

# **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (CBA)**

Between the  
City of Hollywood



And  
**The Hollywood Professional  
Fire Fighters,  
Local #1375**



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## **EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

This 20222025–2025–2028 Employee Organization Agreement ("CBA" or "Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Hollywood, Florida ("City") and the Hollywood Professional Fire Fighters, Inc., Local #1375, International Association of Firefighters ("IAFF" or "Union"). It is the intent and purpose of this Agreement to assure sound and mutually beneficial working and economic relationships between the parties, to provide an orderly, prompt and peaceful means of resolving any misunderstandings or differences that may arise, and to set forth basic and full agreement between the parties concerning rates of pay wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment. It is understood that the City is engaged in furnishing essential public services that vitally affect the health, safety, comfort and general well-being of the public, and both parties recognize the need for continuous and reliable service to the public.

Within the context of this Agreement, all uses of the terms "he, him, and his" shall be considered to be gender-neutral and freely interchangeable with the corresponding terms of "she, her, and hers."

## **ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION**

- 1.1. The City recognizes the Union as the exclusive Bargaining Agent for all employees in the Agreement with respect to wages, hours, and all other terms and conditions of employment.
- 1.2. The Agreement shall include the positions as described in the job specifications as Fire Fighters ("FF"), Driver Engineers ("DE"), Lieutenants ("LT"), Captains ("CPT"), and Fire Prevention Officers ("FPO") I, II and III. The Agreement shall exclude all Chief Officers and civilian employees.
- 1.3. Newly Created Positions:
  - a. ~~In the event that~~If new positions are created within the City, that such positions satisfy the criteria specified in Section 1.3(b), and in the absence of any other specific agreement between the parties, the City and the Union agree to mutually petition the Public Employees Relations Commission ("PERC") to have those positions included in the IAFF Agreement. If the petition is granted, the parties shall immediately begin impact bargaining to establish wages, hours, and working conditions for the new unit personnel.
  - b. The criteria referenced in Section 1.3(a) above shall require:
    - i. the positions be created for certified ~~firefighter~~firefighters, emergency medical technicians~~s~~, and/or paramedic personnel~~s~~; and that
    - ii. a substantial portion of the corresponding job responsibilities be based upon, but not limited to, the delivery of emergency and/or non-~~emergency~~emergency care, treatment, transportation, and/or medical supervision to private citizens.

This provision shall not preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to include or exclude new positions on a case-by-case basis nor shall it be construed as a waiver by either party of any other petitioning rights that may exist under applicable law.

- c. The parties agree that the above provisions shall only apply to newly created positions and shall not be applied to existing positions such as, but not limited to, marine safety officers and community service officers.

## **ARTICLE 2: PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF DUES**

- 2.1. Upon receipt of written authorization from an employee covered by this Agreement, the City will deduct from the employee's pay the amount owed to the Union by such employee for dues. Former members of the bargaining unit who wish to remain dues paying members of the Union shall have their dues deducted from their pay in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Union that shall become effective simultaneous with this agreement and shall thereafter remain on file in the City's Finance Department. The City will remit to the Union such sums within 30 days. Changes in the Union's membership dues rate will be certified to the City in writing over the signature of the authorized officer or officers of the Union and shall be done at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of such change. The City's remittance will be deemed correct if the Union does not give ~~a written~~written notice to the City within two calendar weeks after remittance is received on its behalf, with reasons stated therefore, that the remittance is incorrect.
- 2.2. The Union will indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless against any claim made and against any suit instituted against the City on account of any check-off of Union dues.
- 2.3. An employee may revoke in writing at any time his authorization for dues deduction. Dues revocation shall be processed through the Union. In the event of direct revocation by the employee to the City, the City will notify the Union as soon as is possible.
- 2.4. No deduction shall be made from the pay of any employee for any payroll period in which the employee's net earnings for that payroll period, after other deductions, are less than the amount of the dues to be checked off.

### **ARTICLE 3: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

- 3.1. The City and the Union agree that the basic intent of this Agreement is to provide a fair day's work in return for a fair day's pay and to provide conditions of employment suitable to maintain a competent work force. The City and the Union agree that all provisions of this Agreement shall be applied to all employees covered by it and that the City and the Union affirm their joint opposition to any discriminatory practices in connection with employment, promotion or training, remembering that the public interest requires the full utilization of employee's skill and ability without regard to age, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, veteran's status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or religion. The parties also recognize that the City has established an internal procedure to investigate and resolve alleged cases of discrimination that is in addition to the existing and adequate procedures established by Broward County, the State of Florida, and the federal government. Accordingly, it is agreed that allegations of employment discrimination cannot be processed through the arbitration procedure contained in Article 23 of this Agreement.
- 3.2. Employees shall have the right to join the Union, to engage in lawful concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining, or other mutual aid and protection, to express and communicate any view, grievance, complaint, or opinion, within the bounds of good taste, relative to the conditions or compensation of public employment or its betterment, all free of any restraint, coercion, discrimination, intimidation or reprisal against any employee because of that employee's membership or lack of membership in the Union or by virtue of holding office or not holding office in the Union. This provision shall be applied to all employees by the City and the Union.

## **ARTICLE 4: PREVAILING RIGHTS**

- 4.1. All rights, privileges and working conditions enjoyed by the employees at the present time, that are not included in this Agreement, shall remain in full force during the term of this Agreement unless changed by mutual consent of the parties.
- 4.2. Any employee using this Article as grievance justification shall bear the burden of proof that such right, privilege or working ~~condition~~conditions existed prior to implementation date of this Agreement.
- ~~4.3. The rights set forth in this Article are not meant to interfere with, or abridge, the City's management rights provided in this Agreement.~~

## **ARTICLE 5: RULES AND REGULATIONS POLICIES**

- 5.1. ~~The parties have mutually agreed that Hollywood Fire /Rescue Department Rules and Regulations in effect on October 1, 2022 Policy 103.4, or mutually agreed upon after October 1, 2022, including the changes agreed to during negotiations for this Agreement, shall not be considered~~ form a part of this Agreement, and shall not be amended or abridged except by mutual consent or as otherwise provided in this Agreement.
- 5.2. Any new ~~Fire /Rescue Department Rules or Regulations Policy~~ that affect wages, hours and/or terms and conditions of employment must be developed and agreed upon through mutual consent of the parties. Thereafter, these new ~~Rules or Regulations Policy~~ shall form a part of the Fire ~~Rescue~~ Department ~~Rules and Regulations and shall be governed by Section 5.1 above Policy 103.4.~~
- 5.3. The Fire ~~Administration Chief or designee~~ shall have the ~~authority management right~~ to create additional ~~Rules and Regulations Policies~~ that are outside the scope of Sections 5.1 and 5.2 ("New Rule(s)") and revise those ~~New Rules as determined in the sole discretion of the Fire Chief (or designee) Policies~~. If the Union contends that any New Rule Policy created by the Fire ~~Administration Chief or designee~~ conflicts with, or changes, or otherwise impacts upon the subjects referred to in Sections 5.1 and 5.2 or any other ~~a~~ mandatory subject of bargaining, the Union shall have 14 days in which to ~~demand bargaining. The demand shall be provided in writing to the Fire Chief (or designee), and it shall explain the Union's position on why the New Rule Policy triggers impact bargaining and how it will impact employee wages, hours and/or terms and conditions of employment file a grievance.~~ The 14-day ~~filings~~ period will begin when the Union President, or designee, officially signs or refuses to sign for the Union's copy ~~of the New Rule Policy(s)~~. In such ~~a~~ cases, the New Rule Policy shall not become effective until the conclusion of the ~~grievance and arbitration procedure impact bargaining process~~.
- 5.4. ~~It is understood that all discipline is subject to the just cause provision of this Agreement; therefore, if an employee is engaged in conduct not covered in these rules and regulations, he may be disciplined for just cause.~~

5.4 The parties have mutually agreed that ~~certain~~ City Human Resource Administrative (“HR”) Policies which have been adopted by the Fire Chief and therefore become Fire/Rescue Department Policy shall apply to bargaining unit members and form part of this agreement subject to the provisions of Section 5.2 above for any such policies that affect wages, hours, or terms and conditions of employment.

5.5. . Those HR Policies shall be specified in Appendix IV of this Agreement. The  
parties also agree that any changes or additions to the applicable HR Policies shall  
be made consistent with the requirements set forth in sections 5.2 and 5.3 of this  
Article and specified in a Letter of Understanding.

## **ARTICLE 6: WAGES**

- 6.1. Employees will be placed into the base pay salary levels, attached as Appendix II, based on their years of service, and will continue to either remain in their current salary level or advance through the salary levels as determined by total years of service on the employee's anniversary date (e.g., a FF with five years of service will remain in the same salary level on his next – sixth anniversary date; and will advance one level on his seventh anniversary date). No employee's base pay may exceed the maximum base pay rate for the employee's pay classification.
- 6.2. When an employee is promoted, the employee's years of service will remain the same; his base pay salary will increase to that of his new job classification based on those years of service. Thereafter on his anniversary date~~anniversary~~ his pay will remain the same or increase as determined by the years of service for that classification's salary levels.
- 6.3. As noted in the base pay salary schedules, attached as Appendix II, the following pay increases shall be made to the base pay salary schedules: Effective in the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2022~~2025~~, each level of base pay shall be increased by 34%; effective the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2023~~2026~~, each level of base pay shall be increased by 3.54%; and effective the first full pay period on or after October 1, 2024~~2027~~, each level of base pay shall be increased by 34%.
- 6.3-6.4. ~~The City and the Union agree to re-open this article upon request to re-negotiate the four percent (4%) wage increase in FY28 upon the city receiving its certified taxable value for tax year 2027 (FY 2028) from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office.~~
- ~~6.4. A one time net premium payment of \$1,000 per member will be paid on the first full pay period after ratification of this Agreement.~~
- 6.5. Employees may be paid additional assignment/incentive pay as set forth in Section 6.5; Article 34: Emergency Rescue Services & Rescue Assignment Pay; and Article 41: Hazardous Materials Response Team and HAZ-MAT Incentive Pay, provided however, that no employee shall be paid more than a total of 27% in any combination of assignment/incentive pays above the employee's base pay, exclusive of Rescue Assignment Pay as detailed in Section 34.2(d).

6.6. An employee's base salary will remain the same when moving laterally from shift to non-shift; new pay ranges and steps will be created for the pay tables when this occurs.

6.5.

6.7. All degrees earned after July 9, 2013, must be from an accredited college or university, as recognized by the United States Department of Education ("ED"). However, final approval shall be as determined by the Fire Chief ("FC").

~~For those members employed on the date this agreement is ratified, who either obtained a degree prior to October 1, 2025, or obtain a degree prior to September 30, 2028, the following shall apply:~~

~~a~~At the employee's option, eligible members will receive one of the following City educational incentive payments:

- a. Any individual who receives an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology, Emergency Medicine Technology, Fire Protection, Management, Business Administration, Nursing, Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Health Administration, Public Management, Public Safety Administration, Physical Therapy, Public Administration, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service or Urban & Regional Planning, will receive a 5% increase to the employee's base pay; or
- b. Any individual who receives a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science, Fire Protection, Management, Business Administration, Nursing, Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Health Administration, Public Management, Public Safety Administration, Physical Therapy, Public Administration, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service or Urban & Regional Planning, will receive a 7.5% increase to the employee's base pay. Employees who prior to May 6, 2015, were receiving the 7.5% increase for a Bachelor's Degree not listed herein, shall continue to receive the increase; or
- c. Effective May 6, 2015, any individual who receives a Master's Degree in Fire Science, Fire Protection, Management, Business Administration, Nursing, Architecture, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Health Administration, Public Management, Public Safety Administration, Physical Therapy, Public Administration, Emergency

Management, Emergency Medical Service or Urban & Regional Planning, will receive a 10% increase to the employee's base pay. Employees ~~who~~who, prior to May 6, 2015, were receiving the 10% increase for a Master's Degree not listed herein, shall continue to receive the increase.

d. The FC, in his/her sole discretion, may agree to accept a degree not listed herein if the degree is in a job-related field of study. However, the FC's decision to accept or not accept another degree shall not be grievable under the grievance article of this Agreement.

e. Additionally, eligible members will receive Educational Incentive Payment from the State Insurance Commissioner's Trust Fund (pursuant to F.S. 633.422), which is separate and apart from the education incentive pay provided ~~in above~~ Section 6.5 and for which a different standard is used.

6.6.

6.8. For members hired after the ratification date of this agreement who obtain an associate's or a bachelor's degree on or after October 1, 2025, members will be eligible to receive the Educational Incentive Payment from the State Commissioner's Trust Fund (pursuant to F.S. 633.422) and the City will provide annual prorated educational incentives of \$153,000 for members obtaining an associate's degree and, \$35,000 for members obtaining a bachelor's degree and \$7,000 for members obtaining a master's degree match the incentive.

6.7.6.9. A member shall be entitled to recover, without penalty to the City, funds due to the member by reasons of error in the implementation or administration of the City pay plan and other applicable regulations affecting pay. This shall be done in conjunction with the employee's next paycheck whenever possible.

## **ARTICLE 7: OVERTIME**

- 7.1. When it is necessary for the City to require employees to work ~~in excess of more than~~ their regularly assigned shifts, such time worked shall be considered overtime ("OT") and shall be paid for at the rate of 1.5 times regular rate of pay.
  - a. ~~If a member utilizes sick leave for the shift/workday immediately preceding or immediately following an overtime workday, their overtime may be converted to regular straight time pay, to the extent permitted by FLSA. The only exception to this provision shall be when a member is mandatorily held over, in which case overtime pay at one and one-half (1.5) times the regular rate shall remain in effect.~~
    - a. ~~Sick leave used in a work period shall not be counted as hours worked if the employee has used eight or more shifts (or, for non-shift employees, 10 or more days) of "unexcused" sick leave in the twelve months immediately preceding.~~
    - b. The FC, in his sole discretion, shall determine whether to "excuse" an employee's sick leave, but in no case shall sick leave be "excused" unless the employee provides to the FC, immediately upon the employee's return to work, a doctor's note verifying that the employee was unable to report to work because of a medical condition.
- 7.2. If an employee arriving early at his assigned workplace is assigned to a Fire Department duty prior to his normally scheduled starting time, he shall be considered on duty and entitled to all rights and privileges including OT pay for all actual time worked. These early assignments shall include, but not be limited to station relocation, emergency responses, and any other assigned details. Provisions of Article 8: Callback Pay, shall not apply for early assignments.
- 7.3. Subject to the limitations described in Article 43: Time Off from Duty, employees shall have the option of receiving either OT pay or comp time for OT worked both to be computed at time and one half.
- 7.4. Upon completion of a detail or an alarm after the change of the shift, a reasonable ~~period of time~~period, not to exceed 30 minutes, shall be considered as paid time for the purposes of cleansing and changing. Determination of need for and length of time to be made by the Company Officer as defined in Article 44.

7.5. The City and the Union agree that the OT list used for offering OT assignments and extra duty work details shall be administered as follows:

- a. On January 1 of each year, members will be inserted into the OT list based on seniority, top to bottom from most seniority to least seniority, and each member's number of OT hours worked will be set at zero; and
- b. As members work OT hours, the list will be adjusted based on the number of OT hours worked, top to bottom from the lowest number of OT hours worked to the highest number of OT hours worked; in the case of a tie, the member who worked OT more recently will be placed below the other member; if the OT worked most recently by both was on the same day, the member with the most seniority will be placed above the other member; and
- c. "OT Assignments" shall be generally defined as those work assignments that are used to supplement routine daily staffing levels on emergency apparatus and that are based out of fire stations. "Extra duty work details" shall be generally defined as those work assignments that are pre-scheduled and that are based upon specific events or work sites (i.e. Firewatch details, EMS coverage at festivals, etc.). The FC, or his designee, shall determine whether a work assignment shall be considered an OT assignment or an "extra duty work detail." Pre-scheduled extra duty work details will be administered and offered to members in the same manner as OT assignments. OT and extra duty work details will only be offered to personnel who are regularly assigned to perform the related job functions. Members' eligibility for particular types of OT assignments will be determined by mutual consent of the Union and the FC; and
- d. Routine OT assignments will be limited to 12 hours in duration; the duration of OT assignments that result from hurricanes or other extreme emergencies will be at the discretion of the FC; and
- e. The City and the Union agree that, in addition to rank, OT assignments and extra duty work details may be offered based upon Emergency Medical Technicians ("EMT") certification, paramedic licensure, fire inspector certification and/or departmental HAZ-MAT certification; and
- e.f. An employee shall not be eligible for OT assignments which were that are created as a result of the employee taking vacation. Further, an employee shall not be eligible for OT assignments cannot be earned on the

same day a member is on vacation leave, unless at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief.

7.6. In accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (“FSLA”), Section 7(k), effective at the beginning of the pay period starting on October 1, 2012, the City claimed the limited exemption permitted therein and established a work period consisting of 21 calendar days for all members of the bargaining unit.

7.7. To maintain the efficient operation of the department and to ensure personnel morale, the following provisions shall apply for holiday scheduling:

- a. Requests for utilization of wellness hours, comp time, blood time, and/or personal leave shall be denied if granting such requests necessitates that replacement personnel be ordered to report for duty in an involuntary status; and
- b. In order to ~~To~~ accommodate requests for utilization of comp time, blood time, and personal leave on contractually recognized holidays, the Fire Department may begin scheduling personnel for voluntary OT assignments up to 10 calendar days prior to the date of said holiday.

~~7.8. 7.8 The Fire Administration's overtime distribution policy and procedure shall not be altered, amended, or replaced unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both the Union and the Fire Administration. The City and the Union agree that the OT list used for offering assignments and extra duty work details shall be administered as OT policies and procedures as set forth below:~~

- a. ~~The following policies and procedures shall apply to OT:~~
- i. ~~OT personnel shall be assigned by a Battalion Chief (“BC”) or person of higher rank, as deemed necessary to maintain the efficient operation of the Fire Department.~~
- ii. ~~It shall be the responsibility of the Company Officer who is on duty at the time an OT assignment is completed (such as a late call or holdover), to report such OT to BC 5 and/or BC 74. This shall be accomplished by completing an OT slip and saving the slip in the electronic folder designated for OT slips. Failure of the Company Officer to follow this procedure will be treated as non-performance of an assignment and shall be subject to disciplinary action.~~
- iii. ~~Personnel needed for a foreseen OT should be notified as soon as practicable, but no more than 72 hours in advance, and no less than 20 hours prior to the time of~~

~~the OT, except for recognized holidays, which shall be hired 10 days in advance.~~

iv. ~~Once a member is offered an OT assignment, the member will not be given the option of changing to another OT assignment that may become available after the member's election to take or forfeit the OT first offered.~~

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v. Exchange of times or shifts will not be permitted for members working an OT assignment. (i.e., one member cannot work OT for any other member, unless the other member has been mandatorily assigned to OT).

vi. No member will be ordered to fill a vacancy created by compensatory time or personal leave unless the person requesting the compensatory time or personal leave is not on shift. The person requesting compensatory time or personal leave who is on shift will be denied permission and not allowed to leave unless a suitable replacement voluntarily works from the OT list.

b. OT Hiring Procedures General Rules:

i. Standard OT vacancies are 12 hour blocks.

ii. All OT hours are logged annually in a cumulative "bank" within the computerized system used to manage OT.

iii. OT hour banks reset to zero on January 1st every year. Mandatory OT banks do not reset.

iv. Lists to maintain the order of OT assignments ("OT Lists") will be maintained by rank: FF, DE, LT, CPT.

v. OT Lists are sorted by

a) all OT hours worked (sorted least hours to most hours);

b) date of last OT worked;

c) seniority in rank.

vi. A member will not be called for OT if that person is on emergency, sick, compensatory, or personal leave. However, members will be eligible to accept OT if requesting members are on vacation or Kelly days.

vii. If a member does not want to be considered for OT, the member may request placement on a "do not call" list.

viii. Any prescheduled or unscheduled vacancies will be hired seat for seat (e.g., if a CPT calls out, another CPT must be hired unless all CPTs refuse, then a LT may be hired for the seat, except however,

if there is an excess of on duty LTs, a LT may be transferred to the vacant seat) based on hours accumulated. A vacant Engine Company Officer seat will be offered to a CPT. A vacant Rescue Company Officer seat will be offered to a LT.

