

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE** 126898

**COUNCIL BILL** 120655

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32 expired on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, employees represented by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32 continued to work on condition that their wages, hours, benefits, and other conditions of employment continue to be negotiated; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining has led to an agreement between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32; NOW, THEREFORE,

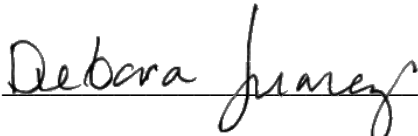
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. As requested by the Seattle Human Resources Director and recommended by the Mayor, the Mayor is authorized on behalf of The City of Seattle (City) to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32, substantially in the form attached to this ordinance as Attachment 1 and identified as “Agreement By and Between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32.”

1           Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance and prior to its effective  
2 date is ratified and confirmed.

1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.


4 Passed by the City Council the 19th day of September, 2023,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 19th day of  
6 September, 2023.

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8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9  Approved /  returned unsigned /  vetoed this 25th day of September, 2023.

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11 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 25th day of September, 2023.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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18 Attachments:  
19 Attachment 1 – Agreement By and Between The City of Seattle and United Association of  
20 Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32

AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
AND  
UNITED ASSOCIATION OF  
JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE  
PLUMBING & PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY  
LOCAL 32

Effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is between the City of Seattle (hereinafter called the City) and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 32 (hereinafter called the Union) for the purpose of setting forth the mutual understanding of the parties as to wages, hours, and other conditions of employment of those employees for whom the City has recognized the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative.

ARTICLE 1 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

1.1 The City and the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee by reason of race, creed, age, color, sex, national origin, religious belief, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, ancestry or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the operations of the City.

1.1.1 Wherever words denoting a specific gender are used in the Agreement, they are intended and shall be construed so as to apply equally to either gender.

1.2 Allegations of discrimination shall not be a proper subject for the grievance procedure herein but instead may be filed by a complaint with the appropriate human rights agency.

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION, BARGAINING UNIT, AND  
TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

- 2.1 The City recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purpose stated in Chapter 108, Extra Session Laws of 1967 of the State of Washington for employees employed within the bargaining unit defined in Appendices A and B of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement and the bargaining unit described herein the following definitions shall apply:
- 2.1.1 The term "employee" shall be defined to include probationary employees, regular employees, full-time employees, part-time employees and temporary employees not otherwise excluded or limited in the following Sections of this Article.
- 2.1.2 The term "probationary employee" shall be defined as an employee who is within the first twelve (12) month trial period of employment following their initial regular appointment within the classified service from an eligible register.
- 2.1.3 The term "apprentice" shall be defined as an employee whose terms and conditions of employment are set forth in an "agreement of apprenticeship" which terms shall govern when they conflict with any terms and conditions herein. Apprenticeship programs are authorized by RCW 49.04 and Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.04.200 B which designates a Joint Advisory Apprenticeship Committee to administer such programs. At the time of the signing of this Agreement, the applicable apprentice title is Water Pipe Worker Apprentice. Other apprentice titles will be included within this definition as they are adopted by the Joint Advisory Committee, approved by the state, adopted by the City Council, and incorporated into this Agreement by an amending Memorandum of Understanding.
- 2.1.4 The term "regular employee" shall be defined as an employee who has successfully completed a twelve (12) month probationary period and who has had no subsequent break in service as occasioned by quit, resignation, discharge for just cause, or retirement.
- 2.1.5 The term "full-time employee" shall be defined as an employee who has been regularly appointed and who has a usual work schedule of forty (40) hours per week.
- 2.1.6 The term "part-time employee" shall be defined as an employee who has been regularly appointed and who has a usual work schedule averaging at least twenty (20) hours but fewer than forty (40) hours per week.



2.1.7 The terms *temporary employee* and *temporary worker* shall be defined to include both temporary and less than half time employees and means a person who is employed in:

1. An interim assignment(s) of up to one (1) year to a vacant regular position to perform work associated with a regularly budgeted position that is temporarily vacant and has no incumbent; or
2. An interim assignment for short-term replacement of a regular employee of up to one (1) year when the incumbent is temporarily absent; or
3. A short-term assignment of up to one (1) year, which may be extended beyond one year only while the assignment is in the process of being converted to a regular position, to perform work that is not ongoing regular work and for which there is no regularly budgeted position; or
4. A less than half-time assignment for seasonal, on-call, intermittent or regularly scheduled work that normally does not exceed one thousand forty (1,040) hours in a year, but may be extended up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) hours once every three (3) years and may also be extended while the assignment is in the process of being converted to a regular position; or
5. A term-limited assignment for a period of more than one but less than three (3) years for time-limited work related to a specific project, grant or other non-routine substantial body of work, or for the replacement of a regularly appointed employee when that employee is absent on long-term disability time loss, medical or military leave of absence.

2.1.8 Temporary workers in the following types of assignments shall cease receiving premium pay at the time indicated and begin receiving wage progression and benefits as provided in SMC 4.20.055 D.

2.1.8.1 Interim and short-term assignments after one thousand forty (1,040) regular straight time hours for the remainder of the assignment unless the Seattle Human Resources Director determines that the assignment will terminate so imminently that the benefits package would be of minimal value to the worker.

2.1.8.2 Term-limited assignments starting with the first day and for the duration of the assignment.

2.1.8.3 Any assignment that the appointing authority has proposed be converted to regular position authority regardless of the number of hours worked.

2.2 Temporary employees shall be exempt from all provisions of this Agreement except Sections 2.2; 2.2.1; 2.2.1.1; 2.2.2; 2.2.2.1; 2.2.2.2; 2.2.3; 2.2.4; 2.2.5 (only applies if Temporary Employees are benefited); 2.2.6; 2.2.7; 2.2.8; 2.2.9; 2.2.10; 2.2.11; 18.1.4; 18.1.4.1; 18.1.4.2; 18.1.9; 18.6; 19.1; Article 4, Union Security, Section 4.1.2 and Article 5, Grievance Procedure; provided however, temporary employees shall be covered by the Grievance Procedure solely for purposes of adjudicating grievances relating to Sections identified within this Section. Where the provisions in Personnel Rule 11 do not conflict with the expressed provisions of this Agreement, the Personnel Rule 11 shall apply and be subject to the grievance procedure as provided for in Article 5.

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

2.2.1.1 Cumulative sick leave with pay computed at same the rate and with all benefits and conditions required by SMC Chapter 14.16, and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210, shall be granted to all temporary employees not eligible for fringe benefits pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code subsection 4.20.055(C).

2.2.2 Premiums Applicable Only to City of Seattle Temporary Employees who are not in benefits-eligible assignments: Each temporary employee shall receive premium pay as hereinafter set forth based upon the corresponding number of cumulative non-overtime hours worked by the temporary employee, unless the employee is in a benefits-eligible assignment:

0001st hour through 0520th hour	5% premium pay
0521st hour through 1,040th hour	10% premium pay
1,041st hour through 2,080th hour	15% premium pay (If an employee worked eight hundred [800] hours or more in the previous twelve [12] months, they shall receive twenty percent [20%] premium pay.)
2,081st hour +	20% premium pay (If an employee worked eight hundred [800] hours or more in the previous twelve [12] months, they shall receive twenty-five percent [25%] premium pay.)

The appropriate percentage premium payment shall be applied to all gross earnings.

2.2.2.1 Once a temporary employee reaches a given premium level, the premium shall not be reduced for that temporary employee as long as the employee continues to work

for the City without a voluntary break in service as set forth within Section 2.2.8. Non-overtime hours already worked by an existing temporary employee shall apply in determining the applicable premium rate. In view of the escalating and continuing nature of the premium, the City may require that a temporary employee be available to work for a minimum number of hours or periods of time during the year.

2.2.2.2 The premium pay in Section 2.2.2 does not include either increased vacation pay due to accrual rate increases or the City's share of any retirement contributions. Any increase in a temporary employee's vacation accrual rate percentage shall be added on to the premium pay percentages for the temporary employee to whom it applies.

2.2.3 Medical and Dental Coverage to Temporary Employees who are not in benefits-eligible positions: Once a temporary employee has worked at least one thousand forty (1,040) cumulative non-overtime hours and at least eight hundred (800) non-overtime hours or more in the previous twelve (12) months, the employee may within ninety (90) calendar days thereafter elect to participate in the City's medical and dental insurance programs by agreeing to pay the required monthly premium. To participate the temporary employee must agree to a payroll deduction equal to the amount necessary to pay the monthly health care premiums; or the City, at its discretion, may reduce the premium pay of the employee who chooses this option in an amount equal to the insurance premiums. The temporary employee must continue to work enough hours each month to pay the premiums and maintain eligibility. After meeting the hours worked requirement a temporary employee shall also be allowed to elect this option during any subsequent open period allowed regular employees. An employee who elects to participate in these insurance programs and fails to make the required payments in a timely fashion shall be dropped from City medical and dental coverage and shall not be able to participate again while employed by the City as a temporary employee. If a temporary employee's hours of work are insufficient for their pay to cover the insurance premium, the temporary employee may, on no more than one occasion, pay the difference or self-pay the insurance premium for up to three (3) consecutive months.

2.2.4 Holiday Work for Non-Benefits-Eligible Temporary Employees: A temporary employee who works on any of the specific calendar days designated by the City as paid holidays shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times their regular straight-time hourly rate of pay for hours worked during their scheduled shift. When a specific holiday falls on a weekend day and most regular employees honor the holiday on the preceding Friday or following Monday adjacent to the holiday, the holiday premium pay of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular straight-time rate of pay shall apply to those temporary employees who work on the weekend day specified as the holiday.

2.2.4.1 Benefits-Eligible Temporary Employee Holiday Pay: A temporary employee shall be compensated at their straight-time rate of pay for all officially recognized City holidays that occur subsequent to the employee becoming eligible for fringe benefits, for as long as they remain in such eligible assignment.

1. To qualify for holiday pay, the employee must be on active pay status the normally scheduled workday before or after the holiday as provided by Article 9.
2. Officially recognized City holidays that fall on Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday. Officially recognized City holidays that fall on Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday. If the City's observance of a holiday falls on a temporary employee's normal day off, they shall be eligible for another day off, with pay during the same workweek.
3. Temporary employees who work less than eighty (80) hours per pay period shall have their holiday pay pro-rated based on the number of straight-time hours compensated during the preceding pay period.
4. A temporary employee shall receive two (2) personal holidays immediately upon becoming eligible for fringe benefits, provided they have not already received personal holidays in another assignment within the same calendar year.
5. Personal holidays cannot be carried over from calendar year to calendar year, nor can they be cashed out.
6. A temporary employee must use any personal holidays before their current eligibility for fringe benefits terminates. If an employee requests and is denied the opportunity to use their personal holidays during the eligibility assignment, the employing unit must permit them to use and be compensated for the holidays immediately following the last day worked in the assignment, prior to termination of the assignment.

2.2.5 A temporary employee who is scheduled to work regularly or on and off throughout the year and who has worked two thousand eighty (2,080) cumulative non-overtime hours without a voluntary break in service and who has also worked eight hundred (800) non-overtime hours or more in the previous twelve (12) months, may request an unpaid leave of absence not to exceed the amount of vacation time he/she would have earned in the previous year if they have had not received vacation premium pay in lieu of annual paid vacation. Where such requests are made, the timing and scheduling of such unpaid leaves must be agreeable to the employing department. The leave shall be handled in a manner similar to the scheduling of vacation for permanent employees. This provision shall not be applicable in cases where a temporary employee accrues vacation time rather than premium pay as set forth within Section 2.2.7.

2.2.6 Premium pay set forth within Section 2.2.2 shall be in lieu of the base level of vacation and all other fringe benefits, such as: benefits that exceed legal requirements, holiday pay, funeral leave, military leave, jury duty pay, disability leave, and medical and dental insurance, except as otherwise provided in Sections 2.2.2.2; 2.2.3; and 2.2.4.

2.2.7 The City may, at any time after ninety (90) calendar days advance notification to and upon consultation with the affected collective bargaining representatives, provide all fringe benefits covered by the premium pay set forth within Section 2.2.2 to all or some groups (departmental or occupational) of temporary employees to the same extent that they are available to regular employees within the same group, and in such event the premium pay provision in Section 2.2.2 shall no longer be applicable to that particular group of temporary employees. The City, at its discretion, may also after ninety (90) calendar days advance notification to and upon consultation with the affected collective bargaining representatives, provide paid vacation and/or sick leave benefits to all or some groups (departmental or occupational) of temporary employees to the same extent that they are available to regular employees without providing other fringe benefits; and in such event the premium pay in Section 2.2.2 shall be reduced by a percentage amount equivalent to the value of vacation and/or sick leave benefits. The applicable amount for base-level vacation shall be recognized as four point eight one percent (4.81%) which could be higher dependent upon accrual rate increases. The applicable amount for base-level sick leave shall be four point six percent (4.6%). The City shall not use this option to change to and from premiums and benefits on an occasional basis. The City may also continue to provide benefits in lieu of all or part of the premiums in Section 2.2.2 where it has already been doing so; and it may in such cases reduce the premium paid to the affected employees by the applicable percentage.

2.2.8 The premium pay provisions set forth within Section 2.2.2 shall apply to cumulative non-overtime hours that occur without a voluntary break in service by the temporary employee. A voluntary break in service shall be defined as quit, resignation, service retirement or failure to return from an unpaid leave. If the temporary employee has not worked for at least one year (12 months or 26 pay periods) it shall be presumed that the employee's break in service was voluntary.

2.2.9 The City may work temporary employees beyond one thousand forty (1,040) regular hours within any twelve (12) month period; provided however, the City shall not use temporary employees to supplant permanent positions. The City shall not assign or schedule temporary employees (or fail to do so) solely to avoid accumulation of regular hours that would increase the premium pay provided for in Section 2.2.2 or solely to avoid considering creation of permanent positions.2.2.9.1

In the event that an interim assignment of a temporary employee to a vacant regular position accrues more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours or accumulates hours in eighteen (18) or more consecutive pay periods, the City shall

notify the union that a labor-management meeting shall take place within two (2) weeks for the purpose of discussing the status of filling the vacant position prior to one (1) year.

2.2.10 A temporary employee who has worked in excess of five hundred twenty (520) regular hours and who is appointed to a permanent position without a voluntary break in service greater than thirty (30) days shall have their time worked counted for purposes of salary step placement (where appropriate) and eligibility for medical and dental benefits under Article 12. In addition, a temporary employee who is in a term-limited assignment shall receive service credit for layoff purposes if the employee is immediately hired (within thirty [30] business days without a break in service) into the same job title and position after the term is completed.

2.2.11 Temporary employees covered by this agreement are eligible to apply for all positions advertised internally.

2.3 The City participates in programs or may establish programs that result in individuals performing work for the City that would otherwise be performed by employees in positions covered by this Bargaining Agreement. Such programs have included and may include: youth training and employment programs; federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) or similar programs; "Project Hire"; vocational rehabilitation programs; work study and student intern programs; work fare programs; court-ordered community service; volunteer and other programs with similar purposes. Such individuals shall be exempt from all of the provisions of this Agreement.

If employees hired pursuant to such programs will be assigned to perform work that requires a special occupational license or certification (other than licenses for driving), the City will first notify the Union. The Union may open for negotiation whether these employees shall be exempt from the provisions of this Agreement under this Section 2.3 or not.

2.4 The City may establish preparatory training programs, including on-the-job training, for the purpose of providing individuals an opportunity to compete and potentially move laterally or upward into new career fields. It is understood that on-the-job training may involve bargaining unit work even though the "trainee" is not covered by this Agreement. It is also understood that said trainees will not be used for the purpose of displacing regular employees. Employees involved in such upward mobility programs shall not have their original bargaining unit status affected by such a plan and shall continue to receive the salary of their regularly-assigned position. The City will furnish the Union a copy of such training plan(s) prior to implementation if they affect bargaining unit employees.

### ARTICLE 3 – LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

3.1 The City and Union agree to hold labor-management meetings as necessary. These meetings will be called upon request of either party to discuss contract or non-contract issues affecting employees covered by this Agreement. Subjects for discussion at labor-management meetings during the term of this Agreement shall be as agreed by the parties. The Union shall be permitted to designate members and/or stewards in affected department(s) to assist its Union Representatives in such meetings. The purpose of labor-management meetings is to deal with matters of general concern to the Union and management.

