

# **LABOR AGREEMENT**

*between the*  
**City of Bloomington, MN**  
*and*  
**AFSCME Council 5, Local 2828**  
**Assistant City Attorneys**

**2026-2027**

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**AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_th day of April, 2026, between the CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the CITY, and LOCAL 2828 Assistant City Attorneys, COUNCIL 5, of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, A.F.L.C.I.O., hereinafter referred to as the UNION.

**ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE AND INTENT**

It is the purpose of this Agreement to establish certain wages, hours, and conditions of employment and to establish procedures for the resolution of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2 - PREAMBLE**

This Agreement entered into by the City of Bloomington, and Council #5, affiliated with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, has its purpose, the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the UNION; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

**ARTICLE 3 - RECOGNITION**

Section 1. The CITY recognizes the UNION as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all Assistant City Attorneys employed by the City of Bloomington, Minnesota who are public employees within the meaning of Minn. Stat. 179A.03, subd. 14, excluding supervisory, confidential and all other employees. The CITY shall not enter into any agreement with these employees individually or collectively or with any organization which in any way conflicts with the provisions hereof.

Section 2. If the CITY establishes new job classifications within the bargaining unit, both parties agree to negotiate wages and hours; however, it is understood that all other terms and conditions of this Agreement will apply to such positions.

**ARTICLE 4 - NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The parties agree that their respective policies will not discriminate against any employee covered by this AGREEMENT because of association or affiliation or non-association or non-affiliation with a labor organization, nor will either party to this AGREEMENT discriminate on the aforementioned basis in the application or interpretation of the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

## **ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

The UNION recognizes the prerogative of the CITY to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with the laws and regulations of appropriate authorities, including employment policies and work rules.

These management rights include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To utilize personnel, methods, procedures, and means in the most appropriate manner possible.
- B. To manage and direct the employees of the Legal Department.
- C. To hire, schedule, promote, transfer, assign, train or retrain employees in positions in the Legal Department.
- D. To reprimand, suspend, demote, discharge, or take other appropriate disciplinary action against the employees for just cause.
- E. To determine the size, organization structure, and composition of the work force and to relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons.
- F. To determine the mission of the City in the Legal Department, and the method, means, technology, job classifications, schedule, and personnel by which it is to be accomplished.

All management rights not specifically limited or abrogated by the terms and provisions of this Agreement remain vested solely and exclusively in the CITY.

## **ARTICLE 6 - SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

Both parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, for the life of this Agreement, the CITY and the UNION each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may not have been with the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated and signed this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 7 - UNION SECURITY**

Section 1. In recognition of the UNION as a certified exclusive representative of certain classified personnel in the Legal Department, the CITY shall deduct from the wages of employees who authorize such a deduction an amount sufficient to provide payment of dues established by the UNION. Such monies shall be deducted from the first paycheck each month and shall be remitted to the appropriate designated officer of the UNION.

Section 2. The UNION may designate two employees from the bargaining unit to act as Stewards and shall inform the CITY, in writing.

Section 3. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of this Agreement upon request, the UNION shall provide the CITY with a current list of the officers of Local 2828 including name and position.

Section 4. Officers of the UNION shall be allowed reasonable time off and leaves of absence, with prior approval of their immediate supervisors and without pay, for the purposes of conducting UNION business, when such time away from their normal work duties will not unduly interfere with the operation of their respective departments. Officers of the UNION for purposes of this Section are limited to: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief Steward. For purposes of this section, UNION officers shall not exceed three (3) in number.

Section 5. The UNION agrees to indemnify and hold the CITY harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders, or judgments brought or issued against the CITY as a result of any action taken or not taken by the CITY under the provisions of this Article. Further, the UNION and the CITY recognize and agree that the limitations on the CITY's liability also apply should the UNION exercise the application of "fair share" as provided MN Statute 179A.

Section 6. Once each month the CITY will provide the UNION with a list of bargaining unit members electronically at no cost.

Section 7. The UNION shall select no more than three (3) representatives to meet and confer with no more than three (3) representatives of the CITY at least once every six months. The purpose of such meetings is to provide an opportunity to communicate, share information, transmit knowledge, and express viewpoints on issues that are not subject to negotiation. The CITY shall set the time for these meetings to take place, provide the facilities and notify the UNION of the date, time, and location of the meeting with as much advance notice as possible. Both the UNION and the CITY shall provide the other with a list of topics or items it would like to discuss.

## **ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 1. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "grievance" means any dispute between the CITY and the employee(s) concerning the interpretation, application, claim of breach, or violation of this Agreement. Both parties recognize that should a provision of this Agreement be

in conflict with an Employment Rule, this Agreement shall prevail; any Employment Rule not directly modified or abridged by this Agreement shall remain in force.

Section 2. It is recognized and accepted by the UNION and the CITY that the processing of grievances as hereinafter provided is limited by the job duties and responsibilities of the employees and shall therefore be accomplished during normal working hours, only when consistent with such employee's duties and responsibilities. The aggrieved employee and one Steward shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time without loss of pay when a grievance is investigated and presented to the CITY during normal working hours, provided the Employee and the Steward have notified and received the approval of their respective supervisors who have determined that such absence is reasonable.

Section 3. FIRST STEP: The Employee and the President or their designee shall present the grievance to the Deputy City Attorney in writing, within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the grievance or the Employee's knowledge of its occurrence. All grievances shall state the facts upon which they are based, when they occurred, the specific provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated, the remedy requested, and the avenue through which redress is sought. The Deputy City Attorney shall meet with the Employee and the President or their designee within fifteen (15) working days after the date of receipt of the grievance. The Deputy City Attorney shall give a written answer to the Employee and the President or their designee within fifteen (15) working days after the meeting. Any grievance not appealed, in writing, to Step Two by the UNION within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the Deputy City Attorney's written response shall be considered waived.

Section 4. SECOND STEP: The Employee and the President or their designee shall present the grievance To the City Attorney in writing, within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the Deputy City Attorney's written response. All grievances shall state the facts upon which they are based, when they occurred, the specific provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated, the remedy requested, and the avenue through which redress is sought. The City Attorney shall meet with the Employee and the President or their designee within fifteen (15) working days after the receipt of the appeal to Step Two. The City Attorney shall give a written answer to the Employee and the President or their designee within fifteen (15) working days after the meeting. Any grievance not appealed, in writing, to Step Three by the UNION within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the City Attorney's written response shall be considered waived.

Section 5. THIRD STEP: If the grievance is not resolved in the Second Step, the Employee and the President or their designee must notify, in writing, the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources of their desire to appeal the grievance. Said written appeal must be served upon the City Manager within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the City Attorney's Second Step response. If such request is made, the grievance shall be reviewed at a meeting between the City Manager, Director of Human Resources, Union President, and/or Business Representative within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt by the City Manager of the notice of desire to appeal. A written answer shall be given by the City Manager within fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of the Third Step meeting. Any grievance not appealed, in writing, to Step Four by the UNION within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Manager's answer shall be considered waived. An appeal to Step Four shall be effectuated by a formal request to

the Bureau of Mediation Services requesting arbitration.

