

# **AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN THE

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

AND THE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

(LOCAL 1159)

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## AGREEMENT AND PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered into, by and between the City of Lake Oswego, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and the Lake Oswego members of Local No. 1159, International Association of Firefighters, hereinafter referred to as the "Association" and/or "Firefighters."

It is the purpose of this Agreement to set forth herein the sole and full Agreement between the parties concerning wages, hours and conditions of employment.

### ARTICLE 1

#### Recognition

1.1 The City recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing wages, hours and conditions of employment for all full-time employees in the classifications of Firefighter, Fire Driver-Engineer, Fire Lieutenant, Deputy Fire Marshal and EMS Coordinator; but excluding all seasonal, casual and irregular part-time, volunteer intern, supervisory or confidential employees and workers of the City.

### ARTICLE 2

#### Management Rights

2.1 The Association recognizes and agrees that responsibility for management of the City and direction of its work force is vested solely in the City and responsible department heads. The Association recognizes and agrees that in order to fulfill this responsibility, the City shall retain the exclusive right to exercise the regular and customary functions of management, including, but not limited to, directing the activities of the Fire Department; determining standards and levels of service and methods of operation, including subcontracting and the introduction of new equipment; the right to hire, layoff, transfer and promote, discipline and discharge employees (subject to Article 23); to determine work schedules and assign work; and to exercise any other right not specifically abridged by this Agreement. Nothing in this clause shall have the effect of nullifying agreements entered into under other sections of this Agreement, provided that management rights and prerogatives, except where abridged by specific provision of this Agreement, are not subject to the grievance procedure specified in Article 24. It is further agreed that the City retains all rights, powers and privileges not expressly specified in this section.

### ARTICLE 3

#### Employee Rights

3.1 It is agreed that employees represented by the International Association of Firefighters shall have the right to form, join and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on matters of employee relations. Employees covered by this agreement also shall have the right to refuse to join in the activities of the Association or any

other employee organization. No employee shall be interfered with, intimidated, restrained, coerced or discriminated against by the City or by the Association because of their exercise of these rights.

## ARTICLE 4

### Peaceful Performance of City Services

4.1 During the time of this Agreement, there will be no strike, (including sympathy strike) by the Association, nor will any of its officers, agents, or employees instigate, promote, sponsor, engage in or condone any strike, slow down, concerted stoppage of work or any other intentional disruption of the operations of the City, regardless of the reason for so doing. For purposes of this section, "strike" means an employee's refusal in concerted action with others to report for duty, or their willful absence from their position, or their stoppage of work, or their absence in whole or in part from the full, faithful or proper performance of their duties of employment, for the purpose of inducing or coercing a change in the conditions, compensation, rights, privileges or obligations of employment.

4.2 In the event of a violation of this provision by the Association or employees in the bargaining unit, the City may discipline or discharge any member of the Association involved in such activity. Nothing herein shall preclude recourse by the City to such other legal or equitable remedies as may be available to it.

4.3 Each employee who holds the position of officer, steward or negotiator of the Association occupies a position of special trust and responsibility in maintaining and bringing about compliance with the provisions of this Article. The Association agrees to inform its members of their obligations under this Agreement and to direct them to return to work.

## ARTICLE 5

### Union Security

5.1 Membership or non-membership in the International Association of Firefighters shall be the individual choice of employees covered by this Agreement.

5.2 Dues Check-Off. The City agrees to deduct once each month the regular monthly Association dues or fair share fees in an amount certified by the Association Treasurer for each employee in the bargaining unit who has authorized such a deduction in writing. Each employee who has elected to pay Association dues or fair share payments shall maintain on file with the City written authorization to deduct fair share dues or Association dues.

5.3 The aggregate amount of dues and service fee deductions shall be transmitted to the Association Treasurer with an itemized statement by the tenth day of the month after such deductions are made.

5.4 If an employee has no pay due for a given month, the City shall have no obligation to deduct or transmit dues or service fees for that employee for that month. In such event, the Association will collect dues or service fees directly from the affected employee.

5.5 The Association shall indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless against any claims made and against any suit instituted against the City as a result of the City's deduction of Association dues or fair share fees.

5.6 The City will notify the Association of all new hires in the bargaining unit within two (2) weeks after their having been employed, furnishing the Association with the new employee's name, mailing address and position for which they were hired.

5.7 The City agrees to furnish and maintain a bulletin board within all stations to be used by the Association for the posting of official notices and bulletins of the Association which are of a non-inflammatory nature.

5.8 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, during their working hours, Association members shall not engage in solicitation for membership in the Association, the collection of fees or dues for the Association, or carry on other business activities of the Association, provided that this provision shall not prohibit conversations concerning Association matters which do not interfere with work and duties of the City employee.

5.9 Any service provided by the City to the Association under this article shall be at no cost to the Association.

## ARTICLE 6

### Hours of Work - Shift Personnel

6.1 Shift firefighters shall work a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek. The workweek shall be recognized as twenty-four consecutive hours on duty, followed by forty-eight consecutive hours off-duty. Each shift shall commence at 8:00 A.M.

6.2 For the purpose of complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the work cycle shall be twenty-seven (27) consecutive days, commencing July 1, 1985. Any hours worked in excess of two-hundred and four (204) hours in any work cycle shall be paid at the overtime rate. For the purpose of computing overtime, vacation and sick pay are considered time worked in accordance with the FLSA or applicable law.

6.3 The City may, for purposes of training or as a result of a sick or injured employee, alter an employee's workweek from a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek to a forty (40) hour workweek with no adjustment in compensation or change in the requirement to pay overtime for time worked less than two-hundred and four (204) hours in a twenty-seven (27) day work cycle.

6.4 Sections 6.2 and 6.3 are set forth to comply with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and the rules and regulations currently known by the parties to be in effect. Should such provisions of the FLSA change or should any change to existing rules and regulations be made to modify the parties original intent, the parties shall renegotiate the provisions contained herein concerning hours of work, overtime compensation and rates of pay. Should the parties not reach an agreement, the matter shall be submitted to binding interest arbitration.

6.5 Shift Transfer: When the City determines that an employee should be moved from one (1) shift to another, the employee shall not suffer a reduction or increase in pay for hours not worked as a result of the change. When an employee requests a change in shift and the City grants the request, the employee may elect to reduce their vacation accrual account, work the hours lost, or receive no pay for the hours not worked.

6.6 All shift personnel will receive nine (9.36) shifts off per year in lieu of FLSA compensation. The shifts will occur every 13th consecutive assigned platoon shift, thus reducing the workweek to fifty-two (51.83) hours per week.

6.7 FLSA relief personnel may be assigned to work the following shift rotation: the employee will work four (4) consecutive platoon shifts (e.g. A Shift) then receive three (3) calendar days off. The employee will then work four (4) consecutive platoon shifts (B Shift) and then receive three (3) calendar days off. The employee will then work four (4) consecutive platoon shifts (C Shift) then receive three (3) calendar days off. This schedule creates a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek for the employee assigned to the FLSA Relief position.

6.8 Employees assigned to FLSA relief position are entitled to the same wages and benefits as regularly assigned shift personnel but it is understood that their normal work schedule may differ, as above, from that of normally scheduled shift personnel.

6.9 Employees assigned to FLSA relief position shall not be probationary employees.

## ARTICLE 7

### Hours of Work – Employees Assigned to a 40-Hour Work Schedule

7.1 Employees shall be assigned to a regular forty (40) hour workweek; in which case, the work cycle shall commence on Sunday at 12:01 A.M. The work cycle shall be seven (7) consecutive days. The workweek for employees on a 9-80 as outlined in Article 7.2 shall begin at the mid-point of the eight (8) hour shift.

7.2 Regular Work Schedule: A regular work schedule has a fixed starting and quitting time. For full-time employees, it consists of:

- Eight (8) hours per day on the basis of five (5) consecutive day workweek; or
- Ten (10) hours per day on the basis of four (4) consecutive day workweek; or
- 9-80 work schedule which is a two (2) week schedule consisting of one (1) week based on four (4) nine (9) hour days and one (1) eight (8) hour day and the other week consisting of four (4) nine (9) hour days followed by one (1) day off.

7.3 Variable Work Schedule: A variable work schedule is a work schedule that permits variable starting and quitting times during the work week and, by mutual consent, may vary consecutive work days, but which does not exceed forty (40) hours in a week. Variable work schedules are voluntary for both the City and the employee and must be approved in advance by the supervisor.

7.4 Flexible Hours: An employee and the City may agree to “flexing” an employee’s work schedule based on a temporary basis which is not the same as working a variable work schedule.

7.4 Changing Established Schedules: Both the employee and their supervisor will mutually agree to a work schedule. The supervisor will not unreasonably withhold approval of work schedule requests; however, the City reserves the right to determine the work schedule based on the needs of the City and operations. Established work schedules may only be changed after fifteen (15) days written notice to the affected employee(s). Upon mutual agreement of the employee and their supervisor, this notice period may be waived.

## ARTICLE 8

### Wages

8.1 Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2023 the wage increase shall be 4%. The new scale shall be attached as Appendix B and made part of this Agreement.

Effective July 1, 2024, the wage increase shall be the yearly percentage change in the Western Region CPI-U Size B-C Index for the period of time ending December 31, 2023, with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 4%. The percent change is determined by comparing the change between December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023. The amount shall be carried to the first decimal point. The new wage scale shall be attached as Appendix B and made part of this Agreement.

Effective July 1, 2025, the wage increase shall be the yearly percentage change in the Western Region CPI-U Size B-C Index for the period of time ending December 31, 2024, with a minimum of 2% and a maximum of 4%. The percent change is determined by comparing the change between December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024. The amount shall be carried to the first decimal point. The new wage scale shall be attached as Appendix B and made part of this Agreement.