- ix. A vacant passenger seat on an aerial will be offered to a DE first. The vacancy shall then be offered to FF, LT, and then CPT, in that order.
- x. If a vacancy cannot be filled after it has been offered to the appropriate rank, to prevent mandatory OT, the shift commander/BC will offer the vacant seat to another appropriate rank. For example, a vacant CPT seat will be offered to LT, a second (passenger) seat on an Aerial will be offered to fire fighters (then LT & CPT), and a vacant fire fighter seat will be offered to Drivers.
- xi. If no one has accepted the OT in the time allotted, a member can still log into the computerized system used to manage OT and accept the assignment offered.
- xii. If a member is unable to answer a call for OT because he or she is on duty and on an emergency response at the time they are called and they wish to accept the OT, the member must notify the Company Officer, who will then contact the BC as soon as practical so that he/she can be placed into the appropriate OT position.

c. Prescheduled OT: (Any vacancy identified from the shift prior up to 2200 hours the day prior):

- i. All "off duty" members will be eligible for OT and will be sorted and ranked in OT Lists based on hours of OT worked.
- ii. A BC will identify that there is a need for OT and that there are no other qualified members on shift to fill the vacancy. Once the need for OT has been determined, the BC will make an automated request to fill a particular OT position (known as "outbounding") the vacancy to be filled by the appropriate OT List (FF, DE, LT, CPT).

iii. A prescheduled vacancy shall be said to have occurred after each seat has been filled with the appropriate rank. For example, CPT on Engine, LT on Rescue and Driver on Aerial or Engine.

iv. BCs shall stop the outbounding at 2200 hours.

v. A member who is offered OT will have the vacancy reserved for him/her for seven minutes. If not accepted within the time frame, the member can still accept the vacancy if the vacancy remains available.

vi. All working opportunities for special details (Diplomat, Football, EMS, etc.) will be assigned according to the time frames and limits above.

d. Prescheduled OT Eligibility List Ranking (Includes all off duty member not shift dependent list):

- i. Least amount of OT:
  - a) All shifts;
  - b) Ranked Least to Most Hours;
  - c) Zero hours at top of list
  - d) Last Date of OT, ranked from oldest to most recent (e.g., two people with 24 hours:  
1st on list took OT 04/15/15; 2nd on list took OT 05/01/15)
- ii. Seniority in Rank:
  - a) Promotion Date
  - b) Test Score
- e. Unscheduled OT created by Sick Personnel (vacancy filled morning of shift):
  - i. Any vacancies that become available after 2200 hours for the oncoming shift will be hired seat for seat using on-duty personnel.
  - ii. When there is an unscheduled vacant seat created, it shall be filled first with the appropriate rank that may have been assigned to a different apparatus. For example, a CPT prescheduled on an aerial would be moved to fill a vacant engine officer seat, or a LT

prescheduled on an Engine would be moved to fill a vacant rescue officer seat, etc.

- iii. A BC will identify that there is a need for OT and that there are no other qualified personnel on shift to fill the vacancy. Once the need for OT has been determined, the BC will outbound the vacancy to be filled by the appropriate OT List (FF, DE, LT, CPT).
- iv. The BC will start the outbound for any vacancies at 0645 hours. BC will check again for additional vacancies, and if any, will outbound those at 0700 hours.
- v. A person who is being offered OT will have the spot reserved for one minute. If not accepted within that timeframe, the individual can still accept the spot as long as the vacancy remains available.
- vi. If the BC is unable to fill all vacancies, then the BC shall offer 24 hours OT to those who accepted 12 hour OT, if eligible.
- vii. At 0730 hours, if the OT has not been filled, the BC will hire accordingly from the mandatory list.
- viii. In the event that a member is mandated to work OT after all options have been exhausted, the BC shall continue to outbound for the position.

f. Unscheduled OT Eligibility List Rankings (Starts with off going shift personnel and then moves to others):

- i. Least amount of OT:
  - a) Off going shift
  - b) Ranked least to most hours.
  - c) Zero hours at top of list
- ii. Last Date of OT:
  - a) Last Date of OT, ranked from oldest to most recent, e.g., two people with 24 hours: 1st on list took OT 04/15/15; 2nd on list took OT 05/01/15
- iii. Seniority in Rank:
  - a) Promotion Date

b) Test Score

g. **Mandatory OT Eligibility List Ranking:**

i. ~~Eligibility/Ordered List will be ranked based on the date that the last Mandatory OT was worked.~~

ii. If multiple members had been ordered to complete mandatory OT on the same day, mandate shall be determined by the number of times said member was mandated.

iii. ~~Further tie breakers shall be based on seniority.~~

iv. Members are unable to place themselves on a "Do Not Call" list for Mandatory OT.

✓. Regular OT      Mandatory OT a) • Billy = 12 hrs. Joe = 02/04/2020

b) • Bob = 36 hrs. Bob = 05/04/2020

c) • Joe = 64 hrs.      Billy = 06/04/2020

**h. OT For Training Division Personnel:**

i. Personnel within the Training Divisions who regularly perform the related job functions of line personnel as determined by mutual consent of Local 1375 and the Fire Chief, and who work at least 40 weekly hours ("Eligible Training Personnel") shall be offered overtime and extra duty work details.

ii. Eligible Training Personnel will be added to the prescheduled overtime (see Section 8(c)) opportunities list and will be slotted into the non-shift dependent list.

iii. Eligible Training Personnel will be added to the unscheduled OT opportunities list (vacancies that become available after 2200 hours for the oncoming shift, see Section 7.8(e)). Any vacancies that become available as a result of vacancies created by sick personnel shall be offered to on-duty personnel and Eligible Operations and Training Personnel.

iv. ~~Eligible Training Personnel will be placed on the Mandatory OT Eligibility List (see Section 7.8(q)) with line personnel within the~~

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Rescue/Combat Divisions. The same mandatory rules shall apply to Eligible Operations and Training Personnel, i.e., Eligible Training Personnel may not work more than 48 hours without 12 hours of time off.

v. Both Parties agree that any voluntary or mandated overtime assignment will alter the normally scheduled start time to 8:00 a.m. on the day that the overtime assignment occurs so as to align with Rescue/Combat Divisions' start/end time.

## **ARTICLE 8: CALLBACK PAY**

### **8.1. Call BackCallback to Work While Off Duty:**

- a. All shift employees of the bargaining unit who are called back to work while off duty or are required to attend a fire department related function authorized by the FC or his designee, shall be paid a minimum of three hours pay at the OT rate (except as may be limited by Article 7: OT Section 7.1(a)). If the employee is required to stay beyond the three hours, he shall be paid at the OT rate for all additional time. If the period of callback time is for three hours or less and is contiguous with the start of a regular work schedule, the employee shall receive the minimum ~~call-back~~callback of three hours before reverting to regular pay at the start of his normal tour of duty.
- b. All non-shift employees of the bargaining unit who are called back to work while off duty or are required to attend a fire department related function authorized by the FC or his designee, shall be paid a minimum of three hours pay at the OT rate (except as may be limited by Article 7: OT Section 7.1(a)), unless the callback is contiguous with the start of the employees shift. If the employee is required to stay beyond the three hours, he shall be paid at the OT rate for all additional time. If the period of callback time is for three hours or less and is contiguous with the start of a regular work schedule, the employee shall receive the following minimum hours at the OT rate before reverting to the straight time rate at the beginning of the employee's scheduled work:
  - i. Reporting 90 to 180 minutes prior to their regular work schedule -- three hours; or
  - ii. Reporting 30 to 89 minutes prior to their regular work schedule -- two hours; andor
  - iii. Reporting 1 to 29 minutes prior to their regular work schedule -- one hour.

This graduated schedule of call back pay shall not apply to fire prevention officers during the performance of pre-scheduled early inspections, in which case they shall be paid on an hour-for-hour basis if it is contiguous with the

start of the employees shift.

- 8.2. Off-duty employees who are subpoenaed as witnesses in Federal Courts, Circuit Court, Civil Courts, or by and on behalf of the City in Administrative Hearings, as a result of observations they may have made while on duty, shall be paid a minimum of three hours at the OT rate.
- 8.3. Off-duty employees who are requested to appear by or on behalf of the City or any of its departments or agencies for inquiries, investigations, or any other type of meeting as a result of observations they may have made while on duty, shall be paid a minimum of three hours at the OT rate, provided that the FC's Office is notified prior to the employee's appearance.
- 8.4. Where a witness or subpoena fee is received by a member for off-duty or on-duty appearance, such fee shall become property of the City, less travel fee.
- 8.5. Where a member is requested to appear during duty hours, as a subpoenaed witness he shall receive only his normal pay for responding to such summons. Such personnel shall respond to subpoena on as-needed basis to minimize waiting time and so as not to disrupt the operations of the department.
- 8.6. Only personnel who reside within Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties shall be considered for immediate call back. Contacted personnel shall report within one and one-half hours.
- 8.7. For each of the contractually recognized holidays listed in Article 13: Holidays and Holiday Pay, the primary "on-call" fire inspector shall be paid "on-call" compensation. If a holiday's date of legal recognition is different than its date of calendar recognition, then on-call compensation shall be paid on both dates. On-call compensation shall consist of three hours pay at the OT rate and shall be in addition to any call back pay that may result from the provisions of Section 8.1(b). Call back pay for on-call inspectors shall commence when they are initially dispatched. If the inspector's "on scene" response time exceeds 60 minutes, then on call pay shall commence with the inspector's on-scene arrival.
- 8.8. Any~~On any~~any day that is not a holiday, a Fire Prevention Officer who is assigned to be "on-call," shall be paid on-call compensation in the form of one hour of straight compensatory time for each day assigned on-call.

## **ARTICLE 9: SICK LEAVE**

- 9.1. Sick leave accrued shall be according to current practice, with rate accrual specified as follows:
  - a. shift employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of 5.54 hours per pay period;~~period~~
  - b. 40-hour employees shall accrue sick leave at the rate of 4.62 hours per pay period.
- 9.2. Employees shall be charged ~~for sick time used on an hour-for-hour basis~~a minimum of three hours of sick leave per use, and any additional sick time thereafter will be charged on an hour-for-hour basis. Sick time may be used for the following reasons:
  - a. for personal illness or to provide care ~~to~~for an immediate family member (as defined in Section 12.2) who is ill or injured; and
  - b. for personal visits to a hospital, medical laboratory, or licensed professional providing the employee with personal care, treatment, testing or counseling for medical, dental, chiropractic, or psychological needs, provided that the visit cannot otherwise be arranged during ~~off-duty~~off duty hours; and
  - c. for personal leave in accordance with Article 43.
- 9.3. All illnesses and off-duty injuries that cause ~~a prolonged~~prolonged absence shall require a physician's explanation and release prior to return to duty. "Prolonged absence" shall be defined as two or more complete consecutive shifts for shift members and three or more complete consecutive days for 40-hour personnel.
- 9.4. In instances where a member uses ~~unauthorized or unprotected~~ sick leave and goes into an unpaid status, the ~~employee may be subject to progressive disciplinary action. FC may require a physician's note upon the member's return to duty. The FC may issue discipline if the required note is not provided by the following shift.~~
- 9.5. Any employee who is absent from work due to a work-related or caused illness or injury, shall continue to accrue sick leave while he/she remains on a paid status.
- 9.6. ~~Any Employee who abuses sick pay benefits such as 5 or more occurrences in a 12-month period for unauthorized or unprotected conditions, patterned absences, not following notice requirements or whose reasons for absence are falsified may be~~

subject to progressive disciplinary action.

9.7 Members who complete thirteen (13) consecutive pay periods without the use of sick leave, excluding FMLA leave, usage shall be eligible to sell back up to twenty-four (24) hours of accrued sick leave at their straight-time rate of pay. If a bargaining unit member uses no sick leave for the immediately following thirteen (13) pay periods, the bargaining unit member has the option to sell back an additional twenty-four (24) hours of accrued sick leave.

- a. To qualify, the employee must maintain a minimum sick leave balance of two-hundred eighty-eight (288) hours at the time of sell-back and may not reduce their balance below this threshold because of the sell-back.
- b. This incentive may be exercised no more than twice per year, for a maximum total sell-back of forty-eight (48) hours annually.

## **ARTICLE 10: UNUSED SICK LEAVE**

10.1. All employees terminating their employment with the City, for any reason whatsoever (voluntary or involuntary), or who elect to ~~cash-out~~cash out any accrued sick leave as provided in the Planned Retirement benefit in Article 28, shall be entitled to payment for unused sick leave. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 10.2 and 10.3 below, sick leave payment shall be based upon full years of service with the City and shall be subject to the following maximum limits:

- 80% -- members who receive a normal retirement based on age or years of service; or members who separate for any other reason with 20 or more years of service; or
- 40% -- members who separate with 10 or more but less than 20 years of service; or
- 20% -- members who separate with less than 10 years of service.

10.2. Employees who retire with a disability pension benefit shall be entitled for payment for unused sick leave as follows:

- a. members with less than 20 years of service shall receive payment for 80% of their unused sick leave for work related disabilities and 40% of their unused sick leave for non-work-related ~~disabilities~~disabilities~~disabilities~~.
- b. members with 20 or more years of service will receive 80% of their unused sick leave for both work related and non-work-related disabilities.

10.3. All sick leave shall be paid at the employee's hourly rate that is in effect on the date the leave is cashed out.

## **ARTICLE 11: SHIFT EXCHANGE**

The ~~exchange of~~exchange time policy will be as follows:

- 11.1. There shall be no limit as to the number of time exchanges between employees. Time exchanges will not be permitted for personnel on extra duty work details.
- 11.2. Exchanges must be made within ranks and approved by the BC at least 48 hours in advance. Exchanges of time made between the ranks of "CPT" and "LT" shall be considered to have been made within rank. In the event of an emergency or other unforeseen combination of circumstances, the BC may, with the approval of a Division Chief or other person of higher rank, grant approval of requests submitted less than 48 hours in advance. Denials of such requests shall be exempt from the provision of Section 11.5 below.
- 11.3. Exchanges of time for eight hours or less on the day of will require verbal approval by the Shift Commander, or his designee, for the departing member to be relieved of duty and then must be entered ~~in~~into the Department's electronic scheduling program. The advance notice will not be required for exchange of time for 8 hours or less, unless the exchange of time is to start at the beginning of a shift or when the employee is to report for duty, in which case the shift commander via chain of command will be advised by the person standing in prior to 2300 hours the preceding calendar day.
- 11.4. With the approval of the BC, a Firefighter in his/her initial probationary period may exchange time but only with personnel on the same shift.
- 11.5. Requests will be denied if in any way the exchange will interfere with the efficient operation of the Fire Department.
- 11.6. Employees will be notified in writing of the reasons why their request for an exchange was denied.
- 11.7. Individual shift exchange is not subject to the provisions of Article 23: Grievance Procedure and Arbitration.

## **ARTICLE 12: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

- 12.1. Where there is a death in the immediate family of an employee member, that member shall be granted time off without loss of pay or benefits. For in or out of state burials, shift personnel shall be entitled to two shifts or 48 hours off and 40-hour personnel shall be entitled to 40 consecutive hours off.
- 12.2. Immediate family is described as: spouse, children, step-children, father, mother, step-father, step-mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents, grandparents-in-law, aunt, uncle, domestic partners as defined by Broward County's registration of domestic partners or any other county/state registration of domestic partners, or with the City's approval, any person who has acted in such a capacity relative to the employee.
- 12.3. Consideration may be given for bereavement leave for other related family or any relative who is a legal resident of the employee's household at time of death.
- 12.4. The City reserves the right to require documentation supporting approval of bereavement leave after employee returns to work.
- 12.5. If additional time is required, provisions for emergency leave and the appropriate repayment of such time will be available at the FC's discretion.

## **ARTICLE 13: HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY**

13.1. The following legal holidays shall be observed in the manner indicated in Sections 13.2 and 13.3, below:

New Year's Day  
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday  
President's Day  
Memorial Day  
Independence Day (Fourth of July)  
Juneteenth  
Labor Day  
Veteran's Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
The day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve

13.2. All shift personnel who are in employment status at ~~a time~~the time a holiday occurs shall be granted 12 hours holiday pay. Such holiday pay shall be paid in the first pay received in November.

13.3. All non-shift personnel, including recruits, who are in employment status at ~~a time~~the time a holiday occurs shall be granted 12 hours of holiday leave. Non-shift employees shall then utilize holiday leave in an amount equal to the hours in their normally scheduled workday on the actual date of the holiday. All remaining hours of holiday leave shall be paid in the same manner described in Section 13.2 above.

## **ARTICLE 14: VACATIONS**

### **14.1. Eligibility and Process:**

- a. All regular full-time employees are eligible for paid vacation following their first employment anniversary date.
- b. All vacation hours accrued may be used as paid time off, except that the max that can be used in one calendar year is 312 hours for shift personnel, and 220 hours for non-shift personnel. The time must first be accrued before it is available for use. Any employee who submits a request for vacation without first having those hours available for use, will go unpaid for time not worked (AWOL) and be subject to progressive discipline. Vacation hours must be utilized in blocks of time equal to the employee's full tour of duty on the day that leave is to be taken.
- c. Except as provided in Section 14.1(b), all employees shall return to duty on their shift or regular duty assignment upon expiration of their vacation hours.
- d. The Department shall be solely responsible for establishing the vacation selection procedure and will work collaboratively with the union in establishing procedures.
- e. Any employee who is absent from work due to work-related or caused illness or injury, shall continue to accrue vacation leave time for an absentee period while he/she remains on a paid status. If the employee retires due to the injury or illness, or terminates for any reason, he shall receive payment for all vacation time that accrued before the injury or illness up to the maximum as described in section 14.6 below.

