

AGREEMENT

between the

CITY OF DULUTH

and

LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES
LOCAL 538

2024-2026

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THIS AGREEMENT, dated the ___ day of ____, 2024, is entered into by and between the CITY OF DULUTH, hereinafter called the "Employer", and the LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES, INC., LOCAL 538, hereinafter called the "Union".

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to:

- 1.1. Establish certain hours, wages and other conditions of employment, and
- 1.2. Establish procedures for the resolution of disputes concerning the interpretation and/or application of this Agreement.
- 1.3. The Employer and the Union, through this Agreement, continue their dedication to the highest quality police protection to the citizens of Duluth. Both parties recognize this Agreement as a pledge of this dedication.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. City Administrator means the City Administrator to the City of Duluth, or their designee.
- 2.2. Afternoon Shift means a shift starting between 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- 2.3. Annual Pay means the employee's Basic Monthly Pay added to their longevity award as provided for in Article 14 of this Agreement, their 24-hour duty allowance as provided for in Article 15 of this Agreement, their preparation pay as provided for in Article 45 of this Agreement, their first responder pay as provided in Article 16 of this Agreement and their educational incentive as provided for in Article 17 of this Agreement, multiplied by 12.
- 2.4. Appointing Authority means the City Administrator, Chief or acting Chief, or their designee.
- 2.5. Basic Hourly Rate for all purposes shall mean the rate determined by dividing the Employee's Annual Pay by 2080. The Basic Hourly Rate shall be calculated to the nearest \$.0001. The Basic Hourly Rate for this calculation shall include the employee's shift differential and longevity award. .
- 2.6. Basic Monthly Pay means the employee's monthly pay provided for in Appendix I, II and III of this Agreement.
- 2.7. Chief means the Chief of the Duluth Police Department or their designee, who shall be a sworn police officer within the Duluth Police Department.

2.8. Continuously Employed means a period of employment which has not been interrupted by more than thirty (30) calendar days at any one time, except by authorized paid leave of absence, sick leave, vacation or military leave of absence, absence due to injury or illness that was compensable under Minnesota Workers' Compensation act or, for a period not to exceed two years, while on Long Term Disability.

2.9. Emergency means any occurrence likely to become beyond the control of the normal services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the regularly staffed department of the City government so defined by the City Administrator, Chief, or an authorized person acting in their absence.

2.10. Employee means an employee whose classification is included in the formally recognized bargaining unit represented by the Union.

2.11. Grievance means a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of the terms of this Agreement.

2.12. Night Shift means a shift starting between 4:59 p.m. and 4:59 a.m.

2.13 Notice means that anywhere written notice is required within this Agreement, electronic notice shall be sufficient.

2.14. Mid or Power Shift means a shift starting between 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and extending to at least 2:00 a.m.

2.15. Police Department means the Duluth Police Department.

2.16. Shift means a stipulated eight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve hour work period.

2.17. Unit Leader means an officer as designated by promotion or appointment by the Chief.

2.18. Work Group means a work group as set forth on the Duluth Police Department Table of Organization.

2.19. Duluth Joint Powers Enterprise Trust or Trust means the Trust created for the purpose of accepting and holding certain Employer contributions or other contributions under the Plan(s).

2.20. Board of Trustees means the governing body of the Joint Powers Enterprise and the Joint Self Insurance Pool.

2.21. Joint Self Insurance Pool or Pool means the joint self-insurance pool created by the Members under Minnesota law, known as the Duluth Joint Insurance Pool, through which certain Plans are funded and operated.

2.22. Members means, unless one or more cease to be a Member pursuant to Article XVI or Article XVII of the Joint Powers Agreement, Employer, the Duluth Airport Authority, the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, and the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and any other governmental entity, permitted by law, who subsequently becomes a Member under Article XX of the Joint Powers Agreement.

2.23. Plan(s) means one or more benefit plans (1) jointly sponsored and maintained by the Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement, (2) authorized by Minnesota law and able to be provided jointly by Minnesota governmental entities, and (3) that provides benefits for a Member's employees, former employees, including retirees, and persons covered by them (e.g., dependents) in accordance with the terms and conditions of such benefit plan(s), including eligibility.

2.24. Joint Powers Agreement or JPA means the joint powers agreement entered into by and among the Members.

2.25. Joint Powers Enterprise means the enterprise jointly created by the Members and reflected in the Joint Powers Agreement.

ARTICLE 3 - RECOGNITION

3.1 The Employer recognizes Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. as the exclusive representative, pursuant to Bureau of Mediation Services Case No. 23PTR1109, for the following:

All licensed peace officers employed by the City of Duluth, Minnesota, in the positions of Police Officer, Police Investigator, and Police Sergeant who are public employees within the meaning of Minn. Stat. 179A.03, subd. 14, excluding confidential and supervisory employees.

3.2 The Union may designate up to four (4) Union stewards from the bargaining unit to act as Union representatives and shall notify the Employer in writing of the choice(s).

ARTICLE 4 - DUES CHECKOFF

4.1. The Employer shall deduct each payroll period an amount sufficient to provide the payment of regular dues established by the Union from the wages of all Employees authorizing such deduction, in writing, and remit such deductions as directed by the Union.

4.2 Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders, or judgments brought or issued against the Employer as a result of any action taken or not taken by the Employer under Article 4.1.

ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

5.1. The Employer and Union recognize and agree that except as expressly modified in this Agreement, the Employer has and retains all rights and authority necessary for it to direct and administer the affairs of the Police Department and to meet its obligations under federal, state and local law, such rights to include, but not be limited to, the right to direct the working forces; to plan, direct and control all the operations of the Police Department; to determine the methods, means, organization and number of personnel by which such operation and services are to be conducted; to assign and transfer employees; to schedule working hours and to assign overtime; to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations; and to change or eliminate existing methods of operation, equipment or facilities.

ARTICLE 6 - SAVINGS CLAUSE

6.1. This Agreement is subject to the Laws of the United States, the State of Minnesota, and the charter, ordinances and resolutions of the City of Duluth. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court or administrative agency of the State of Minnesota or United States, such provisions shall be voided. The Employer agrees that it will provide the Union with at least thirty (30) days prior written notice prior to any change, and further agrees to at least one (1) meet and confer session with the Union during said thirty (30) days. All other provisions shall continue in full force and effect. The voided provision shall be renegotiated at the request of either party.

ARTICLE 7 - HOURS OF WORK

7.1. The regular scheduled Shift shall be eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) or twelve (12) consecutive hours.

7.2. The Police Department has adopted extended work periods pursuant to 29 USC 207(k) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

7.3. If the Employer determines to change an employee's regular schedule, and the change is not voluntary on the part of the employee, nor in response to an Emergency, then the Employer shall give to the employee five calendar days notice of the change before the change is implemented. The day of receipt of the notice is counted, and the change shall not be implemented until after the end of the fifth calendar day.

7.4 For the calculation of annual hours worked, the following hours shall be considered hours worked:

- a. Regularly scheduled hours actually worked;
- b. Special Duty hours;
- c. Eleven (11) holidays;
- d. Vacation time used;
- e. Compensatory time off used;
- f. Funeral leave used;

- g. Sick leave used; and
- h. Personal leave used.

ARTICLE 8 – WAGE PROGRESSION

8.1. Effective January 1, 2024, Basic Monthly Pay shall be increased by 3.5% as a general wage increase plus an additional 1% Kelly day adjustment as indicated in Appendix I. Effective January 1, 2025, Basic Monthly Pay shall be increased by 2.5% as a general wage increase as indicated in Appendix II. Effective January 1, 2026 Basic Monthly Pay shall be increased by 2.5% as indicated in Appendix III.

8.2. An employee assigned to work in a job classification different from their own, shall, while assigned to work in such different classification, be compensated at the pay range provided for that classification but at the same step number the employee was at within their own classification at the time such assignment is made.

8.3. An employee appointed to a permanent position in the classified service from a civil service employment list (open examination) shall be placed in Step A of the appropriate pay range except when otherwise recommended and justified by the Chief with the approval of the City Administrator.

8.4. When an employee is promoted or reclassified to a higher position or an employee's position is assigned to a higher pay range, their salary shall be increased to that salary in the new pay range which is the next highest over the salary the employee was receiving prior to promotion, except when otherwise recommended and justified by the Chief with the approval of the City Administrator.

8.5 Employees promoted to Police Sergeant shall be paid Step 328C Basic Monthly Pay. After 12 months of service as a Police Sergeant, Police sergeants shall be paid Step 328 E Basic Monthly Pay.

8.6. New Hires. Newly hired entry level employees shall be paid at Range 326, Step A. Effective January 1, 2024, Range 326, Step A will be increased by 2.0%, and prior to any general wage increase for 2024. After 12 months, the Employee shall be paid at Range 326, Step C. After an additional 12 months the Employee shall be paid at Range 326, Step E.

8.6.1 Lateral Hires. Employees hired through the Lateral Police Officers Hiring Program shall be compensated at CBA Pay Range 326 (Police Officer), Step E.

Except as expressly stated in this CBA, a Lateral Police Officer's prior service time as a sworn law enforcement officer working for another law enforcement agency shall not count towards their hire date with the Employer, employment duration with the Employer, Continuous Employment and/or Continuously Employed for any other purpose in the parties' CBA. This includes but is not limited to seniority, layoffs, and eligibility for Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) contributions and retiree health insurance.

8.7. Canine (K-9) Handler Stipend and Costs. Employees in the classification of Police Officer who are assigned by the Chief to perform peace officer duties as a Canine (K-9) handler shall be compensated a \$275 stipend per Pay Period for care of their canine. The City shall be responsible for any and all necessary costs of maintaining the canines such as food, kennels, and veterinarian expenses. Employee shall retain records, receipts and billings to be submitted to City Auditor for payment and/or reimbursement.

8.8. Field Training Officer. Employee assigned as Field Training Officers shall be paid \$2.50 per hour for all hours worked as the assigned Field Training Officer. Employees shall receive Field Training Officer pay in addition to any applicable overtime pay.

8.9. Trainer Pay. An Employee who is assigned by the Chief as a department trainer in the subjects of P.P.C.T., driver's training, certified K-9 handler instruction, firearms proficiency, and other areas determined by the Chief, shall receive an additional one dollar (\$1.00) per hour in rate of pay for all hours worked as the assigned trainer provided the hours are planned and approved as training work. Employees shall receive Trainer Pay in addition to any applicable overtime pay.

