

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1413

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF BLACK DIMAOND AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL
UNION NO. 117 PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMIN SUPPORT
UNITS**

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 is the authorized bargaining representative for the Black Diamond Public Works and Admin Support Units; and

WHEREAS, the Professional Unit was formed in 2014 and the Admin Support Unit was formed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, their agreement expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City negotiating team has reached a tentative agreement with the Union for a new three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023 (attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the CBA and finds it was negotiated as directed by the City Council and it is in the best interest of the City and its employees to authorize the Mayor to execute the CBA;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Public Works and Admin Support Unit's CBA as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2021.

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:


Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk

A G R E E M E N T

By and Between

TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117

**Affiliated With The
International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

**REPRESENTING PUBLIC WORKS & ADMIN.
SUPPORT UNITS**



And

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

Term of Agreement

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into between the City of Black Diamond (the “Employer” or the “City”), a municipal corporation of the State of Washington, and Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (the “Union”), for the purpose of setting forth wages, hours, and working conditions which shall be in effect during the terms of this Agreement for employees in two separate bargaining units, as determined by PERC Case 26514-E-14-3873, Decision 12133 (PECB, 2014) and PERC Case 128309-E-16, Decision 12645 (PECB, 2016), and defined in this Agreement.

It is the purpose of this Agreement to achieve and maintain harmonious relations, based upon a mutual respect and using a collaborative approach with the objective of fostering effective cooperation between the Employer and the Union, to provide for contractual conditions of work, to establish agreed standards of wages and hours, and to achieve peaceful and rapid resolution of any differences which may arise in accord with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

The following terms and phrases used in this Agreement are defined as follows:

“The Employer” or “the City”: The City of Black Diamond, Washington.

“The Union”: Teamster Local Union No. 117 (Public Works and Admin. Support Units).

Bargaining Units: All regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees of the City of Black Diamond Public Works and Admin. Support Units, excluding certain supervisory and confidential employees (the “Public Works” bargaining unit). In addition, all regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees serving in administrative support roles, excluding supervisors and confidential employees (the “Admin. Support” bargaining unit).

Employees: Regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement, excluding certain supervisors and confidential employees.

Seasonal Employees: Seasonal employees are those employees hired to augment employees in the Public Works bargaining unit for a limited term of employment, not to exceed six (6) continuous months on an annual basis. The Employer will hire seasonal employees only as needed in response to a temporarily expanded seasonal workload or in response to an emergency. The City may hire a maximum of two (2) seasonal employees each calendar year. Seasonal employees will not be used to displace bargaining unit positions and, absent a mutual agreement, will not reduce the number of hours worked by bargaining unit members. Seasonal

employees are not members of the bargaining unit and are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

Temporary Employees: The City may hire temporary employees to augment employees in the Admin. Support bargaining unit under a limited set of circumstances. Temporary employees may be used to fill temporary vacancies caused by the absence of bargaining unit employees, to complete projects with a defined/limited scope, to address temporary spikes in the workload of bargaining unit employees, to meet needs in situations where there are insufficient resources to support adding a regular position, and during emergencies. Temporary employees are not members of the bargaining unit, unless and until they exceed six (6) months in any twelve (12) successive month period. Temporary employees are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. With prior notice to the Union, the Employer may choose to hire a paid consultant instead of a temporary employee for up to six (6) continuous months. Temporary employees and/or paid consultants hired under this section will not be used by the Employer to displace current employees of the bargaining unit. Bargaining unit work will not be permanently assigned to temporary employees or paid consultants.

Initial Probationary Employees: New employees hired by the Employer, serving an initial probationary period of employment prior to achieving regular full-time or regular part-time status.

Initial Probationary Period of Employment: The initial six (6) months of work—including holidays but excluding other leave—each initial employee of the Employer must complete in order to achieve regular full-time or regular part-time employment status. The initial probationary period of employment provides an opportunity for the Employer to evaluate the performance of new employees, and for new employees to evaluate working for the Employer. During the initial probationary period of employment, initial probationary employees serve “at will” and may be terminated with or without cause, and without recourse to the grievance procedure stated in this Agreement. The Employer retains the right to extend the length of the initial probationary period of employment on a case-by-case basis.

Promotional Probationary Employees: Existing employees serving a promotional probationary period of employment.

Promotional Probationary Period of Employment: A probationary period of work—including holidays but excluding other leave—each existing employee of the Employer must complete upon promotion or transfer to a new classification. For employees promoted within their existing department (“street to street” or “office to office” promotions), the promotional probationary period shall be thirty (30) days. For employees receiving a promotion or transfer to a new department (“street to office” promotions or transfers), the promotional probationary period shall be six (6) months. During the promotional probationary period of employment, if the Employer determines that an employee is not satisfactorily performing in a new classification, the Employer shall return the employee to their previously-held position. A promotional probationary employee may also return to their previously-held position by preference, but only

if the position is still vacant, The Employer retains the right to extend the length of the promotional probationary period of employment on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all employees in the two bargaining units, including all regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees in the Public Works Division (the “Public Works” bargaining unit), and all regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees serving in administrative support roles (the “Admin. Support” bargaining unit), excluding all other employees.

ARTICLE 3 – UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

3.1 - Union Membership

All employees in the bargaining unit shall have the voluntary right to become members of the Union. The Employer agrees to remain neutral regarding Union membership. Should employees have specific questions about Union membership, the Employer will refer those employees to this Agreement and to a Union representative.

3.2 - Dues or Fees / Payroll Deduction

The Employer shall deduct Union dues or fees for all employees who individually and voluntarily authorize in writing such payroll deduction for each month’s paycheck(s), with copies of the signed authorization form provided to the Employer. The Union shall designate the amount to be deducted. Such amount shall be remitted to the Union within a reasonable time, without unnecessary delay by the Employer. Employees requesting to stop dues/fees deductions shall notify both the Employer and the Union of their request, with the Employer stopping deductions following written confirmation from the Union that the employee’s dues/fees deduction authorization has been terminated in compliance with the terms of the written authorization executed by the employee.

3.3 - Notification

The Employer shall annually, or at the specific request of the Union, provide the Union with a current list of all employees in the bargaining unit. The list shall include the name of each employee, date of hire, wage rate, job classification, and employment status.

The Employer will notify the Union of all newly hired employees hired into job classifications covered by this Agreement. The notification shall include the name of the employee, date of hire, wage rate, job classification, and employment status. The Employer will also notify the Union of any employee leaving the bargaining unit because of termination, layoff, promotion, demotion, transfer, or resignation. The notification shall include the name of the employee, date of termination, and job classification.

3.4 – PAC Contributions to D.R.I.V.E.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the paychecks of employees covered by this Agreement voluntary contributions to D.R.I.V.E. (Democrat, Republication, Independent Voter Education). The Union will notify the Employer of the amounts designated by each contributing employee, to be deducted from each paycheck. The Employer shall send to D.R.I.V.E. headquarters, on a monthly basis, a single check for the total amount deducted by employees, along with the name of each employee on whose behalf a deduction is made, the employee's Social Security number, and the amount deducted from each paycheck. Contributions made by employees under this Section are entirely voluntary. By agreeing to this provision, the Employer does not endorse or condemn any particular political views associated with D.R.I.V.E.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Teamster Local Union No. 117, shall reimburse the Employer annually for the Employer's actual costs incurred in administering the payroll deduction plan. Reimbursement shall be paid by the Teamsters within thirty (30) days of submission by the Employer. In the event the Teamsters no longer serve as the bargaining representative of the Public Works and Admin. Support Units, this section of the Article shall automatically terminate.

