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**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE**

**CITY OF LYNDHURST**

**AND**

**OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT  
ASSOCIATION (OPBA)**

**FULL-TIME PATROLMEN**

**SERB CASE NO. 2020-MED-10-1138**

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## PREAMBLE

**Section 1. Parties.** This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the City of Lyndhurst, hereinafter referred to as “the City,” and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as “the OPBA” or “Union.”

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide a fair and reasonable method by which employees covered by this Agreement can participate through their exclusive bargaining agent in the establishment of terms and conditions of their employment, to provide for the effective and efficient operation of the City government, and to establish an orderly procedure for the resolution of differences between the City and the members of the bargaining unit.

## ARTICLE 1 RECOGNITION

**Section 1. Exclusive Representative.** For the duration of this Agreement, the City recognizes the OPBA as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees covered by this Agreement.

**Section 2. Included.** The members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement are all full-time Patrolmen employed by the City.

**Section 3. Full-Time Definition.** The term “full-time” Patrolman means any Patrolman employed by the City who is regularly scheduled to work one hundred sixty (160) hours in each twenty-eight (28) day work period.

**Section 4. Excluded.** The categories of employees excluded from the bargaining unit are all members of the Police Department who hold a rank of Sergeant or above, School Guards, Animal Wardens, Auxiliary Police, Special Police, Dispatchers, Park Guards, clericals, janitors, and all confidential, temporary, intermittent, seasonal, casual, supervisory, and professionals employees as defined by the Ohio Public Employer Collective Bargaining Act, and all other full-time and part-time employees. Any classification not specifically included herein shall be excluded from the Union.

## ARTICLE 2 DUES DEDUCTION

**Section 1. Dues Deduction.** The Employer agrees to deduct OPBA dues and fees from any member of the bargaining unit who provides written authorization for a payroll dues and fees deduction. All dues and fees so deducted shall be remitted on a monthly basis to the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, 10147 Royalton Road – Suite 5, North Royalton, Ohio 44133 or such other address as set from time to time by the OPBA. The City will provide an accounting of the dues and fees deducted showing the amounts deducted from the pay of each employee.

**Section 2. Indemnification.** The OPBA shall indemnify the City and hold it harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other liability that may arise by reason of any action of the City in complying with the provisions of this Article.

### **ARTICLE 3** **WORK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Section 1.** The Union recognizes that the Employer has the right to prepare and implement new and revised reasonable work rules, regulations, policies, and procedures that regulate the conduct of employees and the conduct of the Employer's services and programs.

**Section 2.** All employees will be provided with a copy of any existing or revised work rules, regulations, and policies and procedures issued by the Employer.

**Section 3.** Any new or modified work rule(s) may be reviewed and discussed by the parties at a Labor/Management meeting before implementation, except for those changes made to address a matter of health and/or safety.

### **ARTICLE 4** **UNION LEAVE**

**Section 1.** The City agrees to allow paid time off to the OPBA Director and/or his designate to attend to OPBA matters. Such time off shall not exceed ninety-six (96) hours per year, and shall be taken at times mutually agreed by the OPBA and the City.

**Section 2.** Two duly elected OPBA representatives delegates shall be granted time off with pay for the purpose of attending seminars and one Union convention per year. The Union shall give the employer reasonable notice of such convention, and shall be taken at times mutually agreed by the OPBA and the City. Paid time off to attend such conventions and/or seminars shall be deducted from the ninety-six (96) hour limit for each calendar year.

### **ARTICLE 5** **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**Section 1. Non-Discrimination.** The parties agree that neither the Employer nor the OPBA shall unlawfully discriminate against any bargaining unit employee in the administration of this Agreement on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, ancestry, military status, veteran's status, genetic information, or national origin.

**Section 2. Union Affiliation.** The parties agree that neither the Employer nor the OPBA shall discriminate against any bargaining unit employee on the basis of his or her membership or participation in OPBA matters.

**Section 3. Gender Neutral.** The male pronoun or adjective, where used in this Agreement, refers to the female also, unless otherwise indicated.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Except as specifically limited by explicit provisions of this Agreement, the City reserves and retains, solely and exclusively, all rights, powers, and authority, including the right to determine and to take actions to carry out the mission of the City and its Police Department, determine staffing policy, and in all other respects to plan, manage, evaluate, administer, govern, control, and direct its personnel and operations. Such exclusive rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To determine matters of inherent managerial policies which include policy areas of discretion such as the functions and programs of the City, standards of service, overall budget, utilization of technology and organizational structure;
- B. To establish, modify and enforce reasonable policies, rules, regulations, and standards for employee performance;
- C. To determine the size, composition, structure, and adequacy of the work force;
- D. To establish and determine job qualifications and duties, and to establish, modify, consolidate, and abolish jobs or job classifications;
- E. To hire, evaluate, assign, transfer, schedule, supervise, direct, promote, demote, layoff, retain, discipline, suspend and discharge employees;
- F. To subcontract work;
- G. To allocate work among employees, divisions, or departments, and to determine work methods and responsibilities;
- H. To determine overall methods, processes and means by which operations are to be efficiently and effectively conducted;
- I. To determine and introduce new and/or improved equipment, methods, and facilities;
- J. To determine the financial policies and procedures of the City including the exclusive right to allocate and expend all funds of the City;
- K. To do all things appropriate and incidental to any of its rights, powers, prerogatives, responsibilities, and authority; and in all respects to carry out the ordinary and customary functions of the administration, subject only to the procedures and criteria governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly provided for in this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

**Section 1.** This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work per day or per week in effect at the time of execution of this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as preventing the Employer from restructuring the normal workday or workweek for the purpose of promoting efficiency or improving services, from establishing the work schedules of employees, or establishing part-time positions. This Article is intended to be used as the basis for scheduling and shall not be construed as a guarantee of work per day or per week.