A grievance unresolved in Step 3 may, by mutual agreement of the parties, be submitted to mediation through the Bureau of Mediation Services. A submission to mediation preserves the timelines for filing Step 4.

Section 6. FOURTH STEP: A grievance unresolved in Step 3 and appealed to Step 4 may be submitted to arbitration within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the City Manager's written answer and subject to the provisions of the Public Employment Labor Relations Act of 1971 as amended. The selection of an arbitrator will be made in accordance with the "Rules Governing the Arbitration of Grievances" as established by the Bureau of Mediation Services.

Section 6. An arbitrator shall have no right to amend, modify, nullify, ignore, add to or subtract from the provisions of the Agreement. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issues submitted to the arbitrator in writing by the CITY and the UNION and shall have no authority to make a decision on any other issue not so submitted to the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall be without power to make decisions contrary to, or inconsistent with, or modifying or varying in any way the application of laws, rules, or regulations having the force or effect of law. The arbitrator shall submit the decision in writing within thirty (30) days following the close of the hearing or the submission of briefs by the parties, whichever is later, unless the parties agree to an extension. The decision shall be based solely upon the arbitrator's interpretation or application of the expressed terms of this Agreement and on the facts of the grievance presented.

Section 7. The fees and expenses for the arbitrator's services and proceedings shall be borne equally by the parties, except that each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses. If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, providing it pays for the record. If both parties desire a verbatim record of the proceedings, the cost shall be borne equally for said record.

Section 8. A grievance filed in relation to suspension, discharge or on behalf of an entire division, department, or the entire UNION body shall be filed by the UNION President and it shall be processed starting with the Second Step of the Grievance Procedure.

Section 9. In the event that more than one procedure is available for resolution of a dispute arising from any provision(s) covered by this Agreement, the aggrieved employee(s) shall be limited to one procedure through which remedy may be sought. If appealed to any procedure other than Step 3 of this Article, the grievance shall not be subject to the arbitration procedure of this Article. The aggrieved employee(s) shall indicate, in writing, should an alternate procedure be selected and shall sign a statement to the effect that the choice of the alternate procedure precludes the aggrieved employee(s) from making an appeal through Step 3 of this Article.

Section 10. If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered waived. If a grievance is not appealed to the next step within the time limit, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the CITY'S last answer. If the CITY does not answer a

grievance, or an appeal thereof, within the specified time limits, the UNION may elect to treat the grievance as denied at that step and may appeal the grievance to the next step. The time limit in each step may be extended by mutual written agreement of the CITY and the UNION in each step.

## **ARTICLE 9 - SENIORITY**

Section 1. "Seniority" is defined as a regular full-time employee's length of continuous service with the CITY since the employee's last date of hire. "Date of hire" is defined as the date upon which an employee first reported for work in a job included in the bargaining unit, at the direction of the CITY, and since which the employee has not resigned, retired, been promoted or demoted outside the bargaining unit, or been discharged. No time shall be deducted from an employee's seniority due to absences occasioned by authorized leaves of absences, vacations, sicknesses or accidents, temporary transfers, except as hereinafter provided. Employees promoted outside the bargaining unit shall continue to accrue seniority only during their promotional probationary period. CITY employees promoted or demoted into the bargaining unit shall begin to accrue seniority based on the date of the promotion or demotion into the unit.

Section 2. All employees shall be probationary employees during the first six (6) months of employment in the City of Bloomington Legal Department. During the probationary period, the employee shall have no seniority status. At the conclusion of the probationary period, the employee's name shall be added to the seniority list as of the employee's last hiring date, or promotion or demotion into the bargaining unit, and the employee shall be represented by the UNION.

A probationary employee may be terminated or demoted at the sole discretion of the CITY during such period. Such terminations or demotions shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 3. The CITY will maintain an up-to-date seniority roster. An up-to-date copy of the seniority roster will be posted once each year and an electronic copy will be provided to the UNION President and Secretary-Treasurer. The names of all members of the bargaining unit who have completed their probationary periods shall be listed on the seniority roster in the order of their seniority and shall show the date from which the seniority commences and the employee's job classification. If two (2) or more employees are hired on the same date, their names shall appear in accordance with their composite scores on the employment eligible list; the higher score being listed first. If two (2) or more employees are hired on the same date and have the same composite scores, their names shall appear on the seniority list alphabetically by the first letter of their last names. If two (2) or more employees are hired on the same date, have the same composite scores, and the same last names, the same procedure shall be followed with respect to their first names.

Section 4. An employee's seniority and any rights of recall shall be terminated:

- A. When the employee resigns, retires, is discharged, or is promoted or demoted outside the bargaining unit, or

- B. When recalled to work following a lay-off, the employee fails to return to work within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of written notice of recall by certified mail, if such recall is sent to the employee's last address on record with the CITY. It shall be the responsibility of the employee to promptly advise the CITY of any changes of address, or
- C. When an employee has been laid off for a period in excess of twelve (12) consecutive months, or
- D. When the employee is absent from work without authorization in excess of three (3) consecutive work days.

Section 5. Any former employee of the CITY who has terminated employment may be rehired only under the conditions of a new employee and no seniority credit will be given for prior service.

Section 6. Employees who are promoted shall serve a six (6) month promotional probationary period in the new job. At any time during a promotional probationary period, an employee may be demoted or reassigned at the sole discretion of the CITY. Any employee serving a promotional probationary period to a position in the bargaining unit may return to the employee's original classification. If that position is not available, the employee may be assigned to one of like status and pay at the discretion of the CITY.

Section 7. Vacancy and promotional opportunities within the Legal Department shall be posted for no less than 7 working days. Internal candidates shall be given fair consideration and be provided an interview in accordance with CITY policy.

## **ARTICLE 10 - LAYOFF AND RECALL**

Section 1. When a decrease in the number of positions occurs in any job classification in the bargaining unit, 14 days prior notice will be given to both the employee and the Union. Layoffs will occur in the following order: temporary employee(s) in the job classification being reduced shall be displaced first. Next, probationary employees in the job classification being reduced shall be displaced. Next, the employee(s) with the least seniority in the job classification being reduced shall be displaced. A displaced employee may displace the least senior employee in another classification only within the affected division, provided that such employee has more overall seniority and the ability, aptitude, and meets the minimum qualifications to perform the then remaining work. An employee shall not displace any employee who is in another division. An employee shall not displace a CITY employee who is not a member of the bargaining unit. An employee who qualifies to displace another employee within the division shall serve a six (6) month probationary period to determine if the employee can perform the remaining work. "Division" for the purposes of this section is the Legal Department.

No employee shall be permitted to "displace upward." An employee shall not displace into a job classification if that job classification has a maximum salary greater than the maximum salary of

the employee's existing job classification.

Section 2. Both parties to this Agreement recognize that specific actions taken under this provision of this Agreement are subject to the grievance procedure.

