

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF CLYDE**  
**AND**  
**OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**  
**(BARGAINING UNITS “B” AND “C” AND “D”)**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement entered into by the City of Clyde, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA), hereinafter referred to as the Union, has as its purpose, to comply with the requirements of Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code; and to set forth the wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment as well as the prompt and equitable settlement of grievances for those employees included in the bargaining unit as defined herein.

## **ARTICLE 1** **UNION RECOGNITION**

**SECTION 1.1.** The City recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive representative for the purposes of representation and for purposes of negotiation of wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for those permanent, part-time, and full-time employees in Bargaining Unit B; Bargaining Unit C and Bargaining Unit D as listed herein:

**BARGAINING UNIT B:** All permanent full-time Police Officers holding the rank of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain.

**BARGAINING UNIT C:** All permanent part-time and full-time Officers.

**BARGAINING UNIT D:** All permanent part-time and full-time Dispatchers

**SECTION 1.2.** Exclusions: Chief and Assistant Chief are excluded from the bargaining unit.

**SECTION 1.3.** Administrative Positions: Positions of Chief and Assistant Chief are administrative positions and therefore prohibited from Union representation. When the City of Clyde determines a vacancy exists in the rank of Assistant Chief said vacancy shall be posted and those persons holding the lower rank may apply, to take the Civil Service Test.

## **ARTICLE 2** **UNION REPRESENTATIVES/UNION STEWARDS**

**SECTION 2.1.** International Union or Council representatives will be recognized by the City as Union representatives in accordance with this Agreement and upon the receipt of a letter from Ohio Council 8 so identifying them.

**SECTION 2.2.** The Union shall submit in writing names of employees to act as Union Stewards for the purpose of processing grievances as defined in the Grievance Procedure. The City shall be notified in writing of changes of all Officers of the Local and stewards as they occur. These employees shall not be permitted to function as Union stewards until the Union has presented the City with written certification of that person's selection. The Union will have no more than one (1) steward for each of the Bargaining Units B, C, and D.

**SECTION 2.3.** The investigation and writing of grievances shall be on non-work time. Grievance hearings will be scheduled by mutual agreement of both parties. If grievance hearings are scheduled during an employee's regular duty hours, the employee shall not suffer any loss of pay while attending the hearing.

**SECTION 2.4.** Rules governing the activity of the Union Representative(s) are as follows:

- A. The Union agrees that officials of the Union (employee or non-employee) shall not interfere, interrupt or disrupt the normal work duties of other employees. The Union further agrees not to conduct Union business during working hours except to the extent authorized by the terms of this Agreement.
- B. The Union shall not conduct Union activities in any work area without notifying and receiving prior approval from the supervisor in charge of that area the nature of the Union activity.
- C. If there is an abuse of steward time, discretion or operational needs, Union activities shall cease immediately upon the request of the supervisor of the area in which Union activity is being conducted.
- D. If it is determined that the steward is abusing the rules of this section, he may be subject to disciplinary action.
- E. Any dispute(s) involving the City's enforcement of this Section may be appealed through the grievance procedure commencing at Step 3 or discussed at a Labor Management meeting.

**SECTION 2.5.** The City agrees that one (1) non-employee officer or representative of the Union shall be admitted to the City's facilities and sites during working hours upon advance notice to the City. Such visitations shall be for the purpose of processing grievances or to attend other meetings permitted herein. Such activities shall not interfere with the normal work duties of employees, except to the extent authorized by this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 3** **UNION DUES AND FEES**

**SECTION 3.1.** Membership in the Union is available to all employees occupying job titles that have been certified by the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) as being included within the bargaining unit.

**SECTION 3.2.** The City agrees to deduct Union Membership dues once each pay period (bi-weekly) from the pay of any employee eligible for membership in the bargaining unit upon the individual employee signing a written authorization for deductions and upon the completion of his first sixty (60) days of employment. The employee will sign the Payroll Deduction Authorization Form along with a copy and submit them to the Employer.

Upon receipt of the proper authorization form, the Finance Director will deduct Union dues from the payroll check for the pay period following the pay period in which the authorization was received. The Finance Director will forward such dues to the address supplied by the OPBA. The Union will certify to the Employer in writing the appropriate dues, prior to their effective dates.

**SECTION 3.3.** The City shall be relieved from making such “check-off” deductions upon (a) termination of employment, or (b) transfer to a job other than one covered by the bargaining unit, or (c) layoff from work, or (d) on agreed leave of absence, or (e) revocation of the check-off authorization submitted in writing to the Employer and the Union.

**SECTION 3.4.** The City shall not be obligated to make deductions of dues from any employee who, during any pay period, fails to receive sufficient wages to equal the deductions.

**SECTION 3.5.** If a claim of error is made to the City, in writing, within thirty (30) days after the date such error is claimed to have occurred, and it is found an error was made, the error will be corrected at the next pay period that Union dues are normally deducted, by deducting the proper amount from the pay of the employee to correct said error. Payroll collection of dues shall be authorized for the exclusive bargaining agent only, and no other organization attempting to represent the employees within the bargaining unit as herein determined.

**SECTION 3.6.** Deductions provided for in this Article shall be made during each pay period. In the event a deduction is not made for any Union member during any particular pay period, the City, upon written verification of the Union, will make the appropriate deductions from the following pay period in which dues are normally collected.

**SECTION 3.7.** Each eligible Employee’s written authorization for deduction of dues, shall be honored by the City for the duration of this Agreement unless revoked by the employee.

**SECTION 3.8.** Changes in the amounts to be deducted shall become effective on the thirtieth (30) calendar day after their actual receipt by the Employer.

**SECTION 3.9.** Both the Employer and the Union intend that this Article be lawful in every respect. If any Court of last resort determined any provision of this Article is illegal, that provision, alone, shall be void. Invalidation of any provision of this Article does not invalidate the remaining provisions. If a provision is judicially invalidated, the Employer and the Union shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days after the entry of judgment to negotiate lawful, alternative provisions.

**SECTION 3.10.** This Article does not waive any of the Employer’s rights to seek judicial review of any of its provisions at any time.

**SECTION 3.11.** The Union warrants and guarantees to the Employer that no provision of this Article violates the Constitution or laws of either the United States of America or the State of Ohio. Therefore, the Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings by any employee arising from deductions made by the Employer pursuant to this Article. Once the funds are remitted to the Union, their disposition thereafter shall be the sole and exclusive obligation and responsibility of the Union.

**SECTION 3.12.** It is specifically agreed that the City assumes no legal obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of the provisions of this Article, and the Union hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the employer harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings by any employee arising from deductions made by the City hereunder. Once the funds are remitted to the Union, their disposition thereafter shall be the sole and exclusive obligation and responsibility of the Union.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **LABOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

**SECTION 4.1.** In the interest of sound Labor/Management relations, the parties shall meet upon request on a mutually agreeable day and time, the City shall meet with not more than three (3) representatives of the Union, one (1) of whom may be a representative of the OPBA, to discuss pending problems and to promote a more harmonious Labor/Management relationship.

**SECTION 4.2.** An agenda will be furnished at least five (5) working days in advance of the scheduled meetings with a list of the matters to be taken up in the meeting, and the names of those Union representatives who will be attending. The purpose of such meetings shall be to:

- A. Discuss the administration of this Agreement.
- B. Notify the Union of changes made by the City which may affect Bargaining Unit members of the Union.
- C. Discuss grievances which have not been processed beyond the final step of the grievance procedure when such discussions are mutually agreed to by the parties.
- D. Disseminate general information of interest to the parties.
- E. Discuss ways to increase productivity and improving efficiency.
- F. To discuss health and safety matters and practices relating to employees.