**Section 2. Work Period.** The basic work schedule for members of the bargaining unit shall consist of one hundred sixty (160) hours in each twenty-eight (28) day work period. Twelve (12) hour scheduling shifts will be utilized as determined by the Chief of Police, who can unilaterally, and without any further bargaining or discussions with the OPBA or its members, discontinue such twelve (12) hour shift scheduling, and revert to the eight (8) hour shift scheduling, with thirty (30) days advanced notice to the OPBA.

**Section 3. Overtime Authorization.** The City retains sole discretion as to the need for overtime work, and all assigned overtime must be worked. All overtime work must be authorized by the Mayor or his authorized representative, except that where overtime work is performed in an emergency without prior authorization, the overtime work shall be reported to the Mayor or his authorized representative for confirmation that such an emergency existed and authorization of the overtime work. The City will continue the current practice of offering overtime to bargaining unit members before special police officers, except as contained in Article 10.

**Section 4. Overtime.** Overtime hours are those hours worked in excess of eighty (80) hours in each scheduled pay period. Overtime hours shall be compensated consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act at a rate determined by dividing the employee's annual rate, including detective premium, by two thousand eighty (2080) hours, and multiplying by one and one-half (1 1/2) times, or, at the option of the employee, and if in the City's discretion scheduling needs so allow, overtime hours may be accumulated and taken in equivalent time off at the one and one-half (1 1/2) premium rate. All overtime shall be paid for or taken in time off within a single twenty-eight (28) day work period. Vacation, holidays, and sick leave, during any portion of a pay period shall be counted for the purpose of determining the existence of any overtime worked during that pay period.

**Section 5. Compensatory Time Accumulation/Conversation.** Employees shall be allowed to accumulate compensatory time up to one hundred sixty (160) hours. Employees are required to cash-out all hours in excess of one hundred (100) at the end of the calendar year, but can cash-out more at that time upon request. The compensatory time cash-out shall be paid in a separate check payable in December. In addition, accumulated compensatory time can be cashed out throughout the year.

**Section 6. Travel Time.** Employees traveling to assignments further than twelve (12) miles from 5301 Mayfield Road will be compensated for the appropriate actual driving time from 5301 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio, or trip origin as reasonably determined by the Chief of Police. Examples of appropriate actual driving times would include the following:

Columbus Highway Patrol Academy:	2 hours and 30 minutes
O.P.O.T.A. (London, Ohio):	3 hours

No travel time beyond one round trip will be paid for commuting to and from locations outside Cuyahoga County for consecutive day assignments when employees customarily stay overnight at such locations.

**Section 7. Call in Time.** When employees are physically required to report for work or to appear in court as part of their job-related duties during times that are outside of their scheduled work time and that are not contiguous to their scheduled work time, the employees will be paid a minimum of three (3) hours' pay or for the actual time spent, whichever is greater to be computed at the overtime rate of the respective patrolman. The minimum will be increased to four (4) hours overtime pay when employees are required to appear in the following tribunals in downtown Cleveland: Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, and Grand Jury.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

**Section 1. Annual Base Pay.** Effective the first full pay period including January 1, 2021, bargaining unit employees shall receive a two percent (2%) general wage increase.

Effective the first full pay period including January 1, 2022, bargaining unit employees shall receive a two and one-half percent (2.5%) general wage increase.

Effective the first full pay period including January 1, 2023, bargaining unit employees shall receive a three percent (3%) general wage increase.

The annual base pay for employees covered by this Agreement shall be as follows:

	Current	Effective 1/1/2021	Effective 1/1/2022	Effective 1/1/2023
	Annual Base Pay	Annual Base Pay	Annual Base Pay	Annual Base Pay
<b>Years of FT Service</b>		2%	2.5%	3%
2 or more years	\$82,684.52	\$84,338.21	\$86,446.67	\$89,040.07
1 to 2 years	\$75,793.04	\$77,308.90	\$79,241.62	\$81,618.87
6 months to 1 year	\$68,897.57	\$70,275.52	\$72,032.41	\$74,193.38
Less than 6 months	\$64,468.75	\$65,758.13	\$67,402.08	\$69,424.14

**Section 2. Shift Differential.** Officers working the 7 PM – 7 AM shift will be paid the \$.35 differential for all hours worked on that shift. The 7 AM – 7 PM shift will not receive a shift differential.

**Section 3. Lump Sum Payment.** Those members of the Bargaining Unit who are employed as of the date the contract is signed shall, in addition to the general wage increases provided in Section 1, receive the following lump sum payment:

1. \$750.00 lump sum payment as soon as practicable following ratification of the Agreement

**Section 4. PERS Pick Up.** The City also agrees to maintain its current pension pick-up program which reduces the employee's gross pay by the amount of the employee's contribution to the Police and Firemen's Disability Pension Fund of Ohio and the City is then responsible for both the City's and the employee's contribution to the retirement fund.

**Section 5. Detective Assignment.** Members of the bargaining unit assigned to detective duties shall receive a detective premium of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month in addition to their annual base pay.

