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**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

**and**

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' LOCAL 630  
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA**

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## **PREAMBLE**

This Agreement is entered into as of October 1, 2021 between the City of Jacksonville (**Employer**) and the Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, Laborers' International Union of North America (**Union**). It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure a sound and mutually beneficial working and economic relationship between the parties hereto, to provide an orderly and peaceful means of resolving any misunderstandings or differences which may arise, and to set forth herein basic and full Agreement between the parties concerning the rates of pay, wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. There are, and shall be, no individual arrangements contrary to the terms herein provided. Either party hereto shall be entitled to require specific performance of the provisions of this Agreement. It is understood that the City of Jacksonville is engaged in furnishing essential public services which vitally affect the health, safety, comfort, and general well-being of the public; and both parties hereto recognize the need for continuous and reliable service to the public.

## ARTICLE 1: UNION RECOGNITION

Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, the **Employer** recognizes the **Union** as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for those employees in the certified bargaining unit defined by Certification 293 as clarified and issued on November 16, 2009, for the purpose of bargaining collectively in the determination of the wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment of the public employees within the bargaining unit.

Employee shall be defined to include: all employees employed by the City of Jacksonville in the classifications that appear on the attached Appendix A or others that may be added as needed. The term "employee" shall also refer to those employees designated as temporary who hold the same classification and work the same hours under common supervision as the employees listed in Appendix A.

Terms and conditions of employment for the temporary employees referred to in this Article are set forth in Appendix C of this Agreement and not in the provisions of the main agreement. The term "temporary employee" as used in this Article is not the same as the labor law term of art "temporary employee" which traditionally refers to employees who have no reasonable expectation of continued employment, usually receive no benefits other than an hourly wage, and are traditionally excluded from bargaining units of regular employees.

## ARTICLE 2: SECURITY AND DUES CHECK OFF

- 2.1** The **Employer** will provide a complete copy of the Agreement to the **Union** and an electronic version will be available to all employees on the City website and internal City portal. The **Employer** agrees to have an electronic version with any amendments, memorandum of agreement, or memorandum of understanding available for reference by bargaining unit employees, if the technology is available to the **Employer**.
- 2.2** Upon receipt of a written authorization from an employee, the **Employer** will deduct from the employee's pay the amount owed to the **Union** for dues and uniform assessments. This provision will provide for twenty-six (26) deductions per year. The **Employer** will remit such sums to the **Union** by the tenth day of the month after the payroll in which the dues or assessments were deducted. Unless the **Union** notifies the **Employer** in writing of any errors or omissions within two (2) calendar weeks of receiving it, the **Employer's** remittance will be deemed correct. Any notification of errors or omissions must be specific about the information believed to be erroneous or omitted.
- 2.3** The **Union** will indemnify, defend, and hold the **Employer** harmless against any claim made and against any suit instituted against the **Employer** on account of any deduction for **Union** dues or uniform assessments.
- 2.4** An employee may revoke his/her authorization for deduction of dues or uniform assessments, provided the employee submits a signed form to the Payroll Section revoking such authorization, with a copy to the **Union**. Any forms initiating or revoking deductions for **Union** dues or uniform assessments pursuant to this Article may only be completed by the employee affected. Requests for dues deduction or revocation of dues deduction will be processed on the next available payroll.
- 2.5** No deduction shall be made from the pay of any employee for any payroll period in which the employee's net earnings for that payroll period are less than the amount of dues to be checked off. Net earnings shall mean net after required deductions of federal taxes, social security, pensions, credit union, and health and life insurance.
- 2.6** In accordance with Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in, or refrain from forming, joining, or participating in, an employee organization of their own choosing. They shall have the right to be represented by an employee organization of their choosing to negotiate collectively through a certified bargaining agent

with the **Employer** in the determination of the terms and conditions of their employment.

- 2.7** On a regular basis or upon written request, the **Employer** agrees to furnish the **Union** with an electronic file of all the employees within the defined bargaining unit at no cost to the **Union**. The request for the data may contain, but is not limited to, the following information: the employee's name, address, classification, index code, date in grade, adjusted employment date, work site and home phone number listed, if any. The **Employer** will not be responsible for the accuracy of the information provided.

## ARTICLE 3: UNION ACTIVITY

**3.1** The **Employer** shall only recognize and deal with accredited **Union** stewards, the Union Business Manager, and other officers pursuant to Article 3 of this Agreement in all matters relating to grievances and interpretation of this Agreement.

### **3.2 Union Activities by Union Stewards**

#### **A. Assignment of Stewards**

(1) **Union** stewards shall be active employees as designated by The Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, Laborers' International Union, and shall be members of the bargaining unit. No employee shall function as a **union** steward while on leave of absence without mutual consent of the **Union** and the **Employer**.

(2) The **Union** shall provide the **Employer** with a written list of all **union** stewards and alternates annually by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The **Union** shall notify the **Employer** promptly of any changes of such **union** stewards. **Union** stewards will not perform any grievance work until the **Union** has complied with this Article.

#### **B. Steward Designation**

(1) Employees will be represented by fifteen (15) stewards designated by the **Union**. The stewards should be equally distributed between all Divisions that have LIUNA employees.

(2) A **union** steward who is assigned to more than one (1) work location will be considered the roving steward.

(3) **Union** representatives and stewards are subject to the same rules of the **City** of Jacksonville and its Independent Agencies as are all other public employees, except as specifically outlined in this Agreement.

#### **C. Steward Duties and Responsibilities**

(1) A steward will only be granted time off under this provision when requested by an employee in the bargaining unit for assistance with a grievance, or when requested by the **Union**

in writing. In cases which cannot be resolved otherwise, designated **union** stewards shall be granted reasonable time off, without loss of pay, to investigate and settle grievances when such investigation is required for the prompt and effective settlement of the grievance in question. Stewards must make every effort to minimize work time lost as a result of this Article. **Union** stewards shall not conduct any grievance work on overtime or holiday time except in emergency situations. It is acknowledged that only one (1) steward will work on grievances from any employee. All stewards have productive work to perform as assigned by the **Employer**. The parties will cooperate to minimize the actual time spent by **Union** representatives in investigating, presenting, and adjusting grievances or disputes.

- (2) The steward must advise his/her supervisor of the requirement for such investigation and secure permission before conducting the investigation. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.
- (3) Supervisory permission shall be given orally to the **Union** steward provided that said oral authorization insures adequate controls of the steward's time; otherwise written permission shall be required. If it becomes necessary for a **Union** steward to receive written permission, the department will provide a form which will be used for this purpose. Upon returning to his/her work assignment, the steward shall report to his/her immediate supervisor, unless prior consent not to do so has been secured.
- (4) In the investigation of grievances, stewards shall not unduly hamper the work operations of the **Employer** by conferring with employees not involved with the grievance. **Union** stewards shall normally investigate and settle grievances on the job site which is within their designated jurisdiction. All files of the employee, not otherwise confidential by law, shall be open for investigation by the steward when investigating grievances. Stewards shall not conduct any grievance work on premium time except in emergency situations occurring during such premium hours that involve suspension or discharge.
- (5) When it is necessary for a **union** steward to enter a division or area other than his/her own for the purpose of conducting **Union** business authorized by this Agreement, he/she will

secure permission for his/her presence from the supervisor of that area or division or activity and notify the supervisor of the general nature of his/her business. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. While on City property and functioning as **Union** representatives, stewards are subject to the same rules of the **Employer** as all other public employees, except as specifically provided in this Agreement.

- (6) The **Employer** may grant designated stewards and alternates time to attend accredited courses involving labor/management relations, without loss of pay. These courses shall be paid for by the **Union**.

### 3.3 Union Activities of Union Officials and Representatives

Rights and responsibilities of **Union** Officials in performing their **Union** functions on behalf of the **Union**, and the procedures governing the exercise of their role.

- A. The Business Manager of the Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, Laborers' International Union of North America, or his/her alternate, will be the official spokesperson for the **Union** in any matter between the **Union** and the **Employer**. Any alternate designated by the Business Manager shall be designated in writing, and the period of time covered by such designation shall be included in such written designation.
- B. With proper authorization, **Union** officials, as designated in Article 3.1 of this Agreement, may be admitted to the property of the **Employer**. The **Employer** shall not reasonably withhold such authorization.
- C. **Union** officials, as designated above, shall be able to talk with employees before or after regular working hours or during the employees' lunch break, in designated areas on **Employer** property.
- D. **Union** officers and officials will be admitted to the property of the **Employer** during working hours for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Agreement is being observed by the parties, provided such visitation is not disruptive to the work force. Where the property is not normally open to visitors, and upon advance request, the **Employer** shall provide the **Union** officer or official with a responsible escort.
- E. The **Employer** will provide **Union** officials, officers, and stewards with

access to parking at prevailing rates while on **Union** business and while parked at **Employer**-owned and operated parking lots.

- F. The **Employer** will provide the Union Business Manager and appropriate **Union** Stewards with copies of any work rules and/or policies which the **Employer** has created, amended, or deleted, within a reasonable time after their creation, amendment, or deletion, and prior to their effective date.
- G. **Union** representatives shall not actively solicit grievances or collect **Union** monies on the **Employer's** property.

### 3.4 **Union Activities by Bargaining Unit Employees**

- A. The **Employer** agrees to contribute seven hundred and fifty (750) non-cumulative payroll hours each year to the **Union** for a pool time account to be used by employees at the **Union's** request. Employees released for pool time usage shall report their time as "union leave" and their employment status will remain active with full salary and benefit accrual.
  - (1) Pool time may be used solely for activities related to this bargaining unit.
  - (2) Use of pool time is contingent upon the employee's advance request for union pool time leave, prior management approval of the request, and the absence not interfering with operational needs.
  - (3) Management of each division shall specify the level at which pool time requests must be approved.
  - (4) No employee shall be authorized to use union pool time during a pay period in which he or she has taken leave without pay.
- B. An employee who is questioned by management, and who reasonably believes that the questioning may lead to disciplinary action against him/her, has the right to request that a **Union** representative be present. When an employee requests **Union** representation pursuant to this Article, and a **Union** representative is not immediately available, the **Employer** shall postpone the meeting for a reasonable time in order for the employee to obtain **Union** representation. This provision shall not be construed to require the

attendance of a specific **union** representative.

- C.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent an employee, at any time, from presenting his/her own grievances to the **Employer**, in person or by legal counsel, and having such grievances adjusted without the intervention of the bargaining agent so long as the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement. The **Union** shall be given reasonable opportunity to be present at any meeting called for the resolution of such grievance.
- D.** Employees have the right to join the **Union**, to engage in lawful concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid and protection, and to express or communicate any view, grievance, complaint, or opinion, within the bounds of good taste related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or its betterment, all free from any restraint, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. There shall be no restraint, discrimination, intimidation, or reprisal against any employee because of that employee's membership or lack of membership in the **Union** or by virtue of his/her holding office or not holding office in the **Union**. This provision shall be applied to all employees by the **Employer** and the **Union**.
- E.** In employment, job assignment and employee/employer relations, no procedure shall discriminate against any employee on the basis of age, disability, sex, race, creed, national origin, or marital status.

## ARTICLE 4: BULLETIN/ELECTRONIC BOARDS

**4.1** The **Union** shall be provided with partial use of suitable bulletin boards, including at least one (1) at each work location where employees are required to report for work assignments. The **Union** may, with the approval of the **Employer**, provide a bulletin board of standard size for its exclusive use. In addition LIUNA Local 630 will be provided with centralized electronic posting ("electronic bulletin board") within the City system, for the same purpose.

**4.2** The **Union** agrees that it shall use space on bulletin boards provided for in Article 4.1 above, only for the following purposes:

Notices of <b>Union</b> meetings	Notices of public bodies
Elections of <b>Union</b> Officers	Reports of <b>Union</b> committees
Rulings and policies of the <b>Union</b>	Employee Grievances
Recreational and social affairs of the <b>Union</b>	

**4.3** No material, notices, or announcements shall be posted by the **Union** which contain anything political or controversial, or anything adversely reflecting upon the City of Jacksonville, its officials, managers, consultants, or agents, its independent Agencies, its employees, or any labor organization. Any proven violation of this Article by the **Union** shall entitle the **Employer** to cancel immediately the provisions of this Article and to remove the posting in violation.

**4.4** Notices or other information intended for the regular bulletin boards shall be submitted to the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee for approval as to compliance with Article 4.3 before posting, and shall be dated and initialed by the LIUNA Local 630 Business Agent or President and the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee before being posted.

**4.5** Notices or other information intended for the electronic bulletin board shall be submitted via e-mail to the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee for approval as to compliance with Article 4.3 before being posted. Notices or other information intended for the electronic bulletin board shall include a specific date on which the notice or information is to be automatically deleted from the electronic bulletin board. Approved materials will be posted electronically as soon as practicable.

**4.6** When LIUNA needs to access City facilities to update information on the

regular bulletin boards, it shall contact the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee to make arrangements to do so.

- 4.7** Alleged abuse of the bulletin boards will be a matter for a special meeting or conference between the proper official of the **Union**, the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee, and the appropriate member of the agency involved.

## ARTICLE 5: MANAGEMENT SECURITY

- 5.1** The **Union** and its officers, agents, and members agree that during the life of this Agreement, they shall not institute, promote, sponsor, engage in or condone any strike, slowdown, concerted stoppage of work, intentional interruption of **Employer** operation, or similar activity for any reason. Management shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline any employee who violates the provisions of this Article. The only question that may be raised in any proceeding (grievance, judicial or otherwise) adjudicating such action is whether the provision prohibiting strikes, slowdowns, concerted stoppages of work, intentional interruptions of **Employer** operations, or similar activities was violated by the employee to be discharged or otherwise disciplined.
- 5.2 A.** The **Union**, its representatives, agents, members and any persons acting on their behalf agree that the following "other unlawful acts" as defined in Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, are expressly prohibited:
- (1)** Soliciting public employees during working hours.
  - (2)** Distributing literature during working hours in areas where the actual work of public employees is performed, such as offices, warehouses, schools, police stations, fire stations, and any similar public installation. This Article shall not be construed to prohibit the distribution of literature during the employees' lunch hour or in areas not specifically devoted to the performance of official duties.
- B.** No employee organization shall directly or indirectly pay any fines or penalties assessed against individuals pursuant to the provisions of this part.
- C.** The Circuit Courts of this State shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Article by injunction and contempt proceedings, if necessary. An employee who is proven to have violated any provision of this Article may be discharged or otherwise disciplined by the **Employer**, notwithstanding the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement.
- 5.3** The **Employer** and the **Union** agree that the basic intent of this Agreement is to provide a fair day's work in return for a fair day's pay and to provide conditions of employment suitable to maintain a competent work force.

