

THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

AND

THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

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## Preamble

The following Agreement by and between the City of San Antonio, Texas, hereinafter referred to as the City, and the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association, is recorded, in accordance with the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act of the State of Texas. The City and the Association agree that the efficient and uninterrupted performance of the municipal police function is a primary purpose of this Agreement, as well as the establishment of fair and reasonable compensation and working conditions for the Police Officers of the City. The Agreement has been reached through the process of collective bargaining with the objective of serving the aforementioned purposes and with the further objective of fostering effective cooperation between the City and its Police Officers. Therefore, this Agreement is intended to be in all respects in the public interest.

## ARTICLE 1

### Duration

This Agreement shall be effective upon ratification of the membership and approval of the City Council. All pay increases, leave, or changes in benefits, shall be implemented in accordance with the respective timelines outlined herein. The provisions of this contract shall only apply to those members who are City employees at the time of the signing of this agreement or hired after the signing of this agreement. This agreement shall remain in effect until the 30th day of September, 2026, or until such time as it is superseded by a new agreement between the parties, whichever occurs later provided however, that in no event shall this Agreement continue in effect after September 30th, 2034.

The City agrees that negotiations for the contract beginning October 1, 2026 will commence no later than January, 2026. The City and the Association agree to make good faith efforts to reach an agreement before October 1, 2026.

## ARTICLE 2

### Definitions

- A. "Association" means the San Antonio Police Officers' Association.
- B. "Board of Directors" means those members of the Association who are duly elected, or appointed and serve as members of the Board of Directors of the organization pursuant to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association. The Board of Directors shall include those members of the Executive Board as defined below, and in no event shall more than twenty (20) be allowed to attend meetings in an on-duty status.
- C. "Calendar days" means each day inclusive of weekends and holidays.
- D. "Chief" means the Chief of Police of the City of San Antonio.
- E. "City" means the City of San Antonio.
- F. "City Manager" means the City Manager of the City of San Antonio.

- G. "Commission" means the Fire Fighters and Police Officers Civil Service Commission of the City of San Antonio.
- H. "Days" as used in Article 28 and Article 29 for disciplinary action shall be defined as an eight (8) hour day.
- I. "Department" means the Police Department of the City of San Antonio.
- J. "Employee" means an employee of the City of San Antonio.
- K. "Executive Board" means those six (6) members of the Association who are elected, or appointed to fill the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Association.
- L. "Gender" Reference to the male gender throughout this Agreement shall have equal force and include reference to the female gender.
- M. "Grievance" means any and all disputes arising under the Grievance Procedure in Article 15.
- N. "Longevity" means time in service in the Department from the date the employee became a probationary Police Officer.
- O. "Member" means either member of the Association or member of the bargaining unit.
- P. "Officer" means any sworn Police Officer employed in the Police Department of the City, with the exception of the Chief of Police.
- Q. "Strike" means, whether done in concert or individually, a failure to report for duty, the willful absence from one's position, the stoppage of work, or the abstinence in whole or in part from the full, faithful, and proper performance of the duties of employment (including, but not limited to, "slowdowns", "sickouts", and the intentional failure to make arrests), for the purpose of inducing, influencing, or coercing a change in the conditions, compensation, rights, privileges, or obligations of employment.
- R. "Working days" means each day exclusive of weekends and holidays.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Association Rights**

#### **Section 1. Recognition.**

The City hereby recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for the unit consisting of all sworn Police Officers, except the Chief.

#### **Section 2. Payroll Deductions.**

A. The City shall deduct monthly Association dues from each individual member who has voluntarily authorized Association dues deductions. The letter requesting Association dues deduction shall be signed by the President of the Association.

B. The City shall deduct monthly CLEAT dues from each individual member who has voluntarily authorized CLEAT dues deductions. The letter requesting CLEAT dues deduction shall be signed by both the President of CLEAT and the President of the Association.

C. The City shall deduct monthly POLPAC dues from each member who has voluntarily authorized POLPAC dues deductions. The letter signed by the President of the Association requesting POLPAC dues deductions shall declare that the request has been approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and of the membership of the Association.

D. Any individual member of the bargaining unit wishing to voluntarily withdraw his/her authorization for Association, CLEAT, or POLPAC dues deductions and not in uniform, must identify himself/herself and personally sign the appropriate form in the Police Department Accounting Office at Headquarters.

E. On October 1st of each year the City shall deduct six (6) hours from each officer's credited vacation time and credit the time deducted to a pool for use by the Association. Any officer not desiring the deduction shall notify the Accounting Office in the same manner as in subsection D above during the month of September of each year for the following fiscal year. Requests for leave under this section shall be made in writing by the Association President to the Chief. The Association President shall annually submit a list of the names of ten (10) members who shall have the right to use Association Leave with a minimum notice of twenty-four (24) hours. This list of members eligible for expedited use of Association Leave may be amended no more than once in each calendar quarter. All others using Association Leave shall be required to submit the leave request no less than five (5) calendar days in advance of the anticipated date of leave. Such request will be granted, except in the case of emergencies or where the same would impair the operations of the Department or where the granting of the same would adversely affect the welfare of the citizens of San Antonio.

F. The City shall notify the Association and/or CLEAT in writing of any member who revokes or adds his/her authorization for dues deduction including POLPAC within thirty (30) calendar days from the revocation or addition of the deduction.

G. The amount of dues or assessments shall be the amount set forth in the letter or request signed by the President of the Association and/or CLEAT.

H. The City shall not be obligated to deduct dues or deduct any sum provided for herein until the respective organization provides a legal and binding letter from the President or legally authorized agent of the Association and/or CLEAT agreeing to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless against any claims, demands, suits, or any other form of liability that shall arise out of or as a result of any action taken by the City for purposes of complying with the provisions of this Article.

I. All amounts deducted pursuant to this Article shall be paid to the legally designated representative of the Association and/or CLEAT in accordance with the procedures established by the Finance Director.

J. Whenever an Association member dies, and the City is notified as provided herein, the City will automatically deduct twice the amount of dues from each Association member's payroll during the month immediately following the Association member's death. In the case of multiple applicable deaths in a month the Association may have the double deductions spread over a period of months upon reasonable notice to the City. As with other deductions, said amount will be forwarded directly to the Association, provided, however that the Association will reimburse the amount of the increased deduction within fourteen (14) calendar days to any member who makes a written request for such reimbursement to the President of the Association. The Association will disburse the additional dues collected to the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries of the deceased member. Any member may designate or change beneficiaries as provided by policy or rule of the Association. Any Association member who requests reimbursement of dues collected from benefits after another member dies, and officers who are not Association members, shall not be eligible for the benefits provided in this Section. The Association shall be responsible to notify the City before the deduction of the double dues occurs.

### **Section 3. Time Off for Association Business.**

A. The Executive Board shall have the right to visit the premises of the Police Department for the purpose of administering this Agreement. Such visits shall be conducted in a manner so as not to interfere with the functions of the Department.

B. The Association's negotiating team, not to exceed six (6) members, shall be permitted to meet with the Association President or to attend negotiating sessions with City representatives, where such sessions or meetings are scheduled during working hours, without loss of pay; or shall be given time off without loss of pay for the scheduled Dog Watch "C" shift immediately preceding such negotiating sessions.

C. The City agrees that the President of the Association will be placed on special assignment during the term of his/her presidency. The special assignment will give the Association President the latitude to deal with the duties of his/her presidency while retaining the privileges of his/her employment, while the Chief of Police retains the right to recall him/her to duty during an emergency or special event involving overriding need for the protection of the citizens of San Antonio.

For the purposes of accounting, the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Association will be assigned to the Accounting Office. It will be the responsibility of the President of the Association to notify and submit proper paperwork to the Accounting Office accounting for all personal leave time to include but not limited to compensatory, vacation, holiday, bonus day, military leave, and sick time.

The Chief of Police reserves his/her existing authority to revoke special assignment for Association President during emergencies or when the welfare of the citizens of San Antonio is placed in jeopardy. The Association President, as part of his/her Association duties, reserves the right, as in

the past, to mitigate grievances at all informal and formal levels in order to reduce the number of complaints and, in all cases, reserves the right to speak, visit with the men and women who are members of the Association, as well as to tour existing police facilities and to inspect equipment that will improve the quality of work life for the police officers of the City of San Antonio whom he/she represents. In addition, he/she will participate as the duly elected representative of those men and women of the Association in any discussion that may affect the quality of worklife, health, and well being of any Association member. It is understood that the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Association shall suffer no loss of longevity, seniority, pension, days off, or any other benefits as a result of and during the term of such special assignment. When the term of the President, Vice President and Treasurer expires, the President, Vice President and Treasurer shall be eligible to return to their previously assigned shift and duty assignment.

The leave for the Vice President and Treasurer shall be taken from Association Business Leave pool.

D. The City shall grant Association leave paid in accordance with Article 3, Section 2(E) to a maximum of eight (8) Officers at any given time at the request of the Association President. Such request will be granted, except in the case of emergencies or where the same would impair the operations of the Department or where the granting of the same would adversely affect the welfare of the citizens of San Antonio. An additional five (5) members shall be eligible for Association Business Leave for conferences, occasions, events or meetings when the need for such additional personnel is legitimate, no more than five (5) times per year. It is understood and agreed that a request under this exception shall be subject to modification or denial by the Chief where a reasonable basis exists, taking into account the staffing needs of the Department.

#### **Section 4. Bulletin Boards.**

A. The Association may maintain one (1) bulletin board at each of the decentralized stations or other police facilities and two (2) bulletin boards at the headquarters building. Bulletin boards may be located at the assembly room and the lobby of the headquarters building and in similar conspicuous locations at the other police stations and/or facilities. The Association may utilize Department e-mail and video technology to disseminate bulletin board information subject to the following terms. All e-mail transmissions shall have prior approval of the Chief. The use of video equipment is limited to the playing of Association provided videotapes in compliance with Section 6 of this Article. The Association representative who accompanies the video is responsible for its content complying with Section 6. In the event no Association representative is present, the Association President is responsible. The President of the Association shall have off-site access to the City mainframe computer and SAPD intranet.

B. The bulletin boards, e-mail, and video presentations shall be used only for the following notices:

- (1) Recreation and Social Affairs of the Association.
- (2) Association Meetings.
- (3) Association Elections.

- (4) Reports of Association Committees.
- (5) Rulings or policies of the State or National Association.
- (6) Legislative Enactments and Judicial Decisions Affecting Public Employee Labor Relations.

C. Notices or announcements shall not contain anything political, or anything reflecting on the City, any of its employees, or any labor organization among its employees.

#### **Section 5. Members of the Board of Directors.**

Members of the Board of Directors who are on duty shall be permitted to attend the two (2) regularly scheduled board meetings each month, and up to two (2) specially called Board of Directors meetings per fiscal year. Such members of the Board of Directors who are on duty shall be subject to emergency recall, and the Association shall ensure the immediate response capability of these Officers.

#### **Section 6. Addressing of Shift Roll Call Meetings, In-Service Training and Police Academy Cadet Classes.**

Members of the Executive Board, members of the bargaining team, bargaining unit members who are running for Association office or shift representative and wish to make a statement concerning an election within the Association, persons appointed by the Association to represent the Association and Board of Directors shall be permitted to speak at shift roll-call meetings about Association business for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes. Prior to speaking at such roll calls, the Association representative shall notify the appropriate supervisor that he/she intends to speak.

Members of the Executive Board, members of the bargaining team, persons appointed by the Association to represent the Association and Board of Directors shall be permitted to speak at in-service training for a period not to exceed one (1) hour. The President of the Association shall notify the Academy Commander in writing in November of the preceding year of the Association's intent to use a one (1) hour block with the yearly in-service training beginning in January of each year. The Academy Commander shall schedule the one (1) hour block and notify the Association in writing of the dates and time to appear.

Members of the Executive Board, members of the bargaining team, persons appointed by the Association to represent the Association and Board of Directors shall be permitted to speak to each Police Academy cadet class for a period not to exceed three (3) hours. Unless mutually agreed upon, such speaking shall be scheduled in no less than two (2) one (1) hour thirty (30) minute blocks. The Association shall provide a lesson plan to the Academy Commander and shall permit staff monitoring to assure compliance under this section.

Discussion by Association representatives shall pertain only to the recreation and social affairs of the Association; Association meetings; Association elections, reports of Association committees;

activities of the State or National Association with whom the Association is affiliated; and legislative enactment, judicial decisions affecting public employee labor relations, legal assistance plans, and contract benefits and rights. Discussions by Association representatives shall not contain anything political or anything reflecting on the City or any of its employees or any labor organization among its employees. There shall be no prior restraint or censure by shift supervisors of Association representatives during roll-call discussions. In the event an Association representative allegedly violates this section, such alleged violation shall be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Management Duties to the Association**

#### **Section 1.**

The City shall provide the following materials to every officer:

- A. A copy of special orders, general orders, training bulletins, rules and regulations, Texas Penal Code, Traffic Laws and Code of Criminal Procedure; and
- B. A copy of this Agreement.

#### **Section 2.**

The City shall not engage in the following practices:

- A. Interfere with, restrain, or coerce Officers in the exercise of rights granted in this Agreement.
- B. Dominate, interfere, or assist in the formation, existence or administration of any employee organization; or contribute financial support to any such organization.
- C. Encourage or discourage membership in any employee organization by discrimination in hiring, tenure, training or other terms or conditions of employment.
- D. Discharge or discriminate against any Officer because he/she has filed any affidavit, petition, grievance, or complaint; or given any information or testimony alleging violations of this Agreement; or because he/she has formed, joined, or chose to be represented by any employee organization.
- E. Make or permit any agreement, understanding, or contract with any person, including a member of the bargaining unit, which in any manner circumvents, alters, amends, modifies, or contradicts any provision of this Agreement. For example, condoning a practice of Officers volunteering to circumvent this Agreement on job assignments, relief days, hours worked, or compensation would obviously violate this provision.



F. Discriminate against any Officer protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act or because of association, or non-association, or affiliation; or discriminate in the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 3. Consistent Interpretation.**

The City recognizes its responsibility to a consistent interpretation and application of Department Rules and Regulations, Special Directives and Administrative Orders, which govern the conduct of Officers on the job.

**ARTICLE 5  
Non-Discrimination by the Association**

**Section 1.**

No action shall be taken by the Association or any Officer in the bargaining unit which constitutes discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act or of the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act. The provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all Officers covered by the Agreement.

**Section 2.**

The Association shall not cause or attempt to cause an Officer to discriminate against another employee or Officer because of the employee's or Officer's membership or non-membership in any employee organization; or discriminate against any employee or Officer because he/she has signed or filed an affidavit, petition or complaint or given any information or testimony alleging violations of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 6  
No Strike Clause**

The Association shall not cause, counsel, or permit its members to strike, slow down, disrupt, impede or otherwise impair the normal functions of the Department; nor refuse to cross any picket line by whoever established, where such refusal would interfere with or impede the performance of the Officer's duties as an employee of the City. The City shall not lock out any Officer.

**ARTICLE 7  
Management Rights**

**Section 1.**

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Association recognizes the management of the City of San Antonio and the direction of the Police Department are vested exclusively in the City, and nothing in this Agreement is intended to circumscribe or modify the existing right of the City to operate and manage its affairs in all respects. The Association recognizes the City's statutory and Charter Rights to:

- A. Direct and schedule the work of its Officers, to include the scheduling of overtime work in a manner most advantageous to the City. Officer work schedules shall not be changed solely to avoid or curtail overtime pay. The City shall have the right to reschedule up to one hundred and twenty (120) hours of training per Officer per year, the City still maintains its right to schedule training during an Officer's regular work schedule. These hours shall include required TCOLE training and exclude in-service hours. The City is not required to use the entire one hundred and twenty (120) hours each year.
- B. Hire, promote, demote, transfer, assign and retain Officers in positions with the City.
- C. Discharge, demote, or suspend Officers, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 143 Local Government Code and further and fully agreed to in Article 28, Disciplinary Actions, of this Agreement.
- D. Maintain the efficiency of governmental operations.
- E. Lay off Officers from duty because of lack of work, consistent with Civil Service Regulations, City ordinances and State laws.
- F. Determine the methods, processes, means, and personnel by which operations are to be carried out.
- G. Transfer any City operation now conducted by it to another unit of government, and such transfer shall not require any prior negotiations or the consent of any association, group, organization, union or labor organization whatsoever.
- H. Contract and subcontract when it is in the best interest of the City.
- I. Use security personnel, which include, but are not limited to, such job classifications incorporated within the Classification Manual as Airport Police Officer, Park Police, Life Guard, School Crossing Guard, Municipal Guard, which require training in law enforcement, safety and security duties, firefighting skills, emergency medical treatment, water safety, and other similar related skills.
- J. Use of civilians in the Police Department to perform duties which do not require a Commissioned Officer or the power of arrest. The scope of such duties include, but are not limited to, communications, information systems, records, community services, clerical support, maintenance, school safety crossing, and jail operations. Civilians performing such duties are not subject to the terms of this Agreement. This subject is covered in detail in Article 39.
- K. Establish classifications, job descriptions, and standards which provide the basis for recruiting and assignment. It is also understood that every duty connected with operations enumerated in job descriptions is not always specifically described. It is, nevertheless, intended that all duties relating to the present mission of the Police Department, as a public safety organization, shall be performed by the Officers.
- L. The Association recognizes the City's existing right to establish and enforce rules and regulations, special directives, administrative orders, and amendments for the conduct of the

mission of the Department subject to the terms of this Agreement. The Chief has the right to amend, suspend, and/or alter such rules and regulations subject to the terms of this Agreement and approval of the Commission.

M. Any person, whether sworn or unsworn, wishing to address Police Officer roll calls, not to exceed 10 minutes, on any subject must receive written permission from the Chief of Police. Bargaining unit members who are running for Association office or shift representative and wish to make a statement concerning an election within the Association are authorized to address Police Officer roll calls. The restrictions involving subject matter and time outlined in Article 3, Section 6, shall apply.

## **Section 2.**

Subject to review by the City Manager, the Chief shall have the exclusive right to:

- A. Establish Departmental rules and regulations.
- B. Transfer Officers within the Department to accomplish the mission of the Department in the most efficient manner.

## **Section 3.**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, the City, acting through the City Manager and the Police Chief, shall retain all rights and authority to which, by law, it is its responsibility to enforce.

## **ARTICLE 8 Maintenance of Standards**

All standards, privileges, and working conditions enjoyed by the City of San Antonio Police Officers at the effective date of this Agreement, which are not included in this Agreement, shall remain unchanged for the duration of the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 9 Labor Relations Committee**

### **Section 1. Labor Relations Committee.**

The City and the Association, having recognized that cooperation between Management and employees is indispensable to the accomplishment of sound and harmonious labor relations, shall jointly maintain and support a Labor Relations Committee. The Labor Relations Committee shall discuss the working conditions of Officers, including, but not necessarily limited to, safety and specifications for equipment, discipline, Departmental policies and procedures, uniform specifications and other areas of common Officer interest. The Committee shall recommend to the Police Chief changes in any of these working conditions where necessary, and the Chief shall communicate his/her decision to the Committee in writing. The Committee has no independent authority to bind either party with respect to any individual grievable topic. The Labor Relations

Committee shall consist of four (4) members who shall serve at the direction of their appointing authority. The Association shall designate two (2) members, and the Police Chief shall designate two (2) members. There shall be a written agenda of matters to be discussed. Officers desiring items placed on the written agenda shall forward the matter in writing to the Office of the Chief of Police with a copy to the President of the Association. The Committee shall make its recommendations in writing to the Chief with copies to the Association and the City Manager. The Chief shall thereafter respond to the Committee's recommendations in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt thereof. A copy of the response will be sent to the Association and to the City Manager. An extension of the Chief's response of an additional fourteen (14) calendar days shall be granted by the Committee upon request of the Chief. No matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee shall be discussed by the Association at a higher administrative level until it has been discussed by the Committee.

## **Section 2. Labor Relations Subcommittees.**

The Labor Relations Committee may appoint subcommittees as necessary. Such subcommittees shall report to the Labor Relations Committee and the Labor Relations Committee shall make final recommendations in writing to the Chief of Police as outlined above.

## **Section 3. Defense of Officials.**

It is understood and agreed that individual city employees serving on the Committee are acting in the course and scope of their employment, even though designated by the Association, and as such are entitled to defense and indemnity under the terms of the City's existing risk management, insurance and defense programs, in the event that the recommendations of the Committee become the basis of claims or litigation.

# **ARTICLE 10**

## **Safety and Equipment**

### **Section 1. General.**

The City shall maintain at all times an adequate quantity of modern, marked and unmarked vehicles, radios, and other essential equipment in sound working condition to ensure a safe work place for each Officer and to maximize the Department's prime objectives of crime prevention, suppression, and detection. Such vehicles, radios, and other essential equipment must be replaced during periods of repair. Any recommendations by the Labor Relations Committee in Article 9, above, for the purchase and use of advanced technological improvements in equipment (e.g., EO Tech electronic sight; tire spikes), shall be considered evidence that such improvements contribute to a safe work place for each officer. Any recommendations by the Labor Relations Committee shall take into consideration City budget cycles and priorities.

### **Section 2. Preventive Vehicle Maintenance Program.**

The City shall ensure that all police vehicles assigned to the Officers are in safe condition and shall maintain a preventive maintenance program for police vehicles. The Chief shall assign a supervisor to the vehicle maintenance shop for the purpose of inspecting the safety of police vehicles. The

Chief may assign either a sworn Officer or civilian to this position, except that in the event that a civilian is assigned, there shall be no reduction or loss of sworn positions in the Police Department as a result of the assignment of a civilian. If at the discretion of an Officer, an assigned vehicle is not in safe condition, said Officer shall notify the supervisor assigned to the vehicle maintenance shop that the vehicle is not in a safe condition. The supervisor assigned to the vehicle maintenance shop shall make the decision as to the safety of the police vehicle. In the event that the supervisor assigned to the vehicle maintenance shop deems the police vehicle to be in a safe condition, and the employee disagrees with the supervisor's decision, said Officer may protest the supervisor's decision in writing. The supervisor assigned to the vehicle maintenance shop shall acknowledge the officer's protest in writing and forward all copies to the Officer's Division Commander for final disposition.

The Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor shall maintain records on the maintenance of all police vehicles. When a vehicle reaches the 30,000 miles odometer reading, a review of the vehicle's maintenance record will be conducted. If deemed necessary, the Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor may request an exhaustive mechanical evaluation be performed on the vehicle. Any Officer may request an exhaustive mechanical evaluation of police vehicle when the vehicle reaches the 30,000-mile mark. This inspection will be accomplished in a timely manner or another vehicle will be provided for the Officer.

Chevrolet Tahoe and Ford Crown Victoria marked vehicles having 100,000 miles on their odometers and assigned to the uniform division, must be retired from the uniform division fleet. An Officer will not be required to operate a marked Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Crown Victoria vehicle assigned to the uniform division having 100,000 miles or more on its odometer. Additionally, an Officer will not be subject to disciplinary action for refusing to comply with an order to drive marked Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Crown Victoria vehicles in the uniform division which had 100,000 miles or more on its odometer. Prior to 100,000 miles, a Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Crown Victoria vehicle may be retired from the uniform division fleet if considered incompatible with fleet operation by the head of the vehicle maintenance unit or a Division Commander. No Officers in the uniform division may be ordered to drive a Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicle which has in excess of 100,000 miles. Any vehicle retired from use in the uniform division pursuant to this agreement may be used by the Department in other divisions, provided that the vehicles are sound and safe to operate.

Ford Explorer Police Interceptor marked vehicles may be retired based on the recommendation of the Labor Relations Committee, outlined in Article 9. If supply chain issues exist beyond the City's reasonable control and impact the City's ability to replace any models of police vehicles within the mileage included in this Section, then a vehicle may be retired in excess of the mileage included in this Section or recommended by the Labor Relations Committee. In this circumstance, the City Manager will give notice to the Association of the City's impacted ability and estimated time frame for replacement. Notice to the Association regarding supply chain issues will be provided monthly to the LRC by the Building and Equipment Services Department until the time that there is no longer a supply chain issue. Vehicles that exceed 120,000 miles on their odometer due to supply chain issues will be retired if considered incompatible with fleet operation by the head of the Vehicle Maintenance Unit or a Division Commander. Once the supply chain issue is resolved, the City will ensure it has placed its order for any replacement vehicles.

The Labor Relations Committee will continue to evaluate the retirement policy of vehicles to be informed by other cities' policies and practices, and will include the evaluation of factors such as mileage, age, and costs. The LRC will have access to any Progress Reports prepared by the Building Equipment Services Department. The LRC shall make a recommendation based on its continued work 12 months from the effective date of this Agreement. For the purposes of this evaluation the decision of the Police Chief will be implemented only if the Chief follows the recommendations of the committee. Also, a vehicle may be retired at any time from the uniformed division fleet if the vehicle is considered incompatible with fleet operation by the head of the Vehicle Maintenance Unit or a Division Commander.

### **Section 3. Take-Home Cars.**

The City shall provide to Officers occupying the rank of Lieutenant or above a City-owned vehicle for the Officer's use during his/her employment on active duty status and for the Officer's use in driving to and from home. In lieu of a take-home vehicle, the Department may offer said officer a monthly car allowance of \$300 per month. An eligible officer may initially opt for a City-provided, unmarked vehicle (with less than 10,000 miles on its odometer) or the allowance as previously noted. During the period of June 1 to July 1 of each calendar year, the Officer may elect to change from his/her car or car allowance. If an eligible Officer opts for a vehicle, and the same is unavailable, such officer may draw the \$300.00 car allowance until the vehicle is furnished. The use of a City vehicle by an Officer may be revoked by the Chief if the individual assigned the vehicle is not insurable per state minimum requirements. Each Officer assigned a vehicle shall be required to use the vehicle in a manner consistent with Department policies. Any Officer assigned a vehicle shall not be eligible to receive any car allowance, as otherwise provided by the City. The Chief has the sole discretion whether to assign or not assign or to remove a vehicle from any other officer in any rank below Lieutenant. Assignment by the Chief of a vehicle to another Officer below the rank of Lieutenant shall not be grounds for filing of a grievance based upon the equal pay standards of Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code or any provision of this Agreement.

### **Section 4. Radios.**

The City shall provide to each Officer, one (1) hand-held police radio and charger. These radios will be replaced in accordance with Department policies and regulations. However, in the event the radio needs to be replaced or repaired due to negligence or intentional abuse on the part of the Officer to whom the radio is issued, the Officer shall be required to reimburse the City for the costs. The cost of said radio shall be, for purposes of the Section, based upon its actual value at the time of loss. Negligence or intentional abuse and the actual value (considering depreciation value) of the radio shall be determined by the Labor Relations Committee outlined in Article 9.

### **Section 5. Soft Body Armor.**

The City shall provide to all Officers the option of selecting soft body armor with a minimum standard of Threat Level III-A or Threat Level II. Such vests shall meet the highest levels of specifications as determined by the Labor Relations Committee outlined in Article 9. Vests shall be provided to all new Officers prior to the end of their first week as Officers. Vests shall be replaced every five (5) years by making a proper request to the Division Commander, or at any time when obvious damage to the vest requires replacement. However, if it is determined by the

Labor Relations Committee outlined in Article 9, that the damage done to the vest was caused by neglect or misuse on the part of the Officer, then the Officer shall pay the actual value considering replacement costs, depreciation, utility value, and market value of the vest as determined by the Labor Relations Committee at the time of the loss. One free fitting per year will be provided by the City.

#### **Section 6. Ammunition.**

In addition to the ammunition provided by the Department for mandatory in-service firearms training, each Officer is entitled to one hundred (100) rounds of .40 caliber ammunition per year. The Department shall provide all initial and annual ammunition required for annual qualification with a rifle or shotgun, regardless of whether the weapon is Department issued.

#### **Section 7. Labor Relations Committee as Equipment Advisory Committee.**

The Labor Relations Committee as outlined in Article 9, in addition to its other duties, shall serve as the Equipment Advisory Committee. This Committee shall meet for the purpose of reviewing specifications, testing, and making recommendations to the Chief as to the purchase of all police related equipment. For purposes of this Section, police-related equipment includes, but is not limited to, communications equipment, vehicles, vehicle light bars, weapons, specialized or technical investigative equipment, training aids, and computer-related equipment and materials. Police-related equipment does not include chairs, desks, office supplies, maintenance supplies, or other non-specialized equipment or materials purchased on a City-wide basis for all departments.

When an Officer loses and/or damages equipment assigned for purposes of employment the Labor Relations Committee shall cause to be conducted an investigation surrounding the facts causing the loss or damage. Upon completion of its investigation, the committee will make a determination as to the cause of the loss or damage and to what extent the Officer is responsible for such loss and/or damage. The Committee shall write a report of its findings which shall be forwarded to the Chief. An Officer who disagrees with the findings of the Committee may appeal the Committee's recommendation to the Chief. The Chief may adopt, in whole or in part, or reject the Committee's recommendations. The actions of the Chief in this regard shall not be subject to grievance and arbitration as provided for herein, if the Chief concurs in the recommendation of a majority of the Committee or reduces the Officer's responsibility for such loss or damage below the recommendation of the majority of the Committee.

#### **Section 8. Reimbursement Procedures.**

Officers may utilize payroll deductions to reimburse the City for lost or damaged equipment. Payroll deductions must be set at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per payday unless the Officer agrees to higher payments. It shall be the obligation of the officer to coordinate such repayment with the Police Department Accounting Office.

Officers desiring to reimburse the City for lost or damaged equipment outside of payroll deductions may do so as long as such mandatory payments are no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pay day. Nothing herein prohibits the Officer from agreeing to higher payments. All reimbursements paid outside of payroll deduction are due within five (5) calendar days of the payday.

Regardless of the method of payment, all payments must begin no later than the second pay day after the final ruling by the Chief.

After all administrative appeals are exhausted; Officers failing to reimburse the City or who fail to pay according to the selected pay schedule above shall be deemed insubordinate to the Chief of Police and may be disciplined up to and including termination.

### **Section 9. Standardized Installation of Equipment.**

The City agrees it will standardize the location of all equipment in all marked vehicles whenever possible.

## **ARTICLE 11 Promotions**

### **Section 1. Definitions.**

A. Seniority - For purposes of this Article, each Police Officer shall be given one (1) point on a promotional examination for each year as a classified Police Officer in the San Antonio Police Department. In no event shall the number of such seniority points added to a passing score exceed ten (10). In addition, Patrol Officers who are testing for Detective Investigator shall receive an additional point for holding a Master Peace Officer Certification; an additional point for fifteen (15) years of time in rank as a Patrol Officer; and an additional point for twenty (20) years of time in rank as a Patrol Officer not to exceed a total of thirteen (13) points with the total to be added to the overall final passing score of the promotional examination for Detective Investigator. Detective Investigators who are testing for the rank of Sergeant will also receive in addition to the one (1) point on a promotional examination for each year as a classified police officer up to ten (10) points of seniority, an additional point for holding a Master Peace Officer Certification; an additional point for five (5) years time in rank as a Detective Investigator; and an additional point for ten (10) years time in rank as a Detective Investigator not to exceed a total of thirteen (13) points with the total to be added to the overall final passing score of the promotional examination for Sergeant. "Classified Police Officer" is meant to include service as an initial probationary Police Officer and probation after promotion. Seniority is defined as all years of service, whether interrupted or uninterrupted, on the San Antonio Police Department, and not merely the last continuous period of service.

B. Eligibility - Police promotional examinations shall be open to all Police Officers who have held a classified position with the San Antonio Police Department for two (2) years or more, immediately below the rank for which the examination is to be held. Promotional examinations to the rank of Detective Investigator shall be open to only those officers within the classification of a Class C or higher patrol officer; no Officer shall be permitted to take a promotional examination to the rank of Detective Investigator until being in the classification of a Class C or higher Patrol Officer.

C. Seniority in Rank - Time Within a Classified Police Officer Rank. The Officer with the most time in a classified rank shall be considered the senior. Officers promoted on the same



day shall be promoted at least one minute apart to establish seniority in rank. Seniority in rank for newly hired Police Officers shall be determined by their ranking on the eligibility list and effective with their appointment to probationary Police Officer.

D. Return From Military Service - Effective with the signing of this Agreement, officers who were serving on active military duty as members of the armed forces and who were eligible promotional candidates according to the rules as set out by USERRA when a Department promotional exam was offered, who did not take the exam, may apply within 30 calendar days after notice by the City of their rights and obligations under this subsection upon their return to the Department from active military duty, to take the next available promotional exam given for that rank for which they are currently eligible. If the Officer's score would have resulted in a promotion if it had been achieved on the exam(s) missed due to active military service, the Officer must be promoted to the next available vacancy in that rank. Seniority in rank and retroactive back pay owed will be established as of the date the Officer would have been promoted based on the score made at the time, as if he or she had not been on active military service. This provision is intended to comply with requirements of the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), and to supersede the terms of Section 143.032(b) of the Texas Local Government Code. This Agreement does not prevent the City from taking steps to comply with USERRA under unique or special circumstances.

## **Section 2. Study Materials.**

A. Study Materials Committee - The Chief shall establish a separate committee for the selection of proposed study materials for each promotional examination by rank (written and/or Video Recorded Assessment). This committee will be comprised of two members appointed by the Chief and two members appointed by the President of the San Antonio Police Officers Association and shall be facilitated by the Training Academy Commander. This Committee will consult with the test consulting company to assure support from the job analysis throughout the materials selection process. Each member of the Committee will sign a pledge of confidentiality, agreeing to not release any information pertaining to any study materials selected by the Committee to be forwarded to the Chief in order to maintain the security of the selection process. Members of the Committee shall rank the material collectively and forward their recommendations to the Chief. Study materials for all ranks shall not be the same for any two (2) consecutive years. The exceptions include, the Texas Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedures, the General Manual, the Collective Bargaining Agreement and if developed, the promotional study book for the Department.

This Committee will also make recommendations for the Video Recorded Assessment criteria based on job relatedness, responsibility and consistent with the recommendations for legal compliance, of the consulting company. After reviewing the recommendations, the Chief shall consult with the test consulting company to assure support from the job analysis. After his/her consultation, the Chief shall make the final decision and forward his/her selections and/or changes to the consulting company hired by the City to create the test. The committee membership will be changed after each testing cycle. The committee members appointed by both the Chief and the President of the Association will hold the same rank or higher as the position being tested for.

Failure to comply with the confidentiality pledge may result in disciplinary action ranging from a written reprimand to indefinite suspension.

## B. Promotional Text Materials

1. The City shall limit the promotional material for all ranks to two hundred (200) pages of text. For purposes of this section, two hundred pages of text shall be defined as text that averages approximately 750 words per page. An Officer may not file any grievance or appeal based on the limitations involving pages of text and words. Text taken from the Texas Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedures, the General Manual and the Collective Bargaining Agreement, will not count toward the two hundred (200) page limit and candidates will be provided access to this text online or in another electronic format. During sign-ups, an officer shall have the ability to opt to receive a paper copy.

2. In the alternative to the 200 page limitation from one or more textbooks, the City may develop a promotional study book with advice by the Testing Consulting Company and input from the Association, which shall not be subject to the 200 page limitation. Once the SAPD promotional study book is implemented, the City shall not draw test questions from other sources except the Texas Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedures, the General Manual, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement, access to which shall continue to be made available to the candidates online or in another electronic format. A printed copy shall be made available if is requested during exam sign-ups. The promotional study book may be revised annually, and will also be made available to the candidates online or in another electronic format. A printed copy shall be made available if requested during exam sign-ups.

3. The City shall attempt to obtain the publisher's permission to duplicate and distribute to the candidates the study materials without incurring any fee, cost, penalty or liability to the publishers, and if it does obtain this permission, the City will bear the expense of making the printing or reproduction of the study materials or distribution to eligible candidates. However, the City will not be required to perform the aforementioned printing, reproduction, and dissemination of the study materials if the permission of the publishers to do so cannot be obtained without any cost, penalty, or liability to the publishers. Where the City cannot obtain such permission, the City will make arrangements to ensure that all of these study materials (e.g., textbooks) are available at one or more locations within the City for purchase by the candidates. Candidates who purchase study materials and who score seventy percent (70%) or higher on each of the examinations applicable to the promotion sought will be reimbursed for the price of the study materials.

4. After the Chief has made his/her selections, the City Human Resources Department will ensure the study materials are prepared for distribution under circumstances which will promote security. The Human Resources Department will verify the completeness of the material. No question will be included in the written examination unless it derives its source from the study material.

5. Until the adoption of the SAPD promotional study book(s) the date and method that the study materials will be made available to the candidates will be announced in the Daily Bulletin for five (5) consecutive working days. Until the adoption of the SAPD promotional study book(s) in accordance with this Section, the study materials shall be announced for purchase or made available to eligible candidates during a period which is not less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the examination. If the City has developed a promotional study book for the Department, the announcement and provision of such materials shall be not less than 365 calendar days prior

to the examination. Once the study materials are provided to the candidates, the material will not be altered in any manner, other than to update change in law and Department policy. If an Officer opts to receive a printed copy of the text materials, the City shall notify the Officer as to the location to pick up the text material.

6. The City may provide notice of a promotional examination and the study materials before an eligibility list has expired, and prior to the existence of any vacancy, and no Officer shall have any right or claim based on eligibility dates as a result, provided that the City complies with all Chapter 143 requirements.

### **Section 3. Promotion to Detective Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain.**

A. The City shall engage an outside bonded consultant to prepare written promotional examinations for each rank.

Beginning at least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days before the administration of the examination, the City will announce in the Daily Bulletin the date of the examination and the location and dates that any eligible officer may register for the examination. This announcement will run for five (5) consecutive working days. Candidates for the promotional examinations shall register for the examination between one hundred and fifteen (115) and one hundred and five (105) calendar days before the written examination.

Except as provided in Section 1 (D), all eligible candidates for promotion to a particular rank shall be given the identical written examinations applicable to that rank in the presence of each other. The written examinations will consist of multiple choice written questions, which shall have predetermined correct answers to enhance the objectivity of the written examination.

The preparer of the written examination shall deliver the examination sealed and numbered to the Civil Service Director who is charged with the responsibility for the security of all written promotional examinations. The written examination shall remain sealed until opened in the presence of the participants.

All of the questions asked on the written examination must be prepared and composed in a manner that the grading of all examination papers can be completed immediately after the examination is held. All written examination papers shall be graded as they are completed, at the place where the written examination is given, and in the presence of any candidates who wish to remain during the grading. Written examination grading will be performed within fifty (50) feet of any entrance or exit from the examination room in open view of all candidates. A minimum passing score of seventy percent (70%) out of a possible one hundred percent (100%) (unless a qualified consultant shall determine a different cut off score, based on the statistical validity of the test, which shall be subject to Commission review and approval) is required on each promotional examination (written or written plus assessment) applicable to the rank to which the officer seeks promotion.

Each eligible promotional candidate shall have the opportunity to examine written test source materials and their own graded examination paper and answers within five (5) consecutive working days after the examination. The candidate may see the above material, but may not remove the graded examination paper from the Human Resources Department.

Candidates arriving after the appointed starting time of the examination will not be admitted or allowed to participate in the examination.

All questions formulated by the outside consultant for the written examination (and their correct answers) shall be derived from the materials selected by the Chief as study materials in accordance with Section 2. Matters relative to the construction of any promotional written examination which are appealable to the Civil Service Commission pursuant to Chapter 143, Local Government Code, shall continue to be appealable and the decision of the Commission shall be final.

B. In addition to meeting the requirements as set forth in Subsection A, promotional examinations for Detective Investigator and Sergeant shall consist of one (1) written examination which shall not exceed either one hundred (100) multiple choice questions or two (2) hours in length. If the City complies with the conditions in subsection (D) below, ~~future the~~ promotional examinations ~~during 2013~~ for Sergeant may include an assessment portion in accordance with the provisions below.

C. In addition to meeting the requirements as set forth in Subsection A, promotional examinations for Lieutenant and Captain shall consist of a written examination which shall not exceed one hundred (100) multiple choice questions or two (2) hours in length and a Video Recorded Assessment which shall be weighted as set forth below.

D. Sergeant Assessment

(1) In order to commence a-sergeant assessment, the City agrees to the following:

- To successfully complete and implement an SAPD Promotional Text for each rank;
- To implement a Supervisory Leadership Training Program for all candidates for promotion to a civil service supervisory tested rank; and
- To implement a mentorship program for all new supervisors.

(2) Upon successful completion of the above requirements, the City shall be entitled to implement each of the provisions of this Agreement concerning Video Recorded Assessment which shall become applicable and shall apply that to the Sergeant examination, with the sole exception that the Video Recorded Assessment shall be weighed at twenty percent (20%) and the written examination shall be weighted at eighty percent (80%) which is set forth below (subparagraphs E, F, G, H, L, M, N, and O). The Consulting Company will conduct three orientation sessions for candidates at least one month in advance of the written examination. The orientation component will be designed to familiarize eligible candidates on the Video Recorded Assessment requirements and process. The Consulting Company or the City may not deem the orientation mandatory, since participation in the orientation is totally voluntary. The City will schedule at least three (3) orientation sessions at different times, and will provide a DVD copy of all three (3) orientation sessions upon request to any eligible promotional candidate.

E. The Consulting company hired by the City will design the Assessment cadre using a variety of exercises that may include: In-Basket; Problem Solving/Analysis; Oral Resumes/Structured Interviews; Leaderless Group Presentation; Role Playing; Memo/Report Writing; Oral Presentation/Plan Preparation; Staff Meeting; Special Event/Operations; and others as they are established and determined to be reasonably valid predictors of job related characteristics. The Consulting Company is not required to utilize all of the exercises above, but may select the exercises or combine the listed exercises into one or more exercises that are best suited for the particular rank and as recommended by the Study Materials Committee.

F. The Consulting Company shall also select the assessors who shall meet the following criteria:

1. Equivalent rank to the promotion, or above, from a municipal police agency from cities with a population of 200,000 or greater;
2. Shall not reside in the San Antonio Standard Metropolitan Statistical area;
3. Shall not be related within the second degree to any candidate for promotion;
4. Shall not personally know any candidate for promotion;
5. Shall have at least two (2) years of experience in the rank being assessed or an equivalent rank; and
6. Shall not be a current or former employee of the City of San Antonio, SAPD or any other entity legally related to or controlled by the City of San Antonio.

G. The Consulting Company will provide an online orientation of the Video Recorded Assessment requirements and process at least one month in advance of the written examination. Candidates will be allowed to submit questions to the Consulting company for a period of one week after posting the online orientation. Answers to the questions will be posted online for candidates to review at least 14 calendar days in advance of the Video Recorded Assessment. The Consulting Company or the City may not deem the orientation mandatory, since participation in the orientation is totally voluntary.

H. The assessors selected by the Consulting Company will assess the candidates for the rank being tested.

I. The total score for the rank of Lieutenant shall be calculated by the Consulting Company as follows:

Written Test Score	Maximum of 100 x .40	40 Pts. Plus
Video Recorded Assessment Score	Maximum of 100 x .60	60 Pts. Plus
Seniority Points	Maximum of 10 @ 1 / year	10 Pts.
Maximum Possible Points		110 Pts.

J. The total score for the rank of Captain shall be calculated by the Consulting Company as follows:

Written Test Score	Maximum of 100 x .30	30 Pts. Plus
Video Recorded Assessment Score	Maximum of 100 x .70	70 Pts. Plus
Seniority Points	Maximum of 10 @ 1 / year	10 Pts.
Maximum Possible Points		110 Pts.

K. After the Video Recorded Assessment scoring has been completed for the Sergeant examination under this Agreement, the total score shall be calculated by the Consulting Company as follows:

Written Test Score	Maximum 100 x .80	80 Pts. Plus
Video Recorded Assessment	Maximum of 100 x .20	20 Pts. Plus
Seniority Points	Maximum of 10 @ 1 / year	10 Pts.
Other Points (Section 1 (A))	Maximum of 3	3 Pts.
Maximum Possible Points		113 Pts.

L. A final official rank order list shall be created of all eligible candidates in accordance with all the promotional procedures set forth herein. The final list of eligible candidates for the rank of Lieutenant and Captain shall remain in effect for eighteen (18) months. The final list of eligible candidates for the rank of Detective Investigator and Sergeant shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months. When the Sergeant assessment is initiated, the final list of eligible candidates for the rank of Sergeant will increase from twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months.