**Section 6. Longevity Compensation.** After the completion of five (5) full years of continuous service with the City as a regular full-time employee, employees shall be eligible for longevity pay according to the following schedule:

At the completion of the fifth through ninth years of continuous service --	2% of current annual base pay
At the completion of the tenth through fourteenth years of continuous service --	3% of current annual base pay
At the completion of fifteenth through nineteenth years of continuous service --	4% of current annual base pay
At the completion of the twentieth year of continuous service --	5% of current annual base pay

Longevity compensation shall be paid on the second payday of the anniversary date of appointment. In case of death or retirement of an employee, payment of longevity compensation shall be made to the employee or his or her personal representative for the pro-rated portion of his or her service during his or her current anniversary year.

Employees who transfer to another department of the City or who have terminated and returned to service within one (1) year shall be eligible for the longevity pay as though there had been no interruption in their service except that credit shall not be given for the period of absence from City employment.

No longevity credit shall be given for seasonal or part-time employment.

**Section 7. Uniform Allowance.** The City shall provide all employees who are assigned to the Uniform Division with a full complement of uniforms, clothing and equipment that the City requires them to wear or use. In addition, the City will pay for the costs of all cleaning, repairing, the tailoring, or replacing of the aforesaid items. The Police Chief or an authorized representative will have sole discretion to determine whether an item is tailored, repaired or replaced.



The City shall provide all employees who are assigned to the Detective Bureau with a full complement of all uniforms, clothing, and equipment that the City requires them to wear or use. Employees who are assigned to the Detective Bureau will be allowed to purchase up to seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) worth of civilian clothing items utilizing a voucher and/or reimbursement system. In addition, the City will pay for the costs of all cleaning of all the aforesaid items. The City will also pay the cost of repairing an item if it is damaged in the line of duty.

**Section 8. Life Insurance.** The City shall provide a group term life insurance policy for each full-time employee in the amount of two times the employee's base salary.

**Section 9. FTO and Shift Officer.** Police officers who are assigned quasi-supervisory duties to serve as Field Training Officers or act as Shift Officer or Officer in Charge of the Detective Bureau (provided there is more than one employee on duty in the Detective Bureau) will be paid a premium as follows during the period of such service: up to one (1) hour of service - no extra pay, one (1) hour of service up to three and one half (3 1/2) hours of service - one-half (1/2) hour at overtime rate; four (4) hours of service up to eight (8) hours of service = one (1) hour at overtime rate; and eight and one-half (8 1/2) hours of service up to twelve (12) hours of service = one and one-half (1 1/2) hours at overtime rate. This compensation may be taken in pay or compensatory time at the employee's option.

It is expressly understood that the assignment and designation of a Police Officer to serve as a Field Training Officer, Shift Officer, or Officer in Charge shall be solely within the discretion of the Chief of Police/designee, and the premium shall only be paid during the period of such assignment and designation by the Chief.

**Section 10. Education Bonus.** Any employee who has an Associate's or a Bachelor's Degree will receive a one percent (1%) premium on the employee's base pay. In the reasonable determination of the City, the degree must be from a duly accredited college or university. Such premium shall not be effective until appropriate documentation is furnished to the City.

**Section 11. Union Representative Pay.** The employee in the bargaining unit serving as Union Representative shall receive an extra fifty cents (\$.50) per hour while serving in that capacity.

The extra rate of pay provided in this paragraph is not applicable during vacation, leaves of absence and holidays.

## **ARTICLE 9** **HOSPITALIZATION**

**Section 1.** The City will provide health insurance coverage for members of the bargaining unit under a group medical insurance plan, and as may be required by law, for members of the bargaining unit beginning on their first day of full-time employment with the City of Lyndhurst, if that day is the first day of a month or commencing the first day of the month following their first day of full-time employment with the City. Upon voluntary separation from employment with the City of Lyndhurst, coverage shall expire on the last day of the month of separation. Any decision by the City to change insurance carrier or the benefits plan will be discussed with the Union before implementation.

**Section 2.** There will be Health Care Task Force, comprised of representatives of the City, the other City bargaining units, the Union, and non-union employees. The Task Force will review, study, and discuss the plan options and costs that are obtained by the City and will formulate recommendations to be considered by the City. It is the goal of the Task Force to reach a consensus as to which plans the City should consider adopting.

The Health Care Task Force will analyze cost containment measures, including, but not limited to, deductibles, co-pays, out-of-pocket maximums, prescription drug changes, and the potential providers of health care insurance, and will recommend appropriate measures for implementation. The City and the Union agree to implement any agreements of the Health Care Task Force. If the Health Care Task Force is unable to reach agreement concerning such measures, the City may implement such measures consistent with the terms and spirit of this section, and, if the union disagrees, it may file a grievance and submit the matter to binding arbitration. However, before there can be any meaningful reduction in the benefit level, there must be a mutual agreement between the Union and the City before implementation.

**Section 3.** For 2015, employees will pay five percent (5%) of the premium costs to the City of the plan they choose to participate in. For employees selecting the Health Savings Account (HSA) plan, the premium contributions made by the employee will be deducted through a payroll deduction, and then placed in the employee's HSA.