3.1.1 Interdepartmental Labor-Management Committees will be a forum for addressing workplace issues that affect more than one City department. Membership will be made up of management from the affected departments, Labor Relations, Local 32 Union Representatives, and employees/stewards from the participating departments.

3.1.2 Intradepartmental Labor-Management Committees will be a forum for addressing issues in a single department. Membership will be made up of management, Labor Relations, Local 32 Union Representatives, and employees/stewards. This committee will also be the vehicle that charters Employee Involvement Committees.

3.1.3 Work Unit Labor-Management Committees will be a forum for addressing issues that affect a work unit in one department. Membership will be made up of management, Labor Relations, Local 32 Union Representatives, and employees/stewards.

Note: 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3 may include Union Representatives from other Unions.

3.2 Labor-Management Leadership Committee: The Labor-Management Leadership Committee will be a forum for communication and cooperation between labor and management to support the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective service to the citizens of Seattle while maintaining a high-quality work environment for City employees.

The management representatives to the Committee will be determined in accordance with the Labor-Management Leadership Committee Charter. The Coalition of City Unions will appoint a minimum of six (6) labor representatives and a maximum equal to the number of management representatives of the Committee. The co-chairs of the Coalition will be members of the Leadership Committee.

## ARTICLE 4 – UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- 4.1 The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved.
- 4.2 The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the City and the City shall honor the terms and conditions of each worker’s Union payroll deduction authorization(s) for the purposes of dues deduction only.
- 4.3 The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless from all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that arise against the City for deducting dues from Union members pursuant to this Article, including those that have communicated a desire to revoke a previous deduction authorization, along with all other issues related to the deduction of dues or fees.
- 4.4 The City will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the bargaining unit.
- 4.5 The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee’s normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.
- 4.6 The City will require all new employees to attend a New Employee Orientation (NEO) within thirty (30) days of hire. The NEO will include an at-minimum thirty (30) minute presentation by a Union representative to all employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.
- 4.7 At least five (5) business days before the date of the NEO, the City shall provide the Union with a list of names of the bargaining unit members attending the Orientation.
- 4.8 New Employee and Change in Employee Status Notification: The City shall supply the Union with the following information on a monthly basis for new employees:
- a. Name
  - b. Home address
  - c. Personal phone
  - d. Personal email (if a member offers)
  - e. Job classification and title



- f. Department and division
- g. Work location
- h. Date of hire
- i. FLSA status
- j. Compensation rate

The City shall also notify the Union on a monthly basis regarding employee status changes for employees who have transferred into a bargaining unit position and employees who are no longer in the bargaining unit. For employees who have transferred into the bargaining unit, the City shall supply the union with the same information listed in items a,b,c,d,e,f, and g of this Section.

4.9 Any employee may revoke their authorization for payroll deduction of payments to their Union by written notice to the Union in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Union dues authorization rules.

4.10 The Union shall transmit to the City, in writing, by the cutoff date for each payroll period, the name(s) of the Employee(s), as well as [Employee ID Number], who have, since the previous payroll cutoff date, provided the Union with a written authorization for payroll deductions, or have changed their prior written authorization for payroll deductions.

4.11 Every effort will be made by the City to end the deductions effective on the first payroll, and not later than the second payroll, after receipt by the City of confirmation from the Union that the terms of the employee's authorization regarding dues deduction revocation have been met.

4.12 The City will refer all employee inquiries or communications regarding union dues to the Union. The City may answer any employee inquiry about process or timing of payroll deductions.

4.13 Issues arising over the interpretation, application, or enforceability of the provisions of this Article shall be addressed during the parties' Labor Management Committee meeting and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in this collective bargaining agreement.

## ARTICLE 5 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 5.1 Any dispute between the City and the Union concerning the interpretation, application, claim of breach or violation of the express terms of this Agreement shall be deemed a grievance. An employee at any time may present a grievance to the City and have such grievance adjusted without the intervention of the Union, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the expressed terms of this Agreement and if the Union has been given reasonable opportunity to be present at any initial meeting called for the resolution of such grievance.
- 5.1.1 Reclassification grievances shall be processed per Section 5.12.
- 5.2 The City and the Union encourage the use of the City’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program or other ADR processes to resolve non-contractual workplace conflicts/disputes. Participation in the City’s ADR Program or in another ADR process is entirely voluntary and confidential.
- 5.3 A grievance in the interest of a majority of the employees in the bargaining unit shall be reduced to writing by the Union and may be introduced at Step 3 of the grievance procedure and be processed within the time limits set forth herein.
- 5.4 As a means of facilitating settlement of a grievance, either party may include an additional member at its expense on its committee. If, at any step in the grievance procedure, management's answer in writing is unsatisfactory, the Union's reason for non-acceptance must be presented in writing.
- 5.5 Failure by an employee or the Union to comply with any time limitation of the procedure in this Article shall constitute withdrawal of the grievance; provided, however, any time limits stipulated in the grievance procedure may be extended for stated periods of time by the appropriate parties by mutual agreement in writing.
- 5.6 Arbitration awards or grievance settlements shall not be made retroactive beyond the date of the occurrence or nonoccurrence upon which the grievance is based, that date being twenty (20) business days or less prior to the initial filing of the grievance.
- 5.7 A grievance shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:
- 5.7.1 Step 1: The grievance shall be reduced to written form which shall include identification of the Section(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated and the violation. The Union representative or employee shall forward the written grievance to the management supervisor and the Union representative within twenty (20) business days after the alleged contract violation. The management supervisor shall thereafter convene a meeting within ten (10) business days between the Union

representative and aggrieved employee, together with the designated supervisor, the section manager, and any other members of management whose presence is deemed necessary by the City to a fair consideration of the alleged grievance. The management supervisor shall give a written answer to the Union within ten (10) business days after the grievance meeting.

5.7.2 Step 2: If the grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 1 above, the Union representative or employee shall then forward the written grievance as presented in Step 1 to the division head with a copy to the City Director of Labor Relations and the Union representative within ten (10) business days after the Step 1 answer.

With Mediation:

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

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

If the grievance is not resolved through mediation, the division head shall convene a meeting within ten (10) business days after receipt of notification that the

grievance was not resolved through mediation between the aggrieved employee and Union representative together with the division head, section manager and department labor relations officer. The City Director of Labor Relations or their designee may attend said meeting. Within ten (10) business days after the meeting, the division head shall forward a reply to the Union.

Without Mediation:

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

5.7.3 Step 3: If the grievance is not resolved as provided in Step 2 above, or if the grievance is initially submitted at Step 3 pursuant to Section 5.2, the Union representative or employee shall forward the written grievance defined in the same manner as provided in Step 1, within ten (10) business days after the Step 2 answer to the City Director of Labor Relations with a copy to the appropriate appointing authority.

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

The Director of Labor Relations or their designee shall investigate the alleged grievance and, if deemed appropriate, shall convene a meeting between the appropriate parties. The Director of Labor Relations or designee shall thereafter make a confidential recommendation to the affected appointing authority who shall in turn give the Union an answer in writing ten (10) business days after receipt of the grievance or the meeting between the parties.

5.7.4 Step 4: If the grievance is not settled in Step 3, it may be referred to the American Arbitration Association for arbitration to be conducted under its voluntary labor arbitration regulations. If the initiating party fails to proceed with the process for the selection of an arbitrator and, as a result, an arbitrator is not selected within ninety (90) days of the referral to arbitration, the referral to arbitration shall be deemed withdrawn. Such reference to arbitration shall be made within thirty (20) business days after the City's answer or failure to answer in Step 3 and shall be accompanied by the following information:

- A. Identification of Section(s) of Agreement allegedly violated;
- B. Nature of alleged violation;

C. Question(s) that the arbitrator is being asked to decide;

D. Remedy sought.

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

5.8 The parties shall abide by the award made in connection with any arbitrable difference. There shall be no suspension of work, slowdown, or curtailment of services while any difference is in the process of adjustment or arbitration.

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

5.9.1 The arbitrator shall have no power to render a decision that will add to, subtract from, or alter, change, or modify the terms of this Agreement; and such power shall be limited to interpretation or application of the express terms of this Agreement; and all other matters shall be excluded from arbitration.

5.9.2 The decision of the arbitrator regarding any arbitrable grievance shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon the City, the Union, and the employees involved.

5.9.3 The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the City and the Union and each party shall bear the cost of presenting its own case

5.9.4 The arbitrator's decision shall be made in writing and shall be issued to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the case is submitted to the arbitrator.

5.10 In no event shall this Agreement alter or interfere with disciplinary procedures followed by the City or provided for by City Charter, Ordinance or Law; provided, however, disciplinary action may be processed through the grievance procedure; provided, further, an employee covered by this Agreement must, upon initiating objections relating to disciplinary action, use either the grievance procedure contained herein (with the Union processing the grievance) or pertinent procedures regarding disciplinary appeals under the City Personnel Ordinance including Civil Service procedures. Under no circumstances may an employee use both the grievance procedure and Personnel Ordinance procedures, including Civil Service procedures, relative to the same disciplinary action. In the event both a contract grievance and a Civil Service Commission Appeal have been filed regarding the same disciplinary action, the grievance will be considered withdrawn.

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

- A. Either party may request that grievances submitted to arbitration be subjected to a confidential Peer Review by a committee of peers from management or labor, respectively, in which case the timelines of the grievance procedure will be held in abeyance pending the completion of the Peer Review process; and
- B. Either party may make an Offer of Settlement to encourage settlement of a grievance in advance of a scheduled arbitration hearing, with the potential consequence that the party refusing to accept an Offer of Settlement may be required to bear all of the costs of arbitration, excluding attorney and witness fees, contrary to Section 5.9.3.

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

5.12 A reclassification grievance will be initially submitted by the Union in writing to the Director of Labor Relations, with a copy to the Department. The Union will identify in the grievance letter the name(s) of the grievant(s), their current job classification, and the proposed job classification. The Union will include with the grievance letter a Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) completed and signed by the grievant(s). At the time of the initial filing, if the PDQ is not submitted, the Union will have sixty (60) business days to submit the PDQ to Labor Relations. After initial submittal of the grievance, the procedure will be as follows:

- A. The Director of Labor Relations, or designee, will notify the Union of such receipt and will provide a date (not to exceed five [5] months from the date of receipt of the PDQ signed by the grievant(s)) when a proposed classification determination report responding to the grievance will be sent to the Union.

The Director of Labor Relations, or designee, will provide notice to the Union when, due to unforeseen delays, the time for the classification review will exceed the five (5) month period.

- B. The Department Director, upon receipt of the proposed classification determination report from the Director of Labor Relations, or designee, will respond to the grievance in writing.
- C. If the grievance is not resolved, the Union may, within twenty (20) business days of the date the grievance response is received, submit to the Director of Labor Relations a letter designating one of the following processes for final resolution:

1. The Union may submit the grievance to binding arbitration per Section 5.7.4 (Step 4); or
2. The Union may request the classification determination be reviewed by the Classification Appeals Board, consisting of two members of the Classification/Compensation Unit and one human resource professional from an unaffected department. The Classification Appeals Board will, whenever possible, within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request, arrange a hearing; and, when possible, convene the hearing within thirty (30) business days. The Board will make a recommendation to the Seattle Human Resources Director within forty-five (45) business days of the appeal hearing. The Director of Labor Relations, or designee, will respond to the Union after receipt of the Seattle Human Resources Director's determination. If the Seattle Human Resources Director affirms the Classification Board recommendation, that decision shall be final and binding and not subject to further appeal. If the Seattle Human Resources Director does not affirm the Classification Appeals Board recommendation within fifteen (15) business days, the Union may submit the grievance to arbitration per Section 5.7.4 (Step 4).

## ARTICLE 6 – WORK STOPPAGE

- 6.1 The City and the Union signatory to this Agreement agree that the public interest requires the efficient and uninterrupted performance of all City services, and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. During the term of this Agreement, the Union and/or the employees covered by this Agreement shall not cause or engage in any work stoppage, strike, slowdown, or other interference with City functions. Employees covered by this Agreement who engage in any of the foregoing actions shall be subject to such disciplinary actions as may be determined by the City; including, but not limited to, the recovery of any financial losses suffered by the City.
- 6.2 In the event, however, that there is a work stoppage or any other interference with City functions that is not authorized by the Union, the City agrees that there shall be no liability on the part of the Union, its officers, or representatives; provided that in the event of such unauthorized action, they first meet the following conditions:
- 6.2.1 Upon notification by the City of the occurrence of any such unauthorized action, the Union shall immediately publicly disavow the same by posting a notice on the bulletin boards available stating that such action is unauthorized by the Union.
- 6.2.2 The Union, its officers and representatives shall promptly order its members to return to work notwithstanding the existence of any picket line.
- 6.2.3 The Union, its officers and representatives will, in good faith, use every reasonable effort to terminate such unauthorized action.
- 6.2.4 The Union shall not question the unqualified right of the City to discipline or discharge employees engaging in or encouraging such action. It is understood that such action on the part of the City shall be final and binding upon the Union and its members and shall in no case be construed as a violation by the City of any provisions in this Agreement.



ARTICLE 7 – CLASSIFICATIONS, RATES OF PAY AND MARKET RATE ANALYSIS

- 7.1 The classifications of employees covered under this Agreement and the corresponding rates of pay are set forth in Appendices A and B, which are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement.
- 7.2 Effective January 5, 2022, employees’ base wages will be increased by 4%.
- 7.3 Effective January 4, 2023, employees’ base wages will be increased by 2.5%.
- 7.3.1 Effective January 4, 2023, all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment.
- 7.4 Effective January 3, 2024, employees’ base wages will be increased by 100% of the annual growth rate of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period of June 2022 through June 2023 with a minimum increase of 1% and a maximum increase of 2.5%.
- 7.4.1 Effective January 3, 2024, all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment.
- 7.5 Employees will pay the employee portion of the required premium (listed as the WA Paid Family Leave Tax and the WA Paid Medical Leave Tax on an employee’s paystub) of the Washington State Paid Family and Medical Leave Program effective December 25, 2019.
- 7.6 Correction of Payroll Errors: In the event it is determined there has been an error in an employee’s paycheck, an underpayment shall be corrected within two pay periods; and, upon written notice, an overpayment shall be corrected as follows:
- A. If the overpayment involved only one paycheck;
    - 1. By payroll deductions spread over two pay periods, or
    - 2. By payments from the employee spread over two pay periods.
  - B. If the overpayment involved multiple paychecks, by a repayment schedule through payroll deduction not to exceed twenty-six (26) pay periods in duration, with a minimum payroll deduction of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) per pay period.
  - C. If an employee separates from City service before an overpayment is repaid, any remaining amount due the City will be deducted from their final paycheck(s).
  - D. By other means as may be mutually agreed between the City and the employee. The Union Representative may participate in this process at the request of the

involved employee. All parties will communicate/cooperate in resolving these issues.

7.7 Additional Wage Equity and Market Adjustments: Effective January 4, 2023 the following classifications will receive a wage equity and market adjustment of a 3.5% wage increase, in addition to the annual wage adjustment set forth in Section 7.2, above:

- Water Pipe Worker Series, benchmarked to Water Pipe Worker
- Water Treatment Operator Series, benchmarked to Water Treatment Operator

Wage and market adjustments will be included in the wage schedules listed in Appendix A, Section 1.2 and Appendix B, Section 1.2.

ARTICLE 8 – ANNUAL VACATIONS

- 8.1 Annual vacations with pay shall be granted to eligible employees computed at the rate shown in Section 8.3 for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not to exceed eighty (80) hours per pay period.
- 8.2 "Regular pay status" is defined as regular straight-time hours of work plus paid time off such as vacation time, holiday time off, compensated time, and sick leave. At the discretion of the City, up to one hundred sixty (160) hours per calendar year of unpaid leave of absence may be included as service for purposes of accruing vacation.
- 8.3 The vacation accrual rate shall be determined in accordance with the rates set forth in Column No. 1. Column No. 2 depicts the corresponding equivalent annual vacation for a regular full-time employee. Column No. 3 depicts the maximum number of vacation hours that can be accrued and accumulated by an employee at any time.