3.5 - Hold Harmless

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless for any and all liabilities that arise or by reason of actions taken by the Employer pursuant to this Article, including the reimbursement of any legal fees or expenses incurred in connection with any claim, lawsuit, order, judgment, or liability asserted against the Employer in connection with this Article.

3.6 – New Hire Orientation

The Union through a Shop Steward or Union Representative shall have thirty (30) minutes during the employer's new hire orientation program to meet with the employee(s) for the purposes of filing out Union paperwork and orienting the employee to Union membership.

ARTICLE 4 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

4.1 – Non-Discrimination Based on Union Membership or Union Activity

In accordance with RCW 41.56, the Employer and Union agree that there shall be no discrimination against employees or Union officers because of membership in the Union or lawful union activity.

4.2 – Equal Opportunity, Anti-Harassment, and Non-Discrimination

Neither the Employer nor the Union shall discriminate against any employee or job applicant in violation of local, state, or federal employment laws and regulations. The Employer and the Union acknowledge their commitment and obligation to abide by all equal employment opportunity and non-discrimination laws. There shall be no discrimination, harassment, or retaliation based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, national origin, age, or the real or perceived presence of any sensory,

mental, or physical disability that does not prevent the proper performance of the job, unless based upon a *bona fide* occupational qualification.

ARTICLE 5 – UNION ACTIVITY

5.1 – Conduct of Union Business

Union business, such as handling grievances or other legitimate routine matters authorized by this Agreement, may be conducted on the Employer's premises provided that such business does not interfere with the Employer's operations or business. The Employer shall not unreasonably deny entry. Scheduled Union meetings may be held in the Employer's facilities subject to the foregoing restrictions.

5.2 – Paid Release Time for Bargaining

One (1) non-exempt employee of the Public Works bargaining unit, and one (1) non-exempt employee of the Admin. Support bargaining unit may be on regular paid status for any bargaining session, or portion thereof, occurring during the employee's scheduled hours of work. If the employee is not on duty during bargaining, then the employee will not be paid by the Employer.

5.3 – Bulletin Boards

The Employer shall provide space in a non-public area for a bulletin board which may be used by the Union for Union-related business, provided that no material shall be posted that is obscene or defamatory. If the Employer determines that a posting is deemed to be obscene or defamatory, the Employer shall remove the posting and return it to a Union representative.

ARTICLE 6 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

6.1 – Purpose

The Union recognizes the Employer has a legitimate need to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its lawful mandate, and the powers and authority which the Employer has not specifically abridged, delegated, or modified by this Agreement are retained by the Employer.

6.2 – Specific Rights Enumerated

In accordance with Washington law and RCW 41.56, the Employer and the Union agree to a specific list of management rights. Most notably, the direction of the workforce is vested exclusively with the Employer. This shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the right to:

1. Direct and manage employees;
2. Hire, promote, transfer, assign, re-assign, and retain employees;
3. Suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees in accordance with the discipline and separation provisions of this Agreement;

4. Relieve employees from duty because of lack of work, budget constraints, or other legitimate reasons;
5. Maintain the efficiency of the Employer's operations;
6. Determine the methods, means, and personnel by which the Employer operates and conducts its business;
7. Develop, amend, and enforce reasonable written policies, procedures, rules, or regulations governing the workplace, including those described in the Employer's personnel policy manual, provided that such policies, procedures, rules, and regulations do not conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, and provided the Union may request to bargain the reasonableness of any amendments to policies, procedures, rules, and regulations impacting the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and
8. Take any reasonable actions necessary in conditions of emergency, regardless of prior commitments, to carry out the duties and mission of the Employer.

Provided, however, that items (1)-(8) above shall not conflict with any terms and conditions stated in this Agreement or other supplemental agreements with the Union.

6.3 – Notice to the Union of the Exercise of Management Rights

The Employer shall provide the Union with thirty (30) calendar days' notice of the exercise of any non-routine management right that, in the Employer's opinion, affects wages, hours, or working conditions. Should thirty (30) calendar days' notice not be operationally feasible, or emergent issues arise, the Employer will provide reasonable notice. The Employer agrees to engage in any impact bargaining over the effects of the exercise of any management right, including the reasonableness of amendments or revisions to its personnel policies impacting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, as required by Washington law and RCW 41.56.

6.4 – Court Personnel Governed by General Rule 29(f)

Pursuant to the requirements of Washington's General Rule 29(f), the parties to this Agreement recognize the Presiding Judge of Black Diamond Municipal Court is delegated the exclusive authority over any and all court personnel covered by this Agreement with respect to working conditions, hiring, discipline, and termination decisions, but excluding wages or benefits directly related to wages (collectively, "non-wage related working conditions"). In accordance with GR 29(f), the classification of Court Clerk covered by this Agreement reports directly to the Presiding Judge. Any Article or subsection of this Agreement pertaining to non-wage related working conditions of the Court Clerk, or any other court personnel later covered by this Agreement, shall be imputed to the Presiding Judge, regardless if the language of this Agreement refers to "Employer," or "City," or "Mayor." The parties also recognize that the judicial and administrative duties set forth in GR 29(f) rest exclusively with the Presiding Judge and cannot, by operation of law, be delegated to either the legislative or executive branches of the City's government. In the event any Article or subsection of this Agreement violates GR 29(f) or

abridges the Presiding Judge's responsibilities under GR 29(f), that Article or subsection shall be invalidated.

ARTICLE 7 – HOURS OF WORK

7.1 – FLSA Work Week

For all non-exempt employees, the designated work week shall consist of forty (40) hours within a consecutive seven (7) day period. The work week shall begin at 12:00 a.m. Monday and end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, unless otherwise specified.

7.2 – Work Schedule for Non-Exempt Employees

The work week for non-exempt regular full-time employees shall normally be comprised of eight (8) consecutive hours of work, totaling forty (40) hours per work week (a "5/8" schedule). However, the Employer may assign employees to a work schedule different from the 5/8 schedule in order to meet business and customer service needs. In the event of a deviation from the 5/8 schedule, the Employer will provide affected employees with ten (10) working days' notice, except by mutual agreement. Full-time employees may request to work a schedule different from a 5/8 schedule, which shall be subject to Employer agreement. Part-time employees will work a schedule as set by their supervisor, based on the business and operational needs of the City. In the event of a deviation from a part-time employee's regular schedule, the Employer will provide affected part-time employees with ten (10) working days' notice, except by mutual agreement. The notice requirements do not apply to part-time employees hired to work a flexible work schedule or hired into a floater position. Absent mutual agreement, employees will be provided at least two (2) consecutive days off per work week and will not be required to work split shifts. Nothing in this Article prevents the Employer from changing work schedules in response to emergency situations.

The parties agree to the following meal and rest periods, which supersede WAC 296-126-092 pursuant to RCW 49.12.187.

- a. **Meal Period** – Employees are provided with a thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period per regular work shift, to be taken as close to the middle half of each regular work shift as reasonably possible, in no event taken no less than two (2) hours and no more than five (5) hours from the beginning of a work shift. If an employee is required by the Employer to remain on duty during a meal period, the employee shall be paid for the meal period. Employees may waive their meal period with prior approval by a supervisor. If an employee is required to work three (3) or more hours longer than a normal work day, the employee shall be allowed to take one thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period prior to or during the overtime period.
- b. **Rest Periods** – Employees are provided with two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid rest breaks per regular working shift, to be taken approximately midway in each half of the regular work shift. An employee required to work beyond ten (10) consecutive hours in any one

day shall be provided another fifteen (15) minute rest period after the ten (10) hour threshold. Rest periods shall be scheduled to avoid interfering with the Employer's operations and service, provided employees are not required to work more than three (3) hours without a rest break.