8.2 Beginning with the July 31, 1980 payroll for work performed on or after July 1, 1980, the City of Lake Oswego shall cease withholding from employees' monthly salaries the contributions required by ORS 238; and shall assume and pay a six percent (6%) average employee contribution to the Public Employee Retirement Fund for the employee members then participating in the Public Employee Retirement System. Such payment of employee member monthly contributions to the system shall continue for the life of this Agreement, and shall also be applicable to employees who first begin to participate in the system on or before July 1, 1980 to the termination of this Agreement. The full amount of required employee contributions paid by the City of Lake Oswego on behalf of employees, pursuant to this Agreement, shall be considered as "salary" within the meaning of ORS 238 for the purposes of computing an employee member's "final average salary" within the meaning of ORS 238; but shall not be considered as "salary" for the purposes of determining the amount of employee contributions required to be contributed pursuant to ORS 238. Such paid employee contributions shall be credited to the employee accounts pursuant to ORS 238, and shall be considered to be employee contributions for the purposes of ORS 238.

8.3 When an employee is promoted to a new job classification and promotion falls on the anniversary date of a merit step increase, the merit step increase shall be made first. The employee

shall then be promoted and placed on the next pay step, which is higher than the previous classification pay step.

8.4 Shift employees temporarily assigned to a forty (40) hour workweek shall have their regular rate of pay converted to the forty (40) hour workweek basis. The hourly rate shall be calculated by dividing the annual salary by two-thousand and eighty point zero eight (2,080.08) hours, the total annual hours paid on the forty (40) hour workweek basis.

## ARTICLE 9

### Overtime

9.1 The City may, from time to time, require employees to work additional time in excess of the specific work cycle. Time worked which is less than the amount specified under FLSA shall be compensated at the straight time rate.

9.2 Time worked shall be computed to the next one quarter hour.

9.3 All overtime shall be paid at time and one-half (1.5).

9.4 Employees assigned to a forty (40) hour work schedule will receive overtime at time and one-half (1.5) when they work more than forty (40) hours in a workweek. All overtime must be approved in advance by the City, unless advance approval cannot be obtained due to emergencies or other urgent operational needs.

9.5 At the discretion of employees assigned to a forty(40) hour work schedule, overtime may be compensated by granting the accrual of compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay shall accrue at the rate of time and one-half (1.5). Compensatory time may accrue a maximum of forty (40) hours. Compensatory time off shall be taken by mutual consent and as approved by the employee's supervisor, consistent with the needs of the City. Shift personnel are not eligible for compensatory time.

9.6 Employees assigned to a forty (40) hour work schedule, who are designated by the Fire Chief or their designee to receive and answer after hour calls from the media shall be paid:

- Fifteen (15) minutes of overtime for each call from the media that is received from the end of the employee's normal business day until 2200 hours (Monday through Friday), and
- Thirty (30) minutes of overtime for each call from the media that occurs after 2200 hours, and
- Thirty (30) minutes of overtime during the entire weekend. The weekend begins at the close of the employee's work day on Friday and end with the start of the employee's regular schedule work day on Monday.

Successive calls are not progressive for time earned per incident. If the original call or calls extends past the designated minimum, the employee will be paid to the next quarter hour.



A media call is defined by a contact by a recognized member of the print, television or radio industry regarding events, within the service area of the Lake Oswego Fire Department.

9.7 Employees assigned to a forty (40) hour work schedule, who are designated by the Fire Chief or their designee to receive and answer after hour calls of a technical nature shall be paid:

- Thirty (30) minutes of overtime for each call that is received from the end of the employee's normal business day until 2200 hours (Monday through Friday), and
- Sixty (60) minutes of overtime for each call that occurs after 2200 hours, and
- Sixty (60) minutes of overtime during the entire weekend. The weekend begins at the close of the employees work day on Friday and ends with the start of the employee's regular work day on Monday.

Successive calls are not progressive for time earned per incident. If the original call or calls extends past the designated minimum, the employee will be paid to the next quarter hour.

A technical service call is defined as a request by a command officer (BC or designee) that requires technical expertise as outlined in the Deputy Fire Marshal Job Description.

9.8 The answering of the phone is of a voluntary nature and requires no other compensation other than outlined above, unless the time needed to complete those items exceeds the minimum time outlined above.

9.9 Variable Work Schedules: Employees assigned a variable work schedule under the terms of Article 7.3 shall be compensated at a rate of pay of time and one-half (1.5) for all work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

## ARTICLE 10

### Call Assignment

10.1 Call Back Pay: An employee assigned to work after having been released from their shift by the City and vacated their assigned place of duty shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay emergency call back at the rate of time and one-half the regular rate of pay, unless the time extends into or extends from their regular work shift. Each hour spent in excess of three (3) hours shall be paid at time and one-half the regular rate of pay, after the FLSA requirement has been satisfied as specified in Article 6.2 (Article 9.1 for forty (40) hour employees). When an employee is called back to work, the time worked shall commence when the employee arrives at the work site.

For the purposes of non-emergency callback such as authorized meetings, errands and training, will be compensated at one and one-half (1.5) hours minimum at the overtime rate.

10.2 Call Shift: Any employee who is called back for the purposes of maintaining adequate staffing levels, as determined by the City, shall be paid in accordance with Article 6.2.

## ARTICLE 11

### Acting in Capacity

11.1 Any employee who is temporarily required or assigned by the City to the duties of a position in a higher classification and who assumes the responsibilities of that position, shall be compensated at the same step of the higher job classification at the step of their current job assignment, (i.e. Step 3 FF to Step 3 DE or Step 3 FF to Step 3 Lt), beginning when first so assigned. Training time required to become qualified to act in the capacity of a higher classification shall not be compensated under the terms of this provision.

11.2 A “temporary assignment” is made to fill a position vacancy of over sixty (60) days. When a temporary assignment is made the person filling the vacant position shall have a change of classification form completed to change the pay as provided above. This rate classification change is made to allow the person in the temporary assignment pay status for the temporary position when the person is at work or on approved leave. Temporary assignments will be limited to no more than one-hundred and twenty (120) days unless waived in writing by the Association and the City.

11.3 On occasion, the City may fill a vacancy of over sixty (60) days with different people to allow for training and experience of personnel subject for promotion. If this occurs and it is solely the choosing of the City, all personnel filling the position shall be considered on temporary assignment as in 11.2 during the individual’s period of actually filling the position.

## ARTICLE 12

### Trade Time Procedures

12.1 Firefighters shall have the right to exchange shifts when the change does not interfere with the operation of the Fire Department and is carried out within the rules hereby set down and agreed upon:

- A. All requests for trade time shall be submitted to Telestaff, per policy, and must be approved or denied prior to the trade.
- B. At no time shall the City become responsible for trade time obligations incurred by Firefighters.
- C. Requests for trade time shall be made at least two (2) hours prior to the date requested. In the event of an emergency trade with less than two (2) hour notice, a written explanation explaining the cause of the emergency shall be submitted to the On-Duty Battalion Chief.
- D. Trade time to work another job is prohibited.
- E. No Firefighter shall accept a call shift assignment for pay and arrange for another member to work the call shift as trade time, even in repayment for trade time debt.

- F. Upon approval of an educational course by the Fire Chief or their designee, trade time may be granted to allow attendance of this course.
- G. Firefighters shall not receive any extra pay as a result of a trade shift. Time worked in trade for another person will not constitute “time worked” for purposes of the FLSA or Oregon law so long as the request to trade time originates with an employee, not the employer.
- H. When a trade is to be paid back and the employee calls in sick, the employee paying back the trade shall be charged sick leave at the hour for hour rate as if that employee was scheduled to work the shift.

## ARTICLE 13

### Vacation and Holidays – Shift Employees

13.1 Shift Firefighters shall receive four and one-half (4 ½), twenty-four hour (24) shifts off per year in lieu of paid holidays. These hours have been incorporated in the following vacation schedule and shall be taken as vacation.

0-4 years	310 hours per year
5-9 years	380 hours per year
10-14 years	439 hours per year
15-19 years	466 hours per year
20 years and up	495 hours per year

Effective July 1, 2011, the accrual rates for vacation hours for shift employees was increased by two (2) hours per month (or twenty-four (24) hours per year) as indicated in the chart above. This change will coincide with the increase in company inspections from thirty-six (36) to seventy-two (72) occupancies per year assigned to each company. Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2017, the accrual rates for vacation hours for shift employees will be increased by four (4) hours per month (or forty eight (48) hours per year) as indicated in the chart above to coincide with a four (4) hour per month accrual reduction in sick leave hours for all shift employees. Effective the first of the month upon ratification of the Agreement, in lieu of company inspections, each company will perform building visits to conduct self-assessments to a maximum of twenty-four (24) assigned buildings per year.

13.2 In the event of conflicts in scheduling vacation leave, for purposes of this Article, seniority as determined by hire date shall have preference.

13.3 Vacation leave shall begin to accrue the first month after date of hire.

13.4 Vacation leave shall be approved by the Fire Chief or designee, consistent with the needs of the City.

13.5 Vacation accrual accounts can at no time exceed the equivalent of two (2) years accrual at the employee’s current rate of accrual. Any vacation hours accrued after the employee’s account reaches

the equivalent of two (2) years accrual at the employee's current rate of accrual shall be rolled, by the City, into the employee's Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) .

13.6 Members assigned from a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek to a forty (40) hour workweek or from a forty (40) hour workweek to a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek shall have their accumulated vacation divided or multiplied respectively by a factor of 1.2958.