**Section 4.** The City shall maintain a cafeteria plan with respect to health care costs in accordance with Title 26, Subtitle A, Chapter 1, Subchapter B, Part III, Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE 10** **HOLIDAY CREDITS**

**Section 1. Holiday Credits and Proration.** Each member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to fifteen (15) Holiday Credits throughout the year, except as follows. New employees shall be entitled to one and one quarter (1.25) Holiday Credits for each fully completed month worked during their first year of employment and those employees who separate from the City shall receive one and one-quarter (1.25) Holiday Credits for each fully completed month of service to the City except for those who leave the City upon retirement. If an employee retires prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> there shall be no additional Holiday Credit beyond his or her entitlement for that calendar year. If the employee retires between October 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> he or she shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) his or her annual entitlement of Holiday Credit for the year in which that April 1<sup>st</sup> falls. If an employee retires after April 1<sup>st</sup> he or she shall receive his or her full Holiday Credit entitlement for that year.

Such Holiday Credits, or time off allowed in lieu thereof, shall be fixed and determined by the City, who shall make provisions for such Holiday credits consistent with the proper administration of the Department.

**Section 2. Holiday Credit (Time Off).** Employees shall be entitled to receive time off with pay for nine (9) Holiday Credits (72 hours), to be taken at the employees' option, without regard for whether the absent employee's position must be filled with an employee earning overtime.

However, the City has the right to schedule Special Police Officers first when finding replacements for patrol officers utilizing their nine (9) Holidays above. Requests for such time off must be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the requested day. This time requirement may be waived by the Chief of Police or designee. If no employee can be found to fill the absent employee's shift, the requested day off may be denied. The remaining six (6) Holiday Credits (48 hours), or time off in lieu thereof, shall be fixed and determined by the City, who shall make provisions for such Holiday Credits consistent with the proper administration of the Department.

**Section 3. Premium Pay Holidays.** Any employee working his regularly scheduled work day on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day, or Christmas Day, shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times (1 1/2) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay in addition to the fifteen (15) holiday credits. Any employee working these holidays on his regular day off shall be compensated at two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.

## ARTICLE 11 VACATIONS

**Section 1. Vacation Schedule.** Each eligible member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to a vacation with full pay as follows:

After one year and through five years of continuous service	2 weeks each year
After five years and through ten years of continuous service	3 weeks each year
After ten years and through fifteen years of continuous service	4 weeks each year
After fifteen years and through twenty years of continuous service	5 weeks each year
After twenty years of continuous service	6 weeks each year

**Section 2. Eligibility.** If an employee is hired after April 1st and prior to October 1st of a calendar year, he or she shall be entitled to two (2) weeks, vacation the following calendar year.

If an employee is appointed between October 1st and December 31st, he or she shall be entitled to one (1) week the following calendar year, but only after completion of at least six (6) months' employment. If an employee is appointed between January 1st and April 1st, he or she shall be entitled to one (1) week of vacation in that calendar year, but only after the completion of six (6) months of employment. Employees with prior service credit will be entitled to vacation time commensurate with those years of service but only after one (1) year of service for the City of Lyndhurst.

**Section 3. Proration.** Vacation leave accrues only while an employee is in active-pay status (e.g., vacation, paid military leave, sick leave, etc.). No vacation is earned while an employee is in unpaid status. If an employee was not paid for a full year prior to their vacation anniversary date, and was

on unpaid status for any portion of the year, he shall not earn or accrue vacation during the period of time he is in unpaid status. Prorated vacation credit is given for any part of a pay period.

**Section 4. Scheduling/Usage.** All vacations shall be taken at such time as approved by the Mayor or his designated representatives. During vacations, employees shall receive their current salary or, the proportionate amount thereof, if the Mayor or his designated representative schedules such vacations into shorter periods for the convenience of the conduct of City business. Vacation time shall accrue to each employee in each calendar year according to the schedule in Section 1 of this Article. Vacation time shall be taken by an employee during the calendar year in which it accrues and may not be carried forward after December 31st. A vacation shall be taken by the employee during the year in which it has accrued. If an employee is unable to use his or her full vacation allotment during a calendar year, the employee will be paid any unused vacation pay up to, and not in excess of, forty (40) vacation hours' vacation pay.

**Section 5. Prior Service.** For the purposes of this Article, years of continuous service shall be determined by the most recent date of hire as a regular, full-time employee. Employment by another political subdivision of the State of Ohio shall be included when determining years of continuous service for the purpose of this Article, provided that there is no more than one (1) month between termination from former public employment and appointment in Lyndhurst; however, eligibility to take vacation shall accrue after six (6) months of service for the City of Lyndhurst and be limited to two (2) weeks during the first twelve (12) months following appointment and for vacation buy-back only time earned for the City of Lyndhurst shall qualify for buy-back.

**Section 6. Proration Upon Separation.** If an employee retires or leaves employment prior to October 1st, there shall be no additional paid vacation time beyond his or her entitlement for that calendar year. If an employee retires or leaves employment between October 1st and April 1st, he or she shall be entitled to one-half (½) his or her annual vacation entitlement for the year in which that April 1st falls. If an employee retires or leaves employment after April 1st, he or she shall be entitled to his or her full annual vacation entitlement for that calendar year

## **ARTICLE 12** **SICK LEAVE**

**Section 1. Accrual.** Members of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to sick leave of 4.6 hours for each eighty (80) hours of service or fraction thereof including vacation and holidays, but not to include any overtime hours, hours of paid sick leave, or when the employee is not in active pay status, up to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hours annually.