Section 3. When an increase in the number of positions in any job classification in the bargaining unit occurs, recall shall be made in inverse order of lay-off as delineated in Section 1, above. Such employee shall be notified by certified mail, "receipt requested", addressed to the last address appearing on the CITY's records. Employees so recalled shall report for duty and return to work within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of said mailing. An employee so recalled that does not return to work within twenty (20) calendar days shall be terminated from employment.

### **ARTICLE 11 - HOURS, ASSIGNMENTS, AND WAGES**

Section 1. Due to the nature of the work by the Attorneys in the City of Bloomington Legal Department, the parties recognize that the employees are Professional employees as defined by MN Statute 179A.03 Subd. 13.

Section 2. The normal work schedule for full-time employees covered by this agreement shall consist of a minimum of eighty (80) hours within each biweekly payroll period. Employees are generally expected to be working during the normal business hours, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or as otherwise established by the CITY for the employee's work group, subject to the leave provisions of this Agreement and applicable state and federal statutes. Due to the nature of their work, however, the job duties of persons in this bargaining unit may require the employees to work irregular hours, and work on holidays and weekends. Such work requirements are considered an integral part of the job. Therefore, maintaining consistent starting and quitting times and scheduling specific numbers of hours worked in any day or week may be impractical. At the City Attorney's sole discretion, an employee may be allowed some flexibility in work hours.

Section 3. The rates of pay for the term of this Agreement for members of the bargaining unit are set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part of the whole Agreement.

Section 4. City Attorney and/or Deputy City Attorney of the Criminal Division will meet with a member of the Assistant City Attorney-Criminal staff semi-annually to discuss case load and distribution of work load.

**ARTICLE 12 - HOLIDAYS**

Section 1. All full-time employees shall receive the following holidays or substitute days off with pay:

1.	New Year's Day	(January 1)
2.	Martin Luther King's Birthday	(Third Monday in January)
3.	President's Day	(Third Monday in February)
4.	Memorial Day	(Last Monday in May)
5.	Juneteenth	(June 19)
6.	Independence Day	(July 4)
7.	Labor Day	(First Monday in September)
8.	Veteran's Day	(November 11)
9.	Thanksgiving Day	(Fourth Thursday in November)
10.	The day after Thanksgiving	
11.	Christmas Day	(December 25)

To be eligible for said holiday pay, an employee must be in the active payroll of the City and must be on active pay status. Active pay status is defined as the employee working, or taking approved paid time off (vacation, personal, compensatory time, or floating holiday) the day prior to and the day following the holiday.

If any above holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be taken off; and if on a Sunday, the following Monday.

An employee who is required by their supervisor to work on December 25 shall receive eight (8) hours straight time pay as compensation for the holiday plus two times the employee's straight time pay for those hours worked.

Section 2. All full-time employees will also receive two (2) "floating" holidays of eight (8) hours each calendar year. The holiday(s) may be taken at the request of the employee, with prior approval of the CITY. To be eligible for the above holiday(s), an employee must be on the active payroll of the CITY and must have worked the employee's full, regularly scheduled work day before and after the holiday(s), unless excused by the CITY. An employee may not receive compensation in lieu of taking a floating holiday.

**ARTICLE 13 - VACATION**

Section 1: ACCRUAL. Full-time employees of the bargaining unit shall accrue paid vacation time based on the following schedule:

Years of Service as a Full-Time Employee of the City of Bloomington	Accrual Rate/Month	Accrual Rate/Year	Maximum Accrual
Date of hire to completion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of service	7 hours	84 hours	168 hours
Start of 4 <sup>th</sup> year to completion of 6 <sup>th</sup> year	10 hours	120 hours	240 hours
Start of 7 <sup>th</sup> year to completion of 9 <sup>th</sup> year	10.67 hours	128 hours	256 hours
Start of 10 <sup>th</sup> year to completion of 12 <sup>th</sup> year	11.33 hours	136 hours	272 hours
Thirteenth year	12.00 hours	144 hours	288 hours
Fourteenth year	12.67 hours	152 hours	304 hours
Fifteenth year	13.33 hours	160 hours	320 hours
Sixteenth year	14.00 hours	168 hours	336 hours
Seventeenth year	14.67 hours	176 hours	352 hours
Eighteenth year	15.33 hours	184 hours	368 hours
Nineteenth year	16.00 hours	192 hours	384 hours
Twentieth year	16.67 hours	200 hours	400 hours
Twenty-first year	17.33 hours	208 hours	416 hours
Over twenty-one years	18.00 hours	216 hours	432 hours

Section 2: USE. Employees may use vacation leave up to the amount earned and accrued, provided such leave receives prior approval of the employee’s supervisor.

Section 3: PAYOUT UPON SEPARATION. Employees will be paid for unused accrued vacation at the time of separation or termination of employment. The rate of vacation pay shall be the employee’s straight time rate of pay in effect on the date immediately preceding the employee’s last day of employment.

**ARTICLE 14 - PERSONAL LEAVE**

Section 1: ACCRUAL. Full-time employees of the bargaining unit shall accrue personal leave at a rate of 8.67 hours per calendar month. Such accrued personal leave shall be credited in the employee’s individual personal leave balance (total accrued personal leave minus personal leave used).

Section 2: USE. Personal leave may be used by the employee in the case of illness or injury of the employee or of the employee's immediate family members, to attend medical appointments and funerals; or for the purposes of rest, relaxation, or to conduct personal business, provided that the employee obtains advance approval from the employee's supervisor.

Section 3: YEAR END ROLL-OVER. In December of each year, each employee with over one thousand (1,000) accrued personal leave hours shall have those hours in excess of one thousand (1,000) converted to cash and deposited into a Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan (PEHCSP) account. The amount deposited into the employee's PEHCSP account shall be an amount equal to the employee's individual personal leave hours in excess of one thousand (1,000), times the employee's normal straight-time rate of pay.

Section 4: PAY-OUT UPON SEPARATION. Each employee with more than six hundred (600) accrued personal leave hours who terminates employment with the CITY shall have the employee's entire personal leave balance converted to cash and deposited into a Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan account. The amount deposited into the employee's PEHCSP account shall be an amount equal to the employee's individual personal leave balance at the date of termination times the employee's normal straight-time rate of pay in effect on the employee's termination date.

Each employee with six hundred (600) or fewer accrued personal leave hours who terminates employment with the CITY shall receive a one-time lump-sum payment. The Employee shall receive an amount equal to the employee's individual personal leave balance at the date of the termination times the employee's normal straight-time rate of pay in effect on the employee's termination date, minus applicable taxes.

Employees shall not be permitted to use personal leave on the dates immediately preceding the employee's termination or retirement date, except in the case of disability.

Section 3. For an employee who qualifies and is approved for temporary total disability worker's compensation benefits under Minnesota State Law, the CITY shall make up the difference between the lost time worker's compensation benefit and the employee's straight time rate of pay (less federal and state taxes) by drawing on the employee's personal leave balance, if any. The CITY shall pay 2.67 hours per day of lost time, paid at the employee's straight time rate of pay and charging the 2.67 hours against the employee's personal leave balance. This section shall not apply to any employee who has no personal leave balance. This section shall apply ten (10) days after the date of injury.