13.7 When an employee separates from the City in good standing, they must notify payroll in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance of their last day with the preference that their defined MERP group percentage of the employees' accrued vacation be contributed to their MERP or 457 deferred compensation plan account on a pre-tax basis. If the employee does not contact payroll within two (2) weeks prior to their last day, the defined percentage will default all allocated funds to be distributed to the MERP.

If an employee is terminated the defined percentage will default all allocated funds to the MERP.

## ARTICLE 14

### Vacation & Holidays – Employees Assigned to a 40 hr. Schedule

#### 14.1 Vacation:

0-3 years	12.5 days	(8.33 hours per month)
4-9 years	17.5 days	(11.66 hours per month)
10-15 years	22 days	(14.66 hours per month)
16-19 years	25 days	(16.66 hours per month)
20 +	27 days	(18.00 hours per month)

14.2 In the event of conflicts in scheduling vacation leave, for purposes of this Article, seniority as determined by hire date shall have preference.

14.3 Vacation leave shall begin to accrue the first month after date of hire.

14.4 Vacation leave shall be approved by the Fire Chief or designee, consistent with the needs of the City.

14.5 Holidays: Employees assigned to a forty (40) hour work schedule shall be provided the following paid holidays:

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| 1. New Year's Day         | 7. Veteran's Day                         |
| 2. Martin Luther King Day | 8. Thanksgiving Day                      |
| 3. President's Day        | 9. The Friday Following Thanksgiving Day |
| 4. Independence Day       | 10. Christmas Day                        |
| 5. Labor Day              | 11. Two (2) Personal Holidays*           |
| 6. Memorial Day           |  |

Holiday pay will be set at eight (8) hours. Employees who work ten (10) hours per day on the basis of a four (4) consecutive day work week or any other schedule where the employee would normally work more than eight (8) hours on the holiday shall have the option of using vacation, compensatory time, or work extra hour(s) to offset this benefit.

\*The "personal holidays" shall be credited to eligible employees as sixteen (16) hours of Personal Holiday leave to their leave bank on July 1 of each year. Personal holidays must be used; they may not accrue from one fiscal year to another.

14.6 When a recognized holiday falls on Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the preceding Friday. When the recognized holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the following Monday.

14.7 When an employee is unable to observe a holiday because the holiday falls on the employee's day off, the employee shall take another eight (8) hours off in the same workweek.

14.8 Vacation accrual accounts can at no time exceed the equivalent of two (2) years accrual at the employee's current rate of accrual. Any vacation hours accrued after the employee's account reaches the equivalent of two (2) years accrual at the employee's current rate of accrual shall be rolled, by the City, into the employee's Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) .

14.9 When an employee separates from the City in good standing, they must notify payroll in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance of their last day with the preference that their defined MERP group percentage of the employees' accrued vacation be contributed to their MERP or 457 deferred compensation plan account on a pre-tax basis. If the employee does not contact payroll within two (2) weeks prior to their last day, the defined percentage will default all allocated funds to be distributed to the MERP.

If an employee is terminated the defined percentage will default all allocated funds to the MERP.

14.10 Employees assigned from a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek to a forty (40) hour workweek or from a forty (40) hour workweek to a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek shall have their accumulated vacation divided or multiplied respectively by a factor of 1.2958.

14.11 Employees assigned from a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek to a forty (40) hour workweek for less than one (1) year are not eligible for the personal holidays as outlined in Article 14.5.

## ARTICLE 15

### Sick Leave

15.1 Sick Leave Accrual: Except as provided in Article 15.2 below, shift employees shall accrue sick leave at a monthly rate of twelve (12) hours for each full month worked. Effective July 1, 2011 the monthly rate of accrual for shift employees was reduced to sixteen (16) hours per month. The accrual rates for vacation hours for shift employees will increase by two (2) hours per month. These changes coincided with the increase in company inspections from thirty-six (36) to seventy-two (72) occupancies per year assigned to each company. The change from sixteen (16) to twelve (12) hours

of sick leave accrual for shift employees coincided with an increase in vacation accruals of four (4) hours per month for shift employees. Effective the first of the month upon ratification of the Agreement, in lieu of company inspections, each company will perform building visits to conduct self-assessments to a maximum of twenty-four (24) assigned buildings per year.

Except as provide in Article 15.2 below, employees scheduled to work a forty (40) hour workweek shall accrue sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours for each full month worked, or an amount prorated for work less than a full month.

Maximum sick leave accrual for OPSRP shift employees shall be 2920 hours. Maximum sick leave accrual for OPSRP forty (40) hour workweek employees shall be 1200 hours. Tier 1 and Tier 2 employees will have no cap on sick leave accrual.

The first forty (40) hours of sick leave used in a calendar year will be designated as protected time to comply with the Oregon Sick Leave Law.

**15.2 Sick Leave Upon Hire:** New hires hired in a position that works fifty-two (51.83) hours will receive two-hundred and sixteen (216) hours of sick leave upon hire rather than accruing sick leave on a monthly basis. Upon completion of the eighteen (18) months, they will accrue sick leave as described in Article 15.1. New hires scheduled to work a forty (40) hour workweek will receive the equivalent of six (6) months (48 hours) of sick leave upon hire, rather than accruing sick leave on a monthly basis. Upon completion of the six (6) months, they will accrue sick leave monthly as described in Article 15.1.

**15.3 Sick Leave Usage:** Employees may utilize their allowance of sick leave for any of the following reasons:

1. When unable to perform their work duties by reason of an off the job illness or injury, exposure to contagious disease under circumstances which the health of the employees with whom associated or members of the public necessarily dealt with would be endangered by attendance on duty.
2. When the employee is unable to perform their work duties by reason of an on-the-job injury or occupational illness, as set forth in Article 18.
3. When their presence is required to care for a member of their immediate family who is ill or injured in accordance with OFLA and the Oregon Sick Leave Law.
4. For employees who are not covered by OFLA or FMLA, when the employee's attendance is required to care for the employee's mother, father, spouse, domestic partner, sister, brother, children or other relative residing in the employee's household.
5. For other qualifying absences in accordance with OFLA and Oregon Sick Leave Law.

**15.4 Authorization to Use Sick Leave:** All sick leave must be approved by the Fire Chief or designee. Approval may be withheld pending certification of the attending physician or practitioner that such illness or injury prevents the employee from performing work assigned by the City or other verification of eligibility for sick leave benefits.

15.5 Sick Leave Accrual and Leaves of Absence: Sick leave shall not accrue during any period of leave of absence without pay. Sick leave shall accrue while on a leave of absence caused by an on-the-job injury.

15.6 Bereavement Leave: In the event of a death of an employee's immediate family member as defined by OFLA, shift personnel may take up to three (3) shifts off per occurrence, and 40-hour workweek personnel may take up to forty (40) hours off per occurrence. Employees may also use sick leave for absences from work for the death of an immediate family member, consistent with OFLA. Bereavement leave shall not be charged to the employee's sick leave account. An employee can take additional leave in excess of the initial bereavement leave. Employees have the option to use sick leave in accordance with OFLA or vacation leave.

15.7 Abuse of Sick Leave: Sick leave provisions of this article are to be used only for bona fide illnesses and injuries and other absences as set forth in Article 15.2 above, and in no way are they to be used as earned vacation or other paid leave. Employees who are uncertain of whether their absences qualify for sick leave should contact Human Resources. Abuse of sick leave provisions shall result in disciplinary action.

15.8 Sick Leave and PERS: Upon retirement of an employee, and as provided by ORS 238.350 and regulations established by the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System, fifty percent (50%) of an employee's accumulated sick leave shall be applied in the form of increased retirement benefits.

15.9 Sick Leave and FMLA/OFLA: The City will comply with the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA) and the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). Employees who qualify for and who are absent from work for FMLA and/or OFLA qualifying reasons are eligible to use accrued paid leave.

15.10 Employees assigned from a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek to a forty (40) hour workweek or from a forty (40) hour workweek to a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek shall have their accumulated sick leave divided or multiplied respectively by a factor of 1.2958.

15.11 Converting Accrued Sick Leave to Vacation Leave: Non-probationary OPSRP employees who do not use an unscheduled absence during any consecutive three (3) month period shall be allowed to convert accrued sick leave to vacation leave as follows:

- A. Employees working a forty (40) hour workweek who have a minimum balance of forty (40) hours of sick leave shall be entitled to convert up to eight (8) hours of accrued sick leave to the same number of hours of vacation leave.
- B. Employees working a fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek who have a minimum balance of seventy two (72) hours of sick leave shall be entitled to convert up to twelve (12) hours of accrued sick leave to the same number of hours of vacation leave.

To be eligible for conversion, eligible employees must submit their signed Sick Leave Conversion Request forms to payroll no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the end of the consecutive three (3) month period for which they are seeking conversion.

Except for the use of OFLA/FMLA leave, and the first forty (40) hours of sick leave protected annually under Oregon's Sick Leave Law, any use of unscheduled absence from work, including

absences for doctor's appointments, to attend a child's school appointment, funerals, etc., makes an employee ineligible to make the conversion for the period in which the leave occurs. An unscheduled absence is defined as an absence for which the employee has either failed to report to work or remain at work as scheduled, without a leave request having been submitted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the requested leave.

## ARTICLE 16

### Employee Insurance Benefits

16.1 All eligible employees will be provided with Life, ADD and Disability benefit coverage at the City's cost as follows:

A. *Disability Insurance:*

Tier One & Tier Two Members: This plan shall provide long-term disability coverage up to \$3,600/month after a ninety (90) day waiting period.

OPSRP Members: This plan shall provide long-term disability coverage up to \$6,000/month after a ninety- (90) day waiting period.

B. *Life Insurance.* This plan provides a term life insurance benefit in the amount of \$50,000 and shall include an accidental death and dismemberment benefit.