ARTICLE 8 – SENIORITY

8.1 – Definition of Seniority

- a. Seniority within the Employer—the length of continuous employment of a regular full-time employee, regular part-time employee, or promotional probationary employee with the Employer. Seniority within the Employer shall begin on the date of hire.
- b. Seniority within a Classification—the length of continuous employment of a regular full-time employee, regular part-time employee, or promotional probationary employee within a particular job classification. Seniority within a classification shall begin on the date of transfer to a new classification.

8.2 – Employee Classifications

- a. **Regular Full-Time, Regular Part-Time, and Promotional Probationary Employees** – Seniority applies to regular full-time, regular part-time, and promotional probationary employees. Regular part-time employees earn seniority based on a pro-rated percentage of regular full-time employees (for example, a 0.5 regular part-time employee working 20 hours per week will earn 0.5 service credits per month).
- b. **Initial Probationary Employees** – Initial probationary employees shall not have seniority during the initial probationary period of employment. Upon completion of the initial probationary period of employment, an employee's most recent date of hire with the Employer shall be the employee's seniority date.

8.3 – Breaks in Seniority

Seniority shall be broken by resignation, discharge supported by just cause, retirement, layoff of more than twelve (12) months, or failure to return in accordance with the terms of a leave of absence or when recalled from layoff. A break in seniority results in a loss of seniority.

ARTICLE 9 – OVERTIME AND CALL-BACK

9.1 Overtime Eligibility and Requirements

Overtime is provided only to employees who are not exempt from coverage under state and federal wage and hour laws. As a condition of employment, overtime may be required when determined by the Employer. Overtime must be authorized in writing by the Employer before any overtime hours are worked.

9.2 – Overtime Hours

Overtime is defined as hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week. Hours worked in a work week exclude periods of paid leave, including holidays, vacation, sick leave, and all other forms of paid leave. Effective the first pay period after ratification of this Agreement, holidays shall count towards hours worked for the purpose of overtime.

9.3 – Overtime Compensation

Overtime is paid at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times an employee's regular rate of pay.

9.4 – Call-Back

Employees of the Public Works and Admin. Support bargaining units may be called back to work outside of regular working hours. Only designated employees will be subject to mandatory call-back, in accordance with the stand-by provisions of Article 9.5 below and the Employer's stand-by/on-call policy. An employee who is required to return to the worksite in person for unscheduled work outside of their regular working hours shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours at the regular rate of pay, or the actual amount of time worked greater than two (2) hours, whichever is greater.

9.5 – Stand-By "On-Call" (Applicable to Public Works)

Employees of the Public Works bargaining unit placed on stand-by receive one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate for each eight (8) hour stand-by shift. All other terms are stated in the Employer's stand-by/on-call policy. The Employer agrees to notify the Union of any proposed changes to the stand-by policy impacting wages, hours, or working conditions. Solely for purposes of this section, the parties agree that employees of the Public Works Division, including supervisors, who are not members of the bargaining unit may be assigned to stand-by shifts and any associated on-call/call-back work.

9.6 – Compensatory Time

With the approval and at the discretion of the Employer, non-exempt employees may request to accrue compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay. In such cases, compensatory time shall accrue at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) hours for each overtime hour worked. Compensatory time is intended as a benefit to employees. Under no circumstances shall an employee be required to accept compensatory time instead of overtime pay.

- a. **Scheduling Compensatory Time Off** - Employees must request to use compensatory time in advance with the Employer. Employees who request compensatory time off shall be permitted to use such time with a reasonable period after making a request, provided the use of compensatory time off does not unduly impact the Employer's operations. The Employer reserves the right to control the scheduling of compensatory time off to ensure operational and departmental needs are met.
- b. **Maximum Accrual** - The maximum accrual of compensatory time is forty (40) hours. Employees who have reached the maximum accrual will receive pay for additional hours worked at applicable overtime or straight time rates.
- c. **Cash-Out** – Compensatory time not used by November 30, or scheduled by November 30 for use before the end of the calendar year, will be cashed out in the first regular payday following November 30. Compensatory time will also be cashed out for employees who separate, voluntarily or involuntarily, from the Employer. All cash outs will be paid at employees' straight time rates.

ARTICLE 10 – HOLIDAYS

10.1 – Recognized Holidays

The following holidays are recognized by the Employer for all regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees of the bargaining unit:

New Year's Day	January 1
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	3 rd Monday of January
President's Day	3 rd Monday of February
Memorial Day	4 th Monday of May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1 st Monday of September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	4 th Thursday of November
Day After Thanksgiving	4 th Friday of November
Christmas Day	December 25
Floating Holiday (1)	Discretionary

Holidays begin at 12:01 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. on the designated date.

If the City is required by law to provide additional paid holidays, the City will comply with the law.

10.2 – Holidays During Paid Leave

Holidays occurring during employees' absence on paid vacation or paid sick leave shall not be considered part of the vacation or sick leave expended.

10.3 – Holiday Pay for Non-Exempt Employees

Non-exempt regular full-time employees, including initial/promotional probationary employees, not required to work on a holiday are paid their regular rate of pay for the holiday. Non-exempt regular full-time employees, including initial/promotional probationary employees, required to work on a holiday may choose one of two options:

1. The employee may take the next convenient regular work day off, or if less than a full day was actually worked on a holiday, the applicable number of holiday hours worked, if within the same work week. The determination of “convenient” shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and affected employee.
2. The employee may be paid at the rate of two (2) times their regular rate of pay for those hours worked falling on a holiday.

Non-exempt regular part-time employees, including initial/promotional probationary employees, will receive a pro-rated portion of holiday pay based on works worked by regular full-time employees. Non-exempt regular part-time employees, including initial/promotional probationary employees, are only eligible to receive holiday pay for holidays falling on days the employees were regularly scheduled to work.

10.4 – Holidays on Saturday and Sunday

Any holiday falling on a Saturday will be celebrated on the preceding Friday. Any holiday falling on a Sunday will be celebrated on the following Monday.

10.5 – Floating Holiday

Regular full-time, regular part-time, and promotional probationary employees who have been employed by the Employer for at least one (1) year may select one (1) floating holiday each calendar year, subject to approval of the Employer. Dates requested by Employees will be approved based on the following criteria:

1. An employee gives at least seven (7) days advance notice to the Employer, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
2. The particular day selected by an employee does not prevent the Employer from providing continued public service or otherwise unduly impact Employer operations.
3. The floating holidays must be taken each calendar year. Floating holidays do not rollover from year to year. At the discretion of the Employer, when an employee has reasonably made requests to use a floating holiday, and those requests have been denied, the floating holiday may be carried over to the earliest convenient date in the next calendar year. The determination of “convenient” shall be mutually agreed upon by the Employer and the affected employee.

4. Regular part-time employees, including promotional probationary employees who work on a part-time basis, will receive a pro-rated portion of floating holiday hours based on works worked by regular full-time employees (for example, a regular 0.5 part-time employee working 20 hours per week earns one-half (0.5) floating holiday per calendar year).

ARTICLE 11 – VACATION LEAVE

11.1 – Vacation Accrual

Regular full-time employees of the bargaining unit, including initial/promotional probationary employees, earn vacation leave as follows:

Year of Employment	Vacation Hours Earned Per Year
0-5 years	12 vacation days per year (8 hours per month) (1 day per month)
6-9 years	15 vacation days per year (10 hours per month) (1.25 days per month)
10-15 years	18 vacation days per year (12 hours per month) (1.5 days per month)
16-19 years	21 vacation days per year (14 hours per month) (1.75 days per month)
20+ years	24 vacation days per year (16 hours per month) (2 days per month)

Regular part-time employees of the bargaining unit, including initial/promotional probationary employees, earn a pro-rated portion of vacation leave based on hours worked by regular full-time employees (for example, a regular 0.5 part-time employee working 20 hours per week, with 0-5 years of seniority, shall earn six (6) vacation days per year).