M. The Video Recorded Assessment may be appealed using a Second Review Process as established and overseen by the Consulting Company. The decision of the Consulting Company regarding appeals using the "Second Review Process" shall be final and binding.

N. The consulting company will be responsible for the security of the Video Recorded Assessment process.

O. In the case of a Force Majeure Occurrence that prevents the promotional examination from occurring, the examination shall be rescheduled as soon as possible but no later than sixty (60) calendar days of the originally scheduled examination. In the event of a rescheduling, no further notice of the examination is required other than the new time, place, and date of the rescheduled examination. The postponement announcement and rescheduled date are approved by the Fire and Police Civil Service Director and do not require Commission approval.

A "Force Majeure Occurrence" shall mean an occurrence beyond the control and without the fault of the City after a declaration by the Mayor. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, force majeure occurrences shall include: acts of nature (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane, ice storm or other natural disaster), war, invasion, acts of foreign combatants, terrorists acts, military or other usurped political power or confiscation.

For the purposes of this article, a Force majeure shall also mean any such circumstances beyond the City's reasonable control as may cause a posted testing location to be unfit to proceed with testing. These circumstances include, but are not limited, to loss or malfunction of utility/power or access to the facility. Force Majeures of this nature can be declared by the Civil Service Director after attempts have been made to relocate the test within the same building. Moving the test location between rooms in a building will not require reposting of the exam.

#### **Section 4. Requirements After Promotion.**

A. Officers promoted to Detective Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant or Captain shall attend a mandatory investigator (Detectives), supervisory or management (Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain) training program designed for that rank of no less than 40-hours prior to or after being promoted. Officers who are promoted to the rank of Detective Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Captain and who have not attended the mandatory training program shall be required to attend the required training within sixty (60) calendar days of promotion.

B. Officers promoted to Detective Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant or Captain shall be assigned to one or more Officers of equal rank for on-the-job field training for a period of no less than one (1) calendar month during their probationary period. Officers promoted to the rank of Captain shall be required to complete their on-the-job field training assigned to and physically working with a Captain assigned to the Patrol Division at a police substation.

C. Within forty-eight (48) months after being promoted, Officers promoted to Lieutenant shall be required as a condition of maintaining the rank to complete with a passing grade at least sixty (60) hours of college credits or achieve an Associate's degree from an accredited college or university. Officers who have already satisfied this requirement shall present proof to the Chief of Police. Officers who fail to complete this requirement within the specified time period shall be demoted to their previous rank and seniority.

D. Within sixty (60) months after being promoted, Officers promoted to Captain shall be required as a condition of maintaining the rank to obtain a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Officers who have already satisfied this requirement shall present proof of completion to the Chief of Police. Officers who fail to complete this requirement within the specified time period shall be demoted to their previous rank and seniority.

E. If the Officer fails to complete the mandatory college requirements within the prescribed time period after promotion, the Officer will be allowed to appeal the demotion only if exigent circumstances or an emergency situation occurred which would have prevented the Officer from completing the requirements.

F. If an Officer is promoted to the next higher rank before completing the educational requirements for his/[her](#) previous rank, the time requirements remain in effect for completion of the appropriate educational requirements for that previous rank. For example, an Officer is promoted to Lieutenant on January 1, 2001 and has forty-eight (48) months to complete sixty (60) hours of college credits or achieve an Associate's degree. The Officer is promoted to Captain on January 2, 2004 without achieving the college hours or the degree. The Officer will have until December 31, 2004 to obtain sixty (60) hours of college credit or an Associate degree.

## **Section 5. Appointment to Deputy Chief.**

The Chief of Police shall have the right to appoint a total of six (6) Deputy Chiefs which shall be one rank immediately above the rank of Captain and one rank immediately below the Assistant Chief in the chain of command. This Article shall create no positions within the rank of Deputy Chief other than by this Article. As vacancies occur in the rank of Deputy Chief, the Chief of Police shall either appoint an Officer or permanently abolish the position within ninety (90) calendar days in accordance with this Section. Should the Chief of Police fail to appoint and the position is permanently abolished, the position of Deputy Chief shall revert to the rank of Captain or Lieutenant, whichever is applicable. Appointments to the rank of Deputy Chief shall be by the Chief of Police at his/her sole discretion, provided that the Officer promoted is a Captain or a Lieutenant provided the Lieutenant has a minimum of two (2) years in rank.

Officers appointed to this rank shall be subject to overall City policies and regulations and while appointed to this rank shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 143, Local Government Code, or any provision of this Agreement, unless specifically so provided by this Article.

Officers appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief shall be required as a condition of maintaining the appointed rank to obtain a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university within forty-eight (48) months after being appointed. Deputy Chiefs who have already obtained a Master's Degree prior to being appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief, shall present proof of completion to the Chief of Police within seven (7) calendar days of being appointed to the rank. Deputy Chiefs who have not obtained a Master's Degree, must complete and make a passing grade on at least nine (9) hours of Master's Degree requirements in an approved Master's Degree program every twelve (12) months after being appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief until such time as a Master's Degree is awarded. Deputy Chiefs will submit proof of the completion of the required hours to the Chief of Police and the Association on their annual promotion date until such time a Master's Degree is obtained. Deputy Chiefs who fail to complete this requirement within the specified time periods shall be demoted within ten (10) calendar days after verification by the Chief of Police of the Officer's non-compliance. Officers shall be demoted to their previous civil service rank and seniority.

Any Officer appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief may be demoted to their last tested civil service rank at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police without appeal to the Commission and/or Arbitration. Any Officer appointed to this rank may, further, voluntarily return to their last tested rank at any time. Upon demotion or voluntary return to the previously-held rank pursuant hereto, the Officer shall receive thereafter the full benefits provided in Chapter 143, Local Government Code, and this Agreement as if he/she had served in that rank on a continuous basis throughout his/her tenure as Deputy Chief, and any other non-tested appointed rank. An Officer appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief may be terminated for cause, provided that such termination shall be subject to appeal in the same manner as applicable to all classified uniformed Officers in the Department.

Except for the position of Deputy Chief, nothing in this Article shall be construed to require the City to create the rank or establish and fill the maximum number of positions authorized herein. Further, nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit any existing right of the City to create ranks and establish positions in accordance with State law and City Charter.



Deputy Chiefs appointed by the Chief of Police pursuant to this Section of this Agreement, may receive administrative leave for work performed in excess of their regularly scheduled duties. Said leave time may be granted at the discretion of the Chief of Police, subject to the scheduling and manpower contingencies that may arise.

Officers appointed to the Deputy Chief position by the Chief of Police as provided for in Article 11, Section 5, supra, of this Agreement, shall be compensated at an annual salary of not less than fifteen percent (15%) above the rate of a 30-year Captain's base pay at Step B plus longevity. The Officers so assigned shall be entitled to all benefits as contained in the following specified Articles of this Agreement: Articles 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 10 Section 3; 11 Section 6; 14 Section 1; 16 Sections 2; 17; 19; 20 (without premium pay); 21; 22 Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11; 23; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36 Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6; 37 and 38.

The City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Association and its Officers, agents, representatives, and Officers from any action, at law or in equity, brought by any Deputy Chief or other member(s) of the unit regarding this Section.

#### **Section 6. Appointment of Assistant Chief.**

The Chief of Police shall have the right to appoint two (2) Assistant Chiefs which shall be one rank immediately above the rank of Deputy Chief and one rank immediately below the Chief of Police in the chain of command. This Article shall create no positions within the rank of Assistant Chief other than by this Article. As vacancies occur in the rank of Assistant Chief, the Chief of Police shall either appoint an Officer or permanently abolish the position within ninety (90) calendar days in accordance with this Section. Should the Chief of Police fail to appoint and the position is permanently abolished, the position of Assistant Chief shall revert to the rank of Captain or Lieutenant, whichever is applicable. Appointments to the rank of Assistant Chief shall be by the Chief of Police at his/her sole discretion, provided that the Officer promoted is a Deputy Chief, Captain or a Lieutenant provided that the Lieutenant has a minimum two (2) years in rank).

Officers appointed to this rank shall be subject to overall City policies and regulations and while appointed to this rank shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 143, Local Government Code, or any provision of this Agreement, unless specifically so provided in this Article.

Officers appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief from Deputy Chief rank shall be required as a condition of maintaining the appointed rank to obtain a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university within thirty-six (36) months after being appointed. If a Captain or Lieutenant is appointed to Assistant Chief they shall have forty eight (48) months in order to obtain a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university. Assistant Chiefs who have already obtained a Master's Degree prior to being appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief, shall present proof of completion to the Chief of Police within seven (7) calendar days of being appointed to the rank. Assistant Chiefs who have not obtained a Master's Degree must complete and make a passing grade on at least one-third of any Master's Degree requirements they have left to obtain in an approved Master's Degree program every twelve (12) months after being appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief until such time as a Master's Degree is awarded. Assistant Chiefs will submit proof of the completion of the required hours to the Chief of Police and the Association

on their annual promotion date until such time a Master's Degree is obtained. Assistant Chiefs who fail to complete this requirement within the specified time periods shall be demoted within ten (10) calendar days after verification by the Chief of Police of the Officer's non-compliance. Officers shall be demoted to their previous civil service rank and seniority.

Any Officer appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief may be demoted to their last tested civil service rank at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police without appeal to the Commission and/or Arbitration. Any Officer appointed to this rank may, further, voluntarily return to their last tested rank at any time. Upon demotion or voluntary return to the previously-held tested rank pursuant hereto, the Officer shall receive thereafter the full benefits provided in Chapter 143, Local Government Code, and this Agreement as if he/she had served in that rank on a continuous basis throughout his/her tenure as Assistant Chief, and any other non-tested appointed rank. An Officer appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief may be terminated for cause, provided that such termination shall be subject to appeal in the same manner as applicable to all classified uniformed Officers in the Department.

Assistant Chiefs appointed by the Chief of Police pursuant to this Section of this Agreement, may receive administrative leave for work performed in excess of their regularly scheduled duties. Said leave time may be granted at the discretion of the Chief of Police, subject to the scheduling and manpower contingencies that may arise.

Officers appointed to the Assistant Chief position by the Chief of Police as provided for in Article 11, Section 6, supra, of this Agreement, shall be compensated at an annual salary of not less than eight percent (8%) above the rate of a Deputy Chief's base pay plus longevity (a 30 year Captains base pay at Step B + .18 times that base pay). The Officers so assigned shall be entitled to all benefits as contained in the following specified Articles of this Agreement: Articles 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 10 Section 3; 11 Section 6; 14 Section 1; 16 Sections 2; 17; 19; 20 (without premium pay); 21; 22 Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11; 23; 29; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34; 35; 36 Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6; 37 and 38.

The City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Association and its officers, agents, representatives, and Officers from any action, at law or in equity, brought by any Assistant Chief or other member(s) of the unit regarding this Section.

## **Section 7. Uniformed Evidence Detective Initiative**

Officers promoted to Detective Investigator on or after March 4, 2011 shall be subject to assignment in both the traditional Detective Investigators positions and in Uniformed Evidence Detective (U.E.D.) patrol assignments in accordance with Article 7 Management Rights. All other Detective Investigators promoted prior to March 4, 2011, who do not opt into the initiative, shall not be ordered to accept assignments to U.E.D. positions, but any eligible Detective Investigator who voluntarily opts into the initiative and a U.E.D. assignment, shall be subject to such assignment from that point forward and shall be subject to the new classified job description for the Detective Investigator rank. Sole control over staffing levels in all positions and ranks shall be within the authority of the Chief and the City Council in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 143. Any new Major Crimes CSI or similar unit that is created in the future will retain sworn supervisors for civilians.

## **Section 8. Previous Agreement**

Any promotional exam approved by the Civil Service Commission prior to the signing of this Agreement will be handled in accordance with the previous Agreement, except as specifically provided for Detectives on any current eligibility list in Section 7 above.

## **Section 9. Force Reduction and Reinstatement Lists**

If a reinstatement list is created pursuant to the requirements of Section 143.085 of the Local Government Code, the parties agree that the name of any person placed on such list will not be removed from the list for three (3) years from date of reduction in rank. This change is intended to supersede the language of Chapter 143.085 concerning the duration of reinstatement lists.

## **Section 10. Preemption.**

It is expressly understood and agreed that all provisions of this Article shall preempt any statute, Executive order, local ordinance, City policy Civil Service Commission rule or other City or rule, which is in conflict with or is inconsistent with this Agreement and the procedures developed hereunder, including for example and not by way of limitation any contrary provisions of Sections 143.028, 143.029, 143.031, 143.032, 143.033, 143.034, 143.035 and 143.036.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Seniority**

#### **Section 1. Seniority Defined.**

Seniority in this Article shall be defined as the length of service by an officer within his/her civil service classification. All other factors being equal, seniority is the determining factor in the assignment of relief days and vacation days and operates within a section, unit, or detail for purposes of this Article. Assignment of sections or districts shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article, except in Section 6.

#### **Section 2. Six-Month Requirement.**

When an Officer transfers from one section, unit, or detail to another, there shall be no bumping of a less senior officer out of relief days or vacation days to which the less senior officer has been assigned. However, when premium relief days become open, the incoming officer, including Officers newly-promoted, may, after serving in the section, unit, or detail for six (6) months, then exercise his/her seniority in bidding for the premium relief days. Vacation shall be handled in the same manner in that no Officer shall be denied vacation already scheduled; but, during the next round of vacation assignments, the senior officer chooses before the junior officer. In the event of a simultaneous transfer, i.e., one Officer is moved out at the same time another Officer is moved in, the incoming Officer is not entitled to assume the relief days and vacation days of the outgoing Officer, even though his/her seniority is greater than other officers in the section, unit, or detail; otherwise, the incoming Officer is placed in his/her respective position as to date of rank and bids with others as the next days and dates become available.

### **Section 3. "All Other Things Being Equal" Defined.**

"All other factors being equal" is intended to relate to the total performance of an officer. In the event an Officer is denied premium relief days because of "unequal factors", it shall not be for an isolated instance of poor or substandard performance, but it may come about because of a consistent pattern of overall substandard performance.

### **Section 4. Military or Duty-Connected Disability.**

Time spent in the Armed Forces on military leave of absence and other authorized leaves and time lost because of duty-connected disability shall be included in length of service.

### **Section 5. Seniority Tie-Breaker.**

Seniority shall be a factor in promotions and layoff or recall consistent with State law and City ordinances and regulations. In the event of a tie in the seniority of two or more officers, the officer placing highest on the hiring or promotional list shall be the senior.

### **Section 6. Certain Officer Transfer Rights.**

This Section applies only to those Officers holding the rank of Patrol Officer, Detective Investigator or Sergeant assigned to the Day (A Shift), Evening (B Shift), Dog Watch (C Shift), or the T shift of the Patrol Division. To the extent that this Section differs with Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 above, this Section shall prevail so far as the affected shifts are concerned.

When an assignment is declared vacant in a section of the Day (A Shift), Evening (B Shift), Dog Watch (C Shift), or the T shift of the Patrol Division, the opening shall be awarded to the most senior officer on that shift of the applicable rank who voluntarily requests that assignment. In the event no officer of the applicable rank from that shift requests the assignment, any officer of applicable rank from the remaining shifts may request the position and it shall be awarded to the most senior officer. If the only officers voluntarily requesting the assignment have not been assigned to one of the Patrol Division shifts for six months (and therefore have no seniority rights), the position shall be awarded to the officer whose seniority rights will be reinstated soonest, regardless of their actual seniority on the Department. Detectives assigned to the Patrol Division as Uniformed Evidence Detectives shall participate in a separate SCHARDS system.

Once an officer has been transferred, he/she will then be able to exercise his/her seniority based on the next available opening on that shift; provided, however, that officers transferring from outside the affected shifts shall not be eligible to exercise their seniority rights until six months have expired from entry into the affected shifts with the sole exception that officers transferring from one of the Patrol shifts to another Patrol shift shall be entitled to use his/her seniority in bidding on vacancies in conformance with this Section immediately.

Officers transferring from one of the Patrol shifts to another shift or to another unit or division shall lose their vacation request time and will have to put in for a new vacation schedule based on available openings on that shift.

Any officer covered by this Section may be removed from a position he/she occupies to another position within the specified shifts, provided such is done on the basis of reverse seniority (i.e., beginning with the least senior person). Probationary officers have no protection under this article. The Manpower Allocation Detail or the FTO Coordinator controls probationary officer assignments.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit in any fashion any right currently vested in the City by virtue of this Agreement, except as explicitly modified by this Article and such modification shall be limited solely to the specific provisions of this Article. These rights include, but are not limited to, the right to determine when a vacancy exists, to determine the number of positions to be assigned to a division or shift, to transfer any person from the shifts covered by this Article to any position outside of those shifts, to make assignments of officers not covered by this Article, and to make assignments of officers affected by this Article in conformance with the provisions contained herein.

### **ARTICLE 13 Hours of Work**

#### **Section 1. General Provisions.**

A. Work Period. Officers will continue to work a seven-day work period in accordance with past practice, as opposed to other work periods under the Fair Labor Standards Act. A "work period" means a regularly repeating seven day calendar cycle that consists of five, 8 hour or four 10 hour days.

B. Contractual Overtime Provision. By past practice and through this Agreement, the City has established a pay pattern that allows Officers to receive overtime payment in pay or compensatory time for any hours outside of the Officer's regularly scheduled shift or workday. Nothing in the Agreement including Section 1(C) below is intended, designed, or will change this practice. The City agrees it will continue to pay Officers for overtime in pay or compensatory time in accordance with this Agreement for any hours outside of the Officer's regularly scheduled shift or workday.

C. FLSA 207k Partial Exemption. The City and the Association agree, that under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the City is entitled to the 43-hour exemption from payment of FLSA statutory overtime compensation. This means that the City is not required by federal law to pay overtime to Officers until after the Officer has worked 43 hours in a workweek. Within the context of this Agreement however, the City shall continue to pay all contractual compensation in accordance with Article 8 Maintenance of Standards, and in accordance with Section B above, which is enforceable by the grievance procedure of this Agreement. However, the City retains the right under Article 7, Management Rights, to change any process, accounting procedure, forms, periods, or other aspects of accounting practices if it reasonably determines that such change is necessary to comply with state or federal overtime law. The City and the Association agree that the City shall not be obligated in any FLSA enforcement lawsuit to pay overtime until a 43-hour threshold is reached.

#### **Section 2. Local Government Code Section 142.0015 Override.**

Section 142.0015 of the Local Government Code provides among other things, that officers may not be required to work over 40 hours in a week unless an "emergency" has been declared. Texas law, including but not limited to Section 174.006(a) of the Local Government Code, allows the parties to this Agreement to override and change that standard, and the parties expressly agree to override it. Accordingly, the Chief or any supervisor shall continue to be entitled to require work by officers beyond the regularly scheduled shift hours in a day, and over and above the 40 regularly scheduled hours within a seven-day work period. This practice, which the parties agree is both legal and proper without the need for a declaration of "emergency," will continue as a benefit to both the City and the Association, as a contract provision which has been continuously in effect under all previous collective bargaining agreements. Any claim for additional wages based upon Section 142.0015 is expressly waived in consideration of the finalization of this agreement.

### **Section 3. Non-Shift Schedules**

Officers who are not subject to shift work, or covered by other provisions of this Agreement, shall work eight (8) consecutive hours except for interruptions for lunch periods. The workday shall conform to those hours set by the City Manager for the other City employees who work regular non-shift work. The hours presently prescribed are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with forty-five (45) minutes for lunch.

### **Section 4. Break Periods.**

City policy has for some time permitted two fifteen (15) minute coffee and/or rest breaks per day when they can be taken without serious interference with the work at hand. Such breaks are normally taken mid-morning and mid-afternoon for Officers working non-shift, and for shift workers at comparable time during the shift. This policy shall continue to apply to the Department; however, the missing of any coffee and/or rest breaks because of the press of business shall not be grounds for overtime payment or for a grievance.

Notwithstanding this provision for compensation as to lunch, coffee, and/or rest breaks, Officers remain within full coverage and benefits, not limited to life insurance, health insurance, and Texas Workers' Compensation Act, if the Officers are traveling to or from lunch or breaks or during lunch or break time and are performing activities that are in furtherance of the affairs or business of police work. This shall apply unless the activities are specifically excluded by the provisions of the Texas Worker's Compensation Act and the rules of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, or are excluded by the standards set forth in Article 36 of this Agreement.

Officers who have by practice worked an eight (8) or ten (10) consecutive hour workday, which included a thirty or forty-five minute lunch break, and are not specifically covered by the sections below will continue to do so.

### **Section 5. Hours for Certain Patrol Division Units.**

Patrol Officers working on the Daylight ("A" Shift), Evening ("B" Shift), or Dog Watch ("C" Shift), or on the "T" shift of the Patrol Division shall work a seven (7) day work period, with daily hours compensated at straight-time according to assignments as follows:

Patrol Officers on the Patrol Daylight "A" Shift shall work from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with thirty (30) minutes for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks. Supervisors for this shift shall work from 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Patrol Officers on the Patrol Evening "B" Shift shall work from 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with thirty (30) minutes for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks. Supervisors for this shift shall work from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Patrol Officers on the Patrol Dog Watch of Night "C" Shift shall work from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., with thirty (30) minutes for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks. Supervisors for this shift shall work from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Patrol Officers on the Patrol "T" Shift shall work from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. with thirty (30) minutes off for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks. Supervisors for this shift shall work from 4:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. There shall be an overlapping shift change with one roll call.

The Downtown Foot/Bicycle Patrol Unit officers shall be assigned to work one of two (2) ten-hour shifts per day, daylight shift 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. until 3:30 a.m., with thirty minutes off for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks.

All supervisors assigned to patrol shifts shall report thirty (30) minutes prior to their shift and complete the shift thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled shift hours with the exception of Bike Patrol.

If an Officer requests a thirty (30) minute meal break and is denied such request because of press of business a second time within such shift, and as a result thereof requests thirty (30) minutes of compensatory time or pay at straight time, said officer must submit an "incident report" to the Section Sergeant as to the reasons why the officer could not take said meal break. The granting of or the refusal to grant the compensatory time or pay at straight time by the Section Sergeant shall be final and binding on the officer, with no rights of appeal to the Commission and/or grievance and arbitration as provided elsewhere in this Agreement.

The City will continue to compensate Officers who work shifts for the thirty minute lunch, coffee and/or rest breaks; however, the time permitted by this article for those time periods shall in no event constitute time actually worked by an Officer unless that Officer is ordered by a supervisor to resume duties, or obtains supervisory authorization to do so.

## **Section 6. Hours for Certain Units.**

Officers working on the daylight or night shift of CID or who are assigned to positions equivalent to those assigned to CID and who investigate criminal cases, file charges and dispositions, or who work in an undercover capacity shall work a seven (7) day work period with daily hours compensated at straight-time as follows:

A. Officers below the rank of Lieutenant assigned to the daylight shift in CID or equivalent as described above may work from 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., with thirty (30) minutes off for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks.

B. Officers below the rank of Lieutenant assigned to the night shift in CID or equivalent as described above may work from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., with thirty (30) minutes off for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks.

C. Officers above the rank of Sergeant in the units operating under the ten (10) hour work day shall continue to work a tour of duty consisting of eight (8) hours and forty-five (45) minutes, with forty-five (45) minutes for lunch and two fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks, and shall be entitled to Saturday and Sunday as their regularly assigned relief days.

D. All existing schedules for units or Officers not specifically provided for in this Article remain under the discretion of the Chief.

E. Officers subject to the ten (10) hours, four (4) day workweek shall include, but not be limited to, the following or successors in function:

Off-Duty Employment Property Crimes Homicide  
Robbery Sex Crimes  
Night C.I.D. Detectives Repeat Offenders Program  
Technical Investigations Detail Financial Crimes  
Vehicle Crimes Wrecker Service

Officers assigned to the above units will continue to work the hours currently prescribed for those units and with lunch and break hours currently provided. It is not the intent of either the City or the Association to delete any unit currently operating under a four (4) day workweek as of the effective date of this Agreement.

Breaks are normally taken midway through the first half and midway through the second half of a tour of duty. The missing of any coffee and/or rest breaks because of the press of business shall not be grounds for overtime payment or for a grievance.

#### **Section 7. Adjustment of Working Hours.**

The Chief shall have the right to adjust the working hours, and starting and ending time of any shift, or the units of C.I.D. covered by the ten (10) hour work day provided that such change does not cause an employee to work in excess of an average forty (40) regularly scheduled hours in a work period. In no case shall any changes in starting and ending times of shifts covered by Section 5 and 6 above exceed one hour in each calendar year. In the event the Chief decides to exercise his/her rights pursuant to this section, he/she shall notify the President of the Association in writing of the anticipated adjustment at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to implementation. The Association shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date so notified to submit any comments or objections to the proposed change in writing to the Chief. If objection is expressed by the Association, representatives of the Association and the Chief shall meet to discuss the



anticipated adjustment within the next succeeding seven (7) calendar days. This right shall not be subject to appeal pursuant to the grievance procedure contained in Article 15 of this Agreement, with the sole exception that the issue of regularly scheduled work in excess of the average forty (40) hours in a workweek may be appealed pursuant to the grievance procedure. Nothing in this section shall be construed in any fashion to limit the Chief's right to establish the working hours of units not covered by Sections 5 and 6.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **City Property/Off-Duty Employment Office**

#### **Section 1. Introduction.**

The existing policies for off-duty employment shall prevail, except that on matters involving jurisdiction or conflict of interest, the Chief shall have the right to amend the existing policies, subject to grievance procedure outlined in Article 15 of this Agreement. Provided, however, this article shall no longer permit a distinction between public and private events nor between for-profit and non-profit entities.

#### **Section 2. Off Duty Office.**

The City shall establish an office staffed to coordinate off-duty employment needs with City facilities. The Off Duty Office will be staffed with one Sergeant and a minimum of two additional sworn personnel or up to four additional sworn personnel at the discretion of the Chief, along with sufficient civilian personnel. In the event the Chief decides to reduce the number of sworn personnel he/she shall notify the President of the Association in writing of the anticipated adjustment at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to implementation. Sworn personnel will be used to determine law enforcement staffing needs for events at City facilities and for issuing orders as necessary to sworn personnel assigned to work an off-duty job. Civilian personnel shall be used for all other Off Duty Office purposes. The City will provide office space, on-duty transportation and necessary office equipment at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center as well as the Alamodome.

#### **Section 3. Use of Sworn Personnel at City Facilities.**

A. The City shall utilize only sworn Officers for the purposes of providing security, crowd control, and other police-related activities at all City facilities. This shall not include ticket takers, badge checkers, or individuals whose duty is to enforce house rules. The Association recognizes that the City has legitimate reasons to work with performers or entertainer's special security needs. The City shall include in every contract for the use of City facilities that any vendor or lessee using said facility shall use only sworn Officers procured through the off-duty employment office for security, crowd control and other police-related activities while using the facility, and that number of Officers determined to be necessary by the off-duty employment office shall be paid by the vendor or lessee.

For the purposes of this article, City facilities shall include only the following:

- (1) The Convention Center Exhibit Halls and Banquet Halls or future expansions
- (2) The Lila Cockrell Theater
- (3) Market Square
- (4) Market Square's Centro de Artes Ballroom; Fiesta Room; and Farmers Market
- (5) La Villita
- (6) The Alamodome

B. All Officers assigned to work at City facilities on an off-duty basis shall be compensated as follows. Police Officers, regardless of seniority or other compensation, shall be paid at 1.2 times the officer's straight time rate (not including longevity) for an Officer at Step C of the salary schedule found in Attachment 2 of this agreement. All supervisors, regardless of rank or seniority, shall be paid at 1.2 times the straight time hourly rate for a Sergeant at Step A of the salary schedule (not including longevity) if working in a supervisory capacity for the vendor. The straight time rate shall be computed by multiplying the Officer's appropriate monthly rate from Attachment 2 by twelve (12) months and dividing that product by 2080 hours in a work year. All payments will be made utilizing the Officer's biweekly payroll check.

C. The office of the Chief of Police shall have the responsibility of staffing all City facilities with sworn Officers. The number of officers needed at any one such property or facility shall be within the exclusive prerogative of the Chief. The Chief shall establish and maintain a Department Procedure for administering this Section. The Procedure shall include sign-up, notification on a rotating basis, and other policies necessary for the administration of this Section.

D. The City agrees to pay Officers who work any Fiesta events and related activities in an off-duty capacity at Fiesta Pay, which shall be base plus longevity, times two (2). The City agrees to maximize the use of off-duty personnel who have signed up on the volunteer roster, and to minimize the use of on-duty personnel, subject to the other provisions herein. Fiesta activities and events will be those that are defined in the Official Fiesta Calendar published each year by the City and the Fiesta Commission. Events such as basketball games, concerts, or trade shows unrelated to Fiesta during the calendar days of Fiesta shall be paid at the regular overtime rate unless insufficient volunteers sign up for such events, then all volunteers whether or not from Fiesta volunteer roster shall receive Fiesta pay. Easter Sunday will not be covered under this Section but is covered under Article 20, Holidays, Section 1.

E. The City and the Association shall not grant any exceptions to this Article, with the sole provision being that Officers who "volunteer" their time without remuneration, of any type, may work charitable events. "Volunteers" are not exempt from the requirements for off-duty employment at City facilities, even where such volunteers under this paragraph are working on City facilities, and written permission for volunteers to work at City facilities must be approved by the Office of the Chief or his/her designee.

F. Nothing in this Article precludes the City from utilizing personnel from private security companies to provide day-to-day security for any of the facilities listed in paragraph A above.

G. The City shall first be required to call or otherwise make available the opportunity for off-duty placement to SAPD personnel, and then to non-SAPD certified peace officer City employees. After having done so, the City may fill any remaining need for certified personnel with employees of other agencies outside the City organization.

H. The Association, on behalf of the Department, will apply and coordinate any paperwork necessary to comply with the Private Security Act of Texas.

I. Section 7(p)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act makes special provisions for Officers of public agencies that, at their own option, perform off-duty employment. This FLSA section provides that the City may facilitate the employment or affect the conditions of the Officer's off-duty employment. Additionally, the City may keep a roster and select from the roster, negotiate the Officers' pay, retain a fee for administrative expenses, require the individuals who are hiring the officers to pay the costs directly to the City and establish procedures for the Officers to receive their pay, and require Officers to observe normal standards of conduct during their off-duty employment and enforce such requirements through disciplinary action.

Since the off-duty employment provision was placed into the Agreement in 1988, the City and the Association have worked together to assure compliance. The Agreement of 1988 established an off-duty employment office and established off-duty compensation at the rate of 1.5 times an Officer's overtime rate in accordance with the Officer's rank. This was renegotiated in 1994 and reduced to 1.2 times the straight time for an Officer at Step C. Additionally in 1994, the City agreed to provide Officers the opportunity to take compensatory time instead of pay for off-duty purposes. This was considered a pass through of the pay benefit and was not intended or designed to impugn the separate and independent employer relationship outlined in Section 7. This Agreement removes the compensatory time payment allowance to eliminate any challenge to that relationship. In furtherance of the Agreements, the City has paid Officers in the rare instances where vendors did not pay. This was considered an important benefit to Officers and not designed or intended to alter the separate and independent status of outside interests utilizing City facilities. The City and the Association have a continued relationship within the scope of the Agreement that allows the City to negotiate Officer pay rates and conditions of off-duty employment while maintaining a separate and independent status from the individuals contracting to utilize City facilities and off-duty Police Officers.

J. Officers participating in the off-duty employment opportunities provided through this Agreement are working off-duty for the lessees of city facilities and not for the City or the Department. In the event of any ruling or holding by a Court or any determination by the Department of Labor that non-payment by vendors makes the City liable for FLSA overtime as the employer of Officers, the City may require that officers sign an agreement agreeing to look solely to the vendor for payment; provided, however, that the City will implement reasonable practices for collection of accounts in order to achieve collection of such amounts in a commercially reasonable manner.

K. In the event of any ruling or holding by a Court or any determination by the Department of Labor that results in altering or changing the benefits provided by this Agreement under this Article or challenges the ability of the City to determine compensation under this Article, the Association agrees that the City shall not be subject to provide additional wages, compensation, or incentives of any kind beyond that which is specified in this Article for purpose of off-duty employment at City facilities. To assure this outcome, the City and the Association agree to meet within ten (10) calendar days of the ruling, holding, or determination in an effort to resolve any conflicts with this Agreement. In the event that a compromise cannot be reached within the ten (10) calendar day window period, the City and the Association will submit all unresolved issues within thirty (30) calendar days before a neutral arbitrator selected by the parties. If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator, the parties will each submit the name of a qualified neutral person with DOL, judicial, or litigation experience in overtime and FLSA compliance in matters involving law enforcement officers. The two neutrals will select a third qualified neutral with the same experience who shall serve as the chairman of the arbitration panel. The dispute shall be submitted to the arbitration panel within ten (10) calendar days of their appointment. The hearing shall be conducted under Rules 5-10 of the Expedited Labor Arbitration Rules appended hereto as Attachment 1. The arbitration panel shall determine a decision within thirty (30) calendar days of their appointment. The arbitration panel's authority is limited to all claims or issues under this section; however under no case shall the arbitration panel issue a ruling that has the effect of changing compensation rates provided by this section. The decision shall be final and binding on all parties, and this process shall be exclusive for all claims or issues relating to the ruling, holding or determination which initiates the process. Officers seeking redress for off-duty employment grievances not relating to such issues shall do so on an individual basis and in accordance with the Grievance procedure of this Agreement.

L. Officers shall be paid, in addition to the compensation for hours worked for lessees using City facilities, the City "special event" parking rate, which shall be an additional cost charged to the lessee as a part of total Officer security costs. This parking reimbursement shall be paid for one parking rate per day.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **Grievance Procedure**

#### **Section 1. Scope of Procedure.**

The City and the Association agree that the purpose of this grievance procedure is to provide a just and equitable method for resolving disagreements between the parties regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement. Only matters involving the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of a specific provision of this Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be subject to this grievance procedure. Disciplinary matters which are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to Chapter 143 Local Government Code are not subject to this procedure but are covered in Article 28 of this Agreement. Where a statutory claim is asserted before any administrative agency or court, which claim(s) arises from the same factual occurrence made the basis of a grievance, the grievance shall be abated until final disposition or settlement of such claim(s), unless the Officer agrees with the employer and the Association to submit all claims arising from the same factual occurrence, including statutory claims, to the grievance procedure herein. Any alleged violation(s) of Article 4, Section 2(F), of this Agreement shall not be the

subject of a grievance unless there is an Agreement between the parties hereto and the officer to submit such issue(s) to the grievance procedure.

## **Section 2. Time Limits.**

The parties shall adhere to the time limits as set forth in the procedure. In the event the officer or Association fails to meet the time limits at any step of the procedure, the grievance shall be considered satisfied and no further action shall be taken. Failure by the City to meet the time limits at any step shall be considered an unsatisfactory response and shall automatically allow the grievance to proceed to the next step. Such time limits may be waived, however, by mutual consent of the parties in writing.

## **Section 3. Steps.**

A grievance within the scope of this procedure as defined in Section 1 above shall be handled as follows:

Step 1. Any Officer having a matter which is felt to be a grievance, first must within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the actual or constructive knowledge of the occurrence or the event causing the problem submit such grievance in writing identifying the specific Article and Section of the Agreement alleged to have been violated to the Association with a copy to his/her immediate supervisor. Said determination of whether a grievance exists shall be made by an Association Grievance Committee. The Chief may appoint one (1) non-voting member of the Committee. The Committee may exclude the Chief's appointed member from deliberations. If the Association exercises this right, the Chief of Police shall be entitled to exclude Association representatives from any administrative meeting, procedure, or process, where their presence or participation has been allowed, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8. The Association Grievance Committee shall meet and render its decision in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the written grievance by the officer.

In the event that the Grievance Committee decides that a grievance exists, the Association, representing the aggrieved officer, shall prepare a formal written grievance on behalf of the aggrieved Officer and proceed to Step 2. Nothing herein prohibits the City from challenging whether a grievance is timely.

It is the intent of the parties to attempt to resolve disputes and grievances over the application, interpretation and enforcement of the Agreement at the lowest level. Nothing herein shall prevent the Association from meeting and conferring with the City, Chief or their designees in an attempt to resolve the alleged grievance before the time limits in Step 1 expire.

Step 2. If a grievance is believed to exist, it shall be presented in writing to the Chief. The Chief shall have fourteen (14) calendar days to act on the grievance and render a decision in writing.

Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the matter shall be submitted in writing to the Human Resources Director within seven (7) calendar days from the decision at Step 2.

The Human Resources Director shall within five (5) calendar days submit the matter to the City Manager who shall review the matter and shall render a decision in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days. The Human Resources Director shall obtain the response from the City Manager or his/her representative and notify the President of the Association of the response and results within five (5) calendar days.

Step 4. If the grievance has not been settled at Step 3, the parties shall have seven (7) calendar days from the date the Human Resources Director notified the President of the Association, in which to appeal the grievance to arbitration for adjustment. An appeal from the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Human Resources Director. Since the City may also grieve against the Association, any grievance by the City against the Association will be filed directly with the President of the Association; and, if not settled within seven (7) calendar days, may be submitted to arbitration for adjustment.

#### **Section 4. Arbitration.**

If a grievance is submitted to arbitration, within fourteen (14) calendar days, the City and the Association shall agree upon an arbitrator. The parties may mutually agree to elect to use a panel arbitrator or expedited process pursuant to the provisions in Article 28 (Disciplinary Actions). For this purpose, the parties may agree in writing to utilize one or more arbitrators for a specified period of time, provided that either party may request selection on any specific matter as follows: If the parties fail to agree upon an arbitrator, a list of seven (7) qualified neutrals shall be requested from the American Arbitration Association (AAA). Within fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the list, the Association and the City shall alternately strike names on the list and the remaining name shall be the arbitrator.

The conduct of the hearing shall be governed by the standard rules of the American Arbitration Association. The parties, by mutual agreement, may request that the hearing be held in accordance with the Expedited Labor Arbitration Rules which are found as Attachment 1 to this Agreement and are incorporated herein by reference.

Upon written request delivered at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the hearing, a party to the proceeding shall provide to the opposing party the names and addresses of witnesses expected to be called at the hearing. In the absence of good or excusable cause, the arbitrator may exclude the testimony of a witness upon the failure of a party to disclose such a witness. The parties, in writing, may request discovery from each other concerning the grievance. Should the opposing party not agree to provide the requested information within seven (7) calendar days of the request; the request shall be deemed denied. The requesting party may then apply to the Arbitrator, who shall order such discovery as is appropriate to the nature of the case, consistent with, but not bound by, the rules of discovery in Texas civil cases. In considering the application, the Arbitrator shall consider the burden and expense of producing the information, the need of the requesting party, the amount of time available prior to the hearing, and such other matters as he/she may deem material. In no event shall discovery be requested within seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing.

The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, amend, modify, or subtract from the provisions of this Agreement in arriving at his/her decision on the issue or issues presented and shall confine his/her decision to the interpretation of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall confine himself/herself

to the precise issue submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to determine any other issues not so submitted to him/her. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the City and the Association.

The City shall bear the expense of any witnesses called by the City. The Association shall bear the expense of any witnesses called by the Association. The City and the Association shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

**Section 5. Miscellaneous Provisions.**

A grievance contesting action by the City Council or City Manager shall be filed at Step 3 instead of Step 2.

The President of the Association may file a class action grievance on behalf of bargaining unit members similarly situated at Step 1 within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the officer or officers' actual or constructive knowledge of the occurrence or event causing the problem.

The Chief's representative to the Association Grievance Committee may submit for the Committee's consideration any evidence that the grievance has been addressed or resolved in a previous grievance or an arbitrator's award. If the current grievance, or an issue of the current grievance, is determined by the Grievance Committee to have been previously resolved, the current grievance, or the issue of the current grievance, will be deemed as denied by the Grievance Committee and the grievant will be bound by the previous resolution.

With the exception of all grievances filed prior to the date of execution of this Agreement, if a grievance has not been finally resolved within three hundred and sixty five (365) calendar days from the date of appeal to arbitration, and no mutually agreed time extensions exist or are requested by either party to the grievance, the grievance will be deemed to have expired. Grievance extensions will not be unreasonably denied under this paragraph.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**Wages**

**Section 1. Wage Schedule.**

Effective upon execution of this Agreement, to be paid within 30 days of Council approval of this Agreement, a lump sum payment of 2% shall be paid to all then employed members of the bargaining unit. The lump sum payment will be based on each bargaining unit employee's total compensation earned during the twelve-month period ending December 1, 2021. Total compensation includes base pay, longevity, supplemental pay and overtime pay. Total compensation does not include compensation earned through off duty employment assignments.

Effective April 1, 2023, an across-the-board 3.5% wage increase will occur.

Effective April 1, 2024, an across-the-board 3.5% wage increase will occur.

Effective April 1, 2025, an across-the-board 4.0% wage increase will occur.

Effective April 1, 2026, an across-the-board 4.0% wage increase will occur.

A. Police Officer Rank Step Schedule.

Wages shall be paid in accordance with the schedule outlined in Attachment No. 2, and incorporated herein. A Police Officer shall serve one (1) year in Step A and then will be moved to Step B of the pay schedule, upon completion of the education requirements contained in Article 33, Section 2. Upon completion of five (5) years of commissioned service, an Officer is moved from Step B of the pay schedule to Step C.

Police Officers with at least ten (10) years seniority in rank and forty (40) accredited college hours or fifteen (15) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step D which shall be two percent (2%) increase above a Step C.

Police Officers with at least fifteen (15) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or twenty (20) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step E which shall be two percent (2%) increase above a Step D.

Police Officers with at least twenty (20) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or twenty-five (25) years seniority in the rank shall be eligible for Step F which shall be two percent (2%) above a Step E.

Those Police Officers who have achieved Step D, E or F may be identified by an appropriate insignia approved by the Chief to be worn on the sleeve of the uniform shirt and/or jacket.

B. Detective Rank Step Schedule.

Detectives with at least five (5) years seniority in rank and forty (40) accredited college hours or ten (10) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step B which shall be three percent (3%) increase above Step A, i.e., entry level into the Detective rank.

Detectives with at least ten (10) years' seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or fifteen (15) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step C that shall be three percent (3%) increase above Step B.

Detectives with at least fifteen (15) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or twenty (20) years seniority in the rank shall be eligible for Step D that shall be two percent (2%) above Step C.

C. Sergeant Rank Step Schedule.

Sergeants with at least five (5) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or ten (10) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step B which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step A, i.e., entry level into the Sergeant rank.



Sergeants with at least ten (10) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or fifteen (15) years seniority in the rank shall be eligible for Step C which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step B.

**D. Lieutenant Rank Step Schedule.**

Lieutenants with at least five (5) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or ten (10) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step B which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step A, i.e., entry level into the Lieutenant rank.

Lieutenants with at least ten (10) years seniority in rank and sixty (60) accredited college hours or fifteen (15) years seniority in the rank shall be eligible for Step C which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step B.

**E. Captain Rank Step Schedule**

Captains with at least five (5) years seniority in rank and a Bachelor's degree or ten (10) years seniority in rank shall be eligible for Step B which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step A, i.e., entry level into the Captain rank.

Captains with at least ten (10) years seniority in rank and a Bachelor's degree or fifteen (15) years seniority in the rank shall be eligible for Step C which shall be two percent (2%) increase above Step B.

**Section 2. Pyramiding.**

Where an Officer is eligible for more than one rate of overtime pay, he/she shall receive only one of those rates at a time, though it shall be the higher rate.

**Section 3. Shift Differential Pay.**

A. All Police Officers permanently assigned to begin work after 12:00 p.m.; including but not limited to shifts currently referred to as the Evening "B" "Dog Watch" "C" or "T" shifts are to receive \$350 per month differential pay.

B. Only Officers permanently assigned to or on Special Assignment approved through the offices of Division Commanders to begin work after 12:00 p.m. shall receive shift differential pay. Officers on special assignment must work an applicable shift for eighty (80) hours or more of any calendar month to be entitled to differential pay for that assignment for the full month.

C. Officers who are permanently assigned to begin work after 12:00 p.m. and who by assignment have the discretion in their working hours must work an applicable shift for eighty hours or more of any calendar month to be entitled to differential pay for that assignment for the full month.