16.2 Medical and Dental. Effective July 1, 2023 employees will pay 10% of the total medical and dental premium costs not to exceed \$140 per month. Premium costs for Aetna and Kaiser medical shall be based on tiered rates and premium costs for Kaiser dental, and Delta dental shall be based on composite rates.

Medical Insurance. Employees may select either the City's PPO plan or the Kaiser plan. The PPO plan shall be the equivalent of the alternative plan offered by Aetna Insurance.

Dental Insurance. This plan shall be substantially comparable to the dental insurance plan currently offered by the City. At an employee's option, employees may select Kaiser dental coverage.

16.3 The City established a Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) for the employees covered by this Agreement effective July 1, 2002. Contributions to individual employee PEHP accounts shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, as authorized by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (9). The City currently contributes \$100 per month for each employee covered by this Agreement. Effective upon establishment of a Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP), the City will cease making contributions to the PEHP, in lieu of making contributions to the MERP as outlined in Article 16.4. In the event IRS tax law allows to roll over funds from the PEHP account to the MERP, the City will close the PEHP account and redistribute the remaining funds into the MERP.

16.4 Effective within ninety (90) calendar days of ratification, the City will establish a MERP. Contributions to the MERP accounts shall be made in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, as authorized by the Internal Revenue Code Section 105. Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2023, the City will contribute \$300 per month into the MERP for each employee covered by the Agreement. Each employee covered by this Agreement upon ratification, shall receive any



retroactive MERP contributions due less any monthly contribution made to the PEHP from July 1, 2023 until PEHP contributions ceased.

16.5 During the term of the Agreement, Local IAFF may establish a supplemental contribution rate in each defined MERP group. Participation by employees covered under this Agreement shall be mandatory. The defined MERP groups and applicable supplemental contribution rate shall be determined by the Union and pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by both parties.

16.6 This Article shall be automatically reopened in the event the excise tax under the Affordable Care Act will or may potentially be triggered, in accordance with Article 33 of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 17

### Reimbursement of Books and Tuition

17.1 The City shall reimburse any Firefighter one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of books and tuition for any successfully completed academic course which is directly related to their job classification, provided: the funds are available; the course has prior approval of the City Manager or their designee; the course is completed with a 2.0, or "C", or better grade; the course books are returned to the City as its property.

17.2 A stipulation for any tuition reimbursement is that the benefited employee is required to continue employment with the City for a period of two (2) years after completion of the course(s) provided. Voluntary separation from the City, prior to this time period, will require that the employee return to the City a portion of the amount received. The amount shall be deducted from the employee's final paycheck. The employee will be credited one-twenty-fourth (1/24th) of the amount received for each month of completed service after completion of the course for which reimbursement was made.

## ARTICLE 18

### Workers' Compensation

18.1 When an employee is absent from work because of an on-the-job injury, the time off will not be charged to sick leave, except as provided in 18.2 below.

18.2 If eligible for time loss due to an on-the-job injury or occupational illness, the employee will keep their time loss check and receive their regular paycheck and benefits for the period they are receiving time loss payments. However, any time loss payments will be deducted from the employee's paycheck and adjusted in the next available payroll cycle, or subsequent paychecks if the employee's paychecks if the employee's paycheck is insufficient to permit recovery.

If an employee only wants to receive their Workers' Compensation time loss payments, they must notify the Human Resources Department in writing.

No sick leave will be deducted from the employee's accruals for one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days following the first day of absence due to the on-the-job injury or occupational illness or aggravation or any such injury or illness.

The employee shall continue to accrue all benefits including sick leave, vacation accrual, and health insurance. PERS will not be paid on any workers compensation wages.

18.3 After the one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days, employees shall use available sick leave payments in order to receive their regular gross wages. However, an employee's sick leave bank shall be charged for only the differential between the employee's time loss payments and their regular gross wages.

In the event an employee's time loss benefits end, but they are unable to return to work, that employee may utilize full sick leave benefits in order to receive their regular gross wages.

In the event an employee's sick leave benefits are depleted, that employee shall use available compensatory time, vacation pay, and holiday pay to receive their regular gross wages. In the event an employee does not specify whether they prefer to utilize compensatory time or vacation pay, compensatory time will be utilized first, then vacation and holiday pay.

Accrual of benefits shall continue as long as the employee is receiving Workers' Compensation time loss payments or is receiving sick leave, holiday or vacation pay.

18.4 If an employee's workers' compensation claim is disputed, the employee will be eligible to exercise the same options as outlined in Section 18.2 while the claim is in disputed status. In the event the employee's injury or illness is determined to be non-compensable at any point in the workers' compensation process, whether by the City's workers' compensation carrier or through a workers' compensation proceeding, the employee shall, from that date, be treated as though they suffered a non-compensable injury or illness and shall be eligible to draw full available sick leave benefits. If the employee's sick leave benefits are depleted, the employee shall use available compensatory time, vacation pay, and holiday pay. In the event an employee does not specify whether they prefer to utilize compensatory time, vacation, or holiday pay, compensatory time will be utilized first, then vacation and holiday pay.

18.5 In the event there is a final decision issued through the Workers' Compensation Board or Oregon courts, reversing a previous determination that an employee's injury or illness *was* or *was not* compensable, the employee's sick leave and other paid leave accounts will be adjusted to reflect what they should have received in sick leave and other benefits pursuant to Section 18.2 above. Any such adjustment will not, however, permit an employee to receive the restoration of sick leave or other paid leave benefits for any portion of an employee's time off for which they were receiving time loss or disability insurance benefits. If the employee's sick leave and other paid leave accounts are insufficient to allow the City to adjust for overpayments, the employee's sick leave account will be adjusted to reflect a negative balance. The City will not, however reflect a negative balance in the employee's other paid leave accounts or deduct from the employee's subsequent paychecks to adjust for overpayments.

18.6 Alternate Duty. In the event of a duty related injury or illness, or an off duty illness or injury, the City may assign reasonable Alternate Duty consistent with the employee's medical restrictions as determined by their health care provider. In the event of one (1) or more employees are injured,

priority will be given to duty related injury or illness. Alternate Duty is defined as any position outside of their normal work.

In the event of being able to work less than full time on Alternate Duty as a result of their work related injury or illness, no deduction of leave shall occur for the first one-hundred and eighty (180) calendar days. While on Alternate Duty, employees required to seek treatment for their work related injury or illness will be paid for such time so long as their claim is open or accepted. Employees on Alternate Duty whose claim has been denied, is being appealed, or is closed will be required to use sick leave. In the event an employee's sick leave benefits are depleted, that employee shall use available compensatory time, vacation pay, and holiday pay to receive their regular gross wages.

Assignment to Alternate Duty will be in the Fire Department, however, if no alternate duty work is available, the employee may be offered work in another City department.

Once cleared for regular duty, the employee shall have two (2) days off immediately preceding their regular assignment.

Employees on Alternate Duty for longer than two (2) weeks shall have vacation and sick leave accrual amounts remain at the employee's current rate divided by 1.2958. Once cleared for regular duty, vacation and sick leave accrual amounts shall be multiplied by 1.2958.

Employees on Alternate Duty shall be able to use vacation and sick leave on an hour for hour basis consistent with current leave policies, and will be eligible for all forty (40) hour holidays.

18.7 In the event that the procedure set forth in this Article is found to be in violation of state statute or other law, the parties agree to meet to negotiate procedures that are in compliance with the law.

## ARTICLE 19

### Incentive Pay

19.1 The City shall compensate employees who meet the necessary qualifications and requirements:

Dive Team: The City shall recognize the assignment of Diver will be compensated at 6% per month of top step FireFighter wages for those employees who meet the necessary qualifications and requirements. The Dive Team shall consist of no less than twelve (12) members. All divers will receive incentive pay after obtaining open water and dry suit certifications, ready level three (RL3). All certifications must be provided and approved by an outside certifying organization as determined by the Fire Chief. If the Dive Rescue Program is eliminated, the parties agree to meet and bargain over the impact of such change.

Boat Team: The City shall recognize team members actively training for certification as Boat Operator compensated at 3% per month of top step Firefighter. The City shall recognize members actively training for certification as a Rescue Boat Operator or Certified as Rescue Boat Operator will be compensated at 6% per month of top step firefighter wages. The Boat Team shall consist of no less than twelve (12) members. Boat Operators must obtain a Boat Operators certificate and

Rescue Boat Operators must obtain a Rescue Boat Operator certificate. All certificates must be provided and approved by an outside certifying organization as determined by the Fire Chief. If the Boat Team Program is eliminated, the parties agree to meet and bargain over the impact of such change.

19.2 Deputy Fire Marshal incentive pay is as follows: Members with a two (2) year associate degree in a fire science or prevention/holding the following certificates recognized by NFPA or the equivalent DPSST certification of Inspector II, Public Information Officer, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III, Juvenile Fire Setter Specialist I and Fire Investigator, ICC or equivalent of Commercial Plans Examiner, and Commercial Building Inspector are compensated 1% per certification above the base wage in this classification for a total not to exceed 5%.

Prevention personnel under this Agreement are not eligible for EMT I, AEMT or Paramedic incentive as detailed in Article 21.

19.3 In the event the City decides to begin offering transport services, Community Paramedic, or Mobil Integrated Health (MIH), the City will provide written notice to the Association. The parties will promptly commence expedited bargaining pursuant to the ninety (90) day period set forth in ORS 243.698 for the purpose of determining whether employees who perform transport services should be paid a premium.

## ARTICLE 20

### Investigator Standby Pay

20.1 The City may, at its discretion, require a Deputy Fire Marshal to remain "On-Call" for a period of time. When the City requires an employee to be "On-Call", the City shall compensate the employee with ten (10) hours of compensatory time for each month while so assigned. Normally, a Deputy Fire Marshal will be assigned to a specific departmental shift for standby duties.