Vacation time is accrued from the date of hire, but cannot be used by initial probationary employees until the successful completion of the initial probationary period. If an initial probationary employee separates employment from the Employer (for any reason) prior to completion of the initial probationary period of employment, the cash out of vacation leave shall be granted if the employee separates in good standing (as determined by the Employer).

Vacation leave may not be used in the month it is earned.

11.2 – Vacation Carry-Over

Employees may only carry-over accrued vacation leave from calendar year to calendar year in the amounts set forth below. Once an employee reaches the applicable threshold, the employee shall not accrue any additional vacation leave unless approved by the Employer.

0-5 years	144 hours maximum
6-9 years	180 hours maximum
10-15 years	216 hours maximum
16-19 years	252 hours maximum
20+ years	288 hours maximum

The allowed carry-over of vacation leave for eligible regular part-time employees is based on a pro-rated portion based on the hours worked by regular full-time employees (for example, a regular 0.5 part-time employee working 20 hours per week, with 0-5 years of seniority, shall be permitted to carry over a maximum of 72 hours per calendar year).

11.3 – Vacation Requests

The Employer retains the right to approve and deny vacation requests, provided that vacation requests may not be unreasonably denied. Vacation days may not be taken without prior approval from the Employer. Employees are responsible for planning their annual vacation leave and submitting vacation requests to the Employer well in advance of the leave requested so that disruption to the Employer's operations is minimized. Vacation requests shall be submitted in writing to an employee's immediate supervisor. If an immediate supervisor is unavailable, the request shall be submitted to the Public Works Director (for Public Works bargaining unit employees) or the City Clerk/Human Resources Director (for Admin. Support bargaining unit employees). Vacation requests shall normally be approved or denied within five (5) working days of their submission, although employees may request expedited processing if warranted by the circumstances. In the event of a bona fide staffing emergency, the Employer retains the right to cancel scheduled vacations. Vacation may be taken in increments of one-half (0.5) hour.

ARTICLE 12 – SICK LEAVE

12.1 – Sick Leave Accrual

Regular full-time employees of the bargaining unit, including initial/promotional probationary employees, earn paid sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours per month. Paid sick leave is accrued from the date of hire. Absent exigent circumstances, approved by the Employer in advance, initial probationary employees may not use accrued paid sick leave until the sixtieth (60) calendar day after the commencement of employment.

Regular part-time employees of the bargaining unit, including initial/promotional probationary employees, earn a pro-rated portion of paid sick leave based on hours worked by regular full-time employees (for example, a regular 0.5 part-time employee working twenty (20) hours weekly earns four (4) hours of paid sick leave per month).

Sick leave that is accrued, but unused, in a calendar year shall be accumulated for subsequent calendar years, up to a maximum annual carry-over of one thousand and forty hours (1,040). Employees granted paid sick leave continue to accrue paid sick leave while on paid sick leave.

12.2 – Permitted Use of Sick Leave

Paid sick leave is a conditional benefit based on qualifying medical conditions or circumstances. Employees may use paid sick leave for the following situations:

1. The employee's own health condition (illness, injury, physical or mental disability, or any period of temporary disability resulting from pregnancy or childbirth).
2. The employee's forced quarantine in accordance with community health requirements.
3. The employee's medical or dental appointments, or those of the employee's immediate family.
4. As an extension of bereavement leave, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement governing bereavement leave.
5. Illness of a member of the employee's immediate family which requires the employee to provide care for the immediate family member.
6. The lawful use of a prescription drug which impairs the employee's job performance or safety.
7. Attendance at appointments as part of any Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered by the Employer.
8. When the Employer has been closed by order of a public health official for any health-related reason, or when an employee's child's school or place of care has been closed for any health-related reason.
9. Any absence that qualifies for leave under Washington's domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking statute, RCW 49.76.
10. Any other situation where sick leave is required by applicable law or legal authority.

For purposes of this section, "immediate family" includes spouse, registered domestic partner, children, stepchildren, foster children, siblings, grandparents, parents of the employee or the employee's spouse, grandchildren, and any other familial inhabitant of the employee's household. If the City is required by law to provide sick leave to additional family members, the City will comply with the law.

12.3 – Sick Leave Procedure

1. An employee using sick leave shall inform the Employer as soon as possible.
2. Sick leave may be used once it is earned. Sick leave is deemed “earned” when reported on end-of-month payroll statements.
3. For absences in excess of three (3) consecutive sick days the Employer may require the employee to obtain a doctor’s statement verifying the necessity for use of sick leave. Any employee requested to provide a doctor’s statement or other medical verification in connection with the use of sick leave may be excused if the employee can establish an “unreasonable burden or expense,” as that phrase is interpreted by Washington law, that cannot be mitigated by the City.
4. The Employer may, at its discretion, require that an employee be evaluated by an independent doctor, specified by the Employer, and at the Employer’s expense, to determine whether the employee is able to perform the essential functions of their job, to determine any functional limitations the employee’s condition may impose on their job duties, and to assist in evaluating the employee’s return to work options and any reasonable accommodation.
5. Prior to returning to work, the Employer may require a written release from an employee’s doctor certifying the employee’s fitness to return to duty.
6. Employees who fail to provide proper notice, obtain a doctor’s statement when requested, or who otherwise violate this section may be denied paid sick leave and/or may be subject to disciplinary action unless otherwise prohibited by Washington law.

12.4 – Sick Leave Donation

Employees are permitted to donate a portion of their accumulated paid sick leave to other employees in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Employer’s personnel policy manual.

12.5 – Sick Leave Cash-Out

Upon separation of employment in good standing (as determined by the Employer), regular full-time, regular part-time, and promotional probationary employees may receive compensation for accrued, but unused, paid sick leave based on the following formula:

End of probationary period of employment through Year 1	0% cash-out
Year 1 through Year 5	10% cash-out
Year 6 through Year 12	20% cash-out
Year 13 through Year 20	30% cash-out
Year 21 through Year 24	40% cash-out
Year 25 and over	50% cash-out

Sick leave cash-outs shall be based on 100% of the value of each sick leave hour, up to the maximum cash-out percentages listed above. For example, an employee who separates from the City with seven (7) years of completed service is entitled to a 20% cash-out. Assuming the employee has 100 hours of accumulated sick leave, the employee would receive 20% of the total hours (20 hours) cashed-out at 100% of their value. The remaining sick leave hours are surrendered.

ARTICLE 13 – OTHER LEAVE

13.1 – Paid and Unpaid Leave Required by State or Federal Law

The Employer provides employees with family and medical leave, pregnancy disability leave, military leave, and other paid and unpaid leave required by state and federal law, including:

- a. Family and Medical Leave (29 USC § 2601 et seq. and RCW 50A).
- b. Family Care Act Leave (RCW 49.12.265 & WAC 296-130).
- c. Pregnancy Disability Accommodation (RCW 49.60).
- d. Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (RCW 49.76).
- e. Leave for Spouses of Deployed Military Personnel (RCW 49.77).
- f. Leave for Certain Emergency Services Personnel (RCW 49.12.460).

Leave eligibility, benefits, and requirements are determined by applicable state or federal law and will be administered according to the Employer's personnel policies manual. In the event the Employer's personnel policies manual conflicts with state or federal law, then the minimum requirements of the law shall apply.