**Section 4. Longevity Pay.**

In addition to wages as set forth in the pay schedule, each Officer's base pay shall be increased by three percent (3%) for each five (5) years of his/her longevity, to a maximum of thirty (30) years, i.e., a thirty year veteran would receive an additional eighteen percent (18%). On each Officer's anniversary date which is not a multiple of five, he/she shall receive an eight dollar (\$8.00) increase in his/her longevity pay per month, provided, however, that he/she shall no longer receive monthly longevity pay of \$4.00 per year of service, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) years as is set forth in State law, and that the eight dollar (\$8.00) interim monthly adjustments will not increase any fifth year level.

**Section 5. Standby Pay.**

All qualified Officers assigned to S.W.A.T., K-9, Bomb, Bomb alternates, Meth Lab Certified Detectives, and Crisis Negotiating teams shall receive One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$157.00) per month standby pay during each month of active assignment. All Officers assigned to the K-9 Detail shall receive three (3) hours of overtime compensation per workweek and an additional hour-and-one-half (1-1/2) hours of overtime compensation per workweek for each additional animal. Such overtime compensation shall be provided for the housing and feeding of assigned canines. The parties agree that an accurate computation of hours of work caring for a police Dog is difficult or impossible to determine and that the compensation provided herein is a fair and reasonable agreement considering all pertinent facts and circumstances. If a police dog is retired (taken out of service by the City) the Chief of Police shall award the police dog to the Officer if the Officer so desires. The City shall have no further obligation for the care, maintenance and support of the police dog.

**Section 6. Language Skills Pay.**

Each Officer shall be entitled to Language Skills Pay upon satisfactory completion of the testing requirements for proficiency as set forth in Administrative Directive 4.38. The amount shall not be less than the amount payable to other City employees. Any Officer who has not taken or passed the proficiency test shall not be assigned to or required to use second language skills on the job, provided that any Officer whose personal judgment indicates that using a second language is appropriate to the safe and expeditious handling of police business should be willing to do so. No discipline may be imposed for differences in the exercise of such judgment.

**Section 7. Helicopter Assignment Pay.**

All Officers who are assigned to the Helicopter Unit shall be compensated at One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$157.00) per month of active assignment. The City shall pay the costs of all required training and seminars needed to maintain the Officer's flight eligibility, certifications and licensing. The City shall continue to provide all safety equipment, including flight helmets, flight suits, and gloves.

**Section 8. Drug Recognition Experts.**

Officers who are certified by the Sam Houston State University program, and recertified periodically as required by Department policy, and who are assigned by the Chief to provide drug

recognition expertise to other members of the Department, shall receive One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month for each month of active assignment.

**Section 9. Volunteers in Policing.**

Officers (not to exceed the rank of Sergeant) assigned as Volunteers in Policing coordinators, up to a maximum of seven (7), shall receive One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$157.00) per month for each month of active assignment. The Chief may at his/her discretion cancel (or reactivate) the Volunteers in Policing assignment pay at any station should the number of civilian volunteers actively participating in the program drop to a number no longer justifying the Volunteers in Policing assignment pay.

**Section 10. Overtime, Regular Rate, and other Pay Calculations.**

Overtime, pension, Fiesta pay, court and call-back pay, holiday pay, longevity, education, shift differential, FTO, incentive pay (i.e. SWAT, helicopter, VIP, crisis negotiation, K-9, instructors and bomb tech), certification pay and language skills pay will be paid in accordance with this Agreement and past practice.

The Association agrees that, for the term of this agreement (including any extension period), all past pay practices under the terms "regular rate of pay," "rate of pay," or "regular pay" in the previous agreement, including those which have been calculated and paid based on base pay or base pay plus longevity (examples below) are deemed as proper pay practices under the prior agreement and will remain proper under this agreement. Should any grievance contesting the definition or calculation of pay or "regular rate of pay" be filed after August 1, 2003, contesting such "regular rate of pay" issues, it is the position of the Association that said grievance is without merit and will be immediately resolved in accordance with the agreed and accepted past pay practice. This provision is intended to assure that the City will have no such retroactive liability for such pay practices, and has been relied upon by the City in accepting and approving this agreement. This agreed condition is essential to this agreement.

Therefore, in the event of any successful Officer(s) claims, by grievance or lawsuit, under the terms "regular rate of pay," "rate of pay," or "regular pay" the Association agrees to share in the liability by special assessment and pay for such claims at the ratio of 50% Association, 50% City. To the extent that any such matters are asserted by suit, the Association shall provide and pay for cooperating joint defense counsel, or pay 50% of the City's cost of defense:

In accordance with arbitration rulings, sick leave buy back and sick leave upon separation pay shall be calculated to include all incentives as used in that calculation for an individual Officer. For purposes of Section 9 of this Article, incentives are defined as those pay additions that apply to an individual Officer. This would include but not be limited to the various assignments pays such as FTO, SWAT, helicopter, SAFFE, and VIP. Also included would be any applicable educational pay, shift differential pay, language skills pay, and certification pay.

Should this Agreement create any new pay categories, such categories shall be included for overtime, pension, and leave upon separation computation unless specifically excluded by wording within the applicable section.

This section does not have the effect of altering the duty to pay overtime when required by the FLSA at 1.5 times the "regular rate of pay" as defined by federal law; the parties recognize, however, that this agreement, portions of which predate the FLSA, has not used the term "regular rate of pay" in the manner defined by the statute.

The computation for the calculation of longevity pay will be base pay at the officer's appropriate step multiplied by the percentage increase of the Officer's longevity position plus \$8 for each additional year up to a maximum of 4 years.

5 Years	3%
10 Years	6%
15 Years	9%
20 Years	12%
25 Years	15%
30 Years	18%

#### H. Pay Examples

Longevity: A 22-year patrol officer in step E would make \$4,912 for base pay times 12% for longevity plus an additional sixteen dollars total for years 21 and 22. ( $(\$4,912 \times .12) + 16 = \$605.44$ ).

Fiesta Pay shall be double time: Base plus longevity times two (2).

All Past Pay Practices in relation to Court and Call-Back shall continue, except as changed and modified by this agreement.

Court and Call back shall continue to be paid at one and one-half (1.5) x "regular rate of pay" for actual time worked. However, Court and Call back shall never be paid in an amount less than 3 hours x 1.5 x base pay plus longevity. The officer will be given whichever amount of pay is higher but not both.

The Holiday and Premium Holiday rate of pay shall be as follows: Holiday pay shall be compensated at double time, which is the regular rate of pay (inclusive of all the subject officer's incentives or add-on pays) for the day worked, plus credit for the holiday, which is accrued additional leave time; and double time and one half (2.5) on a Premium Holiday, (which is pay for the day worked and accrued additional leave time or payment), depending on which type of Holiday was worked. This is inclusive of all incentive pays for calculation of regular rate of pay for this article.

Example: Regular Holiday: An officer works Memorial Day, 2010, the officer gets paid his/her regular compensation for the work day and has already been paid incentives for the month. An additional day is credited for accrued leave, and not as pay.

Example: Premium Holiday - a step E patrol officer on dogwatch with a Bachelor's degree making \$4,912 per month base with 20 years would receive \$589.44 per month in longevity. He/she will receive \$350 per month for shift-differential and \$315 per month for a Bachelor's degree.  $\$4,912 + \$589.44 + \$350 + \$315 = \$6,166.44$  per month times 12 months = \$73,997.28 divided by 2080 hours worked per year = \$35.58 per hour.

In this example for a premium holiday, the officer would receive 20 hours (8 hrs. X 2.5 rate) compensation for an 8 hour day. ( $20 \times \$35.58 = \$711.60$ ), which may be taken as follows:

1. Eight hours regular day wages plus 12 hours compensatory time.
2. Eight hours regular day wages plus 12 hours at \$35.58 per hour.
3. Eight hours regular day wages plus 8 hours compensatory time and 4 hours at \$35.58 per hour.
4. Eight hours regular day wages plus 4 hours compensatory time and 8 hours at \$35.58 per hour. In the event that an officer works a ten (10) hour work day then the same logic would apply in calculating their compensability.

#### **ARTICLE 17** **Death in Family Leave**

In the event of a death in the immediate family of an Officer, the Officer shall be granted consecutive working days off with pay according to the following schedule:

Officers working a five-day forty hour week will be granted four (4) consecutive working days off.

Officers working a four-day forty hour week will be granted three (3) consecutive working days off.

The immediate family shall be defined as mother, father, legal spouse, child, brother, sister, half-siblings, grandparents, spouses' grandparents, great-grandparents, spouses' great-grandparents, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchildren, step-parent, step-children and other members of the immediate household residing with the Officer.

Unless exclusive permission is received from the Chief of Police, the working days as outlined by this Section shall be taken within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the death of the family member.

Officers on military leave during the time of death of an immediate family member shall not be entitled to the provisions of this Article.

In the case of a death of friends or relatives outside the immediate family, or if an Officer wishes to perform service as a pallbearer, an Officer may request other types of accrued leave. The leave must be approved in advance by the Officer's supervisor.

## ARTICLE 18 Court and Call-Back Pay

### Section 1.

"Call back" as used in this Article means an Officer having been released from duty for fifteen (15) or more minutes and called back to report to duty by an appropriate supervisor or authority. Officers failing to complete assigned duties and/or tasks within their assigned tour of duty and are called back or held over to complete the assigned duties and/or tasks within fifteen minutes from being released from duty are not subject to "call-back" as outlined in this Article. Additionally, Officers who voluntarily report to duty prior to roll call and are ordered to perform a duty and/or task are not subject to "call-back" as provided in this Article. However, Officers may submit for time and a half (1-1/2) overtime extending from the end of their tour of duty until such time the assignment has been completed (including court time) and they are released by the appropriate supervisor or from the time they are ordered to perform a duty and/or task upon reporting early to work until the beginning of the tour of duty.

Off-duty court time and call back shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half, with a three (3) hour minimum and paid at double time with a three (3) hour minimum on vacation and relief days.

An off-duty Officer who attends court or a pretrial conference and is dismissed for the remainder of the day before three (3) hours time has elapsed is entitled to three (3) hour minimum. An off-duty Officer who attends court or a pretrial conference in the morning, is released for lunch, and returns to complete his/her attendance in court or the pretrial conference, is compensated for the actual time spent in court or conference, inclusive of the time he/she initially reported until final dismissal by the appropriate authority. For example:

- Off-duty Officer Jones attends 150<sup>th</sup> District Court or Municipal Court 6 at 1000 hours. The judge releases Officer Jones for lunch at 1200 hours with instructions to return at 1300 hours. Ultimately, Officer Jones is dismissed from court at 1400 hours. Officer Jones submits one card for four (4) hours compensation.

When an off-duty Officer attends one court and is released or dismissed prior to the expiration of the three (3) hour time frame and is required to attend a second court immediately after the expired three (3) hours, the Officer will be compensated for two (2) separate three (3) hour court callbacks, For example:

- Off-duty Officer Sanchez attends 150<sup>th</sup> District Court or Municipal Court 6 at 0800 hours and is finally released at 0900 hours. He/She then attends 130<sup>th</sup> District Court or Municipal Court 1 at 1100 hours and is dismissed at 1130 hours. Officer Sanchez submits two (2) cards, each for a three (3) hour minimum.

When an off-duty Officer is requested in more than one court/pretrial conference on the same day, he/she will be compensated for attending only one (1), if the other appearance times are within three (3) hours of the first one. For example:

- Off-duty Officer Jones attends 130<sup>th</sup> District Court or Municipal Court 1 at 1000 hours and is dismissed at 1100 hours. He/She then appears in County Court 2 at 1130 hours and is finally dismissed at 1200 hours. Officer Sanchez submits one card for three (3) hours compensation.

This provision applies to the following courts in work-related matters or the course of employment only:

- A. District Courts.
- B. County Courts-at-Law.
- C. Grand Juries.
- D. Justice of the Peace Courts.
- E. Municipal Courts.
- F. Civil Service Commission or Arbitration Hearing (when an officer is subpoenaed by the City).
- G. Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission hearings.
- H. Federal Court.
- I. Administrative License revocation Hearings (ALR).
- J. Pre trial conferences.
- K. Pardon and Parole hearings.

For purposes of this Article, a vacation period shall be defined as any three (3) consecutive days of paid leave (comp. time, holidays, annual leave) and any relief days occurring within that time period which has been previously scheduled in accordance with regular Departmental policies. Relief days shall not be counted as a part of the three (3) day minimum specified above, provided, however, any relief days occurring during the scheduled vacation period which covers the time from the last hour worked before the start of the vacation period and continues until the first hour worked after the scheduled vacation period shall be considered a vacation day for the purpose of this Article. Relief day shall be defined as covering the time from the last hour worked before the start of the relief day and continues until the first hour worked after the scheduled relief day for the purposes of this Article unless it occurs within one and a half ( 1 ½ ) hours of the end of the Officer's duty shift on the last day the Officer worked.

An off-duty Officer who is subpoenaed for and participates in a telephone ALR Hearing set by a judge will be compensated for one (1) hour at a rate of time and one-half and paid at double time rate if he/she is on vacation or on his/her relief day. In the event the telephone ALR Hearing

exceeds one (1) hour, the Officer will be compensated for the actual time spent testifying in the ALR Hearing.

When an Officer is subpoenaed by the respondent to a Civil Service or Arbitration hearing he/she will be granted compensatory time at the rate of one hour per hour required to satisfy the subpoena to a maximum of three (3) hours.

## **Section 2.**

It is understood that the Chief is responsible to deliver subpoenas issued by Bexar County and District Courts at an appropriate time to ensure that Officers are in court only when their presence is required. To accomplish the above, the Chief may place Officers on a standby not to exceed one (1) hour in the morning and/or one (1) hour in the afternoon. An Officer must receive specific notification from court liaison personnel, District Attorney personnel, County Court or District Court personnel, to be on afternoon standby. The "a.m." time is set at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The "p.m." time is set at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Officers placed on stand-by shall be compensated as follows:

- A. Stand-by, off-duty on regular work day is one-hour compensation at time and onehalf.
- B. Stand-by, off-duty on vacation or relief day is one-hour compensation at double time.
- C. When an Officer is placed on standby, the Officer must be available by his/her phone during the specified time period. If the Officer is not available by his/her phone during the specified time period, the Officer will not be compensated.
- D. For an Officer to be placed on standby, he/she must receive specific notification from Court Liaison Detail personnel, from a judge, or from a district/county prosecutor or District Clerk. When an Officer is placed on standby by a judge or district/county court prosecutor or District Clerk, he/she must notify the Court Liaison Detail.
- E. Officers who are notified by court liaison to appear in court and are subsequently canceled by a proper authority will receive the following:
  - 1. If canceled after 4:30 p.m. of the day before the assigned court appearance date, compensation will be paid according to Section 2, A or B above.
  - 2. If cancelled upon arrival at the assigned court, Section 1 of this Article applies.

## **Section 3.**

When an Officer on off-duty status is required to be on stand-by for several days in succession on the same subpoena, compensation may be claimed as in Section 2 above for each successive day on standby at the applicable rate. Approval for standby for more than three (3) days must be received from the Court Liaison prior to being on standby.

## **Section 4.**



Officers who are subpoenaed by other jurisdictions and have received compensation from those jurisdictions shall not be entitled to compensation as provided in this Article unless the Officer turns over all funds received from the other jurisdiction to the office of the Chief of Police and validates his/her attendance by completing the necessary forms.

### **Section 5.**

For purposes of this Article, an Officer shall be paid for all hours worked, including travel time, when traveling to courts outside a sixty (60) mile radius of the city.

## **ARTICLE 19 Clothing Allowance**

Each new Officer shall receive an initial clothing allowance of \$480.00.

Effective October 1, 2020 the clothing allowance shall be \$2,240.00 per year. The clothing allowance will be payable monthly at \$60.00 per month. In addition, a one-time payment of \$1,520.00 will be paid during the first pay period after October 1.

## **ARTICLE 20 Holidays**

### **Section 1. Holiday Accrual.**

Each Officer shall be credited with one day of accrued holiday leave for each holiday adopted by the City Council for each year. Any Officer whose start time for the work shift is on a premium holiday shall receive regular pay plus one and one-half times their base pay plus longevity (with the accrued holiday plus one and one-half times in pay or compensatory time, or without the accrued holiday in pay or compensatory time, at the Officer's discretion). Any overtime accrued in excess of the Officer's regular duty hours, during the premium holiday, shall be at one and one half (1 ½) times their base pay plus longevity (in pay or in compensatory time at the Officer's discretion).

Premium Holidays include:

1. New Year's Day,
2. Easter Sunday,
3. Independence Day,
4. Thanksgiving Day,
5. Christmas Eve Day,
6. Christmas Day,
7. New Year's Eve Day

### **Section 2. Hours of Holidays.**

For purposes of this Article, holiday pay and premium holiday pay shall be paid to the Officer if the start time for the Officer's work shift begins during the holiday or premium holiday. Holiday and premium holiday pay shall be paid according to Article 16.

**Section 3. Staffing of Holidays.**

The Chief has sole discretion to staff the Department on scheduled City holidays in accordance with Article 7, Section 1 (A), of this Agreement. Such assignments are not subject to grievance or arbitration procedures. Any decrease in staffing on these days will be done by reverse seniority within the details of the unit. Article 12, Seniority, Section 2, applies to this section in that no junior officer will be bumped out of working a premium holiday, if the senior Officer has not been assigned to the section, unit, or detail six months prior to the premium holiday.

**Section 4. Preemption**

It is expressly understood and agreed that all provisions of this Article shall preempt any statute, Executive Order, local ordinance, City policy or rule, which is in conflict with or is inconsistent with this Agreement and the procedures developed hereunder, including for example and not by way of limitation, any contrary provisions of Chapters 141, 142, and 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to Sections 141.032 and 142.0015 and Sections 143.041 through 143.047.

**ARTICLE 21**

**Vacations**

**Section 1.** The City shall provide Officers vacation time on the basis of the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vacation Time
1 through 10	126 working hours
11 through 15	166 working hours
More than 15	206 working hours

**Section 2.** Vacation time shall be accrued and credited as follows:

A. Officers shall accrue vacation at the rate of ten (10) hours per month, plus an additional six (6) hours on each anniversary date thereafter.

B. On the date an Officer completes then (10) years of service and on each anniversary date thereafter, he/she will be credited (on a lump sum basis) with forty (40) additional hours of vacation time.

C. On the date an Officer completes fifteen (15) years of service and on each anniversary date thereafter, he/she will be credited (on a lump sum basis) with forty (40) additional hours of vacation for a total of eighty (80) hours.

D. For purposes of this Article, anniversary date is defined as the annual anniversary of the officer's beginning probation with the Department.

### **Section 3. Preemption**

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## **ARTICLE 22 Miscellaneous Leave Provisions**

### **Section 1. Leave Policies.**

The Chief maintains the discretion to approve or deny leave based on operational necessity. Upon separation, no more than four hundred and eighty (480) hours of leave may be taken consecutively. All other leave policies in effect at the beginning of this agreement year shall remain in effect for the duration of the Agreement.

### **Section 2. Leave Pay Upon Separation.**

A Police Officer who leaves the classified service for any reason shall receive a lump-sum payment in the full amount of his/her ending salary for the period of his/her accumulated compensatory time, holiday hours, sick leave hours (as provided by statute), bonus hours, and vacation hours, provided that such payment, in the case of vacation hours, shall be based upon not more than seven hundred and twenty (720) hours of accumulated vacation leave. The beneficiaries of any police officer who loses his/her life as the result of an injury or illness in the course and scope of employment or while employed as an Officer shall be paid the full amount of his/her salary for the total number of his/her hours of accumulated leave.

### **Section 3. Optional Pre Retirement Leave Conversion 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan Contributions**

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to allow conversion of eligible leave time for Officers enrolled in the Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b) deferred compensation plan as long as the Officer has not met the statutory maximum annual contribution limits at the time the deferral is made. The contribution would be made instead of a lump sum leave pay upon separation by the Officer. This provides the Officer an additional option to receive payout of leave balances in another manner more appropriate for the Officer at their time of retirement. It will also give the Officer an opportunity to defer the value of their annual leave balance annually within the three (3) years prior to the proposed retirement date, subject to IRS maximum limits.

Normally a 457(b) plan participant's annual contribution cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of the participant's compensation or the elective deferral limit set by the IRS (\$20,500 in 2022), and this

elective deferral limit is indexed yearly. For the effective purpose of this section, the limit will be applied as set every calendar year by the IRS. Participants in this Pre Retirement leave conversion must meet the age requirements as stated by governing plan documents and must be at least 50 years or older to make additional 457(b) catch-up contributions or at least the age of 40 to make Special 457(b) catch-up contributions as designated by the City pursuant to the 457(b) plan document. The election to defer leave time must be made in a manner and at a time permitted under Section 1.457-4(d) of the Income Tax Regulations.

#### B. Definitions

1. “Eligible Leave Time” means vacation hours, Bonus hours, accumulated compensatory time, Holiday hours and for Officers who are eligible to retire or have at least 20 years of service, sick leave hours, up to a maximum of 720 hours for Officers.
2. “Final Hourly Rate” means the Officer’s total pay, including the applicable base and all special items, for that Officer at the time the Officer elects to participate in the PreRetirement leave conversion.
3. “Special 457(b) Catch-up contributions” are for participants who are aged 40 or older (the Normal Retirement Age as specified by the City pursuant to its plan documents) that for the three years prior to the proposed retirement date can contribute to the lesser of two times the normal annual elective deferral limit (\$41,000 in 2022) or the normal annual elective deferral limit plus the amount of the basic limit that was not used in prior plan years.

#### C. Participation

1. If an Officer enrolled in a 457(b) plan has not met the IRS limitations for the year of the deferral and is aged 40 or older, the Officer may elect annually in the 3 years prior to his or her proposed date of retirement to convert the value of his or her current eligible leave time into a 457(b) plan deferral, up to the limits set by the IRS for that tax year for Special 457(b) catch-up contributions.
2. An Officer must make any elections under this policy prior to his or her date of retirement.
3. An election to participate in this program is IRREVOCABLE. The Officer will be required to retire at his or her proposed retirement date in order to make the additional deferrals from leave balances available under the program.
4. Such deferrals will be permitted under the 457(b) plan, so long as the agreement to defer such leave amounts is entered into prior to the first day of the month in which the amounts otherwise would be paid or made available.
5. If that 457(b) plan allows both the age-50 catch-up and the 3-year special catch-up, the participant may only use the one that allows a larger deferral for the applicable year, but not both.

#### **Section 4. Leave Buy Back.**

The City will buy back or convert either in "pay" or in "other forms of leave," at the officer's discretion up to 120 unused sick leave hours on a one-for-one basis provided that the officer requests same in writing on a form provided by the City by the end of the first pay period in October; and the officer has a balance after the buy back of not less than 400 hours accumulated sick leave, Sick leave buy back will be paid at the regular rate of pay, which includes the incentive pay used in overtime calculations, applicable to the officer at the time the payment is actually paid to the officer for the leave buy back.

Each October, the City will buy back or convert either in "pay" or in "other forms of leave," at the officer's discretion up to 8 unused bonus leave hours on a one-for-one basis provided that the officer requests same in writing on a form provided by the City by the end of the first pay period in October; and the officer has a balance after the buy back of not less than 400 hours accumulated bonus leave. Bonus leave buy back will be paid at the regular rate of pay, which includes the incentive pay used in overtime calculations, applicable to the officer at the time the payment is actually paid to the officer for the leave buy back.

The City shall distribute funds in cash or as other forms of leave. The City agrees to allow Officers to adjust their paycheck the pay period before or after the sale of leave hours in order for the officer to make contributions to their deferred compensation plan.

The Accounting Unit will run in the Daily Bulletin during the month of September notification to the Officer to file, in writing, for the leave buy back. The City will pay the Officer his/her amount due at the same time as other City employees are paid for their leave buy back but not later than Christmas Eve day.

#### **Section 5. Bonus Hours Leave.**

Each Officer shall be entitled to 8-hours of leave for each quarter of a calendar year (beginning January 1) of "perfect attendance." Officers off from duty for one of the following reasons are not eligible to receive the 8-hour perfect attendance bonus: time off for sick leave; Family Leave; off-job injury leave; military leave in excess of 120 hours in a calendar year; leave without pay; stress leave; and suspensions. Full vacation days, holidays, and/or compensatory time usage that has not been scheduled and documented by the supervisor prior to the end of that officer's preceding day's shift will disqualify an Officer from receiving the perfect attendance bonus. Holidays, relief days, special assignments, administrative leave (with or without pay), and time restored by the Commission or an Arbitrator shall not affect the officer's entitlement to the perfect attendance bonus.

An officer may accumulate no more than 400 hours of perfect attendance bonus hour time.

In the event that an officer has reached the maximum number of Bonus Hours that may be accrued, the excess Bonus Hours may be converted to vacation leave or holiday leave at the discretion of the officer.

**Section 6. Compensatory Time Accrual.**

Each Officer may accumulate 480 hours of compensatory time.

**Section 7. Holiday Leave Accrual.**

Each officer may accumulate up to a maximum of three hundred and twenty (320) hours of holiday leave at the rate of at least eighty (80) hours per year.

**Section 8. Leave Conversion.**

For purpose of clarification only, the following chart details the type of leave and what amounts over the accumulated maximum may be converted into at the discretion of the officer. Officers who have maximum accumulation in leave accrual that cannot be converted into other categories because of maximum accumulation in those categories are subject to Section 9 of this Article.

- Holiday (320 maximum hours) into Vacation
- Vacation (720 maximum hours) into Holiday
- Bonus (400 maximum hours) into Vacation/Holiday
- Sick (1:1) (as applicable per Section 3 above) into Compensatory Time/Holiday/Vacation

**Section 9. Savings Clause.**

No officer covered by this agreement shall lose any holiday, vacation, compensatory or bonus hours he/she accumulated during the duration of this agreement that exceeds the maximum permitted accrual amount allowed by this Agreement, unless, after being given written individual notice to take the holiday, vacation, compensatory or bonus hours within a specified period not less than thirty (30) calendar days, the officer fails to do so.

**Section 10. Flex Relief Days**

Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard members will be entitled to flex relief days, (RDs), once a month for the purpose of meeting their two-day reserve/guard training commitment. This benefit is in addition to the annual fifteen (15) day military leave policy IAW Federal law.

**Section 11. Injury-on-Duty Leave.**

Any Officer may be granted Injury-on-Duty (IOD) Leave by the Chief of Police after three hundred and sixty-five (365) calendar days from the original date of injury if:

A. Medical documentation from the Officer's physician is provided showing additional medical treatment or procedures are needed and are as a result of the original injury.

B. When presented with such medical documentation, the Chief shall have the right to require the Officer to be evaluated by a physician as designated by the City for confirmation of the findings of the Officer's physician. Should the determination of the City's designated physician be different than that of the Officer's designated physician, the two of them shall select a third

physician who shall be supplied all pertinent and relevant records of the officer. This third physician shall evaluate said records and, if necessary as determined by him/her, conduct an additional medical evaluation of the Officer involved. The determination of this third physician shall be final and binding on parties and not subject to appeal to the Commission and/or grievance and arbitration as provided for in this Agreement. Should the determination of the third, independent physician agree with the Officer's physician, the City shall bear the cost of this third physician's evaluation.

If this third physician's evaluation agrees with the evaluation of the City's designated physician, the cost of the third physician's evaluation and examination shall be borne by the Officer.

C. The Officer will not be charged any sick leave during any second or other occurring period of an original IOD incident, but will be granted immediate IOD leave.

D. If it is determined by licensed physicians that the second or subsequent treatment period is not a result of the original injury, the Officer will have the IOD time rescinded and charged sick time. In the event the Officer has no sick time on the books, he/she will forfeit any other type of accumulated leave on the books to equal this IOD time taken off. In the event the Officer has no time on the books, he or she shall pay back the time at one-half of all vacation, holiday, and sick time accumulated until all IOD leave is satisfied.

E. The Chief of Police shall have the final authority and it will no longer be necessary to submit such requests to the City Manager's Office, or City Council, for approval and extended IOD leave. In the event such additional IOD leave is denied, the employee will retain the right to appeal the denial to the City Manager and City Council.

## **Section 12. Jury Duty.**

A leave of absence, without loss of regular pay, shall be granted to an Officer upon his/her actual jury duty service, unless excused there from; provided, however, that such Officer waives or remits to the City his/her jury fee and provides proof of jury service verified by the court liaison section and submitted to Police Accounting.

## **Section 13. Sick Leave Pool.**

Each officer shall accumulate 120 hours of sick leave, with pay, per calendar year.

When the total number of sick leave pool hours drops below 5,600, 8 hours of sick leave with pay from each officer participating in the program shall become part of the sick leave pool, and any remaining hours shall continue to be credited to the individual officer.

Officers having opted not to participate will not, under any circumstances, be allowed to enter the pool at any later date. Any Officer who voluntarily drops out of the pool may not, under any circumstances, be allowed to re-enter the pool. Notification to the Accounting Unit must be provided, in writing, by the Officer who drops out of the pool. The Accounting Unit shall include a copy of this report in the Officer's file, and must forward a copy to the Chief's Office for inclusion in the Officer's permanent "201" file. A copy must also be sent to the Association within thirty (30)

calendar days of the date the Officer requests to drop out of the sick leave pool. No Officer shall be eligible to draw sick leave pool days until one (1) of his/her sick days is credited to the pool.

Upon completion of the initial two-month period of employment after graduation from the Academy, each Officer shall have 12 hours of sick leave credited to the pool. In the event of separation from employment prior to completion of the probationary period, the City may adjust the pool for any sick leave hours not actually earned by the contributing probationary Officer. When an Officer retires or dies, any sick leave accumulated by the Officer that would have otherwise been forfeited shall be credited to the sick leave pool.

The Chief of Police and the President of the Association shall each appoint an equal amount of officers to a committee in rank to administer the sick leave pool. The Committee shall then elect a chairman. The resulting vacancy will be filled by the opposite appointing officer from that receiving the chairmanship. Example: If the Chief of Police appointee is elected chairman, the Association President shall appoint for the created vacancy.

The Chief of Police will select one Sergeant, one Detective and one Patrol Officer. The Association President will select one Detective and two Patrol Officers. In cases where an officer applies for sick leave pool benefits and holds a rank higher than sergeant, the Chief and President of the Association will each appoint one person of rank equal to or higher than held by the requesting Officer.

All committee members shall be appointed on or before October 1 of each year and shall serve one-year terms. Any vacancies occurring during the course of the term shall be filled within twenty-one (21) calendar days. No person shall be allowed to serve more than one (1) consecutive term. The City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless each committee member.

The following requirements determine when a committee may consider when sick leave pool hours may be drawn. A decision by the committee shall be final.

A. Officers may be considered for sick leave pool hours after taking off 120 consecutive working hours of continuous non-job-related illness or injury or medical conditions related to childbirth. The 120 consecutive working hours used for eligibility shall be from an Officer's own accumulated leave or Family Leave and will not be refundable by the Committee or otherwise. The Department shall reimburse the Officer for any type of leave hours used in excess of the 120 consecutive working hours, if reimbursement is approved by the Sick Leave Committee.

B. No officer shall be permitted to use more than 1440 pool hours for a single illness or injury.

C. Pool hours may not be used for injuries or illnesses sustained in the line of duty.

D. The number of hours in the pool shall be solely for the benefit of officers with extended injuries or illnesses, or medical conditions related to childbirth, and such hours shall not revert to the accumulated sick leave of individual officers.



E. Pool time may only be used for disability, which is defined as a non-job-related injury or illness, which prevents an Officer from fully performing assigned duties in all major divisions of the Department.

F. The Committee Chairman may at any time or at the request of the Chief of Police reconvene the Committee for further consideration should evidence come forward that would affect the outcome of a Committee decision after a decision has been reached. The Committee by majority vote may extend, reduce, approve, cancel, or deny a pool usage, as the evidence requires.

G. Officers desiring consideration for pool usage may be required to submit to medical examination by a City doctor and may be required to produce medical records, doctor's orders, and any other material necessary to render a decision by the committee.

H. Upon any Officer being absent from duty 18-work weeks as a result of a single illness or injury, the Chief may require the Officer to submit to a medical examination to determine whether the officer is permanently disabled. When it is determined that an Officer is permanently disabled, the Chief shall be entitled to terminate or retire the officer, whichever is applicable, according to law existing.

I. Officers applying to the Sick Leave Pool Committee for reimbursement of hours used in excess of 120 hours must do so within one year of return to duty, following the illness or injury.

#### **Section 14. Leaves of Absence.**

The Chief may grant a leave of absence, without pay, to a maximum of five (5) officers, which granting shall not be unreasonably withheld. The primary purpose of this leave shall be to provide the officer with additional education in law enforcement related areas. Request for leave under this section for the purpose of the Officer continuing full-time formal education at an institution of higher learning shall be given priority. The duration of the leave shall be for a period of time as determined by the Chief, but in no event for a period to exceed three (3) calendar years. Should the leave be for the purpose of pursuing continued formal education at an accredited college or university of higher learning, the leave shall be granted on a semester-by-semester basis.

A leave of absence under this Section shall not be considered a break in service for promotional or seniority purposes. Officers on leave of absence shall not be eligible to apply for or take promotional examinations while on such leave.

An Officer on an approved leave of absence under this Section must return to regular assignment with the City for a period at least equal to the length of his/her leave. Should an officer fail to return to his/her regular assignment for such period, the leave taken shall be considered as a break in service for purposes of promotion, seniority, pay, and/or pension.

The Chief of Police may recall an Officer from a leave of absence granted under this Section in the case of an emergency for the duration of the emergency.

Officers on leave of absence may continue pension payments, and the City shall match such payments according to the requirements of state law. However, all other forms of compensation shall be withheld until such Officer returns to full-time status with the Department.

## **Section 15. Family Leave Provision**

A. All officers are eligible to receive up to 160 continuous working hours of Family Leave at 100% of their compensation after the birth or initial placement of a child in connection with adoption or foster. The leave must be used within the 12 calendar months following the birth or placement of a child.

### B. Receiving Employee Eligibility:

1. Birthing and non-birthing parent(s)
2. Officer(s) must be listed on the birth certificate or adoption/foster paperwork
3. Initial placement of a child age 17 or younger as an adoption or foster
4. Birth or initial placement of a child must take place while the Officer is a sworn  
Officer employed with the City
5. Officer requesting Family Leave must apply for FMLA as outlined in AD 4.20, Family and Medical Leave Act
6. In some cases, an Officer may be eligible to utilize 120 hours of Family Leave followed by sick leave pool hours. Family Leave will be considered continuous if the 40 hours of entitlement is taken immediately following the sick leave pool hours and if all Family Leave is taken within 12 months of the birth or initial placement.

### C. Amount, Time Frame and Duration

1. A maximum of 160 continuous working hours of leave paid at 100% of compensation may be taken once within a rolling 12 month calendar year after the birth of a child or initial placement of a child.
2. An Officer may elect to use Family Leave prior to, subsequent to or in lieu of any accrued leave.
3. Paid holidays taking place while an Officer is out on Family Leave do not extend the period; however, the employee will continue to accrue Vacation and Sick Leaves.
4. Family Leave runs concurrently with any FMLA leave entitlement available to the Officer.
5. Requests, which include the dates that the Officer wishes to use Family Leave, must be received by the SAPD Payroll Manager at least 30 days prior to the date the Officer expects the birth or new placement of a child (or as soon as possible if the event was not foreseeable).

6. The City's Human Resources Director, or designee, whose decision is final, has the right to interpret and deny (or terminate) all Family Leave requests. Leave requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

## **Section 16. Preemption**

It is expressly understood and agreed that all provisions of this Article shall preempt any statute, Executive Order, local ordinance, City policy or rule, which is in conflict with or is inconsistent with this Agreement and the procedures developed hereunder, including for example and not by way of limitation, any contrary provisions of Chapters 141, 142, and 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to Sections 141.032 and 142.0015 and Sections 143.041 through 143.047.

## **ARTICLE 23 Working in a Higher Classification**

### **Section 1. Definitions.**

"Vacancy" is an encumbered position that is not currently filled.

"Absence" is a position that is currently filled but the individual currently occupying that position is not currently present for duty.

"Investigative assignment" is any assignment that requires investigation where that individual, as part of his/her job assignment, is from time to time responsible for filing a charge and disposition if one is necessary.

"Undercover assignment" is any assignment that requires investigation where that individual, as part of his/her job assignment, will work in plainclothes without revealing his/her identity or occupation in furtherance of an assigned police function and is working for a unit within Criminal Investigation and Intelligence.

Support and assistance functions shall include telephone answering, transport of materials or property, initial or follow-up information intake, or filing or copying functions.

### **Section 2. Acting In A Higher Position.**

When an absence occurs in the positions of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief or Assistant Chief, and said absence continues from day to day for a period in excess of seven (7) calendar days, the Chief shall assign an Officer to act in the capacity of the absent position. If it is determined that an absence will continue in excess of seven (7) calendar days, and said position is determined by the Chief to be of critical importance, he/she may, at his/her sole discretion, fill said absence by appointing from the first day of absence. If another Officer of the equivalent or higher rank is in a position to assume the responsibilities of the absent Officer's position, then the Chief is not required to assign an officer to such position. During service in the acting capacity, the Officer so assigned shall be compensated at the base salary of the higher position, plus his or

her own longevity or seniority pay beginning on the rate of such acting assignment by the Chief. Excepted from this provision is any absence created by operation of Article 3 of this agreement.

If a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) calendar days in the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Deputy Chief or Assistant Chief, and the position is not eliminated, then the Chief shall appoint temporarily from the next lower rank some Officer to fill that position until a permanent officer is assigned to fill said vacancy.

### **Section 3. Temporary Investigative/Undercover Assignment.**

A. When an Officer holding the rank of Patrol Officer is temporarily assigned to perform investigative or undercover work outside his/her regular duties in the Criminal Investigative Division, the Traffic Investigation Unit, or Intelligence Unit (or its successors in function) said Officer shall be compensated at the base salary of a Detective Investigator with the longevity or seniority pay of his/her permanent rank for all hours worked in that assignment beginning on the date of such acting assignment.

B. The City is entitled to assign Patrol Officers to support and assistance functions in criminal investigative divisions without paying higher classification pay. The City may also assign Patrol Officers within the Department for support and assistance functions as workload requires, without paying higher classification pay.

C. It is understood and recognized that the City may assign Patrol Officers to undercover functions within the Department or with outside agencies, provided that higher classification pay shall be applicable.

### **Section 4. Exceptions and Grievability.**

A. All appointments to a higher classification position shall be done in writing with the approval of the Chief of Police. No Officer will be paid for the performance of higher level work without prior written authorization. The Chief of Police shall unilaterally determine the guidelines for working in a higher classification position and the procedures for which such authorization will be obtained.

B. Any Officer who works voluntarily in an assignment for which sole compensation is in an overtime capacity shall not be eligible to receive higher classification in addition to the overtime pay. (i.e. Patrol Officer working overtime vice assignment will only receive their normal overtime rate for hours worked in said assignment).

### **Section 5. General.**

A. A position may not be occupied by Officer(s) of lower rank, as described above for a period in excess of one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days except for officers working for or assigned to outside agencies (i.e. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, etc.) or Officers working temporary undercover assignments for the Police Department.

B. An Officer who works in the acting capacity of a higher position will only be compensated for the hours or days that the Officer actually works in that position and is present to carry on the duties of the higher position. Officers will be compensated in whole hours with a minimum of one-hour. Any hours actually worked over four (4) shall be compensated for a full day.

C. If an Officer requests in writing the assignment of appropriate supervision and his/her request is unreasonably denied, the Chief of Police shall review such request and make the determination if appropriate supervision is available and make such adjustment as deemed necessary to rectify the situation. This may be accomplished by making a temporary higher classification appointment, a reassignment or any other action as determined by the Chief of Police. The determination by the Chief of Police shall be final and not subject to a grievance.

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **Police Cadet Hiring Guidelines**

Any individual wishing to be considered for employment as a cadet in the San Antonio Police Department must complete the following application and examination process.

#### **Section 1. Submission of Proper Application.**

To be considered for the position of police cadet, each applicant must first submit a proper application as defined by the Department. A proper application will include, but is not limited to, a questionnaire that solicits information on an applicant's personal information/history, criminal history, driving record, financial history, employment history, and academic background. The information submitted shall be used by the Department to determine whether the applicant meets both the minimum qualifications and suitability requirements as set forth in the Fire and Police Commission Rules and is therefore eligible for processing, to include testing and potential hiring. Nothing in this article precludes the Department from finding a candidate unsuitable or unqualified after the testing phase. Applicants who are disqualified for failing to meet minimum qualifications per Civil Service Commission Rule VII may appeal the disqualification to the Civil Service Director. Applicants found unsuitable per Civil Service Rule IX may appeal to the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission.

#### **Section 2. Testing of Applicants.**

- a) The Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities exam ("KSA exam") will be administered to each applicant who is deemed eligible for processing to take the KSA exam, in accordance with Section 1 above. The examination may include testing for counterproductive work behaviors or other similar tests which are job related and validated. KSA exams shall be conducted as needed at a suitable time and location as determined by the Department and may be administered by the Human Resources Department or the Police Department. Each applicant must take the KSA exam and the physical fitness evaluation to continue processing. The City may also utilize a reading comprehension test as a condition for taking the KSA exam. Applicants will be tested to measure the same knowledge, skills and abilities. However, all examinations are not required to be identical.

- b) Applicants may be administered exams individually or in a group, at different times and different locations, and the order of the various exams may be changed.
- c) An applicant undergoing the physical fitness evaluation must meet or exceed each fitness standard during a single evaluation, practice or final, to successfully complete the evaluation. Applicants will be afforded the opportunity to attend a candidate orientation. Applicants will be allowed two (2) practice evaluations and a final evaluation. In the event an applicant fails the two (2) practice evaluations the applicant will be allowed to take one (1) final retest within twenty eight (28) calendar days of the first evaluation. If an applicant is found unsuitable during the fitness evaluation, the applicant will be ineligible to reapply for six (6) months from the date of their KSA exam.
- d) An applicant who fails to pass the KSA exam may retake the exam after a period of six (6) months from the date of their KSA exam. Applicants will be required to restart the process at Section 1. Submission of Proper Application.
- e) Under no circumstances will an applicant be eligible to take a KSA exam within six months of the applicant's most recent examination. Applicants currently processing or on an eligibility list who wish to retest, must first withdraw their current application.
- f) A maximum of five (5) additional points will be awarded to the score of the KSA exam of a qualified applicant with a cut off score of 70% (unless a qualified consultant shall determine a different cut off score, based on the statistical validity of the test), if the applicant provides sufficient proof prior to the exam, as follows:
- 1) Honorable Discharge from the military with at least 180 consecutive days of active duty service. The recently separated or Active Duty, Active Reservists or National Guard member will be awarded five points after receiving a letter from the military members' last/current Commander stating that the military member will receive an Honorable Discharge based on current conditions and has served at least 180 consecutive days of active duty. (5 points)
  - 2) TCOLE peace officer certification of Intermediate or higher or five (5) years experience as a full-time licensed peace officer/law enforcement officer. (2 points)
  - 3) Bachelor's Degree or higher from an accredited learning institution of higher education. (2 points)
  - 4) Associates Degree from an accredited learning institution of higher education. (1 point)

- 5) Local Resident (an individual residing within the corporate city limits of the City of San Antonio for 180 consecutive days or more at the time of taking the KSA examination. (5 points)

### **Section 3. Background Investigation.**

A complete background investigation will be conducted by sworn SAPD officers into the applicant's general personal reputation, education, military history, driving record, arrest record, drug usage, employment history, and financial history. The background investigation will be conducted by of the Police Department to determine suitability in accordance with the Fire and Police Commission Rules.

### **Section 4. Assessment Board Interview.**

A panel composed of three (3) sworn trained assessors selected from sworn personnel of the Department will assess the applicant's character and qualifications. The assessment panel may be done in person and videotaped, or done on video and assessed by the panel from the video record. The assessment interview process and structure shall be reviewed, developed and validated from time to time by a qualified consultant. The assessment will be conducted to determine suitability in accordance with Fire and Police Commission Rule IX, Section 10.