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

8.3.1 If the City revises its vacation accrual policy, the parties agree to a reopener on vacation accrual.

8.4 An employee who is eligible for vacation benefits shall accrue vacation from the date of entering City service or the date upon which they became eligible and may accumulate vacation balance which shall never at any time exceed two (2) times the

number of annual vacation hours for which the employee is currently eligible. Accrual and accumulation of vacation time shall cease at the time an employee's vacation balance reaches the maximum balance allowed and shall not resume until the employee's vacation balance is below the maximum allowed.

8.5 Employees may, with department approval, use accumulated vacation with pay after completing one thousand forty (1,040) hours on regular pay status.

8.6 The minimum vacation allowance to be taken by an employee shall be one-half (½) of a day or, at the discretion of the appointing authority, such lesser fraction of a day as shall be approved by the designated management representative.

8.7 An employee who leaves the City service for any reason after more than six (6) months' service shall be paid in a lump sum for any unused vacation he/she has previously accrued.

8.8 Upon the death of an employee in active service, pay shall be allowed for any vacation earned and not taken prior to the death of such employee.

8.9 Where the terms of this Section 8.9 are in conflict with the City of Seattle Family and Medical Leave ordinance cited at SMC 4.26, as it exists or may be hereafter modified, the ordinance shall apply.

8.10 Where an employee has exhausted their sick leave balance, the employee may use vacation for further leave for medical reasons subject to verification by the employee's medical care provider. Employees who are called to active military service or who respond to requests for assistance from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may, at their option, use accrued vacation in conjunction with leave of absence.

Where the terms of this Section 8.10 are in conflict with the City of Seattle family and medical leave ordinance cited at SMC 4.26, as it exists or may be hereafter modified, the ordinance shall apply.

8.11 The appointing authority shall arrange vacation time for employees on such schedules as will least interfere with the functions of the department, but which accommodate the desires of the employee to the greatest degree feasible.

The Seattle Public Utilities Distribution Section of Water Operations will use a seniority-based vacation scheduling plan as agreed upon by the Union and the Water Operations Director. Such plan will be subject to modification and clarification by mutual agreement. The number of employees allowed off at any one time will be a prerogative of management as it is a staffing function.

## ARTICLE 9 – HOLIDAYS

9.1 The following days, or days in lieu thereof, shall be recognized as paid holidays.

New Year’s Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s. Birthday	3rd Monday in January
Presidents’ Day	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Indigenous Peoples’ Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in October
Veterans’ Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25
First Personal Holiday	
Second Personal Holiday	
Third Personal Holiday	(available after completion of 9 years of service (18,720 hours)).
Fourth Personal Holiday	(available after completion of 9 years of service (18,720 hours)).

9.1.1 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a legal holiday. Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be the legal holiday. However, legal holidays falling on Saturday or Sunday shall be recognized and paid per Section 9.3 of this Article on those actual days (Saturday or Sunday) for employees regularly scheduled to work those days. Payment per Section 9.3 of this Article will be made only once per affected employee for any holiday.

9.1.1.1 Employees who have either:

1. completed eighteen thousand seven hundred and twenty (18,720) hours or more on regular pay status (Article 8.2), or
2. are accruing vacation at a rate of .0615 or greater (Article 8.3)

on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year shall receive an additional two (2) personal holidays for a total of four (4) personal holidays (per Article 9.1) to be added to their leave balance on the pay date of the first full pay period in January on the following year.

- 9.1.2 A part-time employee shall receive paid holiday time off (or time in lieu thereof) based upon straight-time hours compensated during the pay period immediately prior to the pay period in which the holiday falls. The amount of paid holiday time off for which the part-time employee is eligible shall be in proportion to the holiday time off provided for full-time employees covered by this Agreement. For example, a full-time employee working eighty (80) hours per pay period would be eligible for eight (8) hours off with pay on a holiday while a part-time employee who works forty (40) hours during the pay period preceding the holiday would be eligible for four (4) hours off with pay.
- 9.2 To qualify for holiday pay, City employees covered by this Agreement must have been on the payroll for a period of thirty (30) calendar days and have been on pay status their normal work day before or their normal work day following the holiday; provided, however, employees returning from non-pay leave starting work the day after a holiday shall not be entitled to pay for the holiday preceding their first day of work.
- 9.3 Employees who are regularly scheduled to work on a holiday shall be paid for the holiday at their straight time rate of pay; and, in addition, they shall receive either one and one-half (1½) times their straight-time rate of pay for the hours worked or, with mutual agreement between the affected employee and the City, one and one-half (1½) times the hours worked (compensatory time) to be taken off at another date. For purposes of this Section, regularly scheduled shall be defined as forty-eight (48) hours advance notice. In instances where forty-eight (48) hours advance notice is not provided to an employee, said employee will be entitled to pay or compensatory time at two (2) times the straight-time rate of pay for hours worked on the holiday in addition to the straight-time rate of pay for the holiday.
- 9.4 Employees on pay status on or prior to February 12th shall be entitled to use the First Personal Holiday as referenced in Section 9.1 during that calendar year. Employees on pay status on or prior to October 1st shall be entitled to use the Second Personal Holiday as referenced in Section 9.1 during that calendar year.
- 9.4.1 Personal Holidays shall be used in eight (8) hour increments or a pro-rated equivalent for part-time employees or, at the discretion of the appointing authority, such lesser fraction of a day as shall be approved by the designated management representative. Use of a Personal Holiday shall be requested in writing. When a Personal Holiday has been approved in advance and is later canceled by the City with less than thirty (30) days' notice, the employee shall have the option of rescheduling the day or receiving holiday premium pay per Section 9.3 of this Article for time worked on that day.

## ARTICLE 10 – SICK, BEREAVEMENT, EMERGENCY AND OTHER LEAVES

10.1 Sick leave: Sick leave shall be defined as paid time off from work for a qualifying reason under Article 10 of this agreement. Employees covered by this Agreement shall accumulate sick leave credit at the rate of point zero four six (.046) hours for each hour on regular pay status as shown on the payroll, but not to exceed forty (40) hours per week. However, if an employee's overall accrual rate falls below the accrual rate required by Chapter 14.16 (Paid Sick and Safe Time Law), the employee shall be credited with sick leave hours so that the employee's total sick leave earned per calendar year meets the minimum accrual requirements of Chapter 14.16. New employees entering City service shall not be entitled to use sick leave with pay during the first thirty (30) days of employment but shall accrue sick leave credits during such thirty (30) day period. An employee is authorized to use paid sick leave for hours that the employee was scheduled to have worked for the following reasons:

- A. An absence resulting from an employee's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; to accommodate the employee's need for medical diagnosis, care, treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, or preventive care; or as otherwise required by Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210; or,
- B. To allow the employee to provide care for an eligible family member as defined by Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.24.005 with a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition; or care for a family member who needs preventative medical care, or as otherwise required by Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210; or,
- C. When the employee's place of business has been closed by order of a public official for any health-related reason, or when an employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for such reason, or as otherwise required by Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210; or,
- D. Absences that qualify for leave under the Domestic Violence Leave Act, chapter 49.76 RCW.
- E. The non-medical care of a newborn child of the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner; or,
- F. Sick leave may be taken by an employee who is receiving treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction as recommended by a physician, psychiatrist, certified social worker, or other qualified professional; or,
- G. The non-medical care of a dependent child placed with the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner for purposes of adoption, including any time away from work prior to or following placement of the child to satisfy legal or regulatory requirements for the adoption.

Sick leave used for the purposes contemplated by Article 10.1 E and 10.1.G must end before the first anniversary of the child’s birth or placement.

10.1.1 Abuse of paid sick leave or use of paid sick leave not for an authorized purpose may result in denial of sick leave payment and/or discipline up to and including dismissal.

10.1.2 Unlimited sick leave credit may be accumulated.

10.1.3 Upon the death of an employee, either by accident or natural causes, twenty-five percent (25%) of such employee's accumulated sick leave credits shall be paid to their designated beneficiary.

10.1.4 Change in position or transfer to another City department shall not result in loss of accumulated sick leave. An employee reinstated or re-employed within one (1) year in the same or another department after termination of service, except after dismissal for cause, resignation, or quitting, shall be credited with all unused sick leave accumulated prior to such termination.

10.1.5 In order to receive paid sick leave for reasons provided in Article 10.1.A – G, an employee shall be required to provide verification that the employee’s use of paid sick leave was for an authorized purposes, consistent with Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 14.16 and other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210. However, an employee shall not be required to provide verification for absences of less than four (4) consecutive days.

10.1.6 Conditions Not Covered: Employees shall not be eligible for sick leave:

- A. When suspended or on leave without pay and when laid off or on other non-pay status;
- B. When off work on a holiday;
- C. When an employee works during their free time for an employer other than the City of Seattle and their illness or disability arises therefrom.

10.1.7 Prerequisites for Payment: The following applicable requirements shall be fulfilled in order to establish an employee's eligibility for sick leave benefits.

10.1.7.1 Prompt Notification: The employee shall promptly notify their immediate supervisor, by telephone or otherwise, on their first day off due to illness and each day thereafter until advised otherwise by their immediate supervisor. If an employee is on a special work schedule, particularly where a relief replacement is necessary



when the employee is absent, they shall notify their immediate supervisor as far as possible in advance of their scheduled time to report for work.

- 10.1.7.2 Notification While on Paid Vacation or Compensatory Time Off: If an employee is injured or is taken ill while on paid vacation or compensatory time off, they shall notify their department on the first day of disability. However, if it is physically impossible to give the required notice on the first day, notice shall be provided as soon as possible and shall be accompanied by an acceptable showing of reasons for the delay. A doctor's statement or other acceptable proof of illness or disability, while on vacation or compensatory time off, must be presented regardless of the number of days involved.
- 10.1.7.3 Filing Application: Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the employee shall submit the required application for sick leave pay within sixteen (16) working hours after their return to duty. However, if the employee is absent because of illness or injury for more than eighty (80) working hours, they shall then file an application for an indefinite period of time. The necessary forms shall be available to the employee through their department supervisor.
- 10.1.7.4 Claims to be in 15-minute increments: Sick leave shall be claimed in fifteen (15) minute increments to the nearest full 15-minute increment. Fractions of fewer than eight (8) minutes shall be disregarded. Separate portions of an absence interrupted by returns to work shall be claimed on separate application forms.
- 10.1.7.5 Limitations of Claims: All sick leave claims shall be limited to the actual amount of time lost due to illness or disability. The total amount of sick leave claimed in any pay period by an employee shall not exceed the employee's sick leave accumulation as shown on the payroll for the pay period immediately preceding their illness or disability. It is the responsibility of their department to verify that sick leave accounts have not been overdrawn; and if a claim exceeds the number of hours an employee has to their credit, the department shall correct their application.
- 10.1.8 Rate of Pay for Sick Leave Used: An employee who uses paid sick leave shall be compensated at the rate of pay they would have earned had they worked as scheduled, with the exception of overtime (see Section 10.1.9). For example, an employee who misses a scheduled night shift associated with a graveyard premium pay is entitled to receive the premium for those hours missed due to sick leave.
- 10.1.9 Rate of Pay for Sick Leave Used to Cover Missed Overtime: An employee may use paid sick leave for scheduled mandatory overtime shifts missed due to a qualifying reason as provided in Section 10.1. Payment for the missed shifts shall be at the employee's regular straight-time rate of pay. An employee may not use paid sick leave for missed voluntary overtime shifts, which is scheduled work that the employee elected or agreed to add to their schedule.

10.2      Bereavement Leave: Regular employees covered by this Agreement shall be allowed five (5) days off without salary deduction for bereavement purposes in the event of the death of any close relative. In like circumstances and upon like application the appointing authority or designee may authorize bereavement leave in the event of the death of a relative other than a close relative, not to exceed five (5) days chargeable to the sick leave account of an employee. For purposes of this Section, the term "*close relative*" shall mean the spouse or domestic partner, child, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, brother, sister, grandchild, grandfather or grandmother of the employee or spouse or domestic partner, an employee's legal guardian, ward or any person over whom the employee has legal custody, and the term "*relative other than a close relative*" shall mean the uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, or the spouse or domestic partner of the brother, sister, child or grandchild of the employee or spouse or domestic partner; or the uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, spouse or domestic partner of the brother or sister of the spouse or domestic partner of such employee.

10.3      Emergency Day: One (1) day or a portion thereof per Agreement year without loss of pay may be taken off subject to approval of the employee's supervisor and/or appointing authority when it is necessary that the employee be immediately off work to attend to one of the following situations, any of which necessitates immediate action on the part of the employee:

- A. The employee's spouse, child, parent or domestic partner or grandparents has unexpectedly become seriously ill or has had a serious accident; or,
- B. An unforeseen occurrence with respect to the employee's household (e.g., fire, flood or ongoing loss of power). "Household" shall be defined as the physical aspects, including pets, of the employee's residence or vehicle; or,
- C. The emergency leave benefit must also be available to the employee in the event of inclement weather or natural disaster within the City limits or within the city or county in which the member resides that makes it impossible or unsafe for the employee to physically commute to their normal work site at the start of their normal shift.

The "day" may be used for separate instances, in one (1) hour increments, but no more than eight (8) hours shall be allowed in any Agreement year.

10.4      Wellness Incentive Plan: Employees within the bargaining unit who, during a payroll year, use fewer than twenty-five (25) hours of sick leave may convert eight (8) hours of unused, accrued sick leave to a personal vacation day to be used in the next calendar year. (The "payroll year" shall be recognized as all pay periods for which compensation is paid and included as income for IRS tax purposes as one year's reportable earnings.)

This benefit shall become null and void when or if the parties negotiate a general leave plan.

All use of sick leave shall be considered in reviewing sick leave use, except sick leave used due to an on-the-job injury pursuant to Article 13. Use of the emergency day provided in Section 10.3 shall not be considered.

10.5        Sabbatical Leave: Regular employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible for sabbatical leave under the terms of Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.33 and Article 11.2.B.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 11 – RETIREMENT AND VEBA**

**11.1** Pursuant to Ordinance No. 78444 as amended, employees shall be covered by the Seattle City Employees Retirement System (SCERS).

**11.1.1** Effective January 1, 2017 consistent with Ordinance No. 78444, as amended, the City shall implement a defined benefit retirement plan, SCERS II, for employees hired on or after January 1, 2017.

**11.2** Employees who are eligible to retire shall participate in a vote administered by the union to determine if the Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) benefit shall be offered to employees who elect to retire. The VEBA benefit allows employees who are eligible to retire from City Service to cash out their unused sick leave balance upon retirement and place it in a VEBA account to be used for post-retirement healthcare costs as allowed under IRS regulations.

**Contributions from Unused Paid Time off at Retirement**

- A. Eligibility-to-Retire Requirements:
  - 1. 5-9 years of service and are age 62 or older,
  - 2. 10-19 years of service and are age 57 or older,
  - 3. 20-29 years of service and are age 52 or older, or
  - 4. 30 years of service and are any age.
  
- B. The City will provide each bargaining unit with a list of its members who are expected to meet any of the criteria in paragraph A above as of 12/31/24.
  
- C. If the members of the bargaining unit who have met the criteria described in paragraph A above vote to require VEBA contributions from unused paid time off, then all members of the bargaining unit who are deemed eligible to retire and those who will become eligible during the life cycle of this contract shall, as elected by the voting members of the bargaining unit:
  - 1. Contribute 35% of their unused sick leave balance into the VEBA upon retirement; or
  - 2. Contribute 50% of their unused vacation leave balance into the VEBA upon retirement; or
  - 3. Contribute both 35% of their unused sick leave balance and 50% of their unused vacation leave balance upon retirement.

Following any required VEBA contribution from a member's unused sick leave, the remaining balance will be forfeited; members may not contribute any portion of their unused sick leave balance to the City of Seattle Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan or receive cash.

- D. If the members of the bargaining unit who have satisfied the eligibility-to-  
retire requirements described in paragraph A above do not vote to require  
VEBA contributions from unused sick leave, members may either:
1. Transfer 35% of their unused sick leave balance to the City of Seattle  
Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan, subject to the terms of the Plan  
and applicable law; or
  2. Cash out their unused sick leave balance at 25% to be paid on their final  
paycheck.

In either case, the remaining balance of the member's unused sick leave  
will be forfeited.

**Contributions from Employee Wages (for all bargaining unit members)**

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

3. \$25 per month, or
4. \$50 per month.

