

AGREEMENT

By and Between

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

and the

SEATTLE DISPATCHERS' GUILD

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## AGREEMENT

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### PREAMBLE

The rules contained herein constitute an Agreement between the City of Seattle, hereinafter referred to as the City or the Employer, and the Seattle Dispatchers' Guild, hereinafter referred to as the Guild or bargaining unit, governing wages, hours and working conditions for the Seattle Dispatchers.

The City and the Guild agree that the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for fair and reasonable compensation and working conditions for employees of the City as enumerated in this Agreement, and to provide for the efficient and uninterrupted performance of municipal functions.

## ARTICLE 1 - NON-DISCRIMINATION

- 1.1 The City and the Guild agree that they will not discriminate against any employee by reason of race, color, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap, unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the City.
- 1.2 The City shall not discriminate against any employee on account of membership in the Guild, Guild activity, or service by authorized representatives on behalf of the Guild in negotiating or administering provisions of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 2 - GENDER

- 2.1 Whenever words denoting the feminine or masculine gender are used in this Agreement, they are intended to apply equally to all gender.

## ARTICLE 3 - RECOGNITION AND BARGAINING UNIT

- 3.1 The City hereby recognizes the Seattle Dispatchers' Guild as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purposes stated in Chapter 108, Extra Session, Laws of 1967 of the State of Washington, of all employees employed within the bargaining unit defined in Appendix A of this Agreement. This shall include full-time and part-time employees.
- 3.1.1 The term "employee" shall be defined to include probationary employees, regular employees, full-time employees, and part-time employees not otherwise excluded or limited in the following Sections of this Article.
- 3.1.2 The term "probationary employee" shall be defined as an employee who is within their first twelve (12) month trial period of employment following their initial regular appointment within the classified service.
- 3.1.3 The term "regular employee" shall be defined as an employee who has successfully completed a twelve (12) month probationary period and who has had no subsequent break in service as occasioned by quit, resignation, discharge for just cause, or retirement.
- 3.1.4 The term "full-time employee" shall be defined as an employee who has been regularly appointed and who has a usual work schedule of forty (40) hours per week.
- 3.1.5 The term "part-time employee" shall be defined as an employee who has been regularly appointed and who has a usual work schedule averaging at least twenty (20) hours but less than forty (40) hours per week.
- 3.1.6 The terms "temporary employee" and "temporary worker" shall be defined to include both temporary and less than half time employees and means a person who is employed in one of the following temporary assignments:
1. Position Vacancy: An interim assignment(s) of up to one (1) year to a vacant regular position to perform work associated with a regularly budgeted position that is temporarily vacant and has no incumbent; or
  2. Incumbent Absence: An interim assignment for short-term replacement of a regular employee of up to one (1) year when the incumbent is temporarily absent; or
  3. Short-term Assignment: A short-term assignment of up to one (1) year, which may be extended beyond one year only while the assignment is in the process

of being converted to a regular position, to perform work that is not ongoing regular work and for which there is no regularly budgeted position; or

4. Less than Half-time Assignment: A less than half-time assignment for seasonal, on-call, intermittent or regularly scheduled work that normally does not exceed one thousand forty (1040) hours in a year, but may be extended up to one thousand three hundred (1300) hours once every three years and may also be extended while the assignment is in the process of being converted to a regular position; or
5. Term-limited Assignment: A term-limited assignment for a period of more than one (1) but less than three (3) years for:
  - a) Special time-limited project work that is clearly outside the routine work performed in the department and that requires skills and qualifications that are typically not used by the department, or
  - b) Replacement of a regularly appointed employee who is assigned to a special term-limited project work, or
  - c) for the replacement of a regularly appointed employee absence of longer than one (1) year is due to disability time loss, authorized leave of absence for medical reasons or military leave of absence.
  - d) Replacement of a regularly appointed employee who has been released for union leave pursuant to Article 22.26.

3.2 All provisions expressed in Chapter 11.0 of the Personnel Rules shall govern the utilization and management of temporary assignments, except whereas they are inconsistent with the expressed terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

3.2.1 Temporary employees covered by this Agreement are eligible to apply for all positions advertised internally.

3.3 Temporary employees shall be exempt from all provisions of this Agreement except Article 1, Article 3, Article 5, Article 10.1, 10.1.1, 10.2, 10.5, Appendix A.7.2. and Article 8, Grievance Procedure; provided, however, temporary employees shall be covered by the Grievance Procedure solely for purposes of adjudicating grievances relating to Sections identified within this Section.

3.4 Temporary employees who are not in eligible assignments shall be paid for all hours worked at the first pay step of the hourly rates of pay set forth within the Appendix covering the classification of work in which they are employed. Temporary employees who are in a benefits-eligible assignment shall receive step increases consistent with Personnel Rule 11.



- 3.4.1 A temporary employee who has worked in excess of five hundred twenty (520) regular hours and who is appointed to a regular position in a Step Progression Program without a break in service of greater than thirty (30) days shall have their temporary service credited toward salary placement, provided the service was in a job title corresponding to the same or higher classification in the same series as the regular appointment.
- 3.5 Cumulative sick leave with pay computed at the same rate and with all benefits and conditions required by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws, such as RCW 49.46.210 shall be granted to all temporary employees not eligible for fringe benefits pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code subsection 4.20.055(C).
- 3.6 The elected President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, designated Shop Stewards, and members of the Board of Directors of the Guild are recognized by the Employer as official representatives of the Guild, empowered to act on behalf of the members of the unit for negotiating with the Employer.
- 3.7 The President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Shop Steward(s), or their designated alternate(s) shall be the liaison between members of the bargaining unit and the CARE Department and the City of Seattle.

## ARTICLE 4 - RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 Delivery of municipal services in the most efficient, effective and courteous manner is of paramount importance to the City and as such, maximized productivity is recognized to be an obligation of the parties to this Agreement. In order to achieve this goal, the parties hereby recognize the City's right to determine the methods, processes and means of providing municipal service, the right to increase, diminish, or change operations, in whole or in part, the right to increase, diminish or change municipal equipment, including the introduction of any and all new, improved or automated methods or equipment (including technology that allows citizens to directly complete non-emergency police reports online that are currently being completed by bargaining unit members), the assignment of employees to specific jobs within the bargaining unit, the right to temporarily assign employees to a specific job or position outside the bargaining unit, and the right to determine appropriate work out-of-class assignments.
- 4.2 The right to recruit; hire; assign; promote; discipline and discharge for just cause; improve efficiency; determine rules relating to acceptable employee conduct; determine the number of shifts and the number of personnel assigned to such shifts; and the location of department headquarters are examples of management prerogatives. It is also understood that the City retains its right to manage and operate its departments except as may be limited by an express provision of this Agreement.
- 4.2.1 Staffing Levels and Discretionary Time Off:
1. Management shall have the discretion to set and adjust minimum staffing levels to meet service needs.
  2. The "Rule of 3" governing discretionary time off shall be modified to allow for a proportional increase in the number of employees permitted to take discretionary time off when the number of filled operations floor positions increase.
  3. The proportional increase shall match the percentage increase in positions
  4. If the number of filled positions decreases, the "Rule of 3 or 4" shall be modified for a proportional decrease in the number of employees permitted to take discretionary time off.

Example:

- A. Initial staffing of Police Communications Dispatchers 1,2, and 3 assigned to the operations floor is 100 positions. If the City of Seattle increases the number of filled positions from 100 to 110 this would represent a 10%

increase in staffing.

- B. Management will increase the "Rule of 3" to the "Rule of 4" on 10% of the days in the year and subsequent years.
- C. Within 30 days management will provide the Guild with the list of days in which the "Rule of 3" was increased to the "Rule of 4."
- D. Discretionary time off Pilot Project dated 11/15/2023. The Parties agree to work colabativly to review, amend and update the policy through the labor management committee. The Goal will be to finalize the process.

4.3

The City will make every effort to utilize its employees to perform all work, but the City reserves the right to contract out for work under the following guidelines: (1) required expertise is not available within the City work force, or (2) the occurrence of peak loads above the work force capability. Determination as to (1) or (2) above shall be made by the department head involved; provided, however, prior to approval by the department head involved to contract out work under this provision, the Union will be notified 30 days prior to the start of any new contract or as soon as the department is aware of the need to contract. This notification shall include:

1. A detailed justification for the proposed contracting;
2. A labor force analysis demonstrating why the current workforce cannot complete the work;
3. The location where the work will be performed;
4. A description of the work to be contracted;
5. The estimated duration and amount of the contract;
6. The intended start date; and
7. The date the work must be completed, if applicable.

The City will, during its budget process, review the use of contractors in the terms of nature of work, the duration, and the number of hours of contractor work being performed in conjunction with effected union(s). Based on the review, if the City and Union(s) determine(s) there is an ongoing need, the Parties will, in good faith, collaboratively determine whether the circumstances warrant the proposal of additional regular positions.

The Guild may grieve contracting out for work as described herein, if such contract involves work normally performed by employees covered by this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 5 - GUILD ENGAGEMENT AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

- 5.1 The City agrees that the Guild has the right to encourage all employees in the bargaining unit to become and remain members in good standing of the Guild and the Guild accepts its responsibility to fairly represent all employees in the bargaining unit regardless of membership status.
- 5.2 The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved. The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the City and The City shall honor the terms and conditions of each worker's Union payroll deduction authorization(s) for the purposes of dues deduction only. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the Employer for deducting dues from Union members, including those that have communicated a desire to revoke a previous deduction authorization, along with all other issues related to the deduction of dues or fees.
- 5.3 The City will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the bargaining unit. The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee's normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.
- 5.4 The City will require all new employees to attend a New Employee Orientation (NEO). Within thirty (30) days of hire. The NEO will include an at-minimum thirty (30) minute presentation by a Union representative to all employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. At least five (5) working days before the date of the NEO, the City shall provide the Union with a list of names of their bargaining unit attending the Orientation.
- 5.5 The individual Union meeting and NEO shall satisfy the City's requirement to provide a New Employee Orientation Union Presentation under Washington State law. The City of Seattle, including its officers, supervisors, managers and/or agents, shall remain neutral on the issue of whether any bargaining unit employee should join the Union or otherwise participate in Union activities at the City of Seattle.
- 5.6 New Employee and Change in Employee Status Notification: The City shall supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employees: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate. The City shall also notify the Union on a monthly basis regarding employee status changes for employees who have transferred into a bargaining unit position and any employees who are no longer in the bargaining unit. For employees who have transferred into the bargaining unit, the

City shall supply the Union with the employee's name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate.

5.7 Any employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of payments to their Union by written notice to the Union in accordance with the terms and conditions of their dues authorization. Every effort will be made to end the deductions effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll, after receipt by the City of confirmation from the union that the terms of the employee's authorization regarding dues deduction revocation have been met. The City will refer all employee inquiries or communications regarding union dues to the appropriate Union.

5.7.1 The City will notify the appropriate Union with New Hire information as soon as possible but no later than the first day of work. The City will supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employees:

- a) Name
- b) Home address
- c) Personal phone
- d) Personal email (if a member offers)
- e) Job classification and title
- f) Department and division
- g) Work location
- h) -Date of hire
- i) -Hourly or salary (FLSA) status
- j) -Compensation rate

Upon transition to Workday, the City agrees to notify the Union with new hire information (as enumerated above) no later than one work week after the employee's first day of work. In the event that transmission is delayed or the system is unable to send weekly notification, the Parties agree to meet to discuss an alternative notification process no later than May 1, 2024.

The City will also notify the Union on a monthly basis regarding employee status changes for employees who have transferred into a bargaining unit position and of any employees who are no longer in the bargaining unit.

*See also: Appendix E – Memorandum of Agreement, 2018*

ARTICLE 6 - LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, LABOR-MANAGEMENT  
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE AND EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES

- 6.1 The City and the Guild agree to establish on an ad hoc basis a joint Labor-Management Committee consisting of three representatives named by the Guild, three representatives of the Department, and the Director of Labor Relations or their representative and an additional representative for either party on a case-by-case basis if both parties concur. The purpose of this Committee is to deal with matters of general concern to the Guild and the City, as opposed to individual complaints of employees; provided, however, it is understood that the Labor-Management Committee shall function in a consultative capacity and shall not be considered a decision-making body. Either the Guild or the City may initiate discussion of any subject of a general nature affecting employees covered by this Agreement.
- 6.2 The Labor-Management Committee shall meet monthly at the request of either party and at a time and place determined by the parties. Labor-Management Committee members shall be on on-duty status for up to a maximum of three (3) hours per month during such meetings. An agenda describing the issue(s) to be discussed shall be prepared by the initiating party and forwarded to the other party at least five (5) working days in advance of each meeting. Requests for such a meeting shall be made in writing by the Guild or the City Director of Labor Relations or their delegated representatives.
- 6.3 The Labor-Management Leadership Committee will be a forum for communication and cooperation between labor and management to support the delivery of high quality, cost-effective service to the citizens of Seattle while maintaining a high quality work environment for City employees.
- 6.4 Employment Security - Labor and management support continuing efforts to provide the best service delivery and the highest quality service in the most cost-effective manner to the citizens of Seattle. Critical to achieving this purpose is the involvement of employees in sharing information and creatively addressing workplace issues, including administrative and service delivery productivity, efficiency, quality controls, and customer service.

Labor and management agree that, in order to maximize participation and results from the Employee Involvement Committees (EIC), no one will lose employment or equivalent rate of pay with the City of Seattle because of efficiencies resulting from an EIC initiative.

In instances where the implementation of an EIC recommendation does result in the elimination of a position, management and labor will work together to find suitable alternative employment for the affected employee. An employee, who chooses not to participate in and/or accept a reasonable employment

offer, if qualified, will terminate their rights under this employment security provision.

This provision will extend only for the term of this Agreement, unless the parties mutually agree to extend this specific provision beyond the expiration of the Agreement.

6.5 Safety Committee - The Guild shall be notified in advance and included in any processes that are used by the department to determine employee membership on all departmental, divisional, and sectional Safety Committees. Union notification and engagement protocols will be facilitated through the joint Labor Management Committee.

The Department will form joint safety committees in accordance with WISHA requirements at each permanent work location where there are eleven (11) or more employees. Where there is need, safety committees may also be formed at division levels, and/or unit levels, however these shall not replace the departmental safety committee.

When a department is setting up safety committee elections, it will notify the unions represented at that location and each union shall have 14 days to respond with union appointed members proportionate to their representation at the location. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with WAC 296-800-13020. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the appropriate Appointing Authority for review and action, as necessary. The Appointing Authority or designee will report follow-up action/information to the Safety Committee.

Ergonomic Assessment – At the request of the employee, the Employer will ensure that an ergonomic assessment of the employee’s workplace is completed in City facilities. Solutions to identified issues/concerns will be implemented within available resources.

Air Quality Assessment - Air quality concerns brought to the Safety Committee will be evaluated and processed in accordance with the safety committee section above.

Pandemic Health and Safety - The City will follow guidelines as set by the CDC and local Public Health entities with regard to any pandemic or disease outbreak.

## ARTICLE 7 - WORK STOPPAGE

- 7.1 The City and the Guild agree that the public interest requires the efficient and uninterrupted performance of all City services, and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. During the term of this Agreement, the Guild and/or the employees covered by this Agreement shall not cause or engage in any work stoppage, strike, slowdown, or other interference with City functions. Employees covered by this Agreement who engage in any of the foregoing actions shall be subject to such disciplinary action as may be determined by the City, including but not limited to the recovery of any financial losses suffered by the City.



## ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

8.1.1 Any dispute between the City and the Guild or between the City and any employee covered by this Agreement concerning the interpretation, application, claim of breach or violation of the express terms of this Agreement shall be deemed a contract grievance. At any step prior to arbitration in the contract grievance procedure, the parties are encouraged to present for consideration all facts related to the grievance that are available or which become available during the process. As a means to settle a grievance, at any step in the grievance procedure the City may offer a monetary settlement as a full settlement of the subject grievance. If multiple grievants are involved in the dispute, each grievant will be permitted to individually make the choice of payment or continuing the grievance process. Any employee at any time may present their grievance to the employer and have such grievance settled without the intervention of the exclusive bargaining representative, as long as such representative has been given an opportunity to be present at that grievance hearing and to make its views known, and as long as the settlement is not inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement then in effect. Provisions of this article shall be retroactive to January 1, 2012.

8.1.2 An employee has the right to have a Guild Representative present at each step of the grievance procedure. Such dispute shall be processed in accordance with this Article. For purposes of processing, grievances will be categorized in two ways: "Discipline Grievances" and "Contract Grievances".

Discipline grievances cover the challenge to a suspension, demotion or termination identified by the City as disciplinary in nature. A discipline grievance may be initiated at Step 3, at the Guild's option, and may include related claims regarding an interpretation or claim of breach or violation of the terms of this Agreement.

Step 1. The contract grievance shall be presented in writing by the employee or Guild Representative, to the Manager twenty (20) business days of the alleged contract violation. If the grievance is initiated by the employee, it will be the obligation of the employee to provide the Guild with a copy of the written grievance. The written grievance shall include identification of the Section(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated, the violation and the remedy sought. There shall be no change in the nature of any grievance and the basis shall not be expanded after the initial submission of the grievance in written form. The immediate supervisor shall answer the grievance in writing within ten (10) business days after receipt of the alleged contract grievance. If the grievance was filed by an employee, the Manager shall provide the Guild with a copy of the response to the grievance.

Step 2. If the contract grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 1, the employee or Guild Representative shall forward the written contract grievance to the Deputy Chief with a copy to the City Director of Labor Relations within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Step 1 answer.

With Mediation:

At the time the aggrieved employee and/or the Guild submits the grievance to the Deputy Chief, the Guild or the aggrieved employee or the Deputy Chief may submit a written request for voluntary mediation assistance, with a copy to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Coordinator, the City Director of Labor Relations and the Guild. If the Office of the Employee Ombud Coordinator determines that the case is in line with the protocols and procedures of the ADR process, within fifteen (15) business days from receipt of the request for voluntary mediation assistance, the ADR Coordinator or their designee will schedule a mediation conference and make the necessary arrangements for the selection of a mediator(s). The mediator(s) will serve as an impartial third party who will encourage and facilitate a resolution to the dispute. The mediation conference(s) will be confidential and will include the parties. A Guild Representative and a Labor Negotiator from City Labor Relations may attend the mediation conference(s). Other persons may attend with the permission of the mediator(s) and both parties. If the parties agree to settle the matter, the mediator(s) will assist in drafting a settlement agreement, which the parties shall sign. An executed copy of the settlement agreement shall be provided to the parties, with either a copy or a signed statement of the disposition of the grievance submitted to the City Director of Labor Relations and the Guild. The relevant terms of the settlement agreement shall be provided by the parties to the department's designated officials who need to assist in implementing the agreement. If the grievance is not settled within ten (10) business days of the initial mediation conference date, the City Director of Labor Relations, the Bureau Chief and the Guild shall be so informed by the ADR Coordinator.