### **Section 5. Medical, Polygraph, and Psychological Examinations.**

Applicants who receive a conditional offer of employment will be required to pass a medical examination, polygraph examination, and psychological examination as required by the Personnel Rules of The City of San Antonio Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission.

### **Section 6. Appointment.**

Once applicants successfully pass all phases of the process as described in Sections 1-5 of this Article they will be added to an eligibility list based upon their ranking from the KSA exam (including any additionally awarded points as listed above). In the event that the City's testing consultant provides a scored assessment board interview, the City may combine that score with the KSA exam score for candidate ranking purposes. The eligibility list shall be dynamic and remain continually active. In the event of equal scores, the date and time of application will be the tie-breaker, with the earliest date and time being given preference. The City's testing consultant may determine a statistically valid band of scores, and all scores falling within the valid statistical band shall be treated as the same score for purposes of processing and selection. The Fire and Police Commission shall receive reports on the progress and status of the eligibility list. No certification of the list prior to processing or hiring shall be required. Appointments to the position of police cadet are made by the Department Head (Chief of Police) based upon candidates who have completed processing. If not otherwise disqualified, found unsuitable or appointed to a cadet class, the application shall expire twelve months from the date added to the eligibility list. These applicants will be eligible to reapply and complete processing as outlined in Sections 1-5 of this Article. The Chief may hire a candidate to begin an academy training class at a date in the future.

### **Section 7. Local Gov't Code Section 174.006.**

Pursuant to Section 174.006 of the Texas Local Government Code, the parties to this Collective Bargaining Agreement intend for the terms of this Article to prevail over any conflicting terms of Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143, Subchapter B, Sections 143.021, 143.022, 143.023, 143.024, 143.025 and 143.026 and over any conflicting terms in the Personnel Rules of the Firefighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of the City of San Antonio. The Civil Service Commission will no longer be required to approve the exam, or to publish or post an exam notice, or to certify an eligibility list or persons from the list for review and selection. Selections shall be made by the Police Chief and not by the city's Chief Executive.

In superseding these Sections of Chapter 143, the parties recognize the need for more flexibility in the hiring process to meet the needs of the Department and believe it improves the selection process while providing all candidates a fair opportunity for consideration.

**Section 8. Legacy Preferences.**

Each applicant who is either a natural-born or adopted child of a police officer who previously suffered a line-of-duty death shall be ranked at the top of any eligibility list in which said applicant receives a minimum cut off score on that respective eligibility exam. The applicant who is the child of a deceased police officer must otherwise satisfy all of the requirements for eligibility for a beginning position in the Police Department as outlined in Sections 1-5 of this Article.

**ARTICLE 25**

**Initial Probationary Period**

**Section 1. Police Cadet.**

Prior to becoming a Police Officer (probationary), Class 601, an employee is a Police Cadet (602) (civilian) and is not in the bargaining unit. Upon successful completion of the requirements of Police Cadet, the employee becomes a Police Officer (601) (Probationary). On becoming a Probationary Police Officer (601) he/she shall serve a fifty-two (52) week probationary period.

**Section 2. Exclusions from the Police Initial Probationary Period.**

Periods of twenty-one (21) continuous calendar days or more during which the Officer is on sick or injury leaves, vacations, suspensions, and/or light duty shall be excluded from determining whether or not the Officer has completed the fifty-two (52) week probationary period.

**Section 3. Special Assignment.**

During the fifty-two (52) week initial period, the officer will be assigned to performing actual police patrol duties and shall not be eligible for any other special assignment during the term of this initial period.

**Section 4. Non-Supplanting.**



In no event shall probationary patrol officers supplant assigned positions or relief days. Probationary officers may only assume the Field Training Officer's relief days while actually riding with the Field Training Officer or temporary RD's as assigned by the Patrol Assignment Coordinator for training and review procedures.

#### **Section 5. Probationary Dismissal.**

Following graduation from the Police Academy, during the Officer's probationary period an Officer may be disciplined or discharged without written notice and/or without cause at the discretion of the Chief. Such action shall not be reviewable by an arbitrator, the Commission, or any court. An Officer does not become entitled to protection against discipline or discharge by the provisions of the civil service law or this agreement, except upon completion of said probationary period. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the Officer shall be eligible for all rights under this agreement.

### **ARTICLE 26 Field Training Officers**

#### **Section 1. Field Training Officer Program.**

The Chief shall continue the Field Training Officer Program (FTOP) as a section of the Police Academy. The FTOP function will be to reinforce and update training given in the Academy in field operations. The primary purpose of the Program is to complete the education and training of probationary Officers. Additionally, the program may be used to conduct continuing or remedial education or training for other Department personnel. While patrol officers may be used as Field Training Officers (FTO's) to conduct such training and education, they may not be used to supervise, investigate, or perform other duties performed by higher-ranking Officers.

#### **Section 2. FTO Minimum Requirements.**

The minimum requirements for FTO's shall be established by the Chief, and any Officer meeting such requirements shall be considered for a position in the program. Positions will be filled from qualified Officer applicants based upon the standards enunciated by the Chief. The selection and removal of an Officer from the FTO program shall be at the discretion of the Chief and not subject to the grievance procedure. There shall be a minimum of eighty (80) Patrol Officer FTO's in the Department.

#### **Section 3. Hours and Assignment, Emblem, and Voluntary Service.**

The hours and assignment of FTO's shall be at the discretion of the Chief, realizing the need to accomplish the training and education of bargaining unit members as the primary purpose of the program. Officers assigned to the program shall be identified by an appropriate badge and/or emblem. Service as an FTO shall be voluntary.

#### **Section 4. FTO Coordinator.**

The program will be headed by a "Coordinator" who shall hold the rank of Lieutenant or above. The Coordinator shall have the power to recommend to the Chief the dismissal of any officer from the program on the basis of the Officer's record while serving as an FTO.

**Section 5. Field Training Officer Pay.**

All Officers permanently assigned to the FTO program, including the Coordinator, shall receive a \$265.00 per month pay supplement, in lieu of any compensatory time as previously provided.

**ARTICLE 27  
Promotional Probationary Period**

**Section 1.**

There shall be a six (6) month probationary period for all civil service promotional ranks commencing the date the Officer is actually promoted. Salary, benefits and seniority within the promotional rank commences the date the Officer was eligible for the promotion pursuant to this Agreement and Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code. During the promotional probationary period, an Officer may be demoted by the Chief to the rank from which he/she was promoted on the basis of the Officer's inefficiency, incompetence, or inability to supervise.

**Section 2.**

In the event that an Officer is demoted under Section 1 above, said officer may file a grievance pursuant to the grievance procedure in this Agreement. If the grievance proceeds to arbitration, the Officer shall only raise to the arbitrator the issue of whether or not the Officer was demoted for some reasons other than inefficiency, incompetency, or inability to supervise. The burden of proof shall be on the officer to demonstrate that the demotion was for some reason other than inefficiency, incompetency, or inability to supervise. In the event that the arbitrator rules that the demotion was for some reason other than incompetency, inefficiency, or inability to supervise, the arbitrator shall rescind the demotion and restore the officer to the promotional rank from which the Officer was demoted.

**Section 3.**

Upon demotion while holding a probationary promotion, an Officer shall resume the competitive rank from which appointed and the salary shall be in accordance with said competitive rank with service time credited as continuous time in that competitive rank and with all salary increases to which the officer would have been automatically entitled had the Officer continuously remained in said competitive rank.

**ARTICLE 28  
Disciplinary Actions**

**Section 1. Authority of the Chief.**

The Chief shall have authority to demote and/or suspend not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days, or indefinitely suspend (as provided for in Chapter 143 of Local Government Code) any Officer for the causes set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. The Officer may appeal such actions, if any, as provided for here. Nothing contained herein prevents the Chief and the accused Officer from reaching an agreed settlement on any matter so long as both parties concur in writing in advance of settlement. Officers suspended for three (3) days or less who appeal the suspension shall not serve the suspension unless a suspension with loss of pay is awarded by an arbitrator.

## **Section 2. Contemplated Disciplinary Action.**

Prior to any such disciplinary action, the Officer shall be given notice of contemplated disciplinary action by personal service, stating the action or actions contemplated and the reasons therefore, and notifying the Officer that he/she may rebut the charges to the Chief, either orally, or in writing, within seven (7) calendar days. If the Chief should be unable to secure personal service of the contemplated disciplinary action after due diligence, service may be made by placing the notice in certified mail addressed to the Officer's last known address along with delivery of the statement to the Association, and proof of such service shall be sufficient to provide notice to the Officer of his/her right to rebut the contemplated disciplinary action to the Chief.

## **Section 3. Written Statement of Charges.**

After the notice and opportunity for rebuttal provided in the preceding paragraph, the Chief may demote, suspend, or indefinitely suspend an Officer by service in accordance with this Article on the officer of a written statement of charges addressed to the Civil Service Commission. A copy of the disciplinary statement shall be promptly filed with the Human Resources Director of the City.

The written statement shall point out the particular rule or rules alleged to have been violated by the Officer and the specific act or acts alleged to be in violation. In the event of demotion, suspension, or indefinite suspension, the statement informing the officer of disciplinary action and the reason(s) for the action shall also inform the Officer that an appeal may be made by filing an appeal in writing with the Human Resources Director, within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of this written statement unless the case is automatically appealed due to alternate service via mail to the officer.

## **Section 4. Notice of Right to Appeal.**

The Chief or the Chief's authorized designee shall not be required to deliver in person a written statement of charges to the Officer being suspended. The written statement of suspension shall be deemed to have been delivered upon the officer when the written statement (1) is hand-delivered to the suspended Officer by the Chief, the Chief's authorized designee, or by a designated messenger; (2) is delivered to an attorney representing the suspended Officer, or (3) mailed as provided below. A written statement is deemed delivered to the Officer's attorney by handing it to the attorney or by leaving it with another attorney in the attorney's office or a member of the attorney's staff, or by delivering it by any other means that the attorney consented to in writing. If the City attempts in good faith to deliver the written statement as provided in this Section, but the

attempts are unsuccessful, the written statement may be mailed by certified mail to the last known address of the suspended Officer. Service is complete upon mailing and the Officer or Officer's attorney has thirty (30) calendar days to appeal after service by mail, or the matter will be dismissed.

#### **Section 5. Arbitrator Defined.**

For the purposes of this Article, the term arbitrator shall mean the same as a third-party hearing examiner as referred to in Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code. Appeal from demotion, suspension or indefinite suspension shall be decided by one (1) arbitrator, selected according to this agreement. Upon receiving an appeal from the Officer, the Human Resources Director shall act promptly to notify the Association, the Chief, and the City Manager of the appeal.

#### **Section 6. Arbitration Selection and Scheduling.**

The counsel for the Officer and the counsel for the Chief of Police shall attempt to mutually agree on an arbitrator. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator within fourteen (14) calendar days after the appeal is filed, the Human Resources Director shall within five (5) business days from the expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar days request a list of seven (7) qualified neutrals from the American Arbitration Association. The parties may mutually agree on one of the seven (7) neutrals. If they do not agree, the parties shall alternatively strike the names on the list within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the list, and the remaining name shall be the arbitrator. All parties shall act to complete the selection process at the earliest possible date. The arbitrator shall be promptly notified of his/her selection. The parties will not have ex parte communication with the arbitrator. Communication with the arbitrator will be through the counsel for the Chief of Police and the counsel for the Officer jointly.

#### **Section 7.**

The hearing shall be commenced, but need not be completed, within ninety (90) calendar days of the arbitrator's selection. Delay in commencement of the hearing within these time periods may occur due to unavoidable conflicts between the arbitrator and the parties' schedules, or by mutual agreement of parties and for no other reason. However, if the arbitrator selected cannot commence the hearing within ninety (90) calendar days from his/her selection, and there is no agreement to extend the hearing to a later date by the parties, the parties shall attempt to agree on a substitute arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree upon a substitute within seven (7) calendar days of so learning, another arbitrator shall be selected from a new list of seven (7) names promptly requested from the American Arbitration Association, according to the procedure set out here. The arbitrator shall make an award within thirty (30) calendar days of the close of evidence or after receipt of briefs if any in arbitration hearings, and within seven (7) calendar days of the close of evidence in expedited arbitration hearings under 143.057 of the Local Government Code. Post hearing briefs shall only be permitted in standard arbitration hearings, and must be mailed to the arbitrator within such time as is agreed to by the parties, or as directed by the arbitrator.

#### **Section 8.**

A stenographic transcription of the proceedings shall be made only upon written agreement of the parties prior to the commencement of the hearing. Should there be no agreement, the party desiring the transcript may have the transcript made at its sole expense.

### **Section 9.**

The award of the Arbitrator shall state whether the Chief's disciplinary decision(s), which includes the original written statement and charges, is supported in whole or in part by a preponderance of the evidence considering the reliable and probative evidence in the record as a whole. The arbitrator may not substitute his/her judgment for the judgment of the Chief on the disciplinary penalty chosen except as provided below.

Suspensions. If the Chief's decision, or any part thereof, is supported by the evidence, the Arbitrator shall uphold a disciplinary action less than an indefinite suspension unless it is arbitrary, unreasonable, or unrelated to the needs of the service in which case the arbitrator may reduce a suspension to a lesser period.

Indefinite Suspensions. If the Chief's decision, or any part thereof, is supported by the evidence, the Arbitrator shall uphold an indefinite suspension if the Officer's actions demonstrate a substantial shortcoming. The Arbitrator may substitute his/her judgment for the judgment of the Chief on the disciplinary penalty chosen only if the Chief fails to establish a substantial shortcoming. If the Arbitrator finds the Chief's decision must be modified under the above standards, this Agreement authorizes an arbitrator to reduce an indefinite suspension to a period greater than 45-days. A "substantial shortcoming" is defined as either (1) a violation or conduct which renders the Officer's continuance in office in some way detrimental to effective law enforcement and the needs of the Department, or (2) which the law and sound community expectations recognize as good cause for depriving the Officer of his/her position.

### **Section 10.**

The following rules shall govern the conduct of arbitration hearings under this Section, and of certain preliminary matters.

A. Both parties shall provide, at least twelve (12) calendar days prior to the date of the hearing, the names and addresses of witnesses expected to be called at the hearing. In the absence of good or excusable cause, the arbitrator may exclude the testimony of a witness upon the failure of a party to disclose such a witness. The parties, in writing, may request discovery from each other concerning the case. Should the opposing party not agree to provide the requested information within seven (7) calendar days of the request, the request shall be deemed denied. The requesting party may then apply to the Arbitrator who shall order such discovery as is appropriate to the nature of the case, consistent with, but not bound by, the rules of discovery in Texas civil cases. In considering the application, the arbitrator shall consider the burden and expense of producing the information, the need of the requesting party, the amount of time available prior to the hearing, and such other matters as he/she may deem material. In no event shall discovery be requested within seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing.

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B. The arbitrator shall have the power to subpoena witnesses. Where the subpoena request is not opposed by a party, the Human Resources Director shall issue the subpoena in the name of the Arbitrator and such issuance shall be considered the act of the arbitrator. If the subpoena is opposed, the moving party shall apply to the arbitrator for issuance of the subpoena. The City will serve subpoenas on any City employee; otherwise the party issuing the subpoenas shall be responsible for obtaining service.

C. All hearings shall be public unless it is expressly agreed in writing by the parties that the hearing shall be closed to the public. In any event, the final decision of the arbitrator shall be public, although public announcement may be reasonably delayed upon request of the parties.

D. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the conduct of the hearing shall be governed by the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

### **Section 11.**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the arbitrator shall have all those powers and only those powers vested in the Commission under Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code and the Commission Rules.

### **Section 12.**

Any notice or statement required to be filed by the Chief of Police or the Officer in a disciplinary proceeding under Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code, under Commission Rules, or under this Agreement, shall be filed with the Human Resources Director of the City.

### **Section 13.**

Hearings conducted by the Commission shall be in accordance with Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code except that the Commission's jurisdiction is similarly limited as an arbitrator's jurisdiction in Section 9.

### **Section 14.**

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, with respect to demotions, suspensions, and indefinite suspensions as defined in Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code the Officer shall have such right to appeal the arbitrator's decision to district court as he/she is given in Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code to appeal the Commission's decision, and no greater right.

### **Section 15.**

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, in cases of conflict, the provisions of this Agreement will control over Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code, and any other civil service provision or rule, and American Arbitration Association Rules; and Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code, and any other civil service provision, and Civil Service Rules promulgated pursuant to it shall control over American Arbitration Association Rules. Once an Officer receives a formal notification from Internal Affairs, the officer may initiate a written request to the Chief to waive

the normal investigative track through Internal Affairs for the investigation to be submitted to an expedited disciplinary track, however in no event can the expedited disciplinary track be requested within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration of the complaint's one-hundred-and-eighty (180) calendar day timeline in Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code. Both the Officer and the Chief must agree to submit a matter to the expedited disciplinary track for an expedited disciplinary finding. An expedited disciplinary finding is an agreement by the Officer and the Chief that disciplinary action is warranted and enacted, but did not proceed through the conventional track. Any disciplinary action resulting from the expedited disciplinary track must be agreed upon by the Officer and the Chief, and must be enacted within thirty (30) calendar days of the parties' agreement to expedite the disciplinary process, but under no circumstances later than the time limitation as expressed in Section 19. Absent an agreement by both the Chief and the Officer, the matter will continue through the regular investigative procedure.

#### **Section 16.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Chief shall have authority to suspend an Officer for a period of not more than one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days, or implement an agreed disciplinary action only where the Officer agrees to the disciplinary action in writing. An agreed disciplinary action is an agreement between the Officer and the Chief that may include, but is not limited to, any one, or combination of, a suspension, demotion, or nondisciplinary actions such as professional counseling, re-training, or re-assignment. The Officer shall have no right to appeal such agreed disciplinary actions, and no administrative or judicial body shall have power to review such a suspension or alter the terms of the Agreement.

#### **Section 17.**

Any deadline or time restrictions set out in this Agreement with respect to disciplinary proceedings may be modified by written agreement of the parties. However, neither party may be compelled to waive its right to insist upon the deadline and time restrictions provided by the Agreement.

#### **Section 18.**

Officers suspended up to a maximum of forty-five working days may, at the Chief's discretion, forfeit either accumulated compensatory time, vacation, bonus time or holiday leave equal to the suspension. Approval of forfeiting time by the Chief shall not be unreasonably withheld and may only be denied because of a consistent overall pattern of substandard performance. The Officer shall have ten (10) calendar days from receipt of notice of the suspension to decide whether or not he/she wishes to forfeit accumulated leave or exercise his/her appeal rights pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code or the Grievance and Arbitration Procedures of this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall apply solely to suspensions which are agreed to by the Officer, and no appeal to the Commission or to arbitration may be instituted on suspensions where the Officer has forfeited accumulated compensatory, vacation, bonus time or holiday leave pursuant to the terms of this Article.

#### **Section 19.**

A. In the original written statement and charges and in any hearing conducted under this Article, the Chief may not impose discipline for any act that occurred more than 180 days prior to the date the Chief knew, or should have known, of the act, provided that no discipline may issue more than two years after the date of the act, except for certain criminal conduct addressed in section B.

B. Certain Criminal Conduct. The Chief may order an indefinite suspension based on an act classified as a felony or Class A or B misdemeanor after the 180-day period following the date of the discovery of the act by the department if the department head considers delay to be necessary to protect a criminal investigation of the person's conduct. If the Chief intends to order an indefinite suspension after the 180-day period, the Chief must file with the attorney general a statement describing the criminal investigation and its objectives within 180 days after the date of the discovery of the act complained of occurred.

C. Evidence. Solely to aid the Commission or arbitrator in the assessment of appropriate discipline and not to prove a charge of a violation of Civil Service Rules, the Chief and the City may introduce evidence of any prior sustained disciplinary actions that is relevant or likely to show a cause for progressive discipline against the Officer that the Chief used to determine the disciplinary action if the Chief outlined the prior disciplinary action in the original written statement and charges.

#### **Section 20.**

The City shall develop records, which, to the fullest extent possible, quantify the work done by each Officer in each assignment. Such records shall be available by assignment upon specific request of Officers appealing disciplinary actions or their representatives.

#### **Section 21.**

Section 143.056 of the Local Government Code regarding procedures after felony indictment and certain misdemeanor complaints shall be modified to provide:

A. The Officer shall provide written notice to the Chief's Office when the Officer's criminal matter is resolved. Should the Chief fail to charge the Officer with a violation of Civil Service Rules within thirty (30) calendar days following written notice by the Officer of the Officer's acquittal or dismissal of the criminal charges, the officer shall be reinstated with all back pay and benefits; and

B. In the event an Officer has been demoted or suspended, either temporarily or indefinitely, for any action which results in the Officer being indicted for a felony or charged with a misdemeanor of Class B or above, no further action may be taken on the Officer's appeal until the completion of trial on the merits on those charges; except that a hearing on an officer's appeal may be initiated prior to completion of trial on the merits by mutual agreement between the City and the Officer. Delay of an appeal pending the results of criminal proceedings as specified above shall apply both to appeals to arbitration and appeals to the Commission pursuant to this Article.

#### **Section 22.**



Pursuant to Section 17, 19 and 21, the Chief or his/her counsel and the Officer and his/her counsel may mutually agree in writing to extend the 180-day deadline for disciplinary proceedings by delaying the execution of the disciplinary written statement of charges, if any, to a date no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the final adjudication of the criminal charge pending. By entering into a mutually agreeable written agreement, neither party intends to create, nor does a written waiver directly or indirectly create a past practice.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **Internal Security Interview Procedure**

#### **Section 1. Investigations Through The Chain Of Command.**

Minor allegations of misconduct made against officers which are of the type set out in the Complaint Matrix contained in the General Manual shall be investigated within the Officer's chain of command within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt of the written complaint. The Captain of the station/section will conduct the investigation under procedures and guidelines set out in the General Manual. Such an investigation of the Officer shall be confined to the written complaint, and that complaint only. If the Officer is the rank of Captain or above, or if the Officer has no Captain in their chain of command, the Officer's Division Commander, Bureau Commander, or Chief of Police or designee will investigate. Suspensions, if imposed, may be for up to five (5) working days (maximum 40 working hours) if approved by the Chief. If the accused Officer does not agree with the final terms of the contemplated disciplinary decision within five (5) calendar days, the case will be forwarded to the Internal Affairs Unit for further investigation. Suspensions agreed to by an Officer may not be appealed to or altered by the Commission, an arbitrator, or by any court. Investigations through the chain of command do not entitle the Officer to have an attorney present during interviews with his/her commanding officer, but nothing herein prohibits an Officer from seeking advice from an attorney or an Association representative provided it is within the five (5) day time limit. The Officer will be advised in writing of the procedures applicable to the line complaint investigative process by the Captain prior to providing a report or response. Officers shall have a reasonable opportunity to consult with counsel before writing a response, statement, or report resulting from a complaint. The term "complaint" has used in this article does not include questions about performance of duty raised by the Supervisor or fellow Officers.

#### **Section 2. Internal Affairs Investigations.**

This procedure shall apply to all non-criminal investigations of misconduct by officers except investigations through the chain of command conducted under Section 1 above.

A. An interview of the charged Officer shall take place at a location designated by the investigating Officer, usually at the police facility to which the Officer is assigned or the Internal Affairs Office. If the Officer is required to complete written interrogatories the Officer must do so at the facility designated by the investigating Officer, and the Officer may not remove the interrogatories (or any copy of the interrogatories) from the designated facility.

B. The Officer shall be informed of the rank, name and command of the Officer in charge of the investigation, and the identity of all persons present during the interview. If an Officer is directed to leave his/her post and report for interview to another command, the Officer's assigned command shall be promptly notified of the Officer's whereabouts.

C. The Officer under investigation shall be informed twenty-four (24) hours prior to being interrogated or asked to otherwise respond to an investigation of the general nature of the investigation, and sufficient information to reasonably apprise the officer of the allegations shall be provided. When the Officer arrives for the interview, the Officer shall be allowed to review but not copy verbatim or photocopy any complaints, affidavits, other written statements, GPS/AVL readouts, video recordings, audio recordings, and photographs, which have been gathered as part of the administrative investigation. The Officer shall not release the provided information to any person other than his/her attorney or representative.

For investigations where more than one Officer is being investigated for the same incident or course of conduct, a respondent Officer's review shall not include any statements, video recordings, audio recordings, or interviews provided to Internal Affairs of any other respondent Officer for the same incident, or course of conduct. Internal Affairs Investigators may redact copies of any recording, regardless of where the recording is obtained, when Officers being investigated are responding to questions involving the investigated course of conduct. The respondent Officer will be allowed to review their own recordings in their entirety. The same incident or course of conduct does not require that the Officers under investigation receive identical allegations.

D. The interview/interrogatories shall be completed with reasonable dispatch.

Reasonable respites shall be allowed. Time shall be provided also for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls, and rest periods as are deemed necessary. Except in exigent circumstances where the seriousness of the complaint warrants an extended interrogation, or when the complaint will expire within sixty (60) calendar days, an Officer shall not be required to submit to any single interview/interrogatories for longer than eight (8) hours. The interviewing Officer shall advise the Officer being interviewed of an estimated time for the interview process. Interview sessions may be held on consecutive days until the interview process is completed.

E. The Officer shall not be subjected to any offensive language, nor shall he/she be threatened with transfer, dismissal or other disciplinary punishment. No promise of reward shall be made as an inducement to answering questions. Nothing herein is to be construed so as to prohibit the investigating Officer from informing the Officer under investigation that this conduct can become the subject of disciplinary action resulting in disciplinary punishment.

F. In all cases where an Officer is to be interviewed concerning an alleged act which, if proven, may result in any disciplinary action, the Officer under investigation shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity and facilities to contact and consult privately with an attorney of his/her own choosing or a representative of the Association before being interviewed. An attorney of his/her own choosing or a representative may be present during the interview. A representative may not be a Police Officer who is related to the respondent, or a supervisor with involvement in the incident being investigated. Such representative may not participate in the interview except to counsel the Officer, or to assert any rights afforded to the Officer under this article in a manner which does not impair the ability of the investigator to conduct the interview and obtain

information directly from the Officer. At any time during the interview the Officer under investigation may request to consult with his/her attorney or representative in private, prior to continuing the interview, provided that the investigator may impose reasonable limits on such conferences in order to complete a meaningful investigative interview and to obtain a written statement or response from the Officer in the Officer's own words.

G. If an Officer is or maybe likely to be placed under arrest, that is if the Officer under investigation is a suspect or the target of a criminal investigation, the Officer shall be given his/her rights pursuant to the Miranda Decision. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the Chief to conduct administrative investigations nor shall anything in this subsection be construed to relieve the Officer of his/her obligation to fully cooperate with said investigations, to comply with the Rules and Regulations and Procedures of the San Antonio Police Department, or to provide thorough, complete and truthful responses to requests for written statements and written interrogatories in connection with said administrative investigations. In all investigations where the Officer is subject to a companion or concurrent criminal investigation, the Department shall ensure that any officer's statement gathered as part of the administrative investigation shall not be released to the criminal investigating entity, except as required by a subpoena or required to be disclosed by law or Court decision.

H. The Officer under investigation shall be given an exact copy of any written statement he/she may execute.

I. The refusal by an Officer to answer pertinent questions concerning any administrative matter may result in disciplinary action.

J. An Officer shall have the right to have the interview tape or digitally recorded, provided the Officer furnishes the tape and the recorder and advises all parties of the recording prior to the beginning of the interview session. The tapes or digital file shall remain in the custody of the Internal Affairs Unit of the Police Department but shall be available for review by the Officer or the Officer's designated representative in the event the interview may result in disciplinary action, or a grievance.

K. No conversation between an Officer and an investigating officer may be recorded without disclosure prior to the conversation by the party making the recording, that it will be recorded. Prior to entering the Internal Affairs office, an Officer must disclose the existence of any recording device in his/her possession or be subject to disciplinary action. The Chief may authorize the wearing of a concealed recording device during any criminal investigation which may involve an Officer.

L. A polygraph examination may be required of an Officer by the Chief only in the strictest confidence and where the complainant, and any complaining witnesses who give a written statement have been examined and found wholly truthful by a licensed examiner. The fact that an examination is ordered or administered and the results thereof shall not be disclosed by the Chief or the examiner to any person, except following execution of a written agreement between the Chief and the examined Officer.

M. The Chief's office shall provide written notice, in a sealed envelope, to the individual Officer of the final status of any complaint filed with the Internal Affairs Unit where the Officer in question had to respond in writing to the complaint.

N. The results of a formal investigation will be forwarded to the Advisory Action Board for recommendations.

### **Section 3. Chief's Complaint and Administrative Review Board.**

Chief's Complaint and Administrative Review Board (CCARB) as used in this section shall mean the combined Police portion of the Complaint and Administrative Review Board and the Citizen's portion of the Complaint and Administrative Review Board.

A. The Police portion of the CCARB shall consist of seven voting members: a Deputy Chief who shall serve as chairperson; one Captain; one Lieutenant; one Sergeant; one Detective Investigator; and two Patrol Officers. The members shall be appointed by the Chief. Those members shall serve for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days.

#### **B. The Citizen's portion of the CCARB**

1. The Citizen's portion of the CCARB shall be comprised of seven (7) appointees selected from a panel of fourteen (14) available members appointed as set forth below.

Of the initial seven (7) appointees, 3-4 appointees shall be replaced following the expiration of 180-days from the date of their first Board meeting with 3-4 members of the panel of fourteen (14) not having served on the Board in the previous 180-days. The rotation of Board members shall continue until such time as all fourteen (14) members have served on the Board and after such time shall continue with no Board appointee serving for more than two (2) consecutive 180-day periods. The Chairperson shall be entitled to alter the rotating list in order to coordinate the schedules of the participants. The Chairperson may approve agendas for matters not involving the use of force, bodily injury, or unlawful search or seizure, in instances where workload for the Board makes it necessary, which do not require the attendance of the citizen Board members. The Chairperson shall schedule any complaint for civilian member participation, upon request by the Officer or the complainant; if it is reasonably possible to do so based on the workload and availability of civilian members. Notice shall be given to the President of the Association. It is understood and agreed that the civilian members shall, nevertheless, be required to hear the full range of disciplinary cases and controversies presented to the Board, in order to develop an accurate sense of context and fairness.

2. Members of the Citizen's portion of the CCARB shall be selected by the City Council from a list of names provided by the City Manager. Prior to providing names to the Council, the City Manager shall solicit applications from qualified citizens of good character, and objective ability, and shall recruit qualified individuals as necessary to have a sufficient list for consideration. The City Manager shall determine whether or not to recommend each of the individuals who apply. In addition, the Chief of Police shall determine whether or not to recommend each of the individuals. The input and recommendation of the San Antonio Police Officer's Association shall also be obtained as to each of the individuals. The City Council shall receive a compilation of the applicants along with the separate recommendations by the City

Manager, the Chief of Police, and the Association. Each party agrees that the selections and the final list shall be representative of the diversity of the community. The City Council may select a new member to replace anyone removed from the panel by selecting from any remaining names, or from a new list provided in accordance with the forgoing provisions in the event of vacancies.

3. Citizens appointed to serve on CCARB shall meet the minimum requirements for eligibility established under state statute for service on the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission and shall take an oath of office as members of the Board. In addition, no person shall be appointed to serve on this Board who has been indicted for a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, or officially charged with a Class A or B Misdemeanor. Members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council, which may remove them, or replace them at any time, with or without cause. Members shall have no right to the position, and shall not be entitled to removal proceedings or a hearing. If not removed or replaced, a member shall serve for a two (2) year period. The City Ethics ordinance shall apply to all members of the Citizen's portion of the CCARB.

4. Appointment and selection for the meetings of the Board shall be accomplished in sufficient time to be able to provide each appointee with not less than twenty-four (24) hours of training, including orientation work at Professional Standards, and one shift on the ride along program. The responsibility for the training of each new member of the panel shall fall upon the Commander of the Professional Standards Section.

#### C. Right to Privacy

1. An accused Officer has a right to privacy and all members of the CCARB shall respect that right to privacy, and shall have a duty to maintain the confidentiality of privileged information. Each member of the Uniform and Citizen Board shall sign a pledge of confidentiality, agreeing to maintain the right of privacy as to privileged matters under applicable law. Any violation of this right shall be grounds for disqualification or removal from the panel, as set forth below. "Right to privacy" shall mean only the right of any accused Officer of the Department to have the allegations, facts, testimony and evidence brought before the Board held in confidence by the members hearing the case, and shall not extend to include any public information or information imparted to the Board members from public information, or from individuals not officially connected to the Internal Security process. The ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson shall keep and maintain all records of the Board, and no members shall have or maintain any records other than during the meetings of the Board, or on Department premises, in connection with their official duties. This article shall not be interpreted to impair or effect the right of any person, including the citizens on the Board, to make report of facts to the Chief of Police, the District Attorney, or the FBI, or to testify under subpoena, the rules of discovery, or order of any court; nor shall this article be interpreted to impair or affect the rights of any Officer under Garrity vs. New Jersey or its progeny and Miranda vs. Arizona or its progeny

2. If any member of the Citizen's portion of the CCARB is accused by an Officer of a violation of the right to privacy, the Civil Service Commission shall convene and if a determination is made that a member of the Citizen's portion of the CCARB violated an Officer's right to privacy, then the Civil Service Commission may remove that member. If the breach of privacy involves a direct report of confidential information by the member to the public or the press, removal by the Civil Service Commission shall be mandatory. In any event, the Civil Service

Commission shall send a report of its findings and action to the City Council. The purpose of these hearings shall be to protect the interests of accused Officers and the complainants, and shall not give rise to any rights on the part of the member accused of a breach of right to privacy.

D. Except as specifically provided for in this article, the CCARB will be conducted in accordance with the San Antonio Police Department General Manual.

E. All members of the CCARB shall be given the opportunity to review each case that will be presented for consideration subject to the Chief's approval of exceptions, based on workload, as noted above.

F. The Chairperson of the CCARB shall be responsible for the maintenance of the confidentiality of all files submitted for review by the CCARB.

G. The Chairperson of the CCARB, on recommendation from any member of the CCARB may elect to hear testimony from complainants or responding Officers.

Attendance to these boards meetings where testimony is requested are entirely voluntary and complainants or responding Officers may elect to remove themselves at any stage of the questioning by either board without fear of reprisal. The Chairperson of the CCARB shall determine the manner in which all meetings shall be conducted and shall be the determining factor as to the hearing of testimony or attendance by any person. No responding Officer or complainant shall have the right to be represented by counsel, but may be accompanied by an observer.

H. Each board shall make independent recommendations and forward these recommendations to the Chief of Police. Such recommendations are advisory only and are not binding on the Chief. The Citizen's portion of the CCARB may not conduct a separate independent investigation but may recommend to the Chief of Police that further investigations should be undertaken.

I. Any matter which is brought before the CCARB, where a final ruling by the Chief of Police has occurred, the Chief of Police shall direct the Commander of the Professional Standards Section to notify the Complainant(s) and accused Officer(s) as to the final disposition of the case within twenty-one (21) calendar days.

#### **Section 4. Crash Evaluation and Review Board.**

A. The Chief's Complaint and Administrative Review Board as described in Section 3 of this Article will no longer review cases involving City motor vehicle accidents. All cases involving City motor vehicle accidents previously assigned to CCARB will be assigned to the Crash Evaluation and Review Board in accordance with this section.

B. The Crash Evaluation and Review Board will consist of one (1) Captain, one (1) Sergeant, one (1) Detective Investigator and two (2) Patrol Officers appointed by the Chief. The Captain shall serve as chairperson. Members shall serve from January through June or from July through December of each calendar year.

C. Except as specifically provided for in this Article, the Crash Evaluation and Review Board will be conducted in accordance with General Manual provisions and the CCARB outlined in this Article.

D. An Officer will be retrained for an accumulation of points or the number of accidents at the Chief's discretion. The occurrence of two chargeable accidents within a two-year period will serve as a baseline for the Chief or the Board to review individual cases and training needs. Ultimately, retraining will be determined on the basis of severity of the accidents, which may drastically differ from one case to another.

## **ARTICLE 30 Health Benefits**

### **Section 1. Police Active Health Benefits Working Group.**

The City and the Association agree in principle that health benefit costs and market based health plans are issues that will be reviewed in the next collective bargaining cycle. The City and the Association further agree to establish a health benefits working group. The City will provide access to claims information of a statistical and financial nature (consistent with medical privacy laws), third party vendor contracts, and other information necessary to perform its function. The Working Group shall be afforded training opportunities which shall be paid for respectively by each representing organization (Association or City).

The working group will have the following responsibilities:

1. Review City's uniformed health benefit plan, usage trends and cost trends.
2. The City will provide and review with the Association the claims, cost/experience reporting forms which are currently being provided to the Association's Health Benefit Consultant.
3. Identify Master Contract Document language clarification issues for discussion in the next round of negotiations.
4. Participate in future Requests for Proposals for vendors as to benefits products and services, by providing input, evaluation and suggestions to the City officials designated by the City Manager to carry out the selection and administration process.
5. Conduct or purchase a health benefits survey of other public entities for comparison with City's plan and design and experience.
6. Create an educational forum to inform Officers of the costs associated with health benefits and the increasing need to address increasing costs.

7. Provide the City and the Associations with suggestions regarding possible cost-saving initiatives to incorporate into future benefits programs.

## **Section 2. Active Police Officer Health Benefits**

A. The City shall provide all active Police Officers who are eligible with family medical benefits as agreed upon herein. The minimum benefits provided are those as stated in the Master Contract Document for the City of San Antonio, San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association and San Antonio Police Officer's Association Bargaining Unit (hereinafter referred to as "Master Contract Document") which is attached and incorporated herein as Attachment 6. Provisions and benefits specified in the Master Contract Document shall not be reduced during the life of this Agreement; however, the City reserves the right to change carriers or plan administrators at any time at its discretion. While the City is prohibited from reducing the provisions and benefits specified in the Master Contract Document during the life of this Agreement, a determination of what medical service is medically necessary for a particular patient or any reduction in the usual and customary charge for that medical service, will not be construed as a reduction in benefits; provided that the determination is made in accordance with the procedures and criteria described in the Master Contract Document.

B. Active Police Officers covered under this Agreement shall be granted the option of entering into or exiting from the civilian benefits program as provided for by the City to substitute for the basic program as outlined in this Agreement. Said option must be exercised by the active Police Officer during the re-enrollment period between the dates of October 1, and December 31, of each calendar year.

## **Section 3.**

This agreement, and the Master Contract Document for health benefits adopted herein, shall control the available health benefits during the term of this agreement, for active Police Officers.

## **Section 4.**

Health care benefits for active Police Officers shall not be terminated, altered, modified or reduced during the term of the Agreement, except by amendments or successors to this Agreement.

## **Section 5.**

It is understood and agreed that the provisions of this agreement and the Master Contract Document for health benefits have been drafted in substantial and material reliance upon existing provisions of federal and state law concerning employee health benefits. Any change in federal or state law or regulations which changes the obligations of either party, the applicability or extent of Medicare benefits, or materially alters the assumptions relied upon in negotiations shall entitle the City or the Association to reopen negotiations concerning health benefits.

## **Section 6.**



Effective January 1, 2022, bargaining unit employees will be offered two health plans with plan designs and employee contributions described below:

Cost Sharing Item		VALUE PLAN		CDHP	
		IN Network.	Out of Network	IN Network.	Out of Network
Annual Deductible	Individual	\$500	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500
	Family	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Coinsurance Percentage		20%	40%	0%	0%
Max. Out-of-Pocket (Includes deductible and copays)	Individual	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,500
	Family	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Office Visit Co-Pay		\$25 PCP-\$50 SPEC	40% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible
Emergency Room Co-Pay		\$250	40% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible
Urgent Care Center Co-Pay		\$50	40% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible
Pharmacy	Separate Brand Drug Deductible or out of pocket cap	\$100	40% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible
	Rx – 30 day Tier 1/Tier 2 / Tier 3	\$10/\$25/\$40		0% After Ded. Preventive Drugs Subject to Co-Pay \$10/\$25/\$40	
	Rx – 90 day Tier 1/ Tier 2 / Tier 3	\$20/\$50/\$80		0% After Ded. Preventive Drugs Subject to Co-Pay \$20/\$50/\$80	

The two plans are covered in detail in Attachment 5 and the Master Contract Document (Attachment 6) which are the controlling documents.

Employee Monthly Contributions										
	2022		2023		2024		2025		2026	
	Value	CDHP	Value	CDHP	Value	CDHP	Value	CDHP	Value	CDHP
EE Only	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EE & Spouse	\$121.12	\$0.00	\$133.23	\$0.00	\$146.56	\$0.00	\$161.22	\$0.00	\$177.34	\$0.00
EE & Children	\$81.19	\$0.00	\$89.31	\$0.00	\$98.24	\$0.00	\$108.06	\$0.00	\$118.87	\$0.00
EE & Family	\$200.98	\$0.00	\$221.08	\$0.00	\$243.19	\$0.00	\$267.51	\$0.00	\$294.26	\$0.00

Health Savings Account Annual Contributions (only for CDHP)					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

	Value / CDHP	Value / CDHP	Value / CDHP	Value / CDHP	Value / CDHP
EE Only	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500
EE & Spouse	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500
EE & Children	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500
EE & Family	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500.00	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500	\$0.00 / \$1,500

Health Savings Account Contributions for CDHP will continue during evergreen. Employee contributions beyond 2026 will increase by 10% annually during evergreen.

The above years are plan (currently calendar) years. Employee monthly contributions will increase by 10% over the prior year's contribution every year during the life of the agreement (including during evergreen). Out of network claims will be capped at the in network allowable amounts under both the Value and CDHP plans.

Effective January 1, 2023, the pharmacy coverage is as outlined in the CVS Value formulary or its equivalent if a new PBM is selected during the contract term.

### **ARTICLE 31 Retiree Health Benefits**

House Bill 2751, enacted by the Texas Legislature effective October 1, 2007, removed retiree health benefits from the collective bargaining process. Retiree health benefits are now governed exclusively by the provisions of Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes Annotated, Article 6243(q), a copy of which, in its current form, is attached hereto as Attachment 7. The provisions governing retiree health benefits contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect at the time House Bill 2751 was enacted are attached hereto as Attachment 7.

In the event the Texas Legislature repeals Article 6243(q) or any successor in function, the provisions of Article 6243(q) shall remain in effect until such time as the Association and the City shall negotiate retiree health benefits into this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 32 Supplemental Benefits**

#### **Section 1. Parking.**

The City will provide each on-duty Officer with free parking on the Police lot itself or a lot adjacent to the Police building to which the Officer is assigned. Should the City not provide such parking, the Association may acquire such parking and require the City to fully compensate it for all related costs and expenses.

#### **Section 2. Other Benefits.**

A. Definitions. The term "Trusts" as used in this section shall refer to the San Antonio Police Officers and Fire Fighters Benefit Plan and Trust, which provides optical and dental services, and San Antonio Police Officers and Fire Fighters Prepaid Legal Plan and Trust, which

provides legal services to members of the San Antonio Police Department and the San Antonio Fire Department.

B. Amounts. During the term of this Agreement the City will pay a monthly amount for each Officer as shown by the schedule below for dental, optical and prepaid legal benefits Trusts. Furthermore, neither the City nor the Association may change the amounts paid or allocated for the respective benefits as shown in the schedule during the term of this Agreement.

	Optical / Dental	Pre-Paid Legal
Employees with dependents	\$89.50	\$32.00
Employees without dependents	\$43.50	\$32.00

C. Audits. The Association shall ensure that the Trusts will conduct annual independent audits at no additional cost to the City. The Association shall further ensure that the Trusts shall provide a copy of each annual independent audited financial report to the City, through its Finance Director, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the audit by the respective Trust.

If a copy of the independent audit of the San Antonio Police Officers and Fire Fighters Prepaid Legal Plan and Trust is not provided to the City within 30 days of receipt by the Association then the City may suspend payment of the City's contribution until a copy of the audit is submitted to the City. A requirement of its financial audit to be submitted to the City, includes information on expenditures, matters, and individuals provided benefits under the Legal Fund. The report shall provide the following information:

- The type of beneficiary receiving the service (i.e., member, spouse, dependent);
- The type of legal representation provided (i.e. criminal, divorce);
- The status of the proceeding; and
- The cost of the services provided to date.