13.2 – Bereavement Leave

Regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees are entitled to up to five (5) days of paid bereavement leave for the death of an immediate family member. The specific length of paid bereavement leave shall be determined by the Employer.

For purposes of this section, "immediate family" includes spouse, registered domestic partner, children, stepchildren, foster children, a child's spouse, siblings, grandparents, parents of the employee or the employee's spouse, grandchildren, and any other familial inhabitant of the employee's household.

For regular full-time and regular part-time employees, including promotional probationary employees but excluding initial probationary employees, any additional bereavement leave needed by an employee may be deducted from any accrued paid time off, including paid vacation

leave and paid sick leave, if available. Paid bereavement leave, or other paid leave taken as additional bereavement leave, must be taken within thirty (30) days of the date of death of an immediate family member.

13.3 – Unpaid Religious Leave

Pursuant to RCW 1.16.050(3), an employee is entitled to two (2) unpaid holidays per calendar year for a reason of faith or conscience or an organized activity conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization. Leave will be provided in accordance with Washington law and the Employer's personnel policies manual. In the event the Employer's personnel policies manual conflicts with Washington law, then the minimum requirements of the law shall apply.

13.4 – Jury Duty

Employees are entitled to leave for jury duty service as required by law. Regular full-time and regular part-time employees, including initial/promotional probationary employees, shall be paid their straight time rate of pay for all hours of jury duty occurring during their regular working hours, provided they comply with the following conditions:

1. The employee remits to the Employer all compensation received for jury duty service (excluding travel or other reimbursable expenses).
2. The employee provides their jury duty summons to the Employer as soon as possible after it is received. Upon completion of jury duty service, the employee must also provide the Employer with proof of jury service.
3. The employee reports back to work on each day that they are released from jury duty during their regular working hours.

All employees of the bargaining unit receive leave if subpoenaed to testify in a judicial proceeding. The Employer retains the right to treat the leave as unpaid leave, unless the employee is a witness in a lawsuit or legal matter in their official capacity.

13.5 – Other Leaves of Absence

The Employer retains the right to grant an unpaid leave of absence to employees who require a leave of absence not covered by any other type of leave and who have exhausted all available leave banks. The decision to grant unpaid leave is determined by the Employer on a case-by-case basis. The terms of conditions of an unpaid leaves of absence are set by the Employer's personnel policies manual.

ARTICLE 14 – HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

14.1 – Eligibility for Insurance Benefits

Regular full-time employees, including promotional probationary employees who are employed on a full-time basis, are eligible for enrollment in the Employer's health insurance plans. Regular

part-time employees working more than thirty (30) hours per week are also eligible for enrollment in the Employer's health insurance plans. Initial probationary employees are eligible for enrollment in the Employer's health insurance plans in the first full calendar month following the month of hire.

14.2 – Health Insurance Benefits

The Employer offers health insurance to eligible employees, their spouses, and their dependents through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The Employer offers the choice of two health plans: (1) AWC HealthFirst 250 and (2) AWC Kaiser \$200 Deductible. The Employer shall pay 100% of the premium for eligible employees and 75% of the premium for spouses and dependents. Eligible employees are responsible for payment of 25% of the premium for spouses and dependents. The terms and conditions of enrollment and coverage are stated in the Employer's personnel policies manual and/or AWC's enrollment materials. The Employer reserves the right to make changes to both the insurance carrier and the specific health insurance plans offered to employees, but will bargain the impacts of any such changes.

The Union agrees to make a good-faith effort to promote AWC's WellCity premium discount and encourage employees to participate.

14.3 – Dental Insurance Benefits

The Employer offers dental insurance through Delta Dental. The Employer pays 100% of the cost of premiums. The Employer reserves the right to change dental insurance carriers and plans assuming benefit levels are not substantially altered.

14.4 – Employee Assistance Program

The health insurance plan selected by employees may offer a voluntary Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The program, if available through the health insurance plan, offers voluntary professional and confidential counseling and assistance to employees whose job performance, health, or well-being are adversely affected by personal reasons. Employees who seek such counseling and assistance may elect to use accrued paid sick or vacation leave for time spent during working hours.

14.5 – Industrial Insurance

Industrial insurance during regular working hours shall be provided in accordance with Washington law.

14.6 – Life Insurance

The Employer provides life insurance through Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company. The Employer pays 100% of the cost of premiums and provides coverage in the amount of \$20,000 per employee and a limited option of up to \$1,000 per spouse/child. The Employer reserves the right to change life insurance carriers and plans assuming benefit levels are not substantially altered.

14.7 – Long-Term Disability Insurance

The Employer provides long-term disability insurance through Standard Life and Accident Insurance Company. The Employer pays 100% of the cost of premiums. The Employer reserves the right to change life insurance carriers and plans assuming benefit levels are not substantially altered.

14.8 – Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave (RCW 50A.10)

Employees have access to family leave and medical leave benefits based upon the requirements of Washington law, RCW 50A.10. Employees pay the designated employee share of premiums by way of payroll deduction. Should the Employer grow in size beyond 50 employees, it will pay the designated employer share of premiums.

14.9 – Vision and Orthodontia Coverage

Beginning the first month after this Agreement has been ratified by both parties, the Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums necessary for the purchase of employee coverage and one hundred percent (100%) of the premium necessary for dependent coverage under the AWC Washington Vision Service Plan (\$25 deductible). In conjunction with its health insurance plans, AWC offers optional enrollment in orthodontia coverage. The current plan offering is Orthodontia – Plan V. This plan requires 100% participation by the bargaining unit. The bargaining unit, as a whole, may elect to enroll in Orthodontia – Plan V at their sole expense.

14.10 – Benefits During Leaves of Absence

Unless otherwise required by law, employees on unpaid leaves of absence do not receive or accrue employee benefits. Eligible employees may, however, elect at their sole expense to continue their health insurance coverage at regular rates.

ARTICLE 15 – WAGES

15.1 – Classifications, Wages, and Salary Schedule

Wages, steps, and ranges for all employee classifications in the bargaining unit are listed in Appendix A to this Agreement.

15.2 – Step Dates

Regular full-time, regular part-time, and promotional probationary employees shall have their wages increased to the next step on their step-increase eligibility date, upon a satisfactory performance evaluation, and subject to the availability of funding in their department. For all employees hired on or before September 1, 2015, the step-increase eligibility date is the first day of the month of hire. For all employees after September 1, 2015, including all future employees, the step-increase eligibility date is the first day of the month of hire if hired from the 1st through the 15th of the month, or the first day of the month following the month of hire if hired from the 16th through the 31st of the month. An employee who promotes or demotes shall have their step-increase eligibility date reset to the date of their promotion or demotion.

15.3 – Higher Education Premium

Regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees are eligible for the following higher education premiums added to their regular rate of pay:

- **Associate Degree (2 year degree)** 2.0%
- **Bachelor Degree (4 year degree)** 4.0%
- **Masters, Professional, or PhD** 6.0%

Premiums for multiple degrees do not compound. Each employee eligible for a higher education premium must present a copy of their degree to the Employer. A copy of the degree will be included in the employee's personnel records. The Employer will review each degree to determine whether the degree qualified for a higher education premium. Higher education premium requests are subject to a requirement that the degree be relevant to the employee's position, in the Employer's judgment, as follows: (1) effective January 1, 2021 for employees hired on or after January 1, 2021; and (2) effective January 1, 2023 for employees hired prior to January 1, 2021. The Employer may verify the legitimacy of any degree presented by an employee.