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

**11.3 Sabbatical Leave and VEBA:** Members of a bargaining unit that votes to accept  
the VEBA **and** who meet the eligible-to-  
retire criteria are not eligible to cash out  
their sick leave at twenty-five percent (25%) as a part of their sabbatical benefit.  
Members who do not meet the eligible-to-  
retire criteria may cash out their sick  
leave at twenty-five percent (25%) in accordance with the sabbatical benefit.

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

12.1 The City shall provide medical, dental and vision plans ( Kaiser Standard, Kaiser Deductible, Aetna Traditional, Aetna Preventive and Washington Delta Dental Service as self-insured plans, and Dental Health Services and Vision Services Plan) for all regular employees (and eligible dependents) represented by unions that are a party to the Memorandum of Agreement established to govern the plans. Said plans, changes thereto and premiums shall be established through the Labor-Management Health Care Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement established by the parties to govern the functioning of said Committee.

12.1.1 For calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024 the City shall pay up to one hundred seven percent (107%) of the average City cost of medical, dental, and vision premiums over the prior calendar year for employees whose health care benefits are governed by the Labor-Management Health Care Committee. Costs above 107% shall be covered by the Rate Stabilization Reserve dollars and once the reserves are exhausted, the City shall pay eighty-five percent (85%) of the excess costs in healthcare and the employees shall pay fifteen percent (15%) of the excess costs in healthcare.

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

12.2 Long Term Disability: The Employer shall provide a Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance program for all eligible employees for occupational and non-occupational accidents or illnesses. The Employer shall pay the full monthly premium cost of a base plan with a ninety (90)-day elimination period, which insures sixty percent (60%) of the employee's first six hundred sixty-seven dollar (\$667) base monthly wage. Employees may purchase through payroll deduction, an optional buy-up plan with a ninety (90)-day elimination period, which insures sixty percent (60%) of the remainder of the employee's base monthly wage (up to a maximum of \$8,333.00 per month). Benefits may be reduced by the employee's income from other sources as set forth within the plan description. The provisions of the plan shall be further and more fully defined in the plan description issued by the Standard Insurance Company.

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

12.2.2 The maximum monthly premium cost to the Employer shall be no more than the monthly premium rates established for calendar year 2022 for the base plan;

provided, further, such cost shall not exceed the maximum limitation on the Employer's premium obligation per calendar year as set forth within Section 12.2.

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

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

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

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

12.5 New regular employees will be eligible for benefits the first month following the date of hire (or immediately, if hired on the first working day of the month).

## ARTICLE 13 – INDUSTRIAL INJURY OR ILLNESS

- 13.1 Any employee who is disabled in the discharge of their duties and if such disablement results in absence from their regular duties, shall be compensated, except as otherwise hereinafter provided, in the amount of eighty percent (80%) of the employee's normal hourly rate of pay, not to exceed two hundred and sixty-one (261) regularly-scheduled workdays counted from the first regularly scheduled workday after the day of the on-the-job injury; provided the disability sustained must qualify the employee for benefits under State Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid Acts.
- 13.1.1 Whenever an employee is injured on the job and compelled to seek immediate medical treatment, the employee shall be compensated in full for the remaining part of the day of injury without effect to their sick leave or vacation account. Scheduled workdays falling within only the first three (3) calendar days following the day of injury shall be compensable through accrued sick leave. Any earned vacation may be used in a like manner after sick leave is exhausted, provided that, if neither accrued sick leave nor accrued vacation is available, the employee shall be placed on no pay status for these three (3) days. If the period of disability extends beyond fourteen (14) calendar days, then: (1) any accrued sick leave or vacation leave utilized due to absence from their regular duties as provided for in this Section shall be reinstated, and the employee shall be paid in accordance with Section 13.1, which provides payment at the eighty percent (80%) rate; or (2) if no sick leave or vacation leave was available to the employee at that time, then the employee shall thereafter be compensated for the three (3) calendar days at the eighty percent (80%) compensation rate described in Section 13.1.
- 13.1.2 Such compensation shall be authorized by the Seattle Human Resources Director or their designee with the advice of such employee's appointing authority on request from the employee supported by satisfactory evidence of medical treatment of the illness or injury giving rise to such employee's claim for compensation under SMC 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.
- 13.1.3 In no circumstances will the amount paid under these provisions exceed the normal take-home pay of an employee. This provision shall become effective when SMC 4.44, Disability Compensation, is revised to incorporate this limit.
- 13.1.4 Employees must meet the standards listed in SMC 4.44.020 to be eligible for the benefit amount provided herein, which exceeds the rate required to be paid by state law, hereinafter referred to as supplemental benefits. These standards require that employees: (1) comply with all Department of Labor and Industries rules and regulations and related City of Seattle and employing department policies and procedures; (2) respond, be available for and attend medical appointments and treatments and meetings related to rehabilitation and work hardening, conditioning, or other treatment arranged by the City and authorized by the attending physician;



(3) accept modified or alternative duty assigned by supervisors when released to perform such duty by the attending physician; (4) attend all meetings scheduled by the City of Seattle Workers' Compensation unit or employing department concerning the employee's status or claim when properly notified at least five (5) working days in advance of such meeting unless other medical treatment conflicts with the meeting and the employee provides twenty-four (24) hours' notice of such meeting or examination.

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

13.2 Compensation for holidays and earned vacation falling within a period of absence due to such disability shall be at the normal rate of pay but such days shall not be considered as regularly scheduled workdays as applied to the time limitations set forth within Section 9.1. Disabled employees affected by the provisions of SMC 4.44 shall continue to accrue vacation and sick leave as though actively employed during the period set forth within Section 13.1.

13.3 Any employee eligible for the benefits provided by this Ordinance whose disability prevents the employee from performing their regular duties but, in the judgment of their physician, could perform duties of a less strenuous nature shall be employed at their normal rate of pay in such other suitable duties as the appointing authority shall direct with the approval of such employee's physician until the Seattle Human Resources Director requests closure of such employee's claim pursuant to SMC 4.44, as now or hereinafter amended.

13.4 Sick leave shall not be used for any disability herein described except as allowed in Section 13.1 or as may be otherwise allowed by SMC 4.44.

13.5 The afore-referenced disability compensation shall be understood to be in lieu of State Industrial Insurance Compensation and Medical Aid.

13.6 Appeals of any denials under this Article shall be made through the Department of Labor and Industries as prescribed in Title 51 R.C.W.

## ARTICLE 14 – UNION REPRESENTATIVES

- 14.1 Union Visitation: The Union Representative of the Union party to this Agreement and/or the duly authorized representative may, after notifying the City official in charge, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time during working hours. For purposes of this Section, "City official in charge" shall mean the supervisor in charge of the work area to be visited or, if the work area is located outside of the corporate limits of the City of Seattle, the "City official in charge" shall mean the official in charge of the particular facility (e.g., Skagit Project) or the official designated by the affected department. The Union Representative shall limit their activities during such visit to matters relating to this Agreement. Such visits shall not interfere with work functions of the department. City work hours shall not be used by employee and/or the Union Representative for the conduct of Union business or the promotion of Union affairs other than stated above.
- 14.2 The Union may appoint a Shop Steward in the various City departments affected by this Agreement. Immediately after appointment of its Shop Steward(s), the Union shall furnish the City Labor Relations Office and the affected department(s) with a list of those employees who have been designated as Shop Stewards, and failure to do so will result in non-recognition by the City of the Shop Stewards. Such list shall also be updated as needed. Stewards shall be employees covered by this Agreement and shall perform their regular duties as such but shall function as the Union's representative on the job to inform the Union of any alleged violations of this Agreement and process grievances relating thereto. The Steward shall see that the provisions of this Agreement are observed, and they shall be allowed reasonable time, at the discretion of the City, to perform these duties during regular working hours without suffering a loss in pay. Under no circumstances shall shop stewards countermand orders of or direction from City officials or change working conditions.
- 14.2.1 Shop Stewards shall not be discriminated against for making a complaint or giving evidence with respect to an alleged violation of any provision of this Agreement.
- 14.2.2 If a normal shift or work assignment rotation will result in the transfer of a Union Shop Steward to another shift or work location (reporting headquarters), the Union and Shop Steward will be given a notice of at least two weeks (no less than fourteen [14] calendar days). Upon the request of the Union Business Representative, the affected management Director shall meet to discuss the transfer.

14.2.3 Employee Participation in Collective Bargaining: The parties to this agreement recognize the value to both the Union and the City of having employees express their perspective(s) as part of the negotiations process. Therefore, effective August 18, 2004, employees who participate in bargaining as part of the Union’s bargaining team during the respective employee’s work hours shall remain on paid status, without the Union having to reimburse the City for the cost of their time, PROVIDED the following conditions are met:

1. Bargaining preparation and meetings of the Union’s bargaining team other than actual negotiations shall not be applicable to this provision;
2. No more than an aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) hours of paid time for the negotiation sessions resulting in a labor agreement, including any associated overtime costs, shall be authorized under this provision.
3. If the aggregate of one hundred fifty (150) hours is exceeded, the Union shall reimburse the City for the cost of said employee(s)’ time, including any associated overtime costs.

## ARTICLE 15 – WORK OUTSIDE OF CLASSIFICATION

15.1 Work Out of Class is a management tool, the purpose of which is to complete or provide essential public services. Whenever an employee is assigned by the proper authority to perform the normal, ongoing duties of and accept responsibility of a higher-paid position when the duties of the higher position are clearly outside the scope of an employee's regular classification for a period of three (3) consecutive hours or longer, they shall be paid at the out-of-class salary rate while performing such duties and accepting such responsibility. The out-of-class salary rate shall be determined in the same manner as for a promotion. "Proper authority" shall be a supervisor, manager, or director directly above the position that is being filled out of class, who has budget management authority of the work unit as determined by the appointing authority. Employees must meet the minimum qualifications of the higher class and must have demonstrated or be able to demonstrate their ability to perform the duties of the class. Upon request by the Union, the City shall provide documentation of a Washington State journey-level plumber's license for those employees who are currently assigned to work out of class in the Plumber job classification. The City may work employees out-of-class across bargaining unit jurisdictions for a period not to exceed six (6) continuous months. The six (6) month period may be exceeded under the following circumstances: (1) when a hiring freeze exists and vacancies cannot be filled; (2) extended industrial or off-the-job injury or disability; (3) when a position is scheduled for abrogation; (4) a position is encumbered (an assignment in lieu of a layoff; e.g., as with the renovation of the Seattle Center Coliseum). When such circumstances require that an out-of-class assignment be extended beyond six (6) months, the employer shall notify the Union or Unions that represent the employee who is so assigned and/or the body of work that is being performed on an out-of-class basis. After nine (9) months, the Union that represents the body of work being worked out of class must concur with any additional extension of the assignment. The Union that represents the body of work will consider all requests on a good faith basis.

15.1.1 An out-of-class assignment shall be formally made in advance of the out-of-class opportunity created in normal operating conditions. Where the work is not authorized in advance, it is the responsibility of the proper authority to determine immediately how to accomplish the duties that would otherwise constitute an out-of-class assignment. Any employee may request that this determination be made. The employee will not carry out any duty of the higher-level position when such duty is not also a duty of his or her own classification if the employee is not formally assigned to perform the duties on an out-of-class basis.

- 15.1.2 No employee may assume the duties of the higher-paid position without being formally assigned to do so except in a bona fide emergency. When an employee has assumed an out-of-class role in a bona fide emergency, the individual may apply to their appointing authority for retroactive payment of out-of-class pay. The decision of the appointing authority as to whether the duties were performed and whether performance thereof was appropriate shall be final.
- 15.1.4 When an employee is assigned to perform out-of-class duties in the same title for a total of twelve (12) months (each 2,080 hours) of actual service, they will receive one step increment in the higher paid title; provided that they have not received a step increment in the out-of-class title based on changes to the primary pay rate within the previous twelve (12) months, and that such increment does not exceed the top step of the higher salary range.
- 15.1.5 Hours worked out-of-class that were properly paid per this Article, shall apply toward salary step placement if the employee is appointed or their position is reclassified to the same title as the out-of-class assignment within twelve (12) months of the end of such assignment.
- 15.2 An employee may be temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a lower classification without a reduction in pay. When employees voluntarily apply for and voluntarily accept a position in a lower-level classification, they shall receive the salary rate for the lower class; which, without increase, is nearest to the salary rate to which such employee was entitled in the higher class. For such temporary period, the employee shall continue to belong to the bargaining unit they always belonged to. Any dues authorized under Article 4 shall continue during the temporary assignment. The overtime provisions applicable are those of the contract covering the bargaining unit position of the work being performed on an overtime basis. At management's discretion, an employee may be temporarily assigned the duties of a lower-level class or the duties of a class with the same pay rate range as his/her primary class, across Union jurisdictional lines, with no change to their regular pay rate. Out-of-class provisions related to threshold for payment, salary step placement, service credit for salary step placement, and payment for absences do not apply in these instances.
- 15.2.1 An employee who is temporarily unable to perform the regular duties of their classification due to an off-the-job injury or illness may opt to perform work within a lower paying classification dependent upon the availability of such work and subject to the approval of the Employer. The involved employee shall receive the salary rate for the lower class that without increase is nearest to the salary rate to which such employee was entitled in the higher class.
- 15.3 Seattle Public Utilities personnel working out of classification as an acting supervisor will not receive overtime pay pursuant to this contract but shall receive the appropriate supervisory hourly rate of pay.

15.4 Water Pipe Workers who do not meet the minimum qualifications for Senior Water Pipe Worker, when assigned responsibility for a crew and crew vehicle, shall be paid out-of-class pay at the Senior Water Pipe Worker rate.

15.4.1 No out-of-class compensation shall be paid for operating a crew vehicle as a means of transporting personnel to and from a job location only.

15.4.2 All out-of-class pay in this Section shall be subject to the provisions of Section 15.1.

15.4.3 If an employee is assigned by the appointing authority or designee, pursuant to this Article, to perform the duties of a higher classification on a continuous basis in excess of sixty (60) calendar days, they thereafter, while still assigned at the higher level, will be compensated for vacation, and holidays at the rate of the assigned higher classification.

Any sick leave taken in lieu of working a scheduled out-of-class assignment must be paid at the same rate as the out-of-class assignment regardless of the length of assignment. Such paid sick leave shall count towards salary step placement for the out-of-class assignment, or in the event of a regular appointment to the out-of-class title within twelve (12) months of the out-of-class assignment.

ARTICLE 16 – SAFETY STANDARDS

- 16.1 All work shall be done in a competent and safe manner and in accordance with the State of Washington Safety Codes and the City of Seattle Safety Rules, which shall be complied with.
- 16.2 Safety Committee: The Union shall be notified in advance and included in any processes that are used by City Departments to determine employee membership on all departmental, divisional, and sectional Safety Committees. Union notification and engagement protocols will be facilitated through departmental labor management committees.

## ARTICLE 17 – PROBATIONARY PERIOD AND TRIAL SERVICE PERIOD

17.1 The following shall define terms used in this Article:

Probationary Period: A twelve (12) month trial period of employment following an employee's initial regular appointment within the Civil Service to a budgeted position.

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

Trial Service Period/Regular Subsequent Appointment: A twelve (12) month trial period of employment of a regular employee beginning with the effective date of:

- A. a subsequent, regular appointment from one classification to a different classification through promotion or transfer to a classification that the employee has not successfully completed a probationary or trial service period; or,
- B. rehire from a Reinstatement Recall List to a department other than that from which the employee was laid off.

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

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

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

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

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

17.2.2 An employee shall attain regular employee status after having completed their probationary period unless the individual is dismissed under provisions of Section 17.3.