The City reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to conduct an audit of said benefit plans at the City's expense any time during the term of this Agreement. Should the City decide to conduct such an audit, the Association shall ensure that the Trusts make available to the City all relevant documentation within a reasonable time.

D. Use of Benefits. With respect to the Prepaid Legal Benefits, it is understood that no officer may use the benefits for the purpose, in whole or in part, of implementing and/or initiating legal action against the City, any of its agents, officers, and/or assigns. Further, benefits shall be equally accessible to spouses for all types of coverage enumerated in the Summary Plan Document and at the same coverages, if any, as provided to the participants, including but not limited to divorce proceedings and, for a period of three (3) years, to former spouses and participants in child custody and child support proceedings and contempt of court/enforcement of family court orders. Provision of legal advice and representation for criminal-related matters benefit is limited to use by dependents only.

E. Exclusive Trust. The Association shall ensure that all funds paid by the City pursuant to this Section are used for the exclusive benefit of the employees and that said funds

shall not be commingled with the funds of any other organization, entity, or Association, nor shall said funds be used for any other purpose other than that provided for herein.

F. Payment and Change in Plans. During the term of this Agreement, the Association may change providers for Supplemental Benefits (Dental/Optical and Legal). In the event that the Association makes a proposal to change benefit providers, the Association shall submit the same in writing to the City.

G. Copies of Trust Plan. The Association will provide up-to-date copies of the Trust Plan Documents to the Human Resources Department of the City and the Association Office.

H. Determination Letter. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Association to maintain the tax- exempt status of the benefit received under this Section. In accordance therewith, the Association shall provide to the City, through its Director of Finance, a copy of the Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter regarding the tax-exempt status of the benefit received under this Section. The City shall receive said letter no later than ten (10) calendar days from commencement of this Agreement.

I. In an effort to coordinate the provisions outlined in this Article with the scheduled collective bargaining cycle with the San Antonio Professional Firefighters' Association, the City and the Association agree to reopen any portions of this Article during such negotiations in order to facilitate the development of a consistent approach and language in both Agreements. The parties shall have the same statutory duty to bargain in good faith as to all issues which relate to the benefits under this Agreement.

In the event the City and the San Antonio Professional Firefighters' Association, IAFF Local 624, ratify a new collective bargaining agreement that ceases City's contributions to the San Antonio Police Officers and Fire Fighters Prepaid Legal Plan and Trust on behalf of fire fighters, the City will not be required to continue its contributions for police officers. In lieu of the City's contribution to the Prepaid Legal Plan, the City will contribute \$32.00 per month per employee to each employee as a voluntary qualified supplemental insurance incentive.

If the Association desires to continue a Prepaid Legal Plan and Trust, with or without participation of the San Antonio Professional Firefighters' Association, the Association may by secret ballot of its members determine the contribution of an Officer to the Prepaid Legal Plan and Trust. The Association shall notify the City in writing as to the monthly deduction amount, and the City shall commence making such deductions from the pay of each Officer no later than two pay periods following such notice.

## **ARTICLE 33**

### **Educational Incentive Pay**

#### **Section 1. Degree Required.**

Educational Incentive Pay shall be provided immediately to Officers who qualify for such payment by furnishing documented proof of an Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate Degree to the Training Academy. Officers who hold Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's Degree or Doctorate shall

receive Educational Incentive Pay. All college hours must come from an "Accredited College or University." For purposes of this Agreement, an institution of higher education must be accredited by a state education department, or by either the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or a similar regional association recognized by the United States Department of Education. In cases where the validity of a college or university accreditation is raised, outside of this definition, the Chief, at his/her discretion, may accept or reject the question of any university's accreditation.

Payment shall be made monthly.

Officers without college or university degrees shall be paid Educational Incentive Pay for college hours earned at the following rates:

65 to 94 college hours	\$60.00 per month
95 to 124 college hours	\$90.00 per month
125 to 154 college hours	\$120.00 per month
155 to 184 college hours	\$150.00 per month
185 to 214 college hours	\$180.00 per month
215 to 229 college hours	\$210.00 per month
230 or more college hours	\$240.00 per month

Officers with college or university degrees shall be paid Educational Incentive pay at the following rates:

Nothing in this article should be construed to entitle an Officer to receive educational incentive

Associates Degree	\$215.00 per month
Bachelor's Degree	\$315.00 per month
Master's Degree	\$335.00 per month
Doctors or Equivalent	\$350.00 per month

pay pursuant to this section for both college hours and a college degree.

## **Section 2. Law Enforcement Related Courses.**

A. Officers graduating from the Academy shall be required to have a minimum of thirty-one (31) college accredited hours before the expiration of one year after the completion of the thirty (30) week period following graduation from the Academy. The City shall ensure that, upon entrance to the Academy, each cadet is informed in writing of this requirement, the cadet acknowledges his/her understanding in writing, and the writing is made a permanent part of his/her file.

B. Officers who fail to complete the above requirement(s) shall not be allowed to move into the "Class B" Police Officer pay status until the requirements are met. Officers shall be required to show proof of achieving the above required college hours prior to being moved into "Class B" Police Officer pay status. Officers who have all the college accredited hours required by this section shall not be required to meet the additional standards outlined above.

Officers shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for tuition, fees, on-campus parking and the price of required text(s) at a college or university for course hours in an accredited degree program. Reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

Course Grade	Amount of Reimbursement
A	100%
B	90%
C	80%
D or F	0%

C. Officers who are enrolled in an accredited college or university and who under an approved college or university master's or doctorate degree plan are required to complete any course that is not assigned a grade, will upon successful completion of the course, be reimbursed by the City at 100% upon presentation of documentation of payment to the registrar's office of the college or university at the end of the semester of the required course.

D. The City shall reimburse bargaining unit employees for tuition under the following circumstances:

1. The tuition rate will not exceed the tuition rate charged by the UTSA.
2. Such reimbursement for tuition and fees shall only be paid at Texas residency rates; and
3. City tuition reimbursement is secondary to other sources such as grants or scholarships.

**ARTICLE 34**  
**Certification and Instructors Pay**

**Section 1. Certification Pay.**

Basic Certification

Officers who hold a Basic Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall receive Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per month.

Intermediate Certification

Officers who hold an Intermediate Certificate shall receive One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) per month.

Advanced Certification

Officers who hold an Advanced Certificate shall receive Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month).

### Masters Certification

Officers who hold a Master's Certificate shall receive Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$240.00) per month).

### **Section 2. Instructors Certificate.**

Officers who hold an active or inactive Instructors Certificate issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education shall receive Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month regardless of the Certificate held.

Payment shall be made monthly. The Chief shall have the right to require the Officer to produce a copy of the certificate or other valid verification prior to approval for the employee to receive such payments. Only officers who have obtained Texas Instructors Certificate (T.I.C.) through Departmental approval will be eligible for T.I.C. pay. Officers who possess T.I.C., whether active or in-active prior to April 1, 2004, will automatically qualify for T.I.C. pay.

Officers who are actively involved in teaching or instructing citizens or other Police Officers may request, through their chain-of-command, inclusion in the next academy sponsored Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education Instructors Training Course. Admittance shall not be unreasonably denied, however, admittance shall be at the discretion of the Academy Commander and limited based on available classroom size.

## **ARTICLE 35**

### **Psychological and/or Medical Examination**

#### **Section 1. Psychological and/or Medical Evaluation.**

The Chief shall have the authority at any time to require an Officer to submit to psychological evaluation or treatment and/or medical evaluation, at the City's expense, to be performed by a qualified psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, therapist, or medical doctor chosen by the City. An Officer ordered either to submit to such an evaluation or to submit to a "fitness for duty" evaluation pursuant to Section 143.081 of the Local Government Code, must authorize, in writing, the release of the results of the examination to the Chief, as the Officer's employer. If indicated by the evaluation, the Chief may order an Officer to undergo treatment by an appropriate health care practitioner of the officer's choosing.

#### **Section 2. Commitment to Effective Drug Interdiction Program.**

The City and the Association agree that officers may be called upon in hazardous situations without warning, and that it is imperative to the interest of officers and the public to ensure that officers are not substances impaired. In order to further their joint interest in protecting officers and the public, the City and the Association agree to mandatory drug testing as described in this section.

A. One Hundred Percent (100%) of Officers of all ranks, including the Chief, shall be susceptible to mandatory drug testing during each calendar year on a fair and impartial statistical basis at the City's expense. The fair and impartial statistical basis (in which each Officer has an equal chance of being selected during a calendar year) shall be by a non-discriminatory computerized program operated and certified as non-discriminatory by an independent firm hired by the City, and the Officer shall be tested upon being selected by the computer.

The City and the Association have a mutual interest in ensuring that drug impaired Officers do not perform law enforcement duties. The City and the Association agree that the purpose of the mandatory drug testing policy is not to punish an officer who has not violated the Police Department's rules, regulations, policies or procedures. The City and the Association are committed to the principle that the mandatory drug testing policy for officers is designed and shall be administered to result in disciplinary action only against those Officers who have violated the Police Department's rules, regulations, policies or procedures.

Where an Officer appears unable or unwilling to give a specimen at the time of the test, testing personnel will document the circumstances surrounding the inability or unwillingness. The officer will be permitted no more than four (4) hours to provide the sample during which time he/she will remain in the testing area under observation. Reasonable amounts of fluids may be given to the Officer to encourage urination. Failure to provide a sample may be considered a refusal to submit to a drug test.

Officers shall have the right to request that their urine sample be stored in case of legal disputes. The urine sample will be submitted to the designated testing facility where a sample will be maintained for a period of one-year. Officers may at their own expense request to have the test for urine, blood and/or hair administered at a qualified physician's office or certified testing laboratory, accompanied by the testing personnel provided such testing is administered within five (5) hours after notification by the Chief (and the sample shall be properly handled by a certified testing laboratory).

B. Drug testing shall consist of a two-step procedure:

1. Initial screening test.
2. Confirmation test.

Should a confirmation test be required, the test procedure will be technologically different and more sensitive than the initial screening test.

The City and the Association will agree within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days as to a SAMHSA/CAP FUDTP certified laboratory selected to conduct drug testing. The laboratory selected shall be experienced and capable of quality control documentation, chain of custody and have a demonstrated technical expertise and proficiency in urinalysis and shall comply with all requirement of SAMHSA/CAP FUDTP. The City shall require any laboratory selected for collecting samples to conduct a background investigation on those laboratory personnel involved in the collecting or handling of an unsealed sample. In addition, the City shall require any



laboratory selected for collecting samples to use only employees who have not been arrested by Officers of the San Antonio Police Department or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime involving dishonest conduct or possession of illegal drugs to be involved in the collecting or handling of an unsealed sample collected from an Officer. Test results shall be inadmissible in any administrative disciplinary hearing if it is determined that the laboratory collecting samples failed to conduct a background investigation on the laboratory personnel involved in collecting or handling the unsealed sample which resulted in a positive test result.

All records pertaining to the Department required drug tests shall remain confidential except to the extent used in a disciplinary process and appeal. Drug test results and records shall be stored in a locked file under the control of the Chief. The Chief will maintain original copies submitted by the laboratory. No access to these files shall be allowed without written approval of the Chief.

C. The City and the Association agree to a zero tolerance policy for the use of drugs and alcohol while on duty or driving a City vehicle, and also agree to require post-accident mandatory drug/alcohol testing of any officer involved in a vehicular accident in a City vehicle which results in a death, injury to any person requiring medical treatment or significant property damage (as determined by a supervisor) which for a vehicle is a damage rating of 3 or more, as defined in the Texas Department of Transportation Vehicle Damage Guide for Traffic Crash Investigator. Drug testing shall be in accordance with the testing guidelines set forth in subsection (B) above. Alcohol testing shall be by breathalyzer or other recognized scientific process. The assigned severity code, resulting in a decision to test/not test is non-grievable.

D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Chief from conducting a drug test on an Officer based upon reasonable suspicion in accordance with the guidelines as set forth by this section.

E. For the purposes of this section:

1. "drug testing" shall be defined as the compulsory production and submission of urine by an Officer for chemical analysis to detect the presence of prohibited drug usage.

2. "reasonable suspicion" shall be defined as a judgment/conclusion that a person is unable to safely and/or effectively perform their duties due to the suspected influence of drugs, alcohol, or inhalants. Reasonable suspicion is based on specific, observable facts that an officer may be under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or inhalants.

3. "drug/alcohol testing" shall be defined for post-accident incidents as the compulsory production and submission of urine, breath, or blood for analysis to detect the presence of prohibited drug(s) or alcohol.

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **City Protection for Police Officers**

The City will defend in or out of court any Police Officer who incurs a charge or lawsuit as a result of the lawful performance of his/her duties pursuant to the provisions of City guidelines as adopted

and approved under City Ordinance No. 83927 incorporated as Attachment "4", excluding Section 1. "Definitions" Subsection 8B, V and VI, which shall not apply, or as otherwise provided by law.

## **ARTICLE 37**

### **Employee Personnel Systems**

#### **Section 1. Police Personnel Unit.**

A. The City shall implement a Police Personnel Unit. Such unit shall be staffed with a minimum of one (1) Sergeant or above, support personnel, and the operational equipment, i.e., computers. At the discretion of the Chief and without limiting his/her authority to determine the manpower and/or staffing needs of any unit and/or the Department as a whole, this unit's primary functions shall be to make recommendations to the Chief:

1. To set the amount and type of relief days assigned to each police station;
2. To set the number of Officers assigned to each work station and the actual personnel on a seniority basis assigned to each patrol shift at each police station.

B. Additionally, this unit shall:

1. Maintain an updated, City-wide file of all Officer requests for relief days and work station assignments; and
2. Process assignment of relief days, from said office, by seniority of requests on file pursuant to Article 12 of this Agreement.

#### **Section 2. Thirty (30) Day Requirement.**

All premium relief days shall be filled or abolished in accordance with current practice within thirty (30) calendar days. For purposes of this section, premium relief days shall be defined as Thursday/Friday, Friday/Saturday, Saturday/Sunday, and Sunday/Monday. If any shifts are established with a four-day work week, premium relief days for those shifts shall be defined as: (i) Thursday/Friday/Saturday; (ii) Friday/Saturday/Sunday; (iii) Saturday/Sunday/Monday and Sunday/Monday/Tuesday.

A. Thirty (30) Calendar Day Exception

The thirty (30) calendar day requirement shall be waived from February 24 through the last day of Fiesta each year. Officers having transferred into any assignment and who meet their six (6) month requirement for seniority eligibility during the Fiesta break will be eligible only for premium days that become available after their six month eligibility has been met.

For example, an Officer who meets his/her six-month requirement on March 15th would not be eligible for any premium relief days that become available before that date.

It is agreed and understood that only prime relief days that become available during the waived Fiesta period can be guaranteed to the most eligible Officer under this exception clause. All non--premium relief days that would have become available as a result of the guaranteed transfer that would have taken place were it not within the Fiesta period, and that are not premium relief days will be filled in accordance with available openings after the waived Fiesta period ends. All premium relief days being vacated during the Fiesta period shall be filled within thirty (30) calendar days after the last day of Fiesta.

While it is understood that situations may arise when there will be legitimate reasons for eliminating a particular set of relief days, premium relief days shall not be abolished for the purpose of compliance with this section.

### **Section 3. Nepotism.**

No Officer shall be allowed to work under the direct supervision of a relative. Relatives may be co-workers in the same division. No Officer shall be allowed to exercise his/her seniority in applying for positions that would place his/her under the direct supervision of a relative. No supervisory Officer shall be allowed to exercise his/her seniority in applying for positions that would place his/her in direct supervision of a relative. For the purposes of this section, relative means persons related through blood or marriage, and include spouses, parents, children, brothers or sisters, and in-laws standing in the same relationships.

### **Section 4. Personnel Career Activity System.**

All Officers requesting transfers to positions outside of the patrol shifts will utilize the Personnel Career Activity System (PCAS).

When Division Commanders are authorized to fill a current vacancy or newly created position, the Division Commanders shall request the position be advertised in the Daily Bulletin for a period of not less than four (4) calendar days. Only Division Commanders shall request the list of qualified candidates from the Manpower Allocations Detail.

All officers who hold the rank of Patrol Officer or Detective Investigator who apply for a position through PCAS and who are not selected, and who request same in writing through the chain of command to the Captain of the Unit to which the officer was not selected, shall be given the true reason for rejection in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date the request was received by the non-selecting Captain.

Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving a written rejection, an affected officer may submit a written appeal to the Deputy Chief who supervises the non-selecting Captain. The Deputy Chief shall affirm the rejection or overturn the rejection in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the appeal.

Appeals and responses under this section are not subject to Article 15 (Grievance Procedure) of this Agreement, nor may be used in any official proceeding, unless such response includes a violation of Article 4, Section 2 (Management Duties to the Association) of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 38**  
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Section 1. Service Handgun/Badge Upon Retirement.**

Each Officer who retires from the force shall be given their service handgun and badge at no charge.

**Section 2. Service-Connected Death.**

In the event of an Officer's death in the course and scope of employment, over and above the City's life insurance/accidental insurance benefit, the City shall pay funeral expenses of \$10,000 payable within 10 calendar days to the Officer's beneficiary as designated in the City's life insurance program and provide at no cost the Officer's badge and service handgun to that beneficiary if otherwise legal.

**Section 3. Special Assignments.**

A. Except as provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the City shall have a right to place Officers on special assignment. Officers placed on special assignment on an involuntary basis shall work the assignment for a maximum of sixty (60) calendar days. At the end of the sixty (60) calendar day period, the Chief of Police may extend the term, based on extenuating circumstances. Officers whose assignment exceeds the original sixty (60) calendar day period shall relinquish their seniority and relief days from the original, permanent assigned unit. Officers who object to the continuation of the special assignment after the sixty (60) calendar day period shall be returned to their assigned unit. Officers returning to an original unit from a special assignment that exceeded the sixty (60) calendar day limit must re-bid on relief days, based on the next available opening (no six (6)-month waiting period unless the special assignment goes beyond one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days, in which case the officer will be required to wait the six (6) months).

B. Officers placed on special assignment on a voluntary basis may work the assignment for a maximum of one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days. Officers whose assignment exceeds the original one hundred and eighty (180) calendar day period shall relinquish their seniority and relief days from their original, permanent assigned unit. Officers returning to their original unit from a special assignment that exceeded one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days must re-bid on relief days, based on the next available opening.

**Section 4. Permanent Personnel File.**

The City shall be required to maintain a permanent personnel file on each Officer, pursuant to the requirements as outlined in Section 143.089, Local Government Code or its successor in function.

**Section 5. Exception to Open Records Act (Officer File Photo).**

Contained within each Officer's permanent personnel file shall be a photograph(s) as defined by No. 474, Article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The same shall not be released to the

public or the press where the same would endanger the life or the physical safety of the officer unless:

- A. The Officer is under indictment or charged by an offense by information; or
- B. The Officer is a party in a Civil Service hearing or a case in arbitration; or
- C. The photograph is introduced as evidence in a judicial proceeding.

**Section 6. Pay Stub.**

The City will utilize electronic or paper payroll check stubs with current data showing accrued balances of sick leave, bonus leave, accrued holidays, compensatory time, vacation time, and military leave.

**Section 7. Family Assistance Officer.**

The Chief shall appoint a Family Assistance Officer. The Family Assistance Officer will be relieved of regular duty on a case-by-case basis in order to assist the families of officers who die or are seriously injured while on active duty, or suffer a catastrophic illness in making appropriate arrangements and completing necessary paperwork.

**Section 8. Reimbursement for Lost, Damaged, or Stolen Items.**

The Chief shall have discretion to reimburse any Officer, the replacement value (up to a maximum of \$250.00), for any personal item lost, damaged, or stolen (including clothing) as a result of on duty employment. The Chief shall also have the discretion to reimburse any Officer the replacement value, equivalent to the specifications for a Department approved personal rifle or shotgun as determined by the Firearms Proficiency Control Officer or Training Academy Commander's designee, for a personal rifle or shotgun lost, damaged, or stolen as a result of on-duty employment. The Chief's decision in this regard shall be final and is not subject to grievance and/or arbitration.

**Section 9. Physical Fitness.**

The City and the Association are committed to a healthy, physically fit and well-trained police department. In demonstrating this commitment, Officers who participate and meet standards as established in a police academy sponsored wellness program or who score the standards set out in this section during annual in-service training shall be awarded the administrative leave incentives outlined herein.

During October of each year preceding the starting date of each yearly in-service training, the Chief and the President of the Association shall appoint three (3) members each (six total) to a physical fitness panel. It will be the sole responsibility of this panel to set point values, time limits, and the necessary requirements for the wellness program and for achieving incentives for the next year's in-service. The Chief and Association shall provide written notice of their appointees to the physical fitness panel at least thirty (30) calendar days before the panel is scheduled to meet.

Through the use of both the most current Physical Fitness Standard number scale criteria, and the previous year testing results, the panel will set standards which best create a performance curve of the Department and provide incentives based on performance according to sex and age groupings. The panel shall reach an agreement on all items relating to point values, time limits, or necessary requirements, and all recommendations shall be forwarded to the Chief. The Chief can veto any recommendation and return the recommendation to the panel for re-examination. The Training Academy Commander shall act as the non-voting moderator and will be responsible to ensure the panel meets at the required stated time.

A. Academy Sponsored Wellness Program.

Officers may elect to participate in a personalized wellness program individually designed for the Officer by the fitness panel. Officers participating in personalized programs will have administrative leave incentives set by fitness panel. Personalized incentives will be awarded in accordance with personalized goals and objectives met by the individual officer involved. The Chief or designee will approve all panel approved individual wellness programs and award incentives of eight (8) to forty (40) hours in accordance with this Agreement and the success of the individual Officer in achievement of the designed goals and objectives which will be measured by the fitness test.

B. In-Service Physical Standards.

A PT staff member will monitor each Officer's sit-ups, push-ups, vertical jump, mile and one-half run, dummy drag and stationary or bicycle ride. The sit-ups, push-ups, weight control and vertical jump will be monitored on a one-on-one basis.

C. Incentives.

Officers who successfully complete any combination of exercises and who score within the pre-designated total point range will receive the corresponding physical fitness incentive of sixteen (16) to forty (40) administrative leave hours.

Officers who participate in the physical fitness program for three consecutive years during in-service and who do not receive an incentive shall receive one-day administrative leave for their participating in the program. For purposes of this section the physical fitness panel shall define participation for each year.

Officers may select five of the six events (which may include but shall not be limited to, sit ups, pushups, vertical jump, mile and one half run and/or walk, stationary or bicycle ride, and sprint, wall, drag) in which to participate in to achieve their goal. Weight loss is not an event but will be counted towards the Officers overall score. No points will be subtracted for not participating in any individual event.

Officers on light duty, that have a documented injury will need to provide the Academy PT staff with a copy of their 172-form in order to reschedule a make-up with the PT staff. Officers who cannot participate in the physical fitness portion of their scheduled in-service due to a documented

injury will have sixty (60) calendar days from the date they return to full duty in order to complete this portion of their in-service and qualify for the administrative leave hours.

Officers who attend their scheduled in-service but miss participating in the physical fitness portion due to Departmental business or other emergency, but not a documented injury, have thirty (30) calendar days from their scheduled in-service date to reschedule a make-up with the PT staff.

The award of administrative leave or lack thereof shall not be the grounds for a grievance. Decision by Academy staff as to the actual individual completion times or individual completion of exercise requirements shall be final. This leave shall be awarded the second pay period of the following quarter in which the Officer earned the administrative leave hours and the Officer has 365 calendar days from the date posted to the individual Officer's leave bank to use it.

#### **Section 10. Preemption**

It is expressly understood and agreed that all provisions of this Article shall preempt any statute, Executive Order, local ordinance, City policy or rule, which is in conflict with or is inconsistent with this Agreement and the procedures developed hereunder, including for example and not by way of limitation, any contrary provisions of Chapters 141, 142, and 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to Sections 141.032 and 142.0015 and Sections 143.041 through 143.047 and 143.089.

#### **Section 11. Preemption of Civil Service Chapter 143 Claims for Public Safety and Police Personnel.**

The City and the Association agree that officers covered by Meet & Confer between the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Park Police Officers Association, including but not limited to Park Police, Airport Police, Code Abatement Officers and Deputy City Marshals, are not members of the bargaining unit covered by and have no rights under the Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Police Officers Association. The parties agree that members of the bargaining unit covered by Meet & Confer between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Park Police Officers Association and/or San Antonio Airport Police Officers Association are not officers who have been hired in substantial compliance with Chapter 143 pertaining to civil service police positions, and are not officers who must have knowledge of work within the San Antonio Police Department in their duties, jobs, and responsibilities. This provision preempts any contrary provisions of Chapter 143 which might otherwise be applicable to such officers covered by Meet & Confer between the City of San Antonio and San Antonio Park Police Officers Association, and/or San Antonio Airport Police Officers Association and preempts any rights, privileges, or benefits to such officers which might arguably result from the creation of additional civil service positions.

### **ARTICLE 39 Civilianization**

#### **Section 1.**

Notwithstanding any provision in this agreement to the contrary (if any), and without altering any other provision of this Agreement, the City was authorized to civilianize the following positions or units, and any civilianization action taken by the City continues to be ratified and approved by the Association.

1. Court Liaison
2. Facilities Management
3. Communications
4. Research and Planning
5. Municipal Integrity
6. Crime Scene Unit
7. UCR/Report Review
8. Youth Services
9. Vehicle Storage

In addition to the listed functions above, the administrative services position titled Service and Support Bureau as reflected on the attached Organizational Chart, shall be a civilian position irrespective of the fact that portions of the job description carried out by that position have previously been the responsibility of sworn civil service personnel. It is understood and agreed, however, that the civilian position shall at no time supervise or command sworn civil service personnel.

The Crime Scene Unit shall maintain sworn supervisors, regardless of sworn staffing levels. Any reduction in the current sworn Crime Scene Unit non-supervisory positions shall be by attrition. The lead incident commander of the shooting investigation team shall be a sworn Officer. The City shall notify the Association President at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to civilianization of jobs traditionally performed by sworn officers and shall consult, and reach mutual agreement, with the Association President over the effects of such civilianization. The City agrees the effect of civilianization shall not reduce the authorized number of sworn Police Officers, Detectives or Supervisors.

## **Section 2.**

The City of San Antonio may additionally utilize civilians in any position created in the future, that does not require the individual to have and exercise the power of arrest under the standards for distinguishing between classified and civilian positions set forth in Lee v. City of Houston, or any later decision by the Supreme Court of Texas.

## **Section 3. Preemption**



It is expressly understood and agreed that all provisions of this Article shall preempt any statute, Executive Order, local ordinance, City policy or rule, which is in conflict with or is inconsistent with this Agreement and the procedures developed hereunder, including for example and not by way of limitation, any contrary provisions of Chapters 141, 142, and 143 of the Texas Local Government Code, including but not limited to Sections 143.001 through 143.027 and 143.041 through 143.047.

#### **ARTICLE 40**

##### **Savings Clause**

Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be inoperative, void or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement, it being the intention of the parties that no portion of this Agreement or provision herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of the invalidity of any other portion or provision.

#### **ARTICLE 41**

##### **Closing Statements**

##### **Section 1. Stability of Agreement.**

No agreement, understanding, alteration or variation of the Agreement, terms or provisions herein contained shall bind the parties unless made and executed in writing by the parties hereto. The failure of the City or the Officers to insist in any one or more instances, upon performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, shall not be considered as a waiver or relinquishment of the right of the City or the Officers to future performance of any such term or condition, and the obligations of the City and the Officers as to such future performance shall continue in full force and effect.

##### **Section 2. Civil Service.**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement conflicts or is inconsistent with any provision of Chapter 141, 142, or 143 of the Local Government Code or any other civil service provision, this Agreement shall prevail, notwithstanding any such provision of Chapter 141, 142, or 143 of the Local Government Code or any other civil service provision.

##### **Section 3. Full and Final Scope of the Agreement.**

The parties agree that each has had the full and unrestricted right and opportunity to make, advance, and discuss all matters properly within the province of collective bargaining. The above and foregoing Agreement constitutes the full and complete Agreement of the parties and there are no others, oral or written, except as herein contained. Each party for the term of this Agreement specifically waives the right to demand or petition for changes herein, whether or not the subjects were known to the parties at the time of execution hereof as proper subjects for collective bargaining. Subject to the Maintenance of Standards clause (Article 8), it is agreed that the City shall not be subject to provide additional wages, compensation, or emoluments of any kind beyond

that which is specified in this agreement; and should any future State law be enacted which requires cities to compensate City Police in any manner beyond the scope of this Agreement, the compensation or emolument levied against the City shall be waived and disclaimed in-to. It is additionally agreed that, except as specifically modified by this Agreement, benefits and emoluments provided Police Officers by State legislation shall remain in effect throughout the term of the Agreement, notwithstanding the fact that during the life of this Agreement, legislation may become effective which would negate certain benefits or emoluments.

**Section 4. Impasse Procedure.**

In the event the City and the Association reach an impasse in collective bargaining negotiations, as such impasse is defined in Chapter 174 of the Local Government Code, the parties shall abide by the impasse procedure set forth in City Ordinance No. 51838, which ordinance is set forth in Attachment 3 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. This agreement, and the "contract" referred to in the ordinance are one and the same.

**Section 5. No Bypass Agreement.**

The parties hereto agree that all negotiations will be conducted exclusively between the designated representatives of the City and the Association. Neither party will make any effort to bypass the spokesman of the other party during the period of negotiations up to and including impasse resolution attempts.

**Section 6. Indemnity.**

The indemnity provided herein by the City shall be permitted to the extent, and only to the extent, permitted by Texas Law.

FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

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Maria Villagómez  
Deputy City Manager  
Chief Negotiator

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Erik J. Walsh  
City Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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William McManus  
Police Chief

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Andrew Segovia  
City Attorney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:

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Ronald G. DeLord  
Chief Negotiator

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John Diaz  
President, SAPOA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Agreement Ratified by SAPOA

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**EXPEDITED LABOR ARBITRATION RULES**

**1. Agreement of Parties**

These procedures shall apply whenever the parties have agreed to arbitrate under them, the Streamlined Labor Arbitration Rules, or the Expedited Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Rules, or the Expedited Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, in the form obtaining when the arbitration is initiated.

**2. Appointment of Neutral Arbitrator**

The AAA shall appoint a single neutral arbitrator from its Panel of Labor Arbitrators, who shall hear and determine the case promptly.

**3. Qualifications of Neutral Arbitrator**

No person shall serve as a neutral arbitrator in any arbitration in which that person has any financial or personal interest in the result of the arbitration. Prior to accepting an appointment, the prospective arbitrator shall disclose any circumstance likely to prevent a prompt hearing or to create a presumption of bias. Upon receipt of such information, the AAA shall immediately replace the arbitrator or communicate the information to serve promptly.

**4. Vacancies**

The AAA is authorized to substitute another arbitrator if a vacancy occurs or if an appointed arbitrator is unable to serve promptly.

**5. Date, Time and Place of Hearing**

The arbitrator shall fix the date, time and place of hearing, notice of which must be given at least 24 hours in advance. Such notice may be given orally or by facsimile.

**6. No Stenographic Record**

There shall be no stenographic record of the proceedings.

**7. Proceedings**

The hearing shall be conducted by the arbitrator in whatever manner will most expeditiously permit full presentation of the evidence and arguments of the parties. The arbitrator shall make an appropriate minute of the proceedings. Normally, the hearing shall be completed within one day. In unusual circumstances and for good cause shown, the arbitrator may schedule an additional hearing to be held within seven days.

## **8. Posthearing Briefs**

There shall be no posthearing briefs.

## **9. Time of Award**

The award shall be rendered promptly by the arbitrator and, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, no later than seven days from the date of the closing of the hearing.

## **10. Form of Award**

The award shall be in writing and shall be signed by the arbitrator. If the arbitrator determines that an opinion is necessary, it shall be in summary form.

## Attachment 2 Wages

A. The following monthly wage scale where effective October 1, 2022

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Police Officer	\$4,706	\$5,662	\$6,043	\$6,164	\$6,285	\$6,411
Police Detective Investigator	\$6,590	\$6,785	\$6,986	\$7,126		
Police Sergeant	\$7,485	\$7,633	\$7,786			
Police Lieutenant	\$8,383	\$8,550	\$8,722			
Police Captain	\$9,619	\$9,812	\$10,007			
Police Deputy Chief	\$13,315					
Police Assistant Chief	\$14,380					

B. The following monthly wage scales shall become effective April 1, 2023

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Police Officer	\$4,871	\$5,860	\$6,255	\$6,380	\$6,505	\$6,635
Police Detective Investigator	\$6,821	\$7,022	\$7,231	\$7,375		
Police Sergeant	\$7,747	\$7,900	\$8,059			
Police Lieutenant	\$8,676	\$8,849	\$9,027			
Police Captain	\$9,956	\$10,155	\$10,357			
Police Deputy Chief	\$13,781					
Police Assistant Chief	\$14,883					

C. The following monthly wage scales shall become effective April 1, 2024

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Police Officer	\$5,041	\$6,065	\$6,473	\$6,603	\$6,733	\$6,868
Police Detective Investigator	\$7,059	\$7,268	\$7,484	\$7,634		
Police Sergeant	\$8,018	\$8,177	\$8,341			
Police Lieutenant	\$8,980	\$9,159	\$9,343			
Police Captain	\$10,304	\$10,511	\$10,720			
Police Deputy Chief	\$14,263					
Police Assistant Chief	\$15,404					

D. The following monthly wage scales shall become effective April 1, 2025

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Police Officer	\$5,243	\$6,308	\$6,732	\$6,867	\$7,002	\$7,142
Police Detective Investigator	\$7,342	\$7,559	\$7,783	\$7,939		
Police Sergeant	\$8,339	\$8,504	\$8,674			
Police Lieutenant	\$9,339	\$9,525	\$9,717			
Police Captain	\$10,716	\$10,931	\$11,149			
Police Deputy Chief	\$14,834					
Police Assistant Chief	\$16,020					

E. The following monthly wage scales shall become effective April 1, 2026

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Police Officer	\$5,453	\$6,560	\$7,002	\$7,142	\$7,282	\$7,428
Police Detective Investigator	\$7,635	\$7,861	\$8,094	\$8,256		
Police Sergeant	\$8,672	\$8,844	\$9,021			
Police Lieutenant	\$9,713	\$9,906	\$10,106			
Police Captain	\$11,145	\$11,369	\$11,594			
Police Deputy Chief	\$15,427					
Police Assistant Chief	\$16,661					

ATTACHMENT 3

CITY ORDINANCE 51838

AN ORDINANCE **51838**

ESTABLISHING A BINDING IMPASSE PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT AN IMPASSE IS REACHED DURING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS WITH THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OR WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 624; ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE IMPASSE PROCEDURE WILL BECOME INVALID AND VOID; REITERATING THE CITY'S AUTHORITY AND INTENTION TO DISCIPLINE ANY FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER ENGAGING IN A STRIKE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN MARCH of 1981.

WHEREAS, the courts of the State of Texas have found to be unconstitutional a portion of the impasse procedure contained in the Fire and Police Employee Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the courts leave the City and the Fire and Police Associations without an acceptable impasse procedure in the event contract talks reach impasse; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to bargain in good faith with its Firefighters and Police Officers, while insuring that Firefighters and Police Officers are discouraged from engaging in any kind of strike or job action; and

WHEREAS, the City intends for this ordinance to be effective only long enough for the parties to bargain an impasse procedure and establish it by contract;  
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. (Normal bargaining) The City shall engage in collective bargaining in accordance with the provisions of the Firemen's and Policemen's Employee Relations Act, and shall use the services of a mediator when appropriate.

SECTION 2. (Factfinding to be used) In the event of an impasse, a factfinding panel shall ascertain the facts and make recommendations.

SECTION 3. (Composition of the factfinding panel) Factfinding shall be accomplished by a factfinding panel of three (3) members. One (1) member shall be appointed by the Association, one (1) by the City, and the third (neutral) shall be as agreed upon or, if unable to reach agreement, selected through the American Arbitration Association procedure. The cost of the neutral shall be shared equally. The Association's member, if paid, shall be paid by the Association, and the City shall pay for the City representative, if any cost is involved.



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**CITY ORDINANCE 51838**  
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SECTION 4. (Guidelines limiting the scope of factfinding ):

- a. The overall compensation in the current contract including direct salary and fringe benefits;
- b. A comparison of wages, hours and conditions of employment of San Antonio Police Officers and Firefighters with the wages, hours, and conditions of employment of other public and private employees in the local labor market area performing similar services and with other employees generally in public and private employment in comparable cities in the State of Texas and the City of San Antonio;
- c. The hazards of employment, physical, educational, and mental qualifications, job training and skills required of a San Antonio Police Officer or Firefighter;
- d. The cost of living in San Antonio relative to other communities;
- e. The rate of increase in the cost of living for the preceding twelve-month period using localized data to the fullest extent feasible;
- f. Any current national or state policies or guidelines with respect to compensation, and the extent to which such guidelines are followed in the comparable public and private sectors set forth in Section 4b. above.

SECTION 5. (Action upon recommendations of the factfinding panel) The findings and recommendations of the factfinding panel shall not be made public for seven (7) days. If, within seven (7) days after factfinding, the parties have failed to agree to a contract, the findings and recommendations of the factfinding panel shall be made public. If, within ten (10) days after the recommendations have been made public the parties have not agreed to a contract, the major unresolved issues shall at the request of either party be submitted to a referendum election which shall be binding on the parties.

SECTION 6. (Conduct of the referendum)

- a. The election shall be held on the first date permissible under state law.
- b. The party rejecting the factfinder's recommendation shall pay 3/4 of the cost of the referendum; the other party 1/4 of the cost.
- c. Each party shall be entitled to submit two (2) and only two (2) unsettled issues to the voters. The existing contract shall, therefore, be changed only by the outcome of the referendum issues.
- d. Certain rights are reserved to City management and are not subject to referendum. They are:
  - (1) The right to hire, direct, transfer and assign employees.
  - (2) The right to reduce in force or lay off employees because of lack of work or funds. (All reductions shall be in accordance with Civil Service laws)
  - (3) The right to determine appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards; along with the quality and quantity of services to be offered to the public; and the means and methods of offering those services.
  - (4) The right to discharge for cause.
  - (5) The right to use security personnel, which include, but are not limited to such job classifications incorporated with the Classification Manual as Airport Security Guard, Park Ranger, Lifeguard, School Crossing Guard, and Municipal Guard, which require training in law enforcement, safety and security duties, firefighting skills, emergency medical treatment, water safety, and other similar related skills.
  - (6) The right to use civilians in the Police Department and the Fire Department to perform duties which do not require a commissioned officer or the power of arrest.

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- e. Civil Service laws shall not be subject to referendum.
- f. The City shall not place on the referendum ballot any issue that would reduce any existing direct economic benefit accruing to association members.
- g. Polling places shall be consolidated to the maximum degree feasible in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 7. (The procedure void in case of a strike) Should an Association cause, counsel, or permit its members to strike, slow down, disrupt, impede, or otherwise impair the normal functions of its department; or in any manner encourage members to refuse to cross any picket line by whomever established, where such refusal would interfere with or impede the performance of the employee's duties as an employee of the City, the City shall render null and void the impasse procedure established by this ordinance by giving written notice to this effect to the president of the Association.

SECTION 8. (Disciplinary action) By this ordinance, the City reaffirms its right and intent to discipline any Firefighter or Police Officer who engages in any action listed in Section 7 above, in addition to whatever other remedies may be available to the City at law or in equity.

SECTION 9. (Time limitation of the ordinance) This ordinance is intended to provide an impasse procedure for the 1980 bargaining year only. It is intended to provide an opportunity for the Firefighter and Police Associations and the City to bargain an impasse procedure and include such a procedure as a permanent provision of the contract. Accordingly, this ordinance shall become invalid and void after March 31, 1981.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1980.

*Lila Cockull*  
MAYOR

ATTEST: *Norma J. Rodriguez*  
City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Tom Tomlin*  
for City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FUNDS:

*Carl H. White*  
Director of Finance

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

TO: The Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Claude C. McRaven, Employee Relations Coordinator  
COPIES TO: file  
SUBJECT: An Impasse Procedure for Collective Bargaining

Date February 11, 1980

Background

The proposed ordinance is submitted in accordance with the Council's directive (Resolution of December 13, 1979) to develop an impasse procedure to be utilized during the 1980-'81 Fire and Police Contract Negotiations, in the event the parties fail to reach agreement.

It is felt the procedures outlined offer the best compromise available to insure good faith bargaining for the upcoming contract talks. The ordinance is designed to self-destruct after the 1980 negotiations; and any impasse procedure beyond this time period should be bargained and included in future contracts, if agreement can be reached.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The ordinance provides an impasse procedure which is workable and which is in the best interest of the City. It is recommended for adoption with the understanding that all parties will negotiate in good faith toward agreement on a reasonable and workable procedure to be included in future contracts.



Claude C. McRaven  
Employee Relations Coordinator

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Recommendation Approved:



Thomas E. Huebner  
City Manager

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AN ORDINANCE **8 3 9 2 7**

ADOPTING THE CITY'S OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE LIABILITY PLAN POLICY AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 62206, ADOPTED IN JANUARY 1986.

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**WHEREAS**, the current Ordinance adopted as Ordinance No. 62206, in January 1986, lacks procedural detail and clarity, causing concerns as to "acts" covered and excluded under the Indemnification Policy; lacks detail in procedures that officers and employees need to follow in order to be entitled to indemnification; and causes confusion as to when the City will pay for employee's outside counsel, and

**WHEREAS**, a new Ordinance is needed to define "acts" and to formalize the procedural process; **NOW THEREFORE**:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** This Ordinance formally adopts the City of San Antonio Officer and Employee Liability Plan Policy ("the Plan"). It replace Ordinance No. 62206, adopted in January 1986. The Plan indemnifies City officers and employees in connection with legal proceedings arising from the performance of their duties.

**SECTION 2.** This Policy will clarify the rights and responsibilities of the City, and of the officer or employee, and will simplify the process of responding in a timely manner to the initiation of litigation. The Plan shall consist of the policies, rights, and duties embodied in this Ordinance, and shall be implemented and administered as provided by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** The proposed Ordinance defines "acts" that are covered and excluded. If the City denies coverage, the Plan member may seek a determination from the court as to whether they are entitled to coverage; it will formalize the procedural process, in that officers and employees are given specific procedures in order to request indemnification.

**SECTION 4.** The City Attorney or his designee will represent the Plan member unless a conflict arises, then the Plan member must select an approved private attorney for representation. The City will not pay for any costs or legal fees incurred by the Plan member if they utilize an attorney not approved by the City Attorney and Risk Manager, unless required by law.

**SECTION 5.** The Plan does not affect police/fire personnel under their present labor contracts.

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**SECTION 6.** Formal adoption of this Ordinance will not necessitate a current budget amendment, as expenditures will be approved on a case-by-case basis in connection with each individual lawsuit.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall be effective on April 25, 1996.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of April, 1996.

ATTEST

  
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ASSISTANT City Clerk

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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**The City of San Antonio Officer and Employee Liability Plan Policy**

**Section 1. Definitions.**

The following terms, as used in this Ordinance, shall have the following meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Act" includes an omission or failure to Act.
2. "City" means the City of San Antonio, Texas.
3. "City Vehicle" means a vehicle or any mobile equipment leased to, or owned by CITY.
4. "Claim" means any claim made or suit brought against the City and/or a Plan Member for damage or injury alleged to be caused by a Covered Act.
5. "Claims Board" means the CITY's Self-Insurance Claims Board created by the Program Ordinance.
6. "Coverage Determination Action" means an action by a Plan Member to determine coverage under the Plan pursuant to Section 7 of this Ordinance.
7. "Covered Act" means any act or omission of a Plan Member while constituting no waiver of immunities, that:
  - (a) occurs during the discharge of the Plan Member's official duties,
  - (b) is within the course and scope of the Plan Member's office, employment, or assigned work with the CITY, as applicable, or
  - (c) constitutes, or is alleged or asserted to constitute, negligence on the part of the Plan Member.
  - (d) occurs during incidental medical services or first aid (including transportation) at the scene of an accident or injury by any Plan Member not regularly engaged in the medical profession.