#### **ARTICLE 5** **HEALTH & SAFETY**

**SECTION 5.1.** It is agreed that safety must be a prime concern and responsibility of both parties. Therefore, the City accepts its responsibility to provide safe working conditions, tools, first aid equipment, safety equipment, and safe working methods for the employees. The Employer will correct unsafe working practices and conditions, and see that the safety rules and safe working methods are followed by his employees. The employee(s) accepts the responsibility to maintain tools, equipment and work area in a safe and proper manner, and accepts the responsibility to follow all safety rules and safe working methods of the City. All unsafe working conditions must be reported to the next higher authority in charge as soon as said unsafe working conditions are known.

**SECTION 5.2.** The City agrees to reimburse employees for prescription glasses broken in the course of their employment as long as such breakage is not a result of the employee's negligence.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

**SECTION 6.1.** The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all applicants for employment as well as to all employees in the Bargaining Unit. No person or persons or representatives of the Employer or the Union shall discriminate against any employee based on: Age, Sex, Race, Religion, Color, National Origin, Disability, genetic information, military status, or veteran status.

**SECTION 6.2.** Reference to employee(s) in this Agreement designate both sexes and whenever the male gender is used, it shall be construed to include male and female employees.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **POLICIES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**SECTION 7.1.** The Union recognizes that the Employer or his designee(s), in order to carry out his statutory mandates and goals, has the right to promulgate reasonable work rules, policies, procedures, and directives, consistent with statutory authority, and not in conflict with this Agreement, and to regulate the personal conduct of employees and the conduct of the Employer's services and programs.

**SECTION 7.2.** It is the Employer's intention that work rules, policies, procedures and directives should be interpreted and applied uniformly to all employees under similar circumstances.

**SECTION 7.3.** The Employer recognizes that no rules, policies, procedures or directives shall be established that are in violation of any express terms of this Agreement unless mutually agreed. Prior to implementing new or changed work rules, policies, procedures or directives, or other changes that materially affect the wages, hours or terms or conditions of employment of bargaining unit employees, the Employer will notify the Union at least ten (10) calendar days in advance of the effective date. If the Union requests to engage in mid-term bargaining over such a change within that notice period, the Employer and the Union will negotiate in good faith. If the Union does not request to engage in mid-term bargaining, or if the Employer and the Union bargain to impasse, the Employer may implement any proposed change, that has material effect on terms and conditions of employment that are not currently contained in the agreement, but the Union may exercise its negotiating rights regarding such matter in the normal course of bargaining as provided for in Article 41, Duration, for any applicable successor Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if the change is not a mandatory topic of bargaining under R.C. Chapter 4117, or in any case if the change is necessary due to exigent circumstances or a state or federal directive or regulation, the Employer is not required to give the ten (10) day notice or to bargain over the implementation of the change; however, the Employer may elect to do so, if time permits, without waiving the Employer's rights. Nothing in this section authorizes the Employer to modify any specific term in this Agreement.

**SECTION 7.4.** The parties recognize that it is the philosophy of the Employer to inform the employees in advance of any change in the work rules, policies, procedures and directives. This notice shall be by posting a notice on the bulletin board(s), or through general distribution of a copy of the work rules, policies, procedures and directives.

**SECTION 7.5.** This section shall not be interpreted in any manner to relieve an employee of his responsibilities to follow the established rules and procedures of good conduct, whether or not such rules and procedures have been reduced to writing.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE**

**SECTION 8.1.** No non-probationary employee shall be reduced in pay, or position, suspended, discharged, removed or have disciplinary action taken against them except for just cause.

**SECTION 8.2.** The Employer agrees that discipline should be applied in a progressive and corrective manner. Possible disciplinary action includes the following: Instruction and Cautioning, Written Reprimand, Suspensions, Demotion and Dismissal.

- A. Except in instances where the employee is found guilty of gross misconduct, discipline will be applied in a corrective, progressive and uniform manner in accordance with the Employer's policy.
- B. Progressive discipline shall take into account the nature of the violation, the employee's record of performance and conduct.
- C. The Employer agrees not to discharge or suspend an employee without first arranging for a pre-disciplinary conference. Refusal to submit to such sobriety test or medical examination shall establish a presumption of being under the influence and shall result in the termination of the employee, subject to the appeals process in the grievance procedure contained herein.
- D. Appeals from either discharge or suspension must be submitted in the form of a grievance within ten (10) business days of the date of notification to the Employer at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

**SECTION 8.3.** Records of written reprimands shall cease to have force and effect twelve (12) months after their effective date, providing there has been no intervening disciplinary actions taken during that time period.

Records of suspensions shall cease to have force and effect twenty-four (24) months after their effective date, providing there has been no intervening disciplinary actions taken during that time period.

**SECTION 8.4.** The parties agree that all disciplinary procedures shall be carried out in private and in a businesslike manner.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**SECTION 9.1.** The term “grievance” shall mean an allegation by a bargaining unit employee or the Union that there has been a breach, misinterpretation or improper application of this Agreement. For purposes of this Article days shall be defined as working days.

**SECTION 9.2.** The following steps shall be followed in the processing of a grievance. A grievance must be presented within ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the incident giving rise to the grievance, or knowledge thereof.

STEP #1. The Union steward will present the alleged grievance, in writing within ten (10) business days along with the employee/grievant to Chief of Police utilizing the form jointly developed by the parties (Appendix A), at which time a hearing will be scheduled within ten (10) business days or as mutually agreed. The Chief of Police will provide a written answer to the Union steward within ten (10) business days following the hearing. Upon receipt of the written answer the grievant/union steward shall have ten (10) business days to appeal the grievance to Step 2.

STEP #2. Within fifteen (15) business days after the grievance has been appealed from the Step 1 answer, a hearing shall be held between the City Manager/Employer, along with the grievant and union steward if the grievant desires a union steward. If the meeting cannot occur within the fifteen (15) business day period, it shall be scheduled for a date mutually convenient to the parties. The Employer shall give the Union its written answer to the grievance within ten (10) business days following the Step 2 hearing.

STEP #3. If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, it may be submitted to arbitration upon written request in accordance with this section of this article. Either party must request arbitration over an unadjusted grievance within a period of fifteen (15) business days from the date final action was taken on such grievance under Step 2 in the grievance procedure and any grievance not submitted within such period shall be deemed settled on the basis of the last answer given by the Employer.

- A. Upon receipt of a Notice to Arbitrate, the parties will request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a list of fifteen (15) impartial persons qualified to act as Arbitrator in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations who shall be members of the National Academy of Arbitrators (NAA) and domiciled in Ohio. One (1) Arbitrator shall be selected from this list to serve as Arbitrator.

The Arbitrator shall limit his decision strictly to the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the specific articles and sections of this Agreement, and shall be without power or authority to make any decision:

1. Contrary to or inconsistent with, or modifying or varying in any way the terms of this Agreement.
2. Limiting or interfering in any way with the powers, duties, or responsibilities of the Employer under applicable law not inconsistent with this Agreement.