## ARTICLE 15 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1: An employee who has completed the employee's initial probationary period may be granted a leave of absence for personal reasons without pay and without loss of seniority for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days, provided the employee obtains advance written permission from the City Manager. Such leaves without pay shall be granted only at the discretion of the CITY when it will not result in undue prejudice to the interests of the CITY and when it is deemed to be in the best interests of the employee and the CITY. No benefits will accrue during an unpaid leave of absence for pay purposes.

Leaves of absence for personal reasons will not be given for the purpose of enabling any employee to work for another employer or to engage in any form of self-employment, and any employee who obtains a leave of absence by misrepresenting the purposes thereof shall be subject to discharge. In the event that an employee on leave is employed in violation of this provision, the acceptance of such employment or the act of engaging in employment constitutes a separation from employment with the CITY and shall be construed as a resignation.

Section 2: An employee who, because of illness or accident, is physically unable to report for work may be given a leave of absence for a period not to exceed six (6) months without pay and without loss of seniority for the duration of such disability, provided the employee promptly notifies the CITY of the necessity for such absence and for the continuation of such absence when same is requested by the CITY. No benefits for pay purposes will accrue during an unpaid leave of absence.

Section 3: BEREAVEMENT LEAVE. Employees shall be allowed to use a minimum of three (3) days of personal or vacation leave following the death of a "relative." A "relative" includes the following relatives of the employee and relatives of the employee's spouse: spouse, parent, stepparent, son, daughter, stepchild, brother, sister, son or daughter-in-law, brother or sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or other persons in the employee's household. At the Employer's discretion, bereavement leave may be granted for persons not on this list and/or extended past the initial three (3) days. An employee may elect to take unpaid leave in lieu of paid leave for the purposes of this section, provided the employee's paid leave is exhausted.

Section 4: An unpaid leave of absence and the concomitant reinstatement rights of any employee who enters military service of the United States by reason of an Act or Law enacted by the Congress of the United States or who may voluntarily enlist during the effective period of such Law shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Law granting such leaves and reinstatement rights.

Section 5: Employees of the CITY who are members with active status of an Armed Forces Reserve or National Guard Unit shall, at their written request, be granted military leave when engaged in training or active service. A copy of the employee's military orders must accompany the request for said leave. The employee will be compensated by the CITY in an amount equal to the employee's regular base rate of pay for the time of such leave, not to exceed fifteen (15) working days in any calendar year.

Section 6: Employees shall be granted leaves of absence for required jury duty. Employees shall receive that portion of their regular base rate of pay which will, together with their jury duty pay or fees, equal their regular base rate of pay for the same period. Upon receipt of payment of jury duty pay and/or fees, the employee will provide the CITY with proof of same within ten (10) working days. The next appropriate paycheck issued by the CITY will be adjusted accordingly.

Section 7: Administrative leave, with pay, may be authorized so that employees may attend official meetings, conferences, training sessions, required CLE attendance, and seminars provided such leaves are approved by the Employee's department head or the Employer's authorized representative.

Section 8: Officers of the UNION shall be allowed reasonable unpaid time off and leaves of absence, for the purposes of conducting UNION business, and in accordance with MN Statute 179A.07 Subd. 6.

Section 9: A leave of absence for legislative service shall be given for the length of the term of service for the position held and in accordance with MN Statute.

Section 10: FAMILY / MEDICAL LEAVE. An employee is eligible for Family/Medical Leave if the employee has been employed for the preceding twelve (12) months and has worked a minimum of 1,250 hours during the twelve (12) month period preceding the commencement of the leave. Leave may be granted according to applicable state and federal law. The CITY shall require the employee to use any or all accrued vacation leave and personal leave for the twelve (12) week period with the exception that the employee may retain a total of not more than forty (40) hours of accrued personal leave. The employee shall be returned to the position which the employee vacated at the commencement of leave or to a position of like status and pay.

Section 11: PAID PARENTAL LEAVE. The purpose of paid parental leave is to enable the employee to care for and bond with a newborn, a newly adopted, or newly placed child.

Eligible employees must meet the following criteria:

Have been employed with the City for at least six months; AND Be a regular, full- or part-time employee; limited part-time employee; or a long-term temporary employee. Seasonal and short-term temporary employees are not eligible for paid parental leave. Part-time employees' paid time is based on average hours worked over the past six months; AND

Eligible employees must meet one of the following criteria within the previous six months: Have given birth or experienced stillbirth (loss of pregnancy after 20 weeks) to a child; OR Be an eligible parent biological mother or father, same sex spouse, adoptive mother or father, has given birth as a gestational surrogate, or suffered the loss of a baby before or during delivery after 20 weeks of pregnancy; OR has legally adopted a child aged 17 or younger, been placed with a foster child aged

17 or younger, or in the case of surrogacy, has received a parenting order from a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Amount, Time Frame and Duration of Paid Leave:**

Eligible employees will receive a maximum of 12 weeks of paid parental leave per birth, adoption, or placement of a child/children to care for and bond with the child. The fact that a multiple birth, adoption, or placement occurs (e.g., the birth of twins or adoption of siblings) does not increase the 12-week total amount of paid parental leave granted for that event. In no case will an employee receive more than 12 weeks of paid parental leave in a rolling 11-month period from the date of the eligible event, regardless of whether more than one birth, stillbirth, adoption, or foster care placement event occurs within that 11- month time frame.

Eligible employees will receive a maximum of 2 weeks of paid time for recovery from the loss of a baby before or during delivery after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Eligible employees will receive a maximum of 2 weeks of paid time for recovery from delivering a baby as a gestational surrogate. Each week of paid parental leave is compensated at 100% of the employees regular, straight-time weekly pay for full-time employees and prorated for part-time employees based on average hours worked over the past six months. Paid parental leave will be paid on a biweekly basis on regularly scheduled pay dates.

In exchange for receiving paid parental leave, employees will not continue to accrue vacation, personal leave, or paid time off leave while on approved paid parental leave.

Approved paid parental leave may be taken at any time during the six-month period immediately following the birth, stillbirth, adoption, or placement of a child with the employee.

Employees can utilize paid parental leave intermittently and must use all paid parental leave during the six-month time frame indicated above. Any unused paid parental leave will be forfeited at the end of the six-month time frame. Upon separation from employment at the City, the employee will not be paid for any unused paid parental leave for which they were eligible for.

**Coordination with Other Policies:**

Paid parental leave taken under this policy will run concurrently with leave under the FMLA; any leave taken under this policy that also qualifies for FMLA will be counted toward the 12 weeks of available FMLA leave per a 12-month period. All other requirements and provisions under the FMLA will apply. In no case will the total amount of leave, whether paid or unpaid, granted to the employee under the FMLA or this policy exceed 12 weeks during the 12-month FMLA period. Please refer to the Family and Medical Leave Policy for further guidance on the FMLA. The City will maintain all insurance benefits for employees during the paid parental leave period, just as if they were taking any other paid leave such as vacation, personal leave, compensatory time, or PTO leave. Employees will be responsible for their portion of insurance benefit premiums, and the City will deduct the premiums through payroll deductions from the paid parental leave.