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- (e) occurs while rendering medical services (including transportation) by emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses and aides employed by the CITY while in the course of their employment as such.
  - (f) occurs while a Plan Member is carrying out their authorized duties related to the CITY's public safety activities.
  - (g) occurs while a Plan Member is using a CITY Vehicle, or one hired by or on behalf of the CITY, provided the use is with the permission of the CITY, or
  - (h) arises from the use of a Non-Owned Automobile by a Plan Member while such automobile is being used in the business of the CITY.
  - (i) arises from an act or omission of a Plan Member while they are acting the course of their duties as a member of the Claims Board.
8. "Excluded Action" means any Claim against a Plan Member:
- (a) by the CITY; or
  - (b) that results from (i) an intentional or knowing violation of a penal law (including an administrative agency rule having the force and effect of law) committed by, or with the knowledge and consent of, the Plan Member; (ii) an act of fraud committed by, or at the direction of the Plan Member; (iii) official misconduct, a willful or wrongful act or omission, or an act or omission constituting gross negligence committed by, or at the direction of, the Plan Member; (iv) an act of conspiracy or collusion by the Plan Member against the CITY; or (v) knowing or intentional violation by the Plan Member of any ordinances, policies or procedures of the CITY, or of lawful orders, instructions or directives of CITY management; or (vi) an intentional or knowing violation of employment rules or policies; or
  - (c) that arises while the Plan Member is using or operating a CITY vehicle or other CITY property or equipment with no authority to do so; or
  - (d) that asserts or alleges liability assumed by the Plan Member under a contract, unless the Plan Member is authorized by the CITY to enter into the contract; or
  - (e) that includes a joinder by the Plan Member of a claim or suit of the member against the CITY for benefits under the Plan; or

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- (f) for damages that are not recoverable against the CITY; or
  - (g) for damages the CITY is precluded from paying under Section 102.002, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, or for payments in excess of the limitations on payments by the CITY prescribed by Section 102.003, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated; or
  - (h) that includes exemplary damages.
9. "Excluded Loss" means any of the following:
- (a) any Loss that arises out of an Excluded Action; or
  - (b) any Loss the CITY is precluded from paying by law; or
  - (c) any Loss arising out of a Claim resulting from a Covered Act that occurred before the Plan took effect, unless the Board at its discretion, extends coverage; or
  - (d) any Loss arising out of a claim resulting from a Covered Act that occurs while the Plan is in effect if (i) the Plan Member experiencing the Loss becomes legally obligated to pay the Loss after the Plan is terminated, and (ii) such Claim or Legal proceeding were barred by any statute of limitations when instituted; or
  - (e) any Loss arising out of a Claim resulting from a Covered Act that occurs after the Plan is terminated.
10. "Loss" means (i) the damages, excluding exemplary damages, that a Plan Member or former Plan Member is legally obligated to pay on account of a Claim; and (ii) amounts paid, or agreed to be paid, by the CITY pursuant to Section 3(b) and 4 of this Ordinance, to compromise or settle a Claim in order to avoid the risk expense and uncertainty of litigation.
- "Loss Expenses" means any of the following:
- (a) the CITY's expense in investigating or defending a claim that may result in a Plan Claim; and
  - (b) the costs taxed against a Plan Member in a suit that results in a Plan Claim and any pre-judgment or post-judgment interest for which the Plan Member is liable; and



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- (c) the reasonable expenses of a Plan Member incurred at the CITY's request in connection with a Claim that may result in a Plan Claim; and
  - (d) any attorneys' fees ordered by a court to be paid by a Plan Member in a suit arising out of a Claim that results in a Plan Claim.
12. "Non-Owned Automobile" means an automobile which is neither a CITY Vehicle nor one hired by the CITY.
13. "Plan" means the City of San Antonio Officer and Employee Liability Plan, as established by this Ordinance.
14. "Plan Claim" means any Plan Loss, together with the Plan Loss Expenses that result from the Claim giving rise to such Plan Loss.
15. "Plan Loss" means any Loss that is not an Excluded Loss.
16. "Plan Loss Expenses" means any Loss Expenses, except those incurred in connection with an Excluded Action.
17. "Plan Member" means an individual who at the time of a covered Act is
- (a) an employee of the CITY;
  - (b) the Mayor, and any other member of the City Council;
  - (c) a member of (i) a CITY board, commission, or committee created by charter, ordinance, or resolution of the CITY, or (ii) the board of directors of any nonprofit corporation created under the authority of the City Council as an instrumentality of the CITY, unless by specific contract provision the CITY does not provide coverage.
18. "Program Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 83926 (which establishes the CITY's Self-Insurance), as from time to time amended.

**Section 2. Plan Established.**

The CITY hereby establishes the "City of San Antonio Officer and Employee Liability Plan" which shall consist of the policies, rights, and duties embodied in this Ordinance. The Plan shall be implemented and administered as provided by this Ordinance.

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**Section 3. Defense and Settlement.**

- (a) The CITY will defend any suit, except an Excluded Action, against a Plan Member or former Plan Member that results from a covered Act occurring prior to termination of the Plan, even if the suit is groundless or fraudulent.
- (b) The CITY may investigate, negotiate, or settle any Claim, as the CITY determines necessary or appropriate.

**Section 4. Payment of Plan Claims.**

- (a) The funds will pay each Plan Claim subject to any limitations contained in the Program Ordinance No. 83926, subject to the provisions of State law.
- (b) This Ordinance will in no way alter any CITY tort or contract liability existing the date of its' passage. More specifically, this Ordinance will not alter contractual obligations in either San Antonio Firefighters or San Antonio Police, labor contracts existing the date of this Ordinance's passage.
- (c) This Ordinance does not include payment, by the CITY, of exemplary damages on the behalf of a Plan Member.
- (d) **TO BE ENTITLED TO PAYMENT BY THE FUNDS FOR ANY PLAN CLAIM, A PLAN MEMBER MUST:**
  - (1) give notice of loss;
  - (2) notify the Claims Board in writing, within a reasonable time to be determined by the Board, after receipt of any written or oral notice of any Claim that may result in a Plan Claim but in any event not later than two (2) working days after receipt of such notice;
  - (3) cooperate fully with the Claims Board, City Attorney, Risk Management, the CITY and, upon the request of the Claims Board, assist in making settlement, in the conduct of any suit, and in enforcing any right of contribution or indemnity against an individual or organization who may be liable for the Act giving rise to a Claim, or to the CITY because of the payment by the CITY of a Plan Claim;
  - (4) cooperate fully in the investigation and defense of any Plan Claim made against the Plan Member including but not limited to, attendance at any hearing or trial held in connection with a Plan Claim and assisting in discovery, securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses;

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- (5) not give any oral or written statement or enter into any stipulation or agreement concerning a Claim resulting in a Plan Claim, except upon advice of the City Attorney or his designee or when questioned by a police officer at the scene of an accident;
- (6) not, except at the Plan Member's own cost, voluntarily make any payment, assume any obligation, or incur any expense with respect to any Claim resulting in a Plan Claim without the consent of the Claims Board;
- (7) deliver to the City Attorney or his designee, promptly upon receipt, but no later than two (2) working days, any demand, summons, notice, or other process received by the Plan Member in connection with any Claim that may result in a Plan Claim;
- (8) comply with the claims administrative procedure of the Claims Board; and
- (9) perform the duties and comply with the requirements imposed on the Plan member by this Ordinance or by the Program Ordinance.

**Section 5. Legal Representation.**

- (a) The CITY will provide legal representation for a Plan Member or former Plan Member in a Claim, except an Excluded Action, in which the asserted or alleged liability of the member results from a Covered Act occurring prior to termination of the Plan.
- (b) The City Attorney or his designee, and the Risk Manager, shall select, supervise and/or retain, if applicable, attorneys, experts, and investigators he deems necessary in connection with the defense of any Plan Claim.
- (c) The City Attorney or his designee shall be authorized to pursue all cross-claims, counter claims, and/or affirmative defenses on behalf of a Plan Member or former Plan Member.
- (d) If the City Attorney determines that there exists a potential conflict of interest for the City Attorney to represent a Plan Member (pursuant to Subsection (a) of this Section), the CITY will pay the reasonable fee of an a private attorney approved by the City Attorney and Risk Manager to represent the Plan Member.

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- (e) If the Plan Member utilizes an attorney not selected and approved by the City Attorney and Risk Manager, the Plan Member assumes all responsibility for all associated costs, fees, and expenses, except those required by law that the CITY pay.

**Section 6. Assignment.**

If payment of a Plan Claim or legal representation is provided to a Plan Member under the Plan, the CITY is assigned the Plan Member's rights of recovery against any individual or organization to the extent of the CITY's payment or liability for payment. A Plan Member shall execute and deliver to the Claims Board such documents as are necessary to secure this right of assignment in the sole opinion of the City Attorney or his designee. A Plan Member shall not do anything after a Plan Claim is incurred to prejudice this right.

The Plan Member shall:

- (a) cooperate fully with the Claims Board and, upon the request of the Claims Board, assist in making settlement, in the conduct of any suit, and in enforcing any right of contributions or indemnity against an individual or organization who may be liable to the CITY because of the payment by the CITY of a Plan Claim;
- (b) attend any hearing or trial held in connection with a Plan Claim and assist in discovery, securing and giving evidence, and obtaining the attendance of witnesses.

**Section 7. Determination of Coverage.**

If the CITY denies coverage under the Plan to a Plan Member, the Plan Member may seek a determination of whether the member is entitled to such coverage from a court of proper jurisdiction.

**Section 8. No Creation of Cause of Action.**

**NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING A RIGHT OR CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE CITY OR A PLAN MEMBER OR AS GIVING A RIGHT TO A THIRD PARTY TO INSTITUTE OR MAINTAIN A SUIT THAT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE EXIST UNDER LAW AS A LEGAL CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OR A PLAN MEMBER.**

**Section 9. Indemnification of Claims Board.**

In the course of carrying out its responsibilities, the Claims Board and its members shall be indemnified and held harmless by the CITY for any act or omission and the Program shall pay all attorney fees necessary in its defense and fully recognize the members' official immunity.

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**Section 10. Administration of Plan.**

The Claims Board is responsible for the administration of the Plan in accordance with its terms, subject to the superior authority of the City Manager and approval by the City Council. In the course of carrying out this responsibility, the Claims Board shall interpret and apply the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Other Insurance.**

The Self-Insurance afforded by this Ordinance is primary self-insurance. When this self-insurance is primary and the Plan Member has other insurance which is stated to be applicable to the Plan Claim, the amount of the Fund's liability under this Ordinance shall not be reduced by the existence of such other insurance.

**Section 12. Construction, Amendment, Repeal, and Termination.**

The Rules of Construction, as found in the Code Interpretation Act, shall apply in interpreting this Ordinance. This Ordinance may be repealed or amended at any time, subject to existing rights of Plan Members under Section 4 of this Ordinance, in which case the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern, all save and except, continuing obligations under prior indemnity ordinances.

**Section 13. Conflicts With Other Ordinances.**

This Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any other ordinance of the CITY except to the extent that the provisions thereof are inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance, in which case the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

**Section 14. Severability.**

That the terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if the validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance.

**Section 15. Governmental Regulations.**

The regulations provided in this Ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

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**Section 16. Payments Subject to Appropriation.**

All amounts payable under this Ordinance are subject to available and appropriated funding, and applicable law.

**Section 17. No Right to Fund by Plan Member.**

This Ordinance does not grant or vest any right to any Plan Member in, or to, the Funds administered by the Program Ordinance or any other funds of the City of San Antonio.

**Section 18. Effective Date of Plan.**

The program shall become effective on April 25, 1996, 12:01 a.m. and shall continue in effect until terminated by the City Council.

**Section 19. Effective Date of Ordinance.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its final adoption by the City Council.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 33  
**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Office of the Director

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Nora W. Chávez, Director of Finance and Lloyd Garza, City Attorney  
**COPIES:** J. Rolando Bono, Assistant City Manager; Frank Garza, First Assistant City Attorney; Richard Ramirez, Assistant Director of Finance; Bruce Birdwell, Risk Manager; File  
**SUBJECT:** Indemnification Ordinance

**Date:** March 26, 1996

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This Ordinance formally adopts the City of San Antonio Officer and Employee Liability Plan Policy ("the Plan"). It replaces Ordinance No. 62206, adopted in January 1986. The Plan indemnifies City officers and employees in connection with legal proceedings arising from the performance of their duties. This Policy will clarify the rights and responsibilities of the City, and of the officer or employee, and will simplify the process of responding in a timely manner to the initiation of litigation. The Plan does not affect police/fire personnel under their present labor contracts. The Plan shall consist of the policies, rights, and duties embodied in this Ordinance, and shall be implemented and administered as provided by this Ordinance.

Staff recommends approval of this Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The current Ordinance was adopted as Ordinance No. 62206, in January 1986, but lacks procedural detail and clarity, causing concerns as to "acts" covered and excluded under the Indemnification Policy. The Ordinance also lacks detail in procedures that officers and employees need to follow in order to be entitled to indemnification; and causes confusion as to when the City will pay for employee's outside counsel.

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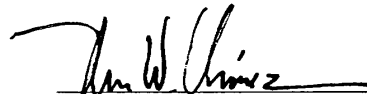
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Formal adoption of this Ordinance will not necessitate a current budget amendment, as expenditures will be approved on a case-by-case basis in connection with each individual lawsuit.

**COORDINATION:**

The Finance Department and the City Attorney's Office have jointly developed this Ordinance for consideration.

  
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Lloyd Garza  
City Attorney

  
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Nora W. Chávez  
Director of Finance

Approved:

  
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Alexander E. Briseño  
City Manager



## ATTACHMENT 5 BENEFITS

ITEM	Police Value Plan Effective 01/01/23		Police Consumer Driven Health Plan Effective 01/01/23	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Office Visits</b>				
<b>Primary Care</b>	\$25 co-pay	40% after Deductible	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Specialty Care</b>	\$50 co-pay	40% after Deductible	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Co-insurance (member share)</b>	20% after deductible	40% after deductible	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Individual Deductible Individual / Family</b>	\$500 / \$1,000	\$1,500 / \$3,000	\$3,000 / \$6,000	\$4,500 / \$9,000
<b>Individual Out Of Pocket Maximum Individual / Family</b>  (effective 1/1/15 all eligible cost share amounts apply toward the Out of Pocket Maximum)  Once the Out of Pocket Maximum is met, all benefits increase to 100% coverage with no member cost sharing for the remainder of the calendar year, except for monthly employee contributions.	\$1,500 / \$3,000	\$3,000/ \$6,000	\$3,000/ \$6,000	\$4,500 / \$9,000
<b>Emergency Room Facility charges</b>	\$250 Co-Pay, then 20% coinsurance. Co-pay waived if admitted	\$250 Co-Pay, then 20% coinsurance. Co-pay waived if admitted.	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Emergency Room Physician charges</b>	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Urgent Care</b>	\$50 co-pay	40% after deductible	0% once deductible is met	0% once deductible is met
<b>Lifetime Maximum Benefit</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

ITEM	Police Value Plan Effective 01/01/23		Police Consumer Driven Health Plan Effective 01/01/23	
<b>Pharmacy Program</b>				
<b>Coordination with Calendar Year Medical Deductible</b>	No	Not Applicable	Yes	Not Applicable
<b>Separate In-Network Brand Drug Deductible Per Person</b>	\$100	Not Applicable	Covered Non-Preventive Drugs are subject to the Calendar Year	Not Applicable
<b>In-Network Rx Out of Pocket Max</b>	All cost share applies to the annual Out of Pocket Maximum above	Not Applicable	All cost share applied to the annual Out of Pocket Maximum above	Not Applicable
<b>Pharmacy Co-Pays</b>				
<b>Affordable Care Act Preventive Drugs</b>	Covered at 100% No Member Cost Sharing	Not Covered	Covered at 100% No Member Cost Sharing	Not Covered
<b>Tier 1: 1-30 day supply</b>	\$10 Co-pay (or prescription cost, whichever is less)	Not Covered	Non ACA preventive drugs are subject to the same co-pay structure as the Value Plan.  All other drugs are subject to the calendar year Non ACA preventive drugs are subject to the same co-pay All other drugs are subject to the calendar year	Not Covered
<b>Tier 2: 1-30 day supply</b>	\$25 Co-pay	Not Covered		Not Covered
<b>Tier 1: Retail/Mail 90-day supply</b>	\$20 Co-pay	Not Covered		Not Covered
<b>Tier 2: Retail/Mail 90-day supply</b>	\$50 Co-pay	Not Covered		Not Covered

ITEM	Police Value Plan Effective 01/01/23		Police Consumer Driven Health Plan Effective 01/01/23	
<b>OTHER (Services are provided per provisions above, with following provisos)</b>				
<b>Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapy</b>	No annual limit *speech includes child born under the plan with developmental disorder or birth defects	No annual limit *speech includes child born under the plan with developmental disorder or birth defects	No annual limit *speech includes child born under the plan with developmental disorder or birth defects	No annual limit *speech includes child born under the plan with developmental disorder or birth defects
<b>Serious Mental Health Physician Services - Office Visits</b>	Full Mental Health Parity - covered same as any illness	Full Mental Health Parity - covered same as any illness	Full Mental Health Parity - covered same as any illness	Full Mental Health Parity - covered same as any illness
<b>Chiropractic</b>	20% after deductible	Not Covered	In-network 0% once deductible is met	Not Covered
<b>In-Vitro Coverage</b>	20% after deductible Limit to six attempts per lifetime	40% after deductible Limit to six attempts per lifetime	0% after deductible Limit to six attempts per lifetime	0% after deductible Limit to six attempts per lifetime
<b>Routine Physical Exams (annual for age 2 and up)</b>	0%	40% after deductible	0%	0% after deductible
<b>Dependent Children Well Visits</b>	0% birth to age 2 with no annual \$ limit	40% after deductible	0% birth to age 2 with no annual \$ limit	0% after deductible
<b>Pap, Mammogram, PSA</b>	Covered at 100% annually, age and gender appropriate	40% after deductible	Covered at 100% annually, age and gender appropriate	0% after deductible
<b>Immunizations</b>	0%	40% after deductible	0%	0% after deductible

<b>Semi-Monthly Employee Contributions</b>								
	2023		2024		2025		2026	
	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>
EE Only	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EE & Spouse	\$66.62	\$0.00	\$73.28	\$0.00	\$80.61	\$0.00	\$88.67	\$0.00
EE & Children	\$44.65	\$0.00	\$49.12	\$0.00	\$54.03	\$0.00	\$59.43	\$0.00
EE & Family	\$110.54	\$0.00	\$121.59	\$0.00	\$133.75	\$0.00	\$147.13	\$0.00

<b>Health Savings Account (H.S.A.) Annual City Contributions (only for CDHP)</b>								
<b>(Voluntary employee contributions may be made to a Flexible Spending Account if the employee is not eligible for the H.S.A)</b>								
	2023		2024		2025		2026	
	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>CDHP</u>
EE Only	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
EE & Spouse	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
EE & Children	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
EE & Family	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00

**ATTACHMENT 6  
MASTER CONTRACT DOCUMENT**

**City of San Antonio**

Master Contract Document

for the

San Antonio Police Officers' Association Bargaining Unit

Health Benefit Program

San Antonio, Texas

May 2022

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## **MASTER CONTRACT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the Employee Health Benefit Program is to provide the City of San Antonio Uniform Employees with a family health plan, with coverage and benefits defined herein.

This Master Contract defines and provides for coverage and administration for the benefits common to uniform CITY employees. The variations in coverage applicable to such classes are set forth in specific appendices to this MASTER CONTRACT, including but not limited to POLICE OFFICERS. The coverage provisions applicable to a COVERED PERSON shall collectively be referred to as the Plan, and the provisions of this MASTER CONTRACT and the applicable appendices for any COVERED PERSON shall be referred to as the PLAN DOCUMENT.

This PLAN DOCUMENT does not provide for any premium payment or contributions to the cost of coverage. The obligation and amount of such payments are separately determined from the Ordinances of the City Council or any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements.

This plan is open to uniform CITY EMPLOYEES.

The benefits provided and defined in this MASTER CONTRACT are self-funded by the City of San Antonio at the time this document was drafted, but the City of San Antonio is entitled to reinsure any portion of its obligations hereunder, and additionally may contract for any carrier acceptable to the City Council to assume and administer coverage and benefits under this document.

Both parties understand and agree the CITY shall provide health care benefits to the extent they are required by law in accordance with HR 3590 “The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” and HR 4872 “Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010” pursuant to its effective dates.

ANY BENEFITS UNDER THE CITY'S INSURANCE OR SELF FUNDED PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN ANY BUDGET YEAR, OR BY AMENDMENT OR OTHER LAWFUL CHANGE TO THE APPLICABLE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

The City of San Antonio may select a CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR from time to time, or may elect to administer claims under the plan as an internal function. The CITY'S CLAIM ADMINISTRATOR is not an insurer.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

NAME OF PLAN: Police Value Plan or Police Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)

PLAN YEAR: January 1 through December 31.

PLAN SPONSOR: City of San Antonio  
P.O. Box 839966  
San Antonio, Texas 78283

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR: Employee Benefits Administrator  
City of San Antonio

Human Resources Department

P.O. Box 839966

San Antonio, Texas 78283

(210) 207-8705

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR AND PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT MANAGER:

As of the effective date of this agreement, but subject to change over the life of the agreement:

Medical: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas

Pharmacy: CVS/Caremark

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of this plan for police uniform CITY employees is January 1, 2017



## **PLAN AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION**

Administration and payment of claims under the PLAN DOCUMENTS shall be carried out by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, under the supervision of the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR. It shall be a principal duty of the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR to see that the PLAN DOCUMENT is carried out as written. The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR shall have full power to administer the Plans and all of their details, and to make all final determinations about coverage on behalf of the City of San Antonio.

The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR will make available for examination, to each COVERED PERSON, his heirs, and/or assigns, records that pertain to the COVERED PERSON at a reasonable time during normal business hours as established by the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR.

The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S powers shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations as the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR deems necessary or proper for the effective and efficient administration of the PLAN DOCUMENT;
- (b) To interpret the contract, including, but not limited to, all questions of coverage and eligibility. The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S interpretations thereof in good faith shall be final and conclusive on all persons claiming Benefits under the PLAN DOCUMENT, subject only to the Review and Appeal Process; and
- (c) To coordinate with and supervise the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, prepare and handle budgetary and contractual relationships involving the plan, distribute information to COVERED PERSONS under the plan, appoint such agents, counsel, accountants, consultants and actuaries as may be required to assist in administering the PLAN DOCUMENT.

## CHAPTER 1

## GENERAL PLAN COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### Eligible Employee

Full-time CITY employees (authorized full-time equivalent) are eligible to participate in the PLAN on the date their employment begins. Coverage begins on the date of hire, or upon taking office and performing work for the City of San Antonio, whichever occurs later.

#### Eligible Dependent

An Eligible Dependent is:

(1) The Eligible EMPLOYEE'S lawful spouse or domestic partner. A spouse that is legally separated under a court decree under the laws of another state shall not be an eligible dependent,

(2) All natural children including legally adopted, under legal guardianship of the Covered EMPLOYEE and who have not yet reached their twenty-sixth birthday. Foster children are not Eligible Dependents under this Plan, unless there has been an application for adoption accepted by the Texas Department of Human Services. Stepchildren are Eligible Dependents during the marriage between the Eligible EMPLOYEE and the natural parent of the child, so long as (a) they permanently reside in the EMPLOYEE'S household, and (b) are PRINCIPALLY DEPENDENT on the EMPLOYEE.

The term "Eligible Dependent" shall not include anyone who is covered as an Eligible EMPLOYEE. An Eligible Dependent shall not be entitled to any additional benefits or coverage by virtue of the fact that both parents, step parents or guardians are employed by the CITY.

#### Incapacitated Dependent

An Eligible Dependent child who is physically or mentally incapable of self-support upon attaining the age of twenty-six (26) years, shall continue to be an Eligible Dependent while remaining incapacitated, unmarried and continuously covered under the PLAN. An eligible incapacitated dependent must be solely dependent on the EMPLOYEE, and must be incapacitated by a disability that arose while such dependent was a covered dependent. To continue eligibility under this provision, proof of incapacity must be submitted by the EMPLOYEE at least thirty-one (31) days within such child's attainment of age twenty-six (26).

### **Effective Date of Coverage**

Coverage does not become effective until the Eligible EMPLOYEE completes the CITY'S health benefit enrollment process.

Newborn infants will be covered from the date of birth as long as the EMPLOYEE is covered under this plan and coverage for the newborn child is requested within 31 days of the child's date of birth. If coverage of a newborn is not requested within 31 days of the child's date of birth, then coverage cannot become effective until the next January 1 of the year following the next open enrollment period.

Eligible Dependents who are enrolled after the EFFECTIVE DATE of this Plan will become covered on the date such dependent is acquired, provided that the covered EMPLOYEE enrolls such dependent within 31 days of the date the dependent is acquired. If coverage of a dependent is not requested within 31 days of the date the dependent was acquired, the coverage cannot become effective until the next January 1 of the year following the next open enrollment period.

### **Change of Family Status**

If there is a legal change in family status or other qualifying event, the EMPLOYEE has thirty-one (31) calendar days to notify the EMPLOYEE Benefits Office in writing or by personally appearing in the Benefits Office and completing a change of dependent coverage form.

If there is no change in family status or if notice is not given for additional coverage within thirty-one (31) days after the legal change in status, no change can become effective until the next January 1 of the year following the next open enrollment period.

A legal change in family status includes: divorce; marriage; birth or adoption of a child, including a child living with the adopting parents during the period of probation; change in employment status for the EMPLOYEE's spouse; or ineligibility of a child due to age.

### **Termination of Coverage for Individuals**

The coverage of any COVERED PERSON under the PLAN shall terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

- (1) The date of termination of the PLAN;
- (2) The date employment terminates;
- (3) The date all coverage or certain benefits are terminated in a particular class by modification of the PLAN; and
- (4) The date an active Eligible EMPLOYEE is covered under any other available alternative health care delivery system for the EMPLOYEE or dependents of the EMPLOYEE.

### **Termination of Coverage for Dependents**

Coverage with respect to the COVERED PERSON'S dependents shall terminate under the PLAN at the earliest time specified below:

- (1) Upon termination of employment for the covered EMPLOYEE;

- (2) On the date dependents cease to be eligible as defined in the PLAN.

#### **Termination of Coverage for Failure to Pay Premium**

Coverage with respect to any COVERED PERSON for which a premium or contribution is required shall terminate 31 days after the due date for such premium, or as soon thereafter as otherwise allowed by law.

#### **Documentation**

The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR is entitled to require relevant legal documentation to be furnished with any request for coverage or change in status.

## CHAPTER 2

## COBRA PROVISIONS

### CONTINUATION COVERAGE

On April 7, 1986, a federal law was enacted requiring that most employers sponsoring group health plans offer EMPLOYEES and their families the opportunity for a temporary extension of health coverage (called "continuation coverage") at group rates in certain instances where coverage under the plan would otherwise end. This law is called the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, better known as COBRA. This notice is intended to inform EMPLOYEES, in a summary fashion, of rights and obligations under the continuation coverage provisions of COBRA. The EMPLOYEE and spouse should take the time to read this notice carefully.

**"Qualified Beneficiary"** means:

- a. you, as a Covered EMPLOYEE, for termination or reduced hours;
- b. your spouse or your dependent child if he/she was a dependent under the PLAN on the day before your Qualifying Event occurred; or
- c. a child who is born to a Covered EMPLOYEE during a period of COBRA continuation coverage.

**"Qualifying Event for a Covered Employee"** means a loss of coverage due to:

- a. termination of employment for any reason other than gross misconduct; or
- b. reduction in hours of employment.

**"Qualifying Event for a Covered Dependent"** means a loss of coverage due to:

- a. a Covered EMPLOYEE'S termination of employment for any reason other than a gross misconduct or reduction in hours of employment;
- b. a Covered EMPLOYEE'S death; a spouse's divorce or legal separation from a Covered EMPLOYEE;
- c. a Covered EMPLOYEE'S entitlement to Medicare; or

- d. a dependent child's loss of dependent status under the PLAN.

**"Timely contribution payment"** means contribution payment must be made within 30 days of the due date or within such longer period as applies to or under the PLAN.

**Continuation of Health Coverage.** Continuation of health coverage shall be available to you and/or your Covered Dependents upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Event. To continue health coverage, the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR must be notified of a Qualifying Event by:

- (a) the EMPLOYER, within 30 days of such event, if the Qualifying Event is:
  - 1. for a Covered Dependent, the Covered EMPLOYEE'S death;
  - 2. the Covered EMPLOYEE'S termination other than for gross misconduct or reduction in hours;
  - 3. for a Covered Dependent, the Covered EMPLOYEE'S entitlement to Medicare.
- (b) you or a Qualified Beneficiary, within 60 days of such event, if the Qualifying Event is:
  - 1. for a spouse, divorce, or legal separation from a Covered EMPLOYEE; or
  - 2. for a dependent child, loss of dependent status under the PLAN.

The PLAN ADMINISTRATOR must, within 14 days of receiving such notice, notify any Qualified Beneficiary of his/her continuation right. Notice to a Qualified Beneficiary who is your spouse shall be notice to all other Qualified Beneficiaries residing with such spouse when such notice is given.

Upon termination of employment or reduction in hours, to continue health coverage for 29 months, a Qualified Beneficiary who is determined under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act to be disabled on such date or at any time during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, must notify the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR of such disability within 60 days from the date of determination and before the end of the 18 month period. If a Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the disability extension has non-disabled family members who are entitled to COBRA continuation coverage, the non-disabled family members are also entitled to the disability extension.

Qualified Beneficiaries who are disabled under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act must notify the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR within 30 days from the date of final determination that they are no longer disabled.

A Qualified Beneficiary must elect Continuation of Health Coverage within 60 days from the later of the date of the Qualifying Event or the date notice was sent by the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR.

A newborn child of a Qualified Beneficiary or a child placed with a Qualified Beneficiary for adoption may be added according to the enrollment requirements for dependent coverage under the Eligibility Requirements of the PLAN.

Any election by you or your spouse shall be deemed to be an election by any other Qualified Beneficiary, though each Qualified Beneficiary is entitled to an individual election of continuation coverage.

Upon election to continue health coverage, a Qualified Beneficiary must, within 45 days of the date of such election, pay all required contribution to date to the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR. All future contribution payments by a Qualified Beneficiary must be made to the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR and are due the first of each month with a 30-day grace period.

A Qualified Beneficiary will be notified by the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR of the amount of the required contribution payment and the contribution payment options available.

**Termination of Coverage.** Coverage will end upon the earliest of the following:

- a. termination or reduction of hours;
  1. 18 months from the date of the Qualifying Event; or
  2. 29 months from the date of the Qualifying Event if the Qualified Beneficiary is determined under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act to be disabled on such date or at any time during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage and provides notice as required by law (including, COBRA continuation coverage of non-disabled family members of the Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the disability extension).
- b. the day, after the 18 month continuation period, which begins more than 30 days from the date of a final determination under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act that a Qualified Beneficiary, entitled to 29 months, is no longer disabled (including COBRA continuation coverage of non-disabled family members of the Qualified Beneficiary entitled to the disability extension who is no longer disabled).
- c. for a Covered Dependent, 36 months from the date of the Qualifying Event if the Qualifying Event is:
  1. the Covered EMPLOYEE's death;
  2. the Covered EMPLOYEE's entitlement to Medicare;
  3. a spouse's divorce or legal separation from a Covered EMPLOYEE; or
  4. a dependent child's loss of dependent status under the Plan.
- d. if any of the Qualifying Events listed in (c) occurs during the 18-month period after the date of the initial Qualifying Event listed in (a), coverage terminates 36 months after the date of the Qualifying Event listed in 1.
- e. the date on which the EMPLOYER ceases to provide any group health plan to any EMPLOYEE;

- f. the date on which a Qualified Beneficiary fails to make timely payment of the required contribution;
- g. the date on which a Qualified Beneficiary first becomes (after the date of the election) covered under any other group health plan (as an EMPLOYEE or otherwise) which does not contain any exclusion or limitation with respect to any pre-existing condition of such Qualified Beneficiary;
- h. the first day of the month in which a Qualified Beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare;  
or
- i. the date this PLAN terminates.

Continuation of health coverage under this provision shall not duplicate health care coverage continued under any state or federal law.

Any questions about COBRA should be directed to the CITY'S Employee Benefits Office, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Texas 78283, (210) 207-8705.



**A. Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)**

The PLAN will use protected health information (PHI) to the extent of and in accordance with the uses and disclosures permitted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Specifically, the PLAN will use and disclose PHI for purposes related to health care treatment, payment for health care and health care operations.

Payment includes activities undertaken by the PLAN to determine or fulfill its responsibility for coverage and provision of plan benefits that relate to an individual to whom health care is provided. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- determination of eligibility, coverage and cost sharing amounts (for example, cost of a benefit, plan maximums and COINSURANCE as determined for an individual's claim);
- coordination of benefits;
- adjudication of health benefit claims (including appeals and other payment disputes);
- billing, collection activities and related health care data processing;
- claims management and related health care data processing, including auditing payments, investigating and resolving payment disputes and responding to participant inquiries about payments;
- obtaining payment under a contract for reinsurance (including stop-loss and excess of loss insurance);
- medical necessity reviews or review of appropriateness of care or justification of charges;
- utilization review, including pre-certification, preauthorization, concurrent review and retrospective review;
- disclosure to consumer reporting agencies related to the collection of premiums or reimbursement (the following PHI may be disclosed for payment purposes: name and address, date of birth, Social Security number, payment history, account number and name and address of the provider and/or health plan); and
- reimbursement to the PLAN.

*Health Care Operations* include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- quality assessment;
- population-based activities relating to improving health or reducing health care costs, protocol development, case management and care coordination, disease management, contacting health care providers and patients with information about treatment alternatives and related functions;
- rating provider and plan performance, including accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities;
- underwriting, premium rating and other activities relating to the creation, renewal or replacement of a contract of health insurance or health benefits, and ceding, securing or placing a contract for reinsurance of risk relating to health care claims (including stop-loss insurance and excess of loss insurance);
- conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services and auditing functions, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs;
- business planning and development, such as conducting cost-management and planning-related analyses related to managing and operating the PLAN, including formulary development and administration, development or improvement of payment methods or coverage policies;
- business management and general administrative activities of the PLAN, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) management activities relating to the implementation of and compliance with HIPAA's administrative simplification requirements, or
  - (b) customer service, including the provision of data analysis for management; and
- resolution of internal grievances.

**B. The PLAN Will Use and Disclose PHI as Required by Law and as Permitted by Authorization of the Participant or Beneficiary**

**C. For Purposes of This Section, the City of San Antonio is the PLAN SPONSOR**

The PLAN will disclose PHI to the PLAN SPONSOR only upon receipt of a certification from the PLAN SPONSOR that the plan documents have been amended to incorporate the following provisions.

**D. With Respect to PHI, the PLAN SPONSOR Agrees to Certain Conditions**

The PLAN SPONSOR agrees to:

- not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the PLAN DOCUMENT or as required by law;

- ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor, to whom the PLAN SPONSOR provides PHI received from the PLAN agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the PLAN SPONSOR with respect to such PHI;
- not use or disclose PHI for employment-related actions and decisions unless authorized by an individual;
- not use or disclose PHI in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the PLAN SPONSOR unless authorized by an individual;
- report to the PLAN any PHI use or disclosure that is inconsistent with the uses or disclosures provided for of which it becomes aware;
- make PHI available to an individual in accordance with HIPAA's access requirements;
- make PHI available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to PHI in accordance with HIPAA;
- make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures;
- make internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from Plan available to the HHS Secretary for the purposes of determining the PLAN'S compliance with HIPAA; and
- if feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from the PLAN that the PLAN SPONSOR still maintains in any form, and retain no copies of such PHI when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made (or if return or destruction is not feasible, limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible).

#### **E. Adequate Separation Between the PLAN and the PLAN SPONSOR Must Be Maintained**

In accordance with HIPAA, only the following employees may be given access to PHI:

- the staff of the Employee Benefits Division of the Human Resources Department
- the staff of the Finance Department assigned to the Self Insurance Fund and
- the staff of Legal Department assigned to the Employee Benefits Division.

#### **F. Noncompliance Issues**

If the persons described in section E do not comply with this PLAN DOCUMENT, the PLAN SPONSOR shall provide a mechanism for resolving issues of noncompliance, including disciplinary sanctions.

## CHAPTER 4            DEFINITIONS

"**ACCIDENTAL INJURY**" means a condition caused by an accidental means which results in traumatic damage to the COVERED PERSON'S body from an external force that is unexpected at the time, but which occurrence was definite as to time and place. Normal and routine human movements and activities shall not be considered accidents, even though unexpected physiological injury or damage may occur as a result thereof. (Such as bending, stooping or lifting resulting in disc injury; or yawning that damages the temporomandibular joint).

"**ACTIVELY AT WORK**" means the active expenditure of time and energy in the service of the EMPLOYER, except that an EMPLOYEE shall be deemed actively at work on each day of a regular paid vacation or on a regular non-working day, provided he was actively at work on the last preceding regular working day.

"**ALLOWABLE EXPENSE**" relates to coordination of benefits, under Chapter 13 of this PLAN DOCUMENT. Allowable expenses shall mean any necessary usual, customary and reasonable expenses incurred while eligible for benefits under the PLAN, part or all of which would be covered under any of the plans, but not including any expenses contained in the Exclusions chapter.

"**AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER**" means a specialized facility which is established, equipped, operated and staffed primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures on an outpatient basis and which fully meets one of the following two tests:

- (a) It is licensed as an ambulatory surgical facility in the state in which it is located; or
- (b) Where licensing is not required:
  - 1. it is operated under the full-time supervision of a PHYSICIAN;
  - 2. it permits surgical procedures to be performed only by PHYSICIANS who are privileged to perform the procedure in at least one local HOSPITAL;
  - 3. it requires in all cases, except for those using only local infiltration anesthetics, that a licensed anesthesiologist either administers the anesthetic or supervises an anesthetist who administers it and that the anesthesiologist or anesthetist remains present throughout the surgical procedure;
  - 4. it provides at least one operating room and at least one post-anesthesia recovery room;

5. it is equipped to perform diagnostic x-ray and laboratory examinations or has an arrangement to obtain these services;
6. it has trained personnel and necessary equipment to handle emergencies;
7. it has immediate access to a blood bank or blood supplies;
8. it provides the full-time services of one or more registered graduate nurses (R.N.) for patient care in the operating room and post-anesthesia recovery room; and
9. it maintains an adequate medical record for each patient that contains an admitting diagnosis that includes, except for patients undergoing a procedure under local anesthesia, a preoperative examination report, medical history and laboratory tests and/or x-rays, and operative report and discharge summary.

"**ANNUAL MAXIMUM OUT OF POCKET**" is the sum of all member cost sharing expenses including deductibles, co-pays and COINSURANCE under the PLAN DOCUMENT. It does not include any applicable monthly employee contributions. When the annual out of pocket is reached (which can be for an individual or a family, cumulative) covered expenses incurred during that plan year will be paid at 100%.

Out of Pocket does not include:

- \* Charges beyond usual & customary fees;
- \* Penalties resulting from non-compliance with pre-certification;
- \* Charges not covered under the PLAN.

"**BODY ORGAN**" means the following (a) a kidney; (b) a heart; (c) a heart/lung; (d) a liver, (e) a pancreas, when the condition is not treatable by use of insulin therapy; (f) bone marrow; and (g) a cornea.

"**CALENDAR YEAR**" a period of 12 consecutive months beginning with January 1 through December 31 of the same year. For new EMPLOYEES and dependents, the CALENDAR YEAR is the EFFECTIVE DATE of their coverage through December 31 of the same year.

"**CITY**" means the City of San Antonio.

"**CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR**" means the Third Party Administrator or any CITY EMPLOYEE or office designated to process claims under the PLAN DOCUMENT.

"**COINSURANCE**" is the COVERED PERSON'S obligation to pay a percentage of the costs of care in accordance with the terms and provisions of this PLAN DOCUMENT. For example, if this plan provides for payment of 80% of eligible medical expense, the remaining 20% is the EMPLOYEE'S obligation, and is referred to as "coinsurance." If the plan provides for out of network payment of 60% of eligible medical expense, the remaining 40% EMPLOYEE obligation is referred to as "coinsurance." If the plan provides for an in-network prescription payment of 80%, the remaining 20% is the employee's obligation and is referred to as "co-insurance"

"**COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY**" means:

- (a) conditions requiring HOSPITAL confinement (when the pregnancy is not terminated) whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy but are adversely affected by pregnancy or

caused by pregnancy, such as: acute nephritis; nephrosis; cardiac decompensation; missed abortion; and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity; or

- (b) non-elective caesarean section; ectopic pregnancy which is terminated; or spontaneous termination of pregnancy which occurs during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

"Complications of pregnancy" does not mean: false labor; occasional spotting; physician prescribed rest during pregnancy; morning sickness; hyperemesis gravidarum; preeclampsia; or similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not constituting a nosologically distinct complication of pregnancy.

**"COPAYMENT OR CO-PAY"** is the fixed dollar amount (or, in some cases, a percentage) that you must pay to a health care provider in order to receive a specific service or benefit covered under this Plan.

**"COSMETIC PROCEDURES"** mean any surgical procedure or any portion of a surgical procedure performed primarily to improve physical appearance and does not promote the proper function of the body or treat any illness or injury.

**"COVERED PERSON"** means an eligible EMPLOYEE, retiree, official or eligible Dependent covered under this Plan.

**"COVERED PROVIDER"** means an AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER, a HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY, a licensed HOSPICE care center, a HOSPITAL, a PHYSICIAN, a SURGEON, a PSYCHIATRIC DAY TREATMENT FACILITY, a REHABILITATION FACILITY and a SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, or other licensed clinician approved by the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR.

**"CUSTODIAL CARE"** means that type of care or service, wherever furnished and by whatever name called, which is designated primarily to assist a COVERED PERSON, whether or not totally disabled, in the activities of daily living. Such activities include, but are not limited to: bathing, dressing, feeding, preparation of special diets, assistance in walking or in getting in or out of bed, and supervision over medication which can normally be self-administered.

**"DEDUCTIBLE"** means the amount of Covered Medical Expenses a COVERED PERSON must incur and pay each CALENDAR YEAR before benefits are payable under the PLAN.

**"FAMILY DEDUCTIBLE LIMIT"** means that, once the sum of the family deductible has been satisfied by the cumulative Covered Medical Expenses of the eligible EMPLOYEE and one (1) or more of his eligible dependents in a CALENDAR YEAR, no further deductible need be satisfied in that CALENDAR YEAR for any other eligible member of the family.

**"DENTIST"** means a currently licensed dentist practicing within the scope of the license or any PHYSICIAN furnishing dental services which the PHYSICIAN is licensed to perform.

**"DIABETES EQUIPMENT"** means the following:

- a. blood glucose monitors, including monitors designed to be used by blind individuals;
- b. insulin pumps and associated appurtenances;
- c. insulin infusion devices; and

- d. podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

**“DIABETES SUPPLIES”** means the following:

- a. test strips for blood glucose monitors;
- b. visual reading and urine test strips;
- c. lancets and lancet devices;
- d. insulin and insulin analogs;
- e. injection aids; syringes;
- f. prescriptive and non-prescriptive oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels; and
- g. glucagon emergency kits.

**“DOMESTIC PARTNER”** is defined in OPM regulations (e.g. 5 C.F.R. § 875.213) as a person in a domestic partnership with an employee

**“DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP”** is defined as a committed relationship between two adults, of the opposite sex or same sex, in which the partners—

- (1) are each other’s sole domestic partner and intend to remain so indefinitely;
- (2) maintain a common residence, and intend to continue to do so (or would maintain a common residence but for an assignment abroad or other employment-related, financial, or similar obstacle);
- (3) are at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to a contract;
- (4) share responsibility for a significant measure of each other’s financial obligations;
- (5) are not married or joined in a civil union to anyone else;
- (6) are not a domestic partner of anyone else;
- (7) are not related in a way that would prohibit legal marriage in the U.S. jurisdiction in which the partnership was formed;
- (8) provide documentation demonstrating fulfillment of these requirements; and
- (9) certify that they understand that willful falsification of the documentation required to establish that an individual is in a domestic partnership may lead to disciplinary action and the recovery of the cost of benefits received related to such falsification and may constitute a criminal violation under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.