**Section 2. Usage and Required Documentation.** Employees may use sick leave, upon approval of the Mayor or his authorized representative, for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious diseases which could be communicated to other employees, and for illness or death in the employees immediate family (i.e., spouse, child, or parent). The Mayor or his authorized representative may require the employee to furnish a satisfactory affidavit or medical report to confirm that his absence was caused by illness due to any of the causes listed in this Section.

**Section 3. Accumulation and Deduction.** Unused sick leave shall be cumulative without limit. When sick leave is used, it shall be deducted from the employee's credit on the basis of one (1) hour for every hour of absence from previously scheduled non-overtime work.

**Section 4. Sick Leave Transfer.** For employees hired after January 1, 2018, up to two hundred forty (240) hours of the previously accumulated sick leave of an employee who has been separated from the public service shall be placed to his or her credit upon employment with the City, provided that such employment with the City takes place within thirty (30) days of the date on which the employee was last terminated from public service. Subject two hundred forty (240) hours shall not be eligible for buy-back or retirement conversion. Employees of record prior to January 1, 2018, shall have their prior-service sick time hours that have been recognized by the City of Lyndhurst usable as if earned in service to the City of Lyndhurst.

**Section 5. Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement.**

- A. Any member of the bargaining unit with ten (10) or more years of cumulative public service with the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions shall receive payment, at the time of retirement, for not more than a maximum of three hundred (300) hours unused sick leave time based on a formula of one-fourth (1/4) of the employee's accrued but unused sick leave at the time of retirement, but not to exceed a maximum accrual of twelve hundred (1200) hours.

A member of the bargaining unit who has been employed with the City of Lyndhurst for the period of time required shall be paid for accrued but unused sick leave at the time of retirement an amount which shall be the greater of the 25% or the other percentages of unused sick leave set forth in this Section 5 as follows: 15 years, 30%; 20 years, 35%; 25 years, 40%; 30 years, 45%.

The accrual of unused sick leave used for this formula shall not exceed a maximum accrual of twelve hundred (1200) hours.

In addition to that amount, the City will pay 50% of the accumulated sick leave which exceeds 1200 hours.

- B. Employees hired after January 1, 2018, with ten (10) or more years of cumulative public service with the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions shall receive payment, at the time of retirement, for not more than a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours unused sick leave time based on a formula of one-fourth (1/4) of the employee's accrued but unused sick leave at the time of retirement, but not to exceed a maximum accrual of nine hundred sixty (960) hours.

A member of the bargaining unit who has been employed with the City of Lyndhurst for the period of time required shall be paid for accrued but unused sick leave at the time of retirement an amount which shall be the greater of the 25% or the other percentages of unused sick leave set forth in this Section 5 as follows: 15 years, 30%; 20 years, 35%; 25 years, 40%; 30 years, 45%. The accrual of unused sick leave used for this formula shall not exceed a maximum accrual of nine hundred sixty (960) hours.

In addition to that amount, the City will pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the accumulated sick leave which exceeds nine hundred sixty (960) hours up to a cap of one thousand two hundred (1200) hours. The City will also pay one-sixth of the unused sick time that is in excess of one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours but less than 3,113 total hours.

The payment shall be based on the employee's rate of pay at retirement and eliminates all sick leave credit accrued but unused by the employee at the time the payment is made. An eligible employee must apply for payment of accumulated sick leave from his appointing authority within one hundred twenty (120) days after eligibility.

In the case of death of an employee while on the City payroll, if the employee had ten (10) or more years of cumulative public service with the State of Ohio or its political subdivisions, accumulated sick leave shall be paid to his or her personal representative, designated by the employee, under the same terms and in the same manner as provided upon retirement above.

**Section 6. Non-Use of Sick Leave Incentive.**

1. For employees of record as of January 1, 2018, in December of each year, for any employee (a) who has accumulated more than nine hundred sixty (960) hours of sick leave and (b) has used less than five (5) sick days during the preceding twelve-month period from the second pay period in December for the previous year through the end of the first pay period of December for the current year, the City will, at the employee's option, buy back up to five (5) sick days so that the total of sick days used or paid for that period totals to five (5). In other words, the following schedule will apply for such employees:

Sick Days Used <u>Dec. 1 to Nov. 30</u>	Sick Days City <u>Will Buy</u>
0	5
1	4
2	3
3	2
4	1
5 or more	0

(The City will not buy back any sick days if the employee has used five (5) or more sick days during the one-year period). For any days paid under this program, that amount of sick leave will be treated as used and will not be credited to the employee's accumulated sick leave.

2. For employees hired after January 1, 2018, in December of each year, for any employee (a) who has accumulated more than nine hundred sixty (960) hours of sick leave and (b) has used less than five (5) sick days during the preceding twelve-month period from the second pay period in December for the previous year through the end of the first pay

period of December for the current year, the City will, at the employee's option, buy back up to six (6) sick days so that the total of sick days used or paid for that period totals to six (6). In other words, the following schedule will apply for such employees:

<u>Sick Days Used</u> <u>Dec. 1 to Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sick Days City</u> <u>Will Buy</u>
0	6
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1
6	0

(The City will not buy back any sick days if the employee has used six (6) or more sick days during the one-year period). For any days paid under this program, that amount of sick leave will be treated as used and will not be credited to the employee's accumulated sick leave.