### **14.2. Annual accrual of vacation time shall be determined by an employee's regular weekly hours of work and his seniority with the City. Annual accruals shall be prorated and credited to an employee's account on a bi-weekly basis in accordance with Sections 14.3 and 14.4 .**

### **14.3. Non-shift employees shall accrue vacation time as follows:**

- a. 4.23 per pay period - employees with 1 – 3 full years of service; or
- b. 5.08 per pay period hours - employees with 4 - 10 full years of service; or
- c. 6.31 per pay period hours - employees with 11 - 15 full years of service; or
- d. 6.92 per pay period – employees with 16 – 20 full years of service; or

- e. 8.46 per pay period—employees with 21 or more full years of service.

14.4. Shift employees shall accrue vacation time as follows:

- a. 8.31 per pay period - employees with less than 10 full years of service; or
- b. 9.23 per pay period - employees with 10 or more full years of service.

14.5. Employees shall have the option of converting up to 72 hours of their annual vacation leave accrual into a lump sum payment. Converted annual leave shall be paid in the last pay period of November and calculated at the employee's hourly rate that is in effect at that time.

14.6. The maximum number of hours that can be sold back at time of separation is 462 hours. Any hours ~~in excess of~~more than 462 hours must be used or will be lost at time of separation.

## **ARTICLE 15: WORKERS' COMPENSATION/SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION**

- 15.1. An employee, on becoming eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits on account of a job-related injury or illness, shall receive supplemental compensation from the City for a period of up to 16 weeks. The amount of supplemental compensation shall be the difference between the employee's gross pay (including educational incentive, but excluding expense allowance, other premiums and OT) which the employee would otherwise receive and the amount of the employee's weekly workers' compensation benefit. Effective May 6, 2015, such employees will no longer receive a separate benefit check from the City's third-party administrator. As a result, employees will no longer be paid a separate supplemental compensation check under this section but will instead receive a full paycheck (based on gross pay as stated above) from the City on a bi-weekly basis for a period of 16 weeks while in workers' compensation status under this Article. Subsequently, at the end of the 16-week period, unless there is an extension of supplemental pay as provided for in Section 15.2, any employee still in workers' compensation status under this section will receive a check from the City's third-party administrator in the amount provided under the workers' compensation law.
- 15.2. Except as provided in Section 15.3 below, the supplemental benefit will be extended beyond the 16 weeks for as long as the employee is unable to perform the employee's regular job duties, or until the employee is medically released to perform light duty work assignments, or until the employee receives a disability retirement pension, whichever occurs first. If a member reaches Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI) and is unable to perform the essential duties of their job classification, they member must apply for disability retirement within 14 calendar days of reaching MMI for the supplemental compensation to continue.
- 15.3. The City shall be given an opportunity at the end of 16 weeks, and every 8 eight weeks thereafter, to review the grant of supplemental compensation. The City agrees that an extension of the supplemental compensation will not be denied unless the City determines that the employee has engaged in fraud or malingering, or that there are conflicting medical opinions regarding the employee's ability to return to work. Should the City Manager ("CM"), or his designee, upon fair and equitable review, fail to extend the benefit provided by Section 15.2, the employee

shall be given at least one week's written notice prior to curtailment of the employee's benefits with copy to the Union; provided, however, that if the employee files an appeal of this decision pursuant to Section 15.4 below, the supplemental compensation shall be continued until such time as the arbitrator makes a determination. In the event the arbitration finds in favor of the City, the employee shall make a mutually satisfactory arrangement to pay back the supplemental compensation received after the date the City had initially determined to stop such payment.

- 15.4. The City's decision not to extend such benefits shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement starting at Step 3 of the grievance and arbitration procedure. The parties further agree that should such a dispute go to arbitration, the arbitration procedure shall be expedited, and the arbitrator shall be requested, by both parties, to make a prompt award without a written opinion.

## **ARTICLE 16: APPENDICES AND AMENDMENTS**

All appendices and amendments to this Agreement shall form a part of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 17: SENIORITY**

- 17.1. The City shall prepare a seniority list which also includes seniority in rank of all members of the Fire Department and post the same during the month of October each year. Any objection to this list must be filed with the FC within thirty days of posting.
- 17.2. Seniority shall be determined in the following manner:
  - a. rank; and
  - b. total time in rank; ties shall be broken in favor of the member(s) who ranked higher on the promotional eligibility list from which the promotions were made; and
  - c. time in service with the Fire Department; ties shall be broken by earliest date of application for employment in the Fire Department.
- 17.3. Seniority shall be used in determining:
  - a. the order of vacation selections; and
  - b. lay-offs and/or reductions in personnel.
- 17.4. In the event of a personnel reduction, the employee with the least Fire Department seniority shall be laid off first with no regard to rank. In the event of a personnel reduction in ranks, the employee with the least seniority in that rank shall be reduced first. Recalls shall be determined by time in service with the Fire Department; the last person laid off will be the first person recalled.
- 17.5. If an employee fails to successfully complete a promotional probationary period or requests to be returned to his lower rank while serving a promotional probationary period, then all of his or her seniority in the lower rank shall be restored.
- 17.6. Seniority will be lost upon termination, resignation, or failure to report when recalled from layoff. Seniority will accrue during approved leave of absence, sickness or disability.
- 17.7. When a member returns to a previously held rank, their current and prior periods of service within that rank shall be “bridged” so that the member’s credited seniority reflects a full and combined period of service. For the purpose of proper slotting on departmental seniority lists, the date of the member’s most recent entry into the

rank in question shall be manually adjusted so as to reflect a date that is consistent with the full bridged period of service within that rank.

## **ARTICLE 18: HOURS OF WORK, KELLY DAY**

- 18.1. Shift personnel shall work 46.6 hours per work week, generally scheduled each workweek as 24 hours on duty, followed by 48 hours off duty.
- 18.2. A "Kelly Day" shall be combined with the 24/48 schedule (above), which grants time off every sixth shift, resulting in the 46.6-hour work week.
- 18.3. In the case of a Kelly Day added to a vacation period, it shall be construed to mean three consecutive calendar days off. When Kelly Days fall within or are contiguous with periods of scheduled annual leave, they will be administered in the same manner as annual leave. Therefore, members shall be relieved of all mandatory OT and emergency callback responsibilities upon the conclusion of their last tour of duty prior to ~~entering into~~entering the periods of Kelly Day/annual leave; these responsibilities will be resumed upon the members' return to normally scheduled duty. Nonetheless, during times of hurricanes and/or other large-scale emergencies, members on annual leave ~~are encouraged to voluntarily~~may be required by the FC to make themselves available for emergency callback in order to support departmental operations; the FC has sole authority to approve exceptions.
- 18.4. Those personnel whose classifications or regular assignments are based upon a forty hour per week schedule shall not have the practice of a Kelly Day.
- 18.5. Shift personnel who are temporarily or permanently assigned to a non-shift schedule will be slotted into the appropriate non-shift pay status, with all related benefit adjustments, within two pay periods of the assignment.
- 18.5.18.6. Members shall not be permitted to work more than forty-eight consecutive hours of scheduled duty. Members who work forty-eight consecutive hours must be off-duty at least twelve hours before returning to work. It is the member's responsibility to inform their immediate supervisor if the provisions of this policy would be violated due to overtime assignments, extra-duty work details, exchanges-of-time, or any other reason. Members shall not manipulate their schedules in order to circumvent this policy (i.e. forty-seven hours on duty, one hour off duty via exchange-of- time, and twenty-four more hours of duty). Under emergency circumstances, the Fire Chief or designee may waive this provision.

## **ARTICLE 19: PROMOTIONS AND PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES**

- 19.1. No Fire Department promotional examination shall be administered when that ~~particular test~~test has been used before. The Office of Human Resources shall obtain a new test for each examination administered. Under no circumstances shall the test be opened prior to the seating of candidates for the examination. Examination sheets (including both question-and-answer sheets) shall contain only a number for identification purposes. No candidate shall affix his/her name to the answer sheet or examination question sheet(s).
- 19.2. Written Examinations:
  - a. The City agrees to provide sufficient funds to secure new tests from any recognized testing agency, excluding the State Fire College and the Community Colleges. The tests, consisting of 100 questions, shall be delivered to the ~~examiner~~examiner ~~on~~ the day of the examination. An advance information sheet shall be provided and posted for all promotional examinations. The sheet shall list the reference material from which the test is taken, and shall be posted when the examination is ordered, and at least ~~180~~120 days prior to the examination. Members will be given a minimum of 30 days in which to enroll ("sign up") for a promotional examination.
  - b. Unless specifically exempted by the automatic attainment provisions of Article 44: Career Ladders, all promoted positions within the Agreement will be filled through the administration of written examinations, except for the promoted position of FPO III which may be filled by an administrative Test and Evaluation ("T&E") exam. No oral examination shall be administered for ~~promotion~~promotional purposes or advancement. Written exams shall be administered on a biannual basis with the resultant eligibility lists becoming effective ~~45~~30 days after certification and shall remain in effect for a period of two years. Eligibility for a particular exam will be based upon a candidate's applicable seniority as of the effective day of the list and not the date of administration.
  - c. A representative of the Union shall be permitted to observe the following steps of the promotional testing process: transfer and distribution of testing materials, examination, grading of the test, and challenge review.

19.3. Test scores shall be calculated and carried to two decimal places and posted accordingly. Such scores shall reflect and list separately, written test grade, plus any applicable educational points (see Section 19.4 below), plus seniority credit points to be added to the minimum passing grade as follows (up to a maximum of twenty years):

for the first six months	0 points	for the 11 <sup>th</sup> full year	13.5 points
for the second six months	1 point	for the 12 <sup>th</sup> full year	14.0 points
for the second full year	3 points	for the 13 <sup>th</sup> full year	14.5 points
for the third full year	5 points	for the 14 <sup>th</sup> full year	15.0 points
for the fourth full year	7 points	for the 15 <sup>th</sup> full year	15.5 points
for the fifth full year	8 points	for the 16 <sup>th</sup> full year	16.0 points
for the sixth full year	9 points	for the 17 <sup>th</sup> full year	16.5 points
for the seventh full year	10 points	for the 18 <sup>th</sup> full year	17.0 points
for the eighth full year	11 points	for the 19 <sup>th</sup> full year	17.5 points
for the ninth full year	12 points	for the 20 <sup>th</sup> full year	18.0 points
for the tenth full year	13 points		

Seniority points for a particular exam shall be based upon a candidate's applicable seniority as of the projected effective date of the eligibility list and not the date of administration.

After the written score, any applicable educational points, and all applicable seniority points have been added to achieve a final combined score, any resulting tie scores will be broken by giving preference to members in the following order:

- a. Highest score on written test, excluding seniority and education [points;points](#).
- b. Greatest longevity in the Fire [Department;Department](#).
- c. Earliest date of application for employment with the Fire Department.

19.4. Any member who is testing for a promotional position and who is receiving the education incentive provided for in Sections 6.6(a), 6.6(b) or 6.6(c), will have three additional "educational points" added to the member's minimum passing grade.

19.5. Promotion shall be made in the order of finish in promotional examinations for the position of DE only (Rule of One). However, only those candidates who have demonstrated sufficient practical skills by successfully completing the DE skills

sign-off sections of the Fire/Rescue Department's Procedures Manual shall be considered as eligible for promotion. Candidates who have failed to complete the DE skills sign-off sections shall be considered ineligible for promotion and shall be passed over on the list. Subsequent completion of the skills sign-off sections of the procedures manual shall render a candidate eligible for future promotional opportunities, opportunities should such opportunities occur, but shall have no retroactive application. Skills signoffs shall be effective for a maximum period of two years before requiring a renewed skills demonstration with corresponding sign-offsignoffs.

- 19.6. Promotions shall be made from among the top three eligible on the appropriate eligibility list for all other promotional positions within the Agreement (Rule of Three). Consideration for appointment or rejection shall be based upon personnel performance and the material within the candidate's personnel file. Any promotional candidate who is passed over for promotion in favor of a candidate holding a lower position on the same eligibility list may request an explanation of the reason(s) as to why he or she was passed over. Such request must be in writing and forwarded directly to the FC. The FC, or designee, shall make a written response in a timely manner. Following receipt of the FC's response, the passed over candidate shall then have 10 calendar days in which to file an appeal with the Civil Service Board.
- 19.7. Eligibility Lists:
  - a. A candidate's name shall remain on the eligibility list until its expiration date unless it is removed due to appointment. Eligibility lists shall remain in effect for a maximum period of two years and shall not be extended. Successor eligibility lists shall become effective upon the expiration of the preceding eligibility list and shall, thereafter, remain in effect for a maximum period of two years.
  - b. If the FC can reasonably predict the full retirement and/or separation of a sufficient number of bargaining unit members so as to effectively exhaust a promotional eligibility list prior to its normal date of expiration, he/she shall initiate the posting and administration of a new promotional eligibility examination, subject to limitations contained herein.

- c. "Reasonably predict" shall mean as evidence based on judgment developed by reviewing:
  - i. the dates on which members would attain 33 years of career service;  
and
  - ii. the dates on which members would attain eight years of participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program "DROP" or in the Planned Retirement benefit;  
and
  - iii. the dates for which members have submitted written announcements of their impending resignation and/or retirement.
- d. "Effectively exhaust" shall mean to:
  - i. utilize the final candidate on the DE eligibility list; or
  - ii. reduce all other eligibility lists to less than three candidates.
- e.—If a new eligibility list is created prior to the actual expiration or full utilization of the existing list, then the new list shall be appended to the end of the existing list to form a combined list. Upon reaching their normal expiration date, all rankings from the prior existing list will be dropped from the combined list so that only rankings from the new list shall remain. When applicable, candidates may hold two ranks.

~~19.8. All members who have signed up for a promotional examination will be provided a hard copy of the Members shall be allowed to use the Fire Department computers and printers when there are updates to the Procedures Manual. This shall be a one-time occurrence for each member. From that point forward, the member will be responsible for to keeping his/her manual current.~~

## **ARTICLE 20: SAFETY & HEALTH**

- 20.1. The City agrees to provide the highest applicable standards of safety and health that are reasonably attainable in the Fire Department in order to prevent or eliminate as much as possible: accidents, deaths, injuries, and illness in the Fire Department.
- 20.2. The parties agree that they will conform to and comply with applicable laws as to safety, health, sanitation and working conditions required by federal, state and local law, as well as the Hollywood Fire Department Health & Safety Committee Bylaws.
- 20.3. There shall be a six-member joint Safety and Health Committee composed of three members appointed by the Union, and three members appointed by the FC. The Committee shall meet quarterly (once each three months) or at such other times as shall be mutually agreed upon. The Committee shall establish such procedures necessary ~~to~~for its function and purpose, not inconsistent with any other established Departmental or City procedures.
- 20.4. The purpose of the Safety and Health Committee shall be to:
  - a. Inspect facilities, apparatus, equipment, and clothing and forward any recommendations agreed upon to the FC, with copies to the CM. The FC shall take such action on the recommendations as he determines to be immediately necessary and shall consider all other recommendations.
  - b. Review all accidents and injuries suffered in the line of duty.
- 20.5. The City shall furnish such safety equipment and other apparatus as current practice. Only personnel who have been trained and certified by the manufacturer or applicable agency shall be assigned to perform scheduled maintenance or repairs on self-contained breathing apparatus and personal protection devices. Regular preventive maintenance shall continue to be performed as per current practice.
- 20.6. At no cost to the employee, the City shall provide jointly approved (by both the City and the Union) prescription eyepieces (both lenses and lens holders) for use in conjunction with self-contained breathing apparatus masks. Before receiving an

issued eyepiece, an employee must obtain a lens prescription at his own expense. A copy of this prescription shall be attached to a written request and forwarded to the FC's Office.

20.7 Each employee shall ~~also have the option of completing~~ complete an annual City sponsored comprehensive wellness preventative physical ~~with the cost of the wellness preventative physical "Life Scan" paid by the City at the Employee Health Center (EHC). The comprehensive wellness preventative physical shall be in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582. Mandatory medical examination components~~ The purpose of the NFPA 1582 physical is to ~~reduce the likelihood of suffering a preventable line-of-duty death. It is available at no cost to members and provides a baseline health assessment to determine whether members are likely to incur a debilitating injury or medical event in the course of performing duties as a first responder and involves identifying rare life-threatening medical conditions or a condition that could quickly become life-threatening in the course of providing emergency services. Members identified by the provider as falling within this definition will be allowed light duty status pending follow-up treatment from the provider. Members on light duty status will be required to follow up on any identified concerns and may get a second opinion at their own cost. During this period, it is the member's responsibility to communicate with the designated health care provider and supply the necessary information and follow-up care. If members fail to follow up during this period, they will need to request an extension. For members that fail to follow up or request an extension, the health care provider may have to restart the physical process due to expired data, and that may result in the member being removed from light duty status until the identified health issue is resolved. Most identified health conditions are completely treatable and can result in the members being allowed to remain fully operational. Only a pass/fail result will be provided to the city from the provider and individual test results will be between the member and the EHC.~~

a. The mandatory components of the comprehensive wellness preventative physical in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 are the following:

i. Comprehensive Medical Exam: Physical Exam, Vital Signs, Vision and

Hearing, Consultation and Review, Personalized Health Plan

- ii. Fitness Analysis: Physical Performance Assessment, Metabolic Analysis with Body Fat, Nutritional Recommendations, Personal Exercise Program
- iii. Laboratory Analysis: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel, Complete Blood Count, Total Lipid Panel, Thyroid Panel, Diabetes Test
- iv. Ultrasound Imaging: Thyroid, Liver, Pancreas, Gallbladder, Kidneys
- v. Cardiopulmonary: Pulmonary Function Test, EKG

b. While the comprehensive wellness preventative physical has mandatory components in accordance with the NFPA 1582, each physical will be individualized and additional voluntary preventative screenings, interventions, and immunizations may be prescribed as recommended by the provider or requested by the member in accordance with the guidelines such as a CT Calcium Score, Chest X-Ray, Skin Cancer Screening, Breast, Colon, Prostate Cancer Screenings, Immunizations and additional labs after an exposure or for high risk individuals based upon occupation, gender and age.