If a holiday occurs while the employee is on paid parental leave, such day will be coded as holiday pay; however, such holiday pay will not extend the total paid parental leave entitlement.

An employee who takes paid parental leave that does not qualify for FMLA leave will be afforded the same level of job protection for the period of time that the employee is on paid parental leave as if the employee were on FMLA-qualifying leave.

Request for Paid Parental Leave:

The employee will provide their supervisor and Human Resources with notice of the request for parental leave at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of the leave (or if the leave was not foreseeable, as soon as possible). The employee must complete the necessary HR forms and provide all documentation as required by HR to substantiate the request. If the dates of parental leave should change, it is the employee's responsibility to update their supervisor and Human Resources.

Section 12: After completing three (3) years of service with the CITY, an employee may, upon written request, be granted a leave of absence without pay and benefits, to attend job-related classes on a full-time basis at an accredited educational institution. Such leaves of absence will not exceed twelve (12) months. Seniority will not accrue during an educational leave of absence.

## **ARTICLE 16 - INSURANCE**

Section 1: HEALTH INSURANCE. The CITY shall provide a group health insurance plan and/or an optional health maintenance plan for full-time employees and their eligible dependents, provided that the CITY reserves the right to periodically revise the benefit levels provided by the health insurance plan and health maintenance plan; however, the CITY agrees to advise the UNION of its intent to do so.

The CITY reserves the right to alter, change or revise rates as submitted by the CITY'S approved health insurance carriers; however, the CITY agrees to advise the UNION of its intent to do so.

Effective January 1, 2026, the City shall contribute toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee, two-person, or family coverage in accordance with the table in Appendix D. The CITY and the UNION agree to a reopener to determine the CITY's 2027 health insurance contribution.

Section 2: DENTAL INSURANCE. The CITY shall provide a group dental insurance plan for full-time employees and their eligible dependents. The CITY shall pay for coverage for the employee and one-half the cost for the employee's eligible dependents.

Section 3: LIFE INSURANCE. The CITY shall provide group term life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for full-time employees of the bargaining unit in the total face amount of \$50,000.00.

Section 4: DISABILITY INSURANCE. The CITY shall provide a long-term disability insurance program for full-time employees. The CITY's cost shall not exceed \$2.50 per \$100 of covered payroll. Additional costs, if any, shall be paid by the employees. The conditions and benefits of

the long-term disability insurance program shall be as per the current plan or similar policy. The UNION stipulates that the CITY's liability does not exceed the terms and conditions of the insurance contract between the CITY and its insurance carrier.

**Section 5: INSURANCE CONTINUATION.** Employees who terminate employment with the City shall have the right to continue coverage at their own cost, as provided by and in accordance with state and federal law.

In the case of the death of an active employee who was enrolled in the City's medical and dental insurance, the City shall pay the full cost of continued coverage for any surviving spouse and/or eligible dependents who were insured on the City's plan the day before the employee's death, for a period of two years from the date of the employee's death. When the two-year period is complete, the spouse and eligible dependents may continue health and dental insurance through the City's carriers according to applicable federal and state law.

**Section 6.**

Effective January 1, 2026, the Employer and employee will split the premiums for Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML), or an alternative private plan, on a 50/50 basis with the employee share payable through payroll deductions pursuant to Minn. Stat. 268B.14.

Employees may utilize accrued paid Personal Leave to supplement PFML not to exceed 100% of the regular wage of the employee. In the event Personal Leave is exhausted, employees may utilize other accrued paid leave to supplement PFML not to exceed 100% of the regular wage of the employee.

**ARTICLE 17 – TUITION & HEALTH CLUB REIMBURSEMENT**

**Section 1: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT.** The CITY encourages members of the bargaining unit to improve job performance in their present positions and to prepare for advancement with the CITY through continuing education. Towards this end, the CITY will share the cost of education, which directly relates to the performance of the employee in the employee's present assignment, or which prepares the employee for advancement with the CITY in the foreseeable future.

The CITY will reimburse eligible members upon presentation of their final grades per the following schedule:

<b>Letter Grade Courses</b>	
Grade of "A", "B" or "C".	100% of tuition
Grade of "D" or "F"	No reimbursement
<b>Pass / Fail Courses</b>	
Pass	100% of tuition
Fail	No reimbursement

Effective January 1, 2019, the tuition reimbursement benefit shall be capped at \$5,250 per

employee per calendar year.

In the event that an eligible employee receives a grade of "Incomplete," no refund will be forthcoming until a final grade is earned. When the requisite coursework is completed and a final grade issued, the employee shall be reimbursed in accordance with the above schedule.

Tuition refunds will be paid only for tuition, associated administrative fees, and books required for approved, accredited courses. The institution offering the courses must be accredited prior to the enrollment of the individual for that individual to be eligible for tuition reimbursement.

Charges for supplies, student union membership, student health coverage, activity ticket, or other charges for which the student receives some item or service other than actual instruction will not be paid.

The CITY may reimburse individuals for selected job-related non-accredited courses at its sole option.

Both parties to this Agreement recognize that the intent of this Article is to assist employees to attain a Bachelor's Degree and/or a Master's Degree that relates to the employee's work assignments.

No reimbursement will be made unless approval for a particular course(s) at a particular accredited school is given by the employee's respective department head (or the designated representative) and the Human Resources Director (or the designated representative) prior to the commencement of such course(s). No members may receive assistance from other sources and receive tuition reimbursement from the CITY for the same expense.

The CITY may reimburse employees for selected, job related, advanced degree courses at its sole option.

**Section 2: HEALTH CLUB REIMBURSEMENT.** The CITY will reimburse each member of the bargaining unit that obtains a regular membership at a health and fitness facility. The CITY shall have sole discretion to determine facility(ies) eligible for said membership. The CITY will reimburse an employee the cost of the membership or \$200.00 per calendar year, whichever is less. The CITY agrees that this reimbursement will include health and fitness classes with receipts and whose vendors and classes can be verified as well as subscriptions to phone applications or online subscriptions for the purposes of health and fitness.

In the event the City provides non-union employees with an increase to the health club reimbursement benefit for 2026 or 2027, the same increases shall be provided to employees covered by the AFSCME Council 5, Local 2828 contract.

## **ARTICLE 18 - LICENSURE REIMBURSEMENT**

**Section 1.** The CITY agrees that it will reimburse those members of the bargaining unit who are required to have specific licenses for the performance of their job duties for the cost of said license(s). This will include any licenses required by the State of Minnesota.

**Section 2.** Other certifications may be reimbursed by the CITY with pre-approval from the City

Attorney.