Trainers shall be recommended by the training coordinator and assigned by the Chief. Selection shall be based upon experience, work performance, ability to instruct, knowledge, interest in the subject matter, and other relevant criteria. A trainer shall prepare lesson plans, adjust work hours to facilitate training, and provide instruction of a quality that satisfies the training coordinator, police training committee, and the Chief.

8.10. Investigator Pay. Except for assignments made as part of the Patrol Enrichment Program, (PEP), or the Department Enrichment Exchange Program (DEEP), an employee in the classification of Police Officer who is assigned by the Chief to perform peace officer duties as a K-9 handler, in the Traffic Bureau, Family Crimes Unit, Special Investigations Unit, Crime Scene Investigation, Auto Theft-Burglary-Arson Unit, Juvenile Bureau, License office, Training and Development Unit, Record Bureau, Detective Bureau, D.A.R.E., Crimestoppers, Violent Crimes Unit, Gang Strike Force, Financial Crimes Unit, Neighborhood Impact Team, Property Crimes Unit, community relations, street crimes, school resource officer, school patrol, or any other unit designated by the Chief for Investigator Pay under this article shall, during the time they are performing the tasks of the assignment, be paid Pay Range 327E, together with any additions to pay provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9 - OVERTIME

9.1. Any hours worked which are in addition to the Employee's regularly scheduled Shift, and have not resulted from a regular Shift change as set forth in Article 7.3, shall be compensated at overtime pay rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate of Pay. However, when the hours worked continue into or extend from the Employee's regularly scheduled Shift, the Employee will only receive overtime pay for the actual time in attendance.

9.2 Any hours worked on a holiday listed in Article 13 which qualify as overtime under Article 9.1 shall be compensated for as follows:

9.2.1 Overtime worked on a holiday for which the Employee is paid double time shall be compensated for at three (3) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate.

9.2.2 Overtime worked on a holiday for which the Employee is paid time plus one half (1.5), or the day after Thanksgiving, shall be compensated for at two plus one quarter (2.25) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate.

9.2.3 An employee will receive overtime compensation for hours worked when it coincides with their regularly scheduled shift, if that shift had previously been taken off without pay.

9.3. The working of overtime covered by this article shall be voluntary and no action shall be taken against any employee who declines to work such overtime except that in an Emergency an Employee may be ordered to work by the Chief or other person authorized to act on their behalf.

9.4. Insofar as practicable, without reducing efficiency of work performance, opportunities to work overtime shall be distributed as equally as practicable among Employees, provided the Employees are qualified to perform the specific overtime work required.

9.5. A record of all overtime worked shall be maintained and posted by the Police Department.

9.6. The Chief may grant compensatory time off in lieu of pay for such overtime worked upon the request of an Employee made in advance of overtime worked. The Chief should develop specific timetables for scheduling the compensatory time off within a reasonably short period of time so as to avoid any substantial buildup of compensatory time off. Compensatory time off for overtime worked shall be computed at one and one-half (1½) times the overtime worked. Any compensatory time off due an Employee at the end of any calendar year shall be paid to such Employee in the paycheck covering the last pay period in that year, based on the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate as of the last day of that year, but an Employee may carry over into the next calendar year up to forty (40) hours of such accumulated compensatory time off if the Employee applies for such carry-over prior to December 1; however, any such carry-over which is not used before the next April 1st shall be paid to the Employee based on the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate as of the last day of the year from which such time was carried over.

9.7 If an Employee works an overtime shift in which hours worked overlap the use of previously scheduled vacation time, compensatory time off, or personal leave time, the applicable vacation, compensatory time off, or personal leave hours shall be returned to the Employee's vacation, compensatory time off, or personal leave bank, and the Employee shall receive appropriate overtime compensation for hours worked during that overtime shift.

9.8 Unless approved by the Employer, Employees are not eligible for overtime pay on any day in which they use sick leave during their regularly scheduled Shift.

9.9 Extra Duty. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be given priority in selection for all voluntary overtime assignments worked by licensed police officers of the City of Duluth. After Employees covered by this Agreement have been given reasonable opportunity to bid for the voluntary overtime assignments officers in the Police Lieutenant bargaining unit shall be given the opportunity to bid for the assignments..

9.10 Overtime is to be computed to the nearest fifteen (15) minutes.

ARTICLE 10 - COURT TIME - CALL BACK TIME - JURY DUTY – SPECIAL DUTY

10.1 Court Time. Employees who are required by the Employer to appear in court shall be compensated for a minimum of four (4) hours pay at one and one-half (1½) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate, except that the four (4) hour minimum pay requirement shall not apply in instances where such court time continues into or extends from a normally scheduled Shift. Employees shall not be entitled to compensation under this article when the Employee receives more than eight (8) hours' notice that the required appearance has been cancelled, and the Employee is not required to appear.

10.2 Call Back Time. Employees who are required by the Employer, because of an Emergency, or to otherwise work during non-scheduled work time shall be compensated for a minimum of four (4) hours pay at one and one-half (1 ½) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate, except that the four (4) hour minimum pay requirement shall not apply in instances where such call back time continues into or extends from a normally scheduled Shift. Employees shall also receive call back time to attend Employer ordered medical appointments, administrative meetings or other activity at a police work site that the employer orders the Employee to attend.

10.3 In the event more than one court appearance or non-scheduled work assignment or combination of the two is carried out by an Employee within a twenty-four (24) hour period, such Employee shall not be compensated for more time than the lapsed time between the beginning of the first assignment and the end of the last assignment, except that when such lapsed time is less than four (4) hours, such Employee shall receive four (4) hours pay, at one and one-half (1½) times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate.

10.4 Jury Duty. When an Employee is called to serve on a petite or grand jury panel during, or within eight hours of, any Shift that the Employee has been scheduled to be at work, the Employee shall be assigned, as a special duty work assignment, to report for jury duty to the designated place. Any amount of money the Employee receives as compensation for jury duty, except travel and mileage, while on special duty shall be given to the City Treasurer to be deposited in the City General Fund.

10.5. Meetings, Training, and Special Duty. The Employer has the right to schedule meetings, training, travel time to and from training which occurs outside of Duluth, or similar activities which are mutually beneficial to the Employer and Employee.

10.5.1 If an Employee is approved to attend such an event, and the time spent in attendance results in the Employee exceeding the number of regularly scheduled hours of work in a Shift rotation period, as set out in Article 7, then the Employee shall be compensated at their Basic Hourly rate or in accordance with Article 13.1, if such hours occur on a holiday, the Employee shall be paid for the combined hours that result from the regularly scheduled Shift rotation and the approved event attendance.

10.5.2 Employee shall be paid a minimum four (4) hours Basic Hourly Rate compensation, per event attended; however, when the event continues into or extends from the employee's normally scheduled Shift, the Employee is not eligible for the four (4) hour minimum..

ARTICLE 11 - SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

11.1. Employees working the Night Shift shall, in addition to regular pay and allowances, receive a shift differential of \$.90 per hour.

11.2. Employees working the Afternoon Shift shall, in addition to regular pay and allowances, receive a shift differential of \$.25 per hour.

11.3. Employees working the Mid or Power Shift shall, in addition to regular pay and allowances, receive a shift differential of \$.25 per hour for hours worked between 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and shall, in addition to regular pay and allowances, receive a shift differential of \$.90 per hour for hours worked between 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

ARTICLE 12 - UNIFORM-CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

12.1. The pay provided for in the appendix, and in this agreement, includes an amount to compensate the Employees for the expense of maintaining uniforms and suitable clothing required by the Employer, for both uniformed personnel and those people assigned by the Chief to duty as plainclothes officers. When requested by an Employee who is transferred or promoted to a uniform duty position, after a minimum three year assignment in plainclothes, the Employer shall provide the following uniform items: three pairs of uniform pants , 2 winter shirts, 2 summer shirts; or the monetary equivalent of the cost of these items may be applied toward the purchase of other uniform items. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to short-term or day-to-day uniform duty assignments.

12.2. Uniform clothing worn by uniformed personnel shall be kept neat, clean, pressed; and shall not be worn if threadbare, stained, or otherwise determined unserviceable by an Employee's supervisor. Uniform items required by the Chief which are new, additional items and not replacement items shall be initially furnished by the Employer, and thereafter shall be maintained as regular uniform items.

12.3. Clothing items of all Employees damaged in the line of duty and reported in writing to the Employee's supervisor shall be replaced by the City in the amount of the value of any such item which is lost or damaged beyond repair and in the amount of the cost of repair of any other damaged item if such loss or damage is reported as required herein; provided, however, that whenever the City reimburses an Employee pursuant to this article, such Employee shall be deemed to have subrogated to the City their right of recovery against other parties for such loss or damage, and such Employee shall cooperate fully with the City in any attempt it may make to recover the amount of such loss or damage from such other parties. Any incident resulting in damage to uniform clothing shall be reported in writing in the incident report to the supervisor during the work shift unless good cause is shown why the officer could not make such a report. The Employer will not compensate for any damages not reported in this manner.

12.4. The Clothing Committee shall consist of the Uniform Division Deputy Chief, two union-appointed representatives, the Executive Administrator - Police, and two police officers agreed upon by both the Employer and the Union. The Clothing Committee will have the following functions: a) to decide whether to honor an Employee's request to replace damaged clothing items; b) to decide whether to honor an Employee's request for the reissuance of uniform items pursuant to Article 12.1; and c) to recommend to the Chief changes in the design and specifications of uniforms or regulations concerning uniforms. The Chief reserves the right to determine uniform design and specifications and to establish regulations concerning uniforms.

12.5. When an Employee elects to purchase soft body armor under the provisions of M.S.A. 299A.38, the Employer shall pay the Employee's share of the cost, not to exceed the amount in said statute.

ARTICLE 13 - HOLIDAYS - PERSONAL LEAVE

13.1. Holidays. Employees shall receive days off with pay in lieu of time off for the following holidays:

- a. New Year's Day, which shall be defined as beginning at 12:00 p.m. on the thirty-first of December and ending at 12:00 p.m. on the first day of January, regardless of the date of the legal holiday;
- b. Martin Luther King Jr. Day which is the date of the legal holiday;
- c. Presidents' Day which is the date of the legal holiday;
- d. Memorial Day which is the date of the legal holiday;
- e. Juneteenth Day which is on the 19th day of June regardless of the date of the legal holiday;
- f. Independence Day, which shall be the fourth day of July, regardless of the date of the legal holiday;
- g. Labor Day which is the date of the legal holiday;
- h. Indigenous People's Day, which is the date of the legal holiday;
- i. Veterans' Day which is the date of the legal holiday;
- j. Thanksgiving Day which is the date of the legal holiday; and

k. Christmas Day, which shall be the twenty-fifth day of December, regardless of the date of the legal holiday.