3. Contrary to, inconsistent with, changing, altering, limiting, or modifying any practice, policy, rules, or regulations presently or in the future established by the Employer so long as such practice, policy, rules, or regulations do not conflict with this Agreement.
  4. Concerning changes in any wage rates, the establishment of wage scales, rates on new or changed jobs, except as provided for in this Agreement.
- B. The question of arbitrability of a grievance may be raised by either party before the arbitration hearing. The first question to be placed before the Arbitrator will be whether or not the alleged grievance is arbitrable. If the arbitrator determines the grievance is arbitrable, the alleged grievance will be heard on its merits before the same Arbitrator.
- C. The decision of the Arbitrator resulting from an arbitration of grievances hereunder shall be in writing and sent to the Employer and Union. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- D. The cost of the services of the arbitrator, the cost of any proofs produced at the direction of the Arbitrator, the fee of the Arbitrator and rent, if any, for the hearing rooms, shall be borne by the losing party. The expense of any non-employee witness shall be borne, if at all, by the party calling them. The fees of the Court Reporter shall be paid by the party asking for one; such fees shall be split equally if both parties desire a reporter, or request a copy of any transcript. Any bargaining unit member whose attendance is required for such hearings shall not lose pay or benefits to the extent such hearing hours are during his normally scheduled working hours on the day of the hearing.

**SECTION 9.3.** All grievances must be processed at the proper step in the progression in order to be considered at the subsequent step, except for grievances involving suspension, which shall be introduced at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

A grievance may be brought by any member of the bargaining units or a steward. Where a group of bargaining unit members desire to file a grievance involving a situation affecting each member in the same manner, one member selected by such group shall process the grievance.

The aggrieved employees shall be identified by signing the grievance prior to the initial filling of the grievance. Any employee who does not sign the grievance prior to its official filing shall not be included in the grievance.

All written grievances must be filed on the form, agreed to by the parties and attached as Appendix A and shall contain the following information to be considered:

- A. Aggrieved employee's name and signature;
- B. Aggrieved employee's classification;
- C. Date grievance was first discussed;

- D. Date grievance was filed in writing;
- E. Name of supervisor with whom grievance was discussed;
- F. Date and time grievance occurred;
- G. Where grievance occurred;
- H. Description of incident, giving rise to the grievance;
- I. Articles and Sections of Agreement violated;
- J. Remedy sought to resolve the grievance.

Any grievance not answered by management within the stipulated time limits may be advanced by the employee to the next step in the grievance procedure. All time limits on grievances may be waived upon mutual consent of the parties.

**SECTION 9.4.** The Union Steward, grievant(s), or Union may withdraw a grievance at any point by submitting a written statement to that effect prior to the grievance being appealed to arbitration.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **PERSONNEL FILES**

**SECTION 10.1.** It is recognized by the parties that the Employer may prescribe regulations for the custody, use and preservation of the records, papers, books, documents and property pertaining to the Employer or his employees pursuant to law. However, to the extent that any records, papers or other documents covering members of the bargaining unit are not legitimately considered unavailable to review by such members, employees shall have access to their individual personnel files for review during normal business hours. Any employee wishing to examine his personnel file shall make prior request to and receive approval of the Employer or his designated representative. The Employer shall not be required to pay an employee or to lose that employee's service as a result of this activity, unless advance approval to examine the files during working hours has been obtained. The employee member may be accompanied by a Union Representative.

**SECTION 10.2.** If an employee, upon examining his personnel file, disputes the accuracy in those documents to which he has access, the employee may request the Employer, in writing, to investigate the disputed information. The Employer, shall, within a reasonable time, after receiving the request from the employee, make an investigation of the disputed information, and shall notify the employee of the results of the investigation and the action he plans to take in respect to the disputed information.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **BULLETIN BOARDS**

**SECTION 11.1.** The City agrees to provide one (1) bulletin board, no less than 24" by 24" in an agreed upon area of the facility for use by the Union.

**SECTION 11.2.** All Union notices which appear on the bulletin boards shall be posted and removed by the highest ranking Union official and/or steward in the bargaining unit (said posting time shall not be abused) and shall relate to items of interest to the Union members. Union notices relating to the following matters may be posted without the necessity of receiving the City's prior approval.

- A. Union recreational and social affairs;
- B. Notices of Union meetings;
- C. Union appointments;
- D. Notice of Union elections;
- E. Results of Union elections;
- F. Seniority lists;
- G. Reports of non-political standing committees and independent non-political arms of the Union; and
- H. Publications, rulings and policies of the Union.

**SECTION 11.3.** All other notices of any kind not covered in A through H above must receive prior approval of the City Manager or his designated representative. It is also understood that no material may be posted on the Union bulletin boards at any time which contain the following:

- A. Personal attacks upon any other member or any other employee;
- B. Scandalous, scurrilous or derogatory attacks upon the City, or City officials;
- C. Attacks on any other employee organization;
- D. Attacks on and/or favorable comments regarding a candidate for public or Union office.

Any posting that violates this Article shall be removed by the Employer and the offending employee may be subject to discipline.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

**SECTION 12.1.** The Union recognizes that except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement, the Employer retains traditional rights to manage and direct the affairs of the Employer as follows:

- A. Determine matters of inherent managerial policy which include, but are not limited to areas of discretion or policy, such as the functions and programs of the public employer, standards of service, its overall budget, utilization of technology, and organizational structure;
- B. Direct, supervise, evaluate or hire employees;
- C. Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations;
- D. Determine the overall methods, process, means or personnel by which governmental operations are to be conducted;
- E. Suspend, discipline, demote, or discharge for just cause or lay off, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain employees;
- F. Determine the adequacy of the work force;
- G. Determine the overall mission of the Employer as a Unit of Government.
- H. Effectively manage the work force; and
- I. Take actions to carry out the mission of the Public Employer as a governmental unit.

**SECTION 12.2.** The Union recognizes and accepts that all rights and responsibilities of the City not specifically modified by this Agreement or ensuing Agreements shall remain the function of the City.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

**SECTION 13.1.** The Union agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, representatives, or members will authorize, instigate, cause, aid, condone, or participate in any strike, work stoppage, or any other interruption of operations or services of the City, by its members or other employees of the City during the terms of this Agreement. When the City notifies the Union that any of its members are engaged in any such strike activity, as outlined herein, the Union shall immediately, conspicuously post notice over the signature of an authorized representative of the Union to the effect that an alleged violation is in progress and such notice shall instruct all employees to immediately return to work. Should the Union fail to post such notice, the Union shall accept all liabilities for the actions of its members, and the City shall have the option of seeking appropriate legal remedies. Any employee failing to return to work after notification by the Union as provided

herein, or who participates or promotes such strike activities as previously outlined, may be disciplined and/or discharged and only the question of whether or not he did in fact participate in or promote such action shall be subject to appeal.

**SECTION 13.2.** The City agrees that neither it, its officers, agents, or representatives, individually or collectively, will authorize, instigate, cause, aid or condone any lockout of members of the Union during the term of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 14** **SENIORITY**

**SECTION 14.1.** Seniority shall accrue to all permanent employees of the City and shall be based upon the total length of continuous service with the City unless provided otherwise in this Agreement. The City shall provide bargaining unit seniority lists which shall provide the employee's name, date of hire, and job classification to the Union. The City will remit personnel changes to the Union as they occur and shall post seniority lists annually.

**SECTION 14.2.** A new hire/employee serving an original probationary period shall not receive any seniority credit until he has successfully completed his probationary period. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the employee's original date of hire shall be used to calculate his seniority as provided herein.

**SECTION 14.3.** If an employee quits or is terminated and is later rehired, the employee shall be considered as a new employee and shall not be credited with his prior service for purposes of seniority unless arbitrator overturns the termination.