Each physical consists of the following:

- a. Cardiac Treadmill Stress Test with EKG;
- b. Comprehensive Metabolic Panel including a Complete Blood Count, Total Lipid Panel (cholesterol panel) Thyroid Panel, Diabetes Test, and a Urinalysis;
- c. PSA Prostate Cancer Test for men;
- d. Ovarian Cancer Test for women;
- e. Mammogram;
- f. Hearing Test;
- g. Vision Test;
- h. Pulmonary Function Test (Spirometry);
- i. Fitness Analysis;
- j. Metabolic Analysis with Body Fat
- k. Strength, Endurance and Flexibility Tests;
- l. Diet and Nutritional Recommendations;
- m. Ultrasound Imaging including an Echocardiogram of the Heart, Carotid Arteries, Aorta and Aortic Valve, Thyroid, Liver, Pancreas, Gall Bladder, Kidneys, Spleen

~~and Bladder; For women the Ovaries and Uterus and for men Testicular and Prostate;~~

n. ~~Consultation with review of results and a personalized health plan;~~

e. ~~CT scan provided it is recommended by the employee's physician (however, the City shall only pay for the cost associated with an ultra-sound body scan or a CT scan per calendar year – not both).~~

~~20.7.~~ 20.8. Any employee seeking a light duty assignment ~~as a result of~~because of the findings from the ~~medical examination~~wellness physical must make those findings available for review by the FC and the City's Risk Manager. All reviews will be conducted in a manner that provides the highest possible levels of medical confidentiality.

~~20.8. In conjunction with the City's Health Insurance, Preventative Health Care Wellness Exams are provided at no additional cost including but not limited to Height, Weight, Head Circumference, BMI, Blood Pressure, Psychosocial/Behavioral Assessments, Routine Immunizations: Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A and B, HPV, Influenza Vaccine, Measles, Lumps, Rubella, Poliovirus, Rotavirus, Varicella, Zoster, Screening for Cholesterol/Lipid Disorders, Tuberculosis, Syphilis, HIV, Obesity and Depression. Each examination may also consists of the following minimum components: 12-Lead ECG interpreted by a licensed cardiologist; complete blood test; hearing test; vision test; lung volume test; treadmill stress test, if recommended by the examining physician or by the employee's personal physician; screening tests for tuberculosis, meningitis, hepatitis, and HIV, upon request by the employee; chest x-ray, at the option of the employee; mammogram, at the request of the employee; prostate examination, at the request of the employee.~~

20.9. The current provisions for employees engaging in on-duty physical exercise shall be continued. The parties recognize and agree that these provisions are an expressly required incident of employment and produce a substantial direct benefit to the City. In recognition of this direct benefit, the parties further agree that any injuries that result from participation in such activities shall be compensable under the provisions of F.S.440.092.

20.10. The City and the Union affirm their joint advocacy of a Drug-Free Workplace. To that end, the parties recognize that the health issue of substance abuse by employees will continue to be addressed in a proactive manner through the

Departmental Rules and RegulationsPolicies.

20.11. The City shall offer Hepatitis-C screenings, to be administered at the individual option of each employee. The City shall first offer baseline screenings for all employees and, thereafter, on an “as needed” basis for new hires and following significant communicable disease exposures involving blood products.

20.12 When a member of the Department has come in direct contact with a patient who has a contagious disease, or has been exposed to a contagion, the member shall immediately notify their supervising officer. That officer shall then follow current procedures. If a member is exposed during the member's tour of duty, it shall be presumed that the member acquired said disease due to that exposure if the member contracts it during the incubation period.

## **ARTICLE 21: VACANCIES – PROMOTIONS**

When a budgeted vacancy occurs in any unit position (except entry level firefighter), it shall be filled as soon as possible, but no more than 30 calendar days following the official severance of the vacating department member from the Fire Department. If there is no valid promotional person on the promotional/eligibility list, then this timeframe shall not apply. Filling of all promotional vacancies is to be in accordance with the promotional procedure adopted by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 22: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

22.1 Except as provided in this Agreement, it is the right of the City solely and exclusively to determine the purpose of each of its constituent agencies, set standards of service to be offered to the public, and exercise control and discretion over operations, including the right to sub-contract. It is also the right of the City to direct its employees, to hire, promote, demote, assign work, transfer employees, relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reason, to discipline, suspend, discharge for just cause, to establish the number and starting time of shifts, work week, work day; to control and regulate the use of all equipment and other property of the City and to require employees to observe Departmental ~~rules and regulations~~Policies. The exercise of the above rights does not preclude employees or their representatives from conferring or raising grievances about the practical consequences that ~~decision~~decisions on these matters may have on terms and conditions of employment.

22.2 ~~The above rights of the City are not all-inclusive but indicate the type of matters or rights that belong to and are inherent in the City in its capacity as management. Any of the rights, powers, and authority the City had prior to entering into this CBA are retained by the City except as specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by this Agreement.~~

22.3 ~~If the City fails to exercise any one or more of the above functions from time to time, this will not be deemed a waiver of the City's right to exercise any or all of such functions.~~

## **ARTICLE 23: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND ARBITRATION**

- 23.1. The parties recognize Chapter 447, Part II, of the Florida Statutes, subsection 447.401; that under this statute, the parties shall negotiate a grievance procedure, and those procedures as set forth under the aforementioned statutes shall apply to all parties; that the parties further recognize that disputes will occur, and in that frame establish the following procedures in an effort to provide a harmonious avenue in which to resolve differences between the parties. This grievance procedure shall be the sole and exclusive method of resolving disputes relating to the application and interpretation of this Agreement.
- 23.2. Any grievance (defined as a claim reasonably and suitably founded on a violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and/or the Civil Service System), shall systematically follow the steps outlined below as the grievance procedure. Any grievance filed shall refer to the provision or provisions of this Agreement alleged to have been violated, shall adequately set forth the facts pertaining to the alleged violation or violations, and shall include the corrective action or actions requested by the aggrieved party. The parties agree that failure on the part of any party to properly provide the information described in this section will deem the grievance waived.
- 23.3. When a grievance arises, the aggrieved party shall have 14 calendar days from the events giving rise to the grievance, or where the grievant knows or should have known of such events, to process the grievance to the first step. The parties agree that the time frames described in the following steps may be extended at any time by mutual written consent of the parties involved, excluding the initial filing of the grievance.

**Step 1:** The aggrieved employee, or union, shall present their written grievances to the appropriate BC or Division chief within their chain of command. Discussion will be informal for the purpose of settling differences in the simplest and most direct manner. The chief officer receiving the grievance shall reach a decision on the matter and communicate, in writing, to the Union within seven calendar days from the date of the informal discussion, with a copy to the aggrieved employee.

Step 2: If the aggrieved employee, or the Union, is not satisfied with the decision rendered at the first step, the aggrieved employee, or the Union, shall present the grievance to the FC, or his designee, within seven calendar days from receipt of the decision rendered at the first step. The FC, or his designee, shall acknowledge receipt of the grievance by stamping it in with the time and date, with a copy to the Union. Upon receiving the grievance, the FC or his designee shall obtain the facts concerning the alleged grievance and shall, within seven calendar days following receipt of the grievance, conduct a meeting between himself, the aggrieved employee, and his Union representative. The FC, or his designee, shall notify the Union, in writing with a copy to the aggrieved employee of his decision, not later than seven calendar days following the meeting date.

Step 3: If the grievance is not settled at the second step, the aggrieved employee, or the Union, shall within seven calendar days from receipt of the decision rendered at Step 2, forward the grievance to the office of the CM. Receipt of the grievance by the CM shall be in the same manner as described in Step 2 (stamped in with time and date), with a copy to the Union. The CM or designee shall meet with the aggrieved party and his Union representative, within 10 calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The CM or designee shall furnish a copy of his decision, in writing, to the Union, with a copy to the aggrieved employee, within seven calendar days after the meeting.

Step 4: If the ~~aggrieved employee~~Union is not satisfied with the decision rendered at Step 3, then only the ~~aggrieved party~~Union may, within 10 calendar days from the receipt of the CM's decision, submit the grievance to arbitration under the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the part of the Union, ~~or~~ the aggrieved employee(s), and the City.

23.4. A grievance not advanced to the next step within the time limit provided shall be considered resolved by the last decision rendered. Failure on the part of the BC and/or Deputy/Division Chief to answer within the time limit provided in Step 1 will enable the Union to advance the grievance to the next step. Failure on the part of the City or Fire Administration to answer within the time limit provided in Step 2

and Step 3 will cause the grievance to be considered resolved in favor of the grievant and all parties will abide by the "suggested correction" on the grievance form. In any event, forfeiture (failure of either party to adhere to established time limits) will not establish a precedent for future grievance.

23.5. The City and the ~~member (or the Employee Organization)~~Union shall mutually agree in writing as to the statement of the grievance to be arbitrated prior to the arbitration hearing, and the arbitrator, therefore, shall confine his decision to the particular grievance thus specified. In the event the parties fail to agree on the statement of the grievance to be submitted to the arbitrator, the arbitrator will confine his consideration and determination to the written statement of the grievance presented in Step 2 of the grievance procedure. The arbitrator shall have no authority to change, amend, add to, subtract from or otherwise alter or supplement this Agreement or any part ~~of~~ or amendment thereto. The arbitrator shall have no authority to consider or rule upon any matter that is stated in this Agreement not to be subject to arbitration or that is not a grievance as defined in this Agreement; nor shall this collective bargaining agreement be construed by the arbitrator to supersede applicable laws in existence at the time of signing this Agreement, except to the extent as specifically provided herein.

- a. In matters of discharge, suspension or demotion, the City shall bear the burden of proof to demonstrate that the action taken is consistent with existing disciplinary practices or progressive discipline. In such cases, the arbitrator shall have no authority to modify or alter the discipline imposed or otherwise substitute his judgment for that of the City. If, however, that burden of proof is not satisfied, the arbitrator shall have full authority to modify the action within the arbitrator's best judgment.
- b. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses and its own representatives. The arbitrator's bill shall be paid by the party that does not prevail.

23.6. Where a grievance is general in nature, in that it applies to a number of members rather than a single member, the grievance shall name each of the aggrieved members, shall be signed by the Union representative and be presented directly

to the FC. If the grievance is directly between the Union and the City, the grievance shall be signed by the Union President or his designee and presented directly to the FC. Time limits provided for the submission of an individual grievance at Step 1 of Section 3 of this Article shall be applicable to these general or Union grievances. Grievances not resolved by the Chief at Step 2 shall thereafter follow the procedure as outlined in Step 3 of Section 23.3.

- 23.7. Probationary employees shall have the right to utilize the grievance and arbitration procedure, except to appeal matters of any form of disciplinary action, including termination. Employees on "promotional probation" shall have the right to utilize the grievance and arbitration procedure, except to appeal matters of demotion to rank previously held immediately prior to the promotion.
- 23.8. If the Union determines at any step in the proceedings, that the grievance should not be pursued any further for some reason, such as lack of merit, the aggrieved employee may not then individually pursue the grievance. However, if the aggrieved employee wishes to appeal the dropping of his grievance by the Union to the proper authorities within the Union, the City shall grant the aggrieved employee a time extension not to exceed 45 calendar days, as needed to process his appeal before the Union.
- 23.9. If a non-Union member unit employee wishes to process a grievance, he shall request assistance from the Union. If the Union denies assistance based on the employee's status as a non-dues paying member of the Union to the non-Union member unit employee, then the employee may process the grievance individually as all members have the right to a fair and equitable grievance procedure administered without regard to membership or non-membership in any union. If the Union denies assistance, it will do so in writing with a copy to the City. Upon such notification, the City shall thereafter conduct all official communications directly with the aggrieved employee.
- 23.10. If the City calls an off-duty member as a witness, or for a deposition concerning any matter before the arbitrator, the member shall be entitled to call back rates as set forth in Article 8: Call Back Pay. The Union shall be responsible for any payment due its witnesses or representatives. On-duty personnel called by either side as a witness shall remain in pay status while appearing at the hearing. Such

personnel shall respond to subpoena on as-needed basis to minimize waiting time and so as not to disrupt the operations of the department. Hearing shall be held in hearing rooms provided by the City, in City facilities other than City Hall, at no charge to the Union.

- 23.11. A copy of the grievance form shall form a part of this Agreement and shall be marked as Appendix I.
- 23.12. The parties agree that in accordance with current practice, both the City and the Union will have the option of mechanically recording (through audio or video tape) all steps of the grievance procedure, including the arbitration hearings.
- 23.13. All of the aforementioned time requirements for proper processing of a grievance shall commence upon the documented receipt of the grievance by the involved party and shall conclude when that party advances the grievance (in conjunction with any appropriate response) to the next point in the procedure.  
A grievance shall be advanced to the next point in the process by (a) hand delivery or (b) certified mail, return receipt requested. Hand deliveries will be documented by a date-stamped photocopy or by a dated signature of the recipient. Grievances delivered via certified mail shall be considered properly advanced as of their postmark date but shall not be considered to have been received by the next party until the actual date of delivery or date of refusal of delivery.
- 23.14. Allegations of employment discrimination cannot be processed through the grievance procedure outlined in this Article and should be processed through the appropriate local, state and/or federal agencies (e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"), Florida Commission on Human Relations ("FCHR"), etc.).

## **ARTICLE 24: SAVINGS SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

- 24.1. If any provisions of this Agreement, or the application of such provision, shall be rendered or declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts or portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The parties shall meet at a reasonable time to renegotiate a replacement provision.
- 24.2. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision is in conflict with existing mandatory federal or state Laws, or existing mandatory provisions of the City Charter, such provisions shall be renegotiated and the appropriate mandatory provisions shall prevail.
- 24.3. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision, is increased or modified by action of the state legislature, the parties agree to immediately reopen negotiations on that provision and that both parties agree to negotiate in good faith to reach an expedient resolution. If after holding a reasonable number of meetings and no agreement has been reached, both parties agree to commence impasse resolution proceedings.

## **ARTICLE 25: MANAGEMENT SECURITY**

- 25.1. The Union and its members agree that during the life of this Agreement, they shall have no right to engage in any work stoppage, slow-down or strike, or similar activities, the consideration for such provision being the right to a resolution of disputed questions. The City shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline any or all employees who violate the provisions of this Article. The only question that may be raised in any proceeding, grievance, judicial or otherwise, contesting such action is whether the provision preventing work stoppage, slow-down, strike or similar activities was violated by the employee to be discharged.
- 25.2. Unless otherwise permitted by this Agreement or by past practice, the Union, its representatives, agents, any other authorized person acting on behalf of the Union and all members agree that the following "other unlawful acts" are expressly prohibited:
  - a. Distributing literature in any area where public employees work ~~or~~ and
  - b. Soliciting for support of an employee's organizational activities during working time unless permitted by this Agreement.
- 25.3. The Courts having jurisdiction may enforce the provisions of this section by injunction and contempt proceedings, if necessary. A public employee who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this Article may be discharged or otherwise disciplined by the City.

## **ARTICLE 26: CITY AND UNION REPRESENTATION**

- 26.1. The City shall be represented by the CM, or designee, in all matters of collective bargaining. The City agrees to notify the Union of any changes in designee, whenever such changes are made.
- 26.2. The Union shall be represented by the Union President, or designee, in all matters of collective bargaining. The Union agrees to notify the CM (or designee) and the FC of any change in representatives, whenever such changes are made.
- 26.3. Negotiations entered into with ~~persons~~people other than those as defined, regardless of their position or association with the City or the Union, shall be deemed unauthorized in committing or in any way obligating the City or the Union.

## **ARTICLE 27: SPECIAL LEAVE**

- 27.1. An employee who incurs a Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) qualifying event and has exhausted all other leave remedies available may upon written request be granted an unpaid leave of absence. The initial period for the leave of absence shall not exceed six months. Upon further written request, the FC may extend the leave up to an additional six months. The total combined leave of absence shall not exceed 12 months. Upon return, the employee shall present a letter from his/her physician stating that the employee is fit to return to full, unrestricted duty if the special leave was taken for his own medically disabling condition. This leave shall not be available for a FMLA qualifying event unless and until the employee has used all applicable leave eligible under the FMLA, as provided in Section 27.6 below.
- 27.2. The temporary disability of pregnancy shall be treated in the same manner as any other temporary medical disability.
- 27.3. Except as provided in Section 27.6 below, the length of time that the employee is on an approved disability leave of absence may not be charged to any accrued paid leaves.
- 27.4. During special leave, the employee shall not accrue vacation or sick leave or be entitled to any other benefits of employment other than health and life insurance as set forth in Article 31. Employee's sick and vacation leave balances earned and unused at the start of ~~the disability~~disability leave~~leave~~ shall remain frozen, to be resumed upon the employee's return to duty. Additionally, seniority will continue to accrue as if the employee remained in full duty status.

~~27.5.27.1. An employee who incurs a temporary medically disabling condition during a probationary period and is granted an unpaid leave of absence as indicated above, shall have his/her probation suspended at that point. Upon the return to work, the probationary period shall be resumed so that the appropriate total of either 12 or six months is spent in a probationary status.~~

~~27.6.27.5.~~ Employees who have an FMLA qualifying event must comply with the HR Policy on Family Leave (HR-050), except as provided in this section regarding use of accrued leaves. An employee on Family Leave must use unused accrued leave,

including sick leave, vacation leave, compensatory leave, and/or blood time during the Family Leave, except that a shift employee may choose to leave up to 232 hours (200 hours for non-shift employees) of sick leave, or a combination of sick and vacation leave, in their accrual bank(s) to be used upon his/her return from Family Leave.

## **ARTICLE 28: PENSION PLANS**

28.2. 28.1 Pension benefits for members of the bargaining unit shall be governed by the Fire Pension Plan set forth in Chapter 33 of the City's Ordinances, as amended by City Ordinance No. O-20182026-11XX. Except as provided for in Sections 28.2, 28.3 and 28.4 through 28.7 below, the City will maintain the existing Pension Plan Ordinance provisions regarding benefits and contributions for bargaining unit employees for the duration of this Agreement, which can be found in the online library here:  
[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood\\_fl/0-0-0-35270#JD\\_33.095](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood_fl/0-0-0-35270#JD_33.095)

28.2. The monthly retirement benefit for a Tier 1 and Tier 2 members shall equal 3.4% of average final compensation for each year of credited service earned on and after October 1, 2025.

28.3. Chapter 33 of the City Code pertaining to the Fire Pension Plan shall be amended to reflect various non-substantive, minor revisions as set forth in detail in the Pension Plan Ordinance approved on March 20, 2019.

28.3. 28.3. A member's normal retirement date shall be the earlier of the first day of the month following the attainment of age 50 and the completion of ten years of credited service or upon the completion of 21 years of credited service, regardless of age.

28.4. Effective the first full pay period after the ordinance is amended, each Tier 1 member shall be required to make regular contributions to the Fund in the amount of 9.85% of his or her compensation and each Tier 2 member shall be required to make regular contributions to the Fund in the amount of 11.35% of his or her compensation.

28.5. The Summary Plan Description (SPD) of the Hollywood Firefighters Pension Fund can be found here: Hollywood Fire - Plan Administration Services.

28.6. This SPD has been updated through Ordinance XXX, dated XXX. This SPD is only a summary of the Plan. If there is any conflict between the booklet and the statute or rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees setting forth the Plan's provisions, the pension ordinance, statute, rules and regulations will apply.

28.7. The Hollywood Firefighters Pension Fund website contains additional information on the pension plan, revisions which have been made to the plan with actuarial impact statements and staff summaries. Their website can be

accessed here: Hollywood Fire - Plan Administration Services.