15.4 – Certification Premium (Applicable to Public Works)

In lieu of a higher education premium provided by Section 15.3 of this Article, regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees of the Public Works bargaining unit are eligible for certification premiums added to their regular rate of pay. Employees receiving certification premiums shall receive a premium of thirty-five dollars (\$35) per month per eligible certification, to a maximum of one-hundred and forty (\$140) dollars per month.

Certifications held by an employee are eligible for certification premiums only if they exceed the minimum qualifications of the classification held by the employee and provide a benefit to the Employer. In making these determinations, the Employer will review the employee's job description and consider input provided by the employee, the employee's immediate supervisor, and the Public Works Director. If an employee's request for a certification premium is denied, the employee may appeal to the Mayor for a final determination. Admin. Support bargaining unit employees are not eligible for certification premiums.

Certifications eligible for premium pay may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- CDL Class A or Class B
- CDL Endorsement for Hazardous Waste
- CDL Endorsement for Tanker
- Water Distribution Specialist (Trainee, I, and II)
- Water Distribution Manager (I, II, III, and IV)
- Waste Water Collection Specialist (I and II)

- Cross Connections Control Specialist
- Water Treatment Plant Operator (I and II)
- Septic System Inspector
- Backflow Prevention Assembly
- Asbestos Pipe
- Traffic Signal Technician
- Roadway Lighting Specialist
- Playgrounds
- Associate Signs & Markings Specialist (I, II, and III)

Any employee seeking certification is personally responsible for initial certification costs. Prior to incurring such costs, an employee should formally receive a determination from the Employer that the certification will qualify for a premium. If an employee is required to attend classes in order to obtain an eligible premium, the employee may request release time (unpaid unless the employee elects to use paid vacation or compensatory time off) or a modified work schedule. The Employer will accommodate requests for release time or a modified work schedule when operationally feasible. Once an employee has received an eligible certification, the Employer shall pay for all subsequent renewal fees. Payment for eligible certifications will become effective at the beginning of the next pay period and will not be paid retroactively. If an employee is promoted or transferred into a new classification, and a certification previously eligible for premium pay becomes a minimum qualification of the new classification, then the premium pay for that certification shall cease.

Multiple certifications held within the same series (*i.e.* CDL Class A and B) only qualify for one premium. Each employee eligible for a certification premium must present a copy of their certification to the Employer, to be included in the employee's personnel file. The Employer may verify the legitimacy of any certification presented by an employee.

15.5 – Pension Contribution

The Employer shall make pension contributions to Washington's Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) for each eligible employee, based on the terms and conditions imposed by Washington law. Participating employees shall pay any required amounts towards contribution costs by means of a payroll deduction.

15.6 – Deferred Compensation Contribution

The Employer participates in the Washington State Deferred Compensation Program. Regular full-time, regular part-time, and initial/promotional probationary employees may voluntarily participate as an avenue to save for retirement. Effective January 1, 2021, the Employer shall match an employee's contribution on a dollar for dollar basis, up to twenty five (\$25.00) per month. Participation in the Washington State Deferred Compensation Program and the Employer's matching program shall be regulated by Washington and guidance from the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE 16 – DISCIPLINE AND SEPARATION

16.1 – In General

All employees of the bargaining unit are expected to comply with the Employer's policies governing anti-harassment, anti-discrimination, and the code of conduct. All discipline and discharge actions for regular full-time, regular part-time, and promotional probationary employees shall be for "just cause." The Employer retains the right to discipline and initial probationary employees as "at will" employees, with or without cause, and without recourse to the grievance procedure stated in this Agreement.

16.2 – Disciplinary Steps

Disciplinary action shall include the following progressive steps, unless otherwise provided below:

- a. Verbal warning.
- b. Written reprimand.
- c. Suspension without pay.
- d. Permanent or temporary demotion.
- e. Discharge.

The Employer may tailor discipline to respond to the nature and severity of the offense and the employee's prior disciplinary record. The steps of the discipline structure will usually be sequential unless the gravity of an offense, or other extenuating circumstances, justify a more severe response.

16.3 – Verbal Warnings and Written Reprimands

- a. **Verbal warning** – The Employer may issue a verbal warning at any time for cause. A verbal warning shall carry no additional penalty. The Employer may record having issued a verbal warning. If the Employer records the instance of a verbal warning, then the record shall reflect the nature and date of the offense, the date of the verbal warning, and the substance of the warning.
- b. **Written reprimand** – The Employer may issue a written reprimand at any time for cause. A written reprimand must state the nature and date of the offense, describe the expected employee behavior, and cite the authority (Employer authority, professional expectations, or the law) for the expected employee behavior. A written reprimand shall carry no additional penalty.
- c. **Grievance procedure** – Verbal warnings are not subject to the grievance procedure. Written reprimands may be grieved through Step 2 of the grievance procedure. If the Union has grieved a written reprimand through Step 2 of the grievance procedure and the Employer later relies on the written reprimand for purposes of imposing a higher level

of discipline, then the Union shall have the opportunity at grievance arbitration to contest the merits of the written reprimand alongside the higher level of discipline.

16.4 – Discipline Procedure Other Than Verbal Warning or Written Reprimand

- a. **Notice of Pre-Disciplinary Meeting** – If the Employer is considering imposing discipline other than a verbal warning or written reprimand, the Employer shall inform the employee in writing. The written notice shall describe the event or conduct to enable the employee to understand the general nature of the concern or allegations, modified by what the Employer has learned to date through any investigation or otherwise.
- b. **Pre-Disciplinary Meeting** – Upon at least twenty-four (24) hours written notice to both the employee and the Union, the Employer may call a pre-disciplinary meeting at which the Employer will provide the employee an opportunity to respond. The employee may elect to attend the pre-disciplinary meeting accompanied by a Union representative.
- c. **Disciplinary Decision** – No sooner than the day following the close of a pre-disciplinary meeting, but no later than twenty-one (21) working days after the close of a pre-disciplinary meeting, the Employer shall inform the employee and the Union in writing of the Employer's decision.

16.5 – Employer Investigations

- a. **Duty to Cooperate** – Employees have an obligation to cooperate with any investigation conducted by the Employer. Failure to do so will be considered insubordination and will be grounds for discipline.
- b. **Union Representation** – If the Employer elects to conduct a disciplinary investigation, an employee is entitled, at their request, to have Union representation during any investigatory interview conducted by the Employer that the employee reasonably believes may result in their discipline or discharge. During such an investigatory interview, a participating Union representative will be given the opportunity to ask questions, offer additional information, and counsel the employee, but may not obstruct the Employer's investigation.
- c. **Administrative Leave** – The Employer may, at its discretion, place employees on paid administrative leave during an investigation. Employees on such paid administrative leave must remain available during their normal hours of work and are not permitted to accept outside employment. Placement on paid administrative leave is not subject to the grievance procedure stated in this Agreement.

16.6 – Resignation and Retirement

Employees are expected to provide a minimum of two weeks' notice of planned resignations or retirements.

16.7 –Personnel Files

a. Right to Inspect - An employee, upon written request to the Employer, shall have the right to inspect the entire contents of their personnel file. The inspection shall take place on the Employer's premises at a date and time mutually agreeable to the Employer and employee.

b. Disclosure – Upon receipt of any court order or subpoena seeking documents from an employee's personnel file, the Employer will provide the employee with a copy of the order or subpoena. Upon receipt of a request for personnel records under the Public Records Act, the Employer will comply with RCW 42.56.250(12) as it currently exists or is hereafter amended.