For purposes of this Article, the term "day" shall mean eight (8) hours. An Employee required to work a Shift which commences on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day shall be compensated at two times the Basic Hourly Rate, for time worked on the Shift. An Employee who works a Shift that commences after 1:30 p.m. on December 24 shall receive two times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate of pay, for time worked on the Shift. An Employee required to work a Shift which commences on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Labor Day, Indigenous People's Day, Veteran's Day, Day after Thanksgiving, or, if not named in the above list, as defined in Minnesota Statutes Annotated, Section 645.44, Subd. 5, shall be compensated for time worked at 1.5 times the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate.

13.2. Personal Leave. Employees shall earn personal leave days at a rate of 48 hours of personal leave per year, subject to the following:

- a. Only Employees who have successfully completed their initial probationary period may utilize any personal leave days;
- b. Personal leave days not used by an Employee before December 31 shall be converted into cash and deposited into the Employee's post employment health care savings plan account (as administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System) by February of the following year, unless earned during the initial probation period;
- c. Personal leave days earned during the initial probation period may be carried over for use in the next year; and
- d. Employees shall be allowed to use personal leave without restriction for one Shift (8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 hour Shift). If however, more than two Employees request personal leave in the same unit on the same Shift, the supervisor may deny the additional request. The remainder of Personal Leave hours may be taken off in the same manner as vacation hours.

ARTICLE 14 - LONGEVITY AWARD

14.1 In addition to the monthly pay prescribed herein, any Employee who has been Continuously Employed by the City as a sworn law enforcement officer for a number of qualified pay periods, the total of which is not less than seven (7) years, shall receive from and after the beginning of the next pay period following completion of his or her seventh year of service, a monthly longevity award equal to four percent (4%) of his or her basic monthly pay, and any Employee who has been Continuously Employed by the City as a sworn law enforcement officer a number of qualified pay periods, the total of which is not less than fourteen (14) years, shall receive from and after the beginning of the next pay period an additional monthly longevity award equal to four percent (4%) of his or her basic monthly pay. Such longevity award shall be computed to the nearest dollar per month.

14.2. The term "qualified pay period" shall mean any regular minimum period of time at the end of which full-time Employees of the City are regularly paid and during which the

Employee was employed and/or paid by the City for not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the normal working hours of the position they then occupied.

14.3 For Employees hired on or after January 1, 2018 through the Lateral Police Officer Hiring Program, the Employer shall include a Lateral Police Officer's prior service time as a sworn law enforcement officer working full-time for another law enforcement agency towards "Continuously Employed" for purposes of Longevity Award eligibility pursuant to this Article. Said time at another law enforcement agency shall be calculated to the nearest month and added to their current length of "Continuously Employed" with the Employer.

ARTICLE 15 - 24-HOUR DUTY ALLOWANCE

15.1. Effective January 1, 2024, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0%) of the Basic Monthly Pay as compensation for law enforcement availability, assistance, response and crime intervention. Effective January 1, 2025, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0 %) for a total of two percent (2.0%) of Basic Monthly Pay as compensation for law enforcement availability, assistance, response and crime intervention. . Effective January 1, 2026, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0 %) for a total of three percent (3.0%) of Basic Monthly Pay as compensation for law enforcement availability, assistance, response and crime intervention

ARTICLE 16 - FIRST RESPONDER AND FIRST AID TRAINING COMPENSTAION

16.1. Effective January 1, 2024, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0%) of the Basic Monthly Pay to compensate Employee for training and proficiency in performing as a first responder, in every type of Emergency or trouble, including weapon calls and exposure to disease, and first aid training, and shall continue to receive this pay as long as the Employee participates as instructed in Employer offered in-service first aid training. Effective January 1, 2025, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0%) for a total of two percent (2.0%) of Basic Monthly Pay to compensate Employees for training and proficiency in performing as a first responder. Effective January 1, 2026, each Employee shall receive each month an additional one percent (1.0%) for a total of three percent (3.0%) of Basic Monthly Pay to compensate Employee for training and proficiency in performing as a first responder.

ARTICLE 17 - EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE

17.1. Employees shall receive fifty dollars (\$50) per month for having a Masters Degree from an accredited university.

17.2. An educational incentive for all employees was added to Basic Monthly Pay effective January 1, 2018

ARTICLE 18 - HOSPITAL-MEDICAL INSURANCE

18.1. The Employer will make available to eligible Employees comprehensive hospital-medical benefit Plan 3A only.

a. The Employer agrees to pay for the Employees without claimed dependents 100% of the monthly premium for a single Employee hospital-medical benefit Plan 3A through December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2013, the Employer agrees to pay for the Employees without claimed dependents 90% of the monthly premium for single Employee hospital-medical benefit Plan 3A. The Employer shall deduct from each eligible and enrolled Employee's salary or wages the amount by which the monthly premium cost of the Employee's single hospital-medical plan coverage exceeds the Employer's contribution that is stated in this paragraph.

b. The Employer agrees to pay 80% of the monthly premium for family hospital-medical benefit Plan 3A. The Employer shall deduct from each eligible and enrolled Employee's salary or wages the amount by which the monthly premium cost of the Employee's hospital-medical plan family-dependent coverage exceeds the Employer's contribution that is stated in this paragraph.

c. The Employer agrees to hold an annual open enrollment period for benefits selection. The Employee may change their benefits selection during the annual open enrollment period or at the time of a qualifying life event as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.

d. The Employer agrees to deposit all Employees' unused flexible benefits spending account monies as of the end of the calendar year that are not eligible for carry over pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 125 into the JPE Trust.

e. The Employer's representative on the Board of Trustees as defined in the JPA will propose to the Board that premiums shall be established by October 15 of the prior year, to be in effect January 1 of each year for twelve (12) consecutive calendar months.

18.2. Hospital-medical benefit plan coverage shall become effective the first day of the month following the date of hire.

18.3. While an Employee is entitled to receive long-term disability income protection pursuant to Article 29 of this Agreement, the Employer shall provide hospital-medical benefit plan coverage and maintain monthly Employer premium cost-sharing for such Employee as it does for active Employees. The Employer shall deduct from each eligible and enrolled Employee's long-term disability income protection payments the amount by which the monthly premium cost of the Employee's single or family-dependent hospital-medical plan coverage exceeds the Employer's contribution stated in Article 18.1(a)-(b) above.

18.4. Any proposed change in the hospital-medical benefit plan design that constitutes a reduction in the aggregate value of benefits shall be negotiated with the bargaining unit.

18.5. The Employer shall provide hospital-medical benefit plan coverage to the same extent as active Employees for the dependents of an Employee who dies. The surviving spouse's coverage ceases when the spouse dies or remarries. The minor dependent's coverage ceases when each ceases to be defined as a dependent in the applicable section of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 62A, as amended.

18.6. The Employer will include the following provisions in the Plan 3A comprehensive hospital-medical insurance plan:

- a. Lifetime benefit of no less than \$2,000,000.
- b. Bone marrow, heart, liver, kidney, heart/lung, cornea, and pancreas transplants.
- c. Preventive care as defined in the Health Care Benefit Plan, and provided by in-network providers, will be fully covered and not subject to a deductible.

18.7. The insured shall be responsible for the following prescription drug co-pays or co-insurance; Zero dollars (\$0) for generic and approved over the counter (OTC) prescriptions (Tier One), fifteen dollars (\$15) for preferred brand name prescriptions (Tier Two), and a 30% co-insurance with a minimum thirty dollar (\$30)/maximum one hundred dollar (\$100) co-insurance payment per non-preferred brand name prescription (Tier Three). When the prescribing physician recommends a Tier Three medication over a Tier Two or Tier One medication for medical necessity, the insured shall be responsible for the Tier Two co-pay.

18.8. If the Employer contracts with a claims administrator or purchases a fully-insured plan from a provider, the allowed amount for any covered service provided by out-of-network providers shall be the usual customary reasonable (UCR) fee as approved by the Board of Trustees as part of the selection process.

18.9. Joint Powers Enterprise, Joint Self-Insurance Pool and Trust.

a. The parties acknowledge the Employer operates, on a joint basis with the HRA, DECC and DAA, one or more self-insured group health plans pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2785 for the purpose of providing health care benefits to eligible and enrolled Employees and their beneficiaries as described in Article 19.1 above.

b. The Employer, as a Member of the Joint Powers Enterprise, agrees to ensure that the administration of the Pool and Trust complies with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471, as amended, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2785, as amended.

c. The Employer agrees to transfer and deposit monthly all premiums as described in Article 18.1 (a) and (b) into the Trust. Monies in the Trust shall only be expended

for payment of participant health care benefit expenses, purchase of health and dental insurance (including stop loss insurance), payment of expenses incurred in the administration of the Employer's health care and dental care programs, and other health-related expenses. Expenses made pursuant to the Worker's Compensation laws, the cost of physical exams of, or medical services for, Employees which exams or services are required by the City or another governmental agency shall not be eligible expenses paid from the Trust. Any funds expended from the Trust that are later determined by the Employee Benefits Administrator or through court action, arbitration, or mediation to have been more correctly charged to Worker's Compensation shall be promptly reimbursed to the Trust. Reimbursements received by the Employer from stop loss insurance shall be promptly deposited in the Trust.

d. The Employer, as a Member of the Joint Powers Enterprise, agrees to ensure that the setting of reserves of the Pool complies with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471, as amended, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2785, as amended.

e. If monies in the Trust are at any time insufficient to pay the expenses described in this Article, the Employer shall provide sufficient monies to such Trust as required by the Board of Trustees to cover the deficit.

18.10. The Employer, as a Member of the Joint Powers Enterprise, agrees to ensure that the setting of premium rates for the group health insurance plans of the Pool, a.) complies with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471, as amended, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2785, as amended and b.) provides for an amount of premiums for the Trust for its fiscal year that is sufficient to provide for 1) the payment of expected health care claims for the current fiscal year, 2) a reasonable and appropriate reserve necessary to cover incurred and unreported claims, stop-loss liabilities, and other potential claims and liabilities, 3) stop-loss and other necessary insurance costs, 4) contract costs for third party claims administrator services, and 5) other administrative costs of the Pool as determined by the Board of Trustees to be necessary for administration of the Pool. The Employer will notify the Labor Management Committee or subcommittee thereof of the Board's premium rate decision along with supporting documentation and methodology for the rate determination.

18.11. The Employer, as a Member of the Joint Powers Enterprise, agrees that, if, in the opinion of the Board of Trustee's legal counsel, the meetings of the Board are not subject to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, (Minn. Statutes Chapter 13D), the Employer will propose to the Board of Trustees that the proceedings of the Joint Powers Enterprise shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, (Minn. Statutes Chapter 13D).