28.4.

- a. Subsection 33.034(C) shall be deleted.
- b. The definition of Average Final Compensation in section 33.035 shall be amended. For purposes of Tier 1 Members, average final compensation shall include the average of the member's highest three years of earnings preceding the actual retirement or termination date of such member. For purposes of Tier 2 Members hired as FF prior to October 1, 2011, average final compensation shall include the arithmetic average of earnings for the five highest years of credited service prior to retirement, termination or death. For purposes of Tier 2 Members hired as FF on or after October 1, 2011, average final compensation shall include the arithmetic average of earnings for the five highest consecutive years of the last 10 years of credited service prior to retirement, termination or death. For both Tier 1 Members and Tier Two Members, a year shall be 12 consecutive months.
- c. For purposes of Tier 1 Members, "compensation" shall include wages, workers' compensation/supplemental compensation, cash conversion of holiday benefits, not more than 300 hours of OT per year, 70% of the cash payment of accumulated, unused annual leave paid at the time of retirement or entry into DROP (applicable only to those employees hired on or before July 3, 2013), expense allowances, and educational incentive payments from the Insurance Commissioner's Trust Fund. Tier 2 Members shall

receive the same “compensation” as Tier One Members, except that compensation for Tier 2 Members shall include not more than 200 hours of OT per year. For the purposes of this definition, the term “accumulated, unused annual leave” shall be capped at the amount reflected in the payroll records of the City for each member of the plan in the first full pay period of July 2013.

- d. The definition of Credited Service in section 33.035 shall be amended. Members may purchase up to a total of four years of credit for military service prior to employment, or prior service as a full time municipal, county, state or federal firefighter which meets the definition of “FF” as provided in this Plan, or a combination of the two types of service. In the case of prior fire service, the member shall certify that no retirement benefit is or will be paid on account of the prior fire service. Members purchasing credit for prior service under this subsection shall pay the full actuarial cost of the credited service as determined by the actuary for the Plan. Credited service purchased pursuant to this section shall not count toward a member’s vesting. The Board of Trustees shall provide uniform rules for the administration of this benefit.
- e. The definition of Member in section 33.035 shall be amended by deleting the exception referencing a section number.
- f. The definition of Tier 2 Member in section 33.035 shall be amended to include all members hired on or after July 16, 2009.

28.3. Member contributions. Tier 2 Member contributions amount in subsection 33.039(A)(2) shall be amended to increase the contributions from 7.5% to 9.5%, effective with the first full pay period on or after March 20, 2019.

28.4. Normal retirement date as used in subsection 33.040(A) shall be amended so that all members shall retire upon attainment of age 50 and the completion of ten years of credited service or upon the completion of 23 years of credited service, regardless of age.

Normal retirement benefit as used in subsection 33.040(B)(2) shall be amended to provide Tier 1 Members with a 3.3% benefit up to a maximum of 86%.

~~Normal retirement benefit as used in subsection 33.040(B)(3) shall be amended to provide Tier 2 Members with a 3.2% benefit up to a maximum benefit of 80%.~~

~~Normal retirement benefit as used in subsection 33.040(B)(4) shall be amended to provide a minimum benefit of 2.75% for purposes of Chapter 175, Florida Statutes.~~

~~Normal retirement benefit as used in subsection 33.040(C) shall be amended to provide a Cost of Living Adjustment (“COLA”) to (i) surviving spouses of Tier 1 Members who have not remarried, and (ii) to all Tier Two Members and their surviving spouses (who have not remarried) by an amount equal to 2.5% two years after retirement and every two years thereafter.~~

28.5. ~~Supplemental pension benefit distributions in subsection 33.060(D) shall be amended to reflect that distributions are only payable to pension recipients who retired or entered into the DROP (i) on or before September 30, 2011, and (ii) at least ten years prior to September 30 of the year for which supplemental pension benefits are to be paid and their surviving spouses who have not remarried; and pension recipients who are (or were, prior to separation) Tier One Members and who retired or entered into the DROP or the reformed plan retirement benefit (i) on or before March 20, 2019, and (ii) at least ten years prior to September 30 of the year for which supplemental pension benefits are to be paid and their surviving spouses who have not remarried.~~

28.6. ~~The planned retirement benefit and the reformed planned retirement benefit in section 33.062 shall be amended as follows:~~

a. ~~This section creates a benefit known as the planned retirement benefit. Any member who retired or entered DROP prior to July 3, 2013, is not eligible for this benefit. Effective May 2, 2018, there is hereby created a benefit to be known as the reformed planned retirement benefit. Any member who retired or entered DROP prior to May 2, 2018, is not eligible for the benefit. Any member who on or after May 2, 2018, becomes eligible for DROP due to an amendment to the Plan and affirmatively elects participation in the reformed planned retirement benefit in lieu of DROP shall be permitted to participate in that benefit.~~

b. In order to be eligible for the planned retirement benefit, a member must have submitted a form created for this purpose declaring the member's intent to participate at any time on or after reaching the member's normal retirement date but no later than May 1, 2018. After that date, to be eligible for the reformed planned retirement benefit, a member must have submitted a form created for that purpose declaring the member's intent to participate at any time on or after reaching the member's normal retirement date. The form will identify the maximum number of years the member may participate in planned retirement benefit, or the reformed planned retirement benefit and the member's latest employment termination date based on the maximum number of years identified. The form to participate in the reformed planned retirement benefit will also require the member to make an irrevocable election of one of the following two options:

- i. During the period of participation in the reformed planned retirement benefit, continuation of contributions equal to 8% or 9.5%, as applicable, of the member's compensation until termination of employment and, upon termination of employment, election of one of the distribution options set forth in this section for the planned retirement benefit; or
- ii. During the period of participation in the reformed planned retirement benefit, contribution of 0.5% of the member's compensation until termination of employment, and upon termination, taking a lump sum that would be valued based on the number of years the member worked after electing the planned retirement benefit, the reformed planned retirement benefit or combination of both.

c. Effective May 2, 2018, members participating in the planned retirement benefit were deemed for all purposes to be participating in the reformed planned retirement benefit. No later than August 19, 2018, all such members shall have made the election described in paragraph (B) of this section. Any member electing option (B)(2) shall also make an irrevocable election by that date of one of the three optional forms of distribution. If any

~~member elected to take any portion of the planned retirement benefit as a lump sum upon termination, the member shall receive a refund equal to 7.5% or 9%, as applicable, of compensation and any contributions after the second full pay period following August 19, 2018, shall be at the rate of 0.5% of compensation.~~

- ~~d. A member who elects to participate in the planned retirement benefit or the reformed planned retirement benefit shall not exceed 33 years of service with the City, including any time participating in the planned retirement benefit and the reformed planned retirement benefit, or a combination of the two benefits. A member may terminate employment any time prior to reaching the earlier of (i) the maximum participation period of eight years for the planned retirement benefit and the reformed planned retirement benefit, or a combination of the two benefits, or (ii) 33 years of service with the City.~~
- ~~e. There are three methods of distribution of a member's interest in the planned retirement benefit, the reformed planned retirement, or a combination of the two benefits. The member may elect one of the following, which shall be calculated by the actuary for the Plan:~~
  - ~~i. A maximum lump sum based on the number of years a member worked after electing the benefit; or~~
  - ~~ii. A larger annuity based on the number of years a member worked after electing the benefit; or~~
  - ~~iii. A combination of the two methods. Member balances may be left in the Plan until the required distribution date under the Internal Revenue Code ("IRS"). While they are left in the Plan, gains/losses on such balances shall be calculated as provided in Section (l) below.~~
- ~~f. While participating in either the planned retirement benefit, the reformed planned retirement benefit or a combination of the two benefits, the member shall continue to pay the applicable employee contribution until termination of employment.~~

- g. Members who have reached normal retirement eligibility and have submitted the required election form shall have the right to participate in the planned retirement benefit or the reformed planned retirement benefit, or a combination of both benefits, until the maximum period prescribed. This maximum period of participation may not be diminished or impaired.
- h. If a lump sum benefit is elected, it shall be calculated based upon the monthly values of the member's final pension annuity benefit determined using the member's creditable service, average final compensation, and multiplier as provided in the Plan as of the beginning of the planned retirement benefit or reformed planned retirement benefit participation period, together with the appropriate measure of earnings as defined in this section.
- i. Investment earnings attributable to the lump sum benefit shall be calculated in arrears using the net investment rate earned by the pension fund for each month of creditable service worked during the planned retirement benefit participation period or the reformed planned retirement benefit participation period. The earnings shall be applied to the prior pension annuity balance including all prior months of creditable service and further including prior monthly earnings. The investment earnings shall be compounded monthly to determine the amount to be credited during each year of the planned retirement benefit participation period or the reformed planned retirement benefit participation period. The aggregate value of the monthly investment earnings will determine the amount of investment earnings to be credited for the planned retirement benefit participation period or the reformed planned retirement benefit participation period. In the case of the planned retirement benefit only, investment earnings shall be further calculated using the formula in subsection (J) below.
- j. In the case of the planned retirement benefit only, there shall be the following exclusions from earnings which shall be dependent on the funded ratio of the Plan. The member will share in Plan losses in those years in which Plan earnings are negative. While the Plan has a funded ratio of less

than 80%, any year in which net plan earnings are greater than 4% (applied monthly at the rate of 0.327%), the next 2% of earnings (applied at the monthly rate of 0.165%) shall be excluded from the member's lump sum payment and retained by the Plan. When the Plan has a funded ratio of 80% but less than 90%, the retained earnings will decline to the first 1% in excess of net earnings of 4%. When the Plan reaches a funded ratio of 90%, the exclusions shall cease. In any year in which the funded ratio declines below the benchmarks in this subsection, the exclusion shall resume at the rate appropriate to the funding level.

- k. If an eligible member who is participating in the planned retirement benefit dies during the participation period, the surviving spouse or, in the case of no surviving spouse, the beneficiary designated in writing by the member, shall make the election provided in division (E)(1) above with respect to the planned retirement benefits earned. If an eligible member who is participating in the reformed planned retirement benefit elects option 1 (continuation of the 8% or 9% contribution, as applicable) under division (B) above and dies during the participation period, the surviving spouse or, in the case of no surviving spouse, the beneficiary designated in writing by the member, shall make the election provided in division (B)(1) above with respect to the reformed planned retirement benefits earned.
- l. In the case of any member of the Plan hired on or before July 15, 2009, and who becomes eligible for DROP, the member retains the right to continue participation in the planned retirement benefit or the reformed planned retirement benefit by electing to continue participation on a form and according to the procedures and timetables adopted by the Board.
- m. For any member who reached normal retirement date between October 1, 2011, and July 17, 2013, the time such member worked between the normal retirement date (on or after October 1, 2011) and the date the member submits the planned retirement benefit election form may be included in the member's planned retirement benefit participation period, provided the

~~member shall not exceed the maximum period of participation set forth in division (D) above.~~

- ~~n. Upon reaching DROP eligibility, Tier 1 Members shall be eligible to participate in the DROP Plan, with the Tier 1 Member to select an entry date on or after the day the member attained (or attains) age 50 or completed (or completes) 23 years of credited service subject to the existing limitation of 33 years of service with the City. Any member who attained age 50 with 10 years of credited service or completed 23 years of credited service before March 20, 2019, and who was not already participating in the reformed planned retirement benefit before March 20, 2019, who wants to participate retroactively in the DROP Plan, must submit his or her irrevocable written election/decision within 60 days after March 20, 2019. Any member who attained age 50 with 10 years of credited service or 23 years of credited service before March 20, 2019, and who was already participating in the reformed planned retirement benefit before March 20, 2019, and who wants to change from the reformed planned retirement benefit to the DROP plan must submit his or her irrevocable written election/decision within 60 days after March 20, 2019. No member shall receive any benefits from both the DROP and the reformed planned retirement benefit.~~
- ~~o. Any bargaining unit employee who elects to participate in the planned retirement benefit or the reformed planned retirement benefit shall continue to be subject to termination from employment for just cause as provided in the collective bargaining agreement.~~

~~28.7. From May 6, 2015, forward, all Chapter 175 distributions received annually, up to \$1,562,180.00, shall be placed in the Pension Plan and used to offset the City's contribution requirements to the Plan. Furthermore, \$62,925.00 of FY14 excess distribution shall also be placed in the Pension Plan and used to offset the City's contribution requirements to the Plan. Any additional distributions received above that amount will be used to fund the Share Plan as provided in the Pension Ordinance unless otherwise agreed by the parties.~~

28.8. The parties agree that if any changes in State Law or any action by the Division of Retirement or the Pension Board eliminates or reduces the annual amount of premium tax refunds below \$1,000,000.00, then the parties agree to reopen Article 6 of this Agreement to re-negotiate any wage increase.

28.9. The Union agrees for itself and for all bargaining unit employees to waive, renounce, and forgo any and all remedies and payments whatsoever related to the modifications to any part of the CBA or the Pension Plan Ordinance made by the City pursuant to financial urgency to which it or they are or may become eligible to receive, whether resulting from an award by any tribunal or through settlement. The Union also agrees to withdraw with prejudice immediately all remaining grievances but not its' pending unfair labor practice charge, which is stayed, PERC Case Number: CA 2012-011, nor its appeal of the first ULP, Case Numbers 4D12-2861 and CA 2011-101, related to such changes.

28.10. The parties agree to the establishment of a pension stabilization fund ("contribution stabilization fund" or "CSF") for the purpose of setting aside certain future surplus earnings to increase the financial stability of the retirement system and to ensure a reasonable cost to the City in the maintenance of the retirement program. Given the uncertainty of the capital markets and the transitional nature of the plan at the time of this agreement, the parties agree that the City and the Union may negotiate the precise terms of the program and, upon mutual consent, implement same through an appropriate City ordinance without further ratification.

28.11. The parties agree to meet on a quarterly basis during the term of this Agreement to explore different options so that the costs associated with the pension plan and the pension plan's unfunded liability may be reduced. Present at these meeting shall be four bargaining unit employees selected by the Union and four management representative selected by the FC. The parties shall meet upon the request of either party, or at other specific times mutually agreed upon.

28.12. Section 33.034 Firefighters Pension and Retirement, Section 33.062 Planned Retirement Benefit; Reformed Planned Retirement Benefit and Section 33.095 Firefighter's Supplemental Retirement System may be accessed through the following links:

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood\\_fl/0-0-0-35270#JD\\_33.095](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood_fl/0-0-0-35270#JD_33.095)

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood\\_fl/0-0-0-51797](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/hollywood/latest/hollywood_fl/0-0-0-51797)

## **ARTICLE 29: WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION**

- 29.1. The City agrees that there will be no working out of classification for any Fire Department rank or position.
- 29.2. If a rank or position is vacant due to sickness, injury, Kelly-Day or vacation, and it becomes necessary that that rank or position be filled for the Fire Department to function adequately, off-duty personnel of the needed rank or position will be called in accordance with the present system of OT.

## ARTICLE 30: UNIFORMS AND LINENS

### 30.1. ~~Issued Uniforms~~Uniforms Issued:

- a. The City shall establish the following minimum uniform sets for all bargaining unit personnel: one long-sleeved dress shirt, one pair of dress trousers, ~~two jumpsuits for all EMT's and paramedics~~, one black necktie, one leather belt, six short sleeved and/or long-sleeved (any combination thereof) tee-shirts, one ballcap, one pair of mechanics gloves, one sun protection hat, one winter jacket or equivalent, and one pair of City issued footwear.
- b. In addition to the above minimum set of ~~issued~~ uniforms issued:
  - i. Non-shift personnel shall receive four short-sleeved ~~dress polo~~ shirts, three pairs of dress trousers, and two pairs of EMT-style trousers; and
  - ii. Shift personnel shall receive four EMT-style trousers; and
  - iii. ~~Shift personnel assigned to rescue and/or HAZ-MAT operations may~~  
~~May~~ request two jumpsuits.
- c. ~~c. The City shall provide a means of permanently identifying all issued articles. Thereafter, uniform Uniform~~ items will be replaced on an "as needed" basis, as determined by the FC or designee. Once issued, uniform articles will not be reissued.

### 30.2. The City shall repair or replace members' personal prescription eyeglasses ~~or wristwatches~~ that are damaged, destroyed, or lost in the line of duty, up to a maximum cost of \$175.00 each. The City reserves the right to require documentation supporting the value of the damaged or lost prescription eyeglasses ~~or wristwatch~~. The City will not be responsible for ~~repair~~repairing or replacement of members' personal prescription eyeglasses ~~or wristwatches~~ that become damaged, destroyed, or lost due to members' own negligence, nor for any non-prescription sunglasses for any reason. For purposes of this section, line of duty shall not include leisure time or recreational activities, horseplay or any other such incidents.

## **ARTICLE 31: HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN**

31.1. The City shall provide group health coverage for its regular, full-time employees and dependents (dependents to include domestic partners as defined by Broward County's registration of domestic partners or any other county/state registration of domestic partners). The City offers two plan options currently named Open Access Plus plan (OAP) and Open Access Plus In-Network plan (OAPIN).

The City will contribute 80% of the premium for employees electing single or dependent coverage on the OAP plan and the employee will be responsible for contributing 20% of the premium. Thereafter, the 80% / 20% cost sharing arrangement shall continue in effect with the dollar value of the contributions being subject to premium changes in future plan years.

For the OAPIN plan, the City will continue to contribute 100% of the premium for employees electing single coverage. For employees adding dependents, the City will continue to contribute 90% toward the premium and the employee will be responsible for 10%.

Primary Care Co-Pay Office Visits on the OAP plan will remain \$25.00.

Primary Care Co-Pay Office Visits on the OAPIN plan will remain \$30.00.

Thereafter, the 90% / 10% cost sharing arrangement shall continue in effect with the dollar value of the contributions being subject to premium changes in future plan years.

Each employee shall have the option of undergoing an annual physical examination through the employee's physician as provided by the City's health insurance coverage.

31.2. The Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for each employee, in the following amounts shall be made available to each employee in each new calendar year ~~starting on January 1, 2022~~, which will be based on the number of dependents the employee has on the City's health plan: \$400 for single coverage; \$600 for single

plus one dependent; and \$1000 for single plus two or more dependents. Employees who are not covered by City health insurance shall have access only to the single coverage amount in an HRA. The annual amount shall be available on a "use it or lose it" basis to use for IRS approved medical expenses, with unused amounts being returned to the health fund for use in funding FSA accounts the next year. The HRAs shall be subject to all applicable requirements and limitations set forth in federal laws and regulations.