- 17.3 **Probationary Period/Dismissal:** An employee may be dismissed during their probationary period after having been given written notice five (5) working days prior to the effective date of dismissal. However, if the department believes the best interest of the Employer requires the immediate dismissal of the probationary employee, written notice of only one (1) full working day prior to the effective date of the dismissal shall be required. The reasons for the dismissal shall be filed with the Seattle Human Resources Director and a copy sent to the Union.
- 17.3.1 An employee dismissed during their probationary period shall not have the right to appeal the dismissal. When proper advance notice of the dismissal is not given, the employee may enter an appeal for payment of up to five (5) days' salary which the employee would have otherwise received had proper notice been given. If such a claim is sustained, the employee shall be entitled to the appropriate payment of salary but shall not be entitled to reinstatement.
- 17.4 **Trial Service Period:** The trial service period shall provide the department with the opportunity to observe the employee's work and to train and aid the employee in adjustment to the position, and to revert such an employee whose work performance fails to meet required standards.
- 17.4.1 An employee who has been appointed from one classification to another classification within the same or different department and who fails to satisfactorily complete the trial service period shall be reverted to a position within the former department (if applicable) in the classification from which the employee was appointed.
- 17.4.2 Where no such vacancy exists, such employee shall be given fifteen (15) calendar days' written notice prior to being placed on a Reversion Recall List for their former department and former classification and being removed from the payroll.
- 17.4.3 An employee's trial service period may be extended up to three (3) additional months by written mutual agreement between the department, the employee, and the Union, subject to approval by the Seattle Human Resources Director prior to expiration of the trial service period.
- 17.4.4 Employees who have been reverted during the trial service period shall not have the right to appeal the reversion.
- 17.4.5 The names of regular employees who have been reverted for purposes of re-employment in their former department shall be placed upon a Reversion Recall List for the same classification from which they were appointed for a period of one (1) year from the date of reversion.

- 17.4.6 If a vacancy is to be filled in a department and a valid Reversion Recall List for the classification for that vacancy contains the name(s) of eligible employees who have been removed from the payroll from that classification and from that department, such employees shall be reinstated in order of their length of service in that classification. The employee who has the most service in that classification shall be the first reinstated.
- 17.4.7 An employee whose name is on a valid Reversion Recall List who accepts employment with the City in another class and/or department shall have their name removed from the Reversion Recall List.
- 17.4.8 If an employee elects not to accept an offer of employment in a position essentially the same that the employee previously held, the employee's name shall be removed from the Reversion Recall List and the employee's record shall reflect a quit.
- 17.4.9 A reverted employee shall be paid at the step of the range which they normally would have received had they not been appointed to another classification.
- 17.5 Subsequent Appointments During Probationary Period or Trial Service Period: If a probationary employee is subsequently appointed in the same classification from one department to another, the receiving department may, with approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, require that a complete twelve (12) month probationary period be served in that department. If a regular employee or an employee who is still serving a trial service period is subsequently appointed in the same classification from one department to another, the receiving department may, with the approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, require that a twelve (12) month trial service period be served in that department.
- 17.5.1 If a probationary employee is subsequently appointed to a different classification in the same or different department, the employee shall serve a complete twelve (12) month probationary period in the new classification. If a regular employee is subsequently appointed to a different classification in the same or different department, the employee shall serve a complete twelve (12) month trial service period in the new classification.
- 17.5.2 Within the same department, if a regular employee is appointed to a higher classification while serving in a trial service period, the trial service period for the lower classification and the new trial service period for the higher classification shall overlap provided that the higher and lower classifications are in the same or a closely related field. The employee shall complete the term of the original trial service period and be given regular status in the lower classification. Such employee shall also be granted the rights normally accruing to trial service for the remainder of the trial service period in the higher classification.

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

17.6 The probationary period shall be equivalent to twelve (12) months of service following regular appointment. Occasional absences due to illness, vacations, jury duty, and military leaves shall not result in an extension of the probationary period, but upon approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director, an employee's probationary period may be extended so as to include the equivalent of a full twelve (12) months of actual service where there are numerous absences which are not protected under Article 10, Chapter 14.16 or other applicable laws such as RCW 49.46.210.

## ARTICLE 18 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

18.1 Eight (8) hours within nine (9) consecutive hours shall constitute a workday and five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a work week of forty (40) hours. Work schedules shall normally consist of five (5) consecutive days followed by two (2) consecutive days off, except for relief shift assignments, 4/10 work schedules, and other special schedules.

18.1.1 Breaks and Meal Periods: During a normal work shift of up to twelve (12) hours, an employee will be allowed one fifteen (15) minute paid break in each half of the shift. Employees shall be allowed a one half (½) hour unpaid meal period which shall commence no less than two (2) hours nor more than five (5) hours from the beginning of a regular shift. For a regular shift of ten (10) to twelve (12) hours, the meal period may commence up to six (6) hours into the shift. If an employee is required to work through the scheduled meal period and there is inability to reschedule the meal period during the shift, all hours worked shall be compensated.

During overtime hours, employees will be allowed an unpaid one-half (½) hour meal period, as the work will allow as determined by the supervisor, within the first three (3) hours of the overtime. Should the employees be required by the City to remain at the work site to consume a meal, the meal period shall be paid for the same as the overtime hours. Meal periods of one half (½) hour shall continue to be provided within each successive four (4) hours of overtime.

Employees who are required to work a second shift after completion of their regular shift shall be allowed breaks and meal periods as normally scheduled for the shift. As an alternative, the employee may, within the first two (2) hours of the second shift, request and be granted one half (½) hour meal period in lieu of the first break. If the request is granted, the employee will then be allowed only one (1) other break later in the shift.

Employees who are scheduled to work an overtime shift on a normal day off shall be allowed breaks and a meal period as allowed for a regular shift.

18.1.2 Where work conditions require continuous staffing throughout a work shift for thirty (30) consecutive days or more, the City may, in lieu of the meal period and rest periods provided in Sections 18.1.1, provide a working meal period and working rest periods during working hours without a loss in pay so that such periods do not interfere with ongoing work requirements.

18.1.3 When management deems it necessary, work schedules may be established other than the normal Monday through Friday schedule; provided, however, that where work weeks other than the basic departmental work week schedules in force on the effective date of this Agreement are deemed necessary, the change(s) and reason therefore shall be provided in accordance with section A below.

**A. Scheduling Changes:**

1. Definitions: For the purpose of this section the following definitions shall apply:
  - a. Work Schedule – This is an employee’s assigned workdays, work shift, and days off.
  - b. Workday – This is an employee’s assigned day(s) of work.
  - c. Work Shift – This is an employee’s assigned hours of work in a workday.
  - d. Days Off – This is an employee’s assigned non-working days.
2. Extended Notice Work Schedule Change: At least fourteen (14) calendar days’ advance notification shall be afforded affected employees when work schedule changes lasting longer than thirty (30) calendar days are required by the City. The fourteen (14) calendar day advance notice may be waived by mutual agreement of the employee and management, with notice to the Union.
3. Short Notice Work Schedule Change: At least forty-eight (48) hours advance notification shall be afforded affected employees when work schedule changes lasting less than thirty (30) calendar days are required by the City. In instances where forty-eight (48) hours advance notification is not provided to an employee, said employee shall be compensated at the overtime rate of pay for the first work shift worked under the new schedule.
4. Short Notice Work Shift Change: At least forty-eight (48) hours advance notification shall be afforded affected employees when work shift changes lasting less than thirty (30) calendar days are required by the City. In instances where forty-eight (48) hours advance notification is not provided to an employee, said employee shall be compensated at the overtime rate of pay for the first work shift worked under the new schedule.

18.1.4 All work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in any work day or forty (40) hours in any work week shall be considered as overtime. Such overtime work shall be paid for at the rate of two (2) times the employee's regular straight time rate of pay or by mutual consent between the employee and their supervisor in compensatory time off at the applicable overtime rate.

A "work week" for purposes of determining whether an employee exceeds forty (40) hours in a work week shall be a seven (7) consecutive day period of time beginning on Wednesday and ending on Tuesday, except when expressly designated to begin and end on different days and times from the normal Wednesday through Tuesday work week.

Notwithstanding the other Sections of this Article, the City may, following consultation and agreement with the Union involved, implement a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week within its various departments. In administering the four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week, overtime shall be paid for any hours worked in excess of ten (10) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week subject to the terms and conditions as expressed in this Article.

18.1.4.1 For employees who work a four (4) day, forty (40) hour work week or other alternative work schedule, the following shall apply:

If a holiday is observed on a Saturday or on a Friday that is the normal day off, the holiday will be taken on the last normal workday. If a holiday is observed on a Monday that is the normal day off or on a Sunday, the holiday will be taken on the next normal workday. This schedule will be followed unless the employee and their supervisor determine that some other day will be taken off for the holiday; provided, however, that in such case the holiday time must be used no later than the end of the following pay period. If the holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday that is the employee's normal scheduled day off, the holiday must be scheduled off no later than the end of the following pay period.

18.1.5 Crew Chiefs Unit: Administrative overtime shall be defined as overtime for completion or reading of paperwork, attendance at meetings or discussions concerning administrative matters such as time sheets, performance appraisals, sick leave forms or budget matters as opposed to matters related to a specific water operations project. Administrative overtime shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the straight-time rate of pay.

18.1.5.1 Crew Chiefs Unit: Field duties and emergency response overtime shall be defined as hours worked, whether before or after a shift or on a call-out basis, involving field duties related to Seattle Public Utilities or other City department operations

projects, meetings required to discuss these projects and/or emergency response field duties. Field duty and emergency response overtime shall be paid for at the rate of double the straight-time rate of pay.

18.1.6 Emergency Call Back: Employees who are called back to work after completing their regular shift and who are relieved of duty before commencing their next regular shift shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours' straight-time pay for all time worked up to two (2) hours. Any time worked in excess of two (2) hours shall be paid for at double the straight-time rate of pay for actual hours worked.

Example:

Zero (0) minutes to two (2) hours = four (4) hours' straight-time pay. Two and one-half (2-1/2) hours = five (5) hours' straight-time pay. Four (4) hours = eight (8) hours' straight-time pay.

18.1.7 Employees who are called back to work or remain at work on a shift extension on an overtime basis and meet all of the following conditions will receive a compensatory time benefit as described herein:

Conditions:

- A. The employee is required to work in excess of eight (8) hours on an overtime basis;
- B. The employee's next regularly scheduled shift begins within eight (8) hours of being released from overtime; and
- C. The employee must have worked a total of sixteen (16) hours within the twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at the beginning of their preceding regular shift.

Compensatory Time Benefit:

In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary to work an employee over sixteen (16) hours and in that event for each overtime hour worked in excess of eight (8) overtime hours, under the conditions described above, the employee shall accrue one (1) hour of compensatory time, which must be used at the beginning of or during the employee's next regular shift that commences within eight (8) hours of being released from the overtime work.

At the employee's option such compensatory time may be supplemented with accrued vacation hours or leave without pay or, if deemed necessary by the Operations Manager of the Seattle Public Utilities, or the designated manager in other City departments, or their designee, the employee may be required to return to work.

Such compensatory time shall be earned in addition to the normal overtime rate of pay.

18.1.8 Seattle Public Utilities: In extended emergency situations, without prior notice, the Utility will switch to two (2) twelve (12) hour shifts until the emergency is resolved. Seattle Public Utilities and the Union agree to participate in joint labor-management meetings to discuss the terms and conditions of switching to two (2) twelve (12) hour shifts.

18.1.9 Meal Payment: Full-time employees shall be eligible for a meal payment when directed to work two (2) or more hours of unscheduled overtime, or ten (10) or more hours of overtime on a scheduled basis. For the purposes of meal payment only, *scheduled overtime* is any period of overtime work where the date, start time and stop time are communicated to the affected employee twelve (12) or more hours in advance of the scheduled start time, and where such a notified employee has had at least eight (8) hours off work, prior to the start of the scheduled overtime.

A. Unscheduled Overtime: After an employee has worked two (2) hours of unscheduled overtime, they shall be eligible for a meal payment. After this two (2) hour requirement has been satisfied, the employee shall be eligible for one (1) additional meal payment for each additional five (5) hour period of unscheduled overtime worked. Such benefits apply without regard to whether or not the overtime is worked adjacent to a scheduled shift.

B. Scheduled Overtime: After an employee has worked ten (10) hours of overtime, resulting from a scheduled overtime assignment, they shall be eligible for a meal payment. After this ten (10) hour requirement has been satisfied, the employee shall be eligible for one (1) additional meal payment for each additional five (5) hour period of overtime worked. Such benefits apply without regard to whether or not the overtime is worked adjacent to a scheduled shift.

C. Extension of Scheduled Overtime: If a period of scheduled overtime is planned to last for eight (8) hours or less, no meal payment eligibility shall exist for that scheduled overtime period because fewer than ten (10) hours of overtime had been scheduled. However, if an eight (8) hour or shorter scheduled overtime period must later be extended two (2) or more hours past its scheduled stop time, then any additional overtime hours, by themselves, shall be treated as unscheduled overtime as provided for in A above. \

All overtime meal payments, whether the meal is taken or not, shall be receipt-less and paid at \$25.00.

A department may, at its discretion, provide or engage another agency to provide one or all of the meals for which the meal payment would otherwise apply. Employees shall not be eligible for meal payment for meals so provided.



- 18.2 Meal Reimbursement while on Travel Status: An employee shall be reimbursed for meals while on travel status at the federal per diem rate. An employee will not be required to submit receipts for meals and may retain any unspent portion of an advance cash allowance for meals.
- 18.3 Standby Duty (Applicable in all departments and to all bargaining unit employees): Whenever an employee is placed on voluntary Standby Duty, that employee shall be available at a predetermined location or by cell phone and/or pager, at the employee's option, to respond to emergency calls and, when necessary, return immediately to work. An employee on Standby Duty shall be paid at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the employee's straight-time hourly rate of pay. When an employee is required to return to work while on Standby Duty, the Standby Duty pay shall be discontinued for actual hours worked and compensation shall be provided in accordance with Section 18.1.6.
- 18.3.1 An employee may use paid sick leave to be compensated for eligible sick leave absences from scheduled standby duties.
- 18.4 Seattle Public Utilities' Standby Procedure: Voluntary Standby Rosters will be posted for the Water Operations Division and Watersheds and Transmission Divisions. Senior Workers, Workers and Apprentices in the Operations Division and Senior Workers in the Watersheds and Transmission Divisions may indicate their willingness to be placed on the Standby Roster by advising the Supervisor charged with maintaining the Standby Roster in writing of their willingness for Standby Duty. An employee shall have their name removed from the Standby Roster upon written notification to the Supervisor one (1) week (seven calendar days) prior to their scheduled date to commence Standby Duty. An employee may have their name withdrawn on short notice, in fewer than seven (7) days, if a volunteer is substituted in his/her place within the same classification. Assignment for Standby Duty from the Standby Roster will be rotated on a weekly basis. It is the responsibility of the employee to be aware of their position on the Roster and to be prepared for rotation to Standby Duty (see clarification below).
- 18.4.1 If the Standby Roster sign-up procedure described in Section 18.3 does not produce sufficient personnel by noon on Monday of a given week to field a Standby crew consisting of one (1) Crew Chief, one (1) Senior Water Pipe Worker, and one (1) Water Pipe Worker/Apprentice in Operations Division, and one (1) Crew Chief or Senior Worker in the Watershed and Transmission Divisions for the ensuing seven (7) day standby period commencing Friday evening, the Seattle Public Utilities will immediately notify the Shop Steward or Business Agent of such fact. If the Union cannot provide sufficient additional individuals for Standby Duty commencing that Friday evening by noon Friday, the Seattle Public Utilities may designate additional personnel to provide equivalent coverage. Designation may be rotated, starting with the least senior employee within each appropriate class, from a list of all affected employees (apprentices are not eligible for at least six (6) months and until

determined as qualified). Seniority is determined by service in the job title; total City service (earned-to-date hours) will break a tie in seniority.

18.4.2 Personnel on Standby are expected to call within fifteen (15) minutes after being paged. When an employee is required to return to work while on standby duty, the standby pay shall be discontinued for the actual hours on work duty and compensation shall be provided for actual hours worked and in accordance with 18.1.6.

Crew personnel on pager Standby will be allowed to take a City vehicle home or be paid mileage for the use of their private vehicle, at the City's option. Crew Chiefs, when on Standby, will be allowed to take their City vehicle home. If an employee is assigned a City vehicle to take home, overtime pay will start from the time the employee is contacted.

18.4.3 If personnel who volunteer and are assigned Standby Duty require additional training, such training, travel, and travel time shall be at Seattle Public Utilities' expense if required on off-duty time. No employee shall be required to report to other than their normal duty station to commence their workday for purposes of such training.

18.4.4 Nothing herein shall be construed to guarantee a minimum staffing level for Standby Duty nor is a maximum level to be implied.

18.4.5 Seattle Public Utilities and the Union agree to participate in joint labor-management meetings to discuss the terms and conditions of Seattle Public Utilities' standby procedures. Upon mutual agreement, the procedures may be revised and implemented during the life of this agreement.