18.12. The Employer's representative on the Board of Trustees as defined in the-JPA will report, after every meeting of the Board of Trustees, no less than quarterly, to the Labor Management Committee or subcommittee thereof regarding activity in the Trust. The report will include information such as claims activity, actuarial reports, and financial statements, which will be comparable to that which was provided to the Health Insurance Labor Management Committee under the 2010 collective bargaining agreement.

18.13. The Union acknowledges that the Employer is authorized to operate a joint self-insurance pool under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 471 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 2785. In the event the City ceases to be a member of the joint self-insurance pool or the pool is dissolved, the language in Article 19.1(c) and (e), Article 19.10 and Article 19.11 as set forth in the 2010 collective bargaining agreement between the parties shall become effective immediately.

18.14. This section is blank.

18.15. Fitness Training Reimbursement. The Employer will reimburse to the Employees a maximum of \$30.00 each month, of the actual cost for the use of facilities involved in the Employee's participation in an approved physical fitness training program. The Employee shall be responsible for furnishing, upon demand, proof of actual costs incurred and training activities engaged in. The Employee shall apply for any corporate or other discount(s) available from the health or fitness program in which membership is held.

18.16. One-Time Health Care Savings Plan Contribution. After thirty-six months of continuous employment from the date of hire, for any permanent full time Employee hired on or after January 1, 2007, the Employer shall make a one time deposit of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) into a post employment health care savings plan account, known as the Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, which shall be established by the Employer in the name of the Employee. An Employee is eligible for this retiree health care savings plan payment only once in their lifetime under this Article. Deposited funds and accumulated interest shall be available to the Employee as required by law.

18.17. (a) Monthly Health Care Savings Plan Contribution for any Full Time and Permanent Employees Hired Before January 1, 2007. In addition to the monthly pay prescribed elsewhere in this contract, any full time and permanent Employee shall receive, monthly, an amount equal to two percent (2%) of their basic monthly pay deposited into a post employment health care savings plan account, known as the Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, established by the Employer in the name of the Employee. Such deposit shall be computed to the nearest dollar per month.

(b). Monthly Health Care Savings Plan Contribution for any Full Time and Permanent Employees hired on or after January 1, 2007. In addition to the monthly pay prescribed elsewhere in this contract, any full time and permanent Employee hired on or after January 1, 2007 shall receive, monthly, an amount equal to two percent (2%) of their basic monthly pay through the end of the day on January 31, 2019, then effective February 1, 2019, three percent (3%) of their basic monthly pay deposited into a post-employment health care savings plan account, known as the Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, established by the Employer in the name of the Employee. Such deposit shall be computed to the nearest dollar per month.

ARTICLE 19 - HOSPITAL-MEDICAL INSURANCE-RETIRED EMPLOYEES

19.1. Any Employee who was hired on or before December 31, 2006 and who retires from employment with the City, and is receiving, or has applied for and will, within sixty (60) days of retirement, receive retirement pension benefits from the Public Employees Retirement Association, or who retires and is vested to receive a retirement pension from the Police and Fire

Fund of PERA, or who is currently receiving a disability pension from one of the aforementioned organizations, shall receive hospital-medical benefit plan coverage to the same extent as active Employees, subject to the following conditions and exceptions:

a. The City will provide any such eligible retired Employee with or without claimed dependents the hospital-medical benefit provided active Employees, without any premium cost to the retiree after having been employed by the City for twenty (20) years.

b. Any retiree or qualified dependent seeking benefits pursuant to this Article, who has attained the age of 65 years, or meets any condition that qualifies them to be eligible for Medicare Coverage A and B must obtain it, or lose any benefits hereunder until they obtain Medicare Coverage A and B. Employees hired on or before March 31, 1986 are not required to obtain Medicare Coverage A if such coverage requires paying a monthly premium.

c. Such coverage shall be for the life of the retiree, but if the retiree dies before their spouse, such coverage shall be continued for such spouse until the spouse dies or remarries, but any such coverage for such surviving spouse shall not include coverage for any dependent of such surviving spouse.

d. If any such covered retiree or spouse becomes the beneficiary of any hospital-medical coverage provided by another employer in connection with such retiree's or spouse's employment by or retirement from employment by another employer, the City's obligation to provide the coverage indicated alone shall be only to the extent that the City's coverage exceeds such other coverage.

19.2. Any person purchasing medical insurance coverage pursuant to a former, or this, agreement may continue to do so. When any such person ceases to so purchase medical coverage, except by reason of Section 19.5, the Employee shall no longer have any right to participate in any insurance plan or group created by this, or successor, labor agreement. This paragraph shall become inoperative when no former Employee is buying insurance coverage as here provided.

19.3. Any Employee hired on or before December 31, 2006, who retires from employment with the City and who meets the qualifications of Article 19.1 shall receive hospital-medical benefit plan coverage to the same extent as active Employees paid for by the Employer and the eligible retired Employee, with or without dependents, in accordance with the following schedule:

YEARS OF SERVICE COMPLETED	PERCENT SHARE OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS	
	EMPLOYEE	EMPLOYER
5	75	25
6	70	30
7	65	35
8	60	40
9	55	45

10	50	50
11	45	55
12	40	60
13	35	65
14	30	70
15	25	75
16	20	80
17	15	85
18	10	90
19	5	95
20 and thereafter	0	100

19.4. a. For those Employees hired on or before December 31, 2006, who retire from City employment and who meet the qualification requirements stated under Article 19.1, the City may provide a 65 or older health insurance program in accordance with Article 19.1.b. in lieu of health care coverage provided active Employees, except that the health insurance program, when combined with Medicare, will provide coverage no less than the coverage provided active Employees. The health insurance program may be fully insured or self-insured at the option of the City and at the City's expense in accordance with the schedule in Article 19.3. For those Employees hired on or after January 1, 2007, who retire from City employment and who meet the qualification requirements stated under Article 19.4.b., participation in the 65 or older health insurance program will be in accordance with Article 19.1.b. and applicable federal or state laws, and entirely at the expense of the Employee with or without dependents with absolutely no contribution from the City.

b. Any Employee hired on or after January 1, 2007, who retires from City employment, and who otherwise meets the qualification requirements stated in Article 19.1, may elect to enroll in the City's hospital medical plan in accordance with 19.1.b., c., and d. only except that the cost of the premium will be entirely paid for by the Employee with or without dependents with absolutely no contribution by the City.

c. After thirty-six months of continuous employment from the date of hire, for any permanent full time Employee hired on or after January 1, 2007, the Employer shall make a one time deposit of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) into a post employment health care savings plan account, known as the Minnesota Health Care Savings Plan, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System, which shall be established by the Employer in the name of the Employee. An Employee is eligible for this retiree health care savings plan payment only once in their lifetime under this Article. Deposited funds and accumulated interest shall be available to the Employee as required by law.

19.5 With regard to a former employee who meets the eligibility requirements to receive an employer contribution for hospital-medical benefit plan under this Article 19 and who separates from employment with the City after December 31, 2015; such eligibility for benefits

under this Article 19 shall be suspended during any month for which such former employee is employed in a law enforcement position described in Minn. Stat. §353.64, subd. 1 and is eligible to receive coverage under a hospital-medical benefit plan maintained by such employer. Effective the first day of the month following the month in which the former employee separates (for any reason, including the former employee's death) from the employment that caused the suspension of their eligibility, the eligibility of a former employee and their spouse and dependents to receive the benefits under this Article 19 shall be reinstated to the full extent as existed immediately prior to such suspension.

ARTICLE 20 - HOSPITAL - MEDICAL INSURANCE - DISABLED EMPLOYEES

20.1. The Employer agrees that it shall be deemed an "employer" as defined in Subdivision 5 of Section 62A.147 of Minnesota Statutes 1976 so that Sections 62A.147 and 62A.148 of said statutes will be applicable to the Employer. This paragraph shall be deemed to pertain only to said sections as they existed in Minnesota Statutes 1976; it shall not be deemed to incorporate any amendments that may subsequently be made by the legislature.

20.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing language in this paragraph, the Employer shall not be deemed an "employer" as defined in said Subdivision 5 with regard to any Employee or former Employee who has attained the age of 65 years.

20.3. The provisions of this article shall be deemed applicable to former Employees of the Employer.

ARTICLE 21 - DENTAL INSURANCE

21.1. The Employer agrees to make the same dental care coverage available to all eligible Employees as it currently makes available for Employees of the Basic and Supervisory collective bargaining units of the City, but the Employer agrees to pay only the entire cost for single coverage under the low option for each eligible Employee. An Employee becomes eligible for this coverage on the first of month following date of hire. The Employer and the Union agree that any change in such coverage shall only be done through negotiations. The maximum annual coverage for the low option shall be \$1,000.

21.2. The Employee has the additional options to increase the annual dental insurance maximum benefit to \$2,000 per person and/or elect family dental coverage. The Employee will pay the additional cost of the benefit increase above what the City provides in Article 21.1.

ARTICLE 22 - CAFETERIA PLAN CONTRIBUTION

22.1. For each eligible Employee who has been Continuously Employed by the Employer for sufficient time as to be eligible for the Employer's hospital-medical benefit plan, the Employer shall make the amounts listed below available to the Employee for contribution to the Employer's Internal Revenue Code Section 125 cafeteria plan program.

a. \$304 per month for each eligible regular Employee either declining both single-hospital and family medical benefit plan coverage (must provide proof of other coverage which meets the Affordable Care Act's minimum essential coverage requirements) or electing single hospital-medical benefit plan coverage ; or

b. \$229 per month for each eligible regular Employee electing family hospital-medical benefit plan coverage.

ARTICLE 23 - SEPARATION PAY

23.1. When an Employee leaves City employment, they shall be paid in full on the payroll covering the last day they actually worked for their salary due, plus the value of accumulated vacation time, personal leave, and unused compensatory time off earned, such value to be calculated based on their Basic Hourly Rate at the time of their separation from employment.

ARTICLE 24 - WORKER'S COMPENSATION

24.1. An Employee who suffers an injury compensable under the Worker's Compensation Act and is absent from work as a result thereof, shall receive an amount equal to the difference between the amount received by them under the Worker's Compensation Act and their gross Monthly Pay, including Education Compensation pursuant to Article 17, subject to the following:

24.2. For each one (1) hour work absence the Employee shall be charged for one-third (1/3) hour of sick leave. When their sick leave is exhausted, the Employee may choose to utilize vacation and compensation time to supplement their Worker's Compensation payment. When the Employee's sick leave, vacation time and compensatory time benefits have been exhausted, the Employee shall no longer receive any salary from the Employer while absent from work, except as otherwise provided by Article 29.