~~31.3. Beginning January 1, 2024, the~~The HRA funding ~~for the following calendar year (January 1, 2025) will be~~is contingent upon the employee ~~completing a physical~~their biometrics at the City's Employee Health Clinic (EHC) or obtaining an annual HAZ-MAT physical. The goal of the ~~2024~~ City of Hollywood Wellness program is to foster knowledge where employees "know their numbers" to help employees be healthier, is to help employees be better healthcare consumers and reward employees for being engaged in their health, active, healthy, and completing annual preventive exams. The City ~~will~~ encourages this by offering the HRA incentives for employees ~~to who~~ complete their biometric screening at the City's EHC, along with a provider follow-up to review. ~~The incentives are \$400 for single coverage; \$600 for single plus one dependent; and \$1,000 for single plus two or more dependents towards employees' HRA for the 2025 calendar year that are currently given to employees without any required targets.~~ This program will be voluntary and offered to all active employees enrolled in the City's medical plan. The biometricBiometric screening must be completed in ~~2024~~one calendar year in order to receive the HRA incentive ~~in 2025 for the following calendar year~~. All new hires ~~in the 2025 calendar year~~ will have the ability to earn the incentive after they complete their initial waiting period. ~~The requirements of this section are contingent upon the City opening the EHC on or before July 1, 2024, and may be revised or removed if unanticipated delays in construction or commencement of EHC services occur, which renders Bargaining Unit member performance under this section impractical, illogical, or unconscionable. "Biometric Screening" is defined as an evaluation of Weight Measurement/BMI, Height, Weight, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Blood Sugar/Glucose.~~

~~31.4.~~31.3. Employees shall not be permitted to transfer membership or enrollment from the health or dental benefits plan to another except during the yearly group open

enrollment period.

31.4. The City shall provide three dental insurance plans, a Low, a High and a Buy-Up for its regular full-time employees and such dependents meeting eligibility requirements thereof at a total cost not to exceed \$19.00 per employee per month. Any contribution requirements in excess of \$19.00 per employee per month will be borne by the participating employee. The calendar year benefit maximum for each employee and eligible dependent is \$2,000 on the Low and High Plans and \$3,000 for each employee and eligible dependent on the Buy-Up Plan.

31.5. Retiree Health Saving Accounts ("RHS"): Effective on October 1, 2025 the first full pay period following ratification of this agreement, the following fixed/regular contributions shall be made into an employee's tax deferred health savings account. City shall establish a Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP), funded by 50% per eligible employee unused accrued sick leave contributions, directed to a universal reimbursement account at retirement/separation as well as fixed bi-weekly payroll deductions based on the employee's years of service. The percentage of sick leave contribution shall be made from the maximum limits allowed based upon full years of service with the City as referenced in Article 10 – Unused Sick Leave. The following fixed/regular contributions shall be made into the employee's tax deferred health savings account, based on the employee's years of service, by each employee:

- From 1 - 9 years of service: \$25 bi-weekly; or
- From 10 to 19 years of service: \$40.00 bi-weekly; or
- 20 or more years of service: \$50.00 bi-weekly.

based on the employee's years of service, by the City and by each employee:

- From 1 - 9 years of service: \$25.00 bi-weekly
- From 1-19 years of services: \$40.00 bi-weekly
- From 20 or more years of service: \$50.00 bi-weekly

31.5.

31.6. Employees hired on or after March 20, 2019, shall have the option of continuing under the City's health plan upon retirement (except for the HRA); however, they shall be responsible for the entire cost of the health plan premium. Employees hired

prior March 20, 2019, shall have the option of continuing under the City's health plan upon retirement (except for the HRA) with no cost for single coverage, however they shall pay for the full cost of dependent coverage.

31.7. The City shall continue to provide a term life insurance policy in the face amount of \$100,000.00 with double indemnity provision, for each employee; said term shall be for the term of active employment of the employee and shall cease upon the employee's termination of service for any reason.

31.8. Firefighter's Bargaining Unit Group Life and Health Benefits Plan:

a. The City and the Union agree that upon written notice to the City of not less than 90 days, the Union may elect to permanently withdraw all members of this bargaining unit from the City's Life Insurance and Health and Dental Benefits Plans and form their own plan.

b. The Union agrees that all presently participating retirees of this bargaining unit will be part of and covered by the new Firefighter's Bargaining Unit Group Life and Health Benefits Plan (including otherwise eligible dependents); that such present and future retirees shall not participate in or be covered by the City's Life and Health Group Benefits Plans.

c. The City and the Union agree that:

i. The City shall contribute \$65.41 bi-weekly toward single coverage for those members of the bargaining unit.<sup>1</sup>

ii. The City shall contribute \$90.84 bi-weekly toward dependent coverage for those members of the unit who have opted for such dependent coverage.<sup>1</sup>

iii. The City shall make no contribution whatsoever toward ~~premium~~premiums for retirees and their dependents under the Firefighter's Bargaining Unit Life and Health Group Benefits Plan.<sup>1</sup>

iv. Monies contributed by the City for group health and life insurance coverage shall not be used for any other purpose.<sup>1</sup>

d. All members of the bargaining unit shall be equally ~~assessed~~assessed with any administrative costs associated with maintaining and executing the Firefighter's Bargaining Unit Group Health and Life Insurance Plan.

e. The City shall make deductions at no ~~costs~~cost to the Firefighter's Life and Health Trust upon proper authorization. The City shall remit to the Union Trust Fund such sums within the same time and the same manner as it does

Union dues.

- 31.9. The Union shall be notified of and invited to participate in discussions on matters relating to insurance coverage for the bargaining unit.
- 31.10. The City and the Union agree that upon entering into an unpaid, authorized leave of absence from the City, excluding a Military Leave, the employee shall have the option of continuing his coverage under the City's health program, or the Union's health insurance program if the Union exercised its option under Section 31.8, provided that the employee shall pay the full cost for such coverage including such portion that had been previously paid by the City; if the employee had dependent coverage in effect, such coverage shall likewise be continued, at the employee's option, with no contribution whatsoever by the City to the cost.
- 31.11. Surviving spouses and eligible dependents of deceased members will be eligible to continue their existing coverage under the Health Group Benefits Plan by paying to the City in monthly installments the full premium cost of the appropriate coverage. The City shall bear no cost whatsoever for the continuation of said coverage.
- 31.12. The City cares about the well-being of all employees on and off the job and provides a comprehensive Employee Assistance Program ("EAP"). EAP offers covered employees and family members free and convenient access to a range of confidential and professional services to help address a variety of problems that may negatively affect employee or family member's well-being. For this Agreement, coverage includes 10 free face-to-face or telephonic visits with a specialist, per person, per issue, per year, including online material/tools and webinars.
- 31.13. In recognition of the importance ~~for of~~ mental health well-being, the City shall offer shift employees 48 hours and non-shift employees 20 hours on a use-it-or-lose-it basis to promote well-being and wellness beginning after the ratification of this agreement, following the normal and customary personal leave time off procedures as referenced in Section 43.3. These paid hours must be used within the fiscal year in which they were earned or will be lost.

## **ARTICLE 32: DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- 32.1. The Union and the City agree that the most effective means of maintaining discipline is through the promotion of cooperation, of sustained good working relationships, and of the self-discipline and responsible performance expected of mature employees. In those cases where specific corrective action becomes necessary, the disciplinary measures taken should have a constructive effect. Disciplinary action will be taken for the sole purpose of correcting offending employees and problem situations and maintaining discipline and morale among other employees.
- 32.2. When an employee is alleged to have violated any ~~rule or regulation~~policy, the employee shall be officially charged in writing by his supervisor, a Battalion Chief, Division Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, or the FC, within ~~45-90~~120 calendar days:
  - a. of the date of the alleged offense; or
  - b. of the date the immediate supervisor knows or should have known of the alleged offense; or
  - c. where the matter has been referred for investigation, to an outside agency (including Hollywood Police Department and any other City agency or department that has proper investigative jurisdiction), of the date of completion of the investigation; date of completion shall be documented by party or agency conducting the investigation; or
  - d. where the matter has been referred to internal fact finding, the time may be mutually extended.

Once an employee has been officially charged in accordance with the above, the FC, or his designee, shall render a final disciplinary action within 45 ~~90~~ calendar days. The City and the Union may mutually agree to extend this period by up to 15 days for a total review period of up to 60 days.

- 32.3. Subject to the CM's (or designee) sole discretion and approval, whenever the imposed discipline is in the form of a suspension without pay, the employee may request to forfeit annual leave equal to the suspension, in lieu of the loss of pay; if

the employee requests this option, such approval shall be conditioned upon full waiver of any and all rights to appeal the suspension.

- 32.4. Employee suspensions without pay will not be served until at least 14 calendar days after the final date of notification. If the employee chooses to appeal a suspension through the grievance and arbitration procedure or through the civil service procedure, the suspension will be held in abeyance until the appropriate appeal process has been concluded.
- 32.5. The City agrees to furnish the Union with a copy of any written disciplinary action notice issued to any employee in the Bargaining Unit.
- 32.6. Employees shall receive copies of all documents filed in the employee's personnel folders in the FC's office or in the City's HR Department.

## **ARTICLE 33: PHYSICAL PLANT MAINTENANCE**

- 33.1. The City will utilize non-unit personnel to maintain lawns and shrubbery at all Fire Stations.
- 33.2. The City will utilize non-unit personnel for the performance of custodial duties in the Fire Department Administrative Offices.
- 33.3. Unit members will continue to perform:
  - a. housekeeping duties in and around fire stations including routine policing for trash, fallen branches, and/or other forms of debris in fire station parking lots, lawns, grounds, rock gardens and other exterior areas around the fire station; and
  - b. routine upkeep and preventive maintenance to Fire Department equipment and apparatus in the same manner that was in effect prior to the implementation of this language.
- 33.4. The City will not require unit personnel to perform major maintenance and repairs (i.e., construction, carpentry work, painting, etc.) to City buildings and properties.

## **ARTICLE 34: EMERGENCY RESCUE SERVICES & RESCUE ASSIGNMENT PAY**

34.1. All unit personnel who are certified EMT must continue to ensure, as a condition of continued ~~employment~~employment, ~~that their~~current and valid:

- a. EMT ~~e~~Certification ~~is maintained current and valid~~; and
- b. All State of Florida related certifications ~~are maintained current and valid~~, including:
  - i. CPR ~~Certification~~Certification; and
  - ii. EVOC ~~Certification~~Certification; and
  - iii. Florida Ambulance Driver's Standards.

34.2. Effective October 1, 2022, all unit personnel who are certified and licensed as State Licensed Paramedics shall be paid a (7%) pay incentive above their base ~~pay provided~~pay, as a condition of continued employment (except as provided in Section 34.6), the employee's:

- a. Paramedic Certification and licensure by the State of Florida is maintained current and valid; and
- b. All State of Florida related certifications are maintained current and valid, including:
  - i. CPR ~~Certification~~Certification; and
  - ii. EVOC ~~Certification~~Certification; and
  - iii. Florida Ambulance Driver's Standards.
- c. Employees assigned as ~~a Captain~~Captain 105 and/or EMS Captain shall be paid an additional 10% assignment pay incentive above their base pay. Employees temporarily assigned for a minimum of six hours shall receive the 10% assignment pay incentive above their base pay for the remainder of that shift.
- d. Employees assigned as a Rescue FF or Rescue LT shall be paid an additional 5% assignment pay incentive above their base pay. Employees temporarily assigned for a minimum of six hours shall receive the 5% assignment pay incentive above their base pay for the remainder of the shift.

- 34.3. The Fire Chief or his designee may assign any unit member to Rescue for any time period based solely on the needs of the Department. Any Fire Department Apparatus may be dispatched on any emergency medical call based solely on the needs of the department.
- 34.4. On an annual basis or as otherwise agreed by the Department and the Union, the Department shall offer all State of Florida required re-certification courses, at no charge to the employee.
- 34.5. The Training Division will endeavor to schedule such re-certification courses (Section 34.4) during duty hours whenever possible; individuals unable to attend these courses during duty hours due to vacations, exchanges of time or absenteeism will have to attend such courses on a non-duty, non-paid status.
- ~~34.6.~~ All new hires shall be required to become EMT certified before completing probation and maintain such certification as a condition of continued employment. Additionally, new hires shall be required to attain a Paramedic certification within four years of date of hire. ~~Any Paramedic hired on or after October 1, 1988, who does not maintain his Paramedic certification must obtain and maintain an EMT certification. Effective October 1, 1993, a~~ll new hires shall be required to maintain their Paramedic licensure throughout their employment ~~history~~ with the City.
- 34.76 ~~An employee's base salary will remain the same when there is a lateral move from the line to the bureau. New ranges/steps will be created if needed when this occurs.~~
- 34.87 ~~Employees assigned to non-shift will receive 5% incentive pay allowance, excluding employees assigned to non-shift due to FMLA, Workers Compensation, Administrative Duty, Light Duty etc.~~
- 34.98 ~~Members assigned to the SWAT Medical Team (up to 6) will receive a \$1,000 annual incentive pay allowance pro-rated on a per pay period basis.-~~
- 34.9 ~~Members assigned as Field Training Officers (up to 1918) will receive a \$1,000000 annual incentive pay allowance pro-rated on a per pay period basis.~~

## **ARTICLE 35: HOLD HARMLESS**

- 35.1. The City agrees to incorporate by reference into this Agreement, the provisions of Florida Statutes 768.28(9)(a) as presently constituted or as may hereafter be amended by the state legislature.
- 35.2. The City agrees to maintain a public official and employees' liability insurance policy as well as a casualty insurance policy, which will provide, among other classes of coverage, ~~to undertake~~, the defense of the employees, or will provide the same type of coverage through self-insurance. The option of self-insurance will remain the decision of the City.

## **ARTICLE 36: EXPENSE ALLOWANCE**

In recognition of the personal costs that may be incurred by ~~the~~ employees as a result of their employment for the following expenses, employees shall continue to receive an annual expense allowance in the amount of \$300.00 payable in the first pay period in December of each year:

- fuel, oil, automobile insurance (personal injury protection, collision, uninsured motorist, and/or comprehensive insurance's) when personal vehicles are used for the convenience of the department; and
- required telephone service for the purpose of emergency callback; and
- other incidental expenses (i.e., equipment, tools, accessories, etc.) that are incurred as a result of their employment, employees shall continue to receive an annual expense allowance in the amount of \$300.00 payable in the first pay period in December of each year.

## **ARTICLE 37: TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

- 37.1. In the event of the transfer of the Department or any of its related functions to any other private or governmental entity, the City will require that entity to employ the City's displaced personnel for a minimum period of three years at such wages and benefit levels as they receive from the City at the time of transfer. The City shall give the Union 90 days written notice of such transfer. This provision shall apply only to this bargaining unit's personnel.
- 37.2. In the event that the Department expands and/or extends its related functions into other geographic areas or governmental jurisdictions and hires additional personnel as a result, the City agrees to give hiring preference to any eligible individuals that have been directly displaced as a result of such expansion and/or extension. To be eligible for hiring preference, individuals must:
  - a. be an employee of the other governmental agency at the time of expansion/extension; and
  - b. suffer a lay-off or other termination of employment as a result of the other governmental agency's yielding of service responsibilities; and
  - c. be ~~cross-trained~~cross trained as a state certified firefighter and as a state licensed paramedic.

The criteria for a preferential hiring eligibility list will be mutually developed and agreed upon by the Union and the City.

- 37.3. Eligible applicants for entry-level firefighter positions in the Department will be given preferential hiring consideration. To be eligible, an applicant must:
  - a. successfully complete the normal civil service testing procedures; and
  - b. be ~~cross-trained~~cross trained as a state certified firefighter and as a state licensed paramedic; and
  - c. have been laid off from a normal full-time firefighter and/or paramedic position from a governmental service provider within Broward County during the preceding two-year period.

Eligible applicants will be considered for entry-level employment in their testing order of finish prior to the consideration of any non-eligible applicants.

## **ARTICLE 38: EMERGENCIES, FOOD & SUPPLIES**

- 38.1. During a hurricane warning, on duty members shall be allowed sufficient time to secure their local (Broward, Palm Beach, and Dade counties or as otherwise determined by the FC) personal residences. Members will be relieved by the officer in charge at such time as their relieving members report for duty.
- 38.2. In the event of a hurricane or other unusual emergency ~~condition~~conditions, the City shall ~~provide for~~provide food and necessary supplies unless prevented from doing so due to actual emergency conditions. The quality and quantity shall be consistent with levels currently utilized by members. Authorization to purchase food and supplies shall be coordinated via the FC or designee.
- 38.3. If emergency conditions require increased levels of staffing, the City shall have fold-away sleeping cots with blankets available for the extra personnel.
- 38.4. Employees of the bargaining unit shall contribute to an organized mess at the stations as per current practice. The City shall not be responsible ~~to collect for~~collecting contributions or ~~to contribute~~contributing to such mess.

## **ARTICLE 39: SERVICES TO THE UNION**

- 39.1. Upon request, and except to the extent that any of the following records are available online, the City agrees to provide via e-mail one copy each to the Union without charge:
  - a. City Commission agenda; and
  - b. Specifically requested backup material on City Commission items; and
  - c. minutes of the commission meetings; and
  - d. proposed budget, final budget, budget statement, mid-year budget statement and recommendations, year-end financial statement; and
  - e. City-wide administrative orders and regulations and/or personnel policy procedures relating to Fire Personnel; and
  - f. Four copies of the Rules and Regulations/Procedure ManualFire Rescue Department Policies and updates; and
  - g. Updates to the City Charter and Code of Ordinances.
- 39.2. Annually, the City shall provide each member eight hours of “use it or lose it” Union Time Pool leave to be donated to the Union Time Pool.
- 39.3. The Union Time Pool shall be used only for Union business by the Union President, or such individuals approved by the Union President.
- 39.4. Requests for time off utilizing Time Pool hours, as approved by the Union President, shall be entered, by 1200 hours the day before the time off requested. Union Time Pool requests shall be honored and charged on an hour for hour basis. Requests made after 1200 hours for unforeseen events shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 39.5. If at the end of the fiscal year the Union time Pool is not fully depleted, the balance of hours shall be maintained and carried forward to the following year.
- 39.6. The City will permit the Union President or his designee, plus not more than four additional members of the unit to attend, on City time, meetings in negotiation on the agreement between the City and the Union.
- 39.7. The City will permit the Union President or his designee, plus one additional member of the unit, to attend the following meetings on City time: commission meetings/workshops; budget meetings/workshops; meetings involving the City’s life and health group benefits plan; fire pension board meetings; and meetings of

the civil service board. The Union President or his designee shall be permitted up to 10 minutes of presentation time during the public testimony period of labor, employee, and/or fire service-related issues being heard by the City Commission during all commission meetings and/or workshops.

- 39.8. Attendance at grievance proceedings, disciplinary sessions or counseling sessions called by the City, for which a Union representative is requested, shall be permitted on City time.
- 39.9. The City will issue one 8½ x 11 sized copy of the printed Agreement to each member of the bargaining unit. The City shall then provide the Union with 25 additional printed copies and one PDF copy.

## **ARTICLE 40: MINIMUM STAFFING**

- 40.1. The City recognizing that firefighting is a hazardous occupation, and that staffing has a direct relationship to the safety and well-being of the employees, agrees to maintain staffing in accordance with 40.2.
- 40.2. All in-service rescue apparatus shall be staffed by three member crews which shall include at least two paramedics and one LT. All in-service engine companies shall be staffed by a minimum of three ~~members~~members, which shall include one CPT, one DE, and one FF. All in-service aerial apparatus shall be staffed by a minimum of two members, at least one of whom shall be a DE.