**SECTION 14.4.** Classification Seniority is defined as seniority earned within a classification for purposes of rotating overtime, preferences of scheduling of vacations and scheduling of holidays. Scheduling of these benefits shall be observed within each classification.

## **ARTICLE 15** **PROBATION PERIODS**

**SECTION 15.1.** Every newly hired employee will be required to successfully complete a probationary period. The probationary period for new employees shall begin on the first day for which the employee receives compensation from the Employer and shall continue for a period of one (1) calendar year for all newly hired employees. A newly hired probationary employee may be terminated any time during his probationary period and shall have no appeal over such removal.

**SECTION 15.2.** A newly promoted employee will be required to successfully complete a probationary period in his newly appointed position. The probationary period for a newly promoted employee shall begin on the effective date of the promotion and shall continue for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days for all newly promoted employees. A newly promoted employee who feels unqualified or evidences unsatisfactory performance and is disqualified shall be returned to his former or similar position any time during his probationary period at no loss to his time in that grade.

**SECTION 15.3.** In the event an employee is promoted to a non-bargaining unit position and is subsequently demoted/disqualified during his probationary period, he will be returned to his former position. Such demotion shall not be appealable through the grievance procedure contained herein.

**SECTION 15.4.** Probationary periods for part-time employees shall be for one (1) calendar year.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **JOB BIDDING/PROMOTIONS**

**SECTION 16.1.** The term promotion, for the purposes of this Agreement, shall mean the act of placing an individual in a position which carries a higher salary rate than that previously held.

**SECTION 16.2.** Whenever the Employer determines a job vacancy exists which needs to be filled, a notice of such opening shall be posted on the appropriate Department's bulletin board for seven (7) calendar days. The notice shall specify the rate of pay, job duties, and minimum qualifications. During the seven (7) day period, anyone wishing to apply for the open position shall submit a written application to the Employer in order to take the civil service test for a promotion, unless such position is a lateral transfer in the same classification. In such case, an application is required but there shall be no civil service test.

**SECTION 16.3.** All timely-filed applications shall be reviewed considering the following criteria: seniority and test scores (if available) for promotions from within, qualifications, education, experience, work record, previous job performance, disciplinary record, physical and mental capability. The Employer shall give first consideration to those timely-filed applications of employees who are in the same classification as the vacant position and are requesting a lateral transfer. If two or more applicants are considered to be relatively equal, the position shall be awarded to the most senior applicant. If no employee applies for a transfer, the Employer may assign any employee. In the case of a promotion that requires a civil service test, the promotion shall be made in accordance to the civil service rules of the Employer.

The Employer shall notify the Union of the names of all employees who bid on the vacancy, their seniority dates and the name of the successful applicants.

**SECTION 16.4.** This Agreement will govern the filling of positions except to the extent that the law specifically prohibits the Agreement from encroaching upon the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission.

**SECTION 16.5.** Police Patrolmen shall be eligible for promotion to Sergeant after service as a Patrolman for forty-eight (48) months as Class A. Sergeants shall be eligible for promotion after service as a Sergeant for forty-eight (48) months.

**SECTION 16.6.** The parties agree that there will be a shift preference/good days off bidding period in those departments with twenty-four (24) hour and seven (7) day operations, which shall become effective on the first full day of the second pay period of each year and shall be by classification seniority (time in grade).

**SECTION 16.7.** Police Chief shall determine staffing levels appropriate with mission and objectives.

**SECTION 16.8.** Changing of staffing levels to accommodate vacations, personnel shortage, extended sick leave, and Workmen's Compensation Leave, lasting over one week shall be implemented as follows:

- A. All part-time employees must be exhausted.
- B. Employees with least amount of seniority shall be shifted.
  - 1. The Employer shall give one week notice of any impending shift change to the affected employee.

The offering of shift preference/good days off shall be posted from November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> each year and the finalized preference list shall be posted by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Shift and the staffing levels shall be established by the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **JOB TITLE/JOB DUTIES/CLASSIFICATIONS**

**SECTION 17.1.** The parties agree that job classifications specifications for bargaining unit employees, shall be descriptive of the duties performed and those employees shall be compensated in accordance with the rates established in this Agreement.

**SECTION 17.2.** Wages paid for job classifications in the bargaining unit shall not be changed without negotiations with the Union and at times and places mutually agreeable to the parties.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **HOURS OF WORK/OVERTIME**

**SECTION 18.1.** Employees working in a continuous operation shall have their work scheduled to include a thirty (30) minute paid lunch period. These employees are subject to being called to work at any time during their lunch period.

**SECTION 18.2.** When an employee is in active pay status for more than forty (40) hours in any calendar week, he shall be compensated for such time over forty (40) hours at one and one-half (1-1/2) times his regular rate of pay. Overtime needs shall be determined by the Employer.

**SECTION 18.3.** Active pay status hereto is defined to include sick leave, vacation, holidays, compensatory time, and approved leave of absences such as industrial leave.

**SECTION 18.4.** The City shall, insofar as may be reasonable, make equal distribution of overtime within departmental job classifications.

**SECTION 18.5.** An employee called while at home and requested to begin work anytime not abutting his regular schedule shall be guaranteed a minimum of two (2) hours of pay at his applicable rate of pay (time and one-half). The City reserves the right to keep the employee for the full two (2) hours at the City's discretion. There shall be no pyramiding of call-in-time.

**SECTION 18.6.** Overtime hours that are worked, and overtime hours that are refused by an employee shall be charged to that employee. An overtime roster, with a list of all full-time employees, will be maintained and posted. Roster will be updated after each occurrence of overtime.

**SECTION 18.7.**

1. If a shift that is required to be filled becomes vacant within-in 72 hours of the start of the shift, the following applies:
  - A. Follow the standard rotating overtime list. (See Appendix "C")
  - B. If no one accepts, and it is offered to every qualified employee, the prior abutting shift shall split the next open shift.
2. If a shift that is required to be filled becomes vacant outside of 72 hours of the start of the shift, the following applies:
  - A. If no one accepts, and it is offered to every qualified employee, the lowest senior qualified employee from the previous abutting shift may be ordered to work the first half of the shift, while the lowest senior qualified employee from the post abutting shift may be ordered to work the back half of the shift.
  - B. Qualified employees ordered to work "outside of 72 hours", specifically on the post-abutting shift, may be required to come in early to work a shift on their first normally scheduled shift after their days off. All employees will have the responsibility of answering or monitoring their personal telecommunication devices to ensure that their presence is not required under these circumstances.
3. As it pertains to Article 18.7 , once a shift is accepted by an employee, it cannot be taken away by a higher ranking/more senior qualified employee.

**SECTION 18.8.** It is understood and agreed by the parties, that when the City Manager has determined that an emergency exists, any and/or all employees of the City may be required to work overtime.

**SECTION 18.9.** Compensatory time will be computed at one and one half time of employees base hourly rate. Employees may accrue a maximum one hundred and twenty (120) hours of compensatory time in a calendar year. Compensatory hours not used will be paid the first pay period in November or may be carried over to the next calendar year. Employees may not carry over more than one hundred and twenty (120) hours of compensatory time from year to year without the approval of a Finance Director. The use of compensatory time can only be taken at a mutually agreeable time without creating overtime.

The Finance Director may approve the cash out of compensatory time throughout the year upon a request from an employee.

A. The Chief may authorize compensatory time over the one hundred twenty (120) hour limit.

**SECTION 18.10.** Part-time employees will not be utilized to displace permanent full-time employees.

## **ARTICLE 19** **WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION 19.1.** When an employee is required by the Employer to perform the work of a higher classification for which he is qualified, he shall receive the rate of pay of the higher classification if he performs said work for at least one (1) full hour.