The parties to a mediation shall have no power through a settlement agreement to add to, subtract from, alter, change, or modify the terms of the collective bargaining agreement or to create a precedent regarding the interpretation of the collective bargaining agreement or to apply the settlement agreement to any circumstance beyond the explicit dispute applicable to said settlement agreement.

If the grievance is not resolved through mediation, the Deputy Chief shall thereafter convene a meeting within ten (10) business days between the Guild Representative and aggrieved employee, together with the designated supervisor, the Section Manager and any other members of management whose presence is deemed necessary to a fair consideration of the alleged contract grievance. The City Director of Labor Relations or their designee may attend said meeting. The Deputy Chief shall give a written answer to the Guild and to the employee, if the grievance was initiated by the employee, within ten (10) business days after the contract grievance meeting.

Without Mediation:

The Deputy Chief shall convene a meeting within ten (10) business days after receipt of the grievance between the aggrieved employee, Shop Steward and/or Guild Representative, together with the Deputy Chief, and departmental labor relations officer. The City Director of Labor Relations or their designee may attend said meeting. Within ten (10) business days after the meeting, the Bureau Chief shall forward a reply to the Guild.

- Step 3. If the contract grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 2 above, the written contract grievance, as presented in Step 2, as well as a statement of the Guild's or employee's reason for nonacceptance of the Step 2 response, shall be forwarded by the Guild Representative or employee within ten (10) business days after receipt of the Step 2 answer to the City Director of Labor Relations with a copy to the Chief of CARE.

Discipline Grievances shall be submitted in writing by the Guild at Step 3 of the grievance process, within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of final action by the City. The Guild shall forward the Step 3 grievance to the Department's Human Resources Director and the City Director of Labor Relations with a copy to the Chief of CARE.

Mediation can be requested at Step 3 in the same manner as outlined in Step 2. The grievance must be filed in the time frame specified in Step 3 and responded to in the time frame specified in Step 3 after receipt of notification from the ADR Coordinator that the grievance was not resolved through mediation.

The Director of Labor Relations or designee shall investigate the alleged contract grievance. Either the Director of Labor Relations or the Guild may request a meeting at Step 3, in which case the

Director of Labor Relations or designee shall convene a meeting between the appropriate parties within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Step 3 grievance. He shall thereafter make a confidential recommendation to the Chief of CARE who shall, in turn, give the Guild and the employee, if the grievance was initiated by the employee, an answer in writing ten (10) business days after receipt of the contract grievance or the meeting between the parties.

- Step 4. If the contract grievance is not settled at Step 3, either the Guild or the Employer, but not the employee, may refer the grievance to arbitration. Referral to arbitration (PERC or AAA) must be made within twenty (20) business days after receipt of the decision in Step 3.

Mediation can be requested at Step 4 in the same manner as outlined in Step 2. The grievance must be submitted to binding arbitration within the time frame specified in Step 4 and processed within the time frame specified in Step 4 after receipt of notification form the ADR Coordinator that the grievance was not resolved in mediation.

Either the Guild or the Employer may request the Washington State Public Employment Relations Commission to supply both parties with a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. If no agreement is reached between the Guild and the Employer relative to the choice of an arbitrator from that list within ten (10) business days after receipt of said list, or the initiating party opts to bypass a PERC list of arbitrators, the contract grievance shall be referred to the American Arbitration Association for arbitration to be conducted under its voluntary labor arbitration regulations. Referral to arbitration must be accompanied by the following information:

- a. Identification of Section(s) of Agreement allegedly violated.
- b. Details or nature of the alleged violation.
- c. Position of party who is referring the grievance to arbitration.
- d. Question(s) which the arbitrator is being asked to decide.
- e. Remedy sought.

If the initiating party fails to proceed with the process for the selection of an arbitrator and, as a result of inaction by the initiating party, an arbitrator is not selected within ninety (90) calendar days of the referral to arbitration, the referral to arbitration shall be deemed withdrawn.

The Guild and the Employer agree to abide by the award made in connection with any arbitrable difference. There will be no suspension of work, slowdown or curtailment of services while any difference is in process of adjustment or arbitration.

In connection with any arbitration proceeding held pursuant to this Agreement, it is understood as follows:

- I. The arbitrator shall have no power to tender a decision that will add to, subtract from, or alter, change, or modify the terms of this Agreement, and their power shall be limited to interpretation or application of the express terms of this Agreement, and all other matters shall be excluded from arbitration.
- II. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon the City, the Guild, and the employees involved.
- III. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the City and the Guild, and each party shall bear the cost of presenting its own case.
- IV. The arbitrator's decision shall be made in writing and shall be issued to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the case is submitted to the arbitrator.

- 8.2 Any time limits stipulated in the contract grievance procedure may be extended for stated periods of time by the appropriate parties by mutual agreement in writing.
- 8.3 A contract grievance in the interest of a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit shall be reduced to writing by the Guild and may be introduced at Step 3 of the contract grievance procedure and be processed within the time limits set forth herein.
- 8.4 As a means of facilitating settlement of a contract grievance, either party may include an additional member on its committee. If at any step in the contract grievance, management's answer in writing is unsatisfactory, the Guild's or employee's reason for non-acceptance must be presented in writing.
- 8.5 Employees covered by this Agreement shall follow all written and verbal directives even if such directives are allegedly in conflict with provisions of this Agreement. Disputes concerning conflicts between directives and the contract may subsequently be addressed through the grievance procedure.

8.6 Failure by an employee or the Guild to comply with any time limitations of the procedure in this Article shall constitute withdrawal of the grievance. Failure by the City to comply with any time limits shall result in the Guild being able to progress to the next step of the grievance procedure.

8.7 For the purposes of this Article, the date of receipt by the Guild of a grievance step reply from the City shall be defined as the date it was hand delivered to the Guild president, vice president or secretary-treasurer or the date signed for on a return receipt for certified mail delivered to the business office of the Guild.

8.8 Property Interest Discipline Grievance

A. The burden of proof in disciplinary procedures shall be upon the City.

B. Where an appointing authority or their designee imposes or intends to impose property level discipline a preliminary notice of discipline shall be given to the employee. This preliminary notice of discipline shall contain (a) charges; (b) general description of the alleged acts and/or conduct upon which the charge is based and (c) the penalty to be imposed. A copy of the preliminary notice of discipline shall be concurrently provided to the local Union office. Upon request of the Union, the City shall provide a complete copy of the investigation files in advance of any Loudermill hearing requested in advance of issuing the formal discipline. The Union may also request a meeting to review the investigation file with the City's investigator.

ARTICLE 9 - CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATES OF PAY

9.1 The job titles of employees covered under this Agreement and the corresponding rates of pay are set forth in Appendix A which is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.

9.1.1 A. Effective January 4, 2023 employees covered by this agreement will receive a base wage increase of five percent (5%).

Employees will receive the following market adjustment effective January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 (Reflected in Appendix A):

TITLE	Mkt Adj Step 1	Mkt Adj Step 2	Mkt Adj Step 3	Mkt Adj Step 4	Mkt Adj Step 5
911 Emerg Comm Anly	\$0.84	\$0.88	\$0.91	\$0.94	\$0.98
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher I	\$0.63	\$0.65	\$0.67	\$0.70	\$0.73
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher II	\$0.73	\$0.76	\$0.78	\$0.81	\$0.84
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher III	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.88	\$0.91	\$0.95
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher Supv	\$0.95	\$0.99	\$1.02	\$1.06	\$1.10

B. Effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 employees covered by this agreement will receive a base wage increase of four and one half percent (4.5%).

Employees will receive the following market adjustment effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 (Reflected in Appendix A):

TITLE	Mkt Adj Step 1	Mkt Adj Step 2	Mkt Adj Step 3	Mkt Adj Step 4	Mkt Adj Step 5
911 Emerg Comm Anly	\$1.18	\$1.23	\$1.27	\$1.32	\$1.37
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher I	\$1.25	\$1.30	\$1.34	\$1.40	\$1.45
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher II	\$1.02	\$1.06	\$1.10	\$1.14	\$1.18
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher III	\$1.14	\$1.18	\$1.23	\$1.28	\$1.33
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher Supv	\$1.33	\$1.38	\$1.43	\$1.49	\$1.55

C. Effective January 4, 2025, wages will be increased 100% of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2021 through June 2022 to the period June 2023 through June 2024, minimum 2%, maximum 4%.

Employees will receive the following market adjustment effective January 4<sup>th</sup> 2025(Reflected in Appendix A):

TITLE	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
911 Emerg Comm Anly	\$1.35	\$1.40	\$1.46	\$1.51	\$1.57
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher I	\$0.63	\$0.65	\$0.67	\$0.70	\$0.73
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher II	\$1.16	\$1.21	\$1.26	\$1.30	\$1.35
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher III	\$1.30	\$1.35	\$1.40	\$1.46	\$1.52
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher Supv	\$1.52	\$1.58	\$1.64	\$1.70	\$1.77

D. Effective January 10, 2026, employees base wages will be increased one hundred percent (100%) of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2023 through June 2024 to the period June 2024 through June 2025. However, this percentage increase shall not be less than two percent (2%) nor shall it exceed four percent (4.0%). After calculating new base wage for 2026 using the formula above, the base wage will have an additional one-point-zero-percent (1.0%) added, the total not to exceed five percent (5%).

E. Employees will pay the employee portion of the required premium [listed as the WA Paid Family Leave Tax and the WA Paid Medical Leave Tax on an employee’s paystub] of the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Program effective December 25, 2019

9.2 Correction of Payroll Errors - In the event it is determined there has been an error in an employee’s paycheck, an underpayment shall be corrected within two pay periods; and upon written notice, an overpayment shall be corrected as follows:

- A. If the overpayment involved only one paycheck;
  - 1. By payroll deductions spread over two pay periods; or
  - 2. By payments from the employee spread over two pay periods.
  
- B. If the overpayment involved multiple paychecks, by a prepayment schedule through payroll deduction not to exceed twenty-six (26) pay periods in duration, with a minimum payroll deduction of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) per pay period.
  
- C. If an employee separates from the City service before an overpayment is



repaid, any remaining amount due the City will be deducted from their final paycheck(s).

D. By other means as may be mutually agreed between the City and the employee. The Guild Representative may participate in this process at the request of the involved employee. All parties will communicate/cooperate in resolving these issues.

9.3 Upon initial appointment of a new employee to a Dispatcher I position, management has the right to place the employee at any step on the Dispatcher I pay scale. Upon initial appointment of a new employee to a Dispatcher II position and by mutual agreement of the parties, management may place the employee at any step on the Dispatcher II pay scale. Provided: if the new employee is eligible for consideration under Article 19.6 of this Agreement, the provisions of Article 19.6 will prevail.

Upon promotion of a radio trained Dispatcher I to a Dispatcher II position and by mutual agreement of the parties, management may place the employee at an accelerated step on the Dispatcher II pay scale. Provided: no newly promoted Dispatcher II shall be placed at a higher step than any incumbent Dispatcher II without raising any such incumbent Dispatcher II to that higher step.

ARTICLE 10 - HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME  
AND OUT-OF-CLASSIFICATION PAY

- 10.1 Hours of Duty - The work week for members affected by this Agreement shall be the equivalent of forty (40) hours per week on an annualized basis. The workday shall be eight (8) hours a day including mealtime and breaks. The schedule for employees in the Communications Section shall be five (5) consecutive days worked, followed by two (2) consecutive days off; followed by five (5) consecutive days worked, followed by three (3) consecutive days off. The extra furlough days needed to accomplish this scheduling are generated by the following method: the twelve (12) City holidays are converted to (18) extra furloughs; added to that total is the number of weekend days (Saturdays and Sundays) in the calendar year. The three-day furlough pattern will be adjusted to a two-day furlough pattern by the Director of Deputy Director or their designee whenever necessary in order to arrive at the appropriate total furlough days per year. At the discretion of the Deputy Director, employees may substitute earned time off to make up for any furlough shortage so as to retain their normal pattern of 5-2, 5-3. Earned time off (discretionary time) to make up for any furlough shortage will not be counted toward the rule of 3 and proper notations on the watch boards will separately identify discretionary time off for any furlough shortage and the rule of 3. These adjustments and employee commitments to use accumulated discretionary time, in lieu of canceling furloughs, must be done at the beginning of the year, before vacation scheduling. Any other instances where there is a need to adjust furloughs, that is, take backs, will be at the discretion of the Director. Any change to this workweek must be agreed to by the Seattle CARE Department management and the Guild.
- 10.2 Effective January 1, 2025 The work week for members affected by this Agreement shall be the equivalent of forty (40) hours per week on an annualized basis. The workday shall be eight (8) hours a day including mealtime and breaks. The schedule for employees in the Communications Section shall be five (5) consecutive days worked, followed by two (2) consecutive days off; followed by five (5) consecutive days worked, followed by three (3) consecutive days off. The extra furlough days needed to accomplish this scheduling are generated by the following method: the twelve (14) City holidays are converted to (19) extra furloughs; added to that total is the number of weekend days (Saturdays and Sundays) in the calendar year. The three-day furlough pattern will be adjusted to a two-day furlough pattern by the Director of Deputy Director or their designee whenever necessary in order to arrive at the appropriate total furlough days per year. At the discretion of the Deputy Director, employees may substitute earned time off to make up for any furlough shortage so as to retain their normal pattern of 5-2, 5-3. Earned time off (discretionary time) to make up for any furlough shortage will not be counted toward the rule of 3 and proper notations on the watch boards

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10.2.1 Shift Schedules:

1 <sup>st</sup> Watch	2300-0700 hours	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Watch	0700-1500 hours	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Watch	1500-2300 hours	4 <sup>th</sup>
Watch	1900-0300 hours	5 <sup>th</sup>
Watch	1100-1900 hours	

10.2.2 Supervisor Shift Schedules

1 <sup>st</sup> Watch	2200-0600
2 <sup>nd</sup> Watch	0600-1400
3 <sup>rd</sup> Watch	1400-2200

10.2.3 SDG members shall take breaks in a manner consistent with provisions of the Washington Administrative Code and City Personnel Rules. Specifically, employees shall not “bunch” their breaks and leave prior to the end of the scheduled shift extension.

10.2.4 All hours worked in excess of eight (8) in one (1) day, all hours worked on a scheduled furlough day and all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week shall be considered as overtime. All paid leave shall be calculated as "hours worked" toward the overtime threshold. Such overtime shall be either paid for at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular straight time rate of pay or compensated for by compensatory time off at a rate of one and one-half (1½) times the overtime hours worked. Compensation in the form of compensatory time must be agreeable to both the affected employee and the City.

10.2.5 Overtime will be assigned using 2.011 Overtime Pilot Project, dated 7/1/2023. The Parties agree to work colabativly to review, amend and update the policy through the labor management committee. The Goal will be to finalize the process.

Employees who work more than five (5) consecutive days as a result of a change in shift schedule or management canceling their scheduled time-off, shall be compensated at the rate of time-and-one-half for those hours worked on the days in excess of five (5). At the employee’s option, this compensation will be in the form of pay or compensatory time, in compliance with Section 10.4.

During any quarterly shift change, if an employee is required to do a turnaround between shifts of eight (8) hours or less, the employee shall be granted paid leave time from the employee's leave bank, excluding sick leave, to ensure a minimum of eight (8) hours off.

10.2.6 Employees who as a result of a change in shifts work more than eight (8) consecutive hours will be compensated at the rate of time-and-one-half for those additional consecutive hours worked in excess of eight (8). Compensation in the form of compensatory time must be agreeable to both the affected employee and the City.

10.2.7 Scheduling Changes

Definitions: For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall apply:  
Work Schedule – This is an employee's assigned workdays, work shift, and days off.

Workday – This is an employee's assigned day(s) of work.

Work Shift – This is an employee's assigned hours of work in a workday.

Days Off – This is an employee's assigned non-working days.

Extended Notice Work Schedule Change: At least fourteen (14) calendar days' advance notification shall be afforded affected employees when work schedule changes lasting longer than thirty (30) calendar days are required by the City. The fourteen (14) calendar day advance notice may be waived by mutual agreement of the employee and management, with notice to the Union.

Short Notice Work Schedule Change: At least forty-eight (48) hours advance notification shall be afforded affected employees when work schedule changes lasting less than thirty (30) calendar days are required by the City. In instances where forty-eight (48) hours advance notification is not provided to an employee, said employee shall be compensated at the overtime rate of pay for the first work shift worked under the new schedule.

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10.2.8 Employees ordered to work overtime which is not an extension of duty at the beginning or end of a normal shift shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours at the rate of time and one-half. This includes court appearances and any meetings called by the City which require the attendance of the employee.

10.2.9 An employee shall be entitled to extraordinary overtime, as provided by SMC 4.20.230, only under the following circumstances:

The Mayor has issued an Emergency Proclamation; and

The Communications Director has determined that continuing to maintain the emergency status of Communications Section personnel is necessary to respond to the emergency; and

The employee has been assigned overtime to provide additional staff beyond normal levels to meet the emergency. For example: if eighteen (18) employees is normal staffing for a given shift and because of the emergency, the Communications Director determines that twenty (20) employees are needed, the two (2) employees assigned overtime to fill positions nineteen (19) and twenty (20) would receive extraordinary overtime compensation. Under the same scenario, if only sixteen (16) employees reported for the shift, the two (2) employees assigned to fill positions seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) would receive time and one-half overtime.

An employee who is required by the City to work mandatory overtime will be compensated by compensatory time if the employee so chooses, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.4.

10.3 The maximum balance of compensatory time which an employee may accumulate will be thirty-two (32) hours. Employees will not knowingly apply for compensatory time when that application would exceed the thirty-two (32) hour limit. Employees cannot earn more than 176 hours of comp time per year in accordance with personnel rule 3.6.5.C.

Effective January 1, 2025 The maximum balance of compensatory time which an employee may accumulate will be thirty-two (32) hours. Employees will not knowingly apply for compensatory time when that application would exceed thirty-two (32) hour limit. Employees cannot earn more than 168 hours of comp time per year in accordance with personnel rule 3.6.5.C.