## **ARTICLE 41: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TEAM AND HAZ-MAT INCENTIVE PAY**

- 41.1. The parties recognize that the City provides a hazardous materials response (HAZ-MAT) team. To that end, and in recognition of added training and responsibilities, and to provide the necessary trained and qualified personnel, the fire department hazardous materials service and certification plan is hereby adopted.
- 41.2. The HAZ-MAT team shall be appointed by the Fire Chief in his sole discretion. All members of the HAZ-MAT team shall, prior to appointment, possess a state HAZ-MAT technician certification. Unit members appointed to the HAZ-MAT team shall receive an assignment pay of 5% above their base pay as HAZ-MAT certification pay. No more than 50 employees may be paid this HAZ-MAT assignment pay, except that the FC shall maintain the discretion to seek funding for more than 50 employees in the event that additional HAZ-MAT members are required to meet a contractual obligation of the Fire Department with another agency.  
There will be a minimum of five team members at all times, one of which shall be a qualified HAZ-MAT Officer and one of which shall be a qualified HAZ-MAT Driver/Engineer. In addition, both the Group Division Officer and Safety Officer will be qualified to the State Certified Technician Level.
- 41.3. In order to receive HAZ-MAT certification pay, members must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Members must attend and successfully pass the most current IAFF "Training for Hazardous Materials Response: Technician" course available, as recognized by the State of Florida Bureau of Fire Standards for hazardous materials technician training; and
  - b. In lieu of the IAFF course, members may pass an equivalent course as recognized and accepted by the State of Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and mutually agreed upon by the FC and Union; and
  - c. Members must successfully pass the State of Florida Hazardous Materials Technician Exam; and
  - d. In lieu of the above, members who have previously satisfied all minimum requirements for a level I or a Level II Haz-Mat certification, as they were

defined prior to August 14, 2006, will be considered to be a Hazardous Materials Technician; and

- e. Members must have successfully passed the department sponsored Haz-Mat-Mat physical.

41.4. Members wishing to attend any of the above courses and/or classes shall submit a written request to the FC. Upon approval by the FC, the City shall pay the costs of the above courses and/or classes per past practice.

41.5. Any HAZ-MAT certified personnel, who have not been regularly assigned to the HAZ-MAT Team by the Fire Chief, who are temporarily assigned for a minimum of six hours of their assigned shift to a HAZ-MAT designated apparatus by a chief officer shall receive the 5% HAZ-MAT assignment pay above their base pay for the remainder of that shift.

41.6. Any condition or impairment of health caused by a documented exposure to hazardous materials shall be presumed to have been accidental and to have been suffered in the line of duty.

41.7. The City shall comply with all federal, state, and/or county requirements regarding health and safety standards for hazardous materials team members. Programs for physical examinations and medical surveillance shall be established at no cost to the employee. Any employee who refuses to participate in such programs will be ineligible for HAZ-MAT certification pay.

41.8. The City and the Union recognize and agree that the field of HAZ-MAT mitigation is a dynamic field in emergency operations. Access to schooling, methods of operation and all such components are subject to change, modification and improvement on a constant basis. Therefore, the criteria set forth in the preceding sections is subject to review and change by mutual consent of the FC and the Union to conform to current methods of operation as adopted by the Broward County HAZ-MAT Committee, the availability of appropriate schooling and the ability to access such schooling and other changes in criteria necessary to the operation of a HAZ-MAT unit. Changes dictated by the above will be implemented as deemed necessary by the parties and should not be construed as affecting the intent of this article.

**ARTICLE 42: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT**  
**RELATED/REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS AND DEGREE PROGRAMS**

- 42.1. Members shall be reimbursed at the standard state rate for all costs related to mandatory EMT, paramedic, and/or fire inspector courses taken from accredited educational institutions or from curriculum approved by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training at the Florida State Fire College. Fire Inspector courses must be have been previously approved by the FC. Entry level FF or Fire Inspectors who are hired while already enrolled in such a course will be reimbursed on a pro-rata basis. No reimbursement will be made for promotional materials or courses completed prior to date of hire. Any employees, whoemployees who took advantage of the tuition reimbursement benefits provided in this Article,Article shall be obligated to remain in the employ of the City for a minimum of 24 months following the conclusion date of any course for which the City has made payment. In the event any Employee shall voluntarily terminate his/her employment with the City prior to 24 months following the conclusion date of any course for which the City has made payments hereunder, then said employee shall repay to the City all tuition and book costs reimbursed to him/her for that course.
- 42.2. Members who are directed by the department to take classes or courses shall be reimbursed pursuant to current practice.
- 42.3. Members are eligible to be reimbursed for non-mandatory job-related coursework and books as determined by the FC or designee.
  - a. Members shall be limited to a maximum total of \$3,000.00 each fiscal year for tuition reimbursement costs effective October 1, 2022.
  - b. To be eligible to participate in educational reimbursement, a newly hired member must have achieved permanent status by successfully completing the probationary period.
  - c. Members must receive "satisfactory" or better Employee Performance Evaluations prior to beginning the coursework.
  - d. Employees who receive benefits under this program, who voluntarily leave the City's employment within two years of receiving such benefit, shall be responsible for reimbursing the City for the entire cost of the benefit.

- e. The FC makes the determination of whether requested credit for coursework is job-related.
- f. Members will be eligible for City reimbursement for the costs of books and tuition in the following manner:
  - i. In order to be considered for reimbursement, all coursework must be approved in writing by the FC prior to beginning coursework; and
  - ii. Members desiring reimbursement must submit a written request for approval from the FC; and
  - iii. When a member completes the approved coursework, it is the member's responsibility to submit copies of grades and tuition receipts to the FC or designee for processing. The FC or designee will process the reimbursement without unduly delay barring any unforeseen circumstances. The reimbursement procedure for related courses will consist of the following:
    - 1. 100% reimbursement when a grade of "C-" or higher is earned; or
    - 2. 0% reimbursement when a grade of "D+" or lower is earned; or
    - 3. 100% reimbursement for a grade of "Pass" for pass/fail courses; or
    - 4. 0% reimbursement for a grade of "Fail" for pass/fail courses; or
    - 5. If the accredited institution only gives credit or no credit, a "Credit" grade will be accepted as satisfactory completion with 100% reimbursement; or
    - 6. If the accredited institution only gives credit or no credit, a "No Credit" grade will not be accepted as satisfactory completion and will result in 0% reimbursement; or
    - 7. Employees receiving aid or who have scholarship(s) as well as employees qualifying for benefits under the G.I. Bill or other State or Federal programs are eligible for reimbursement under this policy. However, financial assistance received from scholarships or State or Federal sources must be applied before this City reimbursement benefit may be utilized for remaining qualifying costs.

## **ARTICLE 43: TIME OFF FROM DUTY**

- 43.1. Maximum comp time accrued will be limited to 93.2 hours; any time accrued in excess will be paid at the OT rate of pay. Employees shall not forfeit any accrued comp time.
- 43.2. "Blood Time" previously accrued will continue to be utilized according to past practices, however, no further "blood time" may be accrued effective October 1, 2011.
- 43.3. Each calendar year, an employee may utilize up to ~~72-48-24~~ hours of sick leave as personal leave so long as the sick leave hours have been accrued prior to submitting the request for the leave.
- 43.4. Each year, shift employees will receive 48 hours of wellness leave and non-shift employees will receive 20 hours of wellness leave as referenced in Section 31.13. These hours must be used each fiscal year (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) or will expire every September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 43.5. Comp Time, Personal Leave, and Wellness Leave requests shall be used in the following manner, unless otherwise stated above:
  - (a) pre-scheduled leave - must be utilized for a minimum of three hours; additional time must be used ~~in~~for one-hour increments; all requests must be entered into the electronic time-keeping system, Telestaff, at least 48 hours in advance; and the requested leave must be accrued prior to submitting the request; and
  - (b) requested un-scheduled leave - must be utilized in blocks of time equal to the employee's full tour of duty on the day that leave is to be taken; unscheduled leave must be reported in the same manner as sick leave; unscheduled leave requests will be denied if the request creates the need for overtime pay.

- (c) requests by shift employees for utilization of comp time, personal leave, and wellness leave will be honored in the order they are received by the appropriate Chief and will be subject to the following limitations: one CPT, one LT, two DE and three FF. Thereafter, approval of additional requests for utilization will be at the discretion of the FC or his designee.
- (d) Non-shift leave requests for time off will be honored in the order they are received by the appropriate Chief and will be subject to each divisions operational need as deemed necessary by the applicable Division Chief.

43.6. Comp time, blood time, personal leave, and wellness leave requests may be submitted no more than 30 days prior to the proposed date of utilization. The granting of requests will be considered in the order of priority listed below. Within each of the listed categories, requests will be considered in the order in which they are received by the appropriate BC:

- a. pre-scheduled comp time, personal leave and wellness leave requests that fall within the rank limitations defined in Section 43.5; and
- b. any additional pre-scheduled comp time, personal leave, or wellness leave requests that exceed item (a) above will be considered together with all other comp time and blood time requests; and
- c. unscheduled personal leave requests will be considered last.

43.7. Non-shift personnel, not including those who are assigned to a light duty assignment, will be given 10 hours of "Paid Time Off" each fiscal year (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>) and must be used within the fiscal year accrued. Hours that are not used by Sept 30<sup>th</sup> will be lost. The use of these hours will follow the procedures as procedures described in 43.5 and 43.6.

43.8. Before submitting a request for time off from duty, the employee must first have accrued the requested leave before it is available for use.

43.9 A member believing they have just cause for relief from duty due to an unforeseen emergency may request time off. The Battalion Chief or appropriate Division Chief shall grant said time off if at all possible, without seriously affecting the emergency operation of the Department. Immediately upon returning to work, the member shall

apply in writing directly to the Fire Chief or designee to have the leave classified as "Emergency Leave." Emergency leave shall be considered for a combination of unforeseen events which require a member's immediate attention while the member is on duty or when such events occur just prior to a scheduled duty tour so as to preclude the utilization of other remedies available to the member. If classified as Emergency Leave by the Fire Chief, the Deputy Chief or designee shall coordinate and schedule the time to be repaid in the following order:

- a. The member shall utilize accrued leave; and umulated compensatory or blood time.
- b. At the convenience of the Department, any remaining time still owed after the first option listed above may be repaid by working an equal number of hours on the member's shift (i.e. Kelly Day, Vacation Day) or another shift occurring within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the emergency at hand; and
- c. Any remaining time still owed after the first and second option listed above shall be classified as "approved leave without pay".

43.10 If leave is not approved by the Fire Chief or designee as "Emergency Leave", all time off may be considered "Approved Leave without Pay". Additionally, if the leave is not approved, that does not preclude the member from being in violation of Fire Rescue Department Policies, Absent from Duty or Reporting for Duty Late.

## **ARTICLE 44: CAREER LADDERS**

### **44.1. Purpose and Process:**

- a. The Fire Department provides essential public services that require distinctly different qualifications for proficient performance. Accordingly, Career Ladders are hereby established for each of these areas of service.
- b. All promotions and appointments shall be in accordance with the minimum prerequisites established herein.
- c. Members holding classified positions as of October 1, 2008, shall maintain their classification in accordance with the requirements in effect upon their date of promotion or appointment. Thereafter, they must meet the established prerequisites for promotion.
- d. Examinations will be carried out in accordance with Article 19: Promotions and Promotional Procedures.
- e. An outline of the bargaining unit Career Ladders, rank equivalencies, and salary classifications shall form a part of this Agreement as Appendix III.
- f. The "automatic" advancements referred to in Sections 44.4 and 44.5 below will be immediately obtained when the candidate for advancement satisfies the minimum requirements for the position of FPO II. For budgetary purposes, this entry level position FPO I will be considered to have been upgraded and not vacated. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred when an employee:
  - i. attains the rank of BC or higher;; or
  - ii. separates from that particular divisiondivision of the fire department,; or
  - iii. completely separates from the fire department.

### **44.2. The following minimum requirements for each listed position must be met prior to the qualifying date for the appropriate Civil Service examination. After successfully passing the written examination, candidates will be required to complete a third party administered practical examination. For the purposes of this section, "experience" shall mean only that time spent in the City of Hollywood Fire Department, Operations DivisionDivision, performing shift work.For all Driver Engineer Exams afterwards:**

a. Driver Engineer:

- i. three years' experience as a firefighter prior to the qualifying date of the exam; and
- ii. beginning calendar year 2027, candidates may receive the following additional points added to their minimum passing grade:
  - 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Pump Operator Certification at time of enrollment for the exam; and
  - 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Aerial Operations Certification (BFST703/ATPC703) at time of enrollment for the exam.

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a. A Practical Assessment Center will be added and administered by a Third Party vendor ~~three years' experience as a firefighter.~~

b. Fire LT—:

- i. one year experience as a DE prior to the qualifying date of the exam; and
- ii. Bbeginning with the 2027 exam (or before): candidates may receive the following additional points added to their minimum passing grade:
  - 1 additional point for having State of Florida Certified Fire Officer I Certification at time of enrollment for the exam; and
  - 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Certified Fire Instructor 2 at time of enrollment for the exam; and
  - 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Incident Safety Officer Certificate at time of enrollment for the exam.

For all Lieutenant Exams afterwards:

A Practical Assessment Center will be added and administered by a Third Party vendor.

- b. one year experience as a DE; must possess and maintain a Florida State Paramedic License and associated certificates; failure to maintain any required licenses and/or certifications will result in demotion to the highest rank previously held.

c. CPT -- one year experience as Fire LT; must maintain either a Florida State Paramedic license or EMT certification; failure to maintain any required licenses and/or certifications will result in demotion to the highest rank previously held; members who are demoted to the rank of LT shall be required to re-attain the emergency medical standards that were applicable upon their initial promotion to that rank; when applicable, members shall have one year from their date of demotion in which to obtain a Florida State EMT certification or two years from their date of demotion in which to obtain a Florida State paramedic license; members who fail to re-attain a required certification or license within the prescribed time parameters shall be subject to further demotion.

i. one year experience as a Lieutenant; and

ii. Beginning with the calendar year 2027 exam (or before): candidates may receive the following additional points added to their minimum passing grade:

- 1 additional point for having State of Florida Certified Fire Officer II Certification at time of enrollment for the exam; and
- 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Certified Fire Inspector I at time of enrollment for the exam; and
- 1 additional point for having the State of Florida Health and Safety Officer Certificate at time of enrollment for the exam.

For all Captain Exams afterwards:

A Practical Assessment Center will be added and administered by a Third Party vendor.

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44.3. Vacancies in an FPO I position shall be filled by employees meeting the following minimum requirements, upon the recommendation of the appropriate Deputy Chief and appointment by the FC. Regular written examinations will not be required. For the purposes of this section, "experience" shall mean only that time spent in the City of Hollywood Fire Department, Operations Division performing shift work:

- Any line personnel with applicable certifications can be assigned to the fire bureau as a lateral move. Members who have successfully completed their initial firefighter probationary period and are in good standing with the

Department, may request in writing via Chain of Command to the Fire Chief a transfer to the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety. When determining if an employee is in good standing, the Fire Chief, or designee, shall consider such factors as employment attendance, disciplinary history, job performance, supervisory input, education, and other job-related factors. If said request is approved by the Fire Chief, the member will transfer at their current yearly rate of pay (minus all non-appropriate assignment incentives). If the member's current rate of pay is less than that of an "At Hire" FPO I, then the member's rate of pay will increase to the pay of an "At Hire" FPO I commensurate with the member's years of service as outlined within the CBA.

- b. FPO I – experience as a fire fighter and/or DE; must attain certifications as a Broward County and State of Florida Fire Inspector within one year of appointment. All members transferring to the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety will enter at the rank of FPO I. The transferring membermembers will have the lowest seniority within the rank of FPO I among existing members of the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety but will maintain their overall seniority within the Department. Members requesting transfer to the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety must first possess a Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) Fire Inspector card and also possess a State of Florida Fire Safety Inspector I certification prior to entering the Division. Both the BORA card and the State of Florida Fire Safety Inspector I certifications shall be current and not expired.
- b.c. If at any time, the member wishes to transfer back to their previously assigned Division, they shall make such request in writing to the Fire Chief, and if approved, the member will be transferred back into their previously assigned Division at the last rank held while in that Division. If the member is eligible for a promotion within either the Operations, Logistic, or Training Division while currently working within the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety (e.g. Driver, Lieutenant, or Captain), they shall have the option to transfer to said position at their new rank within the appropriate Division at the rate of pay commensurate with that outlined within the current CBA.
- d. After exhausting all internal efforts (following a period of 30 days of internal recruitment), the City shall have the right to hire candidates into the position

of entry level FPO I, with the intent that such Member shall serve the City in a capacity within the Fire Prevention Division only. These members will be exempt from any medical certificate requirements otherwise required by this Agreement.

e.e. All members entering the Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety will be subject to a one calendar year probationary period beginning upon their first day within the Division.

44.4. An FPO II position shall be automatically obtained following attainment of the minimum requirements. For the purpose of this section, "experience" shall mean only that time spent in the City of Hollywood Fire Department, Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety:

- a. FPO II—two years' experience as a FPO I; and
- b. must maintainhave maintained Broward County, and State of Florida Fire Inspector Certificates; and,
- c. to obtain the automatic advancement to FPO II, the candidate must already be serving in the position of FPO I; and
- b.d. Successfully complete the FPO II TaskbookTask book, which will be assigned to an FPO I upon completion of their first year as an FPO I.

44.5. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred in the Training Division when an employee (a) obtains the rank of BC or higher (b) separates from that particular division of the fire department, or (c) completely separates from the fire department.

- a. A Company Officer who holds a State of Florida Paramedic certification with all associated certifications and has a minimum of one year experienceexperience, shall fill vacancies within the Training Division. Selection shall be based upon a recommendation of the appropriate Division Chief and appointment by the FC. For the purposes of this section, "experience" shall mean only that time spent in the City of Hollywood Fire Department, Operations Division.
- b. Upon selection by the FC a Company Officer shall comply with the following requirements:
  - i. Within three months of appointment obtain certification as an American Heart Association ("AHA") Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ("CPR") Instructor; and

- ii. Within 18 months of appointment have a certification as a Florida Training Instructor; and
- iii. Within two years of appointment have a certification as a Florida Live Fire Instructor.

Failure to maintain any required licenses and/or certifications will result in the Company Officer being transferred back to the Operations Division.

44.6. The following minimum requirements for the listed position must be met prior to the qualifying date for the appropriate Civil Service examination. For the purposes of this section, "experience" shall mean only that time spent in the City of Hollywood Fire Department, Division of Fire Prevention and Life Safety:

- a. FPO III – must currently hold the position of FPO II; must maintain Broward County, and State of Florida Fire Inspector Certificates and be a certified "fire plans examiner" as defined by the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals<sup>12</sup>.