Section 3. Each bargaining unit employee shall have their required minimum continuing legal education (CLE) credits paid for by the CITY to the vendor whenever practical or as a reimbursement to the employee incurring the cost. Additional CLE credits may be reimbursed by the CITY with pre-approval from the City Attorney.

Section 4. The CITY shall reimburse employees for any expense incurred to maintain various professional association memberships at the sole discretion of the City Attorney.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - AUTOMOBILE & TRAVEL EXPENSES**

The UNION and the CITY agree to the Automobile and Travel Expense Policy as included in City of Bloomington's Employee Policy Handbook as amended. The CITY will notify the UNION of proposed changes to the Automobile and Travel Expense Policy and upon the request of the UNION the CITY will meet and discuss such changes prior to implementation.

The City will provide reimbursement for transportation costs to and from court, upon submission of dated and timed receipts. Travel and parking cost to and from work-related functions, such as conferences and training, shall be reimbursed in accordance with the City's general policy for such reimbursements.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 1: UNION BULLETIN BOARD: The CITY will furnish one bulletin board at a location approximate to the Legal Department office area for the sole use of the UNION. The board shall be used only for the following subjects:

- A. UNION recreational and/or social affairs;
- B. UNION meeting schedules;
- C. UNION elections;
- D. Results of UNION elections;
- E. Reports of committees on the UNION;
- F. Any other written material which has first been approved by the City Attorney. Posted materials shall not contain anything political or controversial or anything reflecting adversely upon the CITY, any of its employees, or any other labor organization.

The City shall have the right to remove any postings that are in violation of this section.

Section 2: LANGUAGE PREMIUM PAY: This policy applies specifically to employees who utilize their bilingual skills as needed to sustain a fluent conversation. A fluent conversation is determined through a proficiency assessment confirming employee has the ability to demonstrate intelligible pronunciation, communicate at informal and some formal levels, converse with more detail about familiar topics, and form long sentences with sufficient vocabulary.

This policy does not apply to employees who have bilingual skills as an essential function of their positions. Employees who have bilingual skills as an essential function of their position have compensation for language skills built into their regular salary schedule.

### **Language Access Plan**

The language access plan is a guide for City staff to ensure City programs, services and activities are accessible to all residents requiring information in alternative languages and formats. It outlines City operating policies and procedures such as identifying primary languages, interpreting and translation tools, and delivery of programs and services in non-English languages.

### **Primary Language Groups**

The primary language groups that have been determined by the Office of Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging in the 2023 Language Access Plan are:

- Spanish
- Somali
- Vietnamese
- Cambodian (Khmer)
- Mandarin Chinese

**The Human Resources Manager has the ability to include additional languages based on the needs of the community.**

### **Criteria and Eligibility**

An active full time, regular part time or limited part time employee seeking language premium pay must meet the following criteria:

- When language service supports the department's service delivery model; and
- When language service is for public facing positions; and
- Successfully deemed proficient by the City's language certification vendor; and
- Bilingual skills are not an essential function of the employee's position
- Have supervisor and Human Resource Manager approval.

### **Proficiency Testing and Administration**

To receive language premium pay, employees must first complete a language pay premium form to be signed by supervisor acknowledging the language premium pay application and the Human Resource Manager for approval. Upon receiving approvals, the form will be submitted to the Human Resources department who will review and schedule an assessment. Human Resources will utilize an external vendor to assess language proficiency. An employee who does not pass the assessment will have the option to retest once per year.

### **Compensation**

Employees will be compensated with an annual lump sum payment of 1% of the employee's annual salary per year. The 1% payment will be processed in December for active employees. An employee must pass the proficiency exam prior to receiving payment. Employees who are approved and pass

the proficiency exam prior to June 30th will receive a 1% lump sum payment payable in late December. Employees completing the proficiency exam after July 1st will receive a 0.5% lump sum payment in late December.

Employees will be compensated with an annual lump sum payment of 1% of your base salary or \$1000, whichever is greater. This paragraph will sunset and be void effective December 31, 2027.

### **Reporting and Evaluation**

Human Resources and Office of Racial Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging staff will evaluate the program each year and assess strengths demand for need, and opportunities for improvement. HR and OREIB will also survey employees utilizing their bilingual skills and customers utilizing the services of bilingual staff to ensure the service efficiency.

## **ARTICLE 21 - DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING**

The UNION and the CITY agree to the City of Bloomington's Non-DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing and Drug Free Workplace Policy dated February 1, 2018. The CITY will notify the UNION of proposed changes to the Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and upon the request of the UNION the CITY will meet and discuss such changes prior to implementation.

## **ARTICLE 22 - DISCIPLINE**

Section 1. The CITY will discipline employees only for just cause.

Section 2. Discipline, when administered, will be in one or more of the following forms.

- A. Oral reprimand
- B. Written reprimand
- C. Suspension
- D. Discharge or disciplinary demotion

Section 3. If the CITY reprimands an employee, it shall normally not be done in the presence of other employees or the public.

Section 4. All personnel data shall be subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, as amended. Investigations which do not result in disciplinary actions shall not be entered into the employee's personnel records. A written record of all disciplinary actions other than oral reprimands shall be entered into the employee's personnel record. An employee who is reprimanded in writing, suspended, disciplinary demoted, or discharged shall be furnished with a copy of such disciplinary action. Employees shall have access to information contained in their personnel records in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Data Practices Act, as amended.

Section 5. A non-probationary bargaining unit employee who is the subject of an investigation that may result in disciplinary action to that employee may have a representative of the UNION

present during questioning. It will be the responsibility of the employee to make a request for a representative, and it will be the employee's responsibility to have the representative present during questioning. Questioning will be conducted at reasonable times.

### **ARTICLE 23 - WORK STOPPAGE**

Section 1. The UNION agrees that during the life of this Agreement, neither the UNION, nor its officers or agents or members will authorize, instigate, aid, condone, or engage in a strike, slowdown, or other interference (to include unlawful picketing) with the CITY's operation. The CITY agrees that, during the same period, there shall be no lockouts.

Section 2. Individual employees, groups of employees or representatives who instigate, aid, or engage in a strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or interference (to include unlawful picketing) with the CITY's operation may be disciplined or discharged at the sole discretion of the CITY.

Section 3. Should any employees covered by this Agreement participate in any strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or other interference (to include unlawful picketing) with the CITY's operation, the UNION will immediately notify such employee or employees so engaging in such unauthorized activities to cease and desist, and shall publicly declare that such strike, work stoppage, slowdown or interference (to include unlawful picketing) is illegal, unauthorized, and in violation of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 24 - ADVANCE RESIGNATION NOTICE PROGRAM**

The UNION and the CITY agree to the terms and conditions of the City of Bloomington Advance Resignation Notice Program as included in Appendix C of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 25 – PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

In the event the City employs individuals in any of the job classifications covered by this contract on a part-time basis, the following terms and conditions shall apply to said part-time employees notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in this contract.

Part-time employment shall be defined as a regular work schedule of less than 40 hours per week.