Effective January 1, 2026 The maximum balance of compensatory time which an employee may accumulate will be thirty-two (32) hours. Employees will not knowingly apply for compensatory time when that application would exceed the thirty-two (32) hour limit. Employees cannot earn more than 160 hours of comp time per year in accordance with personnel rule 3.6.5.C.

When overtime assignments are necessitated because of a shortage of bargaining unit members, bargaining unit members will be granted voluntary overtime or assigned mandatory overtime to rectify the staffing shortage. An employee shall be paid twenty dollars (\$20.00) compensation for a meal when specifically directed by the City to work two (2) hours or longer before and/or after working a normal shift of at least eight (8) hours or to work two (2) hours or longer before or after working a shift of at least eight (8) hours when called in to work on a furlough day.

An employee shall not be limited to a single meal allowance in a day, as listed in the examples below:

Employee A works their regular scheduled shift of 0700-1500 and in addition works overtime from 1500-1900. Employee A is paid one (1) meal allowance.

Employee B works their regular scheduled shift of 1500-2300 and in addition works overtime from 1100-1500 and 2300-0300. Employee B is paid two (2) meal allowances.

Employee C works their regular scheduled shift of 1500-2300 and in addition works overtime from 2300-0300 and 0300-0700. Employee C is paid two (2) meal allowances.

Employee D works overtime for 1500-2300 on a furlough. Employee D is not paid a meal allowance.

Employee E works twelve (12) hours of overtime on a furlough. Employee E is paid one (1) meal allowance.

Employee F works sixteen (16) hours of overtime on a furlough. Employee F is paid two (2) meal allowances.

Any mandatory training overtime of three hours or more that does not include all classes of employees will be considered mandatory overtime for the purpose of earning mandatory credits/hours.

“Voluntary overtime” is overtime that is assigned by a Supervisor to employees who volunteer for the work.

“Mandatory overtime” is overtime that is assigned by a Supervisor in the absence of employees volunteering for the work and mandatory training overtime of three hours or more that does not include all classes of employees.

“Voluntary mandatory overtime” is shift extension overtime that is assigned by a Supervisor one day or less in advance that would be a mandatory overtime assignment, if an employee did not volunteer for the assignment.

“Under normal circumstances” does not refer to serious, weather, unusual occurrences, disasters or anything else that specifically cannot be planned for in advance. Sick leave, holidays and planned special events are considered under normal conditions.

Supervisors are subject to mandatory overtime at the supervisor position per the terms of this agreement. A supervisor has priority in working any overtime at the supervisor position.

10.3.1 Whenever a bargaining unit member is assigned by proper authority to perform all of the duties and accept all of the responsibility of an employee at a higher paid classification within the bargaining unit for a period of four (4) consecutive hours or longer in a given work shift, the employee shall be paid at the rate established for such classification at a step which is closest to a 4% increase while performing such duties and accepting such responsibility; provided, compensation for Dispatcher IIIs working out of classification as the Radio Supervisor shall be paid at a step closest to a 4% increase above the Dispatcher III step wage rate they are entitled. Provided further, employees eligible for such pay under this provision shall be limited to those who have fulfilled all departmental training requirements and promotional criteria. Such assignments shall normally be made for periods of not less than four (4) consecutive hours. Proper authority shall be the CARE Deputy Director or designee. Any sick leave taken in lieu of working a scheduled out-of-class assignment must be paid at the same rate as the out-of-class assignment. Such paid sick leave shall count towards salary step placement for the out-of-class assignment or in the event of a regular appointment to the out-of-class title within 12 months of the out-of-class assignment.

10.4.1 Whenever a Dispatcher III is assigned by proper authority to perform all of the non-sworn duties and accept all of the non-sworn responsibility of an employee at a higher paid classification as an Acting Supervisor for a period of four (4) consecutive hours or longer, their shall be paid at a step closest to a 4% increase above the step wage rate they are entitled to while performing such duties and accepting such responsibility. Proper authority shall be the Director of CARE.

10.4.2 An employee temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a lower classification for the benefit of the employee and voluntarily agreed to by the employee shall be paid at the rate of the lower classification which is nearest the salary rate the employee is currently receiving in the higher classification. Upon completion of this temporary assignment, the employee shall be returned to their previous classification and pay step. For the purposes of yearly pay step increases, time spent in the lower classification will count as continuous time worked within the normal classification. An employee temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a lower classification by management shall be paid at their normal rate.

#### 10.4.3 Dispatcher II's Trained for Radio Supervisor\_Duties

1. The trained DII's will be assigned to work as an acting Radio Supervisor at least 16 hours per month in order to maintain that skill set.
2. Scheduling will be coordinated in a manner that allows both Dispatcher III's and trained Dispatcher II's to work at least 16 hours per month as acting Radio Supervisor. Scheduling of DII's and DIII's skill maintenance assignments will be made at the beginning of the month by the supervisor. If by necessity the DII's and DIII's work additional assignments at the Radio Supervisor position their skill maintenance assignments will not be adjusted.
3. Radio Supervisor who are working will not "bump" any Dispatcher II or III who is assigned to a skill maintenance tour at the Radio Supervisor console.
4. Once trained, these Dispatcher II's would be eligible to volunteer for overtime that requires a Dispatcher III or Radio Supervisor duties and would be subject to mandatory overtime assignments requiring a Dispatcher III or Radio Supervisor duties.
5. Dispatcher II's working out of class will be paid at a step closest to a 4% increase above the Dispatcher III step wage rate they are entitled. Out of class assignments must be of four hours duration or longer to be paid at the higher rate. Dispatcher II's performing duties of Dispatcher III will be paid out of class as a Dispatcher III when relieving Radio Supervisor unless the relief period is four or more continuous hours. Radio relief assignments involving any relief of the Radio Supervisor will be paid Dispatcher III pay for the entire period of the radio relief assignment. Assignments of four or more hours as Radio Supervisor will be paid at the bottom step Radio Supervisor pay.
6. Relief of the Radio Supervisor while assigned as radio relief will not count toward the 16 hours of skill maintenance.



10.5.1 The City agrees to impact bargain the impacts of new promotional guidelines

10.5.2 Job Shares:

A. General job share conditions

1. Two (2) Dispatcher I FTE's will be designated for job share eligibility and will be shared equally by two employees for each FTE who are in the Dispatcher I classification. One Dispatcher II FTE will be designated for job share eligibility and will be shared equally by two employees who are in the Dispatcher II classification. The participating employees must be regular status (non-probationary) employees of the Communications Section and be fully qualified to perform the duties of the position.
2. The employees who share the designated FTE will select their shifts in alternating order, the senior of the two making the 1st choice, the junior making the 2nd choice and so on and will work a regular 5/2, 5/3 rotating schedule.
3. Section seniority will be used to determine which two employees will be allowed to share the designated job share positions. It is understood that only qualified employees who request to share the positions will be considered. Each time a designated job share position becomes available, the City will announce the availability of the position to all SPDG members.
4. If at any point during the period an employee in any of the job share positions voluntarily returns to full-time status or separates (e.g., resigns, quits, transfers, retires, or is dismissed) as participant in any of the designated job share positions in the Communications Section, the remaining employee in the job share position must return to full-time status in the position, unless the Director determines that another acceptable job share arrangement can be made. If the remaining employee refuses to return to full-time status, the Department may consider this refusal as just cause for termination. Under no circumstances may this employee bump another job share participant out of their designated job share position.
5. Job sharing will not preclude the opportunity for promotion. If an employee in the job share position is promoted, the remaining employee must return to full-time status, unless the Director determines that another job share arrangement can be made. If the remaining employee refuses to return to full-time status, the Department may consider this refusal as just cause for termination.

6. Upon commitment to the job-sharing partnerships, the participating employees agree that the Department has no obligation to facilitate a mid-year change in their status or to re-employ on a full-time, permanent basis of the employees who are job sharing a position, regardless of the circumstances.
7. If at any point during the job share arrangements an assigned employee becomes unable to perform the essential functions of their position for greater than thirty days, the remaining employee must revert to full-time status for the duration of the incapacity at the discretion of the Director. The employer is required to provide one pay period advance notice in this instance. Refusal to comply with this provision nullifies the job share arrangement and is not subject to appeal to the Civil Service Commission and is not grievable.
8. The Director has the sole authority to administer the job share program as the employee deems appropriate, provided that the employee does not violate the terms of this article and the current collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Guild.
9. The Department retains discretion to discontinue or suspend the job share program or any given job share arrangement for a legitimate business reason.
  - a. The Department shall provide affected employees with 30 days' notice of such discontinuation or suspension.
  - b. The Department will also take all practicable steps to preserve an affected employee's pre-scheduled vacation plus regular days off that occur directly before or after the vacation time, so that the continuous period of planned absence is maintained and/or meet with the Guild and affected employee(s) to address any impacts associated with suspension of the job share.

B. Hours of work and overtime

1. Each job share participant will be on pay status, one week on, of forty (40) hours, and one week off, sharing a regular 5/2, 5/3 rotating schedule.
2. Job share participants shall be the last to be assigned volunteer overtime. Job share participants are restricted from scheduling less than 10 days off except within 30 days, except with the approval of the Director of Communications.

3. Job share participants can only work overtime during the week they are scheduled to work. Only one job share employee can work overtime on any given furlough. Job share participants are limited to thirty (30) blocks of overtime per calendar quarter (120 hours).

C. Benefits

1. Regular benefits will be provided by the job share participants participating in the job share programs in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement with the Guild, City ordinance and Personnel Rules as applicable, including the following:
  - a. Each job share participant must be on regular pay status for a minimum of eighty (80) hours each month in order to be eligible to receive benefits on an annualized basis.
  - b. Sick leave and vacation leave shall be accrued according to the number of hours worked, per the collective bargaining agreement with the Guild. Bereavement leave and emergency leave will be applied as provided in the collective bargaining agreement with the Guild.

## ARTICLE 11 - HOLIDAYS

- 11.1 City holidays, as defined and determined by Ordinance 105961, will not be applicable to Guild members. The Guild agrees to forfeit all holidays and the corresponding premium pay for holidays worked in exchange for (19) additional furlough days per year under a five (5) days worked, two (2) days off; five (5) days worked, three (3) days off schedule.
- 11.2 Employees who have completed eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty (18,720) hours or more on regular pay status on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year shall receive an additional two (2) personal furloughs per year.

ARTICLE 12 - HEALTH CARE, DENTAL CARE, LIFE INSURANCE LONG-TERM  
DISABILITY INSURANCE AND LONG-TERM CARE

- 12.1 The City shall provide medical, dental, and vision plans (with Kaiser Standard, Kaiser Deductible, Aetna Traditional, Aetna Preventive, and Delta Dental of Washington as self-insured plans, and Dental Health Services and Vision Services Plan) for all regular employees (and eligible dependents) represented by unions that are a party to the Memorandum of Agreement established to govern the plans. The selection, addition and/or elimination of medical, dental and vision benefit plans, and changes to such plans including, but not limited to, changes in benefit levels, co-pays and premiums, shall be established through the Labor- Management Health Care Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement established to govern the functioning of said Committee.
- 12.1.1 The parties agree to continue the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement previously established by the parties in 2007 to govern the Joint Labor-Management Health Care Committee process (which shall be attached hereto as Appendix D and by reference is incorporated herein) as follows:
- a) The City shall pay up to one hundred seven percent (107%) of the City's previous year's costs to the extent required to cover increases in the total health care costs for a given program year (e.g. 2019, 2020 or 2021);
  - b) The RSF shall be utilized for any given program year until it is exhausted to cover costs in excess of the City's obligation identified in 1, above;
  - c) After the RSF has been exhausted, additional costs shall be shared by the City paying eighty-five percent (85%) of the excess costs and employees paying fifteen percent (15%) of the excess costs;
  - d) Intent: Plan designs are to be maintained during this Contract, not to be diminished. The respective health care plan benefit designs may only be modified by the Health Care Committee for either contract year by the written, mutual agreement of the parties (Coalition of City Unions and the City);
  - e) Intent: Should the parties agree to reduce premium costs, the reduction would apply to City as well as employee premiums. Use of resources from the RSF during either contract year to reduce projected increase in health care costs that exceed the resources provided through 1, above, shall be authorized only if applied to the total, annual premiums of the respective health care plan(s); and
  - f) No decision by the Health Care Committee shall be permitted that modifies the established percentages established in c), above.

12.2 Employees who retire and are under the age of 65 shall be eligible to enroll in retiree medical plans that are experience-rated with active employees.

12.3 Life Insurance - The City shall offer a voluntary Group Term Life Insurance option to eligible employees. The employee shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the monthly premium and the City shall pay forty percent (40%) of the monthly premium at a premium rate established by the City and the carrier. Premium rebates received by the City from the voluntary Group Term Life Insurance option shall be administered as follows:

(a) Commencing with the signing of this Agreement, future premium rebates shall be divided so that forty percent (40%) can be used by the City to pay for the City's share of the monthly premiums, and sixty percent (60%) shall be used for benefit of employees participating in the Group Term Life Insurance Plan in terms of benefit improvements, to pay the employees share of the monthly premiums or for life insurance purposes otherwise negotiated.

(b) Whenever the Group Term Life Insurance Fund contains substantial rebate monies which are earmarked pursuant to Section 12.2 above to be applied to the benefit of employees participating in the Group Term Life Insurance Plan, the City shall notify the Guild of that fact and the parties shall immediately thereafter negotiate over how said money shall be utilized.

12.3.1 The City will offer an option for employees to purchase additional life insurance coverage for themselves and/or their families.

12.4 Long-Term Disability - The City will provide a Long-Term Disability Insurance (LTD) program for all eligible employees for occupational and non-occupational accidents or illnesses. The City will pay the full monthly premium cost of a Base Plan with a 90-day elimination period, which insures 60% of the employee's first \$667 base monthly wage. Employees may purchase through payroll deduction, an optional Buy-Up Plan with a 90-day elimination period, which insures 60% for the remainder of the employee's base monthly wage (up to a maximum \$8,333 per month). Benefits may be reduced by the employee's income from other sources as set forth in the Plan Description. The provisions of the plan shall be further and more fully defined in the Plan Description issued by the Standard Insurance Company.

During the term of this Agreement, the City may, at its discretion change or eliminate the insurance carrier for any of the long-term disability benefits covered by this Section and provide an alternative plan either through self-insurance or another insurance carrier, however, the long-term disability benefit level shall remain substantially the same.

The maximum monthly premium cost to the City shall be no more than the monthly premium rates established for calendar year 2004, for the Base Plan, but not to exceed the maximum limitation on the City's premium obligation per calendar year as set forth within this Section.

- 12.5 Long-Term Care - The City may offer an option for employees to purchase a new long-term care benefit for themselves and certain family members.

## ARTICLE 13 - ANNUAL VACATIONS AND SHIFT SELECTIONS

- 13.1 Annual vacations with pay shall be granted to eligible employees computed at the rate shown in Section 13.3 for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not to exceed eighty (80) hours per pay period.
- 13.2 "Regular pay status" is defined as regular straight-time hours of work plus paid time off such as vacation time, holiday time off and sick leave. At the discretion of the Employer, up to one hundred and sixty (160) hours per calendar year of unpaid leave of absence may be included as service for purposes of accruing vacation.
- 13.3 The vacation accrual rate shall be determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Column No. 1. Column No. 2 depicts the corresponding equivalent annual vacation for a regular full-time employee. Column No. 3 depicts the maximum number of vacation hours that can be accrued and accumulated by an employee at any time.
- 13.4 An employee who is eligible for vacation benefits shall accrue vacation from the date of entering City service or the date upon which the employee became eligible and may accumulate a vacation balance which shall never exceed at any time two (2) times the number of annual vacation hours for which the employee is currently eligible. Accrual and accumulation of vacation time shall cease at the time an employee's vacation balance reaches the maximum balance allowed and shall not resume until the employee's vacation balance is below the maximum allowed.
- 13.5 Employees may, with Employer approval, use accumulated vacation with pay after completing one thousand forty (1040) hours on regular pay status. Effective December 25, 2019, the requirement that the employee must complete one thousand forty (1040) hours on regular pay status prior to using vacation leave shall end.
- 13.6 In the event that the Employer cancels an employee's already scheduled and approved vacation leaving no time to reschedule such vacation before the employee's maximum balance will be reached, the employee's vacation balance will be permitted to exceed the allowable maximum, and the employee will continue to accrue vacation for a period of up to three months if such exception is approved by both the Chief of CARE and the Seattle Human Resources Director in order to allow rescheduling of the employee's vacation. In such cases the Chief of CARE shall provide the Seattle Human Resources Director with the circumstances and reasons leading to the need for such an extension. No extension of this grace period will be allowed.



<u>COLUMN NO. 1</u> <u>ACCRUAL RATE</u>		<u>COLUMN NO. 2</u> <u>EQUIVALENT ANNUAL</u> <u>VACATION</u> <u>FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE</u>			<u>COLUMN NO. 3</u> <u>MAXIMUM</u> <u>VACATION</u> <u>BALANCE</u>
Hours on Regular Pay Status	Vacation Earned Per Hour	Years of Service	Working Days Per Year	Working Hours Per Year	Maximum Hours
0 through 08320 .....	.0460	0 through 4 .....	12	(96)	192
08321 through 18720 .....	.0577	5 through 9 .....	15	(120)	240
18721 through 29120 .....	.0615	10 through 14 .....	16	(128)	256
29121 through 39520 .....	.0692	15 through 19 .....	18	(144)	288
39521 through 41600 .....	.0769	20 .....	20	(160)	320
41601 through 43680 .....	.0807	21 .....	21	(168)	336
43681 through 45760 .....	.0846	22 .....	22	(176)	352
45761 through 47840 .....	.0885	23 .....	23	(184)	368
47841 through 49920 .....	.0923	24 .....	24	(192)	384
49921 through 52000 .....	.0961	25 .....	25	(200)	400
52001 through 54080 .....	.1000	26 .....	26	(208)	416
54081 through 56160 .....	.1038	27 .....	27	(216)	432
56161 through 58240 .....	.1076	28 .....	28	(224)	448
58241 through 60320 .....	.1115	29 .....	29	(232)	464
60321 and over .....	.1153	30 .....	30	(240)	480

Effective January 1, 2024, or sixty (60) calendar days after full ratification of this replacement contract, whichever is later, the vacation accrual table will be as follows on a going-forward basis:

Accrual Years/Hours	Vacation Days	Hours per Year	Maximum Hours
Year 1-3 / 0-6,240	12	96	192
Year 4-7 / 6,241-14,560	16	128	256
Year 8-13 / 14,561-27,040	20	160	320
Year 14-18 / 27,041-37,440	23	184	368
Year 19 / 37,440 -39,520	24	192	384
Year 20 / 39,521-41,600	25	200	400
Year 21 / 41,601 – 43,680	26	208	416
Year 22 / 43,681 – 45,760	27	216	432
Year 23 / 45,761 – 47,840	28	224	448
Year 24 / 47,841 – 49,920	29	232	464
Year 25+ - 49,921+	30	240	480

- 13.7 "Service year" is defined as the period of time between an employee's date of hire and the one-year anniversary date of the employee's date of hire or the period of time between any two consecutive anniversaries of the employee's date of hire thereafter.
- 13.8 The minimum vacation allowance to be taken by an employee shall be one (15) minutes
- 13.9 An employee who separates shall be paid in a lump sum for any unused vacation the employee has accrued.