ARTICLE 25 - PAY PERIODS

25.1. All Employees shall be paid every two (2) weeks, and payment for each two (2) week period shall be made not later than the Friday next following such two (2) week period. If any such Friday occurs on a holiday, payments shall be made on the working day next prior to such holiday. The amount of pay for each such two (2) week period shall be determined by multiplying the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate by 80. Payment will be made by electronic deposit only and employees will be required to participate in direct deposit. The Employer will provide reasonable electronic access to deposit information in lieu of paper paystubs.

ARTICLE 26 - VACATION

26.1 Any Employee who has been Continuously Employed by the City shall be credited with vacation time according to the following schedule:

Years of Continuous Service (Inclusive)	Hours/ Pay Period	Vacation Hrs/Year	Maximum Year End Carry-over Into Next Year
0-3	3.08	80	336 hrs
4-7	5.23	136	336 hrs
8-10	6.46	168	336 hrs
11-14	7.08	184	336 hrs
15- and over	8	208	336 hrs

26.2 During any calendar year there shall be no limitation to the amount of vacation time that any employee may accumulate. However, as of December 31 of each year the maximum amount of unused vacation time that any employee may have accumulated shall be three hundred thirty-six (336) hours. Any amount in excess of the maximum allowable amount will be forfeited at 0700 the day immediately following December 31.

26.3 No Employee shall be allowed to use vacation time and no Employee shall be compensated for vacation time until the Employee has been continuously and satisfactorily employed for not less than six (6) months. No Employee shall use vacation time except at such time or times as the Chief may approve.

26.4 Any part-time Employee must work a minimum of eighty (80) hours during a calendar month to qualify for vacation time for such month, and they must have a minimum of five (5) such qualified months during a calendar year to receive vacation time credit for those months in which they worked not less than eighty (80) hours. Vacation time to be so allowed shall be calculated by prorating the number of hours worked during any such qualified calendar month with the number of hours that such part-time employee would have worked during such qualified calendar month if they had then been employed full time.

26.5 In the event of death of any Employee, any vacation time accumulated to the credit of such deceased Employee shall be compensated for in cash and shall be paid in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 181.58, as amended.

26.6 An Employee may donate all or part of their accumulated vacation to another Employee in the event of serious hardship or medical condition.

26.7 Employees hired on or after January 1, 2018 through the Lateral Police Officer Hiring Program, the Employer shall include a Lateral Police Officer's prior service time as a sworn law enforcement officer working full-time for another law enforcement agency into their "Continuous Service" for purposes of vacation accrual pursuant to Article 26.1. Said time at another law enforcement agency shall be calculated to the nearest month and added to their current "Continuous Service" with the Employer.

ARTICLE 27 - SICK LEAVE - FUNERAL LEAVE

27.1.. Effective the first day of the month following the date of hire, any Employee in the classified or unclassified service shall be granted up to 60 working days of sick leave with full pay (paid sick leave) for each calendar year, except that such minimum requirement shall not be applicable in connection with any illness or injury arising out of and in the course of employment by the City. When an Employee is unable to report for duty for any of the reasons specified in Article 27.3, the Employee shall immediately report such fact to their immediate supervisor. To qualify for sick leave, the Employee must report off at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their starting time, but must immediately report off when leaving their duties.

27.2. a. If an Employee's use of paid sick leave reasonably appears to the Employer to be unjustified and the Employer wishes to obtain a medical explanation, the Appointing Authority shall deliver a written instruction to the Employee, requiring that for that absence or any subsequent absence, for a stated period of time, by the Employee claimed to be allowable as paid sick leave, the Employee must furnish written explanation by a physician such as to justify the absence on paid sick leave; the written request for physician's explanation shall

state the Employer's basis for suspecting the use of sick leave is unjustified. Failure to furnish such written explanation shall preclude such Employee from being allowed such absence as paid sick leave, but such Employee may appeal such directive to the City Administrator. The Employer shall notify the Employee in writing its reasons for concluding that the Employee's use of sick leave is unjustified. Sick leave approved by the Employee's physician may not be denied as a form of discipline.

b. Employer may send an Employee to a City-chosen and paid doctor for a fitness for duty examination, provided the testing is job related and consistent with business necessity, with the Employee having the option of refusing two (2) doctors. The Employer must state specifically in writing the grounds for requesting the fitness for duty examination.

27.3. For purposes of this article, sick leave is defined to mean the absence of an Employee because of illness or injury, exposure to a contagious disease, attendance upon a member of the immediate family; provided no Employee, unless officially assigned to special duty, shall be granted paid sick leave for any injury or illness resulting from any gainful employment on any job which is subject to the provisions of the worker's compensation laws of any state, other than regular City employment.

a. Immediate Family. For the purposes of this article, immediate family is defined to include only any parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or ward of the Employee, and any parent or grandparent of the Employee's spouse.

b. Sick Leave Benefits for Care of Relatives. Employees may use paid sick leave for absences due to an illness of or injury to a member of their immediate family, as defined in Article 27.3(a), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 181.9413; for reasonable periods of time as the Employee's attendance may be necessary, on the same terms upon which the Employee is able to use sick leave benefits for the Employee's own illness or injury. Pursuant to the minimum requirements of Minn. Stat. 181.9413, except for absences due to the illness or injury of a child, an Employee's use of sick leave in accordance with this Section 27.3(b) shall not exceed 160 hours in any 12-month period. If Minnesota Statutes Section 181.9413 is repealed or amended to eliminate limits on the quantity of sick leave allowed for care of relatives, then an Employee's use of sick leave for care of a member of their immediate family pursuant to this article shall not exceed three (3) days per event, except to attend to a child.

c. Medical Appointments. An Employee must obtain prior approval from the Appointing Authority for the purpose of medical, dental, or optical examination or treatment, when such examination or treatment cannot be scheduled other than during working hours. Such absence on paid sick leave shall be approved only when the Employee has made a diligent effort to have such examination or treatment prior to their normal working hours, after work, or on a day off.

d. Paid Sick Leave On Vacation. Paid sick leave will not be allowed during a previously scheduled vacation unless the Employee is under the care of a physician because of an unexpected injury or illness and the Employee furnishes to the City Administrator a certificate, signed by the physician, indicating the number of days the Employee was actually confined to their home or hospital. The Employee will then receive paid sick leave for those

days spent confined. If the Employee is exposed to a contagious disease and confined under doctor's orders, such Employee will be granted paid sick leave in lieu of vacation.

e. If an Employee is entitled to sick leave and also to no-fault or other car insurance loss of pay benefits, the Employee shall receive only one payment to reimburse for lost wages. If the Employee receives the no-fault or other car insurance payment for lost wages, the Employee shall not receive sick leave pay. If the Employee receives sick leave pay the Employee shall, upon request, assign to the Employer their right to no-fault or other car insurance lost wage reimbursement. The employee shall not be credited with sick leave use if the employee receives no fault or other car insurance company payments for lost wages or the Employer receives such assigned reimbursement.

f. Birth/Adoption Leave. Upon request, three (3) days of paid sick leave shall be allowed in conjunction with the birth or adoption of the Employee's child.

27.4. Whenever any Employee is absent on sick leave in excess of three (3) consecutive working days, the Manager of Human Resources, Healthcare & Safety, or their designee, may direct such employee to furnish written explanation by a physician to justify such absence on sick leave; failure to furnish such written explanation may preclude such Employee from being allowed such absence as sick leave. This section shall not apply to funeral leaves.

27.5. Employee Assistance Program. Any approved absence for an Employee's participation in the Employee's Assistance Program shall be allowed as paid sick leave if approved in writing by the Employee Benefits Administrator. When the Employee's spouse or child is under a Family Involvement Program, and it requires the Employee to participate in the program, that time spent by the Employee to participate in this program shall be allowed as paid sick leave if approved in writing by the Employee Benefits Administrator. When the Employee wishes to participate in a family involvement program with another who is neither a spouse nor child, paid time off as vacation or personal leave shall be allowed if approved by the Employee Benefits Administrator. As in the case with other paid sick leave, the Employee must report off sick after securing written permission from the Employee Benefits Administrator and report the purpose for the use of such sick leave, but it will not be necessary for them to go into details. Employees denied sick leave pursuant to this paragraph may appeal such denial to the City Administrator.

27.6. Any Employee who has been removed from the payroll because the Employee is absent with an illness or injury and has no sick leave, vacation, or compensatory time off remaining shall file a statement from a physician with the City Administrator at least once every three (3) months which indicates that the Employee is unable to perform the duties of their position because of such illness shall be considered to be on leave for a period not to exceed one (1) year and shall be reinstated in their position upon filing with the City Administrator a statement signed by a physician which indicates that the Employee is physically able to perform the duties of their position. The physician for such latter statement shall be chosen by the City Administrator, and compensated by the Employer.

27.7. Funeral Leave. Upon request, a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours of paid funeral leave shall be granted an Employee for a death in the immediate family. If the Employee's absence exceeds the allowed time, the excess time shall be charged to vacation or compensatory time off. Article 39 of this agreement shall not apply to the taking of vacation for

this purpose. Employees must utilize accumulated paid leave or authorized unpaid leave for an absence for any funeral other than that of a member of the immediate family.

ARTICLE 28 - ASSIGNMENT OF
INJURED OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES TO OTHER POSITIONS

28.1. Whenever an Employee suffers an injury or disability which results in the Employee's inability to perform all the duties of their position for a period of more than ten (10) working days, the Employer may, if such Employee is capable of performing the work of any other position, or any, including their own, position modified to accommodate medical restrictions, with the then existing work structure of the department, assign or transfer the Employee to such other position as the Employer determines would result in the most effective use of the Employee. If the injury or disability is not job related, the Employee shall receive total monthly compensation equal to the total monthly salary the Employee would receive if the Employee was regularly appointed to the position the Employee is filling, as provided in Appendix I of this Agreement. Assignments and transfers under this article shall expire at such time as the Employee is able to perform the regular duties of the position held before injury or disability. If such assignment is refused by the employee, and justification for the refusal is not provided by the Employee's treating physician, paid sick leave will be denied. In case of a dispute as to whether the Employee can perform assigned work, after ten (10) working days the City may use its own physician to evaluate the medical condition. The term "job related injury" shall mean an injury suffered by an Employee that arises out of and in the course of employment by the Employee, and shall not be construed to include an injury suffered by an Employee while performing services for private corporations or individuals or for other public agencies. The term "job related disability" shall mean a disability arising out of and in the course of employment with Employer.