**SECTION 19.2.** An employee may be temporarily assigned work in a lower classification, but shall continue to receive his regular rate of pay during such assignment. This Section is not intended to cover an employee who is demoted.

**SECTION 19.3.** Officer in Charge Pay: In the absence of a Sergeant on a shift, the most Senior officer will assume responsibility for a shift.

**SECTION 19.4.** Officer in charge and working at will be compensated at a rate of one-half (1/2) pay difference between Class "A" Officer and a Sergeant.

## **ARTICLE 20** **HOLIDAYS**

**SECTION 20.1.** All employees shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of holiday pay for each of the following holidays, effective January 1, 2025:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day	Veteran's Day
President's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Day After Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Juneteenth	
Independence Day	
Labor Day	

**SECTION 20.2.** If an employee is required to work on any holiday listed in Section 21.1., he shall be entitled to pay for such time worked at two times (2) his regular base rate of pay.

**SECTION 20.3.** Shift personnel working either Saturday or Sunday shall observe the holiday on that day.

**SECTION 20.4.** Employees working holidays may option to receive double time pay for the holiday, plus eight (8) hours to be accrued and taken at a later date. Employees choosing the option to bank eight (8) hours will be paid thirty-two (32) hours regular pay and sixteen (16) hours holiday pay for a total of forty-eight (48) hours.

**SECTION 20.5.** Employees' days off falling on a holiday may either take eight (8) hours of holiday pay or bank eight (8) hours to be accrued and taken at a later date. Employees opting to bank eight (8) hours will be paid forty (40) hours for the week in which the holiday falls.

**SECTION 20.6.** Part-time employees working either Thanksgiving, Christmas, or both shall be compensated at a rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times their base rate for those hours worked.

## **ARTICLE 21** **VACATION**

**SECTION 21.1.** Employees shall be entitled to vacation leave with pay as follows:

- A. New employees shall earn .833 days per month for their first partial year.
- B. Employees with one (1) full calendar year of service shall receive two (2) weeks' vacation.
- C. Employees with eight (8) full calendar years of service shall receive three (3) weeks' vacation.
- D. Employees with fifteen (15) full calendar years of service shall receive four (4) weeks' vacation.
- E. Employees with twenty (20) full calendar years of service shall receive five (5) weeks' vacation.

**SECTION 21.2.** The Employer will give vacation preference to employees on the basis of seniority with the City. Prior to March 1 of each year, the Employer will accept all vacation requests and will assign vacation on a seniority basis. After March 1, the Employer will assign vacation leave on a first-come-first-serve basis so long as it fits within the operational needs of the City. On April 1 of each year, the Employer will post the finalized vacation schedule.

**SECTION 21.3.** Those employees earning more than two (2) weeks' vacation will be permitted to schedule up to two (2) weeks' vacation at any time of the year. To schedule more than two (2) weeks in succession, the employee must obtain the permission of the appointed authority. At least five (5) days of vacation must be taken in succession.

**SECTION 21.4.** All vacation not scheduled in accordance with this Article must normally be scheduled and approved at least one (1) week in advance by the Employer.

**SECTION 21.5.** Employees earning more than two (2) weeks' vacation may carry over up to sixty (60) hours of vacation leave into the following year. The Employer may permit additional carry over if the operational needs of the City permit. The employee earning more than two (2) weeks' vacation may elect to cash in up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of vacation. Cash in vacation shall be paid, the first pay period in November of each calendar year.

**SECTION 21.6.** In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 9.44 (C), an employee that retires under any state sponsored retirement plan and is subsequently rehired shall have no prior service credit granted for the purposes of vacation accrual.

Should an employee be rehired after retiring under any state sponsored retirement system, the employee will accrue Paid Time Off (PTO) in the same amount at which the employee accrued vacation at the time of retirement. Thereafter the amount of PTO accrual will be reduced by the same accrual rate at which the employee is eligible to accrue vacation as listed in Section 21.1 contained herein. Once the employee reaches the accrual rate at which the employee was at the time of retirement, the employee will no longer be eligible for PTO.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **SICK LEAVE**

**SECTION 22.1.** Employee(s) shall accumulate/earn sick leave at a rate of .0577 for each hour in active pay status, up to one hundred twenty (120) hours per year with unlimited accumulation.

**SECTION 22.2. Retention of Sick Leave** – An employee who transfers from a public agency to this Employer or who has prior service with a public agency, as defined in Section 124.38, Ohio Revised Code, shall retain credit for any sick leave earned in accordance with that Section, so long as he is employed by the City, except that deduction shall be made for any payment or credit given by the previous agency in lieu of taking sick leave. The previously accumulated sick leave of an employee who has been separated from the public service shall be placed to his credit upon his re-employment with the City provided that such re-employment takes place within ten (10) years of the date on which the employee was last terminated from public service.

**Expiration of Sick Leave** – If illness or disability continues beyond the time covered by earned sick leave or other earned time, the employee may be granted a disability leave.

**SECTION 22.3. Charging of Sick Leave** – Sick leave shall be charged to the exact minute. An employee shall be charged for sick leave only for days upon which he would otherwise have been scheduled to work. Sick leave payment shall not exceed the normal scheduled work day or work week earnings.

For approval time off within the KRONOS System any time off used by the employee will be calculated to the exact minute.

**SECTION 22.4. Evidence Required for Sick Leave Usage** - The City may require an employee to furnish a standard written statement to justify the use of sick leave. If medical attention is required a certificate from a licensed physician, dentist or chiropractor shall be required to justify use of sick leave. Falsification of either a written, signed statement or a physician's certificate shall be grounds for dismissal subject to the appeals process contained in this agreement.

**SECTION 22.5. Notification by Employee** – When an employee is unable to report to work, he shall notify his immediate Supervisor or other designated person, one (1) hour prior to the time he is scheduled to report to work on each day of absence, unless other arrangements have been made with the employee's supervisor. When reporting off sick, the employee must advise his immediate supervisor the nature of his illness, the effects it is having on him, and whether he plans to contact a physician in reference to his illness.

**SECTION 22.6. Abuse of Sick Leave** – Employees failing to comply with sick leave rules and regulations shall not be paid. Application for sick leave with intent to defraud may result in disciplinary action including dismissal and refund of salary or wage paid. The City may initiate investigations when an employee is suspected of abusing sick leave privileges. While on sick leave, an employee is expected to be home unless he is on a related medical errand or has made other arrangements with his immediate supervisor, consistent with his individual illness needs.

**SECTION 22.7. Physician Statement:** – An employee with an illness or disability exceeding three (3) consecutive scheduled work days shall be required to furnish a statement from his physician before returning to work, notifying the City that the employee was unable to perform his duties during the period of absence and is able to return to work. Where the absence was due to an injury, the employee shall be required to furnish a release statement from his physician stating that he is fully capable of performing his assigned duties. This requirement is for the protection of both the employee and the Employer in the event of a Workers' Compensation claim, and must be met regardless of the length of the absence.

Where sick leave is requested to care for a member of the immediate family as provided in Section 8, the City may require a physician's certificate to the effect that the presence of the employee is necessary to care for the ill person.

**SECTION 22.8. Physician Examination:** – The Employer may require an employee to take an examination if the employee's abilities to continue to perform the duties of his position are in question. The examination is to be conducted by a licensed physician selected by the Employer, to determine the physical or mental capability to perform the duties of his position. If found not qualified, the employee may be placed on a job he can perform or on sick leave or disability leave. The cost of such examination shall be paid by the City.