Section 1: Hours, Assignments & Wages for Part-Time Employees. Part-time employees shall be paid the same hourly wage as is listed in Appendix A for full-time employees in the same job classification.

Part-time employees shall be compensated for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a seven-day workweek at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's base wage. Part-time employees are not eligible to accrue compensatory time.

Section 2: Time Off Benefits for Part-Time Employees. In lieu of vacation leave, personal leave, floating holidays, and paid holidays off, part-time employees shall accrue Paid Time Off (PTO) in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Length of Continuous Service</b>	<b>Accrual Rate</b>	<b>Max Accrual</b>
Date of Hire to Completion of 5th year of service	1 hour PTO earned for every 14 hours worked	160
Start of 6th Year to Completion of 10th year of service	1 hour PTO earned for every 12 hours worked	200
Start of 11th year of service on	1 hour PTO earned for every 10 hours worked	240

For the purposes of calculating PTO earned, “hours worked” shall include all hours actually worked as well as PTO hours used.

Employees may utilize PTO leave up to the amount accrued, provided such leave is approved in advance by the employee’s supervisor. No accrual may be used in the same period in which it is earned, unless approval to do so is granted by the Human Resources Manager.

PTO leave may be used in the case of illness or injury of the employee or the employee’s family member, to attend medical appointments and funerals, to make up for work hours lost due to a City holiday, to celebrate religious holidays or conduct personal business, or for the purposes of rest, relaxation and recreation.

Employees are required to use available PTO leave simultaneously with unpaid FMLA and/or Parenting Leave, down to a balance of 40 hours, which may be retained for use upon return to work.

PTO leave may be used to supplement lost wages as a result of an illness or injury covered by the City’s Worker’s Compensation insurance, but such use shall not be required. Under no circumstances shall the combination of PTO used and Worker’s Compensation benefits exceed the employee’s normal rate of pay.

Employees shall not be permitted to use accrued PTO during the two weeks preceding the employee’s last day of employment, except in the case of disability. At the time of separation or termination of employment, employees shall be paid out any unused PTO in accordance with the schedule printed above. When eligible for a payout of unused PTO, the rate of pay shall be the employee’s base hourly rate of pay in effect on the employee’s last day of employment, minus applicable taxes.

When any part-time employee is appointed to a full-time, regular position, the entire balance of accrued but unused PTO shall be converted to Personal Leave and made available for the employee’s use.

**Section 3: Insurance & Reimbursement Benefits for Part-Time Employees.** Part-time employees with an assigned regular work schedule of 30 hours per week or more shall be eligible for health

insurance coverage. The employer contribution for part-time employees covered by this contract shall equal the employer contribution for part-time employees in non-union positions.

Part-time employees are not eligible for dental, life, or long-term disability insurance, tuition reimbursement, or health club reimbursement.

Articles 1 Purpose and Intent; 2 Recognition; 3 Management Rights; 4 Scope of Agreement; 5 Union Security; 6 Grievance Procedure; 7 Seniority; 8 Probationary Periods; 9 Layoff and Recall; 17 Miscellaneous Provisions; 18 Drug and Alcohol Testing; 19 Discipline; 21 No Lockout / No Strike; 22 Savings; 24 Duration of this contract shall apply to part-time employees. In the event a benefit or term of employment is not referenced in this Article, said benefit and term is excluded from application to a part-time employee.

## **ARTICLE 26 - RIGHT OF CONTRACTING SERVICES**

Section 1. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit or restrict the right of the CITY from contracting with vendors or others for materials or services.

Section 2. In the event the CITY elects to subcontract out work now being performed by bargaining unit employees which will result in the layoff of bargaining unit employees, the UNION will be notified no less than forty-five (45) calendar days in advance of the lay-off. During this forty-five (45) day period, the CITY will provide the UNION with the opportunity to meet and discuss the impact of such contracting out on bargaining unit employees who may be laid off.

## **ARTICLE 27 - SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Section 1. If, during the life of this Agreement, any of the provisions contained herein are held to be invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal or competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provisions should be restrained by such tribunal, pending a final determination of its validity, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

Section 2. In the event any provision herein contained is rendered invalid upon written request by either party hereto, the CITY and the UNION shall enter into collective bargaining for the purposes of negotiating a mutually satisfactory replacement for such provision.


## **ARTICLE 28 - DURATION**

Section 1. This Agreement shall become effective as of January 1, 2026, and shall remain in full force and effect until its expiration date, December 31, 2027, unless extended or amended by agreement of the parties.

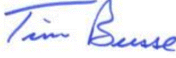
Section 2. If neither the UNION nor the CITY gives notice to the other party of its desire to negotiate a successor Agreement as above provided, the Agreement shall automatically be renewed for successive one-year terms thereafter.

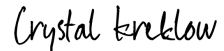
In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and the year first above written.


**LOCAL 2828, COUNCIL 5, AFSCME, AFL-CIO**

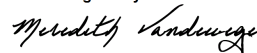
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**APPENDIX A –WAGES**

**Section 1.**

Adoption of the new 2026 9 Step Wage Schedule, with annual steps, effective December 20, 2025.

- a. Employees will be provided with a 2.0% wage increase.
- b. Employees will be placed in the applicable grade and on the closest step that provides a wage increase.
- c. Employees who are eligible for a step increase shall then receive their step increase on anniversary date in the position.
- d. Employees shall receive a 2.0% general wage increase for 2027, effective December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Effective 2027 and thereafter, employees who are eligible for a step increase shall receive their step increase on anniversary date in the position.

2026 (effective December 20, 2025)									
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9
<b>GRADE 18</b>	\$125,041	\$130,042	\$135,244	\$140,654	\$146,280	\$152,131	\$158,216	\$164,545	\$171,127

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY-PROS

<b>GRADE 19</b>	\$131,293	\$136,545	\$142,006	\$147,687	\$153,594	\$159,738	\$166,127	\$172,772	\$179,683
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2027 (effective December 20, 2026)									
	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	STEP 9
<b>GRADE 18</b>	\$127,542	\$132,643	\$137,949	\$143,467	\$149,206	\$155,174	\$161,380	\$167,836	\$174,550

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY-PROS

<b>GRADE 19</b>	\$133,919	\$139,275	\$144,846	\$150,640	\$156,666	\$162,933	\$169,450	\$176,228	\$183,277
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**Section 2.** Employees who are eligible for a step increase shall receive their step increase on anniversary date in the position.

**Section 3.** It is agreed that the CITY has the sole right to start new employees at Step 1, 2 3, 4 or 5 of any classification due to unusual qualifications of the individual or predicated on recruiting experience.

**Section 4.** The City Manager may authorize up to an additional \$3,000.00 per month payment to bargaining unit members who are temporarily assigned duties and responsibilities which are

in addition to the regular duties of the normal position. Both parties to this Agreement recognize and agree that the City Manager has sole authority to authorize such payment and that any action taken under this provision shall not be subject to a grievance procedure.