18.5 Before instituting a standby procedure applicable to any bargaining unit title in any City department, the department shall notify the Union of the procedure and shall provide the Union no fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days for comments or for proposing an alternative procedure. Failing agreement on an alternative procedure within thirty (30) days from the date a procedure was originally proposed, the department may implement its originally proposed procedure or a modification thereof. With any procedure, if sufficient volunteers are not available to staff a standby procedure, all employees working at an affected facility, geographical area, or in the work unit may be assigned on a rotating basis, starting with the least senior employee in the affected job title(s). Seniority is determined by service in the job title(s); alphabetical order of last names shall break a tie in seniority.

A department may continue an existing standby procedure and assignment rotation unless a different arrangement is agreed upon. Before the department institutes a change in the standby procedure, the Union shall be notified and shall be provided no fewer than fifteen (15) calendar days for comments or to propose an alternative procedure. Failing agreement on an alternative procedure within thirty (30) days

from the date procedure modifications were originally proposed, the department may implement its originally proposed modifications or an alternative modification. With any procedure, if sufficient volunteers are not available to staff a standby procedure, all employees working at an affected facility, geographical area, or in the work unit may be assigned on a rotating basis, starting with the least senior employee in the affected job title(s). Seniority is determined by service in the job title(s); alphabetical order of last names shall break a tie in seniority.

18.6 Employees in the Water Operations and Water Quality units of the Seattle Public Utilities who are scheduled to work not less than four (4) hours of a regular work shift during the evening (swing) or night (graveyard) shift, shall receive one of the following premiums for all scheduled hours worked during such shift:

Effective January 4, 2023

Swing Shift	\$1.25/hour
Graveyard Shift	\$1.75/hour

With the exception of eligible sick leave, the above shift premium shall not apply to any paid leave time including vacation, holiday pay, bereavement leave, or other paid leave benefit (see Section 10.1.8).

Overtime shall be computed from the employee's base pay and shall not include the shift premium pay. However, an employee assigned to work one of these shifts on an overtime basis shall be paid the premium pay in addition to the overtime pay if actual overtime work continues for four (4) hours or more.

In no event shall shift premium pay be due to employees who work overtime as an extension of their regular shift or on a call-out basis if not being assigned to work in one of the positions normally scheduled for swing or graveyard shift.

ARTICLE 19 – TRANSFERS, VOLUNTARY REDUCTION, LAYOFF AND RECALL

19.1        Transfers: The transfer of an employee shall not constitute a promotion except as provided in Section 19.1.2 (E).

19.1.1      Intra-departmental Transfers: An appointing authority may transfer an employee from one position to another position in the same class in their department without prior approval of the Seattle Human Resources Director but must report any such transfer to the Seattle Department of Human Resources within five (5) days of its effective date.

If volunteers are requested for an opening, and multiple employees volunteer for the same opening or transfer, the employee with the most seniority in the classification will be selected. If the employee with most seniority in the classification has previously been selected for a volunteer position in the same calendar year, the next employee with seniority will be selected.

19.1.2      Other transfers may be made upon consent of the appointing authorities of the departments involved and with the Seattle Human Resources Director's approval as follows:

- A.    Transfer in the same class from one department to another.
- B.    Transfer to another class in the same or a different department in case of injury in line of duty either with the City service or with the armed forces in time of war, resulting in permanent partial disability, where showing is made that the transferee is capable of satisfactorily performing the duties of the new position.
- C.    Transfer, in lieu of layoff, may be made to a position in the same class to a different department, upon showing that the transferee is capable of satisfactorily performing the duties of the position, and that a regular, trial service or probationary employee is not displaced. The employee subject to layoff shall have this opportunity to transfer provided there is no one on the Reinstatement Recall List for the same class for that department. If there is more than one employee eligible for transfer in lieu of layoff in the same job title, the employee names shall be placed on a layoff transfer list in order of job class seniority. Eligibility to choose this opportunity to transfer is limited to those employees who have no rights to other positions in the application of the layoff language herein including Section 19.3.4.

A department will be provided with the names of eligible employees and their job skills. The department will fill the position with the most senior employee

with the jobs skills needed for the position. The department may test or otherwise affirm the employee has the skills and ability to perform the work.

An employee on the layoff transfer list who is not placed in another position prior to layoff shall be eligible for placement on the Reinstatement Recall List pursuant to Section 19.4.

- D. Transfer, in lieu of layoff, may be made to a single position in another class in the same or a different department, upon showing that the transferee is capable of satisfactorily performing the duties of the position, and that a regular, trial service or probationary employee is not displaced.
- E. Transfer, in lieu of layoff, may be made to a single position in another class when such transfer would constitute a promotion or advancement in the service provided a showing is made that the transferee is capable of satisfactorily performing the duties of the position and that a regular, trial service or probationary employee is not displaced and when transfer in lieu of layoff under Section 19.1.2 (D) is not practicable.
- F. The Seattle Human Resources Director may approve a transfer under Sections 19.1.2 (A), (B), (C), (D) or (E) above with the consent of the appointing authority of the Receiving Department only, upon a showing of the circumstances justifying such action.
- G. Transfer may be made to another similar class with the same maximum rate of pay in the same or a different department upon the Director's approval of a written request by the appointing authority.

19.1.2.1 Employees transferred pursuant to the provisions of Section 19.1.2 shall serve probationary and/or trial service periods as may be required in Article 17, Sections 17.5, 17.5.1, 17.5.2, and 17.5.3.

19.2 Voluntary Reduction: A regularly appointed employee may be reduced to a lower class upon their written request stating their reason for such reduction if the request is concurred in by the appointing authority and is approved by the Seattle Human Resources Director. Such reduction shall not displace any regular, trial service or probationary employee.

19.2.1 The employee so reduced shall be entitled to credit for previous regular service in the lower class and to other service credit in accordance with Section 19.3.5. Upon a showing, concurred in by the appointing authority of the department that the reason for such voluntary reduction no longer exists, the Seattle Human Resources Director may restore the employee to their former status.

19.3. Layoff: The City shall notify the Union and the affected employees in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance whenever possible, when a layoff is imminent within the bargaining unit.

19.3.1 Layoff for purposes of this Agreement shall be defined as the interruption of employment and suspension of pay of any regular, trial service or probationary employee because of lack of work, lack of funds or through reorganization. Reorganization when used as a criterion for layoff under this Agreement shall be based upon specific policy decision(s) by legislative authority to eliminate, restrict or reduce functions or funds of a particular department.

19.3.2 In a given class in a department, the following shall be the order of layoff:

- A. Interim appointees
- B. Temporary or intermittent employees not earning service credit.
- C. Probationary employees\*
- D. Trial service employees\* (who cannot be reverted in accordance with Section 17.4.2.)
- E. Regular employees\* in order of their length of service, the one with the least service being laid off first.

\* Except as their layoff may be affected by military service during probation.

19.3.3 However, the City may lay off out of the order described above for one or more of the reasons cited below:

- A. Upon showing by the appointing authority that the operating needs of the department require a special experience, training, or skill.
- B. When (1) women or minorities are substantially underrepresented in an “EEO” category within a department; or (2) a planned layoff would produce substantial underrepresentation of women or minorities; and (3) such layoff in normal order would have a negative, disparate impact on women or minorities; then the Seattle Human Resources Director shall make the minimal adjustment necessary in the order of layoff in order to prevent the negative disparate impact.

19.3.4 At the time of layoff, a regular employee or a trial service employee (per 19.3.2(D) above) shall be given an opportunity to accept reduction (bump) to the next lower class in a series of classes in their department or they may be transferred as provided in Section 19.1.2(D). An employee so reduced shall be entitled to credit for any previous regular service in the lower class and to other service credit in accordance with Section 19.5. This Section shall apply within each of the following class series: (1) Plumber; Plumber, Senior; Plumber Crew Chief; (2) Water Pipe Worker Apprentice; Water Pipe Worker; Water Pipe Worker, Senior; Water Pipe Crew Chief; Transmission Crew Chief; (3) Utility Service Inspector; Utility Service Inspector, Senior; (4) Water Treatment Operator; Water Treatment Operator, Senior; Water Treatment Equipment Technician; Water Treatment Operator Crew Chief; (5) Utility Maintenance Specialist; Utility Maintenance Specialist Senior; (6) Water Meter Technician, Water Meter Technician Senior; (7) Operations Response Center Trainee; Operations Response Center Operator; Operations Response Center Senior.

19.4 **Recall:** The names of regular, trial service, or probationary employees who have been laid off shall be placed upon a Reinstatement Recall List for the same class and for the department from which laid off for a period for one (1) year from the date of layoff.

19.4.1 Anyone on a Reinstatement Recall List who becomes a regular employee in the same class in another department shall lose their reinstatement rights in their former department.

19.4.2 Refusal to accept work from a Reinstatement Recall List shall terminate all rights granted under this Agreement; provided, no employee shall lose reinstatement eligibility by refusing to accept appointment in a lower class.

19.4.3 If a vacancy is to be filled in a given department and a Reinstatement Recall List for the classification for that vacancy contains the names of eligible employees who were laid off from that classification, the following shall be the order of the Reinstatement Recall List:

- A. Regular employees laid off from the department having the vacancy in the order of their length of service. The regular employee on the Reinstatement Recall List who has the most service credit shall be first reinstated.
- B. Trial service employees laid off from the department having the vacancy in the order of their length of service. The trial service employee on the Reinstatement Recall List who has the most service credit shall be first reinstated.
- C. Probationary employees laid off from the department having the vacancy without regard to length of service. The names of all these probationary employees shall be listed together on the Reinstatement Recall List.

- D. Regular employees laid off from the same classification in another City department and regular employees on a Layoff Transfer List. The regular employee on this combined list who has the most service credit and who has the job skills necessary for the vacant position will be offered employment on a trial basis in said vacancy. The trial service provisions of Article 17, Section 17.4 shall apply.
- E. Trial service employees laid off from the same classification in another City department and trial service employees on a Layoff Transfer List. The trial service employee on this combined list who has the most service credit and who has the job skills necessary for the vacant position will be offered employment on a trial basis in said vacancy. The trial service provisions of Article 17, Section 17.4 shall apply.
- F. Probationary employees laid off from the same classification in another City department and probationary employees on the Layoff Transfer List without regard to length of service. The names of all these probationary employees shall be listed together on the Reinstatement Recall List.
- G. The City may recall laid-off employees out of the order described above upon showing by the appointing authority that the operating needs of the department require such experience, training, or skill.
- H. The Union agrees that employees from other bargaining units whose names are on the Reinstatement Recall List for the same classifications shall be considered in the same manner as employees of these bargaining units provided the Union representing those employees has agreed to a reciprocal right to employees of these bargaining units. Otherwise, this section shall only be applicable to those positions that are covered by this Agreement.

19.4.4 Nothing in this Article shall prevent the reinstatement of any regular, trial service, or probationary employee for the purpose of appointment to another lateral title or for voluntary reduction in class as provided in this Article.

19.5 For purposes of layoff, service credit in a class for a regular employee shall be computed to cover all service subsequent to their regular appointment to a position in that class and shall be applicable in the department in which employed and specifically as follows:

- A. After completion of the probationary period, service credit shall be given for employment in the same, equal or higher class, including service in other departments and shall include temporary or intermittent employment in the same class under regular appointment prior to permanent appointment.



- B. A regular employee who receives an appointment to a position exempt from Civil Service shall be given service credit in the former class for service performed in the exempt position.
- C. Service credit shall be given for previous regular employment of an incumbent in a position which has been reallocated and in which the employee has been continued with recognized standing.
- D. Service credit shall be given for service prior to an authorized transfer.
- E. Service credit shall be given for time lost during:
  - Jury Duty;
  - Disability incurred in line of service;
  - Illness or disability compensated for under any plan authorized and paid for by the City;
  - Service as a representative of a Union affecting the welfare of City employees;
  - Service with the armed forces of the United States, including but not to exceed twenty-one (21) days prior to entry into active service and not to exceed ninety (90) days after separation from such service.

19.5.1 No service credit shall be given:

- A. For service of a regular employee in a lower class to which they have been reduced and in which the employee has not had regular standing, except from the time of such reduction.
- B. For any employment prior to a separation from the Civil Service other than by a resignation which has been withdrawn within sixty (60) days from the effective date of the resignation and such request for withdrawal bears the favorable recommendation of the appointing authority and is approved by the Seattle Human Resources Director.

19.6 The City agrees to support employees facing layoff by providing the Project Hire program during the term of this Agreement. If a department is hiring for a position in which the employee is qualified, and if no business reason would otherwise make the employee unsuitable for employment, the employee will be interviewed for the vacancy. This provision does not create any guarantee or entitlement to any position. The Project Hire guidelines apply.

## ARTICLE 20 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 20.1 SKAGIT CONDITIONS:

20.1.1 When City Light employees working at the Skagit facilities are prevented (due to impassable roads or similar conditions) from returning to their regular place of residence after completing their day's work, the department shall provide the employees with suitable food and lodging at no cost to the employees. In addition, the department shall pay one (1) hour's pay per day at the employee's regular hourly rate for each night the employees are away from their regular place of residence.

20.1.2 City Light employees normally assigned to Ross Powerhouse will continue to travel on their own time. However, if employees normally assigned to either Newhalem or Diablo are required to report to Ross for a full eight (8) hours' work, such employees will be paid one-half (½) hour additional pay per day at the overtime rate. Employees normally assigned to Newhalem may use department vehicles for transportation to Diablo when such vehicles can be provided. Travel time will not be paid when board and lodging are available at Ross. Employees who are required to provide their own transportation shall receive mileage payments at the applicable rate under this Agreement.

20.2 Mileage Allowance: An employee who is required by the City to provide a personal automobile for use in City business shall be reimbursed for such use at the current rate per mile recognized as a deductible expense by the United States Revenue Code for privately-owned automobile used for business purpose. The reimbursement rate as of January 1, 2022 is fifty eight point five cents (\$.585) per mile for all miles driven in the course of City business on that day. The reimbursement rate as of January 1, 2023 is sixty-five point five cents (\$.655) per mile for all miles driven in the course of City business on that day.

20.2.1 The cents per mile mileage reimbursement rate set forth in Section 20.2 shall be adjusted up or down to reflect the current rate.

20.2.2 When employees are offered the use of a City vehicle for travel purposes and they choose to use their own automobile instead, the department may decide to pay a portion of the mileage normally required by this language. The mileage to be paid for will be at the discretion of the appointing authority or their designee.

20.3 The City will furnish all WISHA-required equipment. Further, Seattle Public Utilities' employees engaged in outside work will be provided the following protective clothing:

- A. One set of rain gear with replacement to be made on a wear basis, but not more frequently than once per year;

- B. One pair of safety toe rubber boots with replacement on a wear basis;
- C. One pair of cotton or rubber gloves on an as needed basis;
- D. Coveralls will continue to be provided per existing departmental practice for the duration of this Agreement to employees covered by this Agreement.

20.3.1 Plumbers: The City will make the following items available to employees as needed, based on work assignment:

- A. Rain gear
- B. Safety/rubber boots
- C. Gloves
- D. Coveralls

All protective clothing referenced above shall be charged to the employee who is to guarantee its return in exchange for replacement or at the termination of employment. In the case of intentional destruction or loss of said items, the cost thereof shall be charged to the employee.

20.4 Bulletin Board: The City, upon written request from the Union relative to a specific City department that employs individuals covered by this Agreement, shall provide bulletin board space for the use of the Union in an area accessible to employees covered by this Agreement; provided, however, said space shall not be used for notices that are controversial or political in nature. All material posted by the Union shall be officially identified as such.

20.5 Safety Clothing Allowance: The City may require employees in specific job classifications or work assignments to wear steel-toed safety shoes (or other safety boots or shoes as provided by the department). The department will pay an allowance of three hundred (\$300) dollars on the first paycheck of each contract year to be used for the purchase of required footwear and other appropriate work clothing. Employees shall be eligible for such allowance upon employment or to replace or repair worn out shoes as needed. The allowance hereunder shall be made equally for safety shoes providing acceptable toe protection with materials that may replace steel, which is now being used for this purpose.

20.6 Seattle Center Employee Monorail Use: Seattle Center employees shall be permitted to continue to ride the Monorail without charge, provided such use is now limited to travel to start the employee's work shift; travel on City business; travel on meal breaks or between split shifts; and/or travel from work at the end of the employee's work shift. Seattle Center employees may be required to provide proper identification and shall be required to yield space to paying passengers.