- 13.10 Upon the death of an employee in active service, pay shall be allowed for any vacation earned in the preceding year and in the current year and not taken prior to the death of such employee.
- 13.11 An employee granted an extended leave of absence which includes the next succeeding calendar year shall be paid in a lump sum for any unused vacation the employee has previously accrued or, at the Employer's option, the employee shall be required to exhaust such vacation time before being separated from the payroll.
- 13.12 Where an employee has exhausted their sick leave balance, the employee may use vacation for further leave for medical reasons only with prior approval of the Chief of CARE.
- 13.13 The Chief of CARE shall arrange vacation time for employees on such schedules as will least interfere with the functions of the department but which follow the procedures set forth in Section 13.14 to the greatest degree feasible. Any exceptions to the procedures set forth in Section 13.14 shall be case-by-case, based upon exceptional circumstances.
- 13.14 On November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year all employees will submit vacation requests by written request for the following year. Requests will be submitted to the Operations Deputy Chief or designee and under normal conditions will be returned to the employee approved or disapproved by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year for the following year. Each written request will consist of the following and be completed by the Deputy Chief or designee in the following order.

Step 1

Supervisor requests of at least ten (10) consecutive days or more of paid leave and/or furlough time for the first quarter of the following year will be considered first by written request.

Step 2

All other requests of at least ten (10) consecutive days or more of paid leave and/or furlough time for the first quarter of the following year will be considered by written request. DIIIs vacation requests will be approved under the Rule of Two (2) unless doing so creates a furlough mandatory assignment.

Step 3

Supervisor requests of five or more days of paid leave and/or furlough time for the first quarter of the following year will be considered by written request.

Step 4

Requests for time off, regardless of the length of time for the first quarter of the following year, will be addressed next by written request.

#### Step 5

Supervisor requests of at least ten (10) consecutive days or more of paid leave and/or furlough time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the following year, with the exception of requests that include the Christmas Holiday, will be considered first by written request.

#### Step 6

All other requests of at least ten (10) consecutive days or more of paid leave and/or furlough time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the following year will be considered next by written request. DIII vacation requests will be approved under the Rule of 2 unless doing so creates a furlough mandatory assignment.

#### Step 7

Supervisor requests of five or more days of paid leave and/or furlough time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the following year will be considered by written request.

#### Step 8

Requests for time off, regardless of length of time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the following year will be considered next by written request.

Each step will start with the employee with the greatest section seniority and will continue through descending seniority.

Definition of Rule of Two (2): As a subset of the Rule of Three (3) (as detailed in Section 13.18), the Rule of Two (2) applies to Dispatcher IIIs and Supervisors. The Rule of 2 provides that a combination of at least two (2) employees per shift will be allowed to use discretionary time on days when minimum staffing is met unless it results in a mandatory furlough assignment.

Additional guidelines which apply:

- (1) A minimum of ten (10) consecutive calendar days constitutes a ten (10) day vacation. If when selecting these extended vacation periods, a day (or days) is not available because of minimum staffing requirements, a request will still be considered a valid ten- (10) day minimum request as long as every available day between the start and the end of the vacation period is scheduled with paid leave and/or furlough time.

For example, an employee selects July 1st through July 10th as their vacation period. Because of minimum staffing requirements, July 7th through July 10th are not available. As long as the employee uses furlough and/or paid leave for the remaining available days, the request is a valid ten- (10) day minimum request.

- (2) Requests for time off during either January/February/March or April-December periods received after the deadlines will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- (3) Once time off is approved, it is the responsibility of the employee to have sufficient paid leave available to fulfill the time off request as it was approved. If the employee does not have sufficient paid leave to take the entire scheduled time off, said time off may be canceled at the discretion of the Director and said employee forfeits seniority rights to that time now available.
- (4) A request for time off which begins in one calendar year and extends into the following year will be considered as one request, with standing over January/February/March time off requests made in the subsequent year.
- (5) A request for time off which begins in January/February/March and extends into April will be considered as one request, with standing over April - December time off requests in the upcoming year.
- (6) Under normal circumstances vacation requests will be processed based on the employee's written request. If the employee would like in-person contact they must request such contact in writing. Absent a request for in-person contact the administration will contact the employee via e-mail, telephone, or in person.
- (7) Employees will be notified if any day of their ten (10) or more days of vacation is not available for the 2nd through the 4th quarter so the employee can make another selection of an available date. Prior to the vacation request submission process, the administration will solicit contact information from all employees, which employees shall furnish one or more ways that they can be contacted, if necessary, during the vacation selection process. Employees are required to respond to the administration's notification, which utilizes the contact information supplied by the employee, within 24 hours of the administration's attempt to contact them. Failure to respond within 24 hours will result in the employee forgoing their seniority-based pick.
- (8) All approved vacation will be properly notated on the front and back of the watch boards regardless of when the time off was approved. All time off notations will include the date of the request, the date authorized and the initials of the Supervisor who approved the request.

13.15 The City agrees to honor previously approved vacation and other paid leave when an employee's promotion necessitates a change in schedule or when City-mandated schedule changes occur or for agreeable employees when the City asks for volunteers to change shifts/schedules.

13.16 If during the vacation granting process, a day(s) is not available, the employee shall be added to the Wait List as having priority for that day(s) should the time become available. Priority would be listed on a seniority basis, i.e., the most senior person wanting the day(s) would be marked as having "1st choice," the next senior person "2nd choice," etc.

(1) If the employee is mandatorily assigned to another watch which has a "wait" list for the same day(s), they (or the employee) will be added to the "wait" list by seniority.

(2) If the employee voluntarily switches to another watch which has a "wait" list for the same day(s), the other employee(s) on the list will prevail and the re-assigned employee will drop to the "last choice" position.

(3) In the event a shift becomes unavailable for discretionary time-off due to minimum staffing, the administration shall maintain a wait list of no more than three employees who have requested that shift off.

This same system will be used after the vacation process is completed, however it will be on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to seniority. DIII, and Supervisor vacation requests will be approved under the Rule of 2 unless doing so creates a furlough mandatory assignment.

13.17 Shift Selection, definitions, procedures, shift trades and other issues.

A. Definitions

1. "Seniority" refers to tenure achieved based upon the length of civilian service of a Guild member in the CARE as provided by sections 19.6 and 19.7 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Guild and the City.

2. "Classification" refers to the job titles of Dispatcher I, II, III and Supervisor.

3. "Vacancy" refers to an authorized position or pocket number, which is not currently filled by an employee.

4. "Primary trained Dispatcher I" refers to a Dispatcher I who has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of 911 call taker training.

5. "Radio trained Dispatcher I" refers to a Dispatcher I who has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of radio dispatch training.
6. "Medically directed shift exemption" refers to a waiver granted an employee who is temporarily unable to work the hours of their assigned shift because of a temporary medical condition. An employee granted this waiver will be reassigned to a shift the hours of which meets their needs as prescribed by the documentation submitted by their attending physician to the Seattle Human Resource Section. All medically directed shift exemption requests will be reviewed by the Seattle CARE Human Resources Section prior to implementation by the Communications Director.
7. "Prolonged absence" refers to an extended absence on a shift created by an employee(s) taking sick leave, military leave, Family Medical Leave or other protected leave under City, State or Federal law; leave for an industrial injury, unpaid leave of absence or on a medically directed shift exemption.
8. "Subject to a reasonable extension by the Department" refers to unanticipated delays in the process in contacting employees or a police "unusual occurrence" outside the control of the CARE department. Delays because of other administrative issues including but not limited to promotion of an employee participating in shift selection, separations in service or transfers are not permitted.

## B. Procedures

1. On September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Deputy Chief or designee, will begin the shift selection process for the upcoming year for all bargaining unit classifications. This process will be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>, subject to a reasonable extension at the request of the Department.
2. The shift selection process will be conducted in four (4) separate rounds. During the first round, the most senior dispatcher in each classification will select one shift, on one quarter, for the upcoming year, then each dispatcher in their respective classifications will, by descending seniority, make one selection for that round from the remaining shifts and quarters. This process will be repeated for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds, at which time all the positions for each classification will be filled. Personnel on leave during this time will be contacted in order of seniority for each round by the or designee.

3. Vacancies existing at the onset of the selection process will be given pre-assigned round selections by the Deputy Chief or designee for the upcoming year (ie. Q1, 2nd watch pick 1, Q2, 3rd watch pick 2, Q3 3rd watch pick 3). In selecting these shifts for the vacant positions, the Deputy Chief or designee will balance the needs of the Section (training, skill & experience levels, etc.) with the desires of the active employees.
4. The following special considerations will apply to Dispatcher I's during the shift selection process:
  - a. Only primary trained Dispatcher I's may select 1<sup>st</sup> Watch, 4<sup>th</sup> Watch and 5<sup>th</sup> Watch. Therefore, based on when their primary training is expected to be completed, the Deputy Chief or designee will determine in which quarter non-primary trained Dispatcher I's may begin selecting 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Watches. In addition, the Director reserves the right to assign all non-primary trained dispatchers to whichever watch necessary to equalize those numbers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Watches. Individual preferences will be considered when making these assignments. To clarify: for example, if a new dispatcher will not be primary trained until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, the Deputy Chief or designee will select the shifts to be assigned for the first two quarters (their first and second round picks), and the new dispatcher will be allowed to select by their seniority in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters (during the third and fourth rounds).
  - b. While specific positions for radio trained Dispatcher I's will not be designated on each watch, the Director reserves the right to make any assignment adjustments necessary to provide radio trained Dispatcher I's with adequate training time on radio and to maintain a reasonable balance of skill on each watch.
5. Employees promoted during the shift selection process will begin their selections from the current round forward from the date of promotion. The promoted employee will be assigned shifts to vacancies using the pre-assigned round selections by the Deputy Chief or designee (per section 13.17 B (3)).
6. All employees will go through the shift selection process under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement including those employees who may be scheduled to separate from service at some point after the shift selection process has begun or has been completed. However, "pending new hires" (applicants who have received an offer or employment but have not yet reported for their first day of work) shall not participate in shift selection until their official start date, and then with regard to their seniority, and in order with where the ongoing shift selection process is on that date. Shift selection for other employees shall

not be stalled, modified, delayed or altered in any way to accommodate new hires or pending new hires. Newly hired employee shall be considered eligible at 0700 hours on their hire date (first day of work).

C. Shift Trades

1. On October 1st or after the shift selection process has been completed, the Deputy Chief or designee will post a draft of the shift assignments for the upcoming year. At this time, anyone interested in a trade of shifts must submit a memo to the Deputy Chief or designee, stating the quarter and shift they were assigned and the shift they would like to have for that quarter should it become available. Trades among Dispatcher I's must be between persons of equal skill levels unless otherwise approved by the Director. All requests for shift trades will be posted on a list in the Deputy Chief or designee's office by quarter, shift, classification and Section seniority. These initial requests for shift trades must be submitted within 10 days after the draft of the shift assignments has been posted. Trades that can be made will be completed and the final shift assignment schedule for the upcoming year will be posted. Thereafter, any additional trade requests submitted will be posted on the same list, in order of receipt, without regard to seniority.
  
2. Mirror Image Trade Exception: In addition to the above trade procedure, trades between dispatchers and between supervisors of equal skill levels may be made for the same shifts for different quarters. Such trades must be requested by memo to the Deputy Chief or designee either immediately after the draft of the shift assignment schedule is posted or anytime during the year.

Example: Draft shift assignment schedule

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr</u>
Dispatcher A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Watch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Watch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Watch	1 <sup>st</sup> Watch
Dispatcher B	1 <sup>st</sup> Watch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Watch	4 <sup>th</sup> Watch	2 <sup>nd</sup> Watch

Dispatchers A and B, under this section may request to trade their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Watches during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. This type of trade or exchange would be allowed outside the regular trade process since neither dispatcher gains any new watches or preference advantage, but only the ability to trade with certain fellow dispatchers between quarters.

3. All shift trades must be approved by the Director prior to implementation.



4. Once shift trades have been completed and prior to vacation requests being submitted on November 1st, the Deputy Chief or designee will assign furlough pay backs and furlough lines for the following year. Employees have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to request discretionary time for furlough pay backs.

D. Other Issues

1. Whenever a promotion is made to the Dispatcher II, or III, the newly promoted employee will assume the shift schedule of the person they are replacing, provided:
  - a. When a promotion occurs within a quarter, the promoted employee will fill the vacated position's shift assignment for the remainder of that quarter.
  - b. If the promotion occurs in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the promoted employee can freeze two (2) quarters of their choice, once placed in the vacancy, during the new year.
  - c. If two (2) or three (3) full quarters are left in the year, the promoted employee can freeze one (1) quarter of their choice.
  - d. If only one (1) full quarter is left in the year, the promoted employee will fill the vacated position's shift assignment.
  - e. Any quarters not frozen by the promoted employee under sections (b) or (c) are available to current employees within those classifications, provided they have a trade request on record prior to the effective date of the promotion and are senior to the newly promoted employee and/or any others desiring the shift(s) in question. This "bumping" procedure is separate from the trade procedure previously listed under C. Shift Trades.
2. Whenever unanticipated vacancies, including prolonged absences, occur on any watch, overtime or promotion will be used to fulfill staffing needs. Provided, when vacancies/absences within a classification (Dispatcher I, II or Dispatcher III classifications combined) on a shift exceed one (1), the Director may transfer employees to correct the shortage within the respective classification. To clarify: For example, a shift could have vacant Dispatcher I, II and III positions; a total of three (3) vacancies. These vacancies would not cause an involuntary transfer of personnel. However, if a second Dispatcher II vacancy occurred, the Director could involuntarily transfer a Dispatcher II from another shift to fill this second vacancy. In a like application, if a second Dispatcher III vacancy occurred, the Director could involuntarily transfer a

Dispatcher III from another shift to fill the second vacancy.

- a. To correct staffing shortages beyond the above thresholds, the Director will first seek volunteers to transfer to the shift in question.
  - b. If involuntary transfers become necessary, those selected for involuntary transfer will be the least senior employees in the required classification who have not worked and are not scheduled to work the shift in question during the calendar year. In the event that all eligible employees have worked or are scheduled to work the shift in question, the least senior of the group will be assigned a second assignment on the shift. In similar applications, if all had worked or were scheduled to work the shift twice or three times, then the least senior of the group would be assigned a third or fourth tour on the shift.
  - c. Prior to implementation, the Director will notify the Guild in writing of the reasons for involuntary transfers and the names of the employees affected.
3. For employees who use a medically directed shift exemption:  
During the four quarters following the expiration of the exemption, the Director will reassign the employee to the shift they were originally exempted from up to the amount of time the exemption was active, provided: the reassignment will be used to (1) fill a vacancy/absence or (2) facilitate a shift trade request made pursuant to section C.1 above. If neither of these conditions applies, the employee will not be reassigned.
4. Any circumstance that may occur regarding mandatory topics related to shift selection, shift assignment and/or trading of shifts which is not specifically covered by this agreement will cause bargaining to commence to determine the proper action to be taken to remedy the situation.
5. Employees may request to transfer into a vacancy on their own shift for the purpose of changing furlough lines for any given quarter at the discretion of the Director of Communications. All requests will be made after the annual vacation selection process has been completed for the following year. If additional requests are submitted throughout the year they will be considered after the initial requests. Section seniority will be used for identical requests.

13.18 The rule of three allows a combination of at least three employees of the D1, D2, and/or D3 classifications per shift to use discretionary time on any available day. The rule of 3 will be granted with at least 60 hours of notice even if it will create mandatory overtime. The rule of three will be granted with any prior notice if it will not require a mandatory overtime assignment.

1. Discretionary time taken during furlough paybacks described in 10.1 will not count toward the rule of 3 threshold.
2. Available days do not include July 4<sup>th</sup>, Seafair Torchlight Parade, Halloween (when Halloween falls on Friday – Sunday) and New Year's Eve during the hours of 1500-0300 hours on each of these days, which are considered "no-days."
3. The Manager has the discretion to grant time off for exceptional circumstances on "no days" on a case by case basis.
4. The rule of three applies to Dispatcher 3's unless doing so creates overtime at the Radio Supervisor. Dispatcher II's trained as Dispatcher III's, Dispatcher III's, and Supervisors may be granted time off for any shift where minimum staffing is met when they are able to secure a volunteer of appropriate classification to work their shift. The employee who volunteers to cover a shift under this provision shall be responsible for the shift as if they were originally assigned to such shift. The agreement to cover the shift must be tentatively approved by the scheduling supervisor or designee, with final approval by Communications Center management or designee. An employee's failure to fulfill their obligations under the shift trade may result in discipline. Each employee covered by the provisions on this section may utilize this option for no more than thirty-two (32) hours per calendar quarter.

13.19 More than three employees per shift may be granted discretionary time off, if doing so does not place the shift below the minimum staffing level. When calculating the minimum staffing level for this purpose, only regularly assigned shift personnel are counted. If overtime is used to staff the shift one over the minimum staffing level, additional discretionary time off (beyond the rule of 3) should not be granted.