## ARTICLE 21

### Emergency Medical Technician Incentive-Pay

21.1 All firefighters must maintain a minimum certification level of EMT. No incentive above the normal salary is paid for EMT certification.

The City has an interest in reducing the total number of Paramedics to a number that better reflects the overall need, and instead require EMT certification. The City and Association agree to meet and confer before making such changes.

21.2 Suppression personnel who have operated as a Paramedic for twenty (20) years in the Fire Department and who desire to reduce their EMT certification level may request approval from the Fire Chief. Such requests will not be unreasonably denied. However, under no circumstances will an employee be approved to reduce their level of certification below an EMT.

21.3 Fire suppression personnel must maintain Paramedic certification level from their date of hire as a minimum, with the exception of Section 21.2. Suppression personnel may be hired with a, “condition of employment”, that will allow a non-paramedic up to two (2) years to obtain certification. The new hire must meet all other probationary requirements within the normal one (1) year-period.

21.4 The City shall compensate employees who have obtained and maintained an EMT I (intermediate) or an AEMT at the rate of 5% of their hourly base pay rate, and Paramedic at the rate of 10% of their hourly base rate.

21.5 Company Officers certified to any EMT level will be paid at the same rate as Company Officers certified to the Paramedic level.

## ARTICLE 22

### Uniforms and Equipment

22.1 The City shall continue the present practice of furnishing uniforms. The City shall continue to furnish protective clothing, such as "turn-outs", helmets, boots and gloves, required in the performance of fire-fighting duties.

## ARTICLE 23

### Discipline and Discharge

23.1 Discipline includes the following actions and shall be progressive in nature.

- A. Written reprimand (only subject to Article 24 Step 3)
- B. Suspension
- C. Demotion
- D Termination from Employment

The disciplinary process may be entered into at any step and the City may skip steps consistent with just cause provisions.

23.2 All discipline shall be done in a manner which will not embarrass an employee before another employee or the public.

23.3 In the event that employee is placed on paid administrative leave, they shall be available to be interviewed, with sufficient notice, during regular business hours.

23.4 Disciplinary investigations shall be conducted without reasonable delay.

23.5 For investigative interviews and hearings, the City may audio record interviews and hearings. The City shall provide a complete recording to the Association.

23.6 In some instances, the City may need to collect information in order to determine if a disciplinary investigation is appropriate. If the collection of above information leads to a formal disciplinary interview, the employee and Association shall be immediately informed of the reason(s) for initiating the investigation.

23.7 In the event the City is contemplating economic sanctions against an employee, the employee will be afforded a due process meeting (Loudermill). Before the due process meeting, the employee and the Association will be provided a statement of charges and relevant facts known to the City, the policies potentially violated and economic sanctions being contemplated. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for the Association to research the charges.

23.8 Employees shall have the right to inspect their files at reasonable times. In the event that any adverse information is included, the employee shall have the right to place in their file a statement concerning such information.

23.9 Discipline and any response written by the employee shall be placed in the employee's personnel file for a period not less than two (2) years from the date of the discipline. After two (2) years, the employee may petition the Fire Chief to have the discipline and related responses removed from the file. Provided there is no subsequent discipline over the same or similar issue during the intervening period of time, the Fire Chief will review the situation and determine if the request can be granted or if the discipline relates to an area requiring monitoring for a longer period of time for the good of the City. If no subsequent discipline over the same or similar issue occurs after five (5) years from the date of the discipline, the discipline and related responses will be removed from the employee's file upon request.

23.10 Documentation which is outside the two (2) year parameter may be retained by the City in a sealed separate file to comply with Oregon records retention laws. Such documentation may also be used by the City in arbitration and civil proceedings for the purpose of establishing consistency of disciplinary action, compliance with equal employment opportunity and other laws, notice of expectations and the existence or absence of mitigating circumstances. Such documentation that has been removed may not be used for subsequent discipline or as evidence in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings against that employee, unless mutually agreed upon by the City and the Association.

23.11 Grievance materials will be kept in a separate file. Access to this file will be by permission of the Fire Chief or Human Resource Director.

23.12 The Article will not apply to Entry Level Firefighter as described in Article 27.1.

## ARTICLE 24

### Grievance Procedure

24.1 It is the intention of the parties to this Agreement that all disputes involving the interpretation, application or violation of contract language between said parties be settled by their submission to the grievance procedure as hereinafter provided.

Step 1. After first attempting to resolve the grievance informally, the Association, or any employee with notice to the Association, may claim a breach of this Agreement in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) days from the occurrence thereof or of the employee's knowledge thereof, whichever occurs later. The notice shall include:

- A. A statement of the grievance and relevant facts;
- B. Provision of the agreement violated; and
- C. Remedy sought.

The supervisor shall respond to the grievance in writing within ten (10) days, with a copy to the Association.

Step 2. If, after ten (10) days from the date of submission of the supervisor's response, the grievance remains unresolved, the grievance may be submitted to the Fire Chief. The Chief may meet with the aggrieved party, who may request representation at the hearing. The Chief shall respond to the grievance in writing within five (5) days with a copy to the Association.

Step 3. If, after ten (10) days from the date of the Fire Chief's response, the grievance remains unresolved, the grievance may be submitted to the City Manager or designee. The City Manager or designee shall meet with the aggrieved party and Association representatives; and, following such meeting, shall respond to the grievance in writing within five (5) days with a copy to the Association. The meeting at this Step 3 shall take place prior to the written response required hereunder.

Step 4. If the grievance is not resolved within ten (10) days from the date the City Manager or designee's written response is received by the employee and the Association, the Association shall notify the City of its intent to arbitrate. The arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties. If the parties cannot agree as to the arbitrator within ten (10) days, the arbitrator shall be chosen in the following manner:

- A. A list of five (5) members of the Employment Relations Board shall be requested and the parties shall alternately strike one name from the list until only one is left. The Association shall strike the first name. The remaining name shall be the arbitrator. One day will be allowed for the striking of each name.
- B. The arbitrator shall render a decision within thirty (30) days from the close of the hearing. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on both parties.
- C. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. Each party shall be responsible for costs of presenting its own case to arbitration.
- D. The powers of the arbitrator shall be limited to the interpretation and application of the specific provisions of this Agreement and determining if it has been violated; and shall have no authority or jurisdiction to add to, amend, modify or revise the agreement of the parties.
- E. The Association agrees that contract violation grievances shall be pursued either through the grievance procedure or as an unfair labor practice, but not both.

Any time limits specified in the grievance procedure may be waived by mutual written consent of the parties. Mutual consent via email is sufficient to comply. Failure to submit the grievance in

accordance with these time limits without such waiver shall constitute abandonment of the grievance. Failure by the City to submit a reply within the specified time will automatically move the matter to the next step in this procedure.

A grievance may be terminated at any time upon receipt of a signed statement from the Association or the employee that the matter has been resolved.

For purposes of this Article, "days" shall mean Monday through Friday, during normal, City business hours, excluding holidays.

## ARTICLE 25

### Nondiscrimination

25.1 The City agrees not to interfere with the rights of employees to become members of the Association, and there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the City or City representatives against any employee solely because of Association membership or because of any employee activity in an official capacity on behalf of the Association, or for any other cause, provided such activity or other cause does not interfere with the effectiveness and efficiency of City operations in carrying out its responsibilities to the public.

Neither the City nor the Association and its members shall discriminate against any employee covered by this Agreement in a manner which would violate any applicable laws because of age, marital status, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disabilities, national origin, religion, political affiliation or union affiliation or other protected status or activity in accordance with applicable law. The Association shall share equally with the City the responsibility for applying the provisions of this Article.

## ARTICLE 26

### Liability

26.1 The City shall indemnify and defend members of the bargaining unit against any tort claim arising out of an alleged act or omission occurring in the performance of duty as required by ORS 30.285 and 30.287 (1977 replacement part).

## ARTICLE 27

### Seniority Clause

27.1 Probationary Period. The probationary period will begin upon hire in a bargaining unit position and will continue for twelve (12) full months after graduation from the Fire Academy. During this period, a new employee may be discharged or disciplined in the sole discretion of the City without any reason or cause being shown, and without recourse to the grievance procedure. Newly promoted employees shall serve a twelve-(12) month promotional probationary period. Employees who are serving a promotional probationary period may be returned to their former



classification in the sole discretion of the City, without any reason or cause being shown, and without recourse to the grievance procedure. In that event, an employee who is returned to their former classification shall retain their seniority in that classification and shall not be disciplined or discharged without just cause.

27.2 Seniority Defined. Bargaining unit seniority is defined as length of continuous employment in the bargaining unit since the last date of hire in a position represented by the Association. Classification seniority is defined as length of continuous employment in a job classification. Time spent on paid leaves, military leave, OFLA and/or FMLA leave whether paid or unpaid, and workers compensation leave (including light duty) count as continuous service and will be included in determining both bargaining unit and classification seniority. Time spent on light duty counts as classification seniority in the position the employee held at the time of the on-the-job injury or occupational illness. The time an employee is on layoff, serving in a position outside the bargaining unit or on other unpaid leaves of absences will not count toward bargaining unit or classification seniority. In the event two (2) or more employees have the same date of hire or length of service in a classification, the City will designate seniority order.