16.8 – Removal of Disciplinary Records

Employees may request, in writing, the removal of disciplinary records from their personnel files in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- a. Verbal Warning – Written records of a verbal warning may be removed after twelve (12) months without a reoccurrence of the same or similar conduct giving rise to the verbal warning.
- b. Written Reprimand – Written reprimands may be removed after twelve (12) months without a reoccurrence of the same or similar conduct giving rise to the written reprimand.
- c. Suspensions – Suspensions may be removed after thirty-six (36) months without a reoccurrence of the same or similar conduct giving rise to the written reprimand.

When a disciplinary record is removed from an employee's personnel file, it shall not be considered for purposes of progressive discipline, but may be introduced as evidence by either the Employer or the Union during grievance arbitration. Records of disciplinary action removed from personnel files in accordance with this Article shall be kept by the City as required by Washington state records retention laws and the Employer's records retention policies.

ARTICLE 17 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

17.1 – In General

The Employer and the Union recognize the need for fairness and justice in the adjudication of employee grievances. Employees are encouraged to attempt to resolve complaints through informal discussions with the Employer and any applicable supervisors. An employee presenting an informal grievance shall have the option of being accompanied by a Union representative. If

a grievance cannot be resolved informally, the grievance will be settled according to the procedure provided below.

17.2 – Definition of Grievance

A grievance is a dispute between the Employer and the Union, on the Union's own behalf or on behalf of an employee or group of employees, over an alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of an express Article, section, term, or provision of this Agreement. Verbal warnings are not subject to the grievance procedure. Written reprimands may only be grieved pursuant to the terms of Article 16.3(c).

17.3 – Election of Remedies

The Employer and the Union expect the procedures contained in this Agreement, if applicable, to be the sole remedy for grievances. The Employer and the Union also recognize that employees have legal rights independent of this Agreement. If the Union seeks arbitration of a dispute within the procedure established by this Agreement, that election shall be deemed to have waived external remedies to the extent allowed by state and federal law. If an employee or the Union seeks redress or review from any external body, whether administrative or judicial, then whether or not such body accepts the matter for review, the Union and/or the employee shall have elected the external remedy to the exclusion of all rights under this Agreement.

17.4 – Time Limits

To timely initiate the grievance process, a party must file a formal written grievance within ten (10) working days beginning on the date the party knew, or reasonably should have known, of the events giving rise to the grievance.

For purposes of this Article, "working day" shall be defined as Monday through Friday, excluding holidays recognized by the Employer. Submissions will be considered timely under this Article if they are received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of an applicable time limit.

The day after the event, act, or omission shall be the first day of a timeline under this Article. In the event a time limit under this Article falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be automatically extended to the following working day.

Time limits within the grievance procedure may be waived or extended by the mutual agreement of the parties. If the Union, on behalf of itself or employees, fails to act or respond within the specified time limits, the grievance shall be considered waived. If the Employer fails to respond within the specified time limits, the grievance shall proceed to the next step of the grievance procedure.

17.5 – Required Content of Grievance

A grievance must satisfy the following conditions:

- 1.** Be submitted in writing.

2. Describe the facts giving rise to the grievance with sufficient particularity to permit the Employer to understand the nature of the grievance.
3. Identify the provision(s) of the Agreement allegedly violated.
4. Identify the aggrieved employee(s).
5. Identify the remedy sought.
6. Be signed and dated by the Union representative and/or the affected employee(s).

17.6 – Grievance Procedure

1. **Step 1** – The grievance procedure shall be initiated by personally serving a grievance upon the Mayor, City Administrator, or the Human Resources Director. The grievance must be served within ten (10) working days beginning on the date the party knew, or reasonably should have known, of the events giving rise to the grievance. Thereafter, the immediate supervisor (if applicable, otherwise, the Human Resources Director) shall respond in writing to the Union and the aggrieved employees within ten (10) working days.

Court Clerk Classification – The Employer will promptly forward a copy of any Step 1 grievance involving the Court Clerk classification to the Presiding Judge of Black Diamond Municipal Court. If the grievance involves subject matter delegated to the Presiding Judge under GR 29(f), the Presiding Judge shall respond to the grievance in accordance with Step 1, above.

2. **Step 2** – If the grievance is not resolved at Step 1, then within ten (10) working days of the Employer's written response in Step 1, a written appeal, signed by the Union and/or the affected employee(s), shall be personally served upon the Mayor, City Administrator, or the Human Resources Director. The Employer, acting through the Mayor, shall thereafter schedule a meeting with the Union and aggrieved employee(s) within fifteen (15) working days from receipt of the written appeal. During the meeting, aggrieved employees have the right to be accompanied by a Union representative. Thereafter, the Mayor shall respond in writing to the Union and the aggrieved employees within ten (10) working days.

Court Clerk Classification – The Employer will promptly forward a copy of any Step 2 grievance involving the Court Clerk classification to the Presiding Judge of Black Diamond Municipal Court. If the grievance involves subject matter delegated to the Presiding Judge under GR 29(f), the Presiding Judge shall respond to the grievance in accordance with Step 2, above.

3. **Step 3, Arbitration** – If the grievance is not resolved at Step 2, the parties may proceed to final and binding arbitration. Prior to arbitration, the parties may mutually agree to first

proceed with mediation, in which case the timelines for arbitration shall be extended to accommodate the mediation process. If the grievance involves the Court Clerk classification and subject matter delegated to the Presiding Judge under GR 29(f), the Presiding Judge shall be involved in the arbitration process and may substitute entirely for the Employer, depending on the subject matter involved.

- a. **Notice** – Within twenty (20) working days following receipt of the Employer's written response in Step 2, the Union shall notify the Employer, in writing, of its intent to proceed with arbitration.
- b. **Arbitrator Selection** – After the Union has provided timely notice of its intent to proceed with arbitration, the parties shall select an impartial arbitrator within thirty (30) working days. If the parties cannot mutually agree on an impartial arbitrator who is able and willing to serve on a timely basis, the parties will request a list of nine (9) impartial arbitrators able to abide by time limitations. The list will be provided by the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) or the American Arbitration Association (AAA). In the event the parties cannot agree on the source of an impartial list, then the list shall be provided by PERC. Once a list has been provided, the parties shall flip a coin to determine who will strike the first name, following with subsequent strikes alternating between the parties, until one (1) name remains. The remaining name will serve as the arbitrator.
- c. **Decision, Time Limit** – The arbitrator will meet and hear the matter at the earliest possible date after the selection process. After completion of the hearing, a written decision shall be entered within thirty (30) working days, or as soon as possible thereafter, unless an extension of time is agreed upon by the parties.
- d. **Jurisdiction of Arbitrator** – The grievance submitted to the arbitrator shall be the original written grievance unless the Employer and the Union agree otherwise. Only one (1) grievance may be submitted to the arbitrator at one (1) hearing, unless the Employer and the Union agree otherwise. The arbitrator shall only have the power to interpret and apply the specific terms of the Agreement and/or determine whether there was a violation of the terms of the Agreement. The arbitrator shall also have the authority to receive evidence, question witnesses, and dictate the orderly procedure of the hearing. The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, alter, change, or modify the provisions of this Agreement, nor limit or impair any common law right of the Employer or the Union.
- e. **Final Binding Award** – The arbitrator's written award shall be final and binding upon the parties. In any arbitration alleging a violation of rights protected by this Agreement, the arbitrator's authority to award monetary damages shall be limited to back pay and related benefits, and shall not include compensatory or punitive damages.