**"DONOR"** means a person who undergoes a surgical operation for the purpose of donating a BODY ORGAN(s) for TRANSPLANT SURGERY.

**"DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT"** means equipment prescribed by the attending PHYSICIAN which meets each of the following: a) MEDICALLY NECESSARY; b) is not primarily or customarily used for non-medical purposes; c) is designated for prolonged use; and d) serves a specific therapeutic purpose in the treatment of any injury or illness.

**"EFFECTIVE DATE"**, when applied to an individual's coverage under the PLAN, means the first day of the individual's coverage. The individual's effective date may or may not be the same as the individual's enrollment date (as "enrollment date" is defined by the PLAN).

**"ELIGIBLE EXPENSE"** is any expense, which is eligible for payment, in whole or in part under this PLAN DOCUMENT.

**"EMERGENCY SERVICES"** Emergency Services are health care services provided in a Hospital emergency facility or comparable facility to evaluate and stabilize medical conditions, including a behavioral health condition, of a recent onset and severity including, but not limited to, severe pain that would lead a prudent lay person, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health to believe that his or her condition, Illness, or Injury is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

1. placing his or her health in serious jeopardy;
2. serious impairment to bodily functions;
3. serious dysfunction of any BODY ORGAN or part;
4. serious disfigurement; or
5. in the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus.

This definition is only for purposes of determining whether out of network emergency services will be paid at in-network benefit levels.

**"EMPLOYEE"** means a person who is directly employed by the City of San Antonio and is regularly scheduled for a full shift or schedule in like manner as other similarly situated workers in the department or division. "Employee" shall also include employees on Worker's Compensation, Disability, or Non-Paid status.

**"EMPLOYER"** means the City of San Antonio.

**"FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA)"** means a tax favored account that allows employees to be reimbursed for qualified medical expenses. FSAs are funded through voluntary salary reduction agreements with the employer. No employment or federal income taxes are deducted from the contribution. The employee must be an eligible individual to qualify for an FSA.

**"HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (HSA)"** means a tax-exempt trust or custodial account set up with a qualified HSA trustee to pay or reimburse certain medical expenses. The employee must be an eligible

individual to qualify for an HSA. Two eligible Police employees married to each other may each receive the employer contribution to an HSA.

**"HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY"** means an agency or organization which meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) It is licensed and primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and other therapeutic services;
- (2) It has policies established by a professional group associated with the agency or organization and includes at least one physician and one registered graduate nurse (R.N.) who provide full time supervision of such services;
- (3) It maintains complete medical records on each individual;
- (4) It has a full time administrator.

**"HOSPICE"** means an agency which:

- a. is primarily engaged in providing counseling, medical services or room and board to terminally ill persons;
- b. has professional service policies established by a group associated with it. This group must include one (1) PHYSICIAN, one (1) Registered Nurse (RN) and one (1) social service coordinator;
- c. has full-time supervision by a PHYSICIAN;
- d. has a full-time Administrator;
- e. provides services 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week;
- f. maintains a complete medical record of each patient; and
- g. is licensed in accordance with state law.

**"HOSPITAL"** means only an institution constituted and operated pursuant to any applicable law, engaged in providing, on an inpatient basis at the patient's expense, diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for the surgical and medical diagnosis, treatment, and care of injured and sick individuals by or under the supervision of a licensed PHYSICIAN or SURGEON and continuously providing 24-hour-a-day services by registered nurses. The term "hospital" shall not include any institution or part thereof which is other than incidentally a place for rest, a residential treatment center, or a nursing home or convalescent hospital.

**"INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OR CARDIAC CARE UNIT"** means a clearly designated service area which is maintained within a hospital and which meets the following tests:

- (a) It is solely for the treatment of patients who require special medical attention because of their critical condition;

- (b) It provides within such area special nursing care and observation of a continuous and constant nature not available in the regular rooms and wards of the HOSPITAL;
- (c) It provides a concentration of special lifesaving equipment immediately available at all times for the treatment of patients confined within such area; and
- (d) It provides at least one professional registered nurse who continuously and constantly attends to the patient confined in such area on a twenty-four (24) hour a day basis; or
- (e) An alternate hospital that is approved by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, as long as the cost of care does not exceed the cost of care at a HOSPITAL that substantially meets subparagraphs (a) through (d) above, in accordance with one or more of the following criteria:
  - (i) to facilitate provision of medical services by a particular PHYSICIAN;
  - (ii) the COVERED PERSON'S physician certifies in writing to the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR before services are rendered that the hospital is equipped to provide needed intensive or cardiac care;
  - (iii) proximity of the COVERED PERSON'S immediate family members;
  - (iv) the medical condition of the COVERED PERSON indicates that it would be inadvisable to transfer to another hospital.

**"MASTER CONTRACT"** means and refers to this PLAN DOCUMENT, which sets forth the provisions of universal applicability to the CITY'S various health benefit plans.

**"MEDICALLY NECESSARY"** means any care, treatment, service or supply provided for the diagnosis and treatment of a specific illness, injury or condition which meets all of the following.

- (a) The care and treatment is appropriate given the symptoms, and is consistent with the diagnosis, if any. "Appropriate" means that the type, level, and length of service and the setting are needed to provide safe and adequate care and treatment;
- (b) It is rendered in accordance with generally accepted medical practice and professionally recognized standards in the United States medical community;
- (c) It is not treatment that is generally regarded as experimental, educational or unproven; and
- (d) It is specifically allowed by the licensing statutes that apply to the provider that renders the service.

With respect to confinement in a HOSPITAL, "MEDICALLY NECESSARY" further means that the medical condition requires confinement and that safe and effective treatment cannot be provided as an outpatient.

The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR may require satisfactory proof in writing, that any type of treatment, service or supply received is **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**. The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR may also specifically require the prescribing physician or consulting board or committee of any facility to provide a written analysis of the necessity and acceptability of the methods, process or procedure under this paragraph, taking into account the criteria set forth above. The fact that a physician may prescribe, order, recommend or approve care, treatment, service or supply does not, in itself, make them **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**.

Medical necessity specifically does not include any:

- (a) Repeated test which would not be necessary if initially done correctly, or is not necessary at current intervals;
- (b) Care, treatment, service or supply which is for the psychological support, education or vocational training of the COVERED PERSON;

Criteria used in determining that a procedure is experimental includes:

- (a) Whether there is an appropriate rationale for the treatment;
- (b) Whether there is evidence that the treatment is effective;
- (c) Whether there is evidence that the treatment is harmful;
- (d) Whether the benefits justify the immediate and delayed risks of treatment;
- (e) Whether the treatment has been endorsed or approved by the appropriate medical authorities, such as the FDA, the AMA or other medical specialty societies or specialists or whether the treatment is covered by Medicare or other public programs;
- (f) Whether the device or treatment is the subject of ongoing investigation or research;
- (g) Whether the treatment is legal;
- (h) Whether controlled medical trials have been carried out that demonstrate the treatment's efficacy.

**"NEWBORN CARE"** charges for the routine care of a newborn child, while HOSPITAL confined, are covered by the PLAN on the same basis as an illness of such newborn child. Such charges will be considered separate from the mother's charges and subject to the DEDUCTIBLE and the applicable benefit percentage payable as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. All such newborn coverage shall include circumcision. Well baby care is covered for three days after birth, before an individual dependent DEDUCTIBLE is applicable to the newborn for Police Value only.

**"OTHER COVERAGE"** means any other contract or policy under which the COVERED PERSON is enrolled, such as:

- \* Group or blanket insurance;
- \* Group plans, other employer plans, individual plans offered on a group basis, or other group prepayment coverage;

- \* Labor management trusteed plans, union welfare plans, employee organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans;
- \* Government programs, such as Medicare, or coverage required or provided by statute;
- \* Any group coverage of a child sponsored by, or provided through, any educational institution;
- \* Group arrangements for members of associations or individuals.

**"OTHER COVERED PROVIDER"** means a certified social worker (CSW) licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed occupational therapist (LOT), certified nurse midwife, licensed speech therapist, licensed physical therapist, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed practical nurse.

**"PHYSICIAN OR SURGEON"** means any professional practitioner who holds a lawful license authorizing the person to practice medicine or surgery in the locale in which the service is rendered, limited to a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.), a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), a Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), a Clinical Psychologist (Ph.D), who has met the standards of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

**"PLAN"** whenever used herein without qualification means this PLAN DOCUMENT.

**"PLAN ADMINISTRATOR"** means the City of San Antonio's designated Employee Benefits Administrator.

**"PLAN DOCUMENT"** means this Master Contract and Attachment 5, which collectively provides and defines coverage for particular EMPLOYEES and dependents.

**"PLAN SPONSOR"** means the City of San Antonio.

**"PLAN SUMMARY"** is the information provided to City EMPLOYEES concerning coverage and benefits to assist in understanding and using available benefits. THE PLAN SUMMARY DOES NOT DEFINE COVERAGE, WHICH IS THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE MASTER CONTRACT. ANY STATEMENT ABOUT COVERAGE IN THE SUMMARY IS A GENERAL INTERPRETATION ONLY, AND IS NOT MADE FOR SPECIFIC APPLICATION TO ANY COVERED PERSON, ILLNESS, OR EXPENSE.

**"POLICE OFFICER"** means any full time, permanent, paid EMPLOYEE who:

- (a) Is employed by the City's Police Department;
- (b) Has been hired in substantial compliance with Chapter 143 of the Local Government Code;
- (c) Has successfully completed the Police Academy; and
- (d) Has received his or her certificate from the Police Chief.

**"POST DELIVERY CARE"** means postpartum health care services provided in accordance with accepted maternal and neonatal physical assessments. Post Delivery Care includes parent education, assistance and training in breast-feeding and bottle-feeding, including use of a Certified Lactation Consultant, and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests.

**"PRINCIPALLY DEPENDENT"** shall have the meaning defined in Sections 151 and 152 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

**"PSYCHIATRIC DAY TREATMENT FACILITY"** means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) It is a mental health facility which: provides treatment for individuals suffering from acute mental, nervous or emotional disorders, in a structured psychiatric program utilizing individualized treatment plans with specific attainable goals and objectives appropriate both to the patient and the treatment modality of the program; and is clinically supervised by a doctor of medicine who is certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.
- (b) It is accredited by the Program for Psychiatric Facilities or its successor, or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of HOSPITAL; and
- (c) Its patients are treated for not more than eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

**"QUALIFIED INSURED"** means an individual eligible for coverage under the PLAN who has been diagnosed with:

- a. insulin dependent or non-insulin dependent diabetes;
- b. elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy; or
- c. another medical condition associated with elevated blood glucose levels.

**"RECIPIENT"** means an insured person who undergoes a surgical operation to receive a BODY ORGAN transplant.

**"REHABILITATION FACILITY"** means a facility that provides services of acute rehabilitation. All services are provided under the direction of a PHYSICIAN with a specialty in rehabilitation and physical medicine. The facility is staffed around the clock by registered nurses and it does not provide services of a custodial nature. The facility must be Medicare certified, licensed by the State Department of Health as a "special hospital" and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

**"SKILLED NURSING FACILITY"** means a legally operated institution, or a distinct part of an institution, primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care to patients recovering from injury or illness and which:

- (a) Is under the resident supervision of a PHYSICIAN or registered nurse (R.N.);
- (b) Provides continuous skilled nursing care for 24 hours of every day;
- (c) Requires that the health care of every patient be under the supervision of a PHYSICIAN;
- (d) Provides that a PHYSICIAN be available at all times to furnish necessary medical care in emergencies;
- (e) Maintains clinical records for each patient;
- (f) Has an effective utilization review plan;

- (g) Has a transfer agreement with at least one (1) HOSPITAL;
- (h) Is not, other than incidentally, a clinic, a place devoted to care of the aged or a place for treatment of mental disorders or mental retardation;
- (i) Is not a place for CUSTODIAL CARE.

**“TEMPORARY MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT”** means any non-organic device used in conjunction with the RECIPIENT's own BODY ORGAN for the purpose of sustaining a bodily function for which a transplant has been deemed necessary by the attending physician.

**"TRANSPLANT SURGERY"** means the transfer of BODY ORGAN(s) from a DONOR to a RECIPIENT.

**"USUAL & CUSTOMARY CHARGE"** means charges for MEDICALLY NECESSARY services and supplies which would usually be provided for cases the same as or similar to the one being treated. The Usual and Customary charge is limited to the lesser of:

- (a) The fee usually charged by the provider for similar services and supplies; and
- (b) The fee usually charged for the same service or supply by other providers who are in the same area. "Area" means a geographical area as determined by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR to be significant enough to establish a representative base of charge for the treatment. The determination of the "usual and customary" charges by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR shall be based on standard profiles and statistical sampling methods accepted in the benefits industry. Usual and customary shall be based on the 85th percentile and updated on a semi-annual basis. All charges above or beyond the "usual and customary" charges so determined are the financial responsibility of the COVERED PERSON. Upon request, the CITY will furnish information or assistance to a COVERED PERSON to enable them to contest excessive charges, in accordance with the policy of the Employee Benefits Office in effect at the time of the request.

## CHAPTER 5

## COVERED MEDICAL EXPENSES

Covered Medical Expenses shall be the portion, set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, of the usual and customary charges for the following services, supplies, and treatment when **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** and when ordered by a licensed **PHYSICIAN** or **SURGEON**. Medical expenses exceeding usual and customary expenses covered by this **PLAN** will be the obligation of the **COVERED PERSON**.

1. Daily semi-private room charge in a **HOSPITAL** or **REHABILITATION FACILITY**.
2. Services and supplies furnished by a **HOSPITAL**.
3. Treatment by a **PHYSICIAN** or **SURGEON**.
4. Treatment by any **OTHER COVERED PROVIDER** not related by blood or marriage.
5. Anesthesia and its administration.
6. "Surgery in mouth or oral cavity" is limited to:
  - (a) removal of non-odontogenic lesions, tumors or cysts;
  - (b) incision and drainage of non-odontogenic cellulitis;
  - (c) surgery on accessory sinuses, salivary glands and ducts and tongue;
  - (d) surgical treatment of fractures and dislocation of the jaw resulting from an **ACCIDENTAL INJURY**.
7. Diagnostic radiology, radiation therapy and laboratory examinations.
8. Ambulance charges to or from the nearest medically appropriate **HOSPITAL** by an ambulance service operated in accordance with State law.
9. Medical supplies and equipment as follows:
  - (a) drugs and medicines which can be obtained only by numbered prescription for the specified illness or injury for which the patient is being treated;
  - (b) birth control pills, injections and medication implants are covered for **EMPLOYEES** and dependent spouses only. No other contraceptive methods or devices are covered;
  - (c) blood and blood plasma;



- (d) charges for drawing and storing autologous blood;
  - (e) prosthetic appliances such as artificial limbs or eyes, not including their replacement except when required due to growth or development of a dependent child. After a covered mastectomy, breast implants or prostheses are also covered. Replacement of breast prosthesis is covered only when original prosthesis was required due to a major catastrophic illness or injury;
  - (f) crutches. The rental (but not to exceed the total cost of purchase) or, at the option of the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, the purchase of DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT when MEDICALLY NECESSARY and prescribed by a PHYSICIAN for therapeutic use, including wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen and equipment for its administration including IPPB (Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing);
  - (g) medical supplies such as lancets, autolets, syringes, dextrowash and dextrostix, ostomy supplies, casts, splints, trusses and braces;
  - (h) orthopedic shoes when prescribed by a PHYSICIAN.
10. Dental treatment for fractured jaw or for injury to sound natural teeth including replacement of such teeth within six months after the date of accident, provided that such accident occurs while the COVERED PERSON is on the PLAN.
11. Expenses incurred for maternity care and services shall be covered on the same basis as for any other illness incurred by the COVERED PERSON or the dependent spouse. There is no coverage for expenses for maternity care and services incurred by a dependent child except for COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY which shall be treated as any other illness.

The attending PHYSICIAN shall make the determination as to whether a delivery is complicated.

Under Federal law, group health plans generally may not restrict benefits for any HOSPITAL length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. The 48-hour period (or 96-hour period if applicable) begins at the time a delivery occurs in the HOSPITAL (or in the case of multiple births, at the time of the last delivery) or, if the delivery occurs outside the HOSPITAL, at the time a mother and/or newborn are admitted. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours if applicable) following the delivery.

If a decision is made to discharge a mother or her newborn child from inpatient care before the expiration of the minimum hours of coverage of inpatient care as provided above, the PLAN will provide coverage for timely POST DELIVERY CARE as defined herein. Such care may be provided to the mother and the child by a PHYSICIAN, registered nurse or other appropriate licensed health care provider and may be provided at the mother's home, a health care provider's office, a health care facility or another location determined to be appropriate under rules adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance.

12. NEWBORN CARE.

13. Services of a licensed speech therapist are covered when therapy is rendered in accordance with PHYSICIAN's specific instructions as to type and duration when speech was present before the illness and/or injury, and for a child born under the plan with developmental disorder or birth defects.
14. Services of a licensed physical therapist are covered only for those services that require the technical medical proficiency and skills of a licensed physical therapist and which are rendered in accordance with a PHYSICIAN'S specific instructions as to type and duration.
15. Acupuncture or hypnosis when performed by a COVERED PROVIDER and in lieu of anesthesia.
16. Psychiatric Conditions – To be treated as any other illness/condition requiring care, as required by the The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
17. Chemical dependency and substance abuse will be treated as any other illness.
18. Voluntary sterilization is covered.
19. Preventive services:
  - a. One routine pap smear (doctor's procedure charge, lab expenses and office visit) per CALENDAR YEAR for female COVERED PERSONS;
  - b. One routine mammogram per CALENDAR YEAR for female COVERED PERSONS age thirty-five (35) and over;
  - c. One (1) routine physical examination per CALENDAR YEAR for each eligible EMPLOYEE and dependent.
    1. If performed by the EMPLOYEE'S own PHYSICIAN, covered services will be limited to a preventative medical examination, blood chemistry profile, thyroid function (TSH), fecal occult blood, urinalysis, electrocardiogram, body fat measurement, health risk appraisal, stress and personality profile, and nutritional analysis, subject to the DEDUCTIBLE and COINSURANCE as stated herein.
  - d. A physical examination for the detection of prostate cancer and prostate-specific Antigen test used for the detection of prostate cancer for each male enrolled in the PLAN who is;
    1. at least 50 years of age and asymptomatic; or
    2. at least 40 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer or another prostate cancer risk factor.

20. Immunizations and Vaccines
  - (a) Expenses for all ~~covered~~ immunizations are covered at 100%, deductible waived. Other services provided at the same time as the immunizations, including, but not limited to, office visit charges, shall be subject to the DEDUCTIBLE and COINSURANCE.
  - (b) Synagis (Palivizumab) administration for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) among high risk infants meeting prescribing criteria set forth by American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will be covered at 100%, deductible waived, only if such treatment is determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY and prior authorization obtained on or before administration of the first injection.
21. Attention Deficit Disorder- To be treated as any other illness/condition requiring care, as required by the The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
22. Applied Behavioral Analysis.
23. Occupational Therapy.
24. Diabetes. Coverage shall be provided to each QUALIFIED INSURED as defined herein for:
  - a. DIABETES EQUIPMENT;
  - b. DIABETES SUPPLIES; and
  - c. diabetes self-management training programs as defined herein.

Self-management training programs must be provided by a health care practitioner or provider who is licensed, registered, or certified in Texas to provide appropriate health care services related to diabetes education. Self-management training includes:

- a. training provided to a QUALIFIED INSURED after the initial diagnosis of diabetes in the care and management of that condition, including nutritional counseling and proper use of DIABETES EQUIPMENT and supplies;
- b. additional training authorized by a PHYSICIAN or other health care practitioner of a significant change in the QUALIFIED INSURED'S symptoms or condition that requires changes in the QUALIFIED INSURED'S self-management regime; and
- c. periodic or episodic continuing education training when prescribed by an appropriate health care practitioner as warranted by the development of new techniques and treatments for diabetes.

25. Temporomandibular Joint. MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnostic or surgical treatment of conditions affecting the temporomandibular joint (jaw and the craniomandibular joint) resulting from one of the following shall be covered:
- a. an accident;
  - b. a trauma;
  - c. a congenital defect;
  - d. a developmental defect; or
  - e. a pathology.

Such coverage is subject to the same Plan provisions as for any surgical treatment including, but not limited to, the requirements for pre-certification of benefits.

26. Mastectomy. Coverage for inpatient care for a COVERED PERSON is as follows:
- a. 48 hours following a mastectomy; and
  - b. 24 hours following a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.

For reconstruction of the breast on which a MEDICALLY NECESSARY mastectomy has been performed; surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; prostheses and treatment of physical complications for all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas are covered under this Plan.

If the COVERED PERSON and the COVERED PERSON's attending PHYSICIAN determine that a shorter period of inpatient care is appropriate, the Plan is not required to provide the minimum hours of coverage of inpatient care stated above.

26. Treatment for Mental and Nervous Conditions shall be covered the same as any other illness/condition requiring care, as required by the The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
27. Treatment for Gender Dysphoria.
28. HOSPICE Care. HOSPICE Care is an alternative to the Hospital Confinement of a terminally ill person. HOSPICE Benefits are available for COVERED PERSONS with a life expectancy of six (6) months or less provided the attending PHYSICIAN approves the program. Failure to pre-certify will result in no benefit allowances. HOSPICE Care is subject to the DEDUCTIBLES and COINSURANCE as provided in the applicable appendix for each class of CITY EMPLOYEE, retiree, and official.

Eligible HOSPICE Charges are charges made by a HOSPICE for:

- a. room and board;
  - b. private duty nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (R.N.);
  - c. part-time or intermittent home health aide services which consist primarily of caring for the patient by employees of the HOSPICE;
  - d. social work performed by a licensed social worker, routinely provided by the HOSPICE agency;
  - e. nutritional services, including, special meals, if included in the per diem;
  - f. emotional support services routinely provided by the HOSPICE agency, if included in the per diem;
  - g. bereavement counseling sessions for eligible dependents covered under the PLAN, if included in the per diem; and
  - h. drugs and medication.
29. Organ Transplants. If covered expenses are incurred as a result of a BODY ORGAN transplant, the PLAN will pay the applicable COINSURANCE percentage of the Covered Expenses, as defined herein, after the DEDUCTIBLE is applied, subject to the LIFETIME MAXIMUM benefit and the following conditions:
- a. Benefits are available for BODY ORGAN transplantation, subject to determination made on an individualized case by case basis in order to establish medical necessity;
  - b. Benefits will be provided only when the HOSPITAL and PHYSICIAN customarily charge a transplant RECIPIENT for such care and services;
  - c. When only the transplant RECIPIENT is a COVERED PERSON, the benefits of the PLAN will be provided for the DONOR to the extent that such benefits are not provided under any other form of coverage. In no such case under the PLAN will any payment of a "personal service" fee be made to any DONOR. Only the necessary HOSPITAL and PHYSICIAN'S medical care and services expenses with respect to the DONOR will be considered for benefits;
  - d. When only the DONOR is a COVERED PERSON, the DONOR will receive benefits for care and services necessary to the extent such benefits are not provided under any coverage available to the RECIPIENT. Benefits will not be provided to any RECIPIENT who is not a COVERED PERSON; and
  - e. When the RECIPIENT and the DONOR are both COVERED PERSONS, as provided herein, benefits will be provided for both in accordance with their respective Covered Expenses.

If the RECIPIENT is the COVERED PERSON and/or pursuant to the conditions set forth above, the following coverage shall be provided:

- a. The use of TEMPORARY MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, pending the acquisition of "matched" BODY ORGAN(s);
- b. TRANSPLANT SURGERY of a BODY ORGAN(s) as defined herein;
- c. Multiple transplant(s) during one (1) operative session;
- d. Replacement(s) or subsequent transplant(s); and
- e. Follow-up expenses for covered services, including immunosuppressant therapy.

If the DONOR is a COVERED PERSON and pursuant to the conditions set forth above, the following coverage shall be provided:

- a. The acquisition of a BODY ORGAN(s) from the DONOR;
  - b. The life support of a DONOR pending the removal of a usable BODY ORGAN(s); and
  - c. Transportation of a BODY ORGAN(s). However, transportation of a BODY ORGAN(s) shall not include transportation of a living DONOR and/or a DONOR on life support.
30. A procedure utilized as treatment of neurosis, psychoneurosis, psychopathy, psychosis, and other mental, nervous and emotional illness will be covered as any other illness/condition requiring care, as required by the The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA

## CHAPTER 6            LIMITATIONS

Benefit limitations apply to the following conditions and services:

1.        Abortions

Abortions will be covered when the attending PHYSICIAN certifies that the mother's life would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

2.        Cosmetic Procedure

Elective procedure performed solely to improve appearance is not covered. Nor are the complications that may arise from or are the direct result of such procedure covered. Additionally, expenses incurred for a cosmetic procedure for the prompt repair or alleviation of damage caused solely by accidental bodily injury, or congenital defects of children up to age 19, or for the correction of a congenital anomaly in a newborn child, or for the reconstruction of the breast on which a MEDICALLY NECESSARY mastectomy has been performed; surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; prostheses and treatment of physical complications for all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas are covered under this PLAN.

3.        Treatment in Mouth or Oral Cavity

The care and treatment of the teeth, gums or alveolar process or for dentures, appliances or supplies used in such care and treatment is not covered, except for charges incurred as a result of and within six months after an accident suffered while covered hereunder for treatment of injuries to sound, natural teeth, including replacement of such teeth, or for setting of a jaw fractured or dislocated in such accident; provided, however, that this exclusion shall not be applicable to services and supplies rendered to a newborn child which are necessary for treatment or correction of a congenital defect.

4.        Maternity for Dependents

Maternity care and services rendered to a dependent child are limited to treatment of COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY.

5.        Mental and Nervous Conditions - shall be covered the same as any other illness/condition requiring care, as required by The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).

Expenses for treatment in a psychiatric day treatment facility for a mental, nervous or emotional disorder, if the attending physician certifies that such treatment is in lieu of hospitalization, will be covered as if incurred on an inpatient basis. Any benefits so provided shall be determined as if necessary care and

treatment in a psychiatric day treatment facility were inpatient care and treatment in a hospital; each full day or treatment in a psychiatric day treatment facility shall be considered equal to one-half day of hospital confinement for purposes of determining benefits and benefit maximums under the PLAN.

#### 6. Private Room Limit

When private room accommodations have been used, charges will be reimbursed at the average semi-private room rate in the facility. If a HOSPITAL has private rooms available only, then the maximum eligible charge will be based on the usual and customary semi-private room charge in the community.

#### 7. Travel and Accommodations

This benefit provides reimbursement for those traveling to receive treatment for a transplant or inpatient/outpatient cancer treatments. The travel distance requirement for reimbursement is 100 miles. Eligible expenses should be compliant with IRS guidelines and are subject to a \$10,000 lifetime maximum. Benefits are paid at a per diem (per day) rate of \$50 per person per night. Individuals can include a person traveling with them.

To be reimbursed, you will need to submit a qualifying receipt. Examples of travel expenses include:

- airfare at coach rate,

- taxi,

- ground transportation, and

- mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate for the most direct route between the patient's home and the designated provider.

Prior authorization is not required for the travel, but would be required for any covered treatments. For more information about this benefit, call Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Member Services Line at 1.800.521.2227



## CHAPTER 7            EXCLUSIONS

Unless mandated by provisions of the Affordable Care Act, no coverage is provided under the PLAN for services and supplies:

1. For which the patient or EMPLOYEE has no legal obligation to pay, or for which no charge would be made if the EMPLOYEE had no health coverage.
2. Any treatment or service rendered by a COVERED PROVIDER related by blood or marriage.
3. Not MEDICALLY NECESSARY for the diagnosis and treatment of an illness or injury or which exceed the USUAL AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES.
4. For intentionally self-inflicted injury, whether sane or insane.
5. For diseases contracted or injuries sustained as a result of service in any branch of the armed forces.
6. For accidental bodily injury or illness which is covered by Workers' Compensation or an Occupational Medical Policy, or any expenses payable under compromise settlement agreements arising from a Workers' Compensation Claim.
7. For marital, family, vocational and other counseling services, except for nutritional counseling for diabetics.
8. For reversal or attempted reversal of sterilization.
9. For services, therapy and counseling for sexual dysfunction or inadequacies or for implants or aids to sexual function except due to a disease or injury which is otherwise covered by this PLAN.
10. Family planning, infertility treatment and services including but not limited to: artificial insemination and personal therapy for infertility, except in-vitro coverage as allowed in the Schedule of Benefits
11. For a dependent child's pregnancy except for complication as defined by the PLAN arising from a dependent child's pregnancy.
12. For smoking cessation seminars, services, devices or medications.
13. For the surgery or treatment of obesity, morbid obesity, dietary control, or for weight reduction.

14. For nutritional supplements, including prescription and over the counter vitamins.
15. For exercise equipment or exercise programs.
16. For orthotics (arch supports, etc.) and other supportive devices for feet that are not prescribed by a PHYSICIAN.
17. For air conditioners, filters, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, and purifiers.
18. For eye exercises, visual training (orthoptics), eyeglasses, including contact lenses, hearing aids, or examinations for the purpose of determining visual acuity or level of hearing.
19. For radial keratotomy surgery and orthokeratology.
20. For medical, dental or surgical treatment including associated diagnostic procedures of orthognathic conditions.
21. For vocational therapy.
22. For preparing medical reports or itemized bills.
23. For charges associated with non-emergency HOSPITAL admissions on either a Friday or a Saturday unless a surgical procedure is performed within 24 hours of admission.
24. For care in a health resort, rest home, nursing home, residential treatment center, or any institution primarily providing convalescent, or CUSTODIAL CARE.
25. For CUSTODIAL CARE.
26. For any claims filed more than one (1) year from the month the covered service or supply was provided.
27. For sales tax, transportation, tariffs, immigration fees for international travel, or federal excise taxes.
28. For routine physical examinations for eligible dependents and for eligible EMPLOYEES not covered in Chapter 1. .

29. Coverage for HOSPICE Care does not include the following charges:
- (a) nutritional services, including special means not included in the per diem;
  - (b) emotional support services not routinely provided by the HOSPICE agency and/or not included in the per diem;
  - (c) bereavement counseling sessions for eligible dependents covered under the PLAN not included in the per diem;
  - (d) funeral arrangements;
  - (e) pastoral counseling; and
  - (f) financial or legal counseling.
30. Coverage for Organ TRANSPLANT SURGERY does not include the following charges:
- (a) Experimental treatment for new procedures, and treatments, services or supplies which are still considered experimental or investigational and not "generally accepted" by the medical profession. The judgment whether a procedure, treatment, service or supply is experimental is based upon all of the relevant facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to:
    - 1. Approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the American Medical Association or the appropriate Medical Specialty Society;
    - 2. Medical and scientific literature;
    - 3. Scientifically demonstrated health benefits;
    - 4. Safety and effectiveness compared to alternatives; and
    - 5. Safety, effectiveness and benefits when used outside of a research setting;
  - (b) Any animal organ or mechanical equipment, mechanical device, or mechanical organ(s), except as provided herein;
  - (c) Any financial consideration to the DONOR other than for a covered service or supply which is incurred in the performance of or in relation to TRANSPLANT SURGERY; and
  - (d) Transportation of a DONOR, except as provided herein.

## CHAPTER 8

## PRE-ADMISSION TESTING (Police Value Plan Only)

If a COVERED PERSON under the Police Value Plan who is scheduled for inpatient surgery in a HOSPITAL, has preoperative testing relating to this surgery performed within ten (10) days prior to the scheduled surgery and the testing is performed at a PHYSICIAN's office, diagnostic laboratory, ambulatory surgery center or on a HOSPITAL outpatient basis, the PLAN will pay pre-operative testing at 100% provided:

1. The charge for the surgery is a covered expense;
2. The tests would have been covered had the patient been confined as a HOSPITAL inpatient;
3. The tests are not repeated when the patient is confined for the surgery;
4. The test results are a part of the patient's medical record;
5. The surgery is performed in a HOSPITAL;
6. The service is identified as pre-admission or preoperative testing.

The DEDUCTIBLE does not apply.

This benefit is not available under the Police Consumer Driven Health Plan

## CHAPTER 9 HOSPITAL PRE-CERTIFICATION

Certification of ALL non-network admissions to a HOSPITAL including admissions for rehabilitation, treatment of mental or nervous condition, drug, alcohol or substance abuse and maternity is required prior to or on the day of admission as an inpatient. Emergency admissions must be verified within forty-eight (48) hours following admissions.

Certification of all non-network outpatient surgery, performed in an ambulatory surgery center or HOSPITAL outpatient facility, is required prior to or on the day of the surgery. Emergency outpatient surgery must be certified within forty-eight (48) hours following the surgery.

The COVERED PERSON is responsible for the certification of hospital admission and outpatient surgery.

If Pre-Certification Authorization is not obtained the maximum benefit paid for the doctor and HOSPITAL will be fifty percent (50%) of the usual and customary charges. The fifty percent (50%) not reimbursed by the PLAN will not count toward satisfaction of the Plan year out-of-pocket maximum.

Pursuant to State law, the PLAN will not restrict benefits for any HOSPITAL length of stay in connection with a mastectomy or lymph node dissection of less than 48 hours following a mastectomy or less than 24 hours following a lymph node dissection or require that a provider obtain authorization from the PLAN for prescribing a length or stay within the above periods. Certification is required for a length of stay, which is in excess of the above periods.

Pursuant to State law, the PLAN will not restrict benefits for any HOSPITAL length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child of less than 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery or less than 96 hours following an uncomplicated cesarean section, or require that a provider obtain authorization from the PLAN for prescribing a length of stay within the above periods. Certification is required for a length of stay, which is in excess of the above periods.

**PREFERRED PROVIDER NETWORK**

The City of San Antonio participates in a Preferred Provider Network of HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS and other providers that are contracted to furnish, at negotiated costs, medical care for the CITY EMPLOYEES and their dependents. The use of a Preferred Provider may result in reduced out of pocket expenses to the COVERED PERSON.

A current listing of the Preferred Provider Network contracting HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS and other providers is available from the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR by phone or internet. A COVERED PERSON may choose any health care provider.

The CITY reserves the right to terminate or modify the Preferred Provider Network program, or any portion thereof, at any time. In the event the CITY changes the PPO provider, the CITY will ensure that the EMPLOYEES will not be substantially affected by a disruption of available in-network providers.

The "In-Network Benefit" level will be paid if a COVERED PERSON receives services from a Non-Participating Provider only in the following situations:

1. EMERGENCY SERVICES.
2. Court-Ordered Dependents. If your court-ordered Eligible Dependent lives outside the service area, and no Out-of-Area Participating Providers are reasonably available to treat the Eligible Dependent. Contact the Employee Benefits Office for details.
3. Continuity of Care if Participating Provider Leaves the PPO Network. If your Participating Provider leaves the PPO Network, a covered person may continue to see that Provider and receive PPO Benefits under "special circumstances."
4. "Special circumstance" means a condition such that a covered person's Participating Provider reasonably believes discontinuation of care could cause harm to that person, such as a Disability, an acute condition, a life-threatening illness or a pregnancy that is past the 24<sup>th</sup> week. If a COVERED PERSON'S Participating Provider makes such a request and special circumstances exist, In-Network Benefits will continue:
  - (a) In the case of a COVERED PERSON who is past the 24<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy, through the delivery of the child, immediate postpartum care, and the follow-up checkup within the first six (6) weeks of delivery;

- (b) In the case of other special circumstances, (e.g. terminally ill), for 90 days;
- (c) If a Participating Provider, including a facility or a specialist is not available to a COVERED PERSON within the service area to provide MEDICALLY NECESSARY services covered by the PLAN, the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR, approves the coverage in advance.

### **Obtaining Covered Prescriptions In-Network**

#### **Retail Pharmacy - Up to a 30-day Supply**

The retail network of pharmacies is available for prescriptions you need right away or for a short time only (such as antibiotics). You can obtain up to a 30-day supply of medication from thousands of participating retail network pharmacies nationwide. A small number of medications may be limited to a 30-day or less supply.

#### **Mail Service Pharmacy**

Prescriptions for maintenance medications or chronic long-term health conditions can be ordered through mail order. Ordering through the mail is both a safe and easy way to receive prescriptions and save money.

#### **Refer to ATTACHMENT 5 for the Pharmacy Payment Schedule**

#### **Covered Items**

The following items are covered under the prescription program, unless specifically listed in the “Exclusions and Limitations” section below.

- Federal legend drugs (drugs that federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription)
- Compound prescriptions containing at least one legend ingredient
- Insulin and diabetic supplies such as disposable needles and syringes, blood test strips, and lancets and any other items mandated under Texas Insurance Code
- Topical acne agents through age 23 (over age 23, prior authorization required)
- ADHD/Narcolepsy drugs through age 19 (over age 19, prior authorization required)
- Oral contraceptives for EMPLOYEE or eligible spouse only
- Only prescriptions which are prescribed for the condition for which they are labeled

#### **Exclusions and Limitations [See Chapter 7]**



The following items are excluded from or limited in coverage unless mandated by provisions of the Affordable Care Act:

- Drugs used for cosmetic purposes, including but not limited to certain anti-fungals, hair loss treatments and those used for pigmenting/depigmenting and reducing wrinkles
- Diabetic alcohol swabs
- Fluoride supplements
- Nutritional/Dietary Supplements
- Over-the-counter medications and other over the counter items
- Vitamins
- Miscellaneous medical supplies
- Anti-obesity drugs
- Smoking cessation medications
- Experimental or Investigational drugs or for drugs labeled “Caution – limited by federal law to Investigational use”
- Immunization agents, allergens, serums, blood or blood plasma
- Therapeutic devices or appliances, support garments or other non-medical appliances, except those listed as covered drugs
- Coverage for prescription drug products for an amount which exceeds the supply limit (days supply or quantity limit)
- Prescription drug products for any condition, injury, sickness or mental illness arising out of, or in the course of, employment for which benefits are available under any workers’ compensation law or other similar laws
- Drugs purchased during time of no coverage
- Drugs for any treatment or condition which is listed under expenses not covered in the medical plan
- Charges to administer or inject any drug
- Prescription drugs that are not **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**
- Charges for delivering any drugs, except through the mail order benefit. Express or over night delivery is at the member’s expense.
- Experimental or Investigational medications
- Prescription drugs purchased from an institutional pharmacy for use while the member is an in-patient in that institution regardless of the level-of-care
- Reimbursement for prescription drugs purchased outside of your prescription drug benefit is subject to review under the Direct Member Reimbursement Process and reimbursement may be limited to contract rate less **COINSURANCE**
- Medication which is to be taken by or administered to an individual, in whole or in part, while he or she is a patient in a **HOSPITAL**, extended care facility, or similar institution which operates on its premises, or allows to be operated on its premises, a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals.

- Off labeled drugs
- Penlac

### **Formulary Management**

A Formulary is a list of medications that have received FDA approval as safe and effective, and have been chosen for inclusion on the Formulary by a committee of PHYSICIANS and pharmacists from the Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) vendor selected by the CITY to administer the prescription drug plan. The Formulary drug list can help the member and PHYSICIAN to maximize benefits while minimizing overall prescription drug costs to the member and the PLAN.

The PBM's vendor committee evaluates clinical efficacy and safety of each drug and votes the drug into one of three categories:

- Therapeutically Unique – Clinical effectiveness of the drug is superior to existing drugs with an acceptable safety profile prompting automatic addition to the Formulary
- Therapeutically Equivalent – Clinical effectiveness and safety profile are comparable to existing drugs
- Therapeutically Inferior – Clinical effectiveness of the drug is no greater than existing drugs and the safety profile is less favorable prompting automatic non-Formulary status

Products classified by the PBM's vendor committee as therapeutically equivalent are further evaluated from an economic perspective to determine which clinically appropriate drugs are most cost-effective for clients. The PBM's vendor committee evaluation is based solely on clinical criteria. It is only after the PBM's vendor committee clinical assessment is made that the economics of the drug are considered.

Refer to Attachment 5 for the pharmacy benefit structure. The most up-to-date Formulary guide is available on the pharmacy benefit management vendor's website. Additions to the Formulary are made on a quarterly basis throughout the year with deletions most often occurring annually.

Note: Drugs listed on the Formulary may not be covered as they are subject to the City of San Antonio's specific plan coverages, exclusions, and limitations.

### **Prior Authorizations**

Certain prescriptions require "clinical prior authorization" or approval from your Plan before they will be covered. The pharmacy benefit management vendor administers the clinical prior authorization process on behalf of the City of San Antonio.

If the prior authorization request is APPROVED, the pharmacy benefit management vendor's Clinical Service Representative contacts the person who initiated the request and enters an override into the pharmacy benefit management vendor's processing system for a limited period of time. The pharmacy will then process your prescription.

If the prior authorization request is DENIED, the pharmacy benefit management vendor's Clinical Call Center pharmacist contacts the person who initiated the request and sends a denial letter explaining the denial reason. This includes denials due to PHYSICIAN non-response. The letter will include instructions for appealing the denial.

The categories/medications that require prior authorization include, but are not limited to:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Narcolepsy
- Anabolic steroids (all forms)
- Anti-Fungals (i.e., Lamisil, Sporanox)
- Botulinum Toxins (Botox)
- Contraceptives (for dependent children)
- Crinone 8%

The criteria for the Clinical Prior Authorization programs are based on nationally recognized guidelines; FDA approved indications and accepted standards of practice.

Please have the information listed below when initiating your request for a clinical prior authorization:

- Name of your Medication
- PHYSICIAN'S Name
- PHYSICIAN'S Phone Number
- PHYSICIAN'S Fax Number, if available
- Member ID number (from your card)
- City of San Antonio Group Number:

### **Age and Quantity Limitations**

Some medications are subject to age and quantity limits. Your prescription will be denied at time of purchase if it exceeds these limitations. Limitations are based on criteria developed with guidelines from various national medical agencies and in conjunction with the pharmacy benefit management vendor's clinical review process.

#### **Age Limitations**

Certain medications having an age limitation include but are not limited to, the following health conditions:

- Topical Acne
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Narcolepsy

If your prescription is “denied” due to age limitations, but you and your PHYSICIAN believe it is MEDICALLY NECESSARY for you to take the medication to treat one of the above conditions, you may request a clinical prior authorization. Refer to the previous section titled “Prior Authorizations” for details.

### Quantity Limitations

Certain medications having quantity limitations include but are not limited to, the following health conditions and medications:

- Impotency
- Insomnia
- Migraine
- Butorphanol
- Oral Antiemetics
- Diflucan 150mg

If your prescription is “denied” due to quantity limitations, and you and your PHYSICIAN believe it is MEDICALLY NECESSARY for you to take a larger quantity of the medication, you may request a clinical prior authorization. Refer to the previous section titled “Prior Authorizations” for details.

### Specialty Pharmacy

Specialty Pharmacy provides convenient, dependable access to medications for people living with complex health conditions. The programs and services focus on injectibles and medication therapies involving strict compliance requirements, special storage/handling/delivery, complex administration methods, and education /monitoring/ ongoing support. These drugs are limited to a 30-day supply regardless if dispensed at a retail pharmacy or at mail service

Certain classifications of specialty pharmacy medications will require prior authorization or approval before they will be covered by your PLAN. Drugs include the following, but are not limited to:

- Asthma (Xolair)
- Endometriosis (Lupron)
- Growth Hormone Deficiency (Genotropin, Nutropin)
- Osteoarthritis ( Synvisc)
- Osteoporosis (Forteo)
- Parkinson’s Disease (Apokyn)
- Precocious Puberty (Lupron-Ped)
- Prostate Cancer (Lupron, Viadur)

### Direct Member Reimbursement

There may be instances where you need to fill a prescription but are unable to have your claim processed through a network retail pharmacy due to situations such as an emergency situation, or a new member whose enrollment has not been processed. In these instances, you will be required to pay the full retail cost of the covered medication, and then file for reimbursement.

You can receive reimbursement for covered prescriptions you've paid for under the PLAN by following these steps:

- Pay the pharmacist the full amount of your prescription. Keep your receipt(s).
- Obtain and complete a claim form available from the COSA Employee Benefits Office.
- Send your completed form and itemized receipts to the pharmacy benefit management vendor.