**SECTION 22.9. Use of Sick Leave:** - Sick leave may be granted to an employee upon approval of the Employer for the following reasons:

- A. Illness or injury of the employee or a member of his immediate family, wherein the employee's presence is required.
- B. Death of a member of his immediate family.

- C. Medical, dental or optical examination or treatment of employee or a member of his immediate family, which requires the employee, and which cannot be scheduled during non-working hours.
- D. If a member of the immediate family is afflicted with a contagious disease or requires the care and attendance of the employee or who through exposure to a contagious disease, the presence of the employee at his job would jeopardize the health of others.
- E. Pregnancy and/or childbirth and other conditions related thereto.
- F. Employees may utilize up to sixteen (16) hours for personal use, eight (8) hour increments will follow sick leave call-in, increments less than eight (8) hours must have prior approval of department head.
- G. The parties hereby agree that the practice of contributions of sick leave to needy employees from the employee's sick leave bank to another needy employee for traumatic illness shall continue.

**SECTION 22.10. Definition of Immediate Family:** – Definition of immediate family: Mother, father, brother, sister, child, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparents-in-law, legal guardians, or other person who stands in place of a parent (loco parentis).

**SECTION 22.11. Exhaustion of Sick Leave:**

- A. Employees who have exhausted all sick leave and vacation leave credits may be placed on a leave without pay, not to exceed six (6) months. Illnesses exceeding six (6) months shall be considered a voluntary disability separation as outlined in this Article or the employee may request a voluntary disability separation.
- B. An involuntary disability separation may be granted when an employee has exhausted his accumulated sick leave and any authorized vacation or compensatory time, and is:
  - 1. Hospitalized or institutionalized, or on a period of convalescence following hospitalization or institutionalization as authorized by a physician at the hospital or institution; or
  - 2. Is declared physically incapable of performing the duties of his or her position by a licensed physician designated by the City; such examination normally is requested by the City when the employee is unable or unwilling to admit his or her incapacity; the costs are paid by the City.

## **SECTION 22.12.**

- A. For those employees who show a pattern of utilization of a sick day the day prior and/or the day after a holiday, said employee will be required to furnish a doctor's slip for such days to receive the holiday pay.
- B. Those employees who are in a long term sick leave, industrial leave, or in a hospital will not lose any such holiday pay.
- C. For these purposes, sick leave abuse defined herein is more than two (2) sick leave days taken per year adjoining a holiday.

## **ARTICLE 23 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

**SECTION 23.1.** Bereavement leave, not chargeable to sick leave, shall be granted to employees who suffer a loss in their immediate family, as defined in the Sick Leave Usage Article in this Agreement. The leave granted shall be three (3) working days if the employee remains within a two hundred (200) mile radius of the City, and five (5) working days if the employee must travel over two hundred (200) miles one way. Additional time may be arranged with the City Manager, but said time will be charged to an earned leave.

Proof of relationship may be requested by the Employer. The employee shall submit a clear and concise explanation of the circumstance, along with the employee's intent to attend the funeral.

## **ARTICLE 24 LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

**SECTION 24.1.** The City, through its designated representative, shall decide on an individual basis if a leave of absence is to be granted, within the limitations of the appropriate rules of this Contract. Leaves of absences shall be requested and authorized on a proper form.

**SECTION 24.2.** Upon completion of a leave of absence, the employee is to be returned to the position formerly occupied, or to a similar position, if the employee's former position no longer exists.

Any replacement in the position while an employee is on leave is to be on a temporary basis.

An employee may return to work before the scheduled expiration of leave if requested by the employee and agreed to by the City. If an employee fails to return to work at the expiration of an approved leave of absence, and does not submit a request for an extension and have it approved, the employee will be considered "Absent Without Leave" and may be subject to immediate termination.

**SECTION 24.3.** An employee on leave of absence without pay does not earn sick leave or vacation credit. However, the time spent on authorized leave of absence is to be counted in determining length of service for purposes of extended vacation eligibility or other purposes where seniority is a factor, unless otherwise specified.

**SECTION 24.4.** Employees may be granted a Personal Leave of Absence for a duration of no more than six (6) months without pay.

An employee shall not be granted a personal leave for purposes of securing other employment.

Time spent on personal leave shall not be counted in determining an employee's seniority.

**SECTION 24.5.** Employees may be granted an Educational Leave of Absence without pay for purposes of securing additional training or education, non-work related. The time spent on paid leave shall not be counted in determining an employee's seniority.

**SECTION 24.6.** The Parties agree that employees may utilize the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (PL 103-3), upon request. The Employer shall implement FMLA in accordance with city policy and applicable law.

## **ARTICLE 25** **COURT LEAVE/JURY DUTY**

**SECTION 25.1.** The City shall grant full pay when an employee is subpoenaed for any court or jury duty by the United States, the State of Ohio, or a political subdivision. All compensation received for court or jury duty is to be remitted by the employee to the City unless such duty is performed totally outside of normal working hours. An employee released from court or jury duty two (2) hours or more prior to the end of his scheduled workday shall report to work for the remaining hours.

**SECTION 25.2.** Employees will honor any subpoena and notice of appearance issued to them, including those for Worker's Compensation, unemployment compensation and, other legal tribunal(s), without loss of time or pay, when directly related to City business.

**SECTION 25.3.** It is not considered proper to pay employees when appearing in court for criminal or civil cases, when the case being heard in connection with the employee's personal matters, or other individuals' personal matters, such as traffic court, divorce proceedings, custody, appearing as directed with juvenile, etc. These absences would be charged as leave without pay or vacation or other earned time.

## **ARTICLE 26** **INJURY LEAVE**

**SECTION 26.1.** The City shall pay for the first five (5) working days off when an employee is injured on the job, provided that the Bureau of Workmen's Compensation approves the claim. Should the claim be disallowed by the Bureau of Worker's Compensation, an employee may use accrued sick leave, vacation, or other earned time, at the employee's option.

**SECTION 26.2.** The Employer agrees that employees may be permitted to utilize their sick leave to supplement their weekly wages while on industrial leave, until sick leave is exhausted. The employee will be required to sign the appropriate waiver form to ensure reimbursement to the City and ensure proper crediting of used sick leave on a prorated basis.

**SECTION 26.3.** Employees will be required to utilize the Workmen's Compensation provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, immediately after the injury occurs. The employee shall notify the Supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the injury.

**SECTION 26.4.** The employee may be required to work in a transitional work assignment during the time of any injury leave or work related injury/illness. Such transitional work assignment shall be at the sole discretion of the City Manager and shall not violate any valid work restrictions issued by a licensed physician.

## **ARTICLE 27** **MILITARY LEAVE**

**SECTION 27.1.** An employee who leaves his or her position to enter military service shall be carried on the rolls in military leave status and shall accrue seniority. Upon his discharge from military service, he shall be entitled to be restored to the same position or to a similar position for which he is qualified, provided application for employment is made before the expiration of any statutory right to re-employment.

**SECTION 27.2.** Military leave of absence with pay will be paid in accordance with O.R.C. 5923.05.

## **ARTICLE 28** **LAYOFF AND RECALL**

**SECTION 28.1.** In case of a layoff of bargaining unit employees is anticipated, the City shall notify the Union of the impending layoff. Prior to any layoffs occurring, the City and the Union shall schedule a meeting to discuss possible alternatives.