27.3 Breaks in Seniority. Continuous service date shall be the date of initial appointment. Continuous service and seniority shall be broken, and the employment relationship shall be severed only by the following:

- A. Resignation or retirement;
- B. Discharge;
- C. Unauthorized leave of absence or failure to return within the time specified from authorized leave;
- D. Layoff or absence from work due to off-the-job illness or off-the-job injury in excess of thirty-six (36) consecutive months;
- E. Declining a recall or failing to notify the City of intent to return to work pursuant to a recall notice sent by certified mail to the last address provided to the City within seven (7) business days of receipt or ten (10) business days of mailing, whichever is greater;
- F. Absence from work due to on-the-job injury or on-the-job illness after three (3) years from date of original injury/diagnosis or otherwise in accordance with ORS 659A.043 and/or ORS 659A.046;
- G. Failure to return from military leave in accordance with applicable law.

27.4 Layoff. In the event it becomes necessary to lay off employees for any reason, employees in the RFR program will be terminated before any regular bargaining unit members are laid off and do not have bumping or recall rights. Thereafter, employees shall be subject to layoff as follows: employees serving their initial probationary period shall be laid off first, followed by regular (non-probationary) employees in the ascending order of their classification seniority (bottom to top) in the affected job classification.

27.5 Bumping. An employee subject to layoff shall be entitled to bump the lowest seniority employee in a lower classification if previously occupied by the employee, provided that the employee who is seeking bumping has more bargaining unit seniority than that employee. The employee electing to bump to a lower job classification must be qualified to perform the work of the employee they seeks to bump as determined by the City and must exercise their bumping rights in

writing to the Human Resources Department within seven (7) business days of receipt of the layoff notice.

27.6 Recall. An employee who has been laid off shall have recall rights for any subsequent vacancy based upon seniority within the job classification they occupied when laid off or any lower classification they are qualified to perform for a period of thirty-six (36) months from date of layoff, provided the employee meets the qualifications for the position as determined by the City. Recall shall be in the descending order (top to bottom) of bargaining unit seniority possessed at the time of layoff prior to hiring any new employees.

27.7 Outside Unit Bumping. Employees outside of the bargaining unit who have been notified of layoff shall be entitled to "bump" back into bargaining unit position they have previously held within the first five (5) years of promotion. Bumping shall be on the basis of the seniority the employee had in the job classification they are seeking to bump into at the time of promotion. Any such bumping must be exercised in accordance with Article 27.5 above.

## ARTICLE 28

### Deferred Compensation

28.1 All Employees may contribute to a deferred compensation plan established by the City as a part of their retirement plan.

## ARTICLE 29

### Amendment and Closure Clause

29.1 This Agreement is subject to amendment, alteration or addition only by subsequent written agreement between, and executed by, the City and the Association.

## ARTICLE 30

### Funding Clause

30.1 The City agrees to budget all monies necessary to fund this Agreement. However, in the event the City is unable to fund the economic requirements of this Agreement due to voter disapproval and/or legislative changes, the parties agree to reopen negotiations.

## ARTICLE 31

### Savings Clause

31.1 Should any portion of this Agreement or supplement be determined, by the Supreme Court, or other court of appropriate final jurisdiction, to be in violation of any state or federal law or should any portion of this Agreement be in violation of a state or federal law or regulation which is enacted,

then such portion or portions shall become null and void, and the balance of this Agreement will remain in effect. Both parties agree to immediately renegotiate any part of this Agreement found to be in violation of law to bring it into conformance in accordance with ORS 243.698.

## ARTICLE 32

### Military Leave

32.1 The City will provide military leave consistent with applicable law.

32.2 Employees who have worked for the City for six (6) months or more are eligible to receive pay for up to fifteen (15) consecutive days of absence in any federal fiscal year (October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>) due to military leave.

32.3 Employees are paid only for their regular scheduled work days during the fifteen (15) day period.

32.4 Fifty-two (51.83) hour employees are entitled to a maximum of five (5) twenty-four (24) hour shifts (120 hours) of military leave in any one (1) federal fiscal year. Employees may utilize the available military leave in split blocks of time.

32.5 Employees requesting military leave must provide notice of their obligation or intention to perform service in the uniformed services, unless notice is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise unreasonable or impossible. Failure to do so may result in the loss of re-employment rights.

## ARTICLE 33

### Term of Agreement

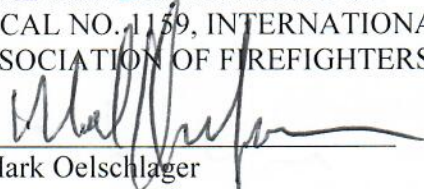
33.1 This Agreement shall be effective the first day of July 2023, and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2026. In the event the insurance and insurance related benefits provided under Article 16 trigger the excise tax under the Affordable Care Act or there is any potential that the tax will be triggered, the parties agree to automatically reopen Article 16.

33.2 This Agreement shall automatically be reopened on December 1, 2025.


CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO


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## **APPENDIX A**

### **DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

This Appendix is hereby incorporated into the Agreement between the City of Lake Oswego and IAFF Local 1159.

The City of Lake Oswego and the IAFF Local 1159 recognize a responsibility to the citizens of Lake Oswego to maintain a safe and productive working environment. Consistent with this commitment, the City and the Local have agreed to this Drug and Alcohol Policy.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE REFERENCES TO DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE SET FORTH IN THIS POLICY AND THE REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK AGREEMENT ARE NOT INTENDED TO SUPERSEDE “JUST CAUSE” OBLIGATIONS.

#### **PURPOSE:**

It is the mission of the Lake Oswego Fire Department to enhance public safety through the use of a reasonable employee drug testing program and the enforcement of rules prohibiting the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs which interferes with this mission.

To ensure the integrity of the City’s fire and emergency medical response system and preserve public trust and confidence in an alcohol/drug free service, the City has adopted the following rules and procedures:

#### **PROHIBITED CONDUCT:**

The following conduct is strictly prohibited:

1. Buying, selling, consuming, distributing or possessing drugs or alcohol during working hours, including rest and meal periods.
2. Reporting for work or returning to duty under the influence of alcohol or drugs. For the purpose of this Policy, an employee is considered to be “under the influence” of alcohol if their blood or breath tests is 0.02 g/210 L BrAC or higher. An employee is considered to be “under the influence” of drugs if the employee tests positive according to the thresholds set forth in Attachment A and the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program for having such substances present in their body.

To ensure compliance with this Policy and safety standards, employees who have consumed alcoholic beverages within eight (8) hours of responding to the callback or, for any reason, believe they are impaired by alcohol are required to notify the supervisor upon being contacted for callback.

3. Failing to promptly report arrests, convictions and/or plea-bargains for an alcohol or drug-related criminal offense to the Fire Chief or their designee, irrespective of the jurisdiction

where such action was taken. Failure to notify the Fire Chief or their designee within forty-eight (48) hours of any restriction, suspension, or loss of their driver's license, either temporarily or permanently, due to drugs or alcohol for those employees whose job requires them to maintain a valid Driver's License. In no instance shall an employee return to work prior to notification to the Chief or their designee.

4. Failing to comply with City directives regarding enforcement of this Policy, including but not limited to refusing to promptly submit to required testing; giving false, diluted or altered samples; obstructing the testing process; failing to comply with rehabilitation conditions imposed by the City or rehabilitation counselors pursuant to this Policy.
5. Failure to disclose use of over-the-counter or prescribed medication containing controlled substance, as required, below.

For the purpose of this Policy, "drugs" include, but are not limited to the following controlled substances as outlined in Attachment A: opioids, cocaine, marijuana (THC), phencyclidine (PCP), amphetamines/ methamphetamines and barbiturates. However, "drugs" does not include prescription and over-the-counter medications that are lawfully prescribed and used in a manner consistent with a physician's instructions and/or medication warnings.

Employees who engage in any prohibited conduct will be subject to discipline, including discharge.

### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

In addition to the above, employees must comply at all times with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the illegal use of drugs. It is important to note that marijuana is an illegal drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act, which means that it has no acceptable medical use under federal law. Therefore, any on or off duty use of marijuana which is inconsistent with the "prohibited conduct" listed above will be considered a violation of this policy, even if an employee has an authorization for the use of marijuana under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act. However, employees who are using marijuana in compliance with a medical marijuana card will not automatically be subject to termination of employment. Instead, such employees are required to disclose any use which would constitute "prohibited conduct." If the City determines that the employee using medical marijuana is disabled under applicable disability discrimination statutes, the employee will be asked to enter into an interactive discussion with designated representative(s) to determine whether a reasonable accommodation can be made that would allow the employee to continue to be employed without violating standards.

### **DISCLOSURE OF MEDICATIONS:**

Employees are responsible for consulting with their physicians and carefully reviewing medication warnings, including any warnings pertinent to the effects of use of a combination of medications. Employees who are using over-the-counter or prescribed medications which have any reported side effects that could reasonably affect their ability to safely perform all essential job duties must notify their supervisor of the substance taken and its side effects before reporting for work. Medical verification of ability to safely perform job duties may be required before the employee is allowed to continue their job assignment. Employees are eligible to utilize sick leave benefits pending receipt of acceptable verification.

Although the use of prescribed and over-the-counter medication as part of a medical treatment program is not grounds for disciplinary action, failure to fully disclose the use of substances which could reasonably impair the safe performance of essential job duties, illegally obtaining the substance or use which is inconsistent with prescriptions or labels will subject an employee to disciplinary action.

### **EMPLOYEE TESTING:**

Employees will be required to undergo drug and/or alcohol testing as a condition of continued employment in order to ascertain prohibited drug use, as provided below:

#### **1. Reasonable Suspicion**

A supervisor or manager may order an employee to immediately submit to a urine test for drugs and/or a breath test for alcohol whenever the City has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee has violated the provisions of this Policy concerning reporting to work or being at work “under the influence” of drugs or alcohol. The supervisor or manager will always consult a second supervisor or manager for the purpose of corroborating reasonable suspicion.