28.2. If the City is not able to provide the employee such assignment, the Employee remains eligible for paid sick leave or other compensation.

ARTICLE 29 - LONG TERM DISABILITY INCOME

29.1. Any Employee who has been Continuously Employed by the City for not less than six (6) months shall be eligible for long-term income protection to age 70 for disability; however, there shall be no such protection for disability caused by any injury or illness for which the Employee received professional medical care or treatment within ninety (90) consecutive days prior to when the Employee otherwise becomes eligible for such protection, unless ninety (90) consecutive days elapse from the time when the Employee otherwise would be eligible for such protection and during such ninety (90) consecutive days the Employee neither receives nor requires professional medical care or treatment for such injury or illness.

29.2. For the purposes of this Article, disability means that which is caused by illness or injury which occurs during the Employee's term of employment and which prevents the Employee from performing the major tasks of the Employee's position.

29.3. Payment of benefits pursuant to this article to a disabled Employee shall commence when the Employee exhausts their allowance of sick leave with full pay provided by Article 28.1 of this Agreement. The amount of such protection shall be 65% of the Employee's Basic Hourly Rate as of the time that Employee's sick leave is exhausted, or the parties agree to commencement of such payments, but shall not exceed an amount equivalent to a monthly rate

of pay of \$3,500; however, for any pay period, the amount of such protection shall be reduced by any amount that the Employee receives for such pay period as a retirement or disability pension from the Public Employees Retirement Association, the Duluth Firemen's Relief Association, the Duluth Police Pension Association, or from the federal government pursuant to the federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Act, and by any amount that the Employee receives as worker's compensation in lieu of wages or salary. Any cost of living adjustment to any amount received as a retirement or disability pension or as worker's compensation shall not be used to reduce the amount of such protection. The amount of such protection for any pay period shall also be reduced by any amount that the Employee receives as wages or salary during that pay period, but only when the total amount that the Employee has received for wages or salary during the calendar year exceeds \$5,000.

29.4. a. Payment of benefits due under this article shall be calculated for each regular pay period, and shall be paid for the period at the same time as Employees are then paid pursuant to Article 26 of this Agreement. For any pay period the City may deduct from the payment of benefits any amount which the Employee previously received as payments of benefits but to which the Employee was not entitled because of the provisions of this Article.

b. As benefits due under this article, the employer may offer to any Employee who is disabled an assignment, at such Employee's present rate of pay, to any position, or one with tasks or equipment modified to accommodate Employee's medical restrictions, in their present or lower classification, the duties of which the Employee is medically able to perform. Such assignment shall not result in the denial of promotion to, or the layoff of, a classified Employee.

29.5. Within 24 months from the date of injury or illness causing such disability, if the Employee is still receiving benefits pursuant to this article, the Employee shall:

a. Return to the position with the City which the Employee occupied when they became disabled; or return to a position with the City, which may have tasks or equipment modified to accommodate Employee's medical restrictions, for which the Employee is qualified, if such position is available; but only if the Employee provides written information from a physician, chosen and compensated by the City, which indicates that the Employee is then capable of performing the duties of such position; or

b. Request rehabilitation or retraining designed to return the Employee to other work which produces an economic status as close as possible to that enjoyed by the Employee before the illness or injury; the costs of such rehabilitation and/or retraining shall be borne by the City; such rehabilitation or retraining may include, but is not limited to, medical evaluation, physical rehabilitation, work evaluation, counseling, job placement, and implementation of on-the-job short-term training; or

c. Apply for permanent total disability status. Total disability, (as defined in Minnesota Statute 176.101, Subd. 5) means the total and permanent loss of the sight of both eyes, the loss of both arms at the shoulder, the loss of both legs so close to the hips that no effective artificial member can be used, complete and permanent paralysis, total and permanent loss of mental faculties, or any other injury which totally incapacitates the Employee from working at an occupation which brings them an income. This definition shall not limit the Employee's right to earn \$5,000 per year as provided for in paragraph 29.3 of this article.

29.6. Receipt of long-term income protection benefits shall cease at the expiration of 24 months from the date of injury or illness causing such total disability unless the Employee has complied with Section 29.5 of this Article and has been determined to be returned to work, rehabilitated and/or retrained, or eligible for continuing total disability benefits because the Employee is disabled as defined in Section 29.5. Such determination shall occur upon medical verification by the Employee's treating physician and a physician appointed by the City that the determination is consistent with the Employee's medical condition. In event of disagreement, a third physician mutually agreed upon by the Employee and the City shall act as arbitrator. The arbitrator's decision as to whether the determination is consistent with the Employee's medical condition shall be binding on both parties.

ARTICLE 30 - LIFE INSURANCE

30.1. The Employer shall pay the full cost of \$50,000 of term life insurance for each eligible Employee. All Employees shall receive such life insurance coverage on the first day of the month following the date of hire.

30.2. Term insurance terminates on the last day of the month in which an Employee terminates their employment. Employees are responsible to contact the Human Resources office at least one (1) month prior to termination to verify any insurance benefits due after termination.

30.3 While an Employee is entitled to receive long-term income protection pursuant to Article 29 of this Agreement, the Employer shall maintain such life insurance coverage for such Employee as it does for active Employees.

ARTICLE 31 - LIFE INSURANCE - RETIREES

31.1. The Employer shall pay full cost of term life insurance for any Employee who retires from employment after having been employed by the City for such total time so as to be qualified by such employment to receive retirement benefits from the Public Employees Retirement Association. The amount of such insurance coverage shall be \$25,000.

ARTICLE 32 – UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

32.1. Special Leaves of Absence. Any Employee who is mentally or physically incapacitated to perform their duties or who desires to engage in a course of study such as will increase their usefulness on their return to the City, or who for any reason considered good by the Chief desires to secure leave from their regular duties, may, on written request approved by the Chief, be granted special leave of absence without pay for a period not exceeding one (1) year, provided, however, any leave that exceeds thirty (30) calendar days must also be approved by the City Administrator.

32.1.1. Any Employee asking for special leave without pay shall submit their request in writing, stating the reasons why in their opinion the request should be granted, the date when the Employee desires the leave to begin and the probable date of their return.

32.1.2. For each separate case of special leave without pay, the Chief shall, at the time they approve the leave, determine whether the Employee granted such leave shall be entitled to their former position on the Employee's return from such leave or whether the Employee's name shall be placed on the re-employment list for the class.

32.1.3. No leaves without pay over thirty (30) days will be granted until the Employee has used all accumulated vacation and accrued compensatory leave.

32.1.4. No benefits or seniority shall be accrued by the Employee during such leave, however, any Employee wishing to be covered under the City's insurance plans may for the first six (6) months of such leave pay both the Employee's and the Employer's share of the cost of coverage.

32.2. Special Leaves for Positions Outside Bargainins Unit. A member of the Union accepting the appointed position of Police Chief or Deputy Police Chief shall be on a leave of absence during the period of such appointment and upon the expiration of such appointment shall be reinstated to the class they held prior to such appointment. Upon the member's return, classification seniority, accumulated prior to the promotion, shall be restored.

32.2.1. A member of the Union who is promoted to the position of Police Lieutenant shall, if such member is laid off or demoted from the position of Police Lieutenant, return to the classification held immediately prior to the promotion. Upon the member's return, classification seniority, accumulated prior to the promotion, shall be restored.

32.3 Unpaid Maternity Leave. For purposes of this section, maternity is defined as the physical state of pregnancy of an Employee, commencing eight (8) months before the estimated date of childbirth, as determined by a physician, and ending six (6) months after the date of such birth or six (6) weeks after the Employee is no longer pregnant. In the event of an Employee's pregnancy, the Employee may apply for leave without pay at any time during the period stated above and the Employer may approve such leave at its option, and such leave may be no longer than six (6) months. The Employee on approved maternity leave shall be allowed to return to work in the job classification held. There will be no discrimination in job assignment against an employee on approved maternity leave because the Employee took an approved maternity leave.

ARTICLE 33 - DEMOTIONS

33.1. An Employee may request or the Chief may propose the demotion of an Employee in writing and shall furnish the Employee with a copy of such recommendation stating the cause for such demotion. This recommendation shall give the future date on which the proposed demotion is to become effective, the class to which it is proposed to demote the Employee, the new rate of pay, and any other information required.

ARTICLE 34 - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

Discipline shall be corrective and progressive. Except for cases of serious offense, any suspensions, demotions, or removal action shall be preceded by a written warning or reprimand. Any Employee may be disciplined but discipline shall only be for just cause.

34.1. Probationary Employees. For the purpose of this Article, the initial probationary period for Police Officers will end six (6) months after "solo patrol" begins or one (1) year from hire date, whichever is longer. The term "solo patrol" is defined as that point in the initial training of Duluth Police Officers when they no longer are required to have a training officer.

34.1.1. An Employee who has not completed their initial probationary period may be discharged without cause and without any grievance rights.

34.1.2. An Employee who is removed from their position while on probation shall have the right to revert to the last position in which the Employee completed a probation period.

34.2. Suspension. The Chief or any Unit Leader acting for them may, for disciplinary purposes, suspend without pay any Employee for one or more periods aggregating not more than thirty (30) calendar days in a calendar year. The Chief shall as soon as practicable give written notice to the Employee stating the reason for the suspension, the duration thereof, and advise the Employee they may grieve the matter pursuant to the Grievance procedure. The Chief shall personally deliver such written notice to the Employee or mail it to their last known address by certified mail.

34.3. Termination. Appointing Authority may terminate an Employee, thereby removing the Employee from the workforce. The Employee shall be given written notice of termination which shall state specifically the act or acts constituting cause for removal. The Employer shall deliver the notice of termination to the Employee personally, or shall send one (1) copy by certified mail to the last known address of the Employee, and one copy to the Union as set out in Article 34.8. The notice shall advise the Employee that they may grieve the action pursuant to the grievance procedure.

34.3.1. An Employee may not be terminated from their job while on sick leave approved by a City-chosen physician, unless that Employee is the least senior in their job classification and a reduction in force is necessary. This Section 34.3(b) does not apply to discipline pursuant to Article 34.1.

34.4. An Employee or their union representative may file in writing, an appeal to the Chief and the City Administrator, after three (3) years from the date of any disciplinary action, to have the record of the disciplinary action removed from their file. The Employee shall have the opportunity to meet with the Chief and the City Administrator to present evidence to support their appeal. The City Administrator will respond in writing within thirty (30) days. The City Administrator's decision will be final. If the appeal is upheld, the disciplinary action will not be used by the employer in the future for any purpose. A Union representative may be present at all meetings during the appeal process.