- f. **Costs, Fees, and Expenses** – Each party is responsible for its own costs, fees, and expenses incurred in handling the grievance and presenting its case, including attorney's fees. The parties agree to equally share in the costs and expenses charged by the arbitrator.
- g. **Challenges to Arbitrability** - Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, challenges to the procedural arbitrability of a grievance shall be resolved in an arbitration proceeding separate from and prior to arbitration on the merits of the grievance. If arbitration is required to determine the procedural arbitrability of a grievance, then the selection of the arbitrator and arbitration procedure shall be based on the steps stated in this section. Within ten (10) working days following receipt of an arbitrator's award ruling that a challenged grievance is subject to arbitration, the parties will begin the process described in Article 17.6(3)(b) to select an arbitrator to rule on the merits of the grievance.

ARTICLE 18 – LAYOFF, FURLOUGH, AND RECALL

18.1 – In General

The Employer retains the right to determine the need for layoffs, furlough days, and the classifications subject to layoff or furlough. In the event of a layoff, initial probationary employees in a classification subject to layoff shall be laid off first. Thereafter, layoffs shall be determined by order of seniority within a classification. Employees who have previously held a lower classification within the bargaining unit shall have the right to return ("bump") to such lower classification if their seniority is greater than the employee in such classification and if they meet the qualifications of the position. Employees shall not accrue seniority while on layoff.

Employees of one bargaining unit (either Public Works or Admin. Support) shall not be permitted to bump into positions in the other bargaining unit.

18.2 – Recall from Layoff

Laid off employees have the right to recall from layoff. Recall shall be based on seniority within a classification. The period of recalling laid off employees shall be limited to twelve (12) months, beginning on the date of the layoff. The Employer retains the right to extend the twelve (12) month period at its discretion. As a mandatory condition of recall, an employee must be qualified to hold the position. It is the responsibility of each laid off employee to provide current contact information with the Employer. Failure of a laid off employee to report for reinstatement within ten (10) days of notification by the Employer shall result in forfeiture of the right to recall. If, during a layoff, an employee is required to maintain a license or certification necessary to remain qualified for their former position with the Employer, the Employer shall reimburse the employee for the cost of the license or certification at the time the employee is reinstated to their former position.

Employees of one bargaining unit (Public Works or Admin. Support) shall not have recall rights into the other bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 19 – BARGAINING UNIT WORK

19.1 – Subcontracting

As of the effective date of this Agreement, any work currently subcontracted by the City may continue to be subcontracted. All other work of the Union's bargaining unit shall be performed only by employees of the bargaining unit except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or otherwise bargained with the Union to mutual resolution or impasse, as required by Washington law.

19.2 – Work Performed by Supervisors/Managers/Directors

Bargaining unit work performed by supervisors, managers, or directors outside of either bargaining unit on either a temporary basis, or to assist/counsel/train bargaining unit employees, shall not be considered "skimming" or subcontracting.

ARTICLE 20 – PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES/NO RIGHT TO STRIKE

The parties recognize that the Employer provides important public services and has the right to provide such services on an uninterrupted basis. The Union shall not authorize a strike, work stoppage, or slowdown, and the Employer shall not engage in a lockout during the term of this Agreement. The Union shall take all reasonable means within its power to induce employees engaged in a strike, work stoppage, or slowdown, in violation of this Agreement, to return to work. Every attempt shall be made to settle all disputes or controversies arising under this Agreement under the grievance and arbitration procedures provided herein.

ARTICLE 21 – SCOPE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

21.1 Term of Agreement

This Agreement is effective January 1, 2021 and continues through December 31, 2023. If either party desires to negotiate a successor agreement, they shall provide notice to the other party and the parties shall, within a reasonable time frame, set a schedule for contract negotiations. In the event negotiations for a successor agreement have not been completed by the termination date of this Agreement, then the *status quo* shall be maintained to the extent required by Washington law.

21.2 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement, or amendments or addendums thereto, are held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or

enforcement of any provision should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement, amendments, and addendums shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall immediately enter into collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement of the invalid provision.

APPENDIX A—WAGE TABLE

- January 1, 2021 Effective January 1, 2021, employees shall receive a 1.50% increase to base wages.
- January 1, 2022 Effective January 1, 2022, employees shall receive a base wage increase equal to the June 2020-June 2021 CPI-U Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, with a guaranteed minimum increase of 1.60% and a maximum increase of 3.00%.
- January 1, 2023 Effective January 1, 2023, employees shall receive a base wage increase equal to the June 2021-June 2022 CPI-U Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, with a guaranteed minimum increase of 1.70% and a maximum increase of 3.00%.

2020 Salary Schedule	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Judicial Specialist I (hourly)	20.69	22.43	24.15	25.87	27.59
Judicial Specialist II	3,945	4,275	4,603	4,933	5,261
Senior Accountant	5,178	5,437	5,709	5,994	6,293
MDRT Senior Accountant (hourly)	27.98	29.37	30.84	32.39	34.00
Administrative Assistant II	3,868	4,061	4,264	4,477	4,701
Information Services Manager	7,479	7,911	8,343	8,773	9,206
Police Clerk	3,958	4,156	4,364	4,582	4,811
Facilities Equipment Coordinator	4,853	5,172	5,509	5,848	6,184
Accounting Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist	4,275	4,490	4,714	4,949	5,196
Permit Technician	4,833	5,172	5,509	5,848	6,184
Assistant Planner/Permit Tech	4,600	4,922	5,243	5,565	5,887
Construction Inspector	5,984	6,329	6,675	7,019	7,364
Building Inspector	5,069	5,322	5,589	5,868	6,161
Public Utilities Operator	5,167	5,425	5,696	5,981	6,280
Capital Projects Program Manager	6,851	7,194	7,553	7,931	8,327
Public Works Administrative Asst. 3	4,565	4,794	5,034	5,285	5,551
Utility Worker-Facility/Eq/Utility Worker	4,617	4,848	5,090	5,345	5,612

2021 Salary Schedule	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Judicial Specialist I (hourly)	21.00	22.77	24.51	26.26	28.00
Judicial Specialist II	4,004	4,339	4,672	5,007	5,340
Senior Accountant	5,256	5,519	5,795	6,084	6,387
MDRT Senior Accountant (hourly)	28.40	29.81	31.30	32.88	34.51


Administrative Assistant II	3,926	4,122	4,328	4,544	4,772
Information Services Manager	7,591	8,030	8,468	8,905	9,344
Police Clerk	4,017	4,218	4,429	4,651	4,883
Facilities Equipment Coordinator	4,926	5,250	5,592	5,936	6,277
Accounting Clerk/Utility Billing Specialist	4,339	4,557	4,785	5,023	5,274
Permit Technician	4,905	5,250	5,592	5,936	6,277
Assistant Planner/Permit Tech	4,669	4,996	5,322	5,648	5,975
Construction Inspector	6,074	6,424	6,775	7,124	7,474
Building Inspector	5,145	5,402	5,673	5,956	6,253
Public Utilities Operator	5,245	5,506	5,781	6,071	6,374
Capital Projects Program Manager	6,954	7,302	7,666	8,050	8,452
Public Works Administrative Asst. 3	4,633	4,866	5,110	5,364	5,634
Utility Worker-Facility/Eq/Utility Worker	4,686	4,921	5,166	5,425	5,696


Signed this 2 day of ^{April}~~March~~, 2021

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SIGNED FOR THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

SIGNED FOR TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 117
(Public Works & Admin. Unit)


Mayor Carol Benson

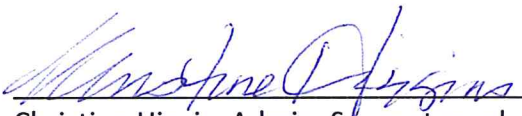

John Searcy, Secretary-Treasurer
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The Honorable Krista White Swain


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representative


Christine Higgins Admin. Support employee
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