Please note that the pharmacy benefit management vendor will reimburse you according to the PLAN'S guidelines.

### **Drug Utilization Alerts at Time of Purchase**

Drug Utilization Review (DUR) is an effective tool in monitoring drug use to assure that it is appropriate, safe, and effective. At the time of purchase, the pharmacy benefit management's vendor DUR program monitors claim submissions across all pharmacies and PHYSICIANS, compares each claim with the active prescriptions of individual members, and sends "flags" back to the pharmacists should any drug utilization alerts occur. The DUR system adheres to the National Council for Prescription Drug Products (NCPDP) DUR guidelines and monitors every prescription for numerous conditions. Examples of some of the DUR alerts are listed below.

#### **Drug/Drug Interaction**

A drug/drug interaction is a potentially harmful result that can occur when a patient is taking two or more drugs at the same time. The possible results of the interaction may include the increase or decrease in drug effectiveness or an increase in the adverse effects of one or both of the drugs.

When these occur, the pharmacy benefit management vendor's system advises the dispensing pharmacist that the drug he/she is about to dispense may have a potentially harmful interaction with a drug the patient is currently taking. This allows the pharmacist to use professional judgment to intervene, if necessary, to prevent the patient from being harmed.

#### **Over Utilization**

The submission of prescription drug claims across all contracted pharmacies is monitored. When a pharmacy claim request is received, the pharmacy benefit management vendor's system reviews each patient's drug profile, searching for a previous prescription for the same drug or its generic equivalent. The system then applies any other parameters that have been defined to reject a claim if the request for the medication is being submitted sooner than the PLAN recognizes as appropriate.

#### **Therapeutic Duplication Monitoring**

Duplicate therapy monitoring informs the dispensing pharmacist that the newly prescribed drug may duplicate the therapeutic effects of another drug already prescribed for the patient. This duplication can occur even when the two drugs are prescribed for different medical conditions.

When a duplication of therapy is detected, the pharmacy benefit manager will transmit information back to the dispensing pharmacist, including the name of the drug that is duplicating the therapy, for further evaluation and intervention.

## CHAPTER 12      EMPLOYEE SELF-AUDIT PROGRAM

On inpatient hospital bills under \$3,000.00 the PLAN will make a cash presentation to any EMPLOYEE who (1) detects a billing overcharge made by a HOSPITAL as a result of an inpatient confinement to any covered family member and (2) receives a billing adjustment and (3) the PLAN realizes a savings.

Upon discharge from the HOSPITAL, simply review the bill. If there is any error, it may be in one of the following areas:

A calculation error

A charge for service the patient did not receive.

The patient received a service but not in the quantity indicated.

Remember, take the original bill and obtain a corrected bill and present both to the CITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR for review and determination. The PLAN will pay the EMPLOYEE 25% of the savings or maximum of \$500, whichever is less. As an example, if an EMPLOYEE detects an incorrect charge of \$1,200 and this is confirmed, the EMPLOYEE will receive a check for 25% of the savings, or \$300 from the PLAN.

## CHAPTER 13            COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB)

The COB provision is designed to correct over coverage which occurs when a person has health coverage for the same expenses under two (2) or more of the plans listed below. Should this type of duplication occur, the benefits under this PLAN will be coordinated with those of the other plans so that the total benefits from all plans will not exceed the expenses actually incurred.

If a COVERED PERSON'S benefits under another health plan are reduced due to cost containment provisions, such as a second surgical opinion, pre-certification, HMO or preferred provider arrangements, the amount of the reduction shall not be considered as an allowable expense under this PLAN.

The benefits provided by the plans listed below are considered in determining duplication of coverage:

1.        This Plan;
2.        Any other group insurance or prepayment plan, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs); etc;
3.        Any labor-management trustee plan, union welfare plan, employer organization plan or employee benefit organization plan;
4.        Any government plan or statute providing benefits for which COB is not prohibited by law.

### **Order of Benefit Determination**

Certain rules are used to determine which of the plans will pay benefits first. This is done by using the first of the following rules which applies:

1.        A plan with no COB provision will determine its benefits before a plan with a COB provision;
2.        A plan that covers a person other than as a Dependent will determine its benefits before a plan that covers such person as a Dependent;
3.        Any labor-management trustee plan, union welfare plan, employer organization plan or employee benefit organization plan will determine its benefits before this plan;
4.        When a claim is made for a dependent child who is covered by more than one (1) plan:



- (a) the benefits of the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the year will be determined before the benefits of the plan of the parent whose birthday falls later in that year; but
- (b) if both parents have the same birthday, the benefits of the plan which covered the parent longer will be determined before those of the plan which covered the other parent for a shorter period of time.

This method of determining the order of benefits will be referred to as the "Birthday Rule." The Birthday Rule will be used to determine the order of benefits for dependent children in all cases except those described below.

- (c) if the other plan does not have the Birthday Rule, then the plan which covers the child as a dependent of the male parent will pay its benefits first.
- (d) if the parents are legally separated or divorced, benefits for the child will be determined in this order:
  - (i) first, the plan of the parent with custody of the child will pay its benefits;
  - (ii) then, the plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child will pay its benefits; and
  - (iii) finally, the plan of the parent not having custody of the child will pay its benefits.

However, if there is a court decree stating which parent is responsible for the health care expenses of the child, then a plan covering the child as a dependent of that parent will determine its benefits before any other plan.

- 5. A plan that covers a person as:
  - (a) a laid off employee; or
  - (b) a retired employee; or
  - (c) a dependent of such employee;

will determine its benefits after the plan that does not cover such person as:

- (a) a laid off employee; or
- (b) a retired employee; or
- (c) a dependent of such employee.

If one of the plans does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will not apply.

- 6. If one of the above rules establishes the order of payment, a plan under which the person has been covered for the longer time will determine its benefits before a plan covering that person for a shorter time.

Two successive plans of the same group will be considered one plan if the person was eligible for coverage under the new plan within twenty-four (24) hours after the old plan terminated. A change in the amount or scope of benefits, or a change in the carrier, or a change from one type of plan to another (e.g., single employer plan to multiple employer plan) will not constitute the start of a new plan.

When the COB provision reduces the benefits payable under this Plan:

- (a) each benefit will be reduced proportionately; and
- (b) only the reduced amount will be charged against any benefit limits under the Plan.

The COB provision is applied throughout the CALENDAR YEAR. If there is any reduction of the benefits provided under a specific Benefit Provision of this PLAN because of duplicate coverage, similar benefits may be payable later in that year if more ALLOWABLE EXPENSES are incurred under the same Benefit Provision of this PLAN because of duplicate coverage, similar benefits may be payable later in that year if more ALLOWABLE EXPENSES are incurred under the same Benefit Provision. "ALLOWABLE EXPENSE" means any necessary, usual and customary item of expense at least part of which is covered under at least one of the plans covering the person for who claim is made or service provided, in no event will ALLOWABLE EXPENSE include the difference between the cost of a private HOSPITAL room and a semi-private HOSPITAL room unless the patient's stay in a private HOSPITAL room is MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

Benefits under a governmental plan will be taken into consideration without expanding the definition of "ALLOWABLE EXPENSE" beyond the HOSPITAL, medical and surgical benefits as may be provided by such governmental plan.

When a plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered will be deemed to be both an ALLOWABLE EXPENSE and a benefit paid.

The PLAN has the right to release to, or obtain from, any other organization or person any information necessary for the administration of this provision and to pay to any organization any amounts necessary to satisfy the intent of this provision.

If the PLAN has paid any amounts in excess of those necessary to satisfy the intent of this provision, it has the right to recover such excess from the person, to or for whom, such payments were made or from an insurance company or organization.

When you claim benefits under the PLAN, you must furnish information about OTHER COVERAGE, which may be involved in applying this coordination provision.

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount which should have been paid under this PLAN. If it does, the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR may pay that amount to the organization which made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under this PLAN. The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

### **Compliance with Cost Containment Health Plan Provisions**

If the COVERED PERSON'S benefits are reduced by a health plan that has cost containment provisions, such as a second surgical opinion, HMO, pre-certification or preferred provider arrangements, the amount of such reduction shall not be an ALLOWABLE EXPENSE.

## CHAPTER 14            SUBROGATION/THIRD PARTY CLAIMS

### PROVISION FOR SUBROGATION AND RIGHT OF RECOVERY

A third party may be liable or legally responsible for expenses incurred by a COVERED PERSON for an illness or a bodily injury.

Benefits may also be payable under the PLAN for such expenses. When this happens, the PLAN may, at its option:

1. Take over the COVERED PERSON'S right to receive payment of the benefits from the third party. The COVERED PERSON will:
  - (a) transfer to the PLAN any rights he may have to take legal action against the third party with respect to benefits paid by the PLAN which are subject to this provision; and
  - (b) cooperate fully with the PLAN in asserting its right to subrogate. This means the COVERED PERSON must supply the PLAN with all information and sign and return all documents reasonably necessary to carry out the PLAN's right to recover from the third party any benefits paid under the PLAN which are subject to this provision.
  
2. Recover from the COVERED PERSON any benefits paid under the PLAN which the COVERED PERSON is entitled to receive from the third party. The PLAN will have a first lien upon any recovery, whether by settlement, judgment or otherwise, that the COVERED PERSON received from:
  - (a) the third party; or
  - (b) the third party's insurer or guarantor; or
  - (c) the COVERED PERSON'S uninsured motorist insurance.

This lien will be for the amount of benefits paid by the PLAN for the treatment of illness or bodily injury for which the third party is liable or legally responsible. If the COVERED PERSON:

- (a) makes any recovery as set forth in this provision; and
- (b) fails to reimburse the PLAN fully for any benefits paid under this provision; then he will be personally liable to the PLAN to the extent of such recovery up to the amount of the first lien. The COVERED PERSON must cooperate fully with the PLAN in asserting its right to recover.

**CHAPTER 15            GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.        Proof of Loss

Written proof of loss must be furnished to the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR within one (1) year after the month such loss was incurred. Failure to furnish proof within the time required shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the COVERED PERSON, later than one (1) year from the month care, treatment, service or supply was first provided for the illness or injury.

2.        Legal Actions

No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the PLAN unless the EMPLOYEE or retiree has exhausted administrative remedies provided in the review and appeal process in Chapter 19.

3.        Examination

The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR shall have the right and opportunity to have the COVERED PERSON examined whose injury or illness is the basis of a claim when and so often as it may reasonably require during pendency of a claim.

4.        Conformity with Federal Statutes

Any provision of this PLAN, which on its EFFECTIVE DATE is in conflict with federal statutes, is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such federal statutes.

5.        Choice of PHYSICIAN

The COVERED PERSON shall have free choice of any PHYSICIAN, as defined in this PLAN, practicing legally. Benefits may vary depending on the PHYSICIAN'S participation in the City's Preferred Provider Network.

6.        Entire Contract

The PLAN DOCUMENT constitutes the entire contract of coverage between the PLAN SPONSOR and the COVERED PERSON.

7.        Effect of Changes

All changes to the PLAN shall become effective as of a date established by the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR, except that:

No increase or reduction in benefits shall be effective with respect to covered expenses incurred prior to the date a change was adopted by the PLAN SPONSOR, regardless of the effective date of the change; and

8. Written Notice

Any written notice required under the PLAN shall be deemed received by a COVERED PERSON sent by regular mail, postage prepaid, to the last address of the COVERED PERSON on the records of the EMPLOYER.

9. Clerical Errors/Delay

Clerical errors made on the records of the PLAN SPONSOR, PLAN ADMINISTRATOR or CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR and delays in making entries on records shall not invalidate covered or cause coverage to be in force or to continue in force. Rather, the EFFECTIVE DATES of coverage shall be determined solely in accordance with the provisions of the PLAN regardless of whether any contributions with respect to COVERED PERSONS have been made or have failed to be made because of such errors or delays. Upon discovery of an error or delay, an equitable adjustment of any contributions will be made.

10. Workers' Compensation

The PLAN is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirement for coverage by Workers' Compensation insurance.

11. Statements

(a) Not Representations

Statements made by or on behalf of any person to obtain coverage under the PLAN shall be deemed representations and not warranties.

(b) Misstatements on Enrollment or Claim Form

If any relevant material fact has been misstated by or on behalf of any person to obtain coverage under the PLAN, the true fact shall be used to determine whether coverage is in force and the extent, if any, of coverage. Upon the discovery of any misstatement, an equitable adjustment of any benefit payments will be made.

(c) Time Limit for Misstatement

No misstatement made to obtain coverage under the PLAN will be used to void the coverage of any person which has been in force for a period of two (2) years or to deny a claim for a loss incurred or disability commencing after the expiration of the two (2) year period. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply if any misstatement has been made fraudulently.

(d) Use of Statements

No statement made by or on behalf of any person will be used in any context unless a copy of the written instrument containing the statement has been or is furnished to any person or to any person claiming a right to receive benefits with respect to the person.

12. Identification Cards

Identification card(s) will be issued, which indicate coverage by the City of San Antonio Health Benefits Program. Upon request, the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR or the City's Employee Benefits Office will verify coverage of COVERED PERSONS. Identification cards will be for identification of COVERED PERSONS only and do not constitute a guarantee of coverage.

13. Protection Against Creditors

No benefit payment under this PLAN shall be subject in any way to alienation, sale, transfer, pledge, attachment, garnishment, execution or encumbrance of any kind, and any attempt to accomplish same shall be void. If the CITY finds that such an attempt has been made with respect to any payment due or to become due to any covered person, the CITY in its sole discretion may terminate the interest of such COVERED PERSON or former COVERED PERSON in such payment. And in such case the CITY shall apply the amount of such payment to or for the benefit of such COVERED PERSON or former COVERED PERSON, his/her spouse, parent, adult child, guardian or a minor child, brother or sister, or other relative of a dependent of such COVERED PERSON or former COVERED PERSON, as the CITY may determine, and any such application shall be a complete discharge of all liability with respect to such benefit payment. However, at the discretion of the CITY, benefit payments may be assigned to health care providers.

## CHAPTER 16 CLAIM FILING AND CLAIM PAYMENT

### 1. Claim Filing

- (a) Medical claims (doctor's visits, prescription drugs, exams, HOSPITAL, etc.) shall be filed on a claim form available from the Employee Benefits Office or CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR.
- (b) The claim form shall include medical bills (itemized only) and the explanation of benefit statement (EOB) from other health insurance policies, if any. The bill should contain the following:
  - (i) the official letterhead of the HOSPITAL, doctor, clinic, pharmacy, etc. including address, phone number and tax ID;
  - (ii) type of service;
  - (iii) date of service received;
  - (iv) amount charged;
  - (v) name of patient; and
  - (vi) diagnosis.
- (c) Only one (1) detailed claim form must be completed per person per year, even for different claims and/or diagnoses. Any additional claims throughout the year may be filed on a short claim form available through the Employee Benefits Office. If a claim is for an ACCIDENTAL INJURY, then a detailed claim form must be completed for each accident occurrence. All items on the front of the claim form must be completed. The blocked section regarding secondary insurance coverage must be completed.
- (d) The original claim form with the attached bills shall be mailed to the City's CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR.

### 2. Limitation of Liability

The PLAN SPONSOR shall not be obligated to pay any benefits under the PLAN for any claim that is not timely filed.

### 3. Time of Claims Processing



Benefits for incurred medical expenses which are covered under the PLAN will be processed immediately upon receipt of proper written proof of loss by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR. Any benefits payable will be made within twenty (20) working days.

Periodic Payment: Payment of accrued periodic payments for continuing losses which are covered under the PLAN will be made immediately upon receipt of proper proof of loss by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR and at the applicable time period.

#### 4. Payment of Benefits

All benefits under the PLAN are payable to the Covered EMPLOYEE whose illness or injury or whose covered dependent's illness or injury is the basis of a claim.

In the event of the death or incapacity of a Covered EMPLOYEE and in the absence of written evidence to the PLAN of the qualification of a guardian for his estate, the PLAN may, in its sole discretion, make any and all payments to the individual or institution which, in the opinion of the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR, is or was providing the care and support of the EMPLOYEE.

Benefits for medical expenses covered under the PLAN may be assigned by a Covered EMPLOYEE to the person or institution rendering the services for which the expenses were incurred. No assignment will bind the PLAN SPONSOR unless it is in writing and unless it has been received by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR prior to the payment of the benefit assigned. The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR will not be responsible for determining whether any assignment is valid. Payment of benefits which have been assigned will be made directly to the assignee unless a written request not to honor the assignment signed by the Covered EMPLOYEE and the assignee has been received before the proof of loss is submitted.

#### 5. Discharge of Liability

Any payment made in accordance with the provisions of this section will fully discharge the liability of the PLAN SPONSOR to the extent of payment.

#### 6. Recovery of Payments

If the following circumstances apply, the PLAN SPONSOR reserves the right to deduct from any benefits properly payable under the PLAN or recover from the Covered EMPLOYEE or assignee who received the payment:

- (a) the amount of any payment which has been made in error; or
- (b) pursuant to a misstatement contained in a proof of loss; or
- (c) pursuant to a misstatement made to obtain coverage under the PLAN within two (2) years after the date coverage commences.

## **CHAPTER 17            REVIEW & APPEAL PROCESS**

### **REVIEW PROCESS FOR DISPUTED CLAIMS**

The review process for disputed claims shall include the following:

1. The EMPLOYEE (current or former) may request a review by writing the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR and stating the basis for the disputed claim.
2. This request must be made within ninety (90) calendar days after the receipt of the original explanation of benefits.
3. Upon receipt of the request, the claim will be reviewed by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR who will either affirm the original claim determination in writing, pay the disputed claim amount, or request additional information necessary to make a determination.
4. The CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR'S decision will be sent within thirty (30) calendar days to the EMPLOYEE along with supporting documentation setting out the basis on which the decision is made.
5. Either the EMPLOYEE or the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR may request a review by Claims Review Committee in accordance with paragraph six (6) below. The Employee's request must be made within fifteen (15) calendar days after the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR'S decision is mailed.
6. A review may be made within fifteen (15) calendar days by a Claims Review Committee upon the request of the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR only if new claims information is provided by the EMPLOYEE or Retiree which was not considered before by the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR. The Committee shall consist of the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR, a representative of the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR who was not directly involved in processing the initial claim, and an independent licensed medical reviewer of the CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR. The decision of the Committee will be made within fifteen (15) calendar days, mailed to the EMPLOYEE and will be deemed final and binding.

The review and appeal process in this chapter shall not be construed to supersede, and is in addition to, any grievance procedure set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the CITY and the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, in regard to Police.

## **CHAPTER 18**

## **AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN**

The CITY may amend the provisions of this PLAN, from time to time, as the need arises in order to assure the fair and equitable administration of Benefits to be provided eligible EMPLOYEES in compliance with the terms of the respective Collective Bargaining Agreements.

The CITY may terminate the provisions of the PLAN only during negotiations over the terms to be contained in Collective Bargaining Agreements with the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, in regard to Police Officers, for any period covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Nothing in the Document or any related Bargaining Agreements between the CITY and the Bargaining Agents of the Police Officers is intended to imply vesting or irrevocable Benefits for current, active POLICE OFFICERS beyond the provisions of the 2022-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the CITY and the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, in regard to POLICE OFFICERS.

Termination, continuance, alteration, or any related activity on the PLAN will be determined by the provisions of future Collective Bargaining Agreements between the CITY and the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, in regard to POLICE OFFICERS.

**ATTACHMENT 7**  
**TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES ANNOTATED ARTICLE 6243q**

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Purpose**

Sec. 1.01. Because of the lasting health consequences associated with the stressful nature of the professions of firefighting and law enforcement, the purpose of a fund established by this Act is to provide health care benefits for persons who retired on or after October 1, 1989, from a municipal fire or police department to which this Act applies.

**Definitions**

Sec. 1.02. In this Act:

(1) "Actuary" means an actuary selected by the board to conduct an actuarial study who is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a Fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries, or a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

(1-a) "Annual member payroll" means the amount computed on the first payroll date in June of the applicable fiscal year that equals the product of the base pay plus additional compensation for employment longevity paid to all members for services rendered multiplied by the total number of payroll dates in the fiscal year.

(1-b) "Average member salary" means the amount computed on the first payroll date in June of the applicable fiscal year that equals the quotient of the annual member payroll for the fiscal year divided by the number of members.

(2) "Board" means the board of trustees of a fund established under Section 1.04 of this Act.

(3) "Beneficiary" means a retiree, or the spouse or other eligible dependent of a retiree, who is entitled to receive retiree health benefits under Section 5.01(a) of this Act.

(4) "Collective bargaining agreements" means the collectively bargained agreements in effect on January 1, 2004, between a municipality to which this Act applies and the exclusive bargaining agents of the firefighters and police officers of the municipality under Chapter 174, Local Government Code.

(6-a) "Master contract document" means the master contract in effect on January 1, 2004, containing the terms and conditions of the health and medical benefits plan established under the collective bargaining agreements.

(6-b) "Member" means a firefighter or police officer, except as provided by Section 4.011 of this Act.

(6-c) "Payroll date" means the date every other week on which a municipality to which this Act applies pays regular compensation to members.

(6-d) "Pension act" means Chapter 824, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993 (Article 6243o, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

(6-e) "Pension fund" means the firefighters' and police officers' pension fund of a municipality to which the pension act applies.

(5) "Firefighter" means an employee of the fire department who is classified as a firefighter by the personnel department of a municipality to which this Act applies.

(6) "Fund" means the firefighter's and police officer's retiree health care fund of a municipality to which this Act applies.

(7) "Police officer" means an employee of the police department who is classified as a police officer by the personnel department of a municipality to which this Act applies.

(8) "Retiree" means an individual who was a firefighter or police officer whose retirement date is after September 30, 1989.

(10) "Years of service" means the number of full years beginning on the date the firefighter or police officer becomes a member of the fund until the date the firefighter or police officer retires or otherwise terminates employment as a firefighter or police officer less any service credit for the amount of time the member is engaged in active service with any uniformed service of the United States that the member does not purchase in accordance with Section 4.023 of this Act.

(8-a) "Retiree health plan" means the group family health plan for retirees and other beneficiaries established by the collective bargaining agreements and the master contract document.

(9) "Trustee" means a member of the board.

Sec. 1.03. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a paid fire and police department of a municipality with a population of 1,140,000 or more but less than 1,180,000.

Fund; Statutory Trust

Sec. 1.04. (a) The firefighters' and police officers' retiree health care fund is established for each municipality to which this Act applies. The fund is a statutory trust and is not a subdivision of government.

(b) The board shall administer and hold in trust the assets of the fund for the exclusive benefit of the beneficiaries of the fund. The board may pay from the fund reasonable administrative expenses incurred in administering the fund.

(c) The fund may not be diverted, transferred, or used for any other purpose inconsistent with this Act and with the instruments governing the fund.

(d) A public or private agency, entity, or authority may not alter or impair any contract made by the board or under the authority or direction of the board.

## Exemptions

Sec. 1.05. The health benefits paid or payable by the fund are exempt from garnishment, assignment, attachment, judgments, other legal processes, and inheritance or other taxes established by this state.

## ARTICLE 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

### Board of Trustees

Sec. 2.01. (a) The firefighters' and police officers' retiree health care fund of a municipality is governed by a board of trustees consisting of the following nine members:

- (1) the mayor of the municipality or the mayor's designee;
- (2) two members of the municipal governing body, appointed by that governing body;
- (3) two members of the fund who are firefighters below the rank of fire chief, elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the members of the fund who are firefighters;
- (4) two members of the fund who are police officers below the rank of police chief, elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the members of the fund who are police officers;
- (5) a retiree representative of the fire department, elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the retirees of the fire department who are beneficiaries of the fund and the surviving spouses of deceased firefighters who are beneficiaries of the fund; and
- (6) a retiree representative of the police department, elected by secret ballot by a majority of the votes cast by the retirees of the police department who are beneficiaries of the fund and the surviving spouses of deceased police officers who are beneficiaries of the fund.

(b) The board, through its secretary, shall administer the required elections of the members and retiree trustees. The board shall hold a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for a trustee position. On the executive director's certification that a candidate for trustee is eligible for office and is unopposed for election, the board shall certify the candidate as elected to the board.

(c) The fund is independent of the control of the municipality.

## Terms of Trustees

Sec. 2.02. (a) Subject to Subsection (a-1) the mayor of the municipality or the mayor's designee, serves on the board for the term of the mayor's office.

(a-1) The mayor may remove and replace the mayor's designee at the mayor's discretion.

(b) The two members of the municipal governing body serve on the board for the term of the office to which they were elected.

(c) The two members of the fund who are firefighters below the rank of fire chief serve on the board for staggered four-year terms, with one member's term expiring every two years.

(d) The two members of the fund who are police officers below the rank of police chief serve on the board for staggered four-year terms, with one member's term expiring every two years.

(e) The retiree representatives serve on the board for staggered four-year terms, with one member's term expiring every two years.

## Resignation or Removal of Trustees

Sec. 2.03. (a) A trustee who is a retiree or a member of the fund may resign or may be removed by a vote of the group eligible to elect the trustee.

(b) A petition for removal under this section must be filed with the board within 45 days after the date the first signature on the petition was obtained. A signature is not valid if it is not dated.

(c) A removal election must be held within 90 days after the date the board certifies that a proper petition for a removal election has been signed by at least 20 percent of the persons eligible to vote to elect the trustee. A trustee's term of service ends on the entry of an order by the board declaring that a majority of the votes cast in a removal election under this section favor removal.

(d) On the date the board enters an order under Subsection (c) of this section, the board shall call a special election to be held not less than 20 and not more than 30 days after that date to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the trustee who was removed. The trustee who was removed is not eligible to run in the special election but is eligible to run in all subsequent elections in which the person is otherwise eligible to run.

## Officers

Sec. 2.04. (a) The board shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary from among the trustees.

(b) The board in its discretion may elect other officers of the board. An officer may be, but is not required to be, a trustee.

## Employees

Sec. 2.05. The board may employ an executive director and staff to administer the fund.

## Meetings; Quorum

Sec. 2.06. (a) The board shall hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings at the call of the chair or on written demand by a majority of the trustees.

(b) Five trustees constitute a quorum. The board may act with the consent of a majority of the trustees who are present at a board meeting at which a quorum is present.

## Board Committees

Sec. 2.07. (a) The chair of the board may appoint committees that report to the board.

(b) Only trustees may be appointed to a committee under this section.

(c) A committee must be composed of not fewer than three and not more than four trustees, except as otherwise specifically provided by the board.

(d) Only members of a committee may vote as committee members.

(e) The board may direct staff and advisors to assist the committees.

(f) All trustees may attend committee meetings.

(g) Members of a committee serve at the pleasure of the board.

(h) Permanent or standing committees may be appointed.

## ARTICLE 3. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

### General Powers and Duties of Board

Sec. 3.01. (a) The board has complete authority and power to:

(1) administer the fund for the exclusive benefit of the beneficiaries of the fund;

(2) order payments from the fund;

(3) independently control the fund; and

(4) conduct all litigation on behalf of the fund.

(b) The board may contract with a municipality or other entity to receive the following services:



(1) the administration of benefit claims of beneficiaries, including payment of claims from money in the fund;

(2) the administration of the board's administrative expenses, including payment of the expenses from money in the fund as approved in advance by the board; and

(3) other administrative services approved by the board.

(c) The board shall adopt rules necessary for the board's effective operation, including rules relating to:

(1) the disbursement of the fund's assets; and

(2) the name of the board and the fund.

(d) The board shall take any action necessary to ensure that contributions to the fund and benefits received from the fund are exempt from federal taxes and excluded from a beneficiary's taxable income.

(e) The board shall report annually to the governing body of the municipality regarding the condition of the fund and the receipts and disbursements of the fund.

(f) The board has full discretion and authority to administer the fund and the retiree health plan, construe and interpret this Act and the retiree health plan, correct any defect or omission, reconcile any inconsistency, and perform all other acts necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act and the retiree health plan and administer this Act and the retiree health plan for the greatest benefit of all members in a manner and to the extent that the board considers expedient.

(g) A gathering of any number of trustees to investigate, research, or review prospective or current investments or otherwise attend to the trustees' fiduciary responsibilities, without formal action by the trustees, is not a deliberation or meeting under Chapter 551, Government Code, and is not required to be open to the public.

(h) The trustees of the fund are immune from liability for any action taken or omission made in good faith in the performance of their duties for the fund.

(i) Information contained in a record that is in the custody of the fund concerning a member, former member, retiree, deceased retiree, beneficiary, or alternate payee is confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code. The information may not be disclosed in a form that identifies a specific individual, unless the information is disclosed:

(1) to the individual;

(2) to the individual's spouse, attorney, guardian, executor, administrator, or conservator, or to another person the executive director or the executive director's designee determines from written documentation to be acting in the interest of the individual or the individual's estate;

(3) to a person authorized by the individual in writing to receive the information;

(4) to a government official or employee seeking the information in order to perform the duties of the official or employee; or

(5) under a subpoena.

(j) Subsection (i) of this section does not prevent the disclosure of the status or identity of an individual as a member, former member, retiree, deceased member, deceased retiree, beneficiary, or alternate payee of the fund.

(k) A determination and disclosure under Subsection (i) of this section does not require notice to the member, retiree, beneficiary, or alternate payee.

#### Authority of Municipality

Sec. 3.02. The municipality has the authority and power to:

(1) contract with the board, as described in Section 3.01(b) of this Act;

(2) provide services through a subcontractor in a contract under Section 3.01(b) of this Act;

(3) take any action necessary to ensure that contributions to the fund and benefits received from the fund are exempt from federal taxes and excluded from a beneficiary's taxable income; and

(4) control the internal functions of the municipality relating to the municipality's interactions with or activities on behalf of the fund.

Sec. 3.03. Repealed by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 52, Sec. 24(b), eff. Oct. 1, 1999.

#### Insurance

Sec. 3.04. (a) The board may use fund assets to purchase insurance from any insurer licensed to do business in this state that provides for reimbursement of the fund and any trustee, officer, or employee of the fund for:

(1) liability imposed or damages incurred because of an alleged act, error, or omission committed in the capacity of a fiduciary, officer, or employee; and

(2) costs and expenses incurred in defense of a claim for an alleged act, error, or omission.

(b) The board may not purchase insurance for reimbursement of a trustee, officer, or employee of the fund for liability imposed on the trustee, officer, or employee because of the person's dishonesty, fraud, lack of good faith, or intentional failure to act prudently.

## Indemnity

Sec. 3.05. (a) If insurance purchased by the board under Section 3.04 of this Act is unavailable, insufficient, inadequate, or otherwise not in effect, the board may indemnify a trustee, officer, or employee of the fund for liability imposed as damages because of an alleged act, error, or omission committed by the person in the capacity of a fiduciary, officer, or employee and for reasonable costs and expenses incurred in defense of a claim of an alleged act, error, or omission.

(b) The board may not indemnify a trustee, officer, or employee of the fund for liability or expenses incurred because of the person's personal dishonesty, fraud, lack of good faith, or intentional failure to act prudently.

(c) A trustee may not vote on a matter of the trustee's own indemnification or be counted in determining whether a quorum is present for the vote.

(d) The board may adopt a policy establishing a method for presentation, approval, and payment of claims for indemnification.

(e) If insurance purchased by the board under Section 3.04 of this Act is unavailable, insufficient, inadequate, or otherwise not in effect, the board may indemnify a former trustee, officer, or employee of the fund under this section for an alleged act, error, or omission committed by the person in the capacity of a fiduciary, officer, or employee and for reasonable costs and expenses incurred in defense of a claim of an alleged act, error, or omission.

(f) The board may authorize indemnification of a trustee, officer, or employee of the fund, or a former trustee, officer, or employee of the fund under this section regardless of when the alleged act, error, or omission occurred, provided that the person is considered liable for the alleged act, error, or omission in relation to the person's capacity as a current or former trustee, officer, or employee of the fund.

## ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Sec. 4.01. MEMBERSHIP. Each member is a member of the fund.

Sec. 4.011. MEMBERSHIP OF FIRE CHIEF AND CHIEF OF POLICE. Not later than the 30th day after the date a fire chief or a chief of police of a municipality assumes office, the fire chief or chief of police may make an irrevocable election to not become a member of the fund or to terminate membership in the fund by delivering written notice of such election to the secretary of the board. A fire chief or chief of police who does not make an election under this subsection is considered to have chosen to become or to remain a member of the fund.

Sec. 4.02. MEMBER AND BENEFICIARY CONTRIBUTIONS. (a) Subject to Section 4.022 of this Act, there shall be deducted from each member's compensation and contributed to the fund on each payroll date an amount equal to the member contribution amount applicable to the fiscal year in which the payroll date occurs. The member contribution amount applicable to a fiscal year equals the amount obtained by:

(1) multiplying the average member salary for the preceding fiscal year by the percentage equal to 100 percent plus the estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from the preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the actuary;

(2) multiplying the product computed under Subdivision (1) of this subsection by the percentage applicable to the fiscal year as provided in Subsection (b) of this section; and

(3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision (2) of this subsection by the total number of payroll dates that occur during the fiscal year.

(b) For purposes of Subsections (a)(2) and (d)(2) of this section, the percentage applicable to each fiscal year is:

(1) 2.0 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2008;

(2) 2.7 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2009;

(3) 3.4 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2010;

(4) 4.1 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010, and ending September 30, 2011; and

(5) 4.7 percent for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011, and all subsequent fiscal years.

(c) Subject to Subsection (e) of this section, to be eligible for health benefits under Section 5.01 of this Act, a service retiree or disability retiree who retired or retires with less than 30 years of service, or the retiree's surviving spouse in the case of a deceased retiree, shall continue to make monthly contributions in accordance with Subsection (d) of this section to the fund after the date of the retiree's retirement for the lesser of:

(1) the period preceding the date the retiree becomes or would have become eligible for federal Medicare coverage; or

(2) the period equal to 30 years less the retiree's years of service achieved on the date of the retiree's retirement.

(d) The pension fund shall deduct the contribution required under Subsection (c) of this section from the monthly retirement benefit payment or death benefit payment paid to each retiree or retiree's spouse required to make the contributions, excluding payments made by the pension fund under Section 6.12 of the pension act. The pension fund shall deduct an amount equal to

the retiree contribution amount applicable to the fiscal year in which the benefit payment occurs. The retiree contribution amount applicable to a fiscal year equals the amount obtained by:

(1) multiplying the average member salary for the preceding fiscal year by a percentage equal to 100 percent plus the estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from the preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the actuary;

(2) multiplying the product computed under Subdivision (1) of this subsection by the percentage applicable to the fiscal year as provided by Subsection (b) of this section; and

(3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision (2) of this subsection by 12.

(e) A retiree who retired under the pension act as a result of a disability, or the disability retiree's surviving spouse in the case of a deceased disability retiree, is not required to make contributions under Subsection (c) of this section for more than 10 years following the date of the disability retiree's retirement.

(f) This section applies only to members who retire as a service or disability retiree after October 1, 2007, and their surviving spouses.

(g) The municipal contributions to and health benefits paid from the fund are a part of the compensation for services rendered to a municipality to which this Act applies. This Act is considered part of the contract of employment and appointment of the firefighters and police officers of that municipality.

Sec. 4.021. CONTRIBUTIONS BY A MUNICIPALITY. (a) Subject to Section 4.022 of this Act, a municipality to which this Act applies shall pay into the fund on each payroll date the municipal contribution amount applicable to the fiscal year in which the payroll date occurs. The municipal contribution amount applicable to a fiscal year equals the amount obtained by:

(1) multiplying the average member salary for the preceding fiscal year by the percentage equal to 100 percent plus the estimated percentage increase in the annual member payroll from the preceding fiscal year to the fiscal year as determined by the actuary;

(2) multiplying the product computed under Subdivision (1) of this subsection by 9.4 percent;

(3) dividing the product computed under Subdivision (2) of this subsection by the total number of payroll dates that occur during the fiscal year; and

(4) multiplying the quotient computed under Subdivision (3) of this subsection by the number of individuals who are members on the payroll date.

(b) The municipal contributions to and health benefits paid from the fund are part of the compensation for services rendered to the municipality. This Act is considered part of the contract of employment and appointment of the firefighters and police officers of that municipality.

Sec. 4.022. MANDATORY ADJUSTMENTS TO RETIREE HEALTH PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS, OUT-OF-POCKET PAYMENTS, AND DEDUCTIBLES. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section, if on October 1, 2017, the actuary determines and states in the then most recent actuarial report delivered to the board that the number of years required to fully amortize the unfunded liability of the fund is more than 30 years, the board shall modify the retiree health plan as follows:

(1) the amount of the contributions in effect under Sections 4.02 and 4.021 of this Act shall be increased by a percentage determined by the board not to exceed 10 percent on October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2017; and

(2) the maximum deductibles and maximum out-of-pocket payments for each individual in a calendar year and for each family in a calendar year set out in the retiree health plan then in effect shall be increased by a percentage determined by the board not to exceed 10 percent on January 1 of each year, commencing January 1, 2018.

(b) The board is not required to implement additional increases under Subsection (a) of this section if the actuary determines and states in the actuarial report delivered to the board under that subsection that the number of years required to fully amortize the unfunded liability of the fund is 30 years or less.

(c) Except as provided by this section, the board may not change the amount of contributions to the fund by a member under Section 4.02 of this Act or a municipality under Section 4.021 of this Act.

Sec. 4.023. UNIFORMED SERVICE. (a) A member of the fund who enters any uniformed service of the United States may not:

(1) be required to make the monthly payments into the fund as required by this Act while the member is engaged in active service with the uniformed service; or

(2) lose any seniority rights or retirement benefits provided by this Act because of that service.

(b) Not later than the 90th day after the date of the member's reinstatement to an active status in a fire or police department, the member shall file with the secretary of the board a written statement of intent to pay into the fund an amount equal to the amount the member would have paid if the member had remained on active status in the department during the period of the member's absence while in the uniformed service.

(c) The member shall make the payment described by Subsection (b) of this section in full within a period after the member's return that is equal to three times the amount of time the member was absent, except that the maximum period for payment may not exceed five years.

(d) If the member does not comply with Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the member loses all credit toward the member's years of service for the length of time the member was engaged in active service in any uniformed service.

(e) The amount of credit purchased under this section may not exceed the length of the active service in a uniformed service required to be credited by law.

(f) If the member complies with this section and makes all required payments, a municipality to which this Act applies shall make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount the municipality would have paid if the member had remained on active status in the department during the member's absence while in the uniformed service.

#### Rights of Beneficiaries and Members; Association

Sec. 4.03. (a) Beneficiaries and members of the fund are entitled to all rights otherwise provided to the beneficiaries or members under any state or federal statute.

(b) This fund is intended to be a voluntary employee's beneficiary association as described by Section 501(c), Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)), and the board has the discretion to take any action necessary to ensure that the fund is classified as such.

#### ARTICLE 5. RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS

Sec. 5.01. RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS. (a) A person is eligible to receive health and medical benefits under this Act in accordance with the provisions of the retiree health plan in effect, except as otherwise provided by this Act.

(b) Health and medical benefits shall be provided by the fund to persons who are eligible to receive them under Subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of the retiree health plan in effect, except as otherwise provided by this Act.

(c) The expiration of the terms, or the termination, of the collective bargaining agreements or the master contract document has no effect on the retiree health plan or the benefits provided under this Act.

(d) The board as it considers appropriate may modify the retiree health plan if the modifications adopted at any regular or special meeting of the board do not, in the aggregate, increase the fund's total actuarial unfunded liability, as determined by the actuary. The board has exclusive authority to modify the retiree health plan.

(e) The board may discontinue benefits under this section for any person who does not make the contributions required by Section 4.02 of this Act.

(f) On January 1, 2008, the maximum deductible for each individual in a calendar year as set out in the retiree health plan increases from \$100 or \$200, as applicable, to \$500, and the maximum

deductible for each family in a calendar year as set out in the retiree health plan increases from \$200 or \$400, as applicable, to \$1,000.

(g) The maximum out-of-pocket, including deductible, payment for each individual for each of the following calendar years as set out in the retiree health plan increases as follows:

(1) on January 1, 2008, from \$600 or \$700, as applicable, to \$1,500;

(2) on January 1, 2009, from \$1,500 to \$1,600;

(3) on January 1, 2010, from \$1,600 to \$1,700;

(4) on January 1, 2011, from \$1,700 to \$1,800; and

(5) on January 1, 2012, from \$1,800 to \$1,900.

(h) Commencing January 1, 2013, on January 1 of each year the board shall increase the amount of the maximum deductible and out-of-pocket payments established under Subsections (f) and (g) of this section by a percentage equal to the then most recently published annual percentage increase in health care costs as set out in a published index selected by the actuary that reflects annual changes in health care costs. The annual percentage increase provided for by this subsection may not exceed eight percent.

## ARTICLE 6. INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 6.01. Repealed by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1415, Sec. 19, eff. October 1, 2007.

Sec. 6.02. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS. (a) Accounts of the fund shall be kept as ordered by the board.

(b) The board shall require that monthly financial reports showing all fund receipts and disbursements be prepared and submitted to the board.

### Reserve Funds

Sec. 6.03. (a) The board shall determine a reasonably safe amount of surplus necessary to defray reasonable expenses of the fund.

(b) All other assets shall be designated as reserve funds.

(c) Only the board may invest and manage the reserve funds. The reserve funds must be invested and managed for the sole benefit of the beneficiaries.



## Investment Powers of Board

Sec. 6.04. (a) The board shall invest the reserve funds in a manner that a prudent investor would invest the funds, considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of an enterprise with a similar character and similar aims.

(b) The board shall diversify the investment of the reserve funds to minimize the risk of large losses unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so. In determining whether the board has exercised prudence concerning an investment decision, the investment of all assets of the funds, rather than the prudence of a single investment of the funds, shall be considered.

(c) The board may directly manage investments of the reserve funds or may choose to contract for professional management services. If the funds own real estate, the board may, at its discretion, establish an organization described by Section 501(c)(2) or 501(c)(25), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to hold title to the real estate.

(d) The board has final responsibility for the investment of the reserve funds. The board may purchase securities or engage in limited partnerships or make other investments not specifically provided by this Act and has the authority to exercise discretion in determining the nature, type, quality, and size of any investment consistent with the investment policies it establishes.

## Professional Consultants

Sec. 6.05. (a) The board may contract for professional investment management services, financial consultants, independent auditors, third-party administrators, preferred providers, health maintenance organizations, attorneys, and actuaries. Only the board may enter into those contracts. The board may establish a reasonable fee for compensation under those contracts.

(b) The board may designate its own custodian or master custodian to perform the customary duties involving the safekeeping of the assets and the execution of transactions of either domestic or foreign securities. The board may engage in a securities lending program consistent with the benefits payable to beneficiaries.

Sec. 6.06. INVESTMENT CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS. In appointing investment consultants, the board shall require that the investment consultant be:

- (1) registered under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.), as amended;
- (2) a bank as defined by that Act; or
- (3) an insurance company qualified to perform investment services under the law of more than one state.

## ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

### Ethics Policy

Sec. 7.01. (a) A trustee, the executive director, or any employee of the fund may not:

- (1) buy, sell, or exchange any property to or from the fund;
- (2) deal with the assets of the fund in the person's own interest or for the person's own account;  
or
- (3) receive any consideration from any person dealing with the fund.

(b) To implement Subsection (a) of this section and to strengthen the faith and confidence of the members and beneficiaries of the fund, the board shall develop standards of conduct and financial disclosure requirements to be observed by each trustee and by the executive director in the performance of the board's and executive director's official duties.

## ARTICLE 8. TRANSITION; EFFECTIVE DATE; EMERGENCY [REPEALED]

Secs. 8.01, 8.02. Repealed by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 52, Sec. 24(a), eff. Oct. 1, 1999.

Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 1332, eff. Oct. 1, 1997. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 52, Sec. 1 to 24, eff. Oct. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 1, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 2, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 3, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 4, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 5, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 6, eff. October 1, 2007.

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Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 9, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 10, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 11, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 12, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 13, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 14, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 15, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM), Sec. 16, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM),  
Sec. 17, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM),  
Sec. 18, eff. October 1, 2007.

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. [1415](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/80R/billtext/html/HB02751F.HTM),  
Sec. 19, eff. October 1, 2007.

# ATTACHMENT 8 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