## ARTICLE 14 - SICK LEAVE, FUNERAL LEAVE AND EMERGENCY LEAVE

14.1 Sick Leave - Regular employees shall accumulate sick leave credit at the rate of .046 hours for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not to exceed forty (40) hours per week. If an employee's overall accrual rate falls below the accrual rate required by Chapter 14.16 (Paid Sick and Safe Time Law), the employee shall be credited with sick leave hours so that the employee's total sick leave earned per calendar year meets the minimum accrual requirements of Chapter 14.16. New employees entering City service shall not be entitled to use sick leave with pay during the first thirty (30) days of employment but shall accrue sick leave credits during such thirty (30) day period. An employee is authorized to use paid sick leave for hours that the employee was scheduled to have worked for the following reasons:

1. An absence resulting from an employee's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; to accommodate the employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, or preventive care; or as otherwise required by SMC Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210; or
2. To allow the employee to provide care for an eligible family member as defined by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.24.005 with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or care for a family member who needs preventative medical care, or as otherwise required by SMC Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210; or
3. When the employee's place of business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related reason, or when an employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for such reason, or as otherwise required by Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210.
5. Absences that qualify for leave under the Domestic Violence Leave Act, chapter 49.76 RCW.
6. The non-medical care of a newborn child of the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner; or
7. The non-medical care of a dependent child placed with the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner for purposes of adoption, including any time away from work prior to or following placement of the child to satisfy legal or regulatory requirements for the adoption.

Sick leave used for the purposes contemplated by Article 14.1, paragraphs 5 and 6 (above) must end before the first anniversary of the child's birth or placement.

- 14.1.1 Abuse of paid sick leave or use of paid sick leave not for an authorized purpose result in denial of sick leave payment and/or discipline up to and including dismissal. The City agrees to abide by Ordinance 123698, as amended, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 14.1.2 Unlimited sick leave credit may be accumulated.
- 14.1.3 Employees covered by this Agreement shall either receive a cash payment or cash out sick leave upon retirement into a VEBA trust fund, as designated by the Guild on an annual basis, to pay health insurance premiums or other legally authorized healthcare costs for eligible future retirees and dependents at the following rates:
  - A. Accumulated sick leave hours between 0 and 400 shall be cashed out at 25% if the Guild designates cash payment and at 35% if the Guild designates cash payment into a VEBA trust fund, per terms of Appendix B;
  - B. Accumulated sick leave hours between 401 and 800 shall be cashed out at 50%;
  - C. Accumulated sick leave hours above 800 shall be cashed out at 75%.

14.3.1 1. ACTIVE VEBA

Contributions from Employee Wages (all regular employees who are part of the bargaining unit)

Each bargaining unit will conduct a vote for all regular employees, as defined in the City’s employer personnel manual, to determine whether to participate in a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) for active employees to participate in an Active VEBA. Once they begin participating in the VEBA, employees may file claims for eligible expenses as provided under the terms of the VEBA.

If the bargaining unit votes to require VEBA contributions from employee wages, then all members of the bargaining unit will, as elected by the bargaining unit as to all of its members, make a mandatory employee contribution of one of the amounts listed below into the VEBA while employed by the City:

- 1. \$25 per month, or
- 2. \$50 per month

## 2. ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The City assumes no responsibility for the tax or other consequences of any VEBA contributions made by or on behalf of any member for either the active or post-retirement options. Each union that elects to require VEBA contributions for the benefit of its members assumes sole responsibility for insuring that the VEBA complies with all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Code, and agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless for any taxes, penalties and any other costs and expenses resulting from such contributions.

- 14.1.3.2 Cash payments of unused sick leave may be deferred for a period of one (1) year or less, provided the employee notifies the Seattle CARE Department Human Resources Office of their desires at the time of retirement. Requests for deferred cash payments of unused sick leave shall be made in writing.
- 14.1.4 Upon the death of an employee, either by accident or natural causes, twenty-five percent (25%) of such employee's accumulated sick leave credits shall be paid to the employee's designated beneficiary
- 14.1.5 Change in position or transfer to another City department shall not result in a loss of accumulated sick leave. Regular or benefits eligible temporary employees reinstated or re-employed within twelve (12) months of separation in the same or another department after any separation, including dismissal for cause, resignation or quitting, shall have all unused sick leave reinstated as required by Seattle Municipal Code 14.16 and other applicable laws, such as RCW 49.46.210.
- 14.1.6 In order to receive paid sick leave for reasons provided in Article 14.1.A.1 – A.4, an employee shall be required to provide verification that the employee's use of paid sick leave was for an authorized purpose, consistent with Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210. However, an employee shall not be required to provide verification for absences of less than four consecutive days.
- 14.1.7 Conditions Not Covered - Employees shall not be eligible for sick leave when:
1. Suspended or on leave without pay and when laid off or on other non-pay status.
  2. When off work on a holiday.
  3. An employee works during their free time for an Employer other than the City of Seattle and their illness or disability arises therefrom.
- 14.1.8 Prerequisites for Payment - The following applicable requirements shall be fulfilled in order to establish an employee's eligibility for sick leave benefits.

- 14.1.8.1 Prompt Notification - The employee shall notify their immediate supervisor, by telephone or otherwise, on their first day off due to illness and each day thereafter until advised otherwise by immediate supervisor or unless physically impossible to do so. If an employee is on a special work schedule, particularly where a relief replacement is necessary when the employee is absent, they shall notify their immediate supervisor as far as possible in advance of their scheduled time to report for work.
- 14.1.8.2 Notification While on Paid Vacation or Compensatory Time Off - If an employee is injured or is taken ill while on paid vacation or compensatory time off, the employee shall notify their department on the first day of disability that they will be using paid sick leave. A doctor's statement or other acceptable proof of illness or disability, while on vacation or compensatory time off, must be presented for absences greater than three (3) continuous days.
- 14.1.8.3 Filing Application – Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the employee shall submit the required application for sick leave pay within sixteen (16) working hours after their return to duty. However, if the employee is absent because of illness or injury for more than eighty (80) working hours, they shall then file an application for an indefinite period of time. The necessary forms shall be available to the employee through their Department Supervisor.
- 14.1.8.4 Claims To Be In Hours - Sick leave shall be claimed in hours to the nearest full hour. Fractions of less than one-half (1/2) hour shall be disregarded. Separate portions of an absence interrupted by a return to work shall be claimed on separate application forms.
- 14.1.8.5 Rate of Pay for Sick Leave Used - An employee who uses paid sick leave shall be compensated at the straight-time rate of pay as required by Seattle Municipal Code 14.16, and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210. For example, an employee who misses a scheduled night shift associated with shift premium pay would receive the premium for those hours missed due to sick leave. See also Article 10.6 for sick leave use and rate of pay for out-of-class duties.
- 14.1.8.6 Rate of Pay for Sick Leave Used to Cover Missed Overtime - An employee may use paid sick leave for scheduled hours that would have been overtime shifts missed due to eligible sick leave reasons. Payment for the missed shifts shall be in accordance with the requirements of Seattle Municipal Code 14.16, and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210.

14.1.8.7 Limitations of Claims - All sick leave claims shall be limited to the actual amount of time lost due to illness or disability. The total amount of sick leave claimed in any pay period by an employee shall not exceed the employee's sick leave accumulation as shown on the payroll for the pay period immediately preceding their illness or disability. It is the responsibility of their department to verify that sick leave accounts have not been overdrawn; and if a claim exceeds the number of hours an employee has to their credit, the department shall correct their application.

14.2 Employees covered by this Agreement are allowed forty (40) hours off without a salary deduction for bereavement purposes in the event of the death of any relative (prorated for part-time employees). Bereavement leave may be used in full day or increments of one (1) hour at the employee's discretion. Bereavement leave must be used within a year; employees may submit for exceptions to this within thirty (30) days (request that come in after thirty (30) days will be considered) of death if they know they will need longer than one year to use leave.

For purposes of this section "relative" is defined as any person related to the employee by blood, adoption, fostering, guardianship, loco parentis, or domestic partnership.

This section does not apply to intermittent, session or less than half-time temporary employees.

14.3 Emergency Leave – One (1) day leave per Agreement year without loss of pay may be taken with the approval of the employee's supervisor and/or department head when it is necessary that the employee be off work to attend to one of the following situations which necessitates immediate action on the part of the employee:

- A. In the event of an unexpected serious illness or accident of a member of the immediate family (the employee's spouse or domestic partner, child, parents or grandparents), or
- B. An unforeseen occurrence with respect to the employee's household that necessitates action on the part of the employee. The "household" is defined as the physical aspects of the employee's residence, including pets, or vehicle, or
- C. The emergency leave benefit must also be available to the employee in the event of inclement weather or natural disaster within the City limits or within the city or county in which the member resides that makes it impossible or unsafe for the employee to physically commute to their normal work site at the start of their normal shift.



A “day” of emergency leave may be used for separate incidents, in one (1) hour increments. The total hours compensated under this provision, however, shall not exceed eight (8) hours in a contract year.

14.4 Paid Parental Leave - Employees who meet the eligibility requirements of the Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.27, “Paid Parental Leave,” may take leave for bonding with their new child.

14.5 Pay for Deployed Military

A. A bargaining unit member in the Reserves, National Guard, or Air National Guard who is deployed on extended unpaid military leave of absence and whose military pay (plus adjustments) is less than one hundred percent (100%) of their base pay as a City employee shall receive the difference between one hundred percent (100%) of their City base pay and their military pay (plus adjustments). City base pay shall include every part of wages except overtime.

B. A bargaining unit member who is ordered to active military duty by the United States government and who has exhausted their annual paid military leave benefit and is on unpaid military leave of absence shall be eligible to retain the medical, dental and vision services coverage and optional insurance coverage for the member's eligible dependents provided as a benefit of employment with the City of Seattle, at the same level and under the same conditions as though the member was in the City's employ, pursuant to program guidelines and procedures developed by the Seattle Human Resources Director and pursuant to the City's administrative contracts and insurance policies. Optional insurance includes but is not necessarily limited to Group Term Life (Basic and Supplemental), Long Term Disability, and Accidental Death and Dismemberment. Eligibility for coverage shall be effective for the duration of the employee's active deployment.

## ARTICLE 15 - INDUSTRIAL INJURY OR ILLNESS

- 15.1 Any employee who is disabled in the discharge of their duties and if such disablement results in absence from their regular duties, shall be compensated, except as otherwise hereinafter provided, in the amount of eighty percent (80%) of the employee's normal hourly rate of pay, not to exceed two hundred and sixty-one (261) regularly scheduled workdays counted from the first regularly scheduled workday after the day of the on-the-job injury; provided the disability sustained must qualify the employee for benefits under State Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid Acts.
- 15.1.1 Whenever an employee is injured on the job and compelled to seek immediate medical treatment, the employee shall be compensated in full for the remaining part of the day of injury without effect to their sick leave or vacation account. Scheduled workdays falling within only the first three (3) calendar days following the day of injury shall be compensable through accrued sick leave. Any earned vacation or other paid leave may be used in a like manner after sick leave is exhausted, provided that, if neither accrued sick leave nor accrued vacation or other paid leave is available, the employee shall be placed on no pay status for these three (3) days. If the period of disability equals or extends beyond fourteen (14) calendar days, then (1) any accrued sick leave, vacation, or other paid leave utilized due to absence from their regular duties as provided for in this section shall be reinstated and the employee shall be paid in accordance with Section 15.1 which provides payment at the eighty percent (80%) rate or (2) if no sick leave, vacation, or other paid leave was available to the employee at that time, then the employee shall thereafter be compensated for the three (3) calendar days at the eighty percent (80%) compensation rate described in Section 15.1.
- 15.1.2 In no circumstances will the amount paid under these provisions exceed an employee's gross pay minus mandatory deductions. This provision shall become effective when SMC 4.44 - Disability Compensation is revised to incorporate this limit.
- 15.1.3 Employees must meet standards listed in SMC 4.44.020 to be eligible for the benefit amount provided herein which exceeds the rate required to be paid by state law, hereinafter referred to as supplemental benefits. These standards require that employees: (1) comply with all Department of Labor and Industries rules and regulations and related City of Seattle and employing department policies and procedures; (2) respond, be available for and attend medical appointments and treatments and meetings related to rehabilitation, and work hardening, conditioning or other treatment arranged by the City and authorized by the attending physician; (3) accept modified or alternative duty assigned by supervisors when released to perform such duty by the attending physician; (4) attend all meetings scheduled by the City of Seattle Industrial Insurance Unit or employing department concerning the employee's status or

claim when properly notified at least five (5) working days in advance of such meeting unless other medical treatment conflicts with the meeting and the employee provides twenty-four (24) hours' notice of such meeting or examination.

The City will provide a copy of the eligibility requirements to employees when they file a workers' compensation claim. If records indicate two (2) no-shows, supplemental benefits may be terminated no sooner than seven (7) days after notification to the employee. The City's action is subject to the grievance procedure.

- 15.2 Such compensation shall be authorized by the Seattle Human Resources Director or their designee with the advice of such employee's department head on request from the employee supported by satisfactory evidence of medical treatment of the illness or injury giving rise to such employee's claim for compensation under SMC 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.
- 15.3 Compensation for holidays and earned vacation falling within a period of absence due to such disability shall be at the normal rate of pay but such days shall not be considered as regularly scheduled workdays as applied to the time limitations set forth within Section 15.1. Disabled employees affected by the provisions of SMC 4.44 shall continue to accrue vacation and sick leave as though actively employed during the period set forth within Section 15.1.
- 15.4 Any employee eligible for the benefits provided by this Ordinance whose disability prevents the employee from performing their regular duties but, in the judgment of their physician could perform duties of a less strenuous nature, shall be employed at their normal rate of pay in such other suitable duties as the department head shall direct, with the approval of such employee's physician until the Seattle Human Resources Director requests closure of such employee's claim pursuant to SMC 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.
- 15.5 Sick leave shall not be used for any disability herein described except as allowed in Section 15.1.1.
- 15.6 The afore-referenced disability compensation shall be understood to be in lieu of State Industrial Insurance Compensation and Medical Aid.
- 15.7 Appeals of any denials under this Article shall be made through the Department of Labor and Industries as prescribed in Title 51 RCW.

## ARTICLE 16 - RETIREMENT

- 16.1 Pursuant to Ordinance 78444 as amended, all employees shall be covered by the Seattle City Employees Retirement System.
- 16.2 Effective January 1, 2017 consistent with Ordinance No. 78444, as amended, the City shall implement a new defined benefit retirement plan (SCERS II) for new employees hired on or after January 1, 2017.

## ARTICLE 17 - PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE

- 17.1 The Guild recognizes the City's right to establish and/or revise performance standards. Such standards may be used to determine acceptable performance levels, prepare daily work assignments, and to measure the performance of each employee or group of employees.
- 17.2 In establishing new and/or revising existing performance standards, the City shall, prior to implementation, place said changes on an agenda of the Labor-Management Committee for discussion.
- 17.3 The City also agrees that performance standards shall be reasonable.

## ARTICLE 18 - GUILD REPRESENTATIVES

- 18.1 The Guild's representative may, after notifying the City official in charge, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating grievances. Such representative shall limit their activities during such investigations to matters relating to this Agreement. City work hours shall not be used by employees and/or the Guild Representative for the conduct of Guild business or the promotion of Guild affairs other than stated above.
- 18.2 The Guild may appoint a Shop Steward in the City department affected by this Agreement. Immediately after appointment of its Shop Steward(s), the Guild shall furnish the Seattle Human Resources Office and the affected Department(s) with a list of those employees who have been designated as Shop Stewards, and failure to do so will result in non-recognition by the City of the appointed Shop Stewards. Such list shall also be updated as needed. Stewards shall be employees covered by this Agreement and shall perform their regular duties as such but shall function as the Guild representative on the job solely to inform the Guild of any alleged violations of this Agreement and process grievances relating thereto. The Steward shall be allowed reasonable time, at the discretion of the City, to process contract grievances during regular working hours.
- 18.3 Shop Stewards shall not be discriminated against for making a complaint or giving evidence with respect to an alleged violation of any provision of this Agreement, but under no circumstances shall Stewards interfere with orders of the employer or change working conditions.
- 18.4 GUILD LEAVE - Upon sufficient notification by the Guild President or their designee, the Employer shall grant Guild members a special leave of absence with pay to attend to official Guild business to the extent that such leave does not interfere with the reasonable needs of the Communications Center. Said absences - excluding time spent in contract negotiations - shall not exceed twenty (20) workdays in any contract year. The Guild shall reimburse the Employer for the hourly rate of pay for such time said Guild members spend on special leave of absence; and such reimbursement shall be due quarterly.
- 18.5 The parties to this agreement recognize the value to both the Guild and the City of having employees express their perspective(s) as part of the negotiations process. Therefore, employees who participate in bargaining as part of the Guild's bargaining team during the respective employee's work hours shall remain on paid status, without the Guild having to reimburse the City for the cost of their time, PROVIDED the following conditions are met:

- 18.6 Bargaining preparation and meetings of the Guild's bargaining team other than actual negotiations shall not be applicable to this provision, or eligible for an overtime exemption under Section 10.5.1.B6 (n).
- 18.7 No more than an aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) hours of paid time for the negotiation sessions resulting in a labor agreement, including any associated overtime costs, shall be authorized under this provision, unless both Parties agree to an expansion of the aggregate hours due to circumstances related to a specific bargaining cycle. No more than one (1) Guild representative shall be released to attend negotiation sessions at the Coalition ("large table") level on City time. No more than two (2) Guild representatives shall be allowed to attend individual bargaining unit negotiations related to Coalition ("small table") bargaining. If the Guild does not participate in Coalition negotiations, the Guild shall be allowed to include three (3) Guild representatives in negotiation sessions on City time.
- 18.8 If the Guild includes more than the number of representatives listed in Section 18.5.B, per negotiation session as members of the Guild's bargaining team during the respective employee's work hours or the aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) hours (or other amount agreed upon by the Parties) is exceeded, the Guild shall reimburse the City for the cost of said employee(s) time, including any associated overtime costs.
- 18.9 This provision shall automatically become null and void with the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement, shall not constitute the status quo, and shall not become a part of any successor agreement unless it is explicitly renegotiated by the parties.

Upon written request, a regular employee elected or appointed to a Union office that requires all of their time will be given a leave of absence without pay from work, not to exceed one (1) year, with approval of the appointing authority based on the business needs of the department. The appointing authority will respond to such requests in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days. Should the appointing authority reject a request for Union Leave, the written response will include an explanation of the business need for the denial. Requests for Union Leave will not be unreasonably denied.

Leave may not be approved for more than one (1) employee at a time per Department. To be eligible for union leave under this provision, the employee must not currently be serving a probation or trial service.

A regular employee designated by the Union to serve on official union business that requires a part of their time will be given a leave of absence without pay from work, provided it can be done without detriment to City services and at least forty-eight (48) hours written notice is given to the Director. The employee will not suffer a loss of bargaining unit seniority rights and will accumulate the same during such leave.

The parties agree that at the City's sole discretion, the leave may be terminated in the event of layoff. The City will provide one month notice before recalling an employee. The parties further agree that the City may at its sole discretion hire term limited temporary employees to backfill for the absent employee.



## ARTICLE 19 - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

19.1 The parties have agreed, through a Memorandum of Agreement, to adopt the following procedures attached thereto that were developed by the Citywide Labor-Management Committee on Progressive Discipline:

- (1) Either party may request that grievances submitted to arbitration be subjected to a confidential Peer Review by a committee of peers from management or labor, respectively, in which case the timelines of the grievance procedure will be held in abeyance pending the completion of the Peer Review process; and
- (2) Either party may make an Offer of Settlement to encourage settlement of a grievance in advance of a scheduled arbitration hearing, with the potential consequence that the party refusing to accept an Offer of Settlement may be required to bear all of the costs of arbitration, excluding attorney and witness fees, contrary to Section 8.1.2, Step 4, III, of Article 8.

The parties may mutually agree to alter, amend or eliminate these procedures by executing a revised Memorandum of Agreement.

19.2 Personnel Files - The City acknowledges its obligations under all laws, SPD policy, and City of Seattle Personnel Rules governing access to and contents of personnel files. Employees covered by this Agreement shall have access to their personnel files, including any and all records filed in the employment, and supervisor file components, their medical file and training file. Employees may examine these files in the presence of a supervisor or Human Resources representative. Background investigation information is not accessible to the employee. An employee may request a copy of any document in their personnel file. Employees who challenge material included in their personnel file are permitted to have material inserted relating to the challenge through the Director of CARE Department Human Resources.

The City agrees that the contents of personnel files, including the personal photograph, shall, to the extent permitted by law, be kept confidential. The City shall make reasonable efforts that are consistent with applicable law to restrict the disclosure of confidential employee information in the files (which does not include name, payroll title, unit of assignment, rate of pay, and date of hire) to internal use by the City. In addition, to the extent consistent with applicable law, the City shall not release such information outside the City without reasonable advance notice to, or a waiver signed by, the subject employee, unless providing such notice or obtaining a waiver is impractical.

Investigation Files - Employee access to internal investigation files shall be governed by departmental regulations, and the provisions of Section 19.3.2 of this Agreement.

- 19.2.1 The City will promptly notify an employee upon receipt of a public disclosure request for confidential information in the employee's personnel file. Consistent with applicable law, unless impracticable, the Employer will also provide at least seventy-two (72) hours' notice to the Employee before releasing any requested documents and will allow the employee and the Guild an opportunity to legally object to unwarranted disclosures.
- 19.2.1.1 Written reprimands and written oral reprimands may be purged from an employee's file following two (2) years from the date of issuance upon written request of the employee and in the discretion of the Chief of CARE or designee, subject to the limitations set forth in Article 19.3.2, below.
- 19.3 The parties agree that discipline is a management function, and that the Department may institute a disciplinary procedure. The parties further agree that in their respective roles primary emphasis shall be placed on preventing situations requiring disciplinary actions through effective employee/management relations. The primary objective of discipline shall be to correct and rehabilitate, not to punish or penalize.

So much of said procedure that relates to the right of an employee to a hearing and the mechanics thereof are outlined in this Article; provided, however, that it is understood that if deemed appropriate by the Chief of the Department, discipline or discharge may be implemented immediately consistent with the employee's constitutional rights. Disciplinary action shall be for just cause.

To this end, in order of increasing severity, the disciplinary actions that the City may take against an employee include:

- A. Oral reprimand;
- B. Written reprimand;
- C. Suspension;
- D. Demotion; or
- E. Termination.

- 19.3.1 Which disciplinary action is taken depends upon the circumstances, including the seriousness of the employee's misconduct.
- 19.3.2 Provided that an employee has received no further or additional discipline in the intervening period, a verbal warning or written reprimand may not be used for progressive discipline after two years other than to show notice of any rule or policy at issue, unless disallowed by an entity with oversight authority over the Seattle CARE Department , or by Section 19.3.3, below.

- 19.3.3 Discipline that arises as a result of a violation of workplace policies or City Personnel Rules regarding harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or workplace violence, shall not be subject to Section 19.2.1.1. and/or Section 19.3.2 above.
- 19.4 An employee covered by this agreement must, upon initiating objections relating to disciplinary action, use either the grievance procedure contained herein or pertinent procedures regarding disciplinary appeals to the Civil Service Commission. Under no circumstances may an employee use both the contract grievance procedure and the Civil Service Commission procedures relative to the same disciplinary action.
- 19.5 If there are dual filings with the grievance procedure and the Civil Service Commission, the City will send a notice of such dual filings by certified mail to the employee(s) and the Union. The Union will notify the City within fifteen calendar days from receipt of the notice if it will use the grievance procedure. If no such notice is received by the City, the contractual grievance shall be deemed to be withdrawn.
- 19.6 An employee may request access to the investigative portion of closed Internal Investigations and Communications Section complaint files in which the employee was an accused. Such a request shall be made in writing fully stating the reasons such access is desired. The Internal Investigations Section or the Communications Section shall consider the circumstances and not unreasonably deny such access.
- 19.7 The employee shall not be subjected to any profane language nor threatened with dismissal, transfer or other disciplinary punishment as guise to obtain the resignation of said employee nor shall the employee be subjected to intimidation in any manner during the process of interview. No promises or rewards shall be made to the said employee as an inducement to answer questions.
- 19.8 All interviews shall be limited in scope in activities, circumstances, events, conduct or actions which pertain to the incident which is the subject of the investigation. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Employer from questioning the employee about information, which is developed during the course of the interview, or relates to the credibility of any witness.
- 19.9 No employee shall be requested or required to submit to a polygraph test or to answer questions for which the employee might otherwise properly invoke the protection of constitutional amendment against self-incrimination. Nor shall this employee be dismissed for or shall any other penalty be imposed upon the employee solely for failure to submit to a polygraph test or to answer questions for which the employee might otherwise invoke the protection of any constitutional amendment against self-incrimination; and provided further that this provision shall not apply to either the initial application for employment or to employees who are seeking promotion.

## 19.10 Hearing Procedures

- A. When any report of violation of Seattle CARE Department rules and regulations lodged against an employee within the bargaining unit has been sustained by the Chief, the City shall notify the employee and the Guild in writing of the disposition of the complaint and the actual or proposed disciplinary sanction. If the proposed discipline includes suspension, transfer, demotion or discharge, the City shall also notify the employee of the employee's right to a due process hearing before the Chief. Such notice shall be given in a reasonable period of time prior to the due process hearing, taking into consideration the severity of the charges, the status of the employee, the complexity of the case, and the level of the proposed discipline. The employee, the City, and the Guild shall cooperate in the setting of a hearing date.
- B. When the City provides the employee with the notice described in the previous paragraph, the Guild shall additionally be provided with the City's disciplinary investigation, including access to any physical evidence for examination and testing. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of the Guild's right to request the recommendations of other than the Chief on the issue of whether the complaint against the employee should have been sustained and, if so, what the proposed level of discipline should be.
- C. All due process hearings shall be held by the Chief of CARE or designee.
- D. The employee shall have the right to be represented at the due process hearing by an attorney and a Guild representative. There shall be only one primary spokesperson for the employee at the hearing. Department attendees at due process hearings may include: The Chief of CARE or designee, an Assistant or Deputy Chief, OPA Director, the CARE Department's Human Resources Director or designee and Legal Advisor may be present at the hearing.
- E. Due process hearings may be held in writing if an employee requests that the hearing be held in writing, or if the employee is unavailable for an in- person hearing because the employee is incarcerated or makes their self unavailable for the hearing. Employees shall have the right to waive a due process hearing.
- F. Unless further investigation is deemed necessary, the Chief or designee as identified in Subsection C shall make the final decision as to whether charges should be sustained, and if so, what discipline, if any, should be imposed, after considering the information presented in any due process hearing.

- 19.11 With complaints which may result in disciplinary action, the City may: 1) issue a documented, verbal warning; 2) issue a written reprimand; 3) suspend the employee; 4) demote the employee; 5) terminate the employee.
- 19.12 Fit for Duty Examinations
- (A) Fit for duty medical examinations shall be conducted when there is a reasonable belief to suspect an employee is unable to perform their job and otherwise in accordance with Seattle Human Resources Rule 8.3, as amended. Fit for duty medical examinations may also be governed by laws and regulations concerning disabilities and medical leaves. The examining professional shall issue a written report to the City, as the client, provided however, the employee shall have the right to request to meet with the examining professional to discuss the evaluation results.
- (B) If the employee believes that the conclusions of the examining professional are in error, the employee may obtain an additional examination at their own expense and the City will provide the employee's examining professional with documents possessed by the City which were utilized by the City's examining professional when provided with an appropriate written request and release from the employee. The employee may also submit a request to the City's examining professional for release of records to the employee's examining professional.
- (C) The City will undertake to have the City's examining professional available to answer appropriate questions by the examining professional who conducts the independent examination.
- (D) Should an employee grieve a disciplinary or discharge action taken as a result of an examination, the City shall allow release of the examination and supporting documents upon which it relies for the action, and all other prior examinations of the employee.
- 19.13 Whenever the City significantly revises job duties or job content, it shall meet with the Guild to negotiate appropriate salaries for those revisions.
- 19.14 The off-duty activities of employees shall not be cause for disciplinary action unless said activities are a conflict of interest or are detrimental to the employee's work performance or the program or image of the agency.

19.15 REHIRES - In the event an employee within the Seattle Dispatchers' Guild bargaining unit transfers to a position outside the bargaining unit or separates from City service and within the next two (2) years is rehired or transferred into the same classification and level to which the employee was assigned at the date of the transfer or separation, such employee shall be placed at the step in the salary range which the employee occupied at the time of the original transfer or separation, or at the top step of the salary range if the employee is brought back at a lower level. Provided, that the employee shall be placed at a higher salary step if so determined by application of the Personnel Rules. If rehired within the above described two (2) years, such previous time worked in the bargaining unit shall be included for the purpose of determining section seniority. If the employee has been outside of the bargaining unit for more than two (2) years, previous time in the bargaining unit will be disregarded for the purpose of determining section seniority. For purposes of establishing a rehired employee's vacation accrual rate, the Chief of will authorize the applicable\_vacation accrual rate in accordance with the rehired employee's past City service time.

1. If a former member of the bargaining unit, who was a Dispatcher II or higher or previously on a Dispatcher II promotional list, is transferred or rehired into a Dispatcher I position, and their absence is six (6) months or less,
  - a) the employee will be placed at the bottom of the Dispatcher II promotional list; or
  - b) if no promotional list exists, the employee will be eligible to take the promotional examination.
2. If the employee's absence is more than six (6) months,
  - a) the employee will be placed at the bottom of the Dispatcher II promotional list after one (1) month of solo radio work; or
  - b) if no promotional list exists, the employee will be eligible to take the promotional examination if one (1) month of solo radio work is completed prior to the examination.
3. If the employee is promoted to Dispatcher II on or after January 1, 1998, then effective January 1, 1999 or upon the date of promotion, whichever is later:
  - a) The employee will be placed at the same salary step occupied prior to his/her transfer or separation, if he/she was a Dispatcher II; or
  - b) the employee will be placed at the top Dispatcher II salary step, if the employee was a Dispatcher III.

19.16 Wherever referenced in this agreement, and as applies to the yearly shift selection process, Section seniority or seniority is defined as time served in the Communications Section, employed as a civilian dispatcher and would include any additional seniority restored as the result of the Rehire Section (19.15) of this contract.

- 19.17 Smoking Policy - The city will provide an outdoor smoking area.
- 19.18 Parking - Bargaining unit members are permitted to park, free of charge, in spaces provided on the rooftop of the Library of the Blind at the West Precinct, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- A. Parking will be available only for employees who are on-duty or on work-related business at the Communications Center.
  - B. Employees who are not on-duty, but who are engaged in work-related business at the Communications Center shall be entitled to park for up to two hours.
  - C. The Department will adopt enforcement mechanisms that may include disciplinary action up to and including termination in accordance with this agreement.
- 19.19 List of Employees - The Employer will furnish the Guild with a current list of its members on a monthly basis, identifying the employee's name, address of residence, phone number, date of appointment and place of assignment. Such list shall be kept confidential, and used only for official Guild business. The Guild agrees not to disclose the names, addresses or telephone numbers of members to any person who is not an elected or appointed Guild representative.
- 19.20 Bulletin Boards - The City shall provide bulletin board space for the use of the Guild in an area accessible to the members of the bargaining unit. The bulletin board space provided shall not be used for notices or other documents that promote or oppose a ballot issue or assist a candidate for public office. However, notices involving internal Guild politics and/or Guild elections are permitted to be posted in the provided space. All material posted shall be officially identified as belonging to the Seattle Dispatchers' Guild.
- 19.20.1 Ethics and Elections Commission - Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prohibit the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission from administering the Code of Ethics: including, but not limited to, the authority to impose monetary fines for violations of the Code of Ethics. Such fines are not discipline under this Agreement; and, as such, are not subject to the grievance procedure contained within this Agreement. Records of any fines imposed or monetary settlements shall not be included in the employee's personnel file. Fines imposed by the Commission shall be subject to appeal on the record to Seattle Municipal Court.

In the event the Employer acts on a recommendation by the Commission to discipline an employee, the employee's contractual rights to contest such discipline shall apply. No record of the disciplinary recommendations by the Commission shall be placed in the employee's personnel file unless such discipline is upheld or unchallenged.

19.21 Meal Reimbursement while on Travel Status - An employee shall be reimbursed for meals while on travel status at the federal per diem rate. An employee will not be required to submit receipts for meals and may retain any unspent portion of an advance cash allowance for meals.

19.22 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – The City and the Guild encourage the use of the City's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program or other alternative dispute resolution processes to resolve non-contractual workplace conflicts/disputes. Participation in an ADR process is voluntary.

19.23 Notice of all proposed changes to mandatory subjects of bargaining will be provided in writing to the Guild.

19.24 Sick Leave Donation Program

Shared Sick Leave Pool - The City will standardized the current sick leave transfer ("donation") program across all City departments through the following actions:

Standardization of:

- Forms
- Processing templates
- FAQs
- Interdepartmental donation of sick leave
- Anonymizing sick leave requests for potential recipients
- Anonymizing sick leave donations from contributors

1. The intent of the program is to create a mandatory and uniform system that will function across departments as the established protocol for all sick leave donation requests and donations. The City agrees to perform this standardization using a Labor-Management Committee ("LMC") meeting, which will work in consultation with appropriate subject matter experts ("SMEs"), including but not limited to Seattle Human Resources, FAS Citywide Payroll and Business Systems, ITD HRIS and Race and Social Justice SMEs. The City further agrees to convene the LMC no later than 90 days from execution of this Agreement and to meet no less than monthly on the standardization process beginning in the month following the initial convening of the LMC.



2. A Coalition Labor-Management Committee (LMC) will be established for the purpose of proposing rules and procedures for a new program. The LMC will be to develop consistent, transparent and equitable proposals for processes across all departments within the City. The LMC shall also explore proposals to lower the minimum leave bank required to donate sick leave and permit donation of sick leave upon separation from the City. The LMC must consult with the Office of Civil Rights to ensure compliance with the City's Race and Social Justice Initiative. Once the LMC has developed its list of proposals, the City and Coalition of City Unions agrees to reopen each contract on this subject.
3. The Parties agree to reopen negotiations within sixty (60) days after ratification of the Agreement to discuss promotional and hiring guideline for Emergency Communications Analyst (ECA) positions.
4. Employees assigned by management to perform bilingual, interpretive and/or translation services for the City shall receive a \$200.00 per month premium pay. The City shall ensure employees providing language access services are independently evaluated and approved. The City may review the assignment annually and may terminate the assignment at any time.

## ARTICLE 20 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND TRIAL SERVICE PERIOD

20.1 The following shall define terms used in this Article:

Probationary Period - A twelve (12) month period of employment following an employee's initial regular appointment to a position in the classified service.

Regular Appointment - The authorized appointment of an individual to a position in the Civil Service.

Trial Service Period/Regular Subsequent Appointment - A twelve (12) month trial period of employment of a regular employee beginning with the effective date of: (a) a subsequent, regular promotion or transfer from one classification to a different classification in which the employee has not successfully completed a probationary or trial service period; or (b) rehire from a Reinstatement Recall List to a department other than that from which the employee was laid off.

Regular Employee - An employee who has successfully completed a twelve (12) month probationary period and has had no subsequent break in service as occasioned by quit, resignation, discharge for just cause, or retirement.

Revert - To return an employee who has not successfully completed their trial service period to a vacant position in the same class and former department (if applicable) from which they were appointed.

Reversion Recall List - If no such vacancy exists to which the employee may revert, they will be removed from the payroll and their name placed on a Reversion Recall List for the class/department from which they were removed.

20.2 Probationary Period/Status of Employee - Employees who are initially appointed to a position shall serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months.

A. The probationary period shall provide the department with the opportunity to observe a new employee's work, to train and aid the new employee in adjustment to the position, and to terminate any employee whose work performance fails to meet the required standards.

B. An employee shall become regular after having completed their probationary period unless the individual is dismissed under provisions of Section 20.3 and 20.3A below.

20.3 Probationary Period/Dismissal - An employee may be dismissed during their probationary period after having been given written notice five (5) working days prior to the effective date of dismissal. However, if the department believes the best interest of the City requires the immediate dismissal of the probationary employee, written notice of only one (1) full working day prior to the effective date of the dismissal shall be required. The reasons for the dismissal shall be filed with the Director of Seattle Human Resources and a copy sent to the Union.

A. An employee dismissed during their probationary period shall not have the right to appeal the dismissal. When proper advance notice of the dismissal is not given, the employee may enter an appeal (for payment of up to five (5) days' salary), which the employee would have otherwise received had proper notice been given. If such a claim is sustained, the employee shall be entitled to the appropriate payment of salary but shall not be entitled to reinstatement.

20.4 Trial Service Period - An employee who has satisfactorily completed their probationary period and who is subsequently promoted or transferred to a position in another classification shall serve a twelve (12) month trial service period, in accordance with Section 20.1.

A. The trial service period shall provide the department with the opportunity to observe the employee's work and to train and aid the employee in adjustment to the position, and to revert such an employee whose work performance fails to meet required standards.

B. Prior to expiration of the twelve (12) month trial service period, and subject to approval by the Seattle Human Resources Director, an employee's trial service period may be extended up to three (3) additional months by written, mutual agreement between the department, the employee and the bargaining unit.

C. An employee who has been promoted or transferred from one classification to another classification within the same or different department and who fails to satisfactorily complete the trial service period shall be reverted to a vacant position within that department and classification from which they were appointed.

D. Where no such vacancy exists, an employee shall be given written notice fifteen (15) calendar days prior to being placed on a Reversion Recall List for their former department and former classification and being removed from the payroll. Their name shall remain on the list for one (1) year.

E. Employees who have been reverted or placed on a Reversion Recall List during the trial service period shall not have the right to appeal either action.

- F. If a vacancy is to be filled in a department and a valid Reversion Recall List for that classification exists, eligible employees for that classification and from that department shall be reinstated in order of their length of service in that classification. The employee who has the most service in that classification shall be the first reinstated.
- G. An employee whose name is on a valid Reversion Recall List for a specific job classification who accepts employment with the City in that same job classification shall have their name removed from the Reversion Recall List. Refusal to accept placement from a Reversion Recall List to a position the same, or essentially the same, as that which the employee previously held shall cause an employee's name to be removed from the Reversion Recall List, which shall terminate rights to reemployment under this Reversion Recall List provision.
- H. A reverted employee shall be paid at the step of the range that they normally would have received had they not been promoted or transferred.

20.5 Subsequent Appointments During Probationary Period or Trial Service Period -

If a probationary employee is subsequently appointed in the same classification from one department to another, the receiving department may, with approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, require that a complete twelve (12) month probationary period be served in that department. If a regular employee or an employee who is serving a trial service period is subsequently appointed in the same classification from one department to another, the receiving department may, with the approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, require that a twelve (12) month trial service period be served in that department.

- A. If a probationary employee is subsequently appointed to a different classification in the same or different department, the employee shall serve a complete twelve (12) month probationary period in the new classification. If a regular employee is subsequently appointed to a different classification in the same or different department, the employee shall serve a complete twelve (12) month trial service period in the new classification.
- B. Within the same department, if a regular employee is appointed to a higher classification while serving in a trial service period, the trial service period for the lower classification and the new trial service period for the higher classification shall overlap provided that the higher and lower classifications are in the same or a closely related field. The employee shall complete the terms of the original trial service period and be given regular status in the lower classification. Such employee shall also be granted the rights normally accruing to trial service for the remainder of the trial service period in the higher classification.

C. Within the same department, if a probationary employee is regularly appointed to a higher classification while serving in a probationary period, the probationary period and the new trial service period for the higher classification shall overlap provided the higher and the lower classifications are in the same or a closely related field. The employee shall complete the term of the original probationary period and be given regular standing in the lower class. Such employee shall also be granted the rights normally accruing to trial service for the remainder of the trial service period in the higher classification.

20.6 The probationary period shall be equivalent to twelve (12) months of service following regular appointment. Occasional absences due to illness, vacations, jury duty, and military leaves shall not result in an extension of the probationary period, but upon approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, an employee's probationary period may be extended so as to include the equivalent of a full twelve (12) months of actual service where there are numerous absences.

20.7 Nothing in this Article shall be construed as being in conflict with provisions of Article 21.

## ARTICLE 21 – LAYOFF

- 21.1 In the event of layoff, affected bargaining unit members will be laid off in accordance with the Personnel Rules of the City, except as described in this Article.
- 21.2 The least-senior regular employee in the Emergency Communications Analyst or the Systems Analyst class in the CARE Department who is laid off or is displaced pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph may displace the employee having the least seniority in a class of the Communications Dispatcher (“Dispatcher”) class series when (1) the displacing employee has had prior service as a regular or probationary employee in such class, and (2) the employee to be sequentially displaced has less service in the class than the displacing employee.
- 21.3 The above provisions for employee transfers to avoid layoff from the Police Communications Analyst or the Systems Analyst class in the Communications Section shall be subject to the following limitations:
- A. No regular employee in the Emergency Communications Analyst or the Systems Analyst class, in order to avoid layoff, shall displace another employee, including employees in the Dispatcher class series, unless the displacing employee possesses the skills necessary to perform the duties of the position held by the employee to be displaced.
  - B. Upon written showing by the appointing authority and approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director that the displacing employee does not possess the skills required to perform the duties of the position held by the least senior employee in the highest class of the Dispatcher class series in which the displacing employee has prior service, the Seattle Human Resources Director may authorize the displacing employee to displace:
    - (1) The next least senior employee, continuing in sequential order as necessary until the position held by a less senior employee is reached where the Director determines that the displacing employee has the required skills to immediately perform the duties of the position; or in the event no such position is found:
    - (2) The least senior employee in a lower class of the Dispatcher class series, where the Seattle Human Resources Director determines that the displacing employee has the required skills to immediately perform the duties of the position.

C. Employees in the Emergency Communications Analyst or the Systems Analyst classes in the CARE Department shall not accrue service credit for layoff purposes in the Dispatcher class series, except in the event of subsequent layoff from a position in the Dispatcher class series, as provided by Personnel Rule 6.2. .

21.4 Nothing in this Article shall be construed as recognizing the Emergency Communications Analyst and the Systems Analyst in the CARE Department as being part of the Dispatcher class series.

## ARTICLE 22 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

- 22.1 If an article of this Agreement or any addenda thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and addenda shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article.
- 22.2 If the City Charter is modified during the term of this agreement and any modifications thereof conflict with an express provision of this Agreement, the City and/or the Guild may reopen, at any time, for negotiations of the provisions so affected.



## ARTICLE 23 – CITY WIDE COMMITTEES

- 23.1 SPFML Top-Up - Employees receiving SPFML may use any of their accrued paid and/or granted leave (“leave”) to supplement the SPFML benefit payment, up to 100% of their weekly salary paid by the City of Seattle. The use of such leave to augment the SPFML benefit shall be called “supplemental leave pay.” Use of Leave by an employee to supplement SPFML is strictly voluntary. The City cannot require an employee to use accrued Leave to supplement SPFML benefits.

### Supplemental Leave Pay Utilization Process

- A. Leave for the purposes of this proposal, is defined as all accrued and/or granted leave as set forth and defined in the City of Seattle Municipal Code Title 4 (Personnel) Sections 4.24 through 4.34 (vacation, sick leave, floating, merit, comp time, executive, etc.).
- B. Supplemental leave pay may be accessed starting the first pay period after the City has received the final SPFML claim determination notice from the Washington State Employment Security Department (“ESD”).
- C. Supplemental Leave Supplemental leave can be used by employees based on the date range signified in the SPFML eligibility letter. For instances in which that date has passed, employees can submit time sheet correction requests to add the use of supplemental leave, as defined above. No time sheet corrections or reactivity shall be applied to any date or SPFML prior to the execution of this Agreement.
- D. The use of supplemental leave to “top-up” an employee’s SPFML benefit shall not exceed the amount of accrued and/or granted leave the employee has available in their balances.
- E. The use of accrued and/or granted paid leave to supplement the SPFML benefit will be available in 15 minute increments, except for when the accrued and/or granted paid Leave the employee requests to be used to supplement the SPFML must be used in full day increments as specified by a given collective bargaining agreement or by City code or Personnel rules (e.g. personal holidays), and then shall be only available in full-day increments.
- F. An employee must have already accrued the paid/granted leave they seek to use for the pay period in which they seek to use it.
- G. It is the employee’s responsibility for determining whether they have the accrued/ and or granted leave they seek to use in a given pay period to supplement the SPFML.

- 23.2 Citywide Health and Safety Committee – The Employer and the Coalition of City Unions (“CCU”) shall form a City-wide health and safety committee. CCU member unions shall appoint no more than ten (10) members of the committee. The Employer shall appoint a maximum of 10 members to the committee. The committee shall convene at least quarterly. The Parties may meet more frequently by mutual agreement.
- 23.3 Change Team IBB - No later than sixty (60) days after the full ratification of this Agreement, the Parties agree to initiate interest-based bargaining (IBB) on the subject of Change Team co-lead compensation, workload balance, and workplace protections. The Parties further agree that both the Director of Human Resources or designee(s), equal numbers of management and labor representatives and up to six (6) members of department Change Teams will be members of the IBB negotiation team. Upon completion of IBB, the Parties may agree by mutual consent to reopen this Agreement to incorporate agreed upon language. The Parties acknowledge that any new or modified language developed in IBB may need parameter approval from the LRPC and adoption by the Seattle City Council in order to be enforceable.
- 23.4 Dependent Care Task Force - The City and the Coalition of City Unions recognize a common interest in supporting employees by increasing access to safe, affordable, and quality dependent care services.

To meet this interest, the Parties will convene a joint Task Force to study options for a possible child and dependent care benefit program, including the possibility of a multi-employer dependent care voucher program. The joint Task Force shall be made up of equal numbers of labor representatives and representatives of the City.

The Task Force assessment should include an analysis of the need for dependent care by City employees, affordability, quality, location of child and adult care providers, and the administrative infrastructure needed to oversee the program. The assessment should also include an analysis of the costs and benefits of a dependent care benefit program and possible revenue sources such as the potential excess Health Insurance Rate Stabilization Fund. By mutual agreement, the Task Force may consult with outside experts to help with the assessment.

The Task Force shall provide a written report, with its analysis and recommendations, no later than end of year 2024.

## ARTICLE 24 – TELECOMMUTING

- 24.1 Nothing in this Article abridges the Employer’s rights enumerated within this Agreement.
- 24.2 Telecommuting is an arrangement in which an employee's job duties may be performed at an alternative worksite, such as the employee's residence or a satellite office located closer to the employee's residence than the primary worksite where the employee is regularly assigned.
- 24.3 Telecommuting is recognized by the City and its employees as a practical, feasible and durable work alternative when it benefits the City of Seattle in one (1) or more of the following ways:
- A. Maintains and enhances the delivery and resilience of City services;
  - B. Improves employee effectiveness, productivity and morale;
  - C. Maximizes utilization of City of Seattle office facilities;
  - D. Reduces absenteeism;
  - E. Promotes employee health and wellness, including ergonomic health;
  - F. Improves employee recruitment and retention;
  - G. Improves air quality and reduce traffic congestion;
  - H. Enhances the working life and opportunities of persons with disabilities; and
  - I. Other reasons as defined by the appointing authority.
- 24.4 Telecommuting Agreement – Telecommuting is encouraged but not mandated for employees, including temporary employees. Each bargaining unit member will have the opportunity to request a telecommuting agreement. The bargaining unit member must submit the request in writing to the City.

The City and the bargaining unit member will evaluate the feasibility of a request through an interactive process consistent with Personnel Rule 9.2 - Telecommuting. The City will consider all information provided by the bargaining unit member, including but not limited to health and safety, childcare, elder care and other family care, equity and transportation needs when making a decision on whether to grant a request.

When reporting to a primary worksite is required by an “in-office” weekly minimum policy, four hours work shall constitute an “in office” shift and the minimums may be met based on an average within a pay period. “In office” will include field work such as, but not limited to, inspections, public meetings, trainings, events and work at City designated facilities, provided the employee is in paid status and

performing work on behalf of the City.

The employee shall report to the employing unit's primary worksite for public-facing services when so directed. The employee shall take reasonable precautions to protect City owned equipment, if any, from theft, damage, or misuse. It remains the employer's responsibility to insure equipment used for approved telecommuting purposes.

The decision whether or not to grant a telecommuting agreement must be in writing and must include the reason(s) for the denial or approval, and provided to the employee. Supervisors will add information about telecommuting agreement eligibility to position descriptions and job postings. Working relationship between supervisor and employee, negative performance reviews and/or employee disciplinary history unrelated to telecommuting may not be considered as the sole basis for denial of a telecommuting agreement request unless the City has documented a nexus between the performance/discipline and the remote work request.

Denied telecommuting agreement requests will be reported to the Union. The bargaining unit member will have the opportunity to request a reconsideration of a denial to the Appointing Authority or designee.

Changes to Agreed Telecommuting Agreements – Bargaining unit members approved for telecommuting acknowledge and recognize that business and/or employee needs arise that may necessitate a temporary deviation from an approved telecommuting agreement. The City or employee shall provide as much advance notice as possible. Alternative deviations may be considered and such deviations, whenever possible, should be infrequent.

The terms and conditions of individual telecommuting agreement shall be set forth in completed and signed remote work agreements with a copy provided to the Union.

- 24.5 The City or the bargaining unit member may initiate a telecommuting agreement, in writing, with a minimum advance notice of thirty (30) calendar days. When the City terminates a Telecommuting Agreement, the employee must receive written notification stating the reason(s) for the termination. Upon receiving written notification of termination, the employee may appeal the termination of the schedule to the department head. The employee may have a union representation during an appeal meeting.

## ARTICLE 25 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 25.1 The Agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and no oral statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions.
- 25.2 The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each party voluntarily and unqualifiedly agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter whether or not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 26 - SUBORDINATION OF AGREEMENT

- 26.1 It is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by the provisions of applicable Federal law, State law, and the City Charter. When any provisions thereof are in conflict with or are different than the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of said Federal law, State law or City Charter are paramount and shall prevail.
- 26.2 It is also understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by applicable City Ordinances and said Ordinances are paramount except where they conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.


ARTICLE 27 - TERM OF AGREEMENT


- 27.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon signing by both parties, for a term commencing on January 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2026. Written notice of intent to terminate or modify this Agreement must be served by the requesting party at least ninety (90) days but not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to December 31, 2026. Any modifications requested by either party must be submitted to the other party no later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, and any modifications requested at a later date shall not be subject to negotiations, unless mutually agreed upon by both parties.
  
- 27.1.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 23.1, in the event negotiations for a new Agreement extend beyond the anniversary date of this Agreement, this Agreement shall continue to remain in full force and effect, in accordance with interpretation and application of RCW 41.56, during the course of collective bargaining until such time as the terms of a new Agreement have been consummated or unless, consistent with RCW 41.56.123, the City serves the Guild with ten (10) days' written notice of intent to unilaterally implement its last offer and terminate the existing Agreement.


Executed this 11th day of April, 2024.

SEATTLE DISPATCHERS' GUILD


CITY OF SEATTLE  
Executed under authority  
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**APPENDIX A**

A.1 Effective January 4, 2023 employees covered by this agreement will receive a base wage increase of five percent (5%) and a market adjustment as outlined in Article 9. The table below is inclusive of both the market and AWI adjustment.

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
911 Emerg Comm Analyst	45.10	46.87	48.76	50.51	52.52
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher I	33.52	34.78	36.00	37.44	38.89
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher II	38.89	40.43	42.00	43.56	45.24
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher III	43.56	45.24	47.00	48.86	50.84
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher Supv	50.84	52.85	54.81	56.90	59.15

A.2 Effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 employees covered by this agreement will receive a base wage increase of four and one half percent (4.5%) and a market adjustment as outlined in Article 9. The table below is inclusive of both the market and AWI adjustment.

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
911 Emerg Comm Analyst	48.36	50.26	52.29	54.16	56.32
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher I	36.34	37.70	39.02	40.59	42.16
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher II	41.70	43.35	45.04	46.71	48.51
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher III	46.71	48.51	50.39	52.39	54.52
911 Emerg Comm Dispatcher Supv	54.52	56.68	58.78	61.02	63.43

A.3 Effective January 4, 2025, wages will be increased 100% of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2023 through June 2024 to the period June 2023 through June 2024, minimum 2%, maximum 4% and a market adjustment as outlined in Article 9.

A.4 Effective January 10, 2026, employees base wages will be increased one hundred percent (100%) of the annual average growth rate of the bi-monthly Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period June 2023 through June 2024 to the period June 2024 through June 2025. However, this percentage increase shall not be less than two percent (2%) nor shall it exceed four percent (4.0%). After calculating new base wage for 2026 using the formula above, the base wage will have an additional one-point-zero-percent (1.0%) added, the total not to exceed five percent (5%).



- A.5 The rates are illustrative of the increases that are provided for in Articles 9.1.1.A, 9.1.1.B, and 9.1.1.C. Any discrepancies shall be governed by Article 9.1.1.
- A.6 Emergency Dispatcher I's and Dispatcher II's when providing training for other dispatchers, in a classroom or through "one-on-one" training on the floor consoles, shall receive premium pay in the amount equal to five percent (7.5%) of the current top step base pay rate for Emergency Dispatcher II while performing in such training capacity. An employee shall be required to participate in the program for one (1) year from the time the employee was approved to participate in the program. With mutual agreement between management and the employee the employee may be extended for a specific time period.
- A.7 Effective January 4, 2023, a shift differential of one dollar (\$1.25) per hour shall be paid to employees (regular or temporary) for work on a regularly scheduled shift which includes at least four (4) consecutive hours between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. A shift differential of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.75) per hour for hours actually worked or paid sick leave taken shall be paid to employees for work on a regularly scheduled shift which includes at least four (4) consecutive hours between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The shift differential will not be paid for any hours of paid time off such as vacation, holidays, etc. The shift differential will be paid to employees working overtime only if they work four or more consecutive hours on the extra shift between the above-referenced hours, in which case it will be paid for all hours of overtime work for that shift.

## **APPENDIX B**

B.1 The City shall provide a transit subsidy benefit consistent with SMC 4.20.370.

**APPENDIX C**  
**2024 CARE Communications Staffing Levels**

<b><u>Job Classification</u></b>	<b><u>Staffing Level</u></b>
Communications Dispatcher 1	61
Communications Dispatcher 2	42
Communications Dispatcher 3	11
<b><i>Total Number of Dispatcher Positions</i></b>	<b>112</b>
Communications Supervisor	18
<b><i>Total Number of Operations Positions</i></b>	<b>18</b>
Emergency Communications Analyst (ECA)	7
<b><i>TOTAL NUMBER OF UNIT POSITIONS</i></b>	<b>139</b>

## APPENDIX D

### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT by and between THE CITY OF SEATTLE and the SIGNATORY UNIONS**

#### **LABOR-MANAGEMENT HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

This Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter, "MOA"), describes the processes and time frames agreed to between the City and the signatory Unions governing the medical, dental and vision, life, long term disability, long term care and employee assistance program benefits for all benefits-eligible employees represented by Unions that are a party to this MOA, including the changes thereto and premiums established through the Labor-Management Health Care Committee (hereinafter "Committee") in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

#### **I. CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS**

Each Union that is a party to this MOA shall adopt and incorporate as part of their applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, a provision that authorizes the Labor-Management Health Care Committee to govern benefit plans for all benefits-eligible employees represented by said Union, including premiums and changes thereto, in accordance with the provisions of this MOA.

#### **II. DEFINITIONS**

As utilized in this MOA, the term "total average plan cost of medical, dental and vision premiums" means the cost of premiums not diminished by funds from the Rate Stabilization Fund applied to reduce City and employee costs, which shall be determined using the following calculation:

For each program year of January 1, through December 31, after 2005, multiply the number of City employees covered by this MOA in each medical plan, as of June 30, of the applicable program year by the respective monthly medical plan premiums charged departments and the respective monthly premiums paid by those employees to determine the total monthly medical premiums. Divide the resulting total by the total number of employees covered by this MOA to determine the average monthly plan medical premium. Conduct the same calculations for the dental and vision plans. Total the average monthly medical, dental and vision plan premiums derived from these calculations, add to this total the monthly amount utilized if any from the Rate Stabilization Fund referenced in IV, below, to reduce City and employee costs, and multiply by twelve to determine the total average plan cost, as referenced in this section, and sections VII and VIII, below.

As utilized in this MOA, the term “average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums” means the cost of premiums excluding resources from the Rate Stabilization Fund (hereinafter “Fund”) and employee premium sharing, which shall be determined using the following calculation:

For each program year of January 1, through December 31, after 2005, multiply the number of City employees covered by this MOA in each medical plan, as of June 30, of the applicable program year by the respective monthly medical plan premiums charged departments to determine the total monthly City medical premiums. Divide that total by the total number of employees covered by this MOA to determine the average monthly City medical premium. Conduct the same calculations for the dental and vision plans. Total the average monthly City medical, dental and vision plan premiums derived from these calculations and multiply by twelve to determine the average City cost, as referenced in this section, and sections VII and VIII, below.

### **III REQUIRED CITY CONTRIBUTION**

For each program year of January 1, through December 31, after 2005, the City shall pay up to one hundred and seven percent (107%) of the average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums for the previous January 1, through December 31, period towards the projected, increased premium costs of employee medical, dental and vision programs that have been approved by the Committee.

If the total average plan cost for medical, dental and vision premiums for a program year of January 1, through December 31, after 2005, is projected by the Labor-Management Health Care Committee to exceed one hundred and seven percent (107%) of the average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums paid by the City for the previous January 1, through December 31, program year, the matter shall be addressed as provided in section VII.

If the total average plan cost for medical, dental and vision premiums for a program year is projected to be less than one hundred and seven percent (107%) of the average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums paid by the City for the previous program year, the City shall only be obligated to pay that percentage increase in the average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums paid by the City for the previous program year that is required to cover the projected increased total average plan cost for medical, dental and vision premiums.

### **IV. RATE STABILAZATION FUND**

The Fund previously established by the parties shall be continued for utilization in year 2006 and beyond for the purposes described below. The initial funding shall be that level of funding that is contained within said previously existing Fund on the effective date of this MOA. The Fund shall also include money contributed on behalf of other

Unions that may become a party to the MOA in the future, in addition to any interest, refunds, performance, guarantee payments, excess premium revenues and other money that may become available or that is placed in the Fund as described in VIII, below. All such money shall be proportionately determined based upon the number of employees that are represented by the Unions that are a party to this MOA.

**V. LABOR-MANAGEMENT HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE**

The Committee shall continue as previously established by the parties. The Committee shall be composed of six (6) voting representatives identified annually by the Unions that are or become subject to this MOA, and six (6) voting representatives selected annually by the City. The Committee shall function as defined by the protocol and procedures previously established by the Committee or as hereinafter amended by the Committee.

**VI. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

In addition to those specific responsibilities defined in sections VII and VIII, below, the Committee shall have responsibility for the following:

- a. Reviewing quarterly reports of fund activity for the Fund provided for in section IV, above.
- b. Reviewing medical, dental and vision claims activity and plan performance at each monthly meeting. The Committee can request preparation of special reports to monitor specific areas of concern or interest to the extent that the costs for such request(s) can be accommodated as part of the Personnel Department budget and/or the contract terms with consultants. The benefits consultant shall participate in these reviews on at least a quarterly basis.
- c. Determining benefit plan design. The Committee can request that research and study reports be prepared by staff and/or consultants to the extent that the costs for such request(s) can be accommodated as part of the Personnel Department budget and/or the contract terms with consultants, and may share employee feedback on benefit issues.
- d. Selection of health care plan providers and consultants, and participation in the Request for Proposal process when appropriate.
- e. Authorizing expenditures from the Fund to pay the cost for mailings to Union members, costs for special research and/or study reports referenced in b and c, above, that exceed the Personnel Department budget and/or the contract terms with consultants, and related costs associated with educational activities intended to positively impact plan cost.

## **VII. DECISION-MAKING ASSOCIATED WITH COST PROJECTIONS**

If the total average plan cost of medical, dental and vision premiums for any program year (January 1 through December 31) after 2005 is projected to be greater than seven percent (7%) over the average City cost of medical, dental and vision premiums paid by the City for the prior program year (January 1, through December 31), then:

- a. The Committee must utilize existing Fund resources (including any special reserve resources pursuant VIII, below) applied to the total, annual premiums of the respective health care plan(s) to the extent necessary or until all the Fund is exhausted in an effort to remain within the projected total plan costs of medical, dental and vision premiums.
- b. If the Fund is exhausted, excess costs shall be addressed by the City paying eighty-five percent (85%) of the total excess costs, and employee premium sharing shall be increased in such a manner so that fifteen percent (15%) of the total excess costs are addressed.
- c. The respective health care plan benefit designs may only be modified by the agreement of the Committee.
- d. No decision by the Committee shall be permitted that modifies the percentages established in b, herein.

## **VIII. DECISION-MAKING ASSOCIATED WITH ACTUAL EXPERIENCE**

Once the actual health care costs for a given program year have been determined, the Committee shall assess whether or not those costs exceeded premiums paid by the City, money utilized from the Fund, and premiums paid by employees.

If the actual total plan costs of medical claims or premiums and dental and vision premiums were less than the premiums paid by the City, money utilized from the Fund, and premiums paid by employees, the positive balance shall be retained as a reserve in the Rate Stabilization Fund until the Committee makes projections for health care premium rates for the next program year to determine whether and/or to what extent all or a portion of this positive balance must be utilized as part of the decision-making process defined in VII, a, above. Once such projections are made, the Committee shall address the disposition of any remaining positive balance.

If the actual total plan costs of medical claims or premiums and dental and vision premiums were more than the premiums paid by the City, money utilized from the Fund, and premiums paid by employees, the Committee shall determine the amount by which the premiums paid by the City, money utilized from the Fund, and premium shares paid by employees were exceeded. The Committee shall be required to address recovering the negative balance from the prior year through the decision-making process defined in VII, above, for cost projections for the next program year.

**IX. AMENDMENTS**

This MOA may be amended to the extent authorized by law upon agreement by the Committee or by the signatories.

**X. DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AGREEMENT"**

The definition of having reached an "agreement" as contemplated in sections VI, VII, VIII, and IX, above, shall mean that at least four (4) of the Labor members and four (4) of the City members of the Committee concur with the decision in question.

**XI. TERM OF AGREEMENT**

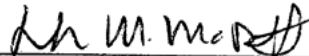
This MOA shall be valid for two (2) years from January 1, 2006, and shall renew itself for a three-year period on each third-year anniversary of said date. Provided, however, the City or a Union which is a party to this MOA may give notice not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to a third-year anniversary date of their intent to amend this MOA through the collective bargaining process or withdraw as a party to which the terms of this MOA are applicable. In the latter case, the MOA shall remain in full force and effect for all Unions which remain a party to it and the City, if the City has not withdrawn.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

**THE CITY OF SEATTLE**




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Acting Director of Labor Relations

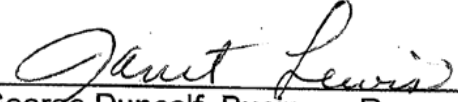


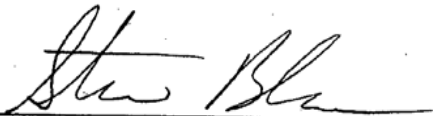
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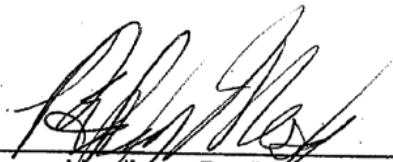
  
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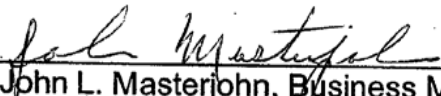
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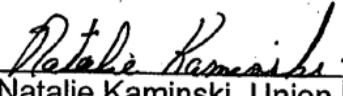
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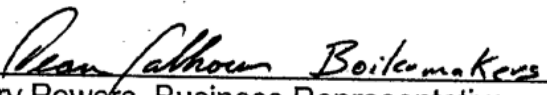
  
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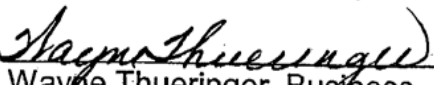
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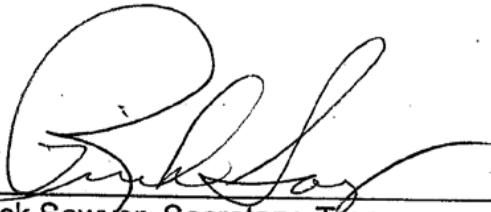
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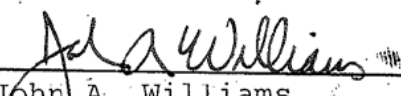


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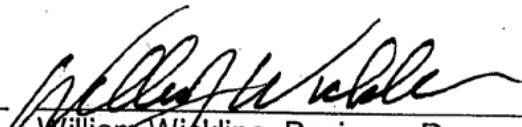


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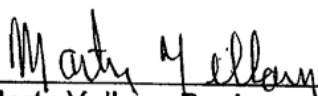
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U.A. Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 32

**APPENDIX E**  
**Janus Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The following MOU attached hereto as Appendix E and signed by the City of Seattle and the Coalition of City Unions (“Parties”), is adopted and incorporated as an Appendix to this Agreement to address certain matters with respect to membership and payroll deductions after the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Janus v. AFSCME. The Agreement is specific and limited to the content contained within it. Nothing in the MOU is intended, nor do the Parties intend, for the MOU to change the ability to file a grievance on any matter of dispute which may arise over the interpretation or application of the collective bargaining agreement itself. Specifically, nothing in the MOU is it intended to prevent the filing of a grievance to enforce any provision of the Union Engagement and Payroll Deductions Article 3. Any limitations on filing a grievance that are set forth in the MOU are limited to actions that may be taken with respect to the enforcement of the MOU itself, and limited specifically to Section B of the MOU.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
By and Between THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
and  
COALITION OF CITY UNIONS  
(Amending certain collective bargaining agreements)

Certain Unions representing employees at the City of Seattle have formed a coalition (herein referred to as “Coalition of City Unions”) to collectively negotiate the impacts of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision and other conditions of employment with the City of Seattle (herein referred to as “City;” together the City and this Coalition of City Unions shall be referred to as “the Parties”); and,

This Coalition of City Unions for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall include the following individual Unions, provided that the named Unions are also signatory to this MOU: the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, Local 104; the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council #5; the Inland Boatmen’s Union of the Pacific; Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46; the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 32; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 763; the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 286; the UNITE Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees, Local 8; the Public Service & Industrial Employees, Local 1239; the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 21; the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada, Local 15; the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 66; the Seattle Municipal Court Marshals’

Guild; the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, Local 289; the Seattle Parking Enforcement Officers Guild; the Seattle Police Dispatchers' Guild; the Seattle Police Management Association; and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild.

## Background

In June of 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued the Janus v. AFSCME decision. In response to this change in circumstances, this Coalition of City Unions issued demands to bargain regarding the impacts and effects of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

Included in the Parties collective bargaining agreements is a subordination of agreement clause that in summary states, "It is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by the provisions of applicable federal law, City Charter, and state law. When any provisions thereof are in conflict with or are different from the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of said federal law, City Charter, or state law are paramount and shall prevail."

The parties have agreed to engage in negotiations over the impacts and effects of this change in circumstances to reflect compliance with the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

## Agreements

### Section A. Amended Union Dues and Membership Language

The Parties agree to amend and modify each of the Parties' collective bargaining agreements as follows:

#### Article X - Union Engagement and Payroll Deductions

The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved. The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the City and The City shall honor the terms and conditions of each worker's Union payroll deduction authorization(s) for the purposes of dues deduction only. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the Employer for deducting dues from Union members, including those that have communicated a desire to revoke a previous deduction authorization, along with all other issues related to the deduction of dues or fees.

The City will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the

bargaining unit. The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee's normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.

The City will require all new employees to attend a New Employee Orientation (NEO) within thirty (30) days of hire. The NEO will include an at-minimum thirty (30) minute presentation by a Union representative to all employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. At least five (5) working days before the date of the NEO, the City shall provide the Union with a list of names of their bargaining unit attending the Orientation.

The individual Union meeting and NEO shall satisfy the City's requirement to provide a New Employee Orientation Union Presentation under Washington State law. The City of Seattle, including its officers, supervisors, managers and/or agents, shall remain neutral on the issue of whether any bargaining unit employee should join the Union or otherwise participate in Union activities at the City of Seattle.

New Employee and Change in Employee Status Notification: The City shall supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employee's: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate.

Any employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of payments to their Union by written notice to the Union in accordance with the terms and conditions of their dues authorization. Every effort will be made to end the deductions effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll, after receipt by the City of confirmation from the union that the terms of the employee's authorization regarding dues deduction revocation have been met. The City will refer all employee inquiries or communications regarding union dues to the appropriate Union.

Section B. Agreement on Impacts of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

The Parties further agree:

1. Member Training: During each year of this agreement a Union's principal officer may request that Union members be provided with at least eight (8) hours or one (1) day, whichever is greater, of paid release time to participate in member training programs sponsored by the Union. The Parties further agree that the release of employees shall be three (3) employee representatives per each Union in an individual Department; or two percent (2%) of a single Union's membership per each department, to be calculated as a maximum of two percent (2%) of an individual Union's membership in that single department (not citywide), whichever is greater. The approval of such release time shall not be unreasonably denied for arbitrary and/or capricious reasons. When granting such requests, the City will take into consideration the operational needs of each Department. At its sole discretion, the City may approve

paid release time for additional employee representatives from each Department on a case-by-case basis.

2. The Unions shall submit to the Office of Labor Relations and the Department as far in advance as possible, but at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance, the names of those members who will be attending each training course. Time off for those purposes shall be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor.

3. New Employees: The City shall work with the Seattle Department of Technology to develop an automated system to provide the Union with the following information within ten (10) working days after a new employee's first day of work: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate, FTE status. Until the process has been automated the departments may provide the Union notice at the same time the department notifies SDHR benefits, by sending an email to the Union providing the notice of hire. Upon automation departments may elect to not provide notice to the Unions and official notice will only be given by SDHR. The Parties agree to continue to work with departments to provide notice of new hires to the Union no later than 10 working days from the employee first day of work.

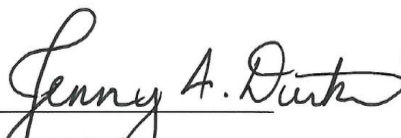
4. This agreement is specific and limited to the referenced demand to bargain and the associated negotiations related to the impacts regarding the Janus v. AFSCME decision and sets no precedent or practice by the City and cannot be used or introduced in any forum or proceeding as evidence of a precedent or a practice.


5. Issues arising over the interpretation, application, or enforceability of the provisions of this agreement shall be addressed during the Coalition labor management meetings and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in the Parties' collective bargaining agreements.

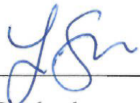
6. The provisions contained in "Section B" of this MOU will be reviewed when the current collective bargaining agreements expire. The Parties reserve their rights to make proposals during successor bargaining for a new agreement related to the items outlined in this MOA.

7. This Parties signatory to this MOU concur that the City has fulfilled its bargaining obligations regarding the demand to bargain filed as a result of the Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court decision.

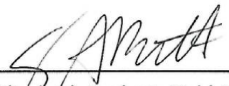
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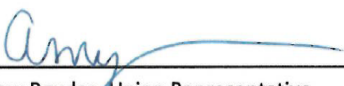
  
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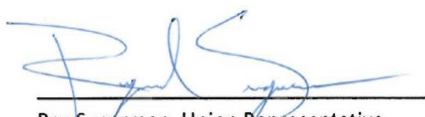
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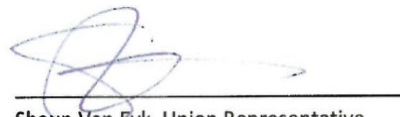
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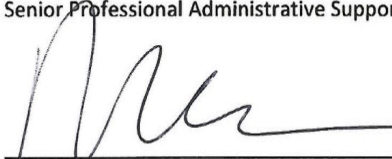
  
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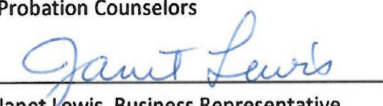
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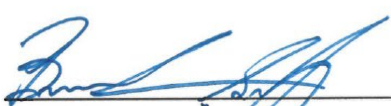
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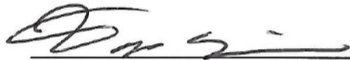
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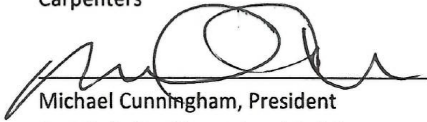
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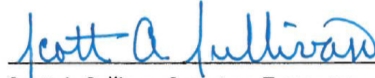
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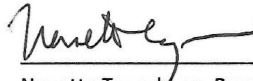
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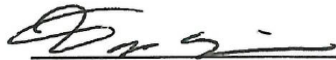



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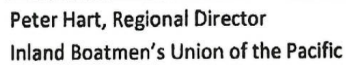
  
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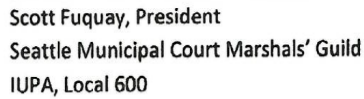
  
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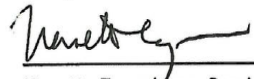
  
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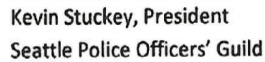
  
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