34.5. The Employer shall promptly deliver to the Union a copy of any notice of suspension, demotion, notice of termination, or reprimand issued to an employee.

ARTICLE 35 - DISCIPLINARY ACTION

35.1. Employees shall have the right to have a Union representative present during all disciplinary proceedings or hearings conducted by the Chief or their authorized representative which may result in any disciplinary action.

35.2. Disciplinary actions shall be for just cause only.

35.3. For purposes of Article 33, Article 34 and Article 35, disciplinary actions shall be in the form of a written warning or reprimand; unpaid suspension; demotion; or termination. A

coaching session or a verbal reprimand which is not documented in an Employee's official personnel file will not be considered a disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 36 - RESIGNATIONS

36.1. Any Employee who wishes to resign in good standing shall give the Chief written notice of at least four (4) weeks, unless the Chief consents to their leaving on shorter notice.

36.2. If any Employee resigns without giving the required notice, such failure to give the required notice may be considered sufficient reason for rejecting any future application from them to enter tests.

36.3. Any Employee who has resigned after giving proper notice may, within thirty (30) days after termination of employment, and with the consent of the Chief withdraw their resignation and be restored to the position vacated if such position is still vacant or is filled by a provisional employee; if it is not thus available, they may, upon written request to the Secretary, have their name placed on the re-employment list for the appropriate class.

36.4. Any Employee who is absent from duty for three (3) consecutive business days without securing leave from the Chief or without notifying them of the reason for the Employee's absence and the time when the Employee expects to return, or who fails to notify the Chief of their readiness to resume their duties within five (5) days after the expiration of a leave of absence, shall be considered to have resigned, and such resignation shall be treated as a resignation without notice.

ARTICLE 37 - LAYOFFS

37.1. When the Employer, in its sole discretion, determines that it is advisable due to cause which is not attributable to employment acts of the Employee that are rightly disciplinary matters, to reduce the number of Employees within a certain job classification, the Chief shall act in accordance with this Article.

37.2. Temporary, provisional, and substitute employees in such class in the department shall first be terminated. Then such reduction shall be made on the basis of seniority; the employee with the least seniority in such class shall be the first to be displaced from such class and so on. Any Employee displaced from such class shall be demoted to the next lower class. Employees shall have their seniority from any higher classification added to their lower classification seniority for determination of seniority in the lower classification.

37.3. The above described procedure shall be reapplied, as is necessary, through to the lowest class; when there is no lower class to which to demote an Employee, an Employee who would otherwise be demoted shall be laid off.

37.4. If two or more persons in a class from which a demotion is to be made have equal seniority in such class, seniority between or amongst such persons shall be determined by the total time such persons have been employed in the classified service by the City; if such persons have equal seniority the one with the highest Police Officer test score shall be deemed to have the greatest seniority.

37.5. The name of any Employee who is demoted or laid off pursuant to this section shall be placed on the re-employment list for each class from which the Employee is laid off. This paragraph shall not be applicable to any temporary or provisional employee.

37.6. Demotions or layoffs of an Employee made pursuant to this article shall not be deemed to be a removal which is subject to Article 35.

ARTICLE 38 - RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

38.1. The name of any person who has been laid off shall be placed on the re-employment list.

38.2. The names shall be arranged on the re-employment list for each class, in which they completed a probationary period, in the order of their total seniority in that and higher classes; provided, that if any Employee has not been re-employed, the Manager, Human Resources shall, on or about the anniversary date of the layoff, contact each person laid off by certified mail to determine if such person is interested in re-employment. If the person is no longer interested, or without giving a satisfactory reason, refuses to accept an appointment offered them, the City Administrator may remove their name from the re-employment list.

ARTICLE 39 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

39.1. Step 1. An Employee who has been suspended or removed for disciplinary reasons may have the matter reviewed by way of this Grievance procedure. An Employee or group of Employees with a Grievance shall within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the first occurrence of the event giving rise to the Grievance present such Grievance through the Union in writing to the Chief, or in the Chief's absence, to their authorized representative. The Chief shall send a copy of the Grievance to the Department of Administration within five (5) days of their receipt of it.

39.2. At any time after presentation of a Grievance, the Union may send a request for fact finding to the Human Resources Office. Within five (5) calendar days after receipt of a copy of the Grievance, the City Administrator shall assign a factfinder to investigate the Grievance. The factfinder shall, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of such assignment, or request from the union, make a written report of their findings to the City Administrator, the Chief and the Union.

The Chief, or their authorized representative, shall present the Employer's position in writing to the Employee or Employees and the Union within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of the factfinder's report.

Step 2. Grievances not resolved at Step 1 within the Police Department must be presented by the Employee or Employees through the Union in writing to the City Administrator within twelve (12) calendar days after the Chief has given their reply to such Grievance. The City Administrator shall reply to the aggrieved Employee or Employees and the Union within twelve (12) calendar days after receipt of such Grievance. The resolution of Grievances settled by the procedures set forth in this paragraph shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Employee or Employees, the Union and the Employer.

If the Grievance is not resolved at Step 2 of the foregoing procedure, the Union and the Employer may agree to submit the matter to mediation before moving to Step 3. An agreement to submit a matter to mediation shall preserve the timelines set forth in Article 39.3 and does not preclude the matter from arbitration under this Article.

39.3. Step 3. If the Grievance is not settled in accordance with the foregoing procedure, the Union may, within nine (9) calendar days after receipt of the reply of the City Administrator or within nine (9) days of the conclusion of any mediation submit the Grievance to arbitration by serving notice in writing of such submittal upon the City Administrator. For grievance matters involving written disciplinary action, discharge, or termination, the assignment of an arbitrator shall be consistent with Minnesota Statute. For all other grievances, the parties shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator within seven (7) calendar days after submittal of the Grievance to arbitration. In the event the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator within said seven (7) day period, either party may request the Bureau of Mediation Services of the State of Minnesota to submit a panel of no less than five (5) arbitrators. The parties shall each have the right to alternately strike names from the panel until only one remains. If the parties are unable to agree on who shall strike the first name, the question shall be decided by a flip of the coin. The remaining person shall be the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be notified of their selection by a joint letter from the parties requesting that the arbitrator set a time and a place for the hearing on the Grievance, subject to the availability of the parties.

39.4. The arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this agreement. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issue(s) submitted to them in writing by the parties, and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted to them. More than one (1) Grievance may be heard by the same arbitrator by mutual written agreement of the parties. Either party may, if it desires, submit a brief to the arbitrator setting forth its position with respect to the issue(s) involved in a Grievance. The arbitrator shall be without power to make decisions contrary to or inconsistent with or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws and rules and regulations having the force and effect of law. The arbitrator shall submit their decision in writing to the parties and shall file a copy of such decision with the Bureau of Mediation Services of the State of Minnesota. The decision shall be based solely upon the arbitrator's interpretation of the meaning or application of the express terms of this agreement to the facts of the Grievance presented.

39.5. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties, except that an appeal may be taken to the District Court on the grounds that the order of the arbitrator violates the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Annotated.

39.6. The fee and expenses of the arbitrator shall be divided equally between the parties. Each party shall be responsible for compensating its own witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the arbitration proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record. If both parties desire a verbatim record of such proceedings, the cost shall be shared equally.

39.7. If a Grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered waived. If a Grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or any agreed extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer. If the Employer does not answer a Grievance or an appeal thereof within the specified time limits, the Employee or Employees or Grievance Committee may elect to treat the

Grievance as denied at that step and immediately appeal the Grievance to the next step. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties involved in each step.

39.8. All documents, communications, and records dealing with a Grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the Employees involved.

39.9. Access to all information necessary to the determination and processing of a Grievance shall be made available to all participants to the extent possible under applicable law.

39.10. If, as a result of the reply of the City Administrator or their designee's response in Section 40.2, the grievance remains unresolved and if the grievance involves the suspension, demotion, or discharge of an Employee who has completed the required probationary period, the grievance may be appealed to either Section 39.3 of this Article, or it may be appealed by a Minnesota Veterans Preference Act or United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission action. If appealed to any procedure other than Section 39.3 of this Article, the grievance shall not be subject to the arbitration procedure provide in Section 39.3 of this Article.

The election set forth above shall not apply to claims subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. An Employee pursuing a remedy pursuant to a statute under jurisdiction of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is not precluded from also pursuing an appeal under the grievance procedure of this Agreement. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules contrary to the ruling in *EEOC v. Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities*, 957 F.2d 424 (7th Cir.) *cert. denied*, 506 U.S. 906, 113 S. Ct. 299 (1992), or if Board of Governors is judicially or legislatively overruled, this paragraph of this Section 39.10 shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 40 - SENIORITY--VACATION RIGHTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

40.1. For purposes of this Agreement, seniority shall be determined by the Employee's length of continuous service with the Police Department.

40.2. Vacation selection rights shall be from within Work Groups and shall be determined by seniority in rank.

40.3. The Employer and Union agree with the principle that seniority shall be a factor in making assignments.

40.4. The Employer agrees to furnish the Union with an up-to-date list every twelve (12) months showing the length of service, promotional dates, time in grade and time within current work group for each Employee and post a copy of such list on the Police Department bulletin board.

ARTICLE 41 - COMPENSATION FOR APPEARANCES AT COURT PROCEEDINGS OR HEARINGS FOR ANOTHER PARTY

41.1. Whenever Employees are requested or required by a party other than the Employer to appear as witnesses in civil or criminal court proceedings or civil hearings, such Employees shall, if the testimony they are to give arises out of the performance of their duties as police officers, be considered to be on duty during the time necessarily spent in attending such

court proceeding or hearing and shall be compensated accordingly; provided, however, that the Employer shall deduct from such compensation the amount of any witness fees (excluding mileage allowances) that such Employees are entitled to for appearing in such court proceedings or hearings.

ARTICLE 42 - SAFETY

42.1. Both the Employer and the Union agree to maintain sanitary and safe working conditions and equipment.

ARTICLE 43 - NO STRIKE PROVISION

43.1. No Employees covered by this Agreement will engage in, encourage, sanction, support or suggest any strikes, slow downs, mass resignations, mass absenteeism, the willful absence from one's position, the stoppage of work or the abstinence in whole or in part of the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment for the purpose of inducing, influencing or coercing a change in the conditions or compensation or the rights, privileges or obligations of employment.

43.2 In the event that any Employee violates this article, the Union shall immediately notify any such Employee in writing to cease and desist from such action and shall instruct them to immediately return to their normal duties. Any or all Employees who violate any of the provisions of this article may be discharged or otherwise disciplined.