20.7 Seattle Center Employee Parking: The Seattle Center shall continue its practice of providing parking without charge on a space available basis to Seattle Center employees covered by this Agreement who were in regular (as opposed to

temporary or intermittent) full-time or part-time status prior to May 13, 1988. Seattle Center employees who attain regular employment status following May 13, 1988, and who desire parking privileges shall pay twenty dollars (\$20) a month for parking during working hours only, or twenty-five dollars (\$25) a month for parking during working hours and all other hours.

20.7.1 **Flexcar Program:** If the City intends to implement a flexcar program in a manner that would constitute a benefit for any employee(s) represented by a Union that is a member of the Coalition of City Unions, the parties agree to open negotiations to establish the elements of said program that are mandatory subjects of bargaining prior to program implementation.

20.7.2 **Public Transportation & Parking:** The City shall take such actions as may be necessary so that employee costs directly associated with their City employment for public transportation and/or parking in a City owned facility paid through payroll deduction will be structured in a manner whereby said costs are tax exempt, consistent with applicable IRS rules and regulations. Said actions shall be completed for implementation of this provision no later than January 1, 2003.

20.7.3 **Parking Past Practice:** In exchange for all of the foregoing, the parties to the Memorandum of Understanding hereby acknowledge and affirm that a past practice shall not have been established obligating the City to continue to provide employee parking in an instance where employees were permitted to park on City property at their work location if the City sells the property, builds on existing parking sites, or some other substantial change in circumstance occurs. However, the City shall be obligated to bargain the impacts of such changes.

20.8 **Plumber's License:** Employees in the classifications of Plumber, Plumber Senior, and Plumber Crew Chief shall be eligible for reimbursement of the cost for the annual renewal fee charged by the State of Washington for a required Plumber's license, provided the probationary period, as required by Article 17, has been completed by an employee at the time the renewal is due.

20.9 **Identification Cards:** Picture identification cards may be issued to employees by the City; and, if so, shall be worn in a sensible but conspicuous place on their person by all such employees or as reflected in the current practice of the department. Any such picture identification cards shall identify the employee by first name and last name initial (or at the employee's option, first name and last name), employee number, job title, and photograph only. The cost of replacing the card damaged due to normal wear and tear will be borne by the City. The City shall pay for the employee's time off for the purposes of continuing education required by the State of Washington for license renewal. The employee shall be allowed to choose between classroom or online continuing education. The employee must provide fourteen (14) days' notice to management. Management may approve or deny the

request. If management denies the request it shall be for reasonable business purposes.

20.10 Employees required to perform testing, installation, and maintenance of backflow prevention devices, of which work requires DHS cross-connection certification, shall be paid an additional one dollar(\$1.00) per hour while so assigned.

20.11 Plumbers' Sprinkler System Confidence Testing Premium Pay: Effective upon the signing of this Agreement, Plumbers, Senior Plumbers, and Plumber Crew Chiefs shall be eligible for a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) per month premium pay for building sprinkler system confidence testing, maintenance, repairs, and installation of building sprinkler systems, while Seattle Fire Department certification is maintained. Each department will determine and limit the number of certifications required to perform the work within their respective department. If a certification is required, all costs to obtain and maintain the certification shall be paid by the City.

20.12 Transit Subsidy: The City shall provide a transit subsidy benefit consistent with SMC 4.20.370. Both parties agree to a reopener if the city makes changes to the program.

20.13 Commercial Driver's License: If the job responsibilities of the classification of work to which an employee is regularly appointed, or is assigned on an out-of-class basis, involve the driving of vehicles requiring the driver to have a state Commercial Driver's License (CDL), fees charged by the state for acquiring the license shall be reimbursed by the City upon the employee having successfully attained the CDL or CDL renewal. The physical exam required to obtain or renew the license may be done on City time. The City shall pay as a maximum amount the rates charged by City-identified clinics for the physical exam. Employees shall be notified of clinics offering the exam at this reimbursement rate. If an employee is covered by a City medical plan that includes coverage for physical exams, the employee shall have the exam form completed through the plan's providers (Kaiser or Aetna) or shall seek reimbursement through the medical plan.

The City shall make a reasonable effort to make City trucks or equipment available for skill tests. In addition, for those employees qualifying as described above, fees charged for department-approved classes offered for employees to assist them in passing this exam shall be reimbursed on a one-time-only basis.

Employees in other job titles or positions not involving the driving of vehicles requiring the CDL, who wish to take exam preparation or driver training courses, may request approval of the courses and reimbursement of fees in the normal manner in which educational expenses are applied for and approved by departments; provided, however, license fees for those individuals will not be reimbursed nor shall the City be obligated to make City trucks or equipment available for skill tests for these individuals.

Nothing contained herein shall guarantee that written exams, skill tests, or training classes established for the purposes described herein shall be conducted during regular work hours or through adjusted work schedules nor shall such written exams, skill tests, or training classes be paid for on an overtime basis.

Employees required to have a Hazardous Material endorsement (HME) are required per Federal regulations to submit to a background records check and fingerprinting. Employees may make application for such HME on City time and shall be reimbursed for the fees associated with the background records check and fingerprinting if such endorsement is required by the job.

20.14 Ethics and Elections Commission: Nothing contained within this Agreement shall prohibit the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission from administering the Code of Ethics; including, but not limited to, the authority to impose monetary fines for violations of the Code of Ethics. Such fines are not discipline under this Agreement; and, as such, are not subject to the Grievance Procedure contained within this Agreement. Records of any fines imposed or monetary settlements shall not be included in the employee's personnel file. Fines imposed by the Commission shall be subject to appeal on the record to the Seattle Municipal Court.

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

20.15 Reinstatement: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, an employee who goes on leave does not have a greater right to reinstatement or other benefits and conditions of employment than if the employee had been continuously employed during the leave period.

20.16 Supervisor Files: Files maintained by supervisors regarding an employee are considered part of the employee's personnel file and subject to the requirements of state law, RCW 49.12.240, RCW 49.12.250 and RCW 49.12.260, and any provisions of this Agreement applicable to personnel files, including allowing employee access to such files.

20.17 Employees assigned to perform bilingual, interpretive and/or translation services for the City shall receive a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) per month premium pay. The City shall ensure employees providing language access services are independently evaluated and approved. The City may review the assignment annually and may terminate the assignment at any time.

20.18 During the term of this Agreement, the City and the Union agree to enter into bargaining on mandatory subjects of bargaining associated with the following:

- a. Changes associated with revisions made to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- b. Changes arising from or related to the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Program (Title 50A RCW) including, but not limited to, changes to the City's current paid leave benefit which may arise as a result of final rulemaking from the State of Washington, which may include changes to the draw down requirements associated with the City's Paid Family and Parental Leave programs.

20.19 Hazwoper Training: Employees that obtain Hazwoper (OSHA, CFR 29.1910) certification shall be paid an additional five dollars (\$5.00) per hour while assigned to work that requires such certification, with four (4) hour minimum call. The City will pay for the initial training and any required continuing education to maintain the certification. The City reserves the right to limit the number of employees that obtain Hazwoper certification for City purposes.

## ARTICLE 21 – APPRENTICESHIP

21.1 The Seattle Public Utilities’ apprenticeship program for journey-level Water Pipe Workers has been incorporated in the Standards of Apprenticeship adopted by the City of Seattle, Washington Apprenticeship Committee. The pay schedule for the Water Pipe Worker Apprentice is listed in Appendix A herein. Employees shall be eligible for step placement and progression pursuant to the provisions of the City of Seattle, Washington Apprenticeship developed by the City of Seattle Joint Advisory Apprenticeship Committee. Such progression shall also be subject to the policies and decisions of the Water Pipe Worker Apprenticeship Subcommittee.

Section 10 of the Standards of Apprenticeship, which provides for discharge from the Apprenticeship program, shall apply as written to employees appointed to the job title of Water Pipe Worker Apprentice. Discharge from the program shall result in termination from employment with the Seattle Public Utilities.

21.2 The City of Seattle’s apprenticeship program for journey-level Plumbers has been incorporated in the Standards of Apprenticeship of the Seattle Area Plumbers, Housing Plumbers, Pipefitters, HVAC Refrigeration Mechanics, and Marine Pipefitters Apprenticeship Committee. The pay schedule for the Plumber Apprentice is listed in Appendix A herein. Employees shall be eligible for step placement and progression pursuant to the provisions of the Seattle Area Plumbers, Housing Plumbers, Pipefitters, HVAC Refrigeration Mechanics, and Marine Pipefitters Apprenticeship Committee. Such progression shall also be subject to the policies and decisions of the Plumber Apprenticeship Subcommittee.

Section 10 of the Standards of Apprenticeship, which provides for discharge from the Apprenticeship program, shall apply as written to employees appointed to the job title of Plumber Apprentice. Discharge from the program shall result in termination from employment with the City.



## ARTICLE 22 – RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT

22.1 The right to hire, promote (in accordance with the Personnel Ordinance), discharge for just cause, improve efficiency, determine the work schedules, and location of department headquarters are examples of management prerogatives. It is also understood that the City retains its right to manage and operate its departments except as may be limited by an express provision of this Agreement.

22.2 The City will make every effort to utilize its employees to perform all work, but the City reserves the right to contract out for work under the following guidelines: (1) required expertise is not available within the City work force, or (2) the occurrence of peak loads above the work force capability.

Determination as to (1) or (2) above shall be made by the appointing authority involved. Prior to approval by the appointing authority involved in contracting out work under this provision, the Union shall be notified. The City shall provide consistent and uniform contracting out notice from each City department to the Union. The appointing authority involved shall make available to Local 32 upon request (1) a description of the services to be so performed and (2) the detailed factual basis supporting the reasons for such action.

The Union may grieve contracting out for work as described in Section 22.2 of this Article, if such contract involves work normally performed by employees covered by this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 23 – PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE

23.1 Delivery of municipal services in the most efficient, effective and courteous manner is of paramount importance to the City; and, as such, maximized productivity is recognized to be an obligation of employees covered by this Agreement. In order to achieve this goal, the parties hereby recognize the City's right to determine the methods, processes, and means of providing municipal service; the rights to increase or diminish operations, in whole or in part; the right to increase, diminish or change municipal equipment, including the introduction of any and all new, improved, or automated methods or equipment; the assignment of employees to specific jobs, the determination of job content and/or job duties, and the combination or consolidation of jobs; provided, however, the exercise of such rights contained herein shall not modify or change any provision of this Agreement without the written concurrence of the Union and the City.

23.2 The Union recognizes the City's right to establish and/or revise performance standards. Such standards may be used to determine acceptable performance levels, prepare work schedules, and to measure the performance of each employee or groups of employees. In establishing new and/or revising existing performance standards, the City shall meet, prior to implementation, with the labor-management committee to jointly discuss such performance standards. The City agrees that performance standards shall be reasonable.

23.3 Employment Security: Labor and management support continuing efforts to provide the best service delivery and the highest quality service in the most cost-effective manner to the citizens of Seattle. Critical to achieving this purpose is the involvement of employees in sharing information and creatively addressing workplace issues, including administrative and service delivery productivity, efficiency, quality control, and customer service.

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

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

ARTICLE 24 – DISCIPLINE

- 24.1 The City may suspend, demote, or discharge an employee for just cause.
- 24.2 The parties agree that in their respective roles primary emphasis shall be placed on preventing situations requiring disciplinary actions through effective employee/management relations. The primary objective of discipline shall be to correct and rehabilitate, not to punish or penalize. To this end, in order of increasing severity, the disciplinary actions that the City may take against an employee include:
- A. Verbal warning;
  - B. Written reprimand;
  - C. Suspension;
  - D. Demotion; or,
  - E. Termination.
- 24.3 Which disciplinary action is taken depends upon the circumstances, including the seriousness of the employee's misconduct.
- 24.4 Provided the employee has received no further or additional discipline in the intervening period, a verbal warning or written reprimand may not be used for progressive discipline after two years other than to show notice of any rule or policy at issue.
- 24.5 Discipline that arises as a result of a violation of workplace policies or City Personnel Rules regarding harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or workplace violence, shall not be subject to Section 24.4 above.

ARTICLE 25 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT

25.1 The Agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and no oral statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions.

25.2 The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 26 – SUBORDINATION OF AGREEMENT

26.1 It is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by the provisions of applicable federal law, state law, and the City Charter. When any provisions thereof are in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of said federal law, state law, or City Charter are paramount and shall prevail.

26.2 It is also understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by applicable City Ordinances and said Ordinances are paramount except where they conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27 – SAVINGS CLAUSE

27.1 If an article of this Agreement or any addenda thereto should be held invalid by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and addenda shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article.

ARTICLE 28 – TERM OF AGREEMENT

28.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon signing by the parties or January 1, 2022, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2024. Written notice must be served by either party of its intent to terminate or modify this Agreement at least ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_.

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF  
JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF  
THE PLUMBING AND PIPEFITTING  
INDUSTRY, LOCAL 32

CITY OF SEATTLE  
Executed under authority of Ordinance

and

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Jefferey J. Owen  
Business Manager  
U.A. Local 32

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Bruce Harrell  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shaun Van Eyk.  
Director of Labor Relations

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Sascha Sprinkle  
Labor Negotiator

APPENDIX A

Plumbers Unit\*

The rates provided in this Appendix are illustrative of the increases that are provided for in Articles 7.2, 7.3, 7.3.1 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.7. Any discrepancies shall be governed by Articles 7.2, 7.3, 7.3.1, 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.7.

Section 1.1: Effective January 5, 2022, employees’ base wages will be increased by 4.0%.

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Operations Response Center Trainee	30.72	31.86	33.14	34.47	35.74
Operations Response Center Operator	33.14	34.47	35.74	37.10	38.57
Operations Response Center Operator, Senior	35.74	37.10	38.57	40.08	41.66
Plumber Apprentice	Step 1: 67% of Plumber entry level of pay from 00-06 months – \$29.93 Step 2: 70% of Plumber entry level of pay from 07-12 months – \$31.27 Step 3: 73% of Plumber entry level of pay from 13-18 months – \$32.60 Step 4: 76% of Plumber entry level of pay from 19-24 months – \$33.95 Step 5: 79% of Plumber entry level of pay from 25-30 months – \$35.29 Step 6: 82% of Plumber entry level of pay from 31-36 months – \$36.63 Step 7: 85% of Plumber entry level of pay from 37-42 months – \$37.97 Step 8: 88% of Plumber entry level of pay from 43-48 months – \$39.31 Step 9: 91% of Plumber entry level of pay from 49-54 months – \$40.64 Step 10: 94% of Plumber entry level of pay from 55-60 months -\$41.98				
Plumber	44.67	46.44	48.24		
Plumber, Senior	48.04	49.95			
Utility Maintenance Specialist – SPU	38.21	39.64	41.26		
Utility Maintenance Specialist, Senior – SPU	40.45	41.98	43.66		
Utility Service Inspector	38.29	39.74	41.26	42.90	44.69
Utility Service Inspector, Senior	41.26	42.90	44.69	46.36	48.05
Water Meter Changer	30.11	31.35	32.52		
Water Meter Repairer	33.33	34.70	36.03		
Water Meter Repairer, Senior	34.54	35.86	37.35		
Water Meter Tech	33.33	34.70	36.03		
Water Meter Tech, Senior	40.23	41.68	43.27		



	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Water Pipe Helper	26.41	29.31	30.11	31.35	
Water Pipe Worker	34.54	35.90	37.34	38.81	
Water Pipe Worker, Apprentice	31.74	32.48	33.98	35.10	
Water Pipe Worker-WDM I	35.32	36.67	38.12	39.59	
Water Pipe Worker, Senior	38.58	40.09	41.63		
Water Pipe Worker, Senior-WDM II	40.23	41.68	43.27		
Water Treatment Equip Tech	39.28	40.86	42.57		
Water Treatment Operator	32.00	33.25	34.55	35.95	
Water Treatment Operator, Senior	37.28	38.79	40.31		
Water Treatment Operator-Asg Relief	33.28	34.58	35.93	37.39	
Water Treatment Operator-WDM I	32.34	33.57	34.89	36.30	

\*Employees in the classifications of Senior Water Pipe Worker, Water Pipe Worker and Water Treatment Operator shall be eligible for the respective premium pay titles of Senior Water Pipe Worker-WDM II, Water Pipe Worker-WDM I, and Water Treatment Operator-WDM I at the parallel pay step beginning with the month following certification by the Washington State Department of Health Services. Such premium pay shall cease if the certification is not renewed. Certification at any level less than designated for a classification will not qualify an employee for the premium pay. (Refer to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding promotional opportunities for Senior Water Pipe Worker, Water Pipe Crew Chief and Transmission Crew Chief.)