**ARTICLE 13**  
**EMERGENCY PAID LEAVE**

**Section 1.** The Mayor or his authorized representative may allow an employee paid time off work, not to exceed four (4) eight (8) hour days because of the death of the employee's mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, or child. The Mayor or his authorized representative may allow an employee paid time off from work not to exceed three (3) eight (8) hour days because of the death of the employee's grandparent, grandchild, step-parents, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law and step-children. In the event of the death of other relatives in the employee's family, the Mayor or his authorized representative may, within the above limitation, allow such time off as deemed necessary depending on the circumstances of each situation.

**Section 2.** The use of emergency/leave is a privilege which must be specifically requested by the employee of the Chief of Police and granted by the Mayor or his authorized representative and does not automatically consist of the maximum time allowed, but is up to the discretion of the Mayor or his authorized representative. In cases where more time off is desired than granted, the employee shall request, in advance, the use of his accrued vacation or sick leave credit.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**ON-THE-JOB INJURY LEAVE**

**Section 1.** When an employee becomes injured, ill, or disabled as a result of an event arising out of and in the course of bona fide high-risk police work, as reasonably determined by the City, so as to be physically unfit for duty, the employee shall be granted a special leave of absence with pay by the City beginning with the first working day of such disability. In order to qualify as high risk police work, the following criteria shall be certified by the Chief of the Division and approved by the Mayor:

The injuries are the direct result of:

- A. An accident occurring when lights and sirens are being used pursuant to Division rules and regulations;
- B. An automobile accident occurring during the course of a high-speed chase;
- C. A fight, effecting an arrest or controlling a domestic violence situation, or during a SWAT team call-out for any critical incident;
- D. The use of a firearm, knife, chemical agent, impact weapon, or other dangerous weapon;
- E. An injury which occurs while on the street as a result of directing traffic or investigating a traffic violation or traffic accident;
- F. An injury which occurs during high risk training; or
- G. An injury that occurs while responding to an emergency call or during a pursuit while on a Police Bicycle.

The event herein described must be duly logged and a written report submitted to the Chief's office during the shift in which it occurs. In order to be eligible for the special on-the-job injury leave as provided in this Article, the employee's disability must be evidenced by a certificate of a physician designated by the City to examine the employee. Special on-the-job injury leave shall not be granted to employees who incur injuries of a routine nature or those which occur in the course of non-emergency situation.

**Section 2.** Special on-the-job injury leave shall terminate no later than ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the beginning of the leave, or at such earlier time as provided below:

- A. On the day a ruling is made of permanent and total disability or temporary and total disability.
- B. When the employee is released by his or her physician to return to work.
- C. At such time that the employee is declared capable of performing his or her normal duties by a physician appointed by the City.
- D. If, prior to release for normal duties, it is determined by a physician that the employee is capable of performing limited work assignments, the employee shall immediately report for duty under the conditions set forth in the physician's certificate.
- E. Any limited assignments of duties shall be reviewed each thirty (30) calendar days to determine if the employee is capable of resuming normal, unlimited duties. Such limited assignments shall not further extend the ninety (90) days' maximum injury leave.



**ARTICLE 15**  
**JURY DUTY COMPENSATION**

**Section 1.** An employee serving on jury duty shall be compensated their regular pay and shall endorse any pay received for jury duty over to the City of Lyndhurst. To receive such compensation, the employee must present the Mayor or his designated representative with check in the amount of jury duty pay received.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

The City will provide tuition reimbursement for college accredited courses, including graduate level courses, taken by employees covered under this Agreement, provided that the following conditions shall apply:

- A. The tuition for two (2) courses per quarter or semester (i.e. , two (2) courses at a time), up to six (6) courses per year, the amount of tuition to be paid by the City shall be limited to the amount of the then current per-credit hour cost charged by Cleveland State University.
- B. As determined within the reasonable discretion of the City, the course must be directly related to police or law enforcement activities or must be a specifically required core course of a degree program related to police or law enforcement activities in which the employee is enrolled.
- C. The employee must obtain the City's approval of the course prior to the employees enrollment. The City will respond within two (2) weeks of receipt by the Chief of Police of a written request. For approval describing the course to be taken.
- D. A grade of "C" or better must be obtained. For core courses needed for a degree which are taken on a "pass/fail," basis, a "Pass" must be obtained.
- E. Adequate documentation must be provided to the City by the employee.
- F. Participation in the tuition reimbursement program should not in any way interfere with the employee's ability to perform his job.
- G. By accepting the tuition reimbursement, the employee who has taken a course agrees to repay tuition if he does not remain in the employment of the City for two (2) years after the completion of the courses, unless he is terminated, is laid off, dies, is injured or on long-term disability.

**ARTICLE 17**  
**SENIORITY**

**Section 1.** Seniority for a regular full-time employee shall be that employee's length of continuous service as a full-time employee of the City. For the purpose of calculating length of

service as a full-time employee, the date of an employee's service shall be counted from his or her most recent date of appointment as a regular full-time employee. An employee shall have no seniority during his or her probationary period, but upon completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be retroactive to the date of appointment.

**Section 2.** Seniority shall be broken and terminated when an employee:

- A. Quits or resigns;
- B. Is discharged;
- C. Is laid off more than twelve (12) months;
- D. Is absent without notice for three (3) consecutive work days; or
- E. Fails to report to work when recalled from layoff within three (3) work days from the date on which the City sends or delivers the employee notice to report to work (to the employee's last known address as shown on the City's records).