Section 5: EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE PAY. Employees may participate in the City's Exceptional Performance Pay policy as outlined in the Compensation Plan for Unrepresented Employees. Requests for Exceptional Performance Pay may be initiated to the Department Head by the employee, another City employee, or a supervisor.

Section 6: LUMP SUM PAYMENT

The City may also reward employees who demonstrate excellent work performance by granting lump sum payments. A lump sum payment is a one- time payment of not more than 5% of the employee's annual base wage or salary. A lump sum incentive payment is not a base salary adjustment to be considered for future increases. Lump sum awards shall be dependent on the availability of funds, the recommendation of the Department Head, and the discretion and approval of the City Manager.

## **APPENDIX B – Performance Evaluations**

1. Written performance evaluations shall be reviewed with the employee by the employee's immediate supervisor. The evaluation by the immediate supervisor shall remain intact and unchanged, including comments the employee may incorporate.
2. Performance evaluations shall occur within three (3) weeks prior to the conclusion of the third and sixth month of employment, or promotion, and on an employee's position anniversary date.
3. Performance evaluations shall be based on performance only during the current review period; however, the supervisor may reference past reviews to determine whether an employee's performance is improving, deteriorating or to monitor the attainment of goals. Prediction of future performance shall not be allowed to influence the current review.
4. Supervisor performing performance reviews shall focus on the employee's performance.
5. Performance reviews shall identify areas where improvement in performance is desirable. These areas shall be re-evaluated at the next regular evaluation, or sooner if warranted.
6. The employee shall be permitted to respond in writing to the evaluation, and such response shall be attached to and become a part of the evaluation. The employee shall be required to sign the evaluation indicating that the supervisor has personally reviewed the evaluation with the employee.
7. Performance evaluations shall be subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, as amended.
8. Performance evaluations shall be kept with the employee's personnel records. Employees shall be allowed to review their evaluations at any reasonable time, and shall be allowed to copy or reproduce them at their own expense.
9. Any action taken or not taken by the CITY as a direct result of any performance evaluation is subject to the grievance procedure. This provision shall not apply to probationary employees.
10. Employees who are members of the bargaining unit shall not be required to assist or participate in the evaluation of performance of other members of the bargaining unit.
11. Performance evaluations may include the immediate supervisor's recommendation for a salary increase. Such recommendations are subject to final approval of the City Manager.
12. Final administrative actions of performance evaluations shall be made known to the employee.

## APPENDIX C – ADVANCE RESIGNATION NOTICE POLICY

The City’s Advance Resignation Notice Program is designed to improve the efficiency and stability of the City’s workforce by encouraging employees to give the City advance notice of their intent to resign. The purpose of this program is to begin the process of replacing an employee who is leaving the City as soon as possible after notice is received. This will reduce the time that the position remains unfilled.

This program is available to regular full-time non-union employees and any regular full-time union employees after the union has officially adopted this policy and the date the union and the City Council have officially amended the labor agreement with the City.

In order to be eligible for an Advance Notice payment an employee must give at least 90 calendar days’ notice to the employee’s department director (department directors notify City Manager) before his or her last day of work. The City reserves the right to approve or deny requests for use of accrued benefit hours during the 90-120 day period. It is the policy and intent that an employee requesting an Advance Notice Incentive remain actively working for the City and not use benefit time off during the 90-120 day period.

The agreement must be signed by the employee, the department director, and the Human Resources Director to be effective. The City reserves the right to refuse to enter into this agreement with any employee. For purposes of this policy the term day(s) shall mean calendar day(s).

The City will provide the following one-time payment for advance notice:

Ninety (90) days:	\$1,000.00
One Hundred and Twenty (120) days:	\$2,000.00

Payment will be made on or after the employment termination date. Payment will not be made if the employee or the City rescinds the resignation. Payment is subject to taxation and required deductions.

An employee has ten (10) calendar days from the date the employee signs the agreement to rescind the Advance Resignation Notice. After the City has accepted the resignation and after the expiration of the Employee’s 10-day rescission period, the resignation becomes irrevocable and Employee may no longer rescind it without the City’s agreement to either permit rescission or defer the resignation. Refusing to accept the Advance Notice payment will not void the agreement. In the event the Employee breaches this Agreement by terminating employment with the City in advance of the agreed upon resignation date the Employee forfeits all eligibility for any advance resignation incentive. In addition, the Employee’s separation from employment may be considered by the City as “not in good standing” and this determination may be relayed to the inquiries of the Employee’s prospective employers. Breach of the Agreement may also serve as basis for ineligibility from future employment with the City.

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<sup>i</sup> The City reserves the right to not replace any employee who resigns or to modify the position and duties prior to hiring a new employee. This decision will not affect an employee's eligibility for an Advance Notice payment. <sup>ii</sup> The last day of work is defined, for this program, as the last day that an employee will be actively working for the City.

If a qualifying Family/Medical Leave Act (FMLA) event occurs during the effective period (90-120 days) of the agreement, such event shall be characterized as breach for good cause and the City shall release the employee from the agreement and disqualify the employee from the incentive payment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Resignation Accepted**

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Department Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Human Resources Manager Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Notice Payment eligible for:       90 days       120 days



**Medica High Deductible Plan with HSA**

Health Plan	Benefit Level	City Contribution
M Health, Fairview, North Memorial	Employee Only	99%
	Two-Party	97%
	Family	97%
Park Nicollet and Health Partners	Employee Only	99%
	Two-Party	97%
	Family	97%
Elect Network	Employee Only	97%
	Two-Party	95%
	Family	95%
Passport Network	Employee Only	91%
	Two-Party	91%
	Family	91%

The City will also make an annual HSA contribution of \$2,400 (\$1,200 for those enrolled on or after July 1) for Employee Only, Two-Party, or Family coverage.

**Medica High Deductible Plan with HRA**

Health Plan	Benefit Level	City Contribution
M Health, Fairview, North Memorial	Employee Only	99%
	Two-Party	97%
	Family	97%
Park Nicollet and Health Partners	Employee Only	99%
	Two-Party	97%
	Family	97%
Elect Network	Employee Only	97%
	Two-Party	95%

	Family	95%
Passport Network	Employee Only	91%
	Two-Party	91%
	Family	91%

The City will also make an annual HSA contribution of \$2,400 (\$1,200 for those enrolled on or after July 1) for Employee Only, Two-Party, or Family coverage.

**Medica \$30 Copay Plan**

**(This plan is only available to existing plan holders)**

Health Plan	Benefit Level	City Contribution
Elect Network	Employee Only	91%
	Two-Party	76%
	Family	69%
Passport Network	Employee Only	85%
	Two-Party	71%
	Family	64%

**Dental Insurance.** The City will provide dental insurance for employees and their eligible dependents. For 2026, the City shall contribute the following amounts for dental insurance:

**Delta Dental of Minnesota**

Benefit Level	2026 Monthly Premium	City Contribution	Employee Cost
Single	\$45.16	\$45.16	\$0.00
Two-Party	\$90.25	\$67.04	\$23.21
Family	\$152.66	\$99.68	\$52.98