

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND THE
SANTA ROSA FIRE FIGHTERS,
REPRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1401
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE EMPLOYEES IN