44.7. Members who are promoted in accordance with Sections 44.3, 44.4, and 44.5 above are subject to the following conditions:

- a. Failure to maintain the minimum requirements for a particular position will result in a demotion in rank to the position held immediately prior to promotion.
- b. The minimum requirements specified for the lower position must be met and/or satisfied within one year of said demotion or the member will be subject to further demotion.
- c. Members demoted in rank must re-qualify for promotion in accordance with all normally applicable procedures.

44.8. Members may apply for transfer to any vacant divisional position for which they have all established prerequisites in accordance with Article 19. All divisional transfers shall be by appointment of the FC or his designee. Denial of transfer request shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

44.9. The parties recognize that all members holding the rank of "LT" or "CPT" are considered to be "Company Officers." To serve the needs of the department, the FC or his designee may assign any company officer to any apparatus.

44.10. During any and all emergency situations, personnel will perform in only those capacities for which they have proper background, training, and experience. Under no circumstances will any fire department personnel (including all chief officers

except the FC) serve as an Incident Commander or other form of on-scene command authority for direct combat operations unless such personnel have prior experience within the Operations Division of the Hollywood Fire Department in a rank and/or position commensurate with the responsibilities they are expected to assume. This provision is intended to protect the health and safety of on-scene personnel but is not intended to restrict personnel from performing their normal job responsibilities or from providing other non-command support services.<sup>10</sup>

Example: A member holding the rank of firefighter is assigned to a given non-Operations Division, advances through the career ladder, and attains the rank equivalency of Division Chief. Despite being a chief officer, said member could NOT function in a combat capacity above the normal role of a firefighter. Likewise, if that same member had entered said non-Operations Division while holding the rank of DE or combat LT he or she could not function in a combat position higher than those same capacities when called out for an emergency situation.

## **ARTICLE 45: LIGHT DUTY**

- 45.1. At the exclusive direction of the City, a member who is unable to perform in their normal work assignment may be permitted or required to work in a "light duty" capacity. The member must properly present any required medical releases and/or forms from their attending physician. The City reserves the right to have the member evaluated by a physician prior to assignment, and re-evaluated periodically, but no later than after one year of a light duty assignment, at the City's expense. If the City's medical authority differs from the employee's attending physician, a third health care provider will be commissioned to evaluate the employee. The decision of the third-party health care provider will be binding and paid for by the City. Employees with work related injuries/illnesses will be given preference for light duty assignments.
- 45.2. The City may assign light duty personnel to any fire department related activity at any fire department work site provided that such activities are within the member's physical limitations, as determined in Section 45.1. Light duty personnel shall work an administrative 40-hour work schedule designated by the FC.
- 45.3. Shift personnel who are assigned light duty and are assigned to a non-shift schedule while on light duty will be slotted into the appropriate non-shift pay status, with all related benefit adjustments, within two pay periods of the assignment.
- 45.4. Upon receiving a medical release back to full duty, non-shift personnel shall resume their normal work schedule.
- 45.5. Upon receiving a medical release back to full duty, shift personnel shall resume their normal work schedule at the earliest opportunity that is consistent with the following:
  - a. After receiving a release to full duty, members will continue to work a normal light duty schedule until their return to a normal shift assignment; and
  - b. No member shall be required to make their initial return to shift assignment on a weekend or contractual holiday.
- 45.6. The provisions of this article shall not preclude an eligible employee from pursuing and/or receiving a disability retirement pension. When appropriate, employees applying for a disability retirement pension may continue to perform in a light duty

capacity. In case of any particular conflicts with this provision, Article 28 - Pension Plan shall prevail.

- 45.7. Shift personnel who incur a non-work-related illness or injury and who are assigned to a light duty assignment on a non-shift schedule (whose shift pay remains unchanged) shall utilize eight or 10 hours of holiday leave (based on their assigned work schedule) on each contractually recognized holiday that occurs during the employee's light duty assignment, provided the employee is in an off duty status during the holiday.

## **ARTICLE 46: DRUG-FREE AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY**

The City and the Union recognize that employee substance and alcohol abuse is a serious problem and has an adverse impact on City government, the image of City employees, the general health, welfare, and safety of City employees, and the ~~general public~~ at large. Accordingly, the City and the Union recognize HR-012 – Drug Free Workplace, and HR-038-City Vehicle Drivers Policies and, as such, the City and the Union support the City's policy for testing those individuals who are mandated to be tested under the guidelines of the City's Policies in compliance with Florida Statute §440.101 – 440.102.

- ~~46.1. it is in the best interest of the parties to develop a policy regarding drug and alcohol testing in order to create and maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace.~~
- ~~46.2. The City understands that employees under a physician's care may be required to use prescription drugs. However, use of said drugs that is not in accordance with the prescription and/or manufacturer's recommendations or any other abuse of prescribed medications will be dealt with on a case by case basis.~~
- ~~46.3. When employees have reason to know that the use of a particular medication may limit or impair their ability to perform their job – for example, based upon their doctor's advice or a warning label on prescription medication – they must notify their supervisor.~~
- ~~46.4. All employees are prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, dispensing, manufacturing, or purchasing alcohol while on duty, while on City property, or on any work site. Consumption of alcoholic beverage(s) while on duty, including lunch and break periods, is strictly prohibited. However, employees are also prohibited from abusing alcohol to the extent that such abuse has an adverse effect on job performance or on the City's image or the employee's relationship with other employees or with the public.~~
- ~~46.5. Being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs while on duty, including lunch and break periods, is prohibited. "Under the influence" shall mean:~~

  - ~~a. use of alcohol while on duty; or~~
  - ~~b. use of those amounts of drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances which test at levels which meet or exceed those set forth in Section 46.8 of this Article or, for those substances when no level is established in Section 46.8 which meet or exceed the applicable legal limits.~~

46.6. The City shall require an employee to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing whenever it has reasonable suspicion that an employee is in violation of this policy.

For the purpose of reasonable suspicion drug/alcohol testing, "reasonable suspicion" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Observable phenomena while at work, such as direct observation of drug/alcohol use or of the physical symptoms or manifestations of being under the influence of a drug, controlled substance, or alcohol;
- b. Abnormal conduct or erratic behavior while at work;
- c. A general deterioration in work performance;
- d. A report of an employee using drugs, controlled substances or alcohol, provided by a reliable and credible source;
- e. Evidence that an individual has tampered with a test administered under this Article during his/her employment with the City;
- f. Information that an employee has caused or contributed to an accident while at work; and/or
- g. Evidence that an employee has used, possessed, sold, solicited, or transferred drugs, controlled substances and/or alcohol while working on the City's premises or while operating the City's vehicle, machinery or equipment.

It is agreed that at least two supervisors (rank of LT or above) must agree that there is reasonable suspicion to require an employee to submit to testing under this Article. The employee will be ordered to submit to the drug and/or alcohol test by the FC or designee. The supervisors who confirm that there is reasonable suspicion to require an employee to submit to testing will reduce to writing the basis for their determination(s) as soon as possible, and no later than the end of their shift (or prior to their departure from work if they work past their regular shift).

46.7. Any employee may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, for any of the following:

- a. testing positive for drugs, alcohol, and/or controlled substances;
- b. refusing to submit to testing;
- c. refusing to sign a consent form;
- d. failing to appear for testing when ordered;

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e. failing to participate in and/or successfully complete a rehabilitation program and any required after care program; and/or

f. tampering with the test specimen.

46.8. Testing for drugs or illegal substances shall be done through a blood and/or urine analysis or intoxalysis or other state or federally approved testing method. Testing for alcohol will be done through a blood analysis or through an intoxalyzer or other state or federally approved testing method.

Drugs, their metabolites, alcohol and other substances for which the City will screen an employee's urine and/or blood sample include, but are not limited to the following: alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine metabolites (benzoylecgonine), marijuana metabolites (delta-9-tetrahydro-cannabinol-9-carboxylic acid), methaqualone, methadone, opiates, and phenylcyclidine, and propoxyphene. All testing shall be done by a state or federally approved laboratory with expertise in toxicology testing and methodology. All positive test results shall be evaluated by a certified toxicologist. All samples which test positive on a screening test shall be confirmed by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry [GC/MS]. Employees shall be required to document their legal drug and/or substance use, as required by the laboratory. Test results shall be treated with the same confidentiality as other medical records (except that they may be released to the City, the Union [if applicable], in any proceedings held regarding any disciplinary action on account of a positive drug test result, and to any appropriate governmental agency (if applicable)).

The levels used for employee drug tests are set forth below. The parties intend to comply with the applicable rules promulgated pursuant to the Florida Drug Free Workplace Act (i.e., Rule 59A-24, Fla. Admin. Code), as amended from time to time. Those drug test standard levels for urine specimens presently are as follows:

Drug/Metabolite	Screening Test	Confirmation Test
Amphetamine	1000 NG/ML	500 NG/M
Cannabinoids	50 NG/ML	15 NG/M

Barbiturates 300 150  
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Benzodiazepines	300 NG/ML	150
Cocaine	300 NG/ML	150
Methaqualone	300 NG/ML	150
Methadone	300 NG/ML	150
Opiates	2000	2000
Phencyclidine	25 NG/ML	25
Propoxyphene	300 NG/ML	150

An employee will be considered to test positive for alcohol at the level equal to or exceeding 0.04g% (blood).

Other drugs and substances listed in Schedule I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. 812, may be tested by the City. In any event, they will be tested according to the levels contained in state statutes or regulations, and, if none exist, at levels according to generally accepted toxicology standards.

46.9. An employee who tests positive on a drug/alcohol test will be subject to discipline (up to and including termination) and/or offered rehabilitation through a last chance agreement. The decision to discipline an employee (up to and including termination) and/or offer the employee rehabilitation through a last chance agreement will be made on a case-by-case basis and will be at the FC's sole discretion. The employee shall be placed on leave with pay until a determination is made to discipline the employee and/or offer the employee rehabilitation. Nothing in this policy, except as set forth in Section 46.10, shall limit or foreclose the employee's right to grieve discipline or termination issued for an alleged violation of this article/policy.

46.10. When the City offers an employee a last chance agreement, the employee will be placed on leave without pay during his/her rehabilitation and will be permitted to

~~utilize accrued leave during his/her period of rehabilitation. The last chance agreement shall include a provision for random drug testing for up to two years from the date of the last chance agreement and successful completion of any treatment program recommended by a healthcare professional. An employee who~~

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- a. fails to complete the entire rehabilitation program, including follow-up care, and/or
- b. tests positive during a random drug/alcohol test, shall be terminated.

As a condition of the last chance agreement the employee must agree to waive the right to grieve, appeal, or otherwise challenge his/her termination for failing to complete the entire rehabilitation program, including follow-up care and/or for testing positive during a random drug/alcohol test. All counseling or treatment provided for in this policy is to be at the employee's expense, however nothing shall preclude the employee from submitting his or her expenses for reimbursement in accordance with any appropriate medical plan sponsored by the City. The City shall require the employee to execute any and all appropriate consent/release forms so that the City can certify that the employee is enrolled in the program, is completing it, has completed it successfully, and is attending any after-care program, as applicable.

46.11. A supervisor (rank of LT or above) who observes or has knowledge of an employee who is or appears to be impaired in the performance of his or her job duties or who presents a hazard to the safety and welfare of others or is otherwise in violation of this policy, must promptly report the fact to another supervisor or his or her immediate supervisor. A supervisor who fails to do so may be disciplined up to and including termination. Any employee who, in good faith based on reasonable suspicion, reports an alleged violation of this policy, or any supervisor who investigates or takes action in good faith based on reasonable suspicion, shall not be harassed, retaliated against, or discriminated against in any way for making reports or participating in any investigation or action based thereon.

46.12. Any employee who is convicted of a criminal drug statute violation or of any law involving driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated on or off the job may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. As used herein, the term "convicted" means a plea of guilty, a plea of "nolo contendere," or a finding of guilty (regardless of whether adjudication is withheld) by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of federal, Florida, or any other state criminal drug statute or law concerning driving while intoxicated.

46.13. Any employee who is arrested, charged, and/or convicted of a criminal drug statute violation, or of any law concerning driving while intoxicated on or off the job must so notify the City's FC, in writing, no later than five calendar days following such arrest, charge or conviction.

## **ARTICLE 47: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The City and the Union are committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination for all employees while recognizing the rights and dignity of all persons. The parties further recognize their responsibility to ensure that all employees are provided equal opportunity for employment and/or promotion.

## ARTICLE 48 – PROBATIONARY PERIOD

48.1 The standard probationary period for employees shall be:

- a. One year from the completion of the recruit training program, or
- b. Six months from the date of promotion, or
- c. Six months from the date the Fire Chief extends the probation. due to exceptional circumstances.

48.2 Any Department member who cannot perform his or her assigned duties during a probationary period due to injury or illness shall have that probationary period extended for a period of time equal to that of the injury or illness. This provision will apply only to absencesabsences of more than six (6) duty shifts for shift members or ten (10) duty days for forty-hour (40) personnel.

48.3 An employee who incurs a temporary medically disabling condition during a probationary period and is granted an unpaid leave of absence as indicated above, shall have his/her probation suspended at that point. Upon the return to work, the probationary period shall be resumed so that the appropriate total of either 12 or six months is spent in a probationaryprobationary status.

## **ARTICLE 4849: DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 49.1. This Agreement shall be effective on October 1, 20222025, and shall remain in full force and effect until September 30, 20252028.
- 49.2. Specific provisions as to effective dates, found in any of the various articles of this Agreement, shall not be affected by the provisions of Section 48.1. In case of conflict, the specific Article provisions shall prevail.
- 49.3. This Agreement shall automatically be renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall have notified the other, in writing, by January 1, 20252028, that it desires to modify the Agreement with negotiations to begin thirty days thereafter or such other date as is mutually agreed upon. The terms and conditions of employment reflected in this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until replaced by either:
  - a. a subsequently ratified replacement agreement; or
  - b. actions resulting from the provisions of F.S. 447.403.

## **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, having been duly ratified by vote of the members of the Bargaining Unit covered hereunder, and the City Commission of the City of Hollywood, is hereby executed with the signatures affixed hereto.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **2023****2025**6.

**WITNESSES:**

**HOLLYWOOD PROFESSIONAL  
FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL #1375,  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
FIREFIGHTERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

As to Local 1375

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

**WITNESSES:**

**CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, a municipal  
corporation of the State of Florida**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

As to the City

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

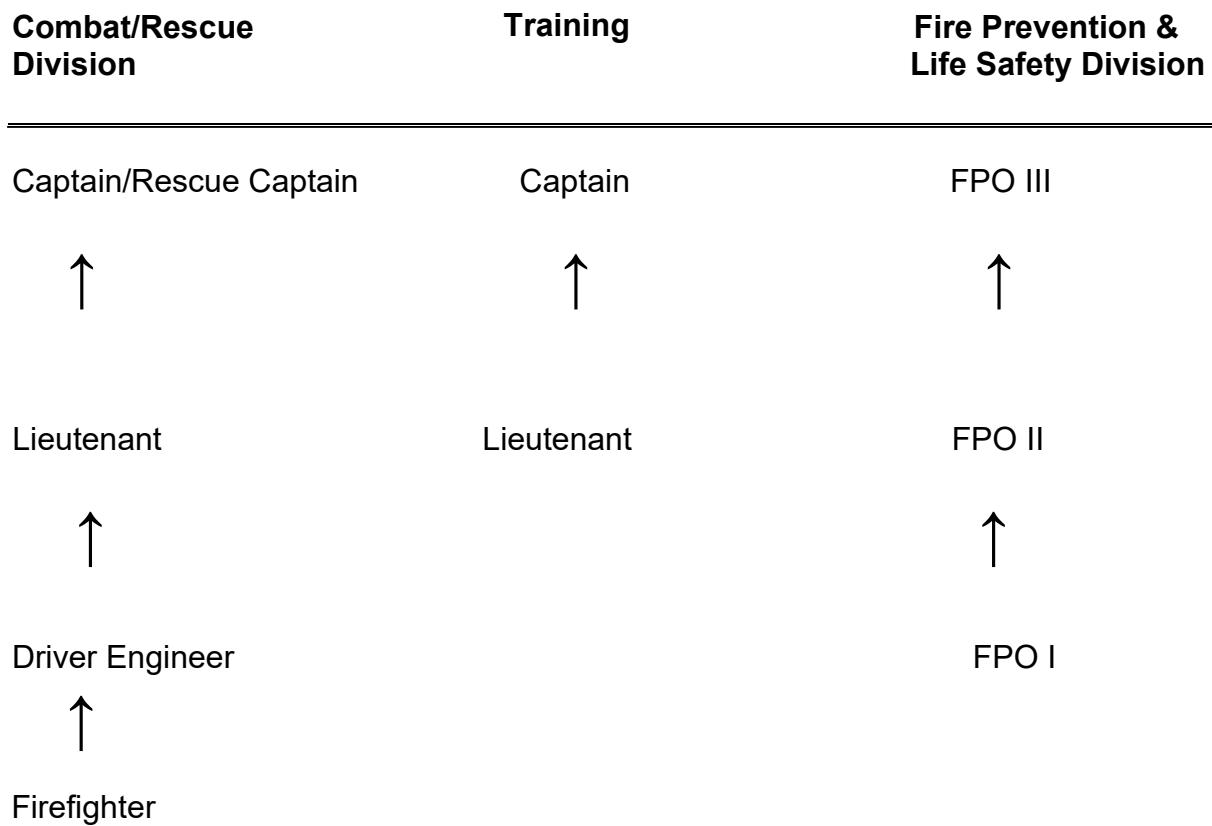
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## **APPENDIX I – GRIEVANCE FORM**

**APPENDIX II – BASE PAY SALARY SCHEDULES**

## **APPENDIX III – CAREER LADDERS**

### **Bargaining Unit Career Ladders**



## APPENDIX IV – HR Policies

**As provided in Article 5, the following Policies from the City's HR Policies and Procedures are hereby incorporated into the Fire Rescue & Beach Safety Department Rules and Regulations:**

**HR-009 Veterans Preference**

**HR-010 Employment of Relatives**

**HR-026 Equal Employment Opportunity** **HR-028 Sexual Harassment**

**HR-029 Internal Complaint Procedures** **HR-032 Code of Ethics**

**HR-033:1 Charitable Sollicitations** **HR-037 Workplace Violence**

**HR-048 Employee Assistance Program** **HR-050 Family Leave**

**HR-050:1 Domestic Violence Leave** **HR-053 Leave Without Pay**

**HR-054 Military Leave for Active Duty** **HR-055 Military Training Leave**

**HR-067 Flexible Benefit Plan** **HR-074 Diamond Service Award**

**HR-075 Public Service Leadership Recognition** **HR-075:1 Employee Suggestion Award Program**

**HR-077 Electronic Mail (E-Mail)**