In the case of an employee who has reasonable suspicion that their supervisor or manager or any other supervisor or manager may have violated provisions of this Policy, the employee will report their concerns and/or observations to the next level in the chain of command above that of the supervisor or manager who the employee suspects of violating this policy. If such a report is not practical, the employee should contact the Director of Human Resources.

“Reasonable suspicion” shall be defined as suspicion based on articulated observations concerning the appearance, unusual behavior, speech, breath odor, body symptoms or other reliable indicators that an employee has consumed drugs and/or alcohol in violation of this Policy.

#### **2. Rehabilitation Treatment**

Where testing is required pursuant to a Rehabilitation and Return to Work Agreement imposed by the City or an employee’s rehabilitation counselors, individualized suspicion-less testing may be required as outlined in that Agreement.

Urine testing will be conducted for all types of drug testing and breath test will be conducted for all types of alcohol testing.

### **TESTING PROCEDURES:**

The testing will be conducted at a laboratory certified by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and shall be conducted in accordance with the standards for procedural safeguards

and testing integrity disseminated by the HHS . All drug tests will be conducted through collection of a split sample. All positive drug tests will be confirmed by a second confirming test from the same sample before the test result is reported as a positive to the Medical Review Officer. Individuals with positive tests will have an opportunity to discuss the results with the Medical Review Officer before the result is reported to the City. The City shall pay for such testing.

An employee who tests positive for drugs may notify the Medical Review Officer and request a test of the remaining portion of the urine sample (the split sample) within five (5) business days of notification of a positive test result. The cost of the split sample/retesting will be borne by the employee. In the event the split test result is negative, the employee shall be reimbursed for the cost of the split test.

Whenever there is a reason to believe that the employee may have altered or substituted the specimen to be provided or the initial test was not determinative, a second specimen may be obtained immediately, using testing procedures deemed appropriate by the testing laboratory personnel.

All records pertaining to City required drug and alcohol tests, as well as compliance with rehabilitation terms shall remain confidential, and shall not be released, except on a need to know basis, in accordance with applicable law. All documents pertaining to testing and test results will be maintained in employee medical, not personnel, files.

Either party may notify the other, in writing, of changes in testing thresholds or best testing practices. The parties shall consult to ensure the Drug and Alcohol Policy complies with such changes.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS:**

#### **1. EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DEPENDENCIES AND SEEK ASSISTANCE BEFORE COMMITTING A POLICY VIOLATION – REHABILITATION.**

The City encourages employees who have drug and/or alcohol dependencies or think they may have such dependencies to seek assistance voluntarily and place a strong emphasis on rehabilitation as opposed to disciplinary action. When an employee voluntarily reports a drug or alcohol dependency to their supervisor or the Fire Chief and seeks assistance before violating this Policy, that employee will be placed on a leave of absence or adjusted working hours to allow for in-patient or out-patient rehabilitation treatment as recommended by a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor.

The employee will not be permitted to work until such time as a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor agrees they:

- a. Has been evaluated by a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor; and
- b. If recommended by a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor, has complied with all-rehabilitation/after-care prescribed; and



- c. Has a verified negative drug or alcohol test (as applicable).

In order to return to work for the City, an employee seeking assistance must agree to all treatment, rehabilitation, after-care and follow-up testing as set forth in a written Rehabilitation and Return to Work Agreement required by the City. Any employee who violates the terms of the Agreement is subject to disciplinary action up to and including immediate termination.

The time an employee is off work undergoing rehabilitation is unpaid. However, employees may draw their unused, accumulated sick leave, vacation pay or holiday pay or donated leave bank in accordance with Appendix D. Also, employees who are receiving health insurance coverage will be eligible for continuation of health insurance benefits through the end of the month in which their paid leave is depleted.

2. EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DEPENDENCIES AND SEEK TREATMENT *AFTER* COMMITTING A POLICY VIOLATION.

Employees who notify their supervisor or the Fire Chief or of drug or alcohol dependencies *after* violating this Policy are subject to discipline up to and including discharge, irrespective of such dependencies.

The City may however, at its discretion, allow an employee to undergo evaluation and rehabilitation in lieu of discipline and discharge, provided the employee promptly complies with the terms and conditions set forth in Consequences of Violations, Section 1. above. The City will consider the following factors in exercising its discretion: the employee's length of service; the employee's work record, in particular, whether the employee has committed a previous alcohol or drug policy infraction; the consequences of the violation; any other circumstances offered by the employee that mitigate against discharge.

## ATTACHMENT A

### DRUG TESTING LEVELS

The following initial and confirmatory cutoff levels shall be used when screening specimens to determine whether they are negative for the drugs or classes of drugs required for testing:

Initial test analyte	Initial test cutoff <sup>1</sup>	Confirmatory test analyte	Confirmatory test cutoff concentration
Marijuana metabolites (THCA) <sup>2</sup>	50 ng/mL <sup>3</sup>	THCA	15 ng/mL.
Cocaine metabolite (Benzoyllecgonine)	150 ng/mL <sup>3</sup>	Benzoyllecgonine	100 ng/mL.
Codeine/ Morphine	2000 ng/mL	Codeine Morphine	2000 ng/mL. 2000 ng/mL.
Hydrocodone/ Hydromorphone	300 ng/mL	Hydrocodone Hydromorphone	100 ng/mL. 100 ng/mL.
Oxycodone/ Oxymorphone	100 ng/mL	Oxycodone Oxymorphone	100 ng/mL. 100 ng/mL.
6-Acetylmorphine	10 ng/mL	6-Acetylmorphine	10 ng/mL.
Phencyclidine	25 ng/mL	Phencyclidine	25 ng/mL.
Amphetamine/ Methamphetamine	500 ng/mL	Amphetamine Methamphetamine	250 ng/mL. 250 ng/mL.
MDMA <sup>4</sup> /MDA <sup>5</sup>	500 ng/mL	MDMA MDA	250 ng/mL. 250 ng/mL.

<sup>1</sup>For grouped analytes (i.e., two or more analytes that are in the same drug class and have the same initial test cutoff):

**Immunoassay:** The test must be calibrated with one analyte from the group identified as the target analyte. The cross-reactivity of the immunoassay to the other analyte(s) within the group must be 80 percent or greater; if not, separate immunoassays must be used for the analytes within the group.

**Alternate technology:** Either one analyte or all analytes from the group must be used for calibration, depending on the technology. At least one analyte within the group must have a concentration equal to or greater than the initial test cutoff or, alternatively, the sum of the analytes present (i.e., equal to or greater than the laboratory's validated limit of quantification) must be equal to or greater than the initial test cutoff.

<sup>2</sup>An immunoassay must be calibrated with the target analyte, Δ-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid (THCA).

<sup>3</sup>**Alternate technology (THCA and Benzoyllecgonine):** When using an alternate technology initial test for the specific target analytes of THCA and Benzoyllecgonine, the laboratory must use the same cutoff for the initial and confirmatory tests (i.e., 15 ng/mL for THCA and 100ng/mL for Benzoyllecgonine).

<sup>4</sup>Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA).

<sup>5</sup>Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA).

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Grade	Classification	Title	Job Code	Foot- Status	note	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	
201	Firefighter		3020	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	27.74	29.30	30.94	32.60	34.36	36.41
						Semi-Monthly	3,115.48	3,290.68	3,474.87	3,661.31	3,858.97	4,089.21
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,230.96	6,581.36	6,949.74	7,322.62	7,717.94	8,178.42
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	74,771.52	78,976.32	83,396.88	87,871.44	92,615.28	98,141.04
202	Firefighter - Intermediate Cert.		3021	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	29.13	30.77	32.49	34.23	36.08	38.23
						Semi-Monthly	3,271.59	3,455.78	3,648.95	3,844.37	4,052.14	4,293.61
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,543.18	6,911.56	7,297.90	7,688.74	8,104.28	8,587.22
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	78,518.16	82,938.72	87,574.80	92,264.88	97,251.36	103,046.64
204	Firefighter - Paramedic		3023	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	30.51	32.23	34.03	35.86	37.80	40.05
						Semi-Monthly	3,426.58	3,619.75	3,821.91	4,027.44	4,245.32	4,498.02
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,853.16	7,239.50	7,643.82	8,054.88	8,490.64	8,996.04
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	82,237.92	86,874.00	91,725.84	96,658.56	101,887.68	107,952.48
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205	Fire Driver Engineer		3035	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	30.08	31.70	33.55	35.31	37.27	39.31
						Semi-Monthly	3,378.28	3,560.23	3,768.00	3,965.67	4,185.79	4,414.91
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,756.56	7,120.46	7,536.00	7,931.34	8,371.58	8,829.82
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	81,078.72	85,445.52	90,432.00	95,176.08	100,458.96	105,957.84
206	Fire Driver Engr. - Interm Cert.		3036	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	31.58	33.29	35.23	37.08	39.13	41.28
						Semi-Monthly	3,546.75	3,738.80	3,956.68	4,164.45	4,394.69	4,636.16
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	7,093.50	7,477.60	7,913.36	8,328.90	8,789.38	9,272.32
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	85,122.00	89,731.20	94,960.32	99,946.80	105,472.56	111,267.84
208	Fire Driver Engineer - Paramedic		3038	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	33.09	34.87	36.91	38.84	41.00	43.24
						Semi-Monthly	3,716.34	3,916.25	4,145.36	4,362.12	4,604.71	4,856.28
						Monthly (x2695.44/12)	7,432.68	7,832.50	8,290.72	8,724.24	9,209.42	9,712.56
						Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	89,192.16	93,990.00	99,488.64	104,690.88	110,513.04	116,550.72