**SECTION 28.2.** The parties agree that the City wide seniority is defined as seniority earned within Bargaining Units B, C and D for purpose of layoff/recall.

**SECTION 28.3.** In the event of layoff due to the lack of work or funds, affected employees shall receive a notice fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff.

**SECTION 28.4.** In the event of layoff, the City shall layoff and recall in accordance with this Article. It is agreed that this Article shall supersede the provisions of the City Charter and ORC 124.321 – 124.328.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **HOSPITALIZATION**

**SECTION 29.1.** Employees shall pay the same amount and receive the same insurance as non-bargaining unit employees including the Benefit Trust Fund.

**SECTION 29.2.** The parties agree that the Employer shall retain the right to select carriers.

**SECTION 29.3.** Each employee shall receive a copy of the plan.

**SECTION 29.4.** The employer will require the present “Insurance Carrier” to follow the definitions for the usual, customary and reasonable charge (normal U.C.R.) in the present plan.

**SECTION 29.5.** The parties hereby agree that the actual negotiated coverage(s) of the Insurance Plan, will be outlined in Appendix “D”.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **AFSCME, HEALTH & WELFARE**

**SECTION 30.1.** The Employer will pick up the cost of the AFSCME Health and Welfare Plan as follows:

- A. Life Insurance, plus A.D.D.
- B. Hearing aid plan
- C. Vision Plan II
- D. Dental Plan II A.

The cost of the plan shall be limited to \$54.00 per month, per employee for the life of this Agreement.

Any changes as defined herein must be mutually agreed to. A dispute shall be resolved through the grievance procedure. This Article shall be effective through December 31, 2024. After such time it shall not be effective or applicable.

## **ARTICLE 31**

### **LONGEVITY**

**SECTION 31.1.** As a means of rewarding employees for loyal service, and to serve as an incentive for retaining good employees, the following longevity plan is established:

On and after the first year of service, ninety dollars (\$90.00) per year, for each year of service, shall be paid to the employee, on his/her anniversary date. Payment shall be made by a separate check. Years of service must be continuous.

**ARTICLE 32**  
**P.E.R.S./P.F.D.F.**

**SECTION 32.1.** P.E.R.S. and P.F.D.P.F. pickup will be eliminated starting the pay period payable on 11/4/2011.

**ARTICLE 33**  
**SEVERANCE PAY**

**SECTION 33.1.** Upon obtaining thirty (30) years of active service with the P.E.R.S. or twenty-five (25) years of active service with P.F.D.F. system and have worked the last ten (10) years with the City, the City will authorize payment of fifty percent (50%) of the employees accrued, but unused sick leave, up to a maximum payment equal to one hundred fifty (150) days.

**SECTION 33.2.** Employees who reach retirement age of forty-eight (48) for police and fire, or fifty-two (52) for P.E.R.S., but have less than 25/30 years respectively, or employees who have reached the twenty-five (25) year/thirty (30) year retirement, but are younger than retirement age, are qualified to receive severance pay under this provision.

**SECTION 33.3.** Employees who die shall be considered to have terminated their employment as of the date of their death, and shall be eligible for sick leave at the rate of one hundred percent (100%). Such payment shall be made to the employee's estate and/or beneficiary.

**SECTION 33.4.** Employees who separate/terminate their employment with the City, shall be compensated at their current rate, for all earned/accrued vacation, personal leave, longevity, wages and comp time.

**SECTION 33.5.** Employees who reach retirement age of 52, but have less than 30 years, or employees who have reached the 30 years of credible service, but are younger than retirement age are considered qualified under this provision.

**ARTICLE 34**  
**LIABILITY PROTECTION**

**SECTION 34.1.** The City shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless any employee for any suit filed against them or any awards against them while acting in the lawful scope of their employment. This Article shall not be construed to obligate the City to provide counsel if the Employer initiates legal action against an employee or any appeal/arbitration process.

**ARTICLE 35**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 35.1.** The City agrees to pay for all approved long distance telephone calls that employees are required to make in the performance of their job duties with the City. The employees shall log all long distance telephone calls.

**SECTION 35.2. Pay checks/Pay stubs:**

- A. The City shall pay employees on Friday of every other week.
- B. If a holiday falls on Friday and/or an employee is scheduled off duty on Friday, the employee may pick up their pay checks on the Thursday afternoon preceding Friday pay days, so as not to create unnecessary trips or hardships on said employees.
- C. The Employer shall provide a pay stub commensurate with the Employer's computer service.

**SECTION 35.3. Out-of-Town Assignment/Required and Approved Training:** – Any Bargaining Unit employee given an out-of-town assignment or required and approved training shall receive his regular rate of pay at the applicable rate for the time worked. In addition, the employee shall be reimbursed for all verified, reasonable, and actual expenses thereof.

**SECTION 35.4. Trade days:** Employees shall be allowed, by mutual agreement, to trade days off on the same shift, or shifts within the same week where the employees are assigned to different shifts, providing said trade shall not create any additional cost to the City. The Police Chief shall not unreasonably deny, but the employee must have the advance approval of the Chief to trade days off.

**SECTION 35.5.** Employees hired will be placed in Class C, and will progress according to the following:

- A. Class C for the first (6) months of continuous service.
- B. Class B from six (6) months continuous service to eighteen (18) months continuous Service.
- C. Class A after twenty-four (24) months of continuous service.

**SECTION 35.6.** Whenever the Employer requires a police officer to qualify for firearms certification, the Employer shall furnish the necessary ammunition. Duty ammunition shall also be provided by the Employer. The Employer shall also supply ammunition for qualifying one (1) off-duty weapon.

**SECTION 35.7. Savings Bonds and United Appeal:** The City agrees to deduct from employees giving written authorization any monies for the U.S. Savings Bond Program and the United Appeal Payroll Deduction Program and remit such withholdings to the proper authorities, whenever feasible.

**SECTION 35.8. Mileage Allowance:** The Employer shall pay mileage allowance of the IRS standard, per mile when an employee is required to use his own personal vehicle on City business.

**SECTION 35.9.** Employees will receive portal-to-portal pay for training sessions, conferences, seminars, and out of town assignments, if approved by the Chief of Police.

In some instances where an overnight stay is required, the employee will receive their regular eight (8) hours per day, plus their portal-to-portal pay for going there and back.

**SECTION 35.10.** The City agrees to reimburse employees their costs associated with attending and passing approved college courses of study. Such reimbursement costs shall include all tuition costs and corresponding lab fees, if applicable. Reimbursement will be made upon proof of tuition payment and official transcript of passing grades from the appropriate institute. The City reserves the right to limit the number of courses per calendar year.

**SECTION 35.11.** The parties agree that when the Daylight Savings Time changes in the spring, any such employee working will utilize an hour of comp time or vacation to make their forty (40) hours in that week. In the fall, employees will receive an additional hour of overtime.

**SECTION 35.12.** Part-time Dispatchers shall work a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) hours (fifteen (15) days) per calendar year. Part-time Patrolmen shall work a minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours (thirty (30) days).

The parties agree, due to the various scheduling problems, that those part-time employees, that accepts a call-in to work and does not show up or calls-off as a no show, said employee will be required to utilize their earned sick time or vacation time they have on the books. The parties further agree that those part-time employees that refuse to respond to proper call-ins and have refused to work a minimum of two hundred forty (240) hours per year will be subject to the Employer severing their work and employment with the City, based upon their continued refusals to work, be available, or to respond to such work or call-ins.

The Employer shall take into consideration emergencies such as accidents, family and personal illness, on a case-by-case basis, prior to any disciplinary action(s) related thereto.