The certifications are:

- WDM I – Water Distribution Manager I
- WDM II – Water Distribution Manager II

\*\*Employees classified as Water Treatment Operators, when regularly scheduled to work relief shifts at two (2) treatment facilities, shall be paid a premium equal to four percent (4%) of the straight-time hourly rate. (Not Seniors, only the Water Treatment Operators.)

Section 1.2: Effective January 4, 2023, employees’ base wages will be increased by 2.5%, and all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment.

Section 1.2.1: Effective January 4, 2023, the following classifications will receive a wage equity and market adjustment of a 3.5% wage increase, in addition to the annual wage increase and market rate adjustments set forth in Section 1.2, above:

- Water Pipe Worker Series, benchmarked to Water Pipe Worker
- Water Treatment Operator Series, benchmarked to Water Treatment Operator

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Operations Response Center Trainee	31.95	33.13	34.47	35.85	37.17
Operations Response Center Operator	34.47	35.85	37.17	38.58	40.11
Operations Response Center Operator, Senior	37.17	38.58	40.11	41.68	43.33
Plumber Apprentice	Step 1: 67% of Plumber entry level of pay from 00-06 months – \$31.13 Step 2: 70% of Plumber entry level of pay from 07-12 months – \$32.52 Step 3: 73% of Plumber entry level of pay from 13-18 months – \$33.90 Step 4: 76% of Plumber entry level of pay from 19-24 months – \$35.31 Step 5: 79% of Plumber entry level of pay from 25-30 months – \$36.70 Step 6: 82% of Plumber entry level of pay from 31-36 months – \$38.10 Step 7: 85% of Plumber entry level of pay from 37-42 months – \$39.49 Step 8: 88% of Plumber entry level of pay from 43-48 months – \$40.88 Step 9: 91% of Plumber entry level of pay from 49-54 months – \$42.27 Step 10: 94% of Plumber entry level of pay from 55-60 months – \$43.66				
Plumber	46.46	48.30	50.17		
Plumber, Senior	49.96	51.95			
Utility Maintenance Specialist – SPU	39.74	41.23	42.91		
Utility Maintenance Specialist, Senior – SPU	42.07	43.66	45.41		
Utility Service Inspector	39.82	41.33	42.91	44.62	46.48
Utility Service Inspector, Senior	42.91	44.62	46.48	48.21	49.97
Water Meter Changer	31.31	32.60	33.82		
Water Meter Repairer	34.66	36.09	37.47		
Water Meter Repairer, Senior	35.92	37.29	38.84		
Water Meter Tech	34.66	36.09	37.47		
Water Meter Tech, Senior	41.84	43.35	45.00		

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Water Pipe Helper	28.39	31.51	32.37	33.70	
Water Pipe Worker	37.13	38.59	40.14	41.72	
Water Pipe Worker, Apprentice	34.12	34.92	36.53	37.73	
Water Pipe Worker-WDM I	37.97	39.42	40.98	42.56	
Water Pipe Worker, Senior	41.47	43.10	44.75		
Water Pipe Worker, Senior-WDM II	43.25	44.81	46.52		
Water Treatment Equip Tech	42.23	43.92	45.76		
Water Treatment Operator	34.40	35.74	37.14	38.65	
Water Treatment Operator, Senior	40.08	41.70	43.33		
Water Treatment Operator-Asg Relief	35.78	37.17	38.62	40.19	
Water Treatment Operator-WDM I	34.77	36.09	37.51	39.02	

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The certifications are:

- WDM I – Water Distribution Manager I
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\*\*Employees classified as Water Treatment Operators, when regularly scheduled to work relief shifts at two (2) treatment facilities, shall be paid a premium equal to four percent (4%) of the straight-time hourly rate. (Not Seniors, only the Water Treatment Operators.)

Section 1.3: Effective January 3, 2024, employees’ base wages will be increased by 100% of the annual growth rate of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period of June 2022 through June 2023 with a minimum increase of 1% and a maximum increase of 2.5%.

Section 1.3.1: Effective January 3, 2024, all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment in addition to the annual wage adjustment in section 1.3 above.

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Operations Response Center Trainee	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Operations Response Center Operator	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Operations Response Center Operator, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Plumber Apprentice	Step 1: 67% of Plumber entry level of pay from 00-06 months – Step 2: 70% of Plumber entry level of pay from 07-12 months – Step 3: 73% of Plumber entry level of pay from 13-18 months – Step 4: 76% of Plumber entry level of pay from 19-24 months – Step 5: 79% of Plumber entry level of pay from 25-30 months – Step 6: 82% of Plumber entry level of pay from 31-36 months – Step 7: 85% of Plumber entry level of pay from 37-42 months – Step 8: 88% of Plumber entry level of pay from 43-48 months – Step 9: 91% of Plumber entry level of pay from 49-54 months – Step 10: 94% of Plumber entry level of pay from 55-60 months –				
Plumber	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Plumber, Senior	TBD	TBD			
Utility Maintenance Specialist – SPU	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Utility Maintenance Specialist, Senior – SPU	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Utility Service Inspector	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Utility Service Inspector, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Water Meter Changer	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Meter Repairer	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Meter Repairer, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Meter Tech	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Meter Tech, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD		

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Water Pipe Helper	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Pipe Worker	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Pipe Worker, Apprentice	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Pipe Worker-WDM I	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Pipe Worker, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Pipe Worker, Senior-WDM II	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Treatment Equip Tech	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Treatment Operator	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Treatment Operator, Senior	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Treatment Operator-Asg Relief	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Water Treatment Operator-WDM I	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	

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The certifications are:

- WDM I – Water Distribution Manager I
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\*\*Employees classified as Water Treatment Operators, when regularly scheduled to work relief shifts at two (2) treatment facilities, shall be paid a premium equal to four percent (4%) of the straight-time hourly rate. (Not Seniors, only the Water Treatment Operators.)

**APPENDIX B**

**Crew Chief Unit\***

The rates provided in this Appendix are illustrative of the increases that are provided for in Articles 7.2, 7.3, 7.3.1, 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.7. Any discrepancies shall be governed by Articles 7.2, 7.3, 7.3.1, 7.4, 7.4.1, and 7.7.

Section 1.1: Effective January 5, 2022, employees’ base wages will be increased by 4.0%.

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Plumber Crew Chief	45.99	47.82	49.72	51.71	53.77
Transmission Crew Chief	42.42	44.13	45.96	47.66	49.41
Transmission Crew Chief – WDM II	42.89	44.58	46.42	48.10	49.88
Water Meter Crew Chief	37.10	38.57	40.08		
Water Pipe Crew Chief	42.42	44.13	45.96	47.66	49.41
Water Pipe Crew Chief – WDM II	42.89	44.58	46.42	48.10	49.88
Water Treatment Crew Chief	43.34	44.95	46.68		

\* Employees in the classifications of Transmission Crew Chief and Water Pipe Crew Chief shall be eligible for the premium pay titles of Transmission crew Chief-WDM II and Water Pipe Crew Chief-WDM II at the parallel pay step beginning with the month following certification by the Washington State Department of Health Services. Such premium pay shall cease if the certification is not renewed. Certification at any level less than designated for a classification will not qualify an employee for the premium pay. (Refer to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding promotional opportunities for Senior Water Pipe Worker, Water Pipe Crew Chief and Transmission Crew Chief.)

The certification is:

- WDM II – Water Distribution Manager II

Section 1.2: Effective January 4, 2023, employees’ base wages will be increased by 2.5%, and all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment.

Section 1.2.1: Effective January 4, 2023, the following classifications will receive a wage equity and market adjustment of a 3.5% wage increase, in addition to the annual wage increase and market rate adjustments set forth in Section 1.2, above:

- Water Pipe Worker Series, benchmarked to Water Pipe Worker
- Water Treatment Operator Series, benchmarked to Water Treatment Operator

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Plumber Crew Chief	47.83	49.73	51.71	53.78	55.92
Transmission Crew Chief	45.60	47.44	49.41	51.23	53.12
Transmission Crew Chief – WDM II	46.11	47.92	49.90	51.71	53.62
Water Meter Crew Chief	38.58	40.11	41.68		
Water Pipe Crew Chief	45.60	47.44	49.41	51.23	53.12
Water Pipe Crew Chief – WDM II	46.11	47.92	49.90	51.71	53.62
Water Treatment Crew Chief	46.59	48.32	50.18		

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The certification is:

- WDM II – Water Distribution Manager II

Section 1.3: Effective January 3, 2024, employees’ base wages will be increased by 100% of the annual growth rate of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the period of June 2022 through June 2023 with a minimum increase of 1% and a maximum increase of 2.5%.

Section 1.3.1: Effective January 3, 2024, all members will receive a 1.5% market rate adjustment in addition to the annual wage adjustment in section 1.3 above.

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>
Plumber Crew Chief	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Transmission Crew Chief	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Transmission Crew Chief – WDM II	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Water Meter Crew Chief	TBD	TBD	TBD		
Water Pipe Crew Chief	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Water Pipe Crew Chief – WDM II	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Water Treatment Crew Chief	TBD	TBD	TBD		

\*Employees in the classifications of Transmission Crew Chief and Water Pipe Crew Chief shall be eligible for the premium pay titles of Transmission crew Chief-WDM II and Water Pipe Crew Chief-WDM II at the parallel pay step beginning with the month following certification by the Washington State Department of Health Services. Such premium pay shall cease if the certification is not renewed. Certification at any level less than designated for a classification will not qualify an employee for the premium pay. (Refer to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding promotional opportunities for Senior Water Pipe Worker, Water Pipe Crew Chief and Transmission Crew Chief.)

The certification is:

- WDM II – Water Distribution Manager II



## APPENDIX C

The following MOU attached hereto as Appendix C and signed by the City of Seattle and Local 77 (“Parties”), is adopted and incorporated as an Appendix to this Agreement to address certain matters with respect to membership and payroll deductions after the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*. The Agreement is specific and limited to the content contained within it. Nothing in the MOU is intended, nor do the Parties intend, for the MOU to change the ability to file a grievance on any matter of dispute which may arise over the interpretation or application of the collective bargaining agreement itself. Specifically, nothing in the MOU is it intended to prevent the filing of a grievance to enforce any provision of Article 3, Union Membership and Dues. Any limitations on filing a grievance that are set forth in the MOU are limited to actions that may be taken with respect to the enforcement of the MOU itself, and limited specifically to Section B of the MOU. The Parties agree that the attached MOU shall last through the term of this Agreement, December 31, 2022.

Section A of the MOU has been incorporated into the collective bargaining as Article 4 – Union Membership and Dues.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

THE CITY OF

SEATTLE

And

COALITION OF CITY UNIONS

(Amending certain collective bargaining  
agreements)

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

This Coalition of City Unions for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall include the following individual Unions, provided that the named Unions are also signatory to this MOU: the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers, Local 104; the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District

Council #5; the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific; Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 17; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 11 7; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46; the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 32; the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 763; the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 286; the UNITE Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees, Local 8; the Public Service & Industrial Employees, Local 1239; the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 21; the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada, Local 15; the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 66; the Seattle Municipal Court Marshals' Guild; the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, Local 289; the Seattle Parking Enforcement Officers Guild; the Seattle Police Dispatchers' Guild; the Seattle Police Management Association; and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild.

### **Background**

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

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

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

### **Agreements**

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

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

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

The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fee, regular monthly dues, assessments and other fees as certified by the Union. The amounts

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

The City will provide the Union access to all newly hired employees and/or persons entering the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of such hire or entry into the bargaining unit. The Union and a shop steward/member leader will have at least thirty (30) minutes with such individuals during the employee's normal working hours and at their usual worksite or mutually agreed upon location.

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

The individual Union meeting and NEO shall satisfy the City's requirement to provide a New Employee Orientation Union Presentation under Washington State law. The City of Seattle,

including its officers, supervisors, managers and/or agents, shall remain neutral on the issue of whether any bargaining unit employee should join the Union or otherwise participate in Union activities at the City of Seattle.

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

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

Section B. Agreement on Impacts of the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court Decision The

Parties further agree:

- I. Member Training: During each year of this agreement a Union's principal officer may request that Union members be provided with at least eight (8) hours or one (1) day, whichever is greater, of paid release time to participate in member training programs sponsored by the Union. The Parties further agree that the release of employees shall be three (3) employee representatives per each Union in an individual Department; or two percent (2%) of a single Union's membership per each department, to be calculated as a maximum of two percent (2%) of an individual Union's membership in that single department (not citywide), whichever is greater. The approval of such release time shall not be unreasonably denied for arbitrary and/or capricious reasons. When granting such requests, the City will take into consideration the operational needs of each Department. At its sole discretion, the City may approve paid release time for additional employee representatives from each Department on a case-by-case basis.
2. The Unions shall submit to the Office of Labor Relations and the Department as far in advance as possible, but at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance, the names of those members who will be attending each training course. Time off for those purposes shall be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor.
3. New Employees: The City shall work with the Seattle Department of Technology to develop an automated system to provide the Union with the following information within ten (10) working days after a new employee's first day of work: name, home address, personal phone and email (if a member offers), job classification and title, department, division, work location, date of hire, hourly or salary status, compensation rate, FTE status. Until the process has been automated the departments may provide the Union notice at the same time the department notifies SDHR benefits, by sending an email to the Union providing the notice of hire. Upon automation departments may elect to not provide notice to the Unions and official notice will only be given by SDHR. The Parties agree to continue to work with departments to provide notice of new hires to the Union no later than 10 working days from the employee first day of work.
4. This agreement is specific and limited to the referenced demand to bargain and the associated negotiations related to the impacts regarding the *Janus v. AFSCME* decision and sets no precedent or practice by the City and cannot be used or introduced in any forum or proceeding as evidence of a precedent or a practice.
5. Issues arising over the interpretation, application, or enforceability of the provisions of this agreement shall be addressed during the Coalition labor management meetings and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in the Parties' collective bargaining

agreements.

- 6. The provisions contained in " Section B" of this MOU will be reviewed when the current collective bargaining agreements expire. The Parties reserve their rights to make proposals during successor bargaining for a new agreement related to the items outlined in this MOA.
- 7. This Parties signatory to this MOU concur that the City has fulfilled its bargaining obligations regarding the demand to bargains filed as a result of the *Janus v. AFSCME* Supreme Court decision.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018.

Executed under the  
Authority of Ordinance  
No. \_ \_ \_ \_


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~~Susan McNab~~, Bobby Humes

Mayor

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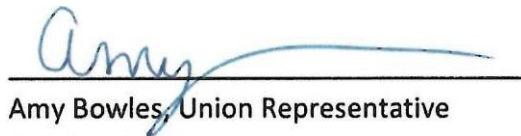
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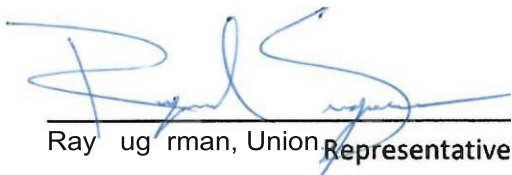
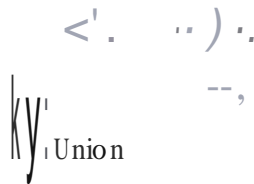
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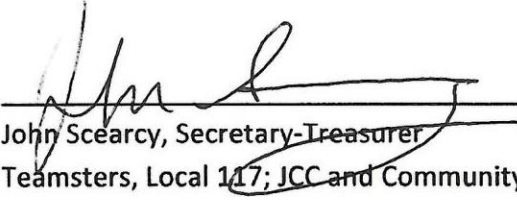




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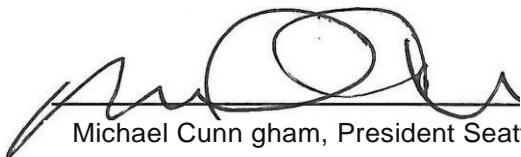


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