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201	Firefighter	3020	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	28.71	30.33	32.02	33.74	35.56	37.68
					Semi-Monthly	3,224.42	3,406.36	3,596.17	3,789.34	3,993.74	4,231.84
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,448.84	6,812.72	7,192.34	7,578.68	7,987.48	8,463.68
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	77,386.08	81,752.64	86,308.08	90,944.16	95,849.76	101,564.16
202	Firefighter - Intermediate Cert.	3021	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	30.15	31.85	33.62	35.43	37.34	39.56
					Semi-Monthly	3,386.15	3,577.07	3,775.86	3,979.14	4,193.66	4,442.98
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,772.30	7,154.14	7,551.72	7,958.28	8,387.32	8,885.96
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	81,267.60	85,849.68	90,620.64	95,499.36	100,647.84	106,631.52
204	Firefighter - Paramedic	3023	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	31.58	33.36	35.22	37.11	39.12	41.45
					Semi-Monthly	3,546.75	3,746.66	3,955.56	4,167.82	4,393.57	4,655.25
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	7,093.50	7,493.32	7,911.12	8,335.64	8,787.14	9,310.50
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	85,122.00	89,919.84	94,933.44	100,027.68	105,445.68	111,726.00
205	Fire Driver Engineer	3035	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	31.13	32.81	34.72	36.55	38.57	40.69
					Semi-Monthly	3,496.21	3,684.89	3,899.40	4,104.93	4,331.80	4,569.89
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	6,992.42	7,369.78	7,798.80	8,209.86	8,663.60	9,139.78
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	83,909.04	88,437.36	93,585.60	98,518.32	103,963.20	109,677.36
206	Fire Driver Engr. - Interm Cert.	3036	IAFF	2,6,7,9	Hourly	32.69	34.45	36.46	38.38	40.50	42.72
					Semi-Monthly	3,671.41	3,869.08	4,094.82	4,310.46	4,548.56	4,797.88
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	7,342.82	7,738.16	8,189.64	8,620.92	9,097.12	9,595.76
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	88,113.84	92,857.92	98,275.68	103,451.04	109,165.44	115,149.12
208	Fire Driver Engineer - Paramedic	3038	IAFF	2,6,7	Hourly	34.24	36.09	38.19	40.21	42.43	44.76
					Semi-Monthly	3,845.49	4,053.27	4,289.12	4,515.99	4,765.31	5,027.00
					Monthly (x2695.44/12)	7,690.98	8,106.54	8,578.24	9,031.98	9,530.62	10,054.00
					Annually (x2695.44 hrs)	92,291.76	97,278.48	102,938.88	108,383.76	114,367.44	120,648.00

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **Return from Retirement (RFR)**

Both parties, realizing the advantages in retaining experienced employees mutually agree to the following Return from Retirement program for bargaining unit members.

The member upon separation from the City for reasons of retirement is eligible to participate, upon written request to the Fire Chief, in the Return from Retirement (RFR) program. To be eligible to participate in the RFR program, the member must be in good standing with the Department at the time of their retirement. A member in good standing is defined as a member that does not have any disciplinary issues(s) under investigation, and is current on all department required certifications and training. Upon mutual agreement, exceptions may be granted to a member from the defined members in good standing due to unforeseen circumstances. For examples, long term injury, extended time off, etc.

All provisions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement will remain in full force, except for the items listed in this MOU.

1. An eligible employee may participate in the RFR program for up to six (6) consecutive months immediately following retirement from the City. The RFR member is an at-will employee, and the Fire Chief may terminate an RFR member's employment at their sole discretion subject to applicable employment law. The Fire Chief will consult with the Union Shop Steward in the event of the decision to terminate an RFR member's employment, but the Fire Chief makes the final decision. Any such termination cannot be challenged through the grievance procedure. The RFR program will continue through the term of the contract.
2. The member shall work their regularly scheduled shift for the duration of the program. The member is not eligible for call shifts and does not accrue or get paid vacation or holidays during this time. The employee will receive only such benefits as are required by state and federal law, including accrual of one (1) hour of sick leave for every thirty (30) hours worked.
3. The RFR member continues to receive their regular hourly rate prior to separation, including all incentives, to include all pay rate increases per Article 8.
4. The member is allowed up to three (3) non-pay days during their six (6) months of RFR. Exceptions may be granted by the Fire Chief or their designee. Member shall follow all current leave practices when requesting time off during the duration of the RFR.
5. The City will comply with applicable PERS law and regulations.
6. Medical insurance and dental insurance retiree premiums will be paid by the City during the calendar months the employee is working.
7. Employees in the RFR program are considered members of the bargaining unit and may continue membership in the Association or elect to authorize payment of Association dues per Article 5 of the Agreement.

8. In the event of any reduction in force, RFR employees will be laid off prior to any other bargaining unit member. RFR program participants shall have no bumping or recall rights. The order in which RFR members are laid off will be determined by the Fire Chief.

9. Before an employee can participate in the RFR program, all trade time obligations must be satisfied. However, employees that are participating in the RFR program may trade time in accordance with Article 12.



## **APPENDIX D**

### **Donated Leave Bank**

This memorandum of understanding is created to document an agreement reached between the parties regarding the creation and application of a Donated Leave Bank.

Employees may donate up to forty (40) hours of their accumulated vacation, holiday or compensatory time per calendar year to a City administered Leave Bank. The Leave Bank is for use by employees who have exhausted their sick leave and other paid leave accounts due to illness, injury, or other medical conditions under the following conditions:

- Employees working fifty-two (51.83) hour workweeks wishing to donate leave must have a minimum of one-hundred and twenty (120) hours of accumulated vacation, holiday, or compensatory time in their personal account after the donated hours are deducted.
- Employees working a forty (40) hour work week wishing to donate leave must have a minimum of eighty (80) hours of accumulated vacation, holiday, or compensatory time in their personal account after the donated hours are deducted.

The donating employee's leave is converted to money based on the donator's hourly rate of pay. The dollar value of the donated leave is then deposited into the Leave Bank. The Leave Bank is maintained by the City.

To be eligible to apply for donated leave from the bank, the employee must have a serious illness or medical condition, or by caring for a family member with a serious medical condition that requires a prolonged absence from work. The employee requesting the donated leave must not be receiving or be eligible to receive long-term disability benefits.

Applications for donated leave must be made to the City in writing, and must describe the serious illness or medical condition necessitating the leave. All applications for donated leave must be approved by the City in advance.

Donated leave shall not be used to extend employment.

Employee requests for donated leave from the bank are limited to a maximum of:

- One-hundred and twenty (120) hours per request for employees working fifty-two (51.83) hour workweek; or
- Eighty (80) hours per request for employees working a forty (40) hour work week.

The Donated Leave Bank program will expire upon implementation of Paid Leave Oregon. The funds remaining in the leave donation bank at that time will be converted to vacation hours and distributed, in an equal percentage, to the last five employees that contributed to the bank. The credit to vacation will take place at the next available pay period.

## **APPENDIX E**

### **Training Officer Assignment**

This Memorandum of Understanding is created to document an agreement reached between the parties regarding the creation of a Fire Department Training Officer assignment. The Training Officer will be assigned to a normal forty (40) hour workweek or a variable work scheduled as described in Article 7.3. An outline of the job responsibilities for this assignment is listed below and may be updated, in accordance with the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA).

Selection of a Training Officer will be done through an open and competitive selection process as determined by the Fire Chief. The parties agree that the initial assignment for the positing is for a term of six(6) years, at which time the incumbent may apply for a second term of assignment through an open competitive selection process as determined by the Fire Chief.

The City and the Union will objectively evaluate the effectiveness of the assignment after the end of the second and fourth years to ensure the assignment meets the needs of the department. Management reserves the right to discontinue the assignment at any time, based upon Fire Department operational needs.

The parties agree that the Training Officer may work overtime on the line in any position for which the Training Officer would normally be eligible and may compete in promotional processes while in the assignment.

The parties agree that upon conclusion of the assignment, the Training Officer will return to the line at the same level of certification that was maintained or achieved by the Training Officer.

The employee assigned as the Training Officer will receive 5% above the EMS Coordinator at Step 6, because the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to perform are unique and critical to the overall success of the Fire Department.

#### **Fire Training Officer Job Responsibilities**

- Assess Fire Department training needs and develop a comprehensive Training Delivery Plan
- Provide logistical support for all Department Training
- Create an evaluation mechanism for Department Training to ensure training was received as intended
- Manage the Department Training Calendar to ensure perishable skills are maintained, advanced and specialized training is offered, and State and Federal mandates are met
- Maintain Certification Packets for Probationary Employees and support their completion
- Manage training records and reports as required by the State of Oregon
- Ensure uniformity in core skills performance by conducting core evolutions or by supporting Battalion Chief Drills
- Facilitate the creation of Fire and Rescue Protocols to ensure uniformity in tasks performed
- Lead or support the implementation of strategies and tactics that are new to the Department
- Ensure recordkeeping is completed for training activities
- Assist in the coordination of After Action Reviews

- Maintain contact with line personnel and solicit ongoing feedback to ensure ongoing training needs are met
- Supervise the EMS Coordinator
- Facilitate or assist in all Probationary Evaluations and counsel probationary employees as needed
- Facilitate or conduct Firefighter Training Academies
- Ensure consistency of basic firefighting skills and tasks
- Teach Department Training Courses
- Facilitate outside training requests
- Assist in conducting promotional processes
- Coordinate specialized training using outside instructors
- Support Station based training
- Participate on the QI Committee
- Develop regional relationships and attend local/regional meetings
- Assist in Department hiring
- Conduct research and identify best practices
- Manage the care and maintenance of training grounds, training room, and props.
- Attend conferences, specialized schools, seminars and other training functions to keep abreast of new developments in Emergency Medical Services, firefighting, fire prevention, and fire training.
- Respond to emergency incidents when necessary and assume or assist with incident scene functions as needed.