.9687	\$29.4340	\$30.8999	\$32.3658
Hourly 3	\$23.6515	\$25.1169	\$26.5828	\$28.0487	\$29.5140	\$30.9799	\$32.4458
Senior Public Safety Dispatcher							\$70,097.22
PS Technician	\$45,317	\$48,167	\$51,018	\$53,868	\$56,718	\$59,569	\$62,420
Fixed	\$1,742.96	\$1,852.57	\$1,962.21	\$2,071.86	\$2,181.47	\$2,291.12	\$2,400.77
Hourly 1	\$21.7869	\$23.1571	\$24.5277	\$25.8983	\$27.2684	\$28.6390	\$30.0096
Hourly 2	\$22.0569	\$23.4271	\$24.7977	\$26.1683	\$27.5384	\$28.9090	\$30.2796
Hourly 3	\$22.1369	\$23.5071	\$24.8777	\$26.2483	\$27.6184	\$28.9890	\$30.3596

Salary Schedule - Effective July 1, 2026

Position	Start	6 Mos	18 Mos	30 Mos	42 Mos	54 Mos	60 Mos
PS Dispatcher	\$49,921	\$53,061	\$56,201	\$59,342	\$62,481	\$65,622	\$68,762
Fixed	\$1,920.05	\$2,040.79	\$2,161.58	\$2,282.37	\$2,403.12	\$2,523.91	\$2,644.69
Hourly 1	\$24.0006	\$25.5099	\$27.0198	\$28.5296	\$30.0390	\$31.5488	\$33.0587
Hourly 2	\$24.2787	\$25.7880	\$27.2979	\$28.8077	\$30.3171	\$31.8269	\$33.3368
Hourly 3	\$24.3611	\$25.8704	\$27.3803	\$28.8901	\$30.3995	\$31.9093	\$33.4192
Senior Public Safety Dispatcher							\$72,200.13
PS Technician	\$46,676	\$49,612	\$52,548	\$55,484	\$58,420	\$61,356	\$64,292
Fixed	\$1,795.24	\$1,908.14	\$2,021.08	\$2,134.02	\$2,246.91	\$2,359.85	\$2,472.79
Hourly 1	\$22.4406	\$23.8518	\$25.2635	\$26.6752	\$28.0864	\$29.4981	\$30.9099
Hourly 2	\$22.7187	\$24.1299	\$25.5416	\$26.9533	\$28.3645	\$29.7762	\$31.1880
Hourly 3	\$22.8011	\$24.2123	\$25.6240	\$27.0357	\$28.4469	\$29.8586	\$31.2704

Salary Schedule - Effective July 1, 2027

Position	Start	6 Mos	18 Mos	30 Mos	42 Mos	54 Mos	60 Mos
PS Dispatcher	\$51,419	\$54,652	\$57,887	\$61,122	\$64,355	\$67,590	\$70,825
Fixed	\$1,977.65	\$2,102.02	\$2,226.43	\$2,350.84	\$2,475.21	\$2,599.62	\$2,724.03
Hourly 1	\$24.7206	\$26.2752	\$27.8304	\$29.3855	\$30.9401	\$32.4953	\$34.0504
Hourly 2	\$25.0071	\$26.5617	\$28.1168	\$29.6720	\$31.2266	\$32.7817	\$34.3369
Hourly 3	\$25.0919	\$26.6465	\$28.2017	\$29.7568	\$31.3114	\$32.8666	\$34.4217
Senior Public Safety Dispatcher							\$74,366.14
PS Technician	\$48,077	\$51,100	\$54,125	\$57,149	\$60,172	\$63,197	\$66,221
Fixed	\$1,849.10	\$1,965.39	\$2,081.71	\$2,198.04	\$2,314.32	\$2,430.65	\$2,546.97
Hourly 1	\$ 23.1138	\$ 24.5673	\$ 26.0214	\$ 27.4755	\$ 28.9290	\$ 30.3831	\$ 31.8372
Hourly 2	\$ 23.4002	\$ 24.8538	\$ 26.3078	\$ 27.7619	\$ 29.2155	\$ 30.6695	\$ 32.1236
Hourly 3	\$ 23.4851	\$ 24.9386	\$ 26.3927	\$ 27.8468	\$ 29.3003	\$ 30.7544	\$ 32.2085

Letter of Understanding for Temporary Adjustment to Vacation Leave Stipulations for Public Safety Dispatchers and Public Safety Supervisors.

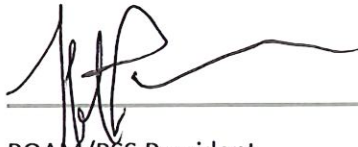
The impending maternity leaves will further exacerbate the staffing shortages in the Communications Center. To alleviate the problems caused by this it has been agreed that there will only be one employee total from both bargaining units (PST/PSS) allowed on vacation at a time. With this change adjustments to the vacation leave stipulations in both contracts will be made. Listed below will be the Vacation Leave stipulations

1. (PST contract Article 30.6 subsection C.1// PSS contract Article 28.6 subsection C.1) Vacation requests for June, July, and August which are submitted by May 1st shall have preference, and if requests are made for the same or overlapping period(s), preference shall be granted according to the following procedure:

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- a. Preference will be given to the person who has had the LEAST recent vacation.
 - b. Conflicts among the same bargaining unit will be determined by bargaining unit seniority.
 - c. Conflicts among supervisors and technicians will be determined by city seniority.

In addition, any vacations over 2 weeks will require prior approval by the Civilian Operations Director or responsible party.

These changes will remain in place until enough full-time dispatchers have been hired, raising our staffing back to 9 total full-time dispatchers/supervisors.

 9/18/24

POAM/PSS President Date
Jeffrey Merser

 9-18-26

Police Chief Date
Elvin V. Barren

 9/18/26

POAM/PST President Date
Meagan Thomas

 09/25/2026

Acting Human Resources Director Date
Marcileen C. Pruitt

 9-18-26

Civilian Operations Director Date
Mathew Ramos