**Section 3.** All newly hired employees shall be considered to be on probation for a period of one (1) year from the successful completion of the Field Training Program.. For employees who have completed such school at the time of hire, the one (1) year probation period shall date from the date of appointment. An employee may be discharged for any reason during the probationary period and such discharge shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. The discharge or retention of a probationary employee shall be at the sole discretion of the City. If an employee's seniority is broken or terminated and then is later rehired, he or she shall be considered to be a new employee and subject to the provisions of this Section.

**Section 4. Layoff/Recall.** In the event that the City decides to layoff members of the bargaining unit, the layoff will be occasioned on the basis of seniority, with the least senior employee laid off first. Upon recall, said recall will be occasioned on the basis of inverse seniority. Should the City choose to lay off by eliminating a particular position within the department, then that employee may exercise (within a particular rank) his or her seniority so as to cause the least senior employee within that rank to bump down into the next lower rank until the least senior bargaining unit employee within the Police Department is laid off. Reinstatement of a position and employee recall shall be on the basis of inverse seniority. The City will recall a laid off person to fill manpower shortages regardless of duration without subcontracting police service.

## **ARTICLE 18** **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**Section 1.** It is mutually understood that the prompt presentation, adjustment, and/or answering of grievances is desirable in the interest of sound relations between the employees, the OPBA, and the City. The procedures specified in this Article are intended to provide a system for a fair, expeditious, and orderly adjustment of grievances of employees of the department. Both parties agree that all grievances should be dealt with promptly and every effort should be made to settle grievances as soon as feasible, and if possible, at the lowest step of this procedure.

**Section 2. Definition.** A “grievance” is any dispute or difference between the City and the OPBA, or between the City and an employee, which concerns the interpretation and/or application of and/or compliance with any provisions of this Agreement including all disciplinary actions.

**Section 3. Time Limitations.** To be considered valid, a grievance must be filed in writing within ten (10) days of the occurrence of the alleged violation of this Agreement, or within ten (10) days of the time when the employee or Union knew or reasonably should have known of that occurrence. A grievance which is not timely filed under this provision shall be considered void. Where a grievance is originally filed in a timely manner and the City fails to answer it within the prescribed time period at any particular step, then the grievance shall be considered answered in the negative and may be advanced by the employee to the next step of the procedure. Once a grievance is originally timely filed, the parties may by mutual agreement extend the time in which to answer it or to appeal it to the next step. The parties may also, by mutual agreement, agree to skip any step of the grievance procedure in order to promote the expeditious resolution of any grievance.

**Section 4. Grievance Procedure.** The following procedure shall apply to all grievances arising under this Agreement.

**Step 1:** An employee who has a grievance should meet with his immediate supervisor to attempt to resolve the grievance on an informal basis.

**Step 2:** If the matter is not resolved in the informal manner described in Step 1, a written grievance must be filed with the Chief of Police or his designated representative within ten (10) days of the alleged violation of this Agreement. Within ten (10) days after the filing of the grievance, a meeting will be held among the appropriate representative of the City, the aggrieved employee(s), and if the employee(s) so elect(s) (or in the case of a grievance filed by the OPBA), a representative of the OPBA. Within ten (10) days of this meeting, the management representative shall issue a written answer to the grievance.

**Step 3:** If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled in Step 2, the grievance shall be submitted to the OPBA, not later than thirty (30) days after the City's Step 2 answer was issued or default rejection as applicable. Should the OPBA decide to process the grievance further, the Union may file, within thirty (30) days after the City's Step 2 answer was issued or default rejection as applicable, an appeal with the Mayor or his designated representative. Such appeal shall be in writing, shall include a copy of the original grievance, and shall specify the reason why the grievant believes the Step 2 answer is in error. The Mayor or his designated representative shall reply in writing within ten (10) days from the receipt of that appeal.

**Arbitration:** If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled at Step 3, the OPBA may submit the grievance to arbitration by notifying the Mayor in writing of its intent to do so within ten (10) days after Step 3 answer was issued or default rejection as applicable. If the City and the OPBA cannot agree upon an impartial arbitrator,

the Union may request a panel of ten (10) Ohio Resident, National Academy Certified arbitrators from the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service ("FMCS") within ten (10) days of the date of the letter of intent, with a copy of such request delivered to the Employer, and an arbitrator will be chosen in accordance with the FMCS' then applicable rules and regulations. In the event the letter of intent or the referral to arbitration is not submitted within the time limits prescribed, the grievance shall be considered resolved based upon the Step 3 reply or default rejection as may be applicable.

**Section 5. Arbitrator Selection.** Once the panel of arbitrators is submitted to the parties, each party shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the mailing date in which to strike any name to which it objects, number the remaining names to indicate the order of preference, and return the list to FMCS. Each party shall have the right to reject two (2) panels of arbitrators. All procedures relative to the hearing shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FMCS. The party rejecting the list shall bear the costs of obtaining a new list from FMCS. If both parties reject the list, the cost of obtaining a new list will be split equally.

**Section 6. Arbitrator's Authority.** The arbitrator selected shall have no authority to add to, subtract from, or modify in any way the provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 7. Union as Exclusive Representative.** The Union shall have a final authority, in its capacity as exclusive representative of the employees covered by this Agreement, to withdraw or to terminate the processing of a grievance at any step of the grievance procedure.