ARTICLE 44 - REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGED PERSONAL PROPERTY

44.1. Whenever an Employee, while acting within the scope of their employment with the City, suffers the loss of or damage to their eyeglasses, required medical device, basic timepiece,, hairpiece, or authorized uniform or police equipment or other clothing as a result of the actions of another person or persons, such Employee shall be reimbursed by the City in the amount of the reasonable cost of repair or reasonable value of any such item, whichever is less, if the damage or loss is reported in accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement; provided, however, that whenever the City reimburses an Employee pursuant to this article, such Employee shall be deemed to have subrogated to the City their right of recovery against other parties for such loss or damage, and such Employee shall cooperate fully with the City in any attempt it may make to recover the amount of such loss or damage from such other parties. The list of items in this article is not meant to be all encompassing but consideration will be made for necessity of the item for the employee to complete their job and the reasonable reimbursement or repair value. Employees are not prohibited from wearing items like smart watches or jewelry but in doing so they should be aware that the city may not reimburse them for the full value of the item if it is damaged.

ARTICLE 45 - PREPARATION PAY

45.1. Both the Union and the Employer recognize that there is a need in police work for a preparation period prior to commencement of daily duties. Effective January 1, 2024, each Employees will receive each month an additional one percent (1.0%) of their Basic Monthly Pay to compensate Employees for such preparation periods.Effective January 1, 2025, each Employee will receive each month an additional one percent (1%) for a total of two percent (2%) of their Basic Monthly Pay to compensate Employees for preparation periods.

ARTICLE 46 - INCENTIVE AWARDS

46.1. In addition to all other compensation paid to an Employee pursuant to this Agreement, Employees may be paid additional compensation or furnished additional benefits, not to exceed a value of \$1,500 to any single Employee in one year, from time to time in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City Employee Incentive Awards Program. The rules and regulations for such program shall be established by the Mayor and shall be effective upon the filing of a copy of such rules and regulations in the office of the City Clerk. The Mayor may amend such rules and regulations from time to time and such amendments shall be effective thirty (30) days after filing a copy thereof in the office of the City Clerk.

ARTICLE 47 - MASTER POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

47.1. The Master Police Officer Program is intended to provide recognition and pay incentives to Employees who obtain further education, experience and training; provide service to the community through various activities, both within the City of Duluth and outside the City of Duluth; and have shown, by their length of employment as a peace officer, a commitment to high work standards.

47.2. There is established a joint labor-management committee to administer the Master Police Officer Program. The Master Police Officer Management Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members:

- a. Three members appointed by the Police Chief;
- b. Three members appointed by the Union; and
- c. The Police Chief, or such other representative as the Police Chief may appoint.
- d. Any action taken by the Master Police Officer Management Committee shall require a majority vote of the members of the committee. The Master Police Officer Management Committee shall meet, at a minimum, once per year.

47.3. The Master Police Officer Management Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. The power and duty to recommend rules and regulations for the program, including rules and regulations regarding eligibility for the program, point totals assigned to various categories, levels of participation in the program, and documentation standards;
- b. The power and duty to annually conduct a review of the rules and regulations for the purpose of amending any categories or point total requirements in the program;
- c. The power and duty to make recommendations to the Police Chief about the operation of the program, including requiring such record-keeping as shall enable the committee to review the annual cost of the program;

d. The power and duty to develop an application procedure, including appropriate deadlines for submission of applications for participation in the program; to review applications from Employees for participation in the program, including requests for renewal of eligibility; and, based on the applicable rules and regulations, to determine the point totals to be awarded in each category, and to award a point total to Employees who have applied. Eligibility for the program may only be granted on a calendar year basis.

47.4. Any decision of the Master Police Officer Program Committee may be reviewed by the Police Chief either upon the Chief’s own initiative or upon request of an affected employee. The Police Chief shall make the final decision. Decisions of the committee and of the Chief regarding this program are not subject to the Grievance procedure contained in this agreement.

47.5. Participation in the Master Police Officer Program shall not be considered a promotion or transfer. The loss or reduction of any pay awarded through the Master Police Officer Program shall not be considered a demotion.

47.6. Effective January 1, 2015, Employees shall receive pay awarded through the Master Police Officer Program at the same time that they receive field training officer pay pursuant to Article 8.8 of this Agreement; and trainer pay pursuant to Article 8.9 of this Agreement.

47.7. All Employees who are eligible for participation in the program shall be approved by the committee prior to December 15 of the previous year so that modification of the Employee’s payroll records can be accomplished.

47.8 Employees hired on or after January 1, 2018 through the Lateral Police Officer Hiring Program, the Employer shall count a Lateral Police Officer’s prior service time as a sworn law enforcement officer working full-time for another law enforcement agency towards their “length of employment as a peace officer” for the Employer for purposes of Master Police Officer Program eligibility pursuant to this Article. Said time at another law enforcement agency shall be calculated to the nearest month and added to their “length of employment as a peace officer” for the Employer. However, Lateral Police Officers are only eligible for the Master Police Officer Program after completing their probationary period with the Employer.

47.9. The pay which an Employee receives for participation in the program is a percentage (below) of Pay Range 327E, together with any additions to pay provided by this Agreement, which additions shall be calculated by using the new rate:

Level A	25%
Level B	40%
Level C	65%
Master Cop	100%

ARTICLE 48- COMPLETE AGREEMENT
AND WAIVER OF BARGAINING AND REOPENERS

48.1. The parties acknowledge that during the 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 understandings 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 life 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 referred to or covered in this Agreement or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this Agreement, except for the following provision:

48.2. The parties agree to meet and confer in the joint Health Insurance Labor-Management Committee for appropriate changes in Medical Insurance Plan, , including any occasioned by passage of state or federal legislation, including Retiree Health Insurance Plan and any contribution to the cost thereof, to achieve reasonable and conservative cost containment suggestions, and then, upon request of either party, meet and negotiate contract changes, if possible.

48.3. During the term of this Agreement, either party may, by written notice, require the other to meet and negotiate concerning the wording or subject matter of Article 18 and/or Article 19 and the conditions for allowing so-called “ride-alongs”.

ARTICLE 49 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

49.1. This Agreement shall be effective as of the 1st day of January, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect through the 31st day of December, 2026, and after that date the agreement survives until the parties agree to a new contract, as provided by law.

ARTICLE 50 - DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF AGREEMENT

50.1. The Employer shall provide Employees with an electronic or paper copy of this Agreement upon an Employee’s request.

ARTICLE 51 - MILITARY LEAVE BENEFITS

51.1. State and Federal laws provide protection and benefits to Employees who are called to military service. Military leaves of absence shall be granted and handled in accordance with State and Federal law.

ARTICLE 52 - UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

The parties agree that in matters of medical and dental plan benefits, plan premiums, and sharing of plan costs between Employer and Employee, it is beneficial to both parties to achieve language that is universal in all City bargaining unit agreements. If during the term of this agreement, the Employer enters into an agreement with another City bargaining unit that affects such language, the parties agree to meet and negotiate contract changes to achieve universal language, if possible.

ARTICLE 53 – LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Employer and the Union may participate in the city-wide bona fide joint labor-

management committee, as established with the assistance of the Bureau of Mediation Services, for the continuing purpose of meeting and discussing matters of mutual concern. The labor-management committee shall consist of representatives of the Employer and representatives of participating Unions and shall be chaired jointly by a representative of the Employer and a representative of participating Unions. The labor-management committee has the authority to establish labor management subcommittees, or working groups, monitor their progress, forward subcommittee recommendations to the Administration, and dissolve subcommittees. The labor-management committee shall operate on a recommendation basis only, and the committee chairs shall mutually determine all questions of process, procedure and agenda content. The labor-management subcommittees will be responsible for collaboratively addressing common interests that may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Budget related issues
- Working environment
- Health and safety issues
- Work process and customer service improvement
- Employee recruitment and retention
- Health Insurance

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

CITY OF DULUTH

LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES INC. LOCAL 538

DocuSigned by:
By Roger J. Reinert
Mayor

DocuSigned by:
By Meghann R. Jones
Union President

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Attest Ian B. Johnson
City Clerk
Date: 5/28/2024



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Business Agent

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By David Montgomery
City Administrator

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Joshua Bailey
City Auditor

Approved as to form:

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Jessica J. Fralich
City Attorney

APPENDIX I

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>JOB CLASS NO.</u>
Police Officer	326, Step A	4402
Investigator	327	
Police Sergeant	328	1712
Lateral Police Officer	326, Step E	4418

BASIC MONTHLY PAY
 2024 – 3.5% general Wage Increase, plus 1% Kelly Day Adjustment

No:	Step A Monthly	Step A Hourly	Step C Monthly	Step C Hourly	Step E Monthly	Step E Hourly
326	5883	33.9404	6239	35.9942	7090	40.9038
327					7703	44.4404
328			8151	47.0250	8481	48.9288

APPENDIX II

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>JOB CLASS NO.</u>
Police Officer	326, Step A	4402
Investigator	327	
Police Sergeant	328	1712
Lateral Police Officer	326, Step E	4418

BASIC MONTHLY PAY
2025 – 2.5% General Wage Increase

No:	Step A Monthly	Step A Hourly	Step C Monthly	Step C Hourly	Step E Monthly	Step E Hourly
326	6030	34.7885	6395	36.8942	7267	41.9250
327					7896	45.5538
328			8355	48.2019	8693	50.1519

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Police Officer	326, Step A	4402
Investigator	327	
Police Sergeant	328	1712
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BASIC MONTHLY PAY
2026 – 2.5% Wage Increase

No:	Step A Monthly	Step A Hourly	Step C Monthly	Step C Hourly	Step E Monthly	Step E Hourly
326	6181	35.6596	6555	37.8173	7449	42.9750
327					8093	46.6904
328			8564	49.4077	8910	51.4038



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RESOLUTION APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DULUTH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES LOCAL 538 FOR THE YEARS 2024-2026.


CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the proper city officials are hereby authorized to execute and implement a collective bargaining agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 538 ("LELS 538") substantially the same as the attached Exhibit A, covering the terms and conditions for LELS 538 bargaining unit members for the years 2024 through 2026.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

I, Ian B. Johnson, City Clerk of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing passed by the city council on 5/13/2024, with the original approved and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said city of Duluth.

<p>DocuSigned by:</p> <p><i>Ian B. Johnson</i></p> <p>EE0D2CA1AA0F42B...</p>	<p>DocuSigned by:</p> 	<p>5/28/2024</p> <hr/> <p>Date Certified</p>
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