**SECTION 35.13.**

- A. If in the event a retired twenty (20) years or more City of Clyde Police Department employee is hired as a part-time Patrolman or Dispatcher, said employee(s) will receive the full part-time rates of pay as reflected herein. Any such retired employee referred to herein will not have to serve an initial new probationary period, and shall receive the part-time rate of Class A pay.
- B. If in the event a retired twenty (20) years or more Police Department employee is hired as a Part-time Patrolman or Dispatcher from other outside agencies, such part-time employee will start in Class B for sixty (60) days. Upon completion of these sixty (60) days of work, he/she shall proceed to Class A, part-time pay rates.

**ARTICLE 36**  
**UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

**SECTION 36.1.** The City will maintain a uniform allowance as follows:

Full-time Officers	\$1,500.00 annually
Part-time Officers (minimum of sixty (60) days per year to qualify)	\$425.00 annually
Full-time Dispatchers	\$750.00 annually
Part-time Dispatchers (minimum of forty-five (45) days per year to qualify)	\$350.00 annually

The present system shall continue for the life of this Contract. All vouchers shall be submitted for approval.

The difference between the current amount of uniform allowance and the increased amounts shall be payable upon ratification by both parties.

**SECTION 36.2.** Should an employee resign or retire before the end of the year, he shall be required to return all items to the Employer, such as leather goods, guns, badges, etc. Annual clothing material costs shall be deducted from the employee's last pay check on a pro rata basis.

**SECTION 36.3.** The City shall maintain a uniform dress code and requirements that employees shall follow.

**SECTION 36.4.** Uniform allowance checks shall be issued in the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) pay period in January.

**ARTICLE 37**  
**SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL**

**SECTION 37.1.** The City agrees that employees working on the second shift and the third shift shall receive a shift differential as follows:

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
A. Second Shift		.40	1.00
B. Third Shift		.80	.80

## **ARTICLE 38**

### **SEVERABILITY**

**SECTION 38.1.** This Agreement is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, including Civil Rights, Affirmative Action, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, and the Public Employees Retirement System, and shall be interpreted whenever possible so as to comply fully with such laws, provisions, or any official decision interpreting them. However, this section shall not be interpreted as restricting the parties in negotiations where they have exceeded the benefits established by law. Nor does it establish, except for those areas outlined above, any minimum requirements to be established by law.

**SECTION 38.2.** If during the life of this Agreement, any of the provisions contained herein are held to be invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected. In the event any provision herein is so rendered invalid, upon written request of either party, the Employer and the Union will meet promptly and attempt to negotiate a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provisions.

## **ARTICLE 39**

### **WAGES**

**SECTION 39.1.** Bargaining Unit Employees shall receive the following pay rates:

	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>1/1/2025</u>	<u>1/1/2026</u>
Dispatcher A	\$26.43	\$27.36	\$28.31
Dispatcher B	\$20.69	\$21.41	\$22.16
Dispatcher C	\$18.77	\$19.43	\$20.11
Officer A	\$31.96	\$33.08	\$34.24
Officer B	\$28.12	\$29.10	\$30.12
Officer C	\$24.89	\$25.76	\$26.66
Officer-in-Charge	\$34.37	\$35.57	\$36.81
Sergeants	\$36.74	\$38.03	\$39.36

**SECTION 39.2.** The parties agree that part-time permanent employees shall receive benefits for all days worked on a pro-rata basis, for vacation and sick leave benefits only.

**SECTION 39.3.** Those part-time Dispatchers and part-time officers hired after January 1, 1996 shall receive the following pay rates:

Effective January 1, 2024 the wage scale shall be increased by 5%

Effective January 1, 2025 the wage scale shall be increased by 3.5%

Effective January 1, 2026 the wage scale shall be increased by 3.5%

	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>1/1/2025</u>	<u>1/1/2026</u>
Dispatcher (A) (P.T.)	\$18.64	\$19.29	\$19.96
3,120 hrs.			
Dispatcher (B) (P.T.)	\$16.16	\$16.73	\$17.31
1,040 – 3,119 hrs.			
Dispatcher (C) (P.T.)	\$14.18	\$14.67	\$15.18
0 – 1,039 hrs.			
Officer (A) (P.T.)	\$21.14	\$21.88	\$22.64
3,120 hrs.			
Officer (B) (P.T.)	\$18.25	\$18.89	\$19.55
1,040 – 3,119 hrs.			
Officer (C) (P.T.)	\$17.04	\$17.64	\$18.26
0 – 1,039 hrs.			

**SECTION 39.4.** Employees may be eligible for an annual reimbursement of up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per calendar year, beginning January 1, 2025, for the utilization of an approved fitness facility. In order to be eligible, employees must submit documented evidence of the fitness facility payment and usage of no less than fifty two (52) times per calendar year.

**SECTION 39.5.** Detectives who are designated on-call shall receive additional compensation of one (1) hour of pay for every twenty-four (24) hours on-call. If the Detective designated on-call does not answer a call such Detective shall not receive the on-call pay for that twenty-four (24) hour period.

## **ARTICLE 40**

### **DURATION**

**SECTION 40.1.** This Contract shall be effective upon ratification by both parties in 2024 and shall remain in force and effect until **December 31, 2026**, 12:00 midnight, provided however, that it shall be renewed automatically on its termination date for another year in the form in which it has been written, unless either party gives written notice to the other party of their desire to negotiate, modify or amend this Contract. The party desiring to negotiate, modify or amend this Contract between the parties shall give written notice no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, nor no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration date of this Contract. The parties shall commence negotiations within two (2) calendar weeks upon receiving notice of intent to negotiate.

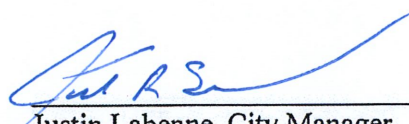
**SECTION 40.2.** The parties may utilize the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, U.S. Government, provided both parties mutually agree. In the initial meetings between the parties, the parties shall establish the bargaining guidelines for the conduct of negotiations. Said guidelines may include a voluntary dispute resolution procedure.

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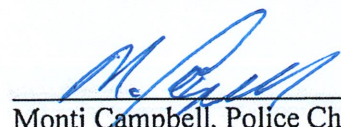
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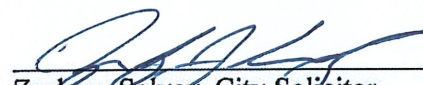
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed and signed by their duly authorized representatives this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

  
Justin Labenne, City Manager


  
Frank Weasner, Finance Director

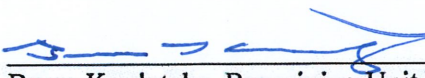
  
Monti Campbell, Police Chief

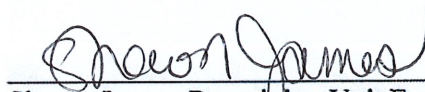
  
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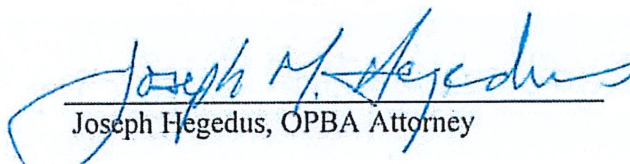
  
Patrick Hire, Management Consultant

FOR THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S  
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION UNITS B,  
C, AND D

  
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Employee

  
Bruce Kardotzke, Bargaining Unit Employee

  
Sharon James, Bargaining Unit Employee

  
Joseph Hegedus, OPBA Attorney