The **Employer** and the **Union** affirm their joint opposition to any discriminatory practices in connection with employment, promotion, or training, remembering that the public interest requires the full utilization of an employee's skill and ability without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or disability.

- 5.4** The **Employer** and **Union** agree that the **Employer** shall be allowed to take all actions necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended.

## **ARTICLE 6: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

The **Employer** retains all rights, powers, functions, and authority it had prior to the signing of this Agreement except as such rights are specifically relinquished or abridged in this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 7: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 7.1** It is the right of the **Employer** to determine unilaterally the purpose of each of its constituent agencies, set standards of services to be offered to the public, and exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations, including the right to sub-contract. It is also the right of the **Employer** to direct its employees, take disciplinary action for proper and just cause, and to relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; provided, however, that the exercise of such rights shall not preclude employees or their representatives from raising grievances, should decisions on the above matters have the practical consequences of violating the terms and conditions of this collective bargaining Agreement.
- 7.2** In those cases where sub-contracting or privatization by the **Employer** for those jobs now performed by members of the **Union** is being considered, The **Union** may request a special meeting to be held to discuss the sub-contracting or privatization (including but not limited to lists of jobs to be contracted). If possible, the meeting shall be held as soon as it is determined by the **Employer** that it will be necessary to subcontract out a service.

## ARTICLE 8: SPECIAL MEETINGS

The **Employer** and the **Union** agree to meet and confer on matters of interest upon the written request of either party. The written request shall state the nature of the matters to be discussed and the reason(s) for requesting the meeting. Discussion shall be limited to matters set forth in the request or other subjects mutually agreed to, these meetings shall not be used to renegotiate this Agreement.

A special meeting shall be held within ten (10) days of the receipt of the written request at a time and place mutually agreeable to the parties. At these special meetings, the **Union** shall have the right to recommend to the **Employer** correction of any inequities known to the **Union**. The **Employer** will send a written response to the **Union** within ten (10) working days after the **Union** has made the inequity known to the **Employer**.

Special meetings shall be requested through, and conducted by, the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations or designee.

## **ARTICLE 9: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME PAYMENT**

**9.1** The purpose of this Article is to define hours of work and computation of overtime. The standard work week shall consist of seven (7) consecutive twenty-four (24) hour periods, Saturday through Friday.

### **9.2 Work Schedules and Payment for Overtime**

#### **A. Standard Work Week Schedule**

The standard schedule for the work week consists of five (5) eight-hour days, Monday through Friday or;

Four (4) ten (10) hour days. Employees assigned to the ten (10) hour day will have varied workdays and non-work days;

Departments with six (6) or seven (7) day operations, may have different shift configurations;

Employees who work more than sixteen (16) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period shall be paid double time for hours work in excess of sixteen (16);

Employees who work more than forty (40) hours in any work week will be paid time and one-half (1-1/2) for the hours worked in excess of 40.

#### **B. Alternative Schedule for Solid Waste**

The Solid Waste Division's Collection Activity may employ a fluctuating hour's schedule which shall be regulated as follows:

**(1)** The schedule shall consist of four (4) or five (5) workdays, Monday through Friday, except in the case of an emergency as declared by management. The day's assignment shall be either the employee's normally-assigned route, or the amount of work that a normal collection crew, working at a normal pace, could accomplish within a normal work day. The day's assignment may also be a supervisor's group task. (Assignment to a supervisor's group task shall be voluntary by the employee). The employee's normal workday shall end when

the employee has completed one day's assignment, as described above.

- (2)** Employees who work an alternative schedule will have hours of work which fluctuate from week to week.
  - (a)** Accordingly, the employee will be paid a fixed salary as straight-time pay for all scheduled hours for the work week.
  - (b)** Hours worked in excess of forty (40) in any workweek shall be considered overtime.
  - (c)** The employee's overtime compensation shall total one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay, as defined in Article 9.2(D)(3)(a) for all hours worked in excess of 40.

**(3) Additional Assignments**

- (a)** Employees who have completed their day's assignment, and are assigned to other duties or to another task, shall be compensated at time-and-one-half, for any additional actual hours worked that day. Management's assignment of employees to another task at the completion of their day's assignment shall be guided by the following:

Management's assignment of employees to additional days' assignments, or any part thereof, shall be equalized to the extent feasible. Volunteers will be given first consideration. Thereafter, management will assign employees in rotation. Each supervisor will prepare and post a rotation list of the employees on his/her crew, and will assign additional work, when required, by reference to this list. However, in the absence of sufficient volunteers or adequate response to rotation, management may require any employee to perform additional work.

**9.3 Assignment and Scheduling Provisions**

- A.** An employee's days and shifts of work, and rest days shall be scheduled consecutively where possible. Final approval of all work

schedules shall be at the sole discretion of management, provided that nothing in this Article shall supersede any other Article of this Agreement.

- B. The **Employer** agrees to notify the **Union** in writing of any master schedule changes at least fifteen (15) days prior to the change. The **Employer** will give employees at least five (5) working days' written notice before changing an employee's regular work schedule. The above shall not apply in the event of an emergency. This notice requirement shall not apply to transitional duty.
- C. Where possible, all employees shall be given at least a half-hour lunch break during which the employees shall be relieved of duty. An employee who is required to work during the lunch break shall be compensated at the appropriate rate.
- D. An employee who has worked sixteen (16) hours or more in a twenty-four (24) hour period, or eight (8) hours or more overtime in the sixteen (16) hour period immediately preceding his/her basic workday, shall, upon release, be entitled to an eight (8) hour rest period before he/she returns to work. Any part of the rest period that extends into the employee's next basic workday, shall be considered as time worked. Overtime pay for these extended hours will be at the applicable overtime rate.
- E. In the event that employees must be reassigned from one shift to another or from one work area to another, the **Employer** shall first reassign employees in each class who volunteer for such reassignments. Volunteers from each class with the greatest seniority shall be reassigned first. If the **Employer** is not able to obtain enough volunteers for the reassignment, the **Employer** shall reassign the least senior employees from each class from which the assignment is made. The **Employer** retains the right to reassign any employee or group of employees, without regard to the provisions of this Article, under the circumstances set forth in subsections (1) and (2) below. Upon request, the **Employer** shall inform the **Union** of the facts or circumstances on which the **Employer** relied in making a reassignment pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) below:
  - (1) When one or more employees have special skills which are needed on another shift or in another work area.
  - (2) When special circumstances relating to an individual employee necessitate the **Employer's** reassigning that

employee to a different shift or work area.

#### **9.4 Rules Governing Overtime Work and Pay**

- A.** No employee may authorize overtime for him/herself. Overtime may only be authorized by the appropriate supervisor.
- B.** Nothing in this Article shall require payment for overtime hours not worked except as expressly provided in this Agreement.
- C.** Paid time for personal leave, annual military training and while receiving a workers' compensation wage benefit shall not count as time worked for the purpose of determining the threshold for payment of overtime.

#### **D. Assignment of Overtime**

**The Employer** will strive to distribute the opportunity for overtime work equitably among employees in classifications normally performing the same types of work in each assigned shift, crew, or work area, so long as such distribution does not delay performance of work or increase operating costs. Upon request, the **Employer** shall make overtime records available to **Union** officials to resolve any question involving distribution of overtime.

#### **E. Call-Back**

An employee who has left his/her place of work and is called back for additional work shall be paid for such work in accordance with this Article, provided that he/she shall receive a minimum payment of four (4) hours at one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times his/her regular rate. The minimum time provided herein does not apply if an early call-in period extends into the start of the employee's regular work period. If the employee finishes the assignment(s) in less than 4 hours and is subsequently called back to work in the initial four (4) hour time frame the employee will not be eligible for another four (4) hours of call back pay.

#### **F. Scheduled Overtime Additional Work**

An employee scheduled to report for additional work shall receive a minimum payment of two (2) hours at one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate. The **Employer** can cancel additional overtime work with 24 hours advance notice to the employee.

**G. Extended Daily Hours**

An employee who is called back to work without completing the eight (8) hour rest period provided for in Article 9.3(D) shall be compensated at the rate of two (2) times his/her regular rate of pay for all hours worked, commencing from the time he/she reports back to work and ending when he/she is released for an eight (8) hour rest period. Paid rest time shall be considered the same as time worked for determining eligibility for overtime pay.

**9.5 Compensatory Leave Time as Alternative to Cash Payment**

Compensation for overtime will be in the form of cash payment, unless compensatory leave time is mutually agreed to by the employee and the department head or designee.

- A.** Employees covered by this Agreement who are subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act may accrue up to two hundred forty (240) hours of compensatory leave time. Once this amount of compensatory time has been reached, compensation for additional overtime hours worked will be in the form of cash.
- B.** Accrued compensatory leave time may be taken at any time when authorized by the appropriate supervisor. Requests for compensatory leave of five (5) or more consecutive workdays must be submitted in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance. Requests for compensatory leave of less than five (5) consecutive workdays must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
- C.** Scheduling of compensatory leave will be based on seniority and classification within the department for the first request of five (5) days or more.
- D.** The **Employer** may pay off any amount of accrued compensatory time at any time, provided that any approved requests for compensatory leave will be honored.

**9.6 Payment of Meal Allowance**

- A.** The **Employer** will pay a meal allowance of eight dollars (\$8.00) under the following circumstances:
  - (1)** When an employee is required to work four (4) or more actual hours before or after the end of the employee's regular shift.

Under these circumstances, the employee is entitled to a meal allowance after the first four (4) hours of such work, and at six (6) hour intervals thereafter if the employee continues working without a meal break of at least thirty (30) minutes.

**(2)** When an employee is called out to work unscheduled hours that is not immediately before or after the employee's regular work period. Under these circumstances, an employee is entitled to a meal allowance four (4) hours after the employee starts work, and at six (6) hour intervals thereafter if the employee continues working without a meal break of at least thirty (30) minutes.

**B.** The **Employer** will pay meal allowances no later than the end of the second pay period after the pay period in which the meal allowance is earned.

#### **9.7 Use of Temporary Employees to Perform Overtime Work**

Temporary employees shall not normally be utilized to perform overtime work except under the following conditions:

**A.** When civil service employees within the affected work area have been given the opportunity to work and have declined the opportunity or are otherwise unavailable for the assignment.

**B.** When temporary employees have been assigned to and are working on a job, completion of which will extend beyond the end of the normal workday, making it impractical for the crew to return to the area maintenance facility to replace the temporary personnel with civil service personnel.

## **ARTICLE 10: TIME AND ATTENDANCE**

- 10.1** At its sole discretion, the **Employer** may employ a time-keeping system for purposes of accurately recording employee time and attendance. Where used, the timekeeping system shall apply uniformly at each work reporting location.
- 10.2** At no time should one employee make entries on another employee's time and attendance record.

## ARTICLE 11: ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLANS

### 11.1 Salary Schedules and Pay Plan

- A. Each classification in the bargaining unit is assigned to a Pay Grade based upon the evaluation of the classification. Each Pay Grade will consist of a salary range with minimum and maximum rates.
- B. Minimum and maximum rates of the Pay Grades will change as follows:
  - 3.0% increase effective October 1, 2021
  - 2.5% increase effective October 1, 2022
  - 2.5% increase effective October 1, 2023

### 11.2 Classification Plan

#### A. Changes to Class Specifications

If the **Employer** determines that class specifications are to be changed, added to, deleted, or amended, notification of proposed new or revised specifications accompanied by a copy of the current specifications shall be furnished to the **Union** by the Employee Services Department at least ten (10) days prior to approval of the new or revised specification unless concurrence is received prior to the conclusion of the ten (10) day period. After approval, a copy of the new or revised specification will be forwarded to the **Union**.

The **Employer** agrees to post proposed new or revised specifications for classes in the bargaining unit in each department and at each work site which has positions allocated to the classification, for ten (10) working days prior to approval.

#### B. Out of Classification Pay

When filling a position in the classified service on a temporary basis because the incumbent is on sick leave, vacation, personal leave, leave of absence, or is off for any other reason, the **Employer** shall select the temporary replacement from the top name on the appropriate certified promotional eligibility list provided such employee is currently assigned to the work location where the temporary opening exists. If the promotional eligibility list does not

contain the name of an employee from the work location where the vacancy exists, then the **Employer** shall appoint the employee with the greatest time in grade in the work location in the class from which the appointment is being made for the temporary replacement. If a certified list does not exist, the employee with the greatest time in grade from the work location in the class from which the appointment is being made shall be appointed until such time as a promotional eligibility list has been certified. Where employees have the same time in grade in the class from which the temporary appointment is being made, total length of service with the **Employer** shall determine seniority for the purpose of this appointment. Temporary appointments shall be made in line of promotion from the class immediately below the position being filled, providing the employee is physically able and qualified to perform the duties of the higher classification, and provided those qualifications are limited to those factors directly required to perform the job.

#### **C. Civil Service Appointments**

The **Employer** shall not appoint any person who does not possess civil service status, to any position within the bargaining unit, other than to an entrance level position within the normal line of promotion; provided, however, that the **Employer** may appoint any qualified person once an internal eligibility list has been exhausted, pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Service Rules for posting external positions.

#### **D. Notification of Scheduled Examinations and Eligible Candidates**

The **Employer** agrees to post examination notices for upcoming promotional eligible exams (Priority 1) at least ten (10) working days prior to the closing date of the examination or when all eligible employees have applied. It is understood that these notices shall be posted in conspicuous areas at each work reporting location.

#### **E. Internal Transfers**

An employee who wishes to transfer to another job shall provide a written transfer request to his/her division chief. The division chief shall respond in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the employee's request.

The **Employer** shall consider applications for transfer to positions within the bargaining unit from current employees before hiring from

outside the existing city workforce. The **Employer** shall evaluate all applicants, whether internal or external, using the same criteria. Management retains sole discretion to decide whom to hire.

## ARTICLE 12: WAGES

### 12.1 Wage Adjustments

#### A. General Wages:

3.0% increase effective October 1, 2021  
2.5% increase effective October 1, 2022  
2.5% increase effective October 1, 2023

(1) The City appreciates the critical work the men and women of LIUNA performed and continue to perform during the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of this, employees shall receive two premium payments. Employees shall also receive a one-time premium payment of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) for work to be performed in the upcoming fiscal year (FY22) and two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) for the next fiscal year (FY23). The payments will be made in the first full pay period after October 1, 2021 (\$2500) and October 1, 2022 (\$2500). The premium payments are not considered regular earnings, do not impact the employees' base wages, and are not pensionable. To be eligible for each premium payment, an employee must be actively employed on the date of each premium payment.

#### B. Adjustments in Excess of Range Maximum

In such cases where the increase would cause an employee's base salary to exceed the maximum rate of the range of the assigned Pay Grade, the employee will be given the increase, or portion of the increase that would exceed the maximum rate of the range, as a one-time payment not applied to the employee's base salary.

#### C. Performance Evaluations and Appeal Process

For the duration of this contract, no pay for performance increases are authorized.

Performance evaluations of employees in this bargaining unit shall be in writing and shall use a standardized format and procedure. An employee, who has passed initial probation, believes that his/her evaluation has not been conducted in accordance with established procedure, or who contests a factual or procedural error may

appeal the complaint through Step IV of the Grievance Procedure as set forth in Article 23.

An employee may file a written rebuttal to an evaluation. A rebuttal shall be included in the employee's personnel record but shall not be considered an appeal of the evaluation.

An appeal must be based on a claim that a factual or procedural error occurred which resulted in an evaluation that inaccurately or unfairly characterizes the employee's performance.

Appeals from annual employee evaluations will follow the grievance procedure. The parties will make every effort to expedite hearing grievances related to performance evaluations and will give serious consideration to mutual agreement to waive Steps 1-3.

**12.2 Shift Differential**

All employees assigned to work any shift starting between 12:00 P.M. (Noon) and 4: 29 A.M. shall receive the following pay differential.

<b>Starting Time:</b>	<b>Differential:</b>
From 12:00 p.m. through 10:29 p.m. -----	3% base pay
From 10:30 p.m. through 4:29 a.m. -----	6% base pay

**12.3 Service Raise**

For each five (5) years of continuous service with the **Employer**, computed from the date of initial employment, an employee shall receive an annual service raise of three hundred and ten (\$310.00) which will be payable through the normal payroll process. This service raise shall be in addition to any general or special raises which may be granted from time to time.

**12.4 Availability of Payroll Deposit Advices**

The **Employer** will make a good faith effort to have payroll "deposit advice" notices available on City's Employee Portal where employees can view and print their deposit advice.

**12.5 Administrative Procedures**

The following administrative procedures shall be adhered to by the Director of Employee Services in the implementation of the pay plan for employees in the bargaining unit.

**A. Original Appointment**

**(1) Start Rate:**

Initial compensation will be determined by the **Employer**.

**(2) Advanced Appointment Rate**

Initial compensation will be determined by the **Employer**.

**(3) Completion of Probation**

Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the base salary of the employee shall be advanced five percent (5%) or to the maximum of the range, whichever is less.

**(4) Equity with Advanced Appointment Rates**

When a new employee is hired at a rate above the minimum rate of the class range, other employees in the class in the same organizational unit with similar experience will have their base salaries increased to that of the hired employee's end of probation rate, except employees who are subject to disciplinary reductions in pay. Employees with disciplinary reductions in pay shall not be granted such increases until expiration of the disciplinary reduction.

**(5) Hard-to-Fill Positions**

Where there have been demonstrated difficulties in recruiting qualified candidates for specific classifications within the bargaining unit, the Director of Employee Services may authorize a higher starting rate within the range for candidates meeting minimum qualifications. The Director of Employee Services will notify the **Union** of such change prior to its effective date. The Director of Employee Services will review the recruiting situation and the higher starting rate on an annual basis. When a higher starting rate has been authorized pursuant to this Article, all candidates meeting the minimum qualifications will be given the higher start rate. Employees with disciplinary reductions in pay shall not be granted such increases until expiration of the disciplinary reduction.

**B. Advancement Within a Salary Range**

**(1) Completion of Probation**

Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the base salary of the employee shall be advanced five percent (5%) or to the maximum of the range, whichever is less.

**(2) Equity with Advanced Appointment Rates**

When an employee is appointed to any classified position and is hired at a rate above the minimum rate of the range, the Director of Employee Services, upon the request of the department head, may approve an increase in base salary for employees in higher level classes within the class series in the same organizational unit, who possess similar experience, and whose salaries are less than five percent (5%) above the end of probation base salary of the highest paid newly-hired employee in the lower classification. When approved, such increases may be granted up to the end of probation rate of pay of the newly hired employee when they are promoted to the higher classification. When requested and approved, equity increases pursuant to this Article shall be granted to all comparably qualified employees in the organizational unit, except employees who are subject to disciplinary reductions in pay shall not be granted such increases until expiration of the disciplinary reduction.

**(3) Special Pay Increases**

If conditions exist which justify a pay increase to provide equity, or for other reasons not provided in this Plan, the Director of Employee Services, with the concurrence of the Department Director and the Mayor's Budget Review Committee (MBRC) may approve a special pay increase for any employee. The Director of Employee Services shall notify the **Union** that a proposed special pay increase has been forwarded for consideration by the Mayor's Budget Review Committee. Such increase shall not exceed the maximum of the pay range for the class to which the position occupied by the employee is assigned. If as a condition of approval of such increase, any provisions of this Article are affected, the Director of Employee Services shall issue special instructions to be followed in connection with future increases.

**C. Promotions, Demotions and Transfers****(1) Promotion**

When an employee is promoted Priority one to a classification in a higher Pay Grade, the employee's base salary shall be increased by five percent (5%) or to the minimum rate of the range of the higher Pay Grade whichever is greater. Under no circumstances shall an employee's base salary exceed the maximum of the pay range as a result of promotion.

**2) Demotion****(a) During Probation**

When an employee is demoted to his/her former class during the probationary period following a promotion, his/her pay shall be restored to the rate he/she would be earning if the promotion had not been granted (taking into account any increase that the employee would have received in his/her former class.) In the event an employee is demoted during his/her probationary period, he/she shall be eligible for any increases he/she normally would have received had he/she not been promoted. Provided, however, that this subparagraph shall not apply when employees previously employed under Appendix C of this Agreement are hired in permanent positions.

**(b) Voluntary**

In the case of voluntary demotions, the base salary of the employee will be placed within the range of the lower Pay Grade at a rate determined by the employer. If the employee is promoted again within a twelve (12) month period following the demotion, he/she will receive a promotional increase of five percent (5%) upon promotion but will not receive an end of probation increase unless his/her salary was reduced at the time of demotion to the maximum of range. In such cases, upon the successful completion of the probationary period, the employee's salary shall be increased to the rate received prior to demotion.

**(c) Disciplinary**

When an employee is demoted for disciplinary reasons, the rate of pay in the lower range shall be no less than that which the employee received prior to promotion

**(d) Other than Voluntary or Disciplinary**

When an employee is demoted, except for cause or voluntary demotion, the base salary of the employee will be placed within the range of the lower Pay Grade without reduction, except that the base salary may not exceed the maximum of the range of the lower Pay Grade, in which case, the base salary will be placed at the maximum of the range. If the employee is promoted again within a twelve (12) month period following the demotion, he/she will not receive a promotional increase or end of probation increase, unless his/her salary was reduced at the time of demotion to the maximum of the range. In such cases, upon the successful completion of the probationary period, the employee's salary shall be increased to the rate received prior to demotion plus any increase the employee would have received if not demoted.

**(e) Reduction in Force or ADA Placement**

When employees are demoted or otherwise reassigned in connection with a Reduction in Force or ADA Placement, the **Employer**, at its sole discretion, may determine the base pay levels of all affected employees irrespective of any conflicting provisions of this Agreement or the Civil Service and Personnel Rules and Regulations. The intent of this provision is to afford the ability to consider equity concerns in the classification to which the affected employee is placed.

**(f) Transfer**

When a transfer not involving promotion or demotion is made from one position to another with an equivalent pay grade, the base pay of the transferred employee shall remain unchanged.

## 12.6 Pay for Temporary Out-of-Classification Assignments

In any case when an employee is temporarily required to accept the responsibility for work in a higher classification for at least one (1) hour of continuous duty (unless the employee is assigned to a higher classification for the purpose of on-the-job training for advancement purposes, on-the-job training without out-of-class pay shall not exceed twenty (20) work days) the employee shall receive the minimum rate of the higher classification or a five percent (5%) salary increase, whichever is greater, for the time spent working in the higher classification. (Solid Waste employees shall receive the increase for the entire working day.) In no case, however, can the adjusted salary level exceed the maximum of the salary range for the higher position. While employees assigned to a higher classification as provided above shall not have to perform all of the duties of the higher classification in order to be eligible for compensation under this provision, they must perform the preponderance of the work of the higher classification. An employee may be temporarily assigned to the work of any position of the same or lower classification.

## 12.7 Special Differentials

The following employees will be paid a differential under the terms and conditions described below:

- A. Employees who are designated to supervise prison crews and have obtained the appropriate training as directed by the **Employer** will be paid ten percent (10%) differential only during the days actually assigned to supervise a prison crew. Such employees reassigned to other duties not supervising prisoners to meet emergency/ operational needs shall not receive differential on such days.
- B. Employees assigned to operate City Fuel Tankers requiring an additional Hazmat endorsement to the required CDL will receive a five percent (5%) differential. Loss of CDL or the required Hazmat endorsement will be cause for termination of such differential and assignment. Such employees reassigned to other duties not operating a City Fuel Tanker to meet emergency/operation needs shall not receive differential on such days.

Employees who temporarily operate the City Fuel Tankers will receive out of class pay as described in Article 12.6.

### C. Differential for Aerial Bucket Work

In addition to their regular wages, employees assigned to work in an aerial bucket shall receive a fifteen percent (15%) differential for the period of time they are actually working in the aerial bucket.

## 12.8 Incentive Programs

### A. Performance, Safety & Savings Incentives

The **Employer**, at its sole discretion, may from time to time implement incentive programs for individuals or groups consisting of awards and/or cash and/or refreshments (For example: coffee and donuts) in recognition of performance improvements, innovative ideas resulting in savings and/or benefits, or other similar improvements that are work related and can be documented and measured. The **Employer** agrees to furnish the **Union** with a written copy of the **Employer's** incentive plans as they are developed and/or amended from time to time. The **Union** may withdraw from participation in the program at any time during the life of this Agreement upon written notice to the **Employer**.

### B. Incentives for Work-related Credentials

At its sole discretion, the **Employer** may from time to time elect to establish financial incentives to encourage employees to obtain certain work-related certifications or other educational credentials. Incentives may take the form of supplemental pay or one-time or periodic payments. All affected employees will be equally eligible to qualify for, and receive, such incentives under the same terms and conditions. When an incentive program is established, the **Employer** will provide the **Union** with at least two week's written notice of the following information:

- Classification(s) or organizational unit(s) affected.
- Certifications or other educational credentials to be incented.
- Resources available to employees to obtain the certification or credentials.
- Amount and nature of the incentive, the frequency of payment and the actions necessary for employees to qualify.

### C. Employee Referral Program

At its sole discretion, the **Employer** may from time to time elect to

establish an "Employee Referral Program" with financial incentives to encourage current employees to refer candidates for employment in city jobs. Incentives will be in the form of one-time payments. All eligible employees may participate in such a program and receive incentives under the same terms and conditions. If an Employee Referral program is established, the **Employer** will provide the **Union** with at least two week's written notice of the following information:

- Eligibility criteria for participation.
- Referral criteria.
- Time frame the program is to be effective.
- Amount and nature of the incentive, criteria for payment, frequency of payment and actions necessary for employees to qualify.

## 12.9 Review of Classifications and Realignment of Pay Grades

The parties recognize that relationships between classifications may change over time as the nature of work evolves and changes. As a result of such changes, those relationships should be reviewed periodically to determine if revisions in pay grade assignments are appropriate.

- A.** The parties agree that assignment of work to particular classifications, evaluation of classifications and resulting pay grade assignments are management prerogatives. The **Employer** recognizes the **Union's** interest in maintaining equity among classifications in the bargaining unit. Accordingly, during the life of this Agreement the **Union** may notify the Director of Employee Services of its belief that sufficient material changes have occurred in the nature of work assigned to one or more classifications, such that the relationship of that classification(s) to other classes should be reviewed for possible realignment. The Director of Employee Services shall conduct an appropriate review of the circumstances and report the findings to the **Union** and to the appropriate budgetary authority for action as warranted. This review may include recommendations for pay adjustments for affected employees where appropriate.
- B.** When the **Union** and/or an employee alleges that the employee is being regularly required to perform duties which are not consistent with the approved classification of the position being filled by the employee, and the **Union** and/or the employee alleges that the duties assigned are not appropriate for the class specifications to which the position is allocated, the **Union** and/or the employee may request that the Director of Employee Services or his/her designee

review the classification assigned to the employee's position. The Director of Employee Services or his/her designee shall review the duties as requested. The **Union** and the employee will receive a copy of the findings within thirty (30) days of receipt of the complaint.

- C. The Director of Employee Services is authorized to make such changes to the Pay Plan as may be necessary to implement the findings except that no current employee shall have his/her pay adversely affected as a result of such changes.

## 12.10 Severance

During the life of this Agreement the **Employer** may, at its option, offer a voluntary severance plan to certain classifications of bargaining unit employees. Such plan would be on terms proposed by the **Employer**, and any decision to accept such a plan would be made on an individual basis by each affected employee. In the event that the execution of such a plan required a reorganization or redeployment by the **Employer**, the **Union** would have the right to request impact bargaining to the extent provided by law.

## 12.11 Hazardous Pay and other Supplemental Payments

The City strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment for employees by minimizing exposure to known risks and by providing employees with the tools, equipment and training needed to perform their jobs safely. The City does not intend to expose employees to unnecessary hazards in the course of their employment and does not compensate employees for exposing themselves to risks and hazards due to unsafe work practices.

From time to time, the Director of Employee Services upon consultation with the Department Director may determine that supplemental payments are appropriate for employees performing work under uncomfortable or undesirable working conditions and may, in his/her sole discretion, establish criteria for making such supplemental payments. In his/her sole discretion, the Director of Employee Services, with the concurrence of the Mayor's Budget Review Committee, may authorize such supplemental payments for employees in those classifications, assignments or locations.

The City also recognizes that certain job qualifications or certifications may be desirable and allow for more efficient City operations. Accordingly, the Director of Employee Services upon consultation with the Department Director may determine that supplemental payments are appropriate to

incentivize those qualifications. All supplemental with the concurrence of the Mayor's Budget Review Committee, may authorize such supplemental payments for employees in those classifications, assignments or locations.

If such supplemental payments are authorized, the City will provide the Union with at least two weeks written notice of the following information:

- Eligibility criteria for supplemental payments
- The amount and nature of the payments
- Effective date of the supplemental payments and duration (The City reserves the right cease payments based on business conditions).
- Classifications, assignments or locations in which employees will be eligible for supplemental payments
- Current bargaining unit employees eligible to receive the payments

## ARTICLE 13: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

### 13.1 Payment of Benefits Upon Employee's Death

#### A. Death Benefits Payable

Upon the death of an employee, all accrued and unused overtime, vacation leave, and other terminal leave benefits (other than life insurance proceeds for which a beneficiary has been designated), shall be paid within forty-five (45) days to the employee's designated beneficiary of the terminal leave benefits. The **Employer** will provide a form that employees may use to designate the beneficiary of the employee's terminal leave benefits.

#### B. Payment in Absence of Named Beneficiary

When an employee fails to designate a beneficiary of his/her terminal leave benefits, the **Employer** shall pay the terminal leave benefits provided for in Article 13.1(A) as follows:

- (1) The benefits will be paid to the employee's surviving spouse. A surviving spouse may elect to receive a lump sum payment of the leave balance or may elect other options available under applicable ordinance.
- (2) In the event the employee leaves no surviving spouse, the benefits will be paid to the employee's children in equal shares, payable as follows:
  - (a) To each of the employee's children over the age of eighteen (18) who are known to the **Employer**;
  - (b) To the legal guardian or representative of each of the employee's children under the age of eighteen (18) who are known to the **Employer**;
- (3) If the employee has no surviving spouse or children known to the **Employer**, the benefits will be paid to the surviving parent(s) of the employee, in equal shares.
- (4) If the employee has no surviving spouse, children, or parents known to the **Employer**, the benefits will be paid to the employee's estate.

### 13.2 Mileage Reimbursement

An employee who is required by the **Employer** to use his/her personal automobile in the performance of his/her duties will be reimbursed for operating expenses at the rate per mile traveled as prescribed by City Ordinance, exclusive of mileage traveled to and from his/her work location.

### 13.3 Life Insurance

The **Employer** shall, at no expense to the employee, secure and provide group term life insurance coverage in the amount of one times annual salary, with a double indemnity clause for accidental death and dismemberment for those employees covered by this Agreement. It shall further allow the employee, at his/her option to purchase additional group term life insurance, where available, at the expense of the employee, under the same policy. Coverage may be reduced at age seventy (70), to sixty-five percent (65%) of benefits under the policy.

### 13.4 Union-sponsored Payroll Deductions

The **Employer** agrees to provide a payroll deduction process that is available to employees in the bargaining unit for various group plans sponsored by the **Union**. The **Employer** may assess an administrative charge not to exceed six cents per deduction, per payroll for other than city-sponsored plans. The **Union** agrees to indemnify and hold the **Employer** harmless against any claims made and against any lawsuits brought against the **Employer** as a result of this payroll deduction process. This provision shall not be construed to compel the **Employer** to enter into any contractual arrangement with third parties or to undertake any legal liability not expressly provided for in this Agreement.

### 13.5 Comprehensive Medical Coverage

The **Employer** will provide a choice of comprehensive group health plans from which the employee may select. A five percent (5%) employee contribution is required for all plans except for the designated no contribution plan(s). In addition, the **Employer** will pay fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the comprehensive medical coverage for eligible dependents. The employee will pay the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the cost.

### 13.6 Dental Insurance

The **Employer** agrees to pay a partial premium not to exceed ten (\$10.00) dollars per month, per employee covered by this Agreement, for the

purpose of providing partial payment toward a comprehensive dental health plan for said employees.

### 13.7 Prepaid Legal Insurance

The **Union** may elect to establish and administer a group prepaid legal plan for its members. If it elects to do so, the **Union** will be responsible for obtaining the approval of the Florida Bar and the **Employer** before implementing the plan. The **Employer** shall not unreasonably deny its approval of the plan.

The **Employer** will pay a premium for the plan not to exceed fifteen (\$15) dollars per month per employee for the life of this Agreement.

### 13.8 Personal Property Damage

- A.** The **Employer** will repair or replace an employee's personal property, (including prescription eyeglasses) if **all** of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The personal property was damaged as a result of the employee's performance of his/her duties;
  - (2) The damage was not the result of the employee's negligence;
  - (3) The employee reported the damage to the appropriate department head or agency authority, along with reasonable proof of the loss, within seven (7) calendar days after the occurrence of the damage; and
  - (4) The appropriate department head or agency authority approved the repair or replacement of the personal property. If the loss is covered by any insurance policy owned by the victim employee, the **City** will be reimbursed for any replaced items in the amount allowed and paid by the insurance company.
- B.** The **Employer** reserves the right to determine whether to repair or replace damaged property.
- C.** The **Employer** will not repair or replace telephones, pagers, or other electronic devices, or jewelry other than watches, damaged in the performance of an employee's duty.

- D. In no event will the **Employer** pay more than two-hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars to repair or replace any damaged property, except for watches which will be limited to one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
- E. When an employee is entitled to payment under this Article, the **Employer** shall make every reasonable effort to reimburse the employee within thirty (30) days of the report of damage.
- F. The **Employer** shall notify the **Union** when it denies a bargaining unit employee's claim for repair or reimbursement for loss or damage to his/her personal property.

### 13.9 Retirement

#### Deferred Compensation

To the extent permitted by law, the **Employer** will provide employees eligible to retire the option to use sell back leave time to fund their Deferred Compensation Program in the following manner: Upon attaining time service that is within three (3) years of normal time service retirement, the employee will be allowed at their option to cash in accrued leave and retirement leave account not to exceed the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. This provision is subject to acceptance by plan providers of the **City**.

### 13.10 Reimbursement for Required Hazmat Endorsement

The **Employer** agrees to reimburse current bargaining unit employees who are required to hold a hazmat-endorsed commercial driver's license for the initial and recertification cost of obtaining or renewing the hazmat endorsement to include the fingerprinting and background check process required by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for issuance of hazmat endorsements.

## ARTICLE 14: SAFETY AND HEALTH

### 14.1 Safety Practices

- A. The **Employer** will conform to, and comply with, safety, health, sanitation, and working conditions properly required by federal, state, and local law. No employee shall be directed to operate unsafe equipment or to perform acts considered to be unsafe.
- B. Employees are responsible to utilize required safety equipment, and to observe safety rules and practices as promulgated by the **Employer**. Willful neglect, and failure by an employee to obey safety regulations or to use safety devices, shall be just cause for disciplinary action.
- C. All parties will cooperate to eliminate safety and health hazards.
- D. In accordance with established safety practices, the **Employer** will provide protective devices, wearing apparel, and other equipment necessary to protect employees from occupational injury or disease. The **Employer** may improve such safety practices from time to time. Employees may be required to wear hard hats. Protective devices, apparel, and equipment must be used when provided or required.
- E. In activities where safety shoes are required to be worn, the **Employer** shall pay each employee one hundred forty (\$140.00) dollars per year for the purchase of such safety shoes. Such payment will be made the first pay period in January of each year. Replacement of safety shoes prior to expiration of the one-year period shall be at the discretion of the **Employer**. Alternatively, the **City** may elect to provide employees with vouchers to purchase safety shoes directly from a vendor.
- F. The **Employer** agrees to provide first-aid kits to be accessible to employees.

### 14.2 Occupational Health

- A. The **Employer** agrees to periodically post information on bulletin boards noting the inoculation schedules.
- B. Where available, and subject to availability of funds, clean and adequate restrooms and showers shall be provided.

### 14.3 Department Workplace Safety Committee

- A. Each department shall have a Department Safety Committee to discuss safety and health matters such as existing practices and rules relating to safety and health, workplace design, accident statistics and trends, personal protective equipment, safety training, potential toxic substances, first aid procedures and other safety matters. This committee will meet on a regularly scheduled basis and will allow input from a **Union** representative.

### 14.4 City Driving Certification and Vehicle Safety Board

#### A. Vehicle Safety Board

The **City** may establish and maintain a Vehicle Safety Board to which the **Union** may designate one (1) employee representative and an alternate. The representative and alternate shall not be from the same department. Both the representative and the alternate may attend the Board's meetings, but only one shall vote.

#### B. Defensive Drivers' Course

The **Employer** shall require employees to attend and pass a Defensive Drivers' Course in order to operate **City** owned vehicles.

## ARTICLE 15: INJURY IN LINE OF DUTY

### 15.1 Supplemental Benefit

#### A. Eligibility

A permanent employee covered by this Agreement who sustains a temporary disability as a result of accidental injury arising out of the course and scope of employment with the **Employer** shall, in addition to compensation payable pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law of the State of Florida, be entitled to a supplemental benefit under the conditions set out in Article 15.1(C).

#### B. Amount

The amount of the supplemental benefit payable under this Article shall be calculated as follows: the **Employer** will calculate what the employee's net take home pay after taxes and social security deductions would be based upon the employee's regular straight-time wages. The amount of the employee's net take home pay shall be reduced by the amount of workers' compensation payable to the employee. The remainder is the amount of the supplemental benefit payable to the employee. Provided, however, that in no event shall any employee realize more than his/her net after-tax take-home pay as a result of receiving both Workers' Compensation and the supplemental benefit.

#### C. Conditions for Payment

The supplemental benefit provided for in Article 15.1(B) is payable under the following circumstances:

- (1) During the first twenty (20) working days of such disability, the employee shall receive the supplemental benefit.
- (2) Thereafter, the Director of Administration and Finance may, at his/her sole discretion, (which discretion shall not be subject to arbitration), grant additional supplemental benefit.
- (3) An employee whose workers' compensation benefit is reduced pursuant to Chapter 440 F.S. shall not be eligible to receive a supplemental benefit.

## **15.2 Transportation for Initial Medical Evaluation and/or Treatment**

The **Employer** will transport employees to medical facilities for initial evaluation and/or treatment of an injury on the job, if needed.

## **15.3 Transitional Duty**

An employee who is temporarily partially disabled from performing the duties of his/her classification due to an on-the-job-injury may be temporarily reassigned without reduction in pay, in accordance with the Civil Service and Personnel Rules and Regulations, to other duties commensurate with medical and mental fitness, availability of suitable work, and his/her qualifications for the position. The **Employer** will make a reasonable effort to temporarily reassign the employee, in accordance with the provisions of this Article, provided that failure to do so shall not be a basis for grievance or arbitration.

## **15.4 Payroll Deductions**

If an employee is eligible for monetary benefits under workers' compensation, normal payroll deductions will continue from workers' compensation benefits to avoid interrupting **Employer** provided benefits such as pension and healthcare

## ARTICLE 16: HOLIDAYS

**16.1 A.** Employees shall observe the following twelve (12) holidays with pay each year:

Date	Observance
January 1st	New Year's Day
3rd Monday in January	Martin Luther King's Birthday
3rd Monday in February	Presidents' Day
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
July 4th	Independence Day
1st Monday in September	Labor Day
November 11th	Veterans' Day
4th Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
Friday after Thanksgiving	Day After Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
Personal Holiday	

**B.** Employees shall also be granted a paid holiday for any day declared a holiday by ordinance of the Council or by proclamation of the Mayor.

**C.** Once an employee has completed initial probation and achieved permanent civil service status, he/she may take the Personal Leave Day on any date during the fiscal year as agreed upon by the employee and the Division Chief, or designee. Employees in classifications which have probation periods longer than six (6) months may take the Personal Leave Day after they have satisfactorily completed six (6) months of employment. Personal leave days not taken by the end of the fiscal year shall be forfeited.

**D.** Employees who work a schedule other than an eight (8) hour day shall have a holiday that conforms to their work schedule. If payment for such time or any portion thereof is mutually agreed to in lieu of time off, then the employee shall be paid at time-and- one-half (1-1/2) for those hours, but in no event shall the employee receive, in either pay or time off, an amount in excess of double time-and-one-half (2-1/2) for holiday hours.

**16.2** Whenever an observed holiday occurs on an employee's scheduled day off, the **Employer** shall schedule the employee to take a day off on another day mutually agreed to, or compensate him/her at straight time rate.

- 16.3 A.** When an employee is required to work on a holiday listed in Article 16.1, he/she shall be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular straight-time hourly rate for any hours worked, in addition to his/her straight-time pay for that day.
- B.** Temporary employees shall not normally be utilized to perform work on one of the holidays listed in Article 16.1. The **Employer** may utilize temporary employees to work the above holidays only after employees within the designated bargaining unit have first been given the opportunity to work and have declined said assignment.
- 16.4** An employee shall receive payment for any paid holiday unless:
- A.** He/she has an unexcused absence (excluding tardiness) on the last regular workday preceding such holiday, or on the next regular workday following such holiday.
- B.** Having been scheduled to work on such holiday, he/she fails to report for work without justifiable reason for such absence.
- C.** He/she is on leave of absence without pay.
- D.** He/she is receiving a wage benefit from Workers' Compensation.
- 16.5** When a holiday listed in this Article falls on a weekend, the following rules shall govern its observance:
- A.** A holiday that falls on a Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday, except as noted below.
- B.** A holiday that falls on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday, except as noted below.
- C.** When Christmas Eve falls on either a Saturday or a Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Tuesday.
- D.** In those activities where employees are assigned to work, or where emergency maintenance crews are assigned, the actual day of the holiday shall be observed for purposes of calculating pay.

## ARTICLE 17: OTHER LEAVE

### 17.1 Jury Duty

Any employee who is required to perform jury service during his/her normal working hours shall be paid his/her regular salary. The employee summoned as a juror shall immediately notify his/her supervisor by furnishing a copy of his/her summons. Any shift employee who is required to perform jury service will be temporarily assigned to the day shift. An employee who reports for jury duty and is dismissed shall report to work for the remainder of the workday. An employee who is released from jury duty prior to four (4) hours from the end of the workday shall be required to report to his/her work site within one and one-half (1-1/2) hours after his/her release.

### 17.2 Witness Duty

- A. Any employee who, as a result of his/her City duties, is called to testify on behalf of the City in a civil judicial matter while off duty shall be entitled to compensation for all hours on such special duty. Any employee who is subpoenaed to testify during his/her normal working hours in a civil judicial matter unrelated to his/her City duties shall, at the option of the employee, be allowed to use accumulated paid leave or be placed on leave without pay during that time.
- B. Any employee who is subpoenaed to provide testimony in a civil or criminal case to which he/she is not a party during his/her normal working hours shall be paid his/her regular wages during that time.

### 17.3 Bereavement/Funeral Leave

#### A. Immediate Family

At the time of the death of a member of an employee's immediate family, the **Employer** may authorize the employee to take funeral leave for up to a maximum of five (5) working days (not to exceed 40 hours) without loss of pay, within the next two weeks (14 days).

#### B. Co-Worker

Employees may be granted up to four (4) hours funeral leave, without loss of pay, to either attend or serve as an active pallbearer at the funeral of a co-worker, active or retired, from the same department,

unless operational needs dictate that the employee must be present at work.

**Definition of “Immediate Family”**

For purposes of this Article, “immediate family” is defined as an employee’s

<b>“Immediate Family” Defined</b>	
Spouse	
Children	including step-children and children’s spouses
Parents	including step parents and parents-in-law
Brothers and Sisters	including half- and step- siblings, and brothers- and sisters-in-law
Aunts, Uncles	
Nieces and Nephews	Maximum allowance of three (3) days
Grandparents	
Grandchildren	
Other relatives who permanently reside with the employee.	
Also applies to relatives of the employees spouse.	

**Provisions Governing Funeral Leave Authorization**

The **Employer** will not unreasonably deny a request for funeral leave subject to the provisions of this Article.

- A.** The **Employer** will require the employee to supply documentation of the death as well as the employee’s relationship to the deceased prior to payment of funeral leave benefits.
- B.** Needs of employees upon the death of a family member may vary depending upon individual circumstances.
  - (1)** In determining the amount of funeral leave to be authorized in each situation, the **Employer** will take into consideration such factors as:
    - (a)** Distance to the funeral location;
    - (b)** Relationship of the employee to the deceased; and
    - (c)** The employee’s responsibility for funeral arrangements and other business matters.

- (2) If the employee requires additional time off to attend the funeral of a member of the immediate family, the **Employer** may permit the employee to use a reasonable period of accrued , personal leave, or retirement leave. The employee may decide which of the leave accounts should be charged for the additional funeral leave where authorized.

#### **17.4 Military Leave**

Leaves of absence and re-employment rights of employees inducted into the military service shall be as described under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994, Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code.

#### **17.5 Parental Leave Plan**

The **City** and the **Union** recognize the importance of our employee's families and the value of time during the birth or adoption of a child. In this spirit, the **City** will offer a parental leave plan consisting of paid time off following the birth or adoption of a child.

The **City** will establish policies and procedures for administering the Parental Leave Plan as outlined in applicable HR Directive.

**ARTICLE 18: PERSONAL LEAVE (PLAN E)**

**18.1** This Article shall apply to all permanent, probationary, and provisional employees of the following categories:

- A.** Employees hired on or after October 1, 1968, and prior to October 1, 1987.
- B.** Those employees who elected to use their option and participate in the personal leave plan shall remain in said plan until such time as this personal leave plan or policy is changed.

**18.2** Employees shall accrue personal leave with pay according to the following schedule on a bi-weekly basis:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Annual Accrual Rate</b>
0 through 4 years	• 160 hours
5 through 9 years	• 184 hours
10 through 14 years	• 208 hours
15 through 19 years	• 232 hours
20 through 24 years	• 256 hours
25 years or more	• 280 hours

The rate of accrual shall change to the higher rate at the start of the pay period in which the employee's adjusted service date falls.

**18.3** Employees, when eligible and authorized may use their accrued personal leave for any reason they deem necessary as provided in Article 18.4. Authorization for use of earned leave shall not be unreasonably withheld. Authorized use of personal leave per the guidelines established in 18.4, shall not constitute grounds for disciplinary action, however it is the employee's responsibility to ensure that he/she has sufficient accrued time available to cover the requested and authorized time off.

**18.4** Accrued personal leave may be taken at any time when authorized by the appropriate supervisor. Requests for personal leave must be submitted in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance for personal leave of five (5) or more consecutive workdays. Requests for personal leave of less than five (5) consecutive workdays must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, unless the personal leave is for illness or emergency. In the latter case, written requests shall be submitted as soon as practicable. Scheduling of personal leave will be based on seniority and classification within the department for the first request of five (5) days or more. Upon

written request and with at least fifteen (15) days' advance notice when required, an employee taking at least one (1) week of authorized personal leave, may have one-half or the whole of his/her normal bi-weekly take home pay advanced to him on his/her last regular payday before his/her scheduled leave. Employees are responsible for maintaining sufficient hours in their leave banks to cover requested leave, as well as for unanticipated emergencies.

### **18.5 Maximum Accrual**

Personal leave shall accrue to a maximum of nine hundred sixty (960) hours.

### **18.6 Rollback Payments**

The **Employer** will compensate employees on an hour-for-hour basis for any accrued amount over nine hundred sixty (960) hours as of September 30 each year. These payments may be made as early as the second payday in November but shall be made no later than the first payday in December at the September 30 rate of pay.

### **18.7 Sellback Payments**

- A.** An employee who does not use all of the personal leave accrued in a fiscal year may be paid the difference between the amount used and the amount accrued for that fiscal year on an hour-for-hour basis. Leave hours transferred to deferred comp will count as leave time used during the fiscal year.
- B.** To receive such payment, the employee must make an irrevocable election in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the payment is made. For example, for leave accrued during fiscal year 2010-2011, the irrevocable election must be made on or before September 30, 2010 in accordance with administrative procedures established by the City of Jacksonville.
- C.** This payment is not available to an employee who would have less than eighty (80) hours of personal leave remaining after such payment. Such payments will be made on the first payday in December at the September 30 rate of pay.

### **18.8 Using Leave to Fund Deferred Compensation**

The **Employer** will provide employees eligible to retire the option to use unaccrued leave time to fund their Deferred Compensation Program

pursuant to the terms of this article and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations in the following manner:

- A.** First, an employee who does not intend to use all of the personal leave to be accrued in a fiscal year may elect to be paid all or part of the difference on a percentage basis, between the amount of leave to be used and the amount of leave to be accrued for that fiscal year on an hour-for-hour basis. Payments will be made on the second payday in January at the September 30 rate of pay. To receive such payment, the employee must make an irrevocable election of the percentage to be paid. The election must be made no later than September 30 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the leave will accrue. Elections shall be made in accordance with administrative procedures established by the City of Jacksonville.

Employees otherwise eligible for this option who do not elect to be paid a percentage of leave prior to the deadline will not be permitted to be paid any leave for the subsequent calendar year (except as otherwise required pursuant to Section 18.6).

This election will not be effective for an employee who would have less than eighty (80) accrued annual leave hours remaining after such payment.

- B.** Second, an employee who has timely made the payment election described in Section 18.7 (A) may elect to defer all or a portion of such payment into an eligible nonqualified deferred compensation plan, up to the maximum amount permitted under the plan and by law and subject to applicable timing requirements.

**18.9** The minimum amount of personal leave to be taken and charged shall be one half (1/2) hour.

**18.10** Personal leave will be charged only against an employee's regular workday and shall not be charged for absences on prearranged overtime work, unscheduled call-in overtime days, or holidays.

**18.11** Should a holiday, provided for in Article 16 of this Agreement, fall within an employee's scheduled personal leave period, the holiday will not be charged against the employee's personal leave.

**18.12** An employee must notify his/her immediate supervisor as early as reasonably possible and no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to starting

time on the first day that the employee is unable to report to work because of illness and any subsequent days of unscheduled absence. Employees on rotating shift work must notify their immediate supervisor no later than thirty (30) minutes before shift starting time. The employee will furnish adequate explanation of his/her absence when requested by the supervisor and notify the supervisor of the approximate amount of time that the employee will be absent. Unscheduled absences are subject to investigation by the appropriate supervisor. An employee will be counseled whenever a pattern clearly develops where an employee is abusing unscheduled personal leave.

The **Employer** has the right to require any employee to undergo a medical or psychological examination by an assigned doctor at any time to ascertain whether or not the employee is physically and mentally capable of performing any and all duties required of the employee's classification. This examination will be conducted on the **Employer's** time and at the **Employer's** expense. On the date of the examination, the employee will not be required to report to his/her regular duty assignment. Time at the examination will be counted as hours worked.

- 18.13** If an extended illness causes an employee to use all of his/her accrued personal leave, then such employee may use days previously transferred to the employee's retirement account pursuant to Article 18.5, as explained below:
- A.** If an employee, due to an extended continuous illness, requires five (5) or more working days leave for illness, then such leave, may at the employee's option, be deducted from the personal leave days previously transferred to the employee's retirement leave account.
  - B.** If an employee has ten (10) or less personal leave days in his/her personal leave account, then the employee may, at the employee's option, use his/her retirement account for bona fide illness.
  - C.** If an employee has no time remaining in the personal leave account but has time remaining in the retirement leave account, then leave for illness or emergency, if properly approved, shall be automatically charged to the retirement account unless specified otherwise by the employee.
- 18.14** Upon termination for other than retirement purposes, the employee shall be paid for all accrued personal leave and shall be paid one (1) day for every two (2) days accrued in the employee's retirement account.

**18.15** For purposes of this Agreement, retirement shall mean retirement pursuant to the full time service requirements or early vesting retirement pursuant to the provisions in requirements of the pension plans of the **City** or its former governments; retirement by reason of age pursuant to Social Security for employees covered solely by Social Security, provided such employee has ten (10) years of service with the City; or retirement of officers or employees of the **Employer** who have more than ten (10) years of service with the City and who are covered by the Florida Retirement System. Upon retirement of an employee, said employee's personal leave account and retirement leave account shall be used or paid for on a day-for-day basis, up to a maximum of one hundred-twenty (120) days in each account, under the following provisions:

- A.** Leave may be taken either immediately prior to the desired eligible retirement date, which leave may then be used for the fulfillment of time service requirements; or
- B.** Such leave may be taken following fulfillment of time service requirements;
- C.** Employees electing to use leave pursuant to subsection (a) and (b) may be maintained on the regular payroll, thereby continuing to avail the employee of payroll deductions, pension contributions, and insurance deductions;
- D.** Requests to be placed on such leave shall be considered irrevocable;
- E.** While on such leave, an employee shall not accrue personal leave but shall be paid for legal holidays and shall be eligible for any general salary increases.
- F.** If the employee elects not to take leave, the leave account will be paid in one lump sum, on a day-for-day basis.

**18.16** Upon the death of an employee, the beneficiary provided for in Article 13.1 shall be paid for all accrued personal and retirement leave on the basis of one (1) day's pay for each day in said accounts.

**ARTICLE 19: PERSONAL LEAVE (PLAN H)**

**19.1** This Article shall apply to all permanent, probationary and provisional employees employed on or after October 1, 1987.

**19.2** Employees currently in Vacation and Sick Leave Plan F may convert their accrued vacation days and accrued sick leave to the personal leave account (Plan H) on a day-for-day basis.

**19.3 Method of Earning and Accruing Personal Leave:**

**A.** Employees shall accrue personal leave with pay for straight-time hours worked in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Annual Accrual Rate</b>
0 months through 4 years	• 160 hours
5 years through 9 years	• 184 hours
10 years through 14 years	• 208 hours
15 years through 19 years	• 232 hours
20 years through 24 years	• 256 hours
25 years or more	• 280 hours

**B.** Employees shall earn leave time based on time actually worked and time on approved leave with pay.

**C.** Personal leave will be credited to the employee at the rate stated in Article 19.3(A) on a bi-weekly basis. The leave shall be credited on the last day of the pay period.

**D.** The rate of accrual shall change to the higher rate at the start of the pay period in which the employee's adjusted service date falls.

**19.4** Personal leave shall accrue to a maximum of six hundred (600) hours. Accrued and unused personal leave over six hundred (600) hours will be forfeited, except if applied in accordance with the provisions of Article 19.5 below.

**19.5** There shall also be established a Critical Emergency Leave Bank (CELB). Any accrual over the maximum of six hundred (600) hours allowed in the regular personal leave account pursuant to Article 19.4 may be credited to the CELB account up to a maximum of seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. To transfer excess time to the CELB, those employees with accrual over six hundred (600) hours in the Personal Leave Account on September 30 each

fiscal year, shall execute a transfer option immediately after the close of the fiscal year, but no later than October 31. The CELB account shall be used as follows:

- A.** The CELB shall only be used for critical emergency illness. A critical emergency illness is defined as any incapacitating emergency illness requiring hospitalization and/or a recuperation period documented by a certified physician and/or hospital.
- B.** The CELB shall only be used for a critical illness of more than ten (10) consecutive days of the employee or member of his/her immediate family. Immediate family is defined as: parents, spouse, children, step-children, and any blood relative who permanently resides with the employee.
- C.** Upon separation with greater than twenty (20) years of service, employees will be paid up to sixty (60) hours of accrued CELB hours.

**19.6** Employees, when eligible and authorized as provided in Articles 19.7 through 19.10, may take accrued personal leave for any reason they deem necessary. Personal leave may be taken only from accrued personal leave days earned. Authorized use of earned personal leave per the guidelines established in 19.7 shall not constitute grounds for disciplinary action; however, it is the employee's responsibility to ensure that he/she has sufficient accrued time available to cover the requested and authorized time off. Employees may not "run out" leave once a resignation or retirement notice has been given and accepted.

**19.7** Accrued personal leave may be taken at any time when authorized by the appropriate supervisor. Requests for personal leave must be submitted in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance for personal leave requests of five (5) or more consecutive working/shift days. Requests for personal leave of less than five (5) consecutive working/shift days must be submitted in writing for approval at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, unless the personal leave is for illness or emergency. In the latter case, written requests shall be submitted as soon as practicable. These advance notice requirements may be waived by the division chief. Requests for leave of any nature, as provided for above, shall not be unreasonably denied. Employees are responsible for maintaining sufficient hours in their leave banks to cover requested leave, as well as for unanticipated emergencies.

**19.8** The minimum amount of personal leave to be taken and charged shall be one half (1/2) hour. Personal leave will be charged only against an employee's regular workday and shall not be charged for absences on

prearranged overtime work, unscheduled call-in overtime, or holidays.

- 19.9** Should a legal holiday fall within an employee's scheduled personal leave period, no personal leave time will be charged for the holiday.
- 19.10** An employee must notify his/her immediate supervisor as early as reasonably possible and no later than starting time on the first day that the employee is unable to report to work because of illness. Employees on rotating shift work must notify their immediate supervisor no later than fifteen (15) minutes before shift starting time on the first day that the employee is unable to work because of illness and any subsequent days of unscheduled absence. The employee will furnish adequate explanation of his/her absence when requested by the supervisor and notify the supervisor of the approximate amount of time that the employee will be absent. Unscheduled absences are subject to investigation by the appropriate supervisor. An employee will be counseled whenever a pattern of absences clearly develops where an employee has more than 6 unscheduled absences in a rolling calendar year, or where an employee is abusing unscheduled personal leave.

The **Employer** has the right to require any employee to undergo a medical or psychological examination by an assigned doctor at any time to ascertain whether or not the employee is physically and mentally capable or performing any and all duties required of the employee's classification. This examination will be conducted on the **Employer's** time and at the **Employer's** expense. On the date of the examination, the employee will not be required to report to his/her regular duty assignment. Time at the examination will count as hours worked.

- 19.11** Upon retirement, or services with the **City** of 5 years or more, (including vesting under the pension law) of an employee, the employee shall be paid for all unused accrued personal leave on a day-for-day basis.
- 19.12** Upon termination of an employee with less than 5 years of service with the **City**, the employee shall be paid for seventy-five percent (75%) of all unused personal leave on a day-for-day basis.

## **ARTICLE 20: CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The **City** and the **Union** recognize the importance of continuing education in providing equitable employment opportunities, employee growth and agree to a mutual commitment of education for employees in this bargaining unit.

In accordance with Section 106.901 of the Ordinance Code, the **City** may establish a Career Development Program. The **City** may reimburse employees for eligible tuition expenses in order to enhance the quality of the existing workforce, attract and retain qualified candidates for **City** employment, and to ensure that **City** employees have access to education that will equip them to do the work that will be needed during their careers with the City of Jacksonville.

Reimbursement will be in accordance with established policies and procedures which will cover, among other things, time limits for submission of requests, eligible coursework, and required documentation.

This program is dependent upon funding.

## ARTICLE 21: COMPREHENSIVE DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

**Introduction: The Union and the City hereby jointly express their commitment to a Drug-Free Workplace for the health and safety of employees and citizens of the City of Jacksonville. In accordance with this commitment, the parties support a policy of Zero Tolerance for Alcohol and Drug Abuse and further agree that employees violating this policy can and will be disciplined up to and including termination.**

### 21.1 Definitions

- A. "Alcohol abuse" means the use of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, on or off duty, which impairs or adversely affects the employee's ability to perform his/her job duties. Using or being under the influence of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on the job by City employees is strictly prohibited.
- B. "Drug abuse" means the ingestion of any controlled substance as defined in Section 893.03, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, not pursuant to a lawful prescription. The term drug abuse also includes the commission of any act prohibited by Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.
- C. "Controlled Substance/drugs" means any controlled substance as defined in Section 893.03, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, not possessed or taken in accordance with a lawful prescription.
- D. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs means those guidelines as printed in the April 11, 1988 Federal Register (53 FR 11970), as they may be amended from time to time.
- E. "Reasonable suspicion" is a suspicion which is based on specific, objective facts derived from surrounding circumstances from which it is reasonable to infer that further investigation is warranted.
- F. "Vehicle" is an automobile, truck or other type of motorized equipment.

**21.2** The **Employer** may require an employee to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing under any of the following seven (7) circumstances:

- A. As part of the initial screening process for employment applicants.
- B. As required by the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (OTETA).
- C. When an employee is promoted.
- D. When one or two managerial or supervisory employees makes the observation and determine that there is reasonable suspicion that an employee is using, or under the influence of a controlled substance/drug while on duty; or that the employee is abusing alcohol or controlled substance/drugs and the abuse either adversely affects his/her job performance or represents a threat to the safety of the employee, his/her co-workers, or the public.
- E. When an employee who is operating a **City** vehicle, or operating any vehicle while on **City** business causes or contributes to an accident and the accident involves personal injury or property damage which could result in liability of, or loss to, the **Employer**.
- F. At any time within one year after an employee has been counseled or otherwise disciplined because of a problem with alcohol, has a positive test of less than .04 for the presence of alcohol, or has completed initial rehabilitation for a problem with alcohol, whichever is later.
- G. As part of a Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program applicable to employees in safety-sensitive positions.

### 21.3 General Testing Procedures

- A. When an employee is required to provide specimens for these testing procedures, the specimen will be divided into two (2) samples at the time of collection by the testing laboratory in order to facilitate the testing procedures described in this Article. The **Employer** shall follow the chain of custody procedures consistent with the DHHS and/or OTETA Guidelines.
- B. The threshold level or cut-off limit shall be established in accordance with the DHHS and/or OTETA Guidelines, or in accordance with generally accepted medical procedures, where such limits have not been established by the DHHS or OTETA Guidelines.
- C. The **City** shall notify the **Union** of the specific procedures to be utilized

in the drug testing program, including the site(s) where specimens will be collected, in advance of implementing the program.

- D.** The **Employer** shall observe the following procedures to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the DHHS and/or OTETA Guidelines:
- (1)** The **Employer** shall submit the first of the samples to an immunochemical assay or radio-immunoassay test or currently acceptable DHHS Guideline test. If the results of this test are negative, no further testing will be required.
  - (2)** If the results of the initial test provided for in Article 21 .3(D) 1 are positive, the **Employer** will submit the sample for further testing using the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) method or other method specified by DHHS Guidelines to verify the initial test results. The **Employer** will not notify any person about the initial positive result, until it has been confirmed as provided for in this Article.
- E.** If the results of the second test for controlled substance/drugs that is provided for in Article 21.3(D)(2) are positive, as confirmed by a qualified medical review officer, the **Employer** shall promptly notify the employee of the results. At that time, the employee may elect to have the second sample subjected to testing.
- F.** Employees who are tested on the basis of reasonable suspicion will, depending on the nature of their job duties, be returned to their job, assigned to a different work location, or placed on administrative leave with pay pending receipt of the test results.
- G.** When testing is performed under the auspices of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, the Federal protocol must be followed.

#### **21.4 Rehabilitative/Corrective Action**

- A.** The **Employer** may require an employee who has tested positive for the presence of alcohol and/or controlled substances/drugs to submit to counseling, or other rehabilitative treatment as a condition of continued employment. This Article shall not be construed to limit the **Employer's** right to take appropriate disciplinary action when an employee tests positive for the presence of alcohol and/or controlled substances/drugs.

- B. Any employee who refuses to submit to alcohol and/or substance abuse testing as required by this Article shall be subject to discipline, up to and including discharge from employment.
- 21.5**
- A. The **Employer** will pay the cost of any physical examination and tests performed pursuant to this Article. This shall not include the cost of any documentation.
  - B. Physical examinations and specimens required by this Article will normally be obtained while the employee is on duty. If an employee is required to submit to examinations or testing other than during normal duty hours, the employee shall be paid for all time required for the examination and/or testing.
  - C. Physical examinations and tests will be performed by medical personnel selected by the **Employer**.
  - D. An employee who is required by this Article to take a physical examination or test shall be required to sign an authorization releasing the records of such examinations and tests to those **City** officials whose job requires direct access to such information. Disclosure of test results to any other person, agency or organization is prohibited unless written authorization has been obtained from the employee.
  - E. The **Employer** will, to the extent permitted by law, endeavor to keep the results of any testing required by this Article confidential. Furthermore, any positive test results which the **Employer** later determines to have been refuted shall have affixed thereto the subsequent refutation. Test results shall be considered confidential medical records.

#### **21.6 Prior Notice of Testing Policy**

The **Employer** shall provide written notice of its drug and alcohol testing policy to all employees and job applicants. The lack of such notification shall not affect the validity of any testing that otherwise complies with the requirements of this Article. This notice shall contain the following information:

- A. The need for drug and alcohol testing;
- B. The circumstances when testing may be required;

- C. The procedures for confirming an initial positive drug test result;
- D. The consequences of a confirmed positive test result;
- E. The consequences of refusing to undergo a drug and/or alcohol test;
- F. The right to explain a positive test result and the appeal procedures available; and
- G. The availability of Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counseling and referral services.

### **21.7 Reasonable Suspicion**

Any employee who has reasonable suspicion that another employee (including any supervisory or managerial employee) is using, under the influence of, or in possession of alcohol or controlled substances/drugs while on duty, shall report that suspicion to the suspected employee's department head or designee. The reporting employee's identity shall (to the extent permitted by law) be disclosed only on a "need to know" basis, and any employee who has made such a report based upon reasonable suspicion shall be protected from reprisal.

## ARTICLE 22: DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE

- 22.1** Employees shall not be discharged, suspended, or otherwise disciplined except for proper and just cause, and in no event until they have been furnished with a written statement of the specific charges and the reason(s) for such action, except as provided for in Rule 9.05(4) of the City of Jacksonville Civil Service and Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- 22.2** The procedure for dismissals, demotions, and suspensions shall be as outlined in the Civil Service and Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- 22.3** Employees shall have the right to review their personnel files upon request. The employee shall have the opportunity to submit a written statement responding to a reprimand, which will be entered in his/her file attached to the reprimand. If an employee feels that any correspondence written about him/her is unjustified, he/she shall have the right to use the Grievance Procedure as outlined in this Agreement. The affected employee shall receive a copy of any and all counseling, discipline or detrimental documents placed within his/her personnel file.
- 22.4** Employees may receive oral or written counseling before discipline. The supervisor who provides counseling shall discuss the problem directly with the employee.
- 22.5** An employee shall not be required to sign documents, including discipline, and acknowledgment of rules or policies against his/her will. In situations where an employee declines to sign a document when requested, the **Employer** may note the employee's refusal, and may document via witnesses that the document was presented to the employee. An employee shall not be disciplined solely for declining to sign a document when requested.
- 22.6** After a disciplinary or detrimental document has been on file in the employee's personnel file for a period of twenty-four (24) months, that document shall not be used in any adverse way against the employee. At the employee's written request, the document, and shall be marked as sealed. When an agency head or designee, the Director of Employee Services, the courts, an arbitrator, or any statutory authority determines that a document has been placed in an employee's personnel file in error, or is otherwise invalid, such document shall be marked as sealed along with a letter of explanation.
- 22.7** All breaches of discipline shall be fully investigated in a thoroughly impartial

manner before discipline is administered or recommended to the appointing authority. Disciplinary matters shall be handled as expeditiously as possible. The **Employer** will notify an employee that it has begun an investigation that may result in discipline.

**22.8** The **Employer** agrees to notify the **Union** of any proposed disciplinary actions against any employee within the bargaining unit, by mailing a copy of the notice of proposed disciplinary action to the **Union** at or about the same time said notice is transmitted to the affected employee.

**22.9** Subject to the provisions of Article 23, any employee shall have the right to either grieve a disciplinary action pursuant to the grievance procedure of this Agreement, or to appeal the decision to the Civil Service Board except that appealing a grievance to arbitration constitutes an election of remedies and a waiver of any and all appeal rights to the Civil Service appeals process by the initiating party and all persons it represents.

## ARTICLE 23: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

**23.1** A grievance means a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of a specific term or provision of this Agreement. Any grievance filed shall refer to the provision(s) alleged to have been violated and shall set forth the facts pertaining to the alleged violation. The grievance will systematically follow the steps of the grievance procedure contained in this Article, except as otherwise provided.

**23.2 Rules for Grievance Processing:**

- A.** The aggrieved employee must bring forth the grievance as soon as he/she knows or should have known about the act or condition on which the grievance is based.
- B.** Receipt of a written grievance shall be acknowledged in writing, including by e-mail, including the date it was received.
- C.** A written grievance must include the following information in the designated space on the grievance form.

<b>Information Required in Written Grievance</b>	
<b>1</b>	A complete statement of the grievance and facts upon which it is based including the date of the action complained of.
<b>2</b>	The Article(s) of this Agreement claimed to have been misinterpreted, misapplied, or violated to include a statement as to how the Agreement has been misinterpreted, misapplied or violated.
<b>3</b>	The remedy or correction requested.
<b>4</b>	The date the grievance was filed.
<b>5</b>	The signature of the aggrieved employee. Grievances filed by the <b>Union</b> affecting two (2) or more employees shall be signed by the designated steward or other appropriate <b>Union</b> representative and shall follow the procedures set forth in this Article. If the grievance is filed electronically, LIUNA will copy all aggrieved employees on the electronic submission.

**D. Time Limits**

- (1)** If a grievance is not advanced to the next higher step within the time limit provided, the grievance shall be deemed resolved on the basis the latest decision issued by the **Employer**.

- (2) If the **City's** representative fails to answer within the time limit set forth at any step, the grievance may be advanced to the next step.
- (3) The parties may agree to extend time limits at any step of the grievance procedure.
- (4) In computing time limits under this Agreement, working days are defined as Mondays through Fridays not including authorized paid holidays. Working days are not determined by any individual employee's work schedule.

**E. Resolution**

- (1) Settlement of a grievance may not be made retroactive to a date any earlier than the effective date of this Agreement.
- (2) Grievance decisions concerning disciplinary action shall not constitute a precedent for any purpose. Step IV grievance decisions shall constitute a precedent insofar as they concern interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement.

**23.3 Grievance Procedure**

**A. Step I**

**Level:** The aggrieved employee shall present his/her grievance in writing to his/her area manager/superintendent unless the decision being grieved was made at a higher level, in which case the grievance will be filed at the level at which the decision was made.

**Time for Filing:** Within ten (10) working days after he/she has knowledge of the grievance.

**Process:** The **City** representative shall conduct a meeting with the aggrieved employee within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance. Discussions will be informal.

**Decision:** The **City** representative shall reach a decision and communicate in writing to the aggrieved employee and/or **Union** within ten (10) working days from the date the grievance meeting was conducted.

**B. Step II**

**Level:** If the grievance is not settled at Step I, the aggrieved employee shall present it in writing to his/her division chief.

**Time for Filing:** Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision at Step One or the date it was due.

**Process:** The division chief shall obtain the facts concerning the alleged grievance and shall within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written grievance conduct a meeting with the aggrieved employee. Either the division chief or the employee may request that the grievant's representative be present. Discussions will be informal.

**Decision:** The division chief shall reach a decision and communicate it in writing to the aggrieved employee and/or **Union** within ten (10) working days from the date the grievance meeting was conducted.

**C. Step III**

**Level:** If the grievance is not settled at Step II, the aggrieved employee shall, present it to the department head.

**Time for Filing:** Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision at Step Two or the date it was due.

**Process:** The department head, or his/her designee, shall obtain the facts concerning the grievance and shall conduct a meeting with the aggrieved employee and his/her representative, if requested. At his/her request, the aggrieved employee may be accompanied at this meeting by his/her **Union** steward.

**Decision:** The department head, or designee, shall notify the aggrieved employee of his/her decision in writing, with a copy to the **Union**, within ten (10) working days from the date the grievance meeting was conducted.

**D. Step IV**

**Level:** If the grievance is not settled at Step III, the aggrieved employee shall, forward the written grievance to the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations.

**Time for Filing:** Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision at Step Three or the date it was due.

**Process:** The Chief of Employee and Labor Relations, or his/her designee, shall meet with the aggrieved employee and/or his/her designated representative within ten (10) working days after receipt of the grievance.

**Decision:** The Chief of Employee and Labor Relations, or his/her designee, shall furnish a copy of his/her decision in writing to the aggrieved employee, with a copy to the **Union**, within ten (10) working days after the meeting.

**23.4 Arbitration**

**A. Initiation of Arbitration**

(1) If the grievance is not settled in accordance with the provisions

of Article 23.3, the aggrieved employee, and/or the **Union**, may serve the Chief of Employee and Labor Relations with a written Notice of Intent to Arbitrate, together with a written statement of the facts and the specific provision(s) of this Agreement at issue, no later than thirty (30) working days after receipt of the **Employer's** response at Step IV, or the date it was due. If the Notice of Intent to Arbitrate is not filed within such thirty (30) working days, the **Employer's** Step IV answer shall be final and binding upon the aggrieved employee and the **Union**.

- (2) It is specifically and expressly understood that appealing a grievance to arbitration constitutes an election of remedies and a waiver of any and all appeal rights to the Civil Service appeals process by the initiating party and all persons it represents.
- (3) In its Notice of Intent to Arbitrate, the aggrieved employee or the **Union**, may propose the names of two (2) arbitrators, either of whom is acceptable to the initiating party. If the parties do not mutually agree upon the selection of one (1) of the persons listed, or of some other person qualified to arbitrate, the parties will select an arbitrator as follows:
  - (a) The initiating party will request a panel of five (5) arbitrators from either the American Arbitration Association (A.A.A.) or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to be provided within thirty (30) days of the request.
  - (b) After the panel has been received from the A.A.A. or the FMCS, the representative of the **Union** or the employee, and the **Employer** shall meet and alternately strike names until one (1) name remains. The party requesting arbitration shall strike the first name. The last name remaining shall be selected.
  - (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, an arbitrator may be mutually selected by the parties by a mutually agreeable means other than the methods specified in Article 23.4(A)(3).

**B. Hearings and Decisions**

- (1) After the A.A.A. or FMCS has been notified of the selection of the arbitrator, and contact has been made with the arbitrator, the date for the arbitration hearing will be set within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the arbitrator is notified of his/her selection. This date may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.
- (2) All testimony given at the arbitration hearing shall be under oath. The arbitrator may not issue declaratory or advisory opinions and shall be confined exclusively to the issues presented by the parties and addressed at the earlier stages of the grievance procedure.
- (3) The arbitrator shall consider only the specific issues(s) submitted to him/her in writing by the parties and shall have no authority to consider or rule upon any matter which is stated in this Agreement not to be subject to arbitration, or which is not specifically covered by this Agreement.
- (4) The arbitrator shall base his/her decision exclusively on the testimony and documentary evidence submitted by the parties as part of the hearing, and his/her conclusions based on that evidence.
- (5) The arbitrator's authority is limited strictly to the application and interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement, and he/she shall not have authority or power to make any decision that is contrary to, inconsistent with, or which modifies in any way the terms of this Agreement. Furthermore, the arbitrator may not usurp any authority or responsibility of the **City** as provided by Chapter 447 Florida Statutes, or the Charter of the City of Jacksonville, unless specifically provided for by this Agreement.
- (6) Where the arbitrator finds that the aggrieved employee in a disciplinary case committed the infraction for which he/she was charged, the arbitrator shall have no authority to reduce or amend the penalty imposed by the **Employer**.
- (7) At the conclusion of the arbitration hearing, post-hearing briefs may be filed at the request of either party or the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall have thirty (30) days after the hearing is concluded, or receipt of briefs, to render his/her decision and

findings of fact.

- (8) The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on all parties if made in accordance with his/her jurisdiction and authority under this Agreement.

**C. Costs**

- (1) The arbitrator's fees and expenses shall be shared equally by the parties involved in the arbitration proceedings.
- (2) An employee who acts independently of and in disregard of the position of the **Union** in matters relating to arbitration shall pay for his/her share of the arbitrator's costs and expense.
- (3) A party requesting a transcript of the hearing shall pay for it.

## **ARTICLE 24: SEVERABILITY**

In the event any Article, section, or portion of this Agreement should be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific article, section, or portion thereof specified in the court's decision. Upon request of either party, the parties agree to meet for the purpose of negotiating a substitute for that specific article, section, or portion thereof. All other articles, sections, and portions of this Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable.

## ARTICLE 25: LIMITED EMERGENCY

**25.1** In the event of the official declaration of an emergency or other event as declared by the **City** elected Official, operational needs may affect some employees differently from others. All employees may be utilized as needed to assist in emergencies as determined by the **Employer**. Employees will be notified by their Supervisor as to their status.

**A.** When possible in situations where there is advance notice of an impending emergency, the **Employer** may authorize employees to take reasonable time, as determined by the **Employer**, to return home to secure their homes and property and arrange for the safety of their families. Employees will not be charged leave for any such authorized preparation time taken. Following such preparation time, employees must report to work during the emergency.

**B.** Employees essential to the operation, who reported to work shall be paid at the straight time rate for all hours actually worked in accordance with Article 10. Hours worked in excess of forty (40) in the week will be paid at the time-and-one-half rate, or other premium rate as may be applicable under Article 9.

In addition, employees' essential to the operation who reported to work shall be granted straight time compensatory time for the same number of hours given to non-essential employees on administrative leave during the emergency.

Employees who fail to meet their responsibilities under this provision may be subject to discipline.

**C.** Employees on previously approved leave, scheduled holiday, authorized leave without pay, or who called in to request leave during the emergency, shall be charged for the leave.

**25.2** In non-emergency situations in which employees are requested to leave early to accommodate special events, employees may use annual leave or modify their work schedules, within operational requirements and with the approval of their supervisor. At the **Employer's** discretion, there may be times when the employee may not be charged annual leave.

**25.3** During an emergency, or when an emergency may reasonably be determined to be imminent, the Mayor may suspend provisions of this Agreement during the time of the anticipated or declared emergency,

provided that wage rates and monetary fringe benefits shall not be suspended.

## ARTICLE 26: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 26.1** The parties acknowledge that during negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining, and that the understanding and Agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this agreement. Therefore, the **Employer** and the **Union**, for the duration of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated, to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement. This Article shall not be construed to in any way restrict the parties from commencing negotiations under the applicable law on any succeeding Agreement to take effect upon termination of this Agreement.
- 26.2** Except as provided elsewhere, this Agreement shall be effective from October 1, 2021 until September 30, 2024.

**APPENDIX A**

<b>OCCUPATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS</b>		
<b>CLASS CODE</b>	<b>CLASS TITLE</b>	<b>PAY GRADE</b>
U0310	EVENT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	17.11
U0305	HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	17.10
U0304	LIGHT EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	17.09
U0300	MAINTENANCE HELPER	17.03
U0301	MAINTENANCE WORKER I	17.05
U0302	MAINTENANCE WORKER II	17.07
U0303	MAINTENANCE WORKER CREW LEADER	17.08
U0178	RECOVERY & RECYCLING TECHNICIAN	17.08
U0185	SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	17.10
U0179	SOLID WASTE LITTER WORKER	17.02
U0176	SOLID WASTE SENIOR TRUCK DRIVER	17.10
U0183	SOLID WASTE TRUCK DRIVER	17.07
U0181	SOLID WASTE WORKER I	17.03
U0182	SOLID WASTE WORKER II	17.05

\*Other classes may be added as determined by the City.

**APPENDIX B  
LIUNA SALARY SCHEDULE  
October 1, 2021**

<b>PAY GRADE</b>	<b>START RATE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM RATE</b>
17.02	\$1,616.28	\$2,592.50
17.03	\$2,036.42	\$3,266.29
17.04	\$2,118.81	\$3,398.34
17.05	\$2,209.43	\$3,543.71
17.06	\$2,308.25	\$3,702.38
17.07	\$2,423.63	\$3,887.21
17.08	\$2,563.57	\$4,111.93
17.09	\$2,720.14	\$4,362.97
17.10	\$2,893.09	\$4,640.42
17.11	\$3,099.02	\$4,970.63
17.12	\$3,337.90	\$5,353.81
17.13	\$3,609.69	\$5,789.85

\*Amounts are approximate based upon rounding.

**LIUNA SALARY SCHEDULE  
October 1, 2022**

<b>PAY GRADE</b>	<b>START RATE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM RATE</b>
17.02	\$1,656.69	\$2,657.32
17.03	\$2,087.33	\$3,347.95
17.04	\$2,171.78	\$3,483.30
17.05	\$2,264.67	\$3,632.31
17.06	\$2,365.96	\$3,794.94
17.07	\$2,484.22	\$3,984.39
17.08	\$2,627.66	\$4,214.73
17.09	\$2,788.14	\$4,472.04
17.10	\$2,965.41	\$4,756.44
17.11	\$3,176.50	\$5,094.89
17.12	\$3,421.34	\$5,487.66
17.13	\$3,699.93	\$5,934.59

\*Amounts are approximate based upon rounding.

**LIUNA SALARY SCHEDULE  
October 1, 2023**

<b>PAY GRADE</b>	<b>START RATE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM RATE</b>
17.02	\$1,698.10	\$2,723.75
17.03	\$2,139.52	\$3,431.65
17.04	\$2,226.07	\$3,570.38
17.05	\$2,321.29	\$3,723.11
17.06	\$2,425.11	\$3,889.82
17.07	\$2,546.32	\$4,084.00
17.08	\$2,693.35	\$4,320.09
17.09	\$2,857.84	\$4,583.84
17.10	\$3,039.55	\$4,875.35
17.11	\$3,255.91	\$5,222.27
17.12	\$3,506.88	\$5,624.85
17.13	\$3,792.43	\$6,082.96

\*Amounts are approximate based upon rounding.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **ARTICLE C-1: TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES PREAMBLE**

The City of Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, LIUNA, set forth herein the agreement reached between the parties regarding employees who are of a temporary (as described under the Affordable Care Act of 2010 as amended or changed and in applicable directives) nature (hereinafter eligible employees), those being the same employees who were not previously included within this bargaining unit, and who are now entitled to representation pursuant to Order of the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission dated November 16, 2009, in case number EL-2009-040 and whose job responsibilities would not normally be included within another certified bargaining unit's jurisdiction.

## **ARTICLE C-2: ARTICLES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE**

The current provisions of Articles 2 through 8, 10, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 26 of the Agreement reached between the City of Jacksonville and Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, LIUNA, (the Agreement) are hereby adopted by reference and made a part hereof.

<b>Article</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>SECURITY AND DUES CHECK OFF</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>UNION ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>BULLETIN/ELECTRONIC BOARDS</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT SECURITY</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SAVINGS CLAUSE</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT RIGHTS</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>SPECIAL MEETINGS</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>TIME AND ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>PERSONAL LEAVE (PLAN H)</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>COMPREHENSIVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>SEVERABILITY</b>
<b>Article</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</b>

## **ARTICLE C-3: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME PAYMENT**

- C-3.1 A.** The purpose of this Article is to define hours of work and computation of overtime.
- B.** Employees in this bargaining unit are required to work a schedule as determined by departmental management. The schedule may be a forty (40) hour work week. Employees who work more than forty (40) hours in any work week will be paid time and one-half for the hours above 40. Overtime will be based on actual hours worked.

Compensation for overtime will be in the form of cash payment, unless compensatory time is mutually agreed to by the employee and the department head. Employees covered by this Agreement who are subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act may accrue up to two-hundred-forty (240) hours of compensatory time. Once this amount of compensatory time has been reached, compensation for additional overtime hours worked will be in the form of cash. Accrued compensatory time may be taken at any time when authorized by the appropriate supervisor. Requests for compensatory leave must be submitted in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance for leave of five (5) or more consecutive workdays. Requests for compensatory leave of less than five (5) consecutive workdays must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Scheduling of compensatory leave will be based on seniority and classification within the department for the first request of five (5) days or more.

- C-3.2** The work and rest days of employees shall be scheduled consecutively where possible. Final approval of all work schedules shall be at the sole discretion of management, provided that nothing in this Article shall supersede any other Article of this Agreement.
- C-3.3** An employee who is scheduled to report for overtime work shall receive a minimum payment of two (2) hours at one and one-half (1-1/2) times his/her regular rate of pay.
- C-3.4** No employee may authorize overtime for himself. Overtime may only be authorized by his/her supervisor.
- C-3.5** All employees shall be given at least a half-hour lunch break which will be his/her own time. If the employee is required to work his/her lunch break, he/she shall be compensated at the appropriate rate.

**C-3.6** An employee who has worked sixteen (16) hours or more in a twenty-four (24) hour period or eight (8) hours or more overtime in the sixteen (16) hour period immediately preceding his/her basic workday shall, upon release, be entitled to an eight (8) hour rest period before he/she returns to work. If the rest period extends into the employee's basic workday, the employee shall lose no time thereby. Overtime pay for these extended hours will be in accordance with the applicable overtime rate. If an employee is called back to work without completing his/her eight (8) hour rest period, he/she shall be compensated at the rate of two (2) times his/her regular rate of pay for all hours worked, commencing from the time he/she reports back to work and ending when he/she is released for an eight (8) hour rest period. Paid rest time shall be considered the same as time worked for determining overtime.

## ARTICLE C-4: WAGES

**C-4.1** Eligible employees shall be compensated at the rate determined by their department head. Temporary employees shall not receive merit increases or longevity benefits.

There are no temporary employees currently employed at the **City**. As such, no general wage rate increases or performance-based adjustments are applicable.

### **C-4.2 General Wages:**

3.0% effective October 1, 2021  
2.5% effective October 1, 2022  
2.5% effective October 1, 2023

### **C-4.3 Incentive Program**

Incentive Program - The **Employer**, at its sole discretion, may from time to time implement incentive programs for individuals or groups consisting of awards and/or cash and/or refreshments (For example: coffee and donuts) in recognition of performance improvements, innovative ideas resulting in savings and/or benefits, or other similar improvements that are work related and can be documented and measured. The **Employer** agrees to furnish the **Union** with a written copy of the **Employer's** incentive plans as they are developed and/or amended from time to time. The **Union** may withdraw from participation in the program at any time during the life of this Agreement upon written notice to the **Employer**.

**ARTICLE C-5: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

- C-5.1 A.** Upon the death of an eligible employee, all accrued and unused, unpaid overtime, vacation leave, and other terminal leave benefits (other than life insurance proceeds for which a beneficiary has been designated), shall be paid within forty-five (45) days to the employee's designated beneficiary of the terminal leave benefits. The **Employer** will provide a form that employees may use to designate the beneficiary of the employee's terminal leave benefits.
- B.** When an employee fails to designate a beneficiary of his/her terminal leave benefits, the **Employer** shall pay the terminal leave benefits provided for in Article 13.1(A) as follows:

<b>In these Circumstances</b>	<b>Benefits Will Be Paid To:</b>
	The employee's surviving spouse
In the event the employee leaves no surviving spouse	The employee's children in equal shares, as follows:
	Children over the age of 18 who are known to the <b>Employer</b>
	Legal guardian or representative of each of the employee's children under the age of 18 who are known to the <b>Employer</b> ;
If the employee has no surviving spouse or children known to the <b>Employer</b>	The surviving parent(s) of the employee, in equal shares.
If the employee has no surviving spouse or children known to the <b>Employer</b>	To the employee's estate

**C-5.2** The parties agree that during the life of this Agreement, the **Employer** may, at its sole option, offer a contribution to cover a portion of the premium for medical insurance coverage for temporary employees.

**C-5.3** The **Employer** shall, at no expense to the employee, provide two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) term life insurance for all eligible employees at no cost to the employee. It shall further provide for the employee, at his/her option to purchase group term life at the expense of the employee, under the same policy for one, two, or three times annual salary, with a double indemnity clause for accidental death and dismemberment subject to the approval

of the **Employers'** insurance carrier. Benefits may be reduced at age seventy (70), to sixty-five percent (65%) of benefits under the policy.

**C-5.4** The **Union** may elect to establish and administer a group prepaid legal plan for its members. If it elects to do so, the **Union** will be responsible for obtaining the approval of the Florida Bar and the **Employer** before implementing the plan. The **Employer** shall not unreasonably deny its approval of the plan.

The **Employer** will pay a premium, for employees who have completed ninety (90) days of service, for the group prepaid legal plan pursuant to Article 13.7 of this Agreement.

#### **C-5.5 FICA Alternative Plan**

The **City** has established an alternative FICA (Federal Insurance Contributions Act) plan in which employees covered by this Appendix shall participate in, rather than in the Social Security system.

## ARTICLE C-6: SAFETY AND HEALTH

In activities where safety shoes are required to be worn, the **Employer** shall pay each employee one hundred forty (\$140.00) dollars per year for the purchase of such safety shoes. Such payment will be made the first pay period in January of each year. Replacement of safety shoes prior to expiration of the one-year period shall be at the discretion of the **Employer**. Alternatively, the **City** may elect to provide employees with vouchers to purchase safety shoes directly from a vendor.

In accordance with established safety practices, the **Employer** will provide protective devices, wearing apparel, and other equipment necessary to protect employees from occupational injury or disease. The **Employer** may improve such safety practices from time to time. Employees may be required to wear hard hats. Protective devices, apparel, and equipment must be used when provided or required.

Employees are responsible to utilize required safety equipment, and to observe safety rules and practices as promulgated by the **Employer**. Willful neglect, and failure by an employee to obey safety regulations or to use safety devices, shall be just cause for disciplinary action.

## **ARTICLE C-7: INJURY IN LINE OF DUTY**

Any eligible employee who sustains a temporary disability as a result of accidental injury in the course of, and arising out of, employment by the **Employer** shall only be entitled to the benefits payable under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of Florida.

If an employee is eligible for monetary benefits under workers' compensation, normal payroll deductions will continue from workers' compensation benefits to avoid interrupting **Employer** provided benefits.

## ARTICLE C-8: HOLIDAYS

**C-8.1** Eligible employees shall be entitled to compensation as provided for in Articles C-8.2 and C-8.3 for the eleven (11) holidays below:

Date	Observance
January 1	New Year's Day
Third Monday in January	Martin Luther King's Birthday
Third Monday in February	Presidents Day
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
First Monday in September	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
Fourth Thursday in November	Thanksgiving
Friday after Thanksgiving	
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day

**C-8.2** Eligible employees' holiday compensation shall be prorated based on the average number of paid hours per day during the six-week period immediately preceding the holiday.

**C-8.3** Eligible employees who shall be required to perform work or to render services on one of the holidays listed in Article C-8.1 shall be compensated at the employee's regular hourly rate for any hours worked in addition to his/her Holiday pay for that day.

**C-8.4** Whenever an observed holiday occurs on an eligible employee's scheduled day off, the **Employer** may elect to either schedule the employee to take a day off at another mutually agreeable date, or compensate the employee at the employee's straight time rate for the holidays.

**C-8.5** An employee shall receive payment for any paid holiday unless:

- A.** he/she has an unexcused absence (excluding tardiness) on the last regular workday preceding such holiday, or on the next regular workday following such holiday; or
- B.** having been scheduled to work on such holiday, he/she fails to report for work without justifiable reason for such absence; or
- C.** he/she is on leave of absence without pay; or

**D.** he/she is receiving a wage benefit from Workers' Compensation.

**C-8.6** When a holiday listed in this Article falls on a weekend, the following rules shall govern its observance:

**A.** A holiday that falls on a Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday, except as noted below;

**B.** A holiday that falls on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday, except as noted below;

**C.** When Christmas Eve falls on either a Saturday or a Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Tuesday;

**D.** In those activities where employees are assigned to work, or where emergency maintenance crews are assigned, the actual day of the holiday shall be observed for purposes of calculating pay.

## **ARTICLE C-9: OTHER LEAVE**

### **C-9.1 Bereavement/Funeral Leave**

Upon the death of the employee's spouse, child, mother, father, grandmother or grandfather eligible employees may be granted up to two (2) days off, without loss of pay, within the next 14 days as bereavement leave not otherwise chargeable.

### **C-9.2 Military Leave**

Eligible forty-hour employees shall be governed by the provisions of in the Agreement.

Eligible employees who work less than forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated for military leave at their regular hourly rate times the average number of hours they have worked per week during the six weeks prior to the military leave as described under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994, Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code.

### **C-9.3 Jury and Witness Duty**

Eligible forty-hour (40) employees shall be governed by the provisions of in the Agreement.

Eligible employees who work fewer than forty (40) hours per week shall have their work schedule adjusted to accommodate jury and witness duty.

## **ARTICLE C-10: GRIEVANCES AND SEPARATIONS**

### **C-10.1 Grievance Procedure**

No eligible employee has a right to the Civil Service complaint/grievance procedure. The grievance procedure as set forth in Article 23 shall be the sole procedure available to covered eligible employees. Decisions made under Article C-10.2, Separations, are at the sole discretion and right of management and are not subject to grievance or arbitration. An eligible employee's sole right shall be to a review of the separation decision by the Department Head or his/her designee.

### **C-10.2 Separations**

- A.** An eligible employee may be separated from employment upon ten (10) days' written notice. If the retention of the employee would result in an extraordinary situation, an appointing authority may immediately terminate the employee.
  
- B.** All eligible employees who are separated from employment shall be given written notice of the reason for separation. A copy of the notice will be forwarded to the **Union**.

## **ARTICLE C-11: MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED**

To the extent any provision of the Agreement reached between the City of Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida Public Employees' Local 630, LIUNA, is not adopted herein by reference, or is not specifically addressed, in this Appendix C, said provision is null and of no effect as it relates to employees covered by this Appendix C.

## ARTICLE C-12: TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

### INCLUDED:

Maintenance Helper/Temporary  
Maintenance Worker I/Temporary  
Maintenance Worker II/Temporary  
Solid Waste Worker I/Temporary  
Solid Waste Worker II/Temporary  
Solid Waste Litter Worker/Temporary

And other classes as determined by the **Employer**.

### EXCLUDED:

All managerial, supervisory, confidential, and special purpose employees as defined in the Act, and all other employees.

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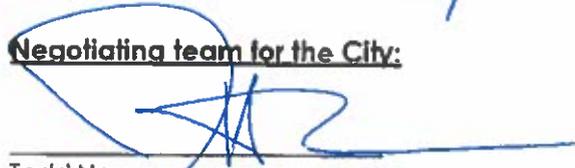
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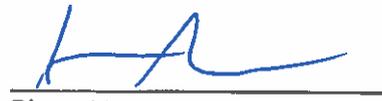
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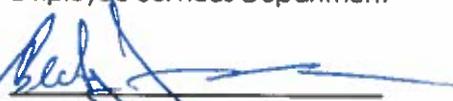
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this 19 day of July, 2021.

**Negotiating team for the City:**

  
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Employee Services Department  
COJ Chief Negotiator

  
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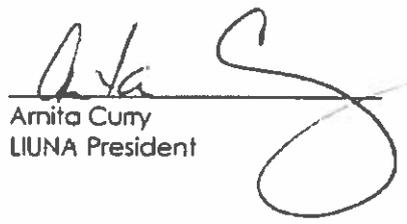
  
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Director Employee Services  
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Employee Services Department

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Ronnie Burris  
Business Manager  
Chief Negotiator

  
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Arnita Curry  
LIUNA President

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-620 -E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED OCTOBER 1,  
6 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
7 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND  
8 LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA  
9 (LIUNA), REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 300  
10 MEMBERS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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12 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

13 **Section 1. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement**  
14 **between the City of Jacksonville and LIUNA approved.** That certain  
15 proposed October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024 Collective Bargaining  
16 Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Laborers'  
17 International Union of North America (LIUNA), a copy of which has  
18 been placed On File with the Office of Legislative Services, is hereby  
19 approved. LIUNA represents approximately 300 members. The proposed  
20 LIUNA agreement has been agreed to in collective bargaining and has  
21 been ratified by the union membership. Pursuant to the American  
22 Rescue Plan, from which funds are being used for premium pay  
23 associated with the Collectively Bargaining Agreements, the City has  
24 made a general determination that premium pay will not increase the  
25 average annual wage at the City above 150 percent of the state or  
26 county's average annual wage. Further, the City considers all  
27 government employees at the City to be performing critical and  
28 essential functions necessary to meet the needs of the Citizens of  
29 Jacksonville. One time premium payments and wage increases  
30 collectively bargained recognize the extraordinary efforts the men  
31 and women of the City performed and continue to perform during the

1 COVID-19 pandemic.

2           **Section 2.           Effective Date.** This ordinance and all elements  
3 of the LIUNA Collective Bargaining Agreement shall become effective  
4 upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the  
5 Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation prepared by: Sean Granat

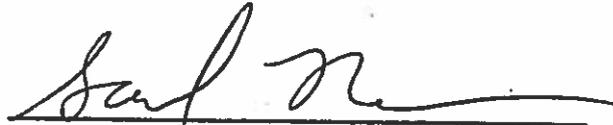
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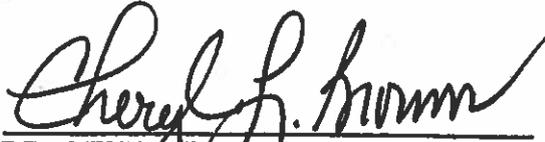
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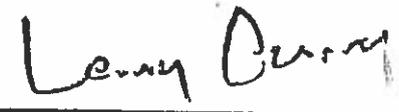


SAMUEL NEWBY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
DR. CHERYL L. BROWN  
COUNCIL SECRETARY

APPROVED: OCT 14 2021

  
LENNY CURRY, MAYOR