**Section 8. Sole and Exclusive Remedy / Review Pursuant to ORC.** The grievance procedure set forth in this Article shall be the sole and exclusive method for resolving matters which constitute grievances under this Agreement. Any decisions, results, or settlements reached under the terms of this grievance procedure, whether reached by an arbitrator's decision or at any pre-arbitration step of the procedure, shall be final, conclusive, and binding on the City, the Union, and the employees, subject to review pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 9. Fees/Expenses.** The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the FMCS shall be borne equally by the parties.

**Section 10. Discipline and Discharge.** Employees may not be disciplined or discharged without just cause.

## **ARTICLE 19** **LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** A Labor-Management Committee will be established within sixty (60) days after the signing of this Agreement to provide a better means of communication and understanding between the OPBA and the City. The Committee will consist of no more than three (3) representatives of the Union and three (3) representatives of the City. The Union will notify the Chief of Police as to the identity of the Union representatives. The Committee shall be advisory in nature only.

**Section 2.** Meetings will be held at a mutually agreeable time and place on quarterly basis, unless waived by mutual consent of the parties, for the purpose of discussing subjects of mutual concern. At least one (1) week prior to a meeting, each party may submit in writing specific discussion items. Individual grievances will not be a subject matter for discussion at these meetings.

**ARTICLE 20**  
**PERSONNEL FILES AND POLICY**

**Section 1. Public Records.** Personnel files fall within the Ohio Public Records law and may be subject to inspection in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Understanding that in administration of the Police Department the City maintains individual personnel files, an employee may be permitted to review his or her personnel file at any reasonable time, upon advance written request.

**Section 2. Explanatory Memoranda.** Should an employee upon review of his or her file come across material of a negative or derogatory nature, the employee may provide a written and signed comment in rebuttal, mitigation, or explanation of said material, which comment shall remain in the employee's file so long as the negative material remains.

**Section 3. Notification of Requests for Files.** The Employer agrees to notify an employee when a Public Records Request has been made for his personnel file.

**Section 4. Disciplinary Records.** Discipline that is more than five (5) years old (more than five (5) years beyond the date of issuance) other than that which relates to incidents involving work-related physical injury or violence, or sexual harassment, shall not be considered for purposes of progressive discipline.

**ARTICLE 21**  
**BULLETIN BOARD**

The City shall furnish one (1) bulletin board to be used by the members of the OPBA. Such bulletin board shall be used only for posting notices bearing the written approval of the OPBA and shall be solely for OPBA business and recreational and social activities of the Union. There shall be no notices or other writings posted which contain anything political, controversial, or critical of the City or any other institution or any employee or other persons.

**ARTICLE 22**  
**NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

**Section 1.** The OPBA shall not, directly or indirectly, call, sanction, encourage, finance and/or assist in any way, nor shall any employee instigate or participate in, directly or indirectly, any strike slowdown, job action, walk-out, concerted "sick" leave, work stoppage, sympathy strike, picketing, or interference of any kind with any operations of the City. Furthermore, all lawful orders of superior officers shall, at all times, be followed and immediately complied with.

**Section 2.** The OPBA shall, at all times, cooperate with the City in continuing operations in a normal manner and shall actively discourage and endeavor to prevent or terminate any violation

of Section 1 of this Article. In the event any violation of Section 1 of this Article occurs, the OPBA shall immediately notify all employees that the strike, job actions concerted "sick" leave, slowdown, picketing, work stoppage, or other interference of any operations of the City is prohibited and is not in any way sanctioned, condoned, or approved by the Union. Furthermore, the OPBA shall immediately advise all employees to return to work or to end such interference at once.

**Section 3.** The City shall not lock out employees for the duration of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 23** **EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

**Section 1.** The City shall conduct all internal affairs investigations, including but not limited to investigations of Citizen's Complaints in conformance with Lyndhurst Police Department General Order Number 1-12.

**Section 2.** All employees who are interviewed as part of an official administrative investigation shall be provided all the information and granted all the rights contained in the Police Department's current "Notification of Internal Proceeding Departmental Investigation."

### **ARTICLE 24** **CONFLICT AND AMENDMENT**

**Section 1.**

- A. Should any provision of this Agreement be invalid by operation of law or be declared invalid by any tribunal or competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- B. Should any provision or provisions of this Agreement be invalidated as outlined above, upon written request by either party, the parties shall meet within thirty (30) days to discuss the impact of such invalidation and to consider modification of the invalidated provision of provisions.

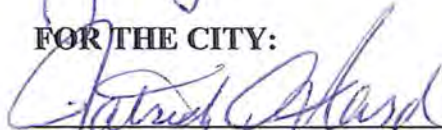
**Section 2.** This Agreement may be not amended during its term except by mutual agreement, in writing.


ARTICLE 25  
DURATION

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2023, and thereafter from year to year, unless notice of an intent to terminate or modify this Agreement is served by one party upon the other as provided in Section 4117.14 of the Ohio Revised Code. If such notice is given, and provided that the OPBA maintains its status as the exclusive bargaining representative of the members of the bargaining unit, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as long as the parties are engaged in negotiations, mediation, or arbitration as provided in Section 4117.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

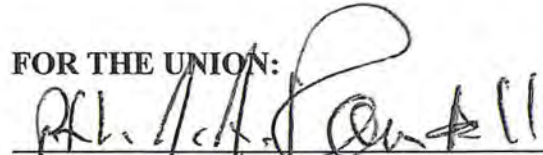
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**FOR THE CITY:**

  
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Mayor Patrick Ward

  
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Mary Kovalchik, Finance Director

**FOR THE UNION:**

  
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OPBA Representative

  
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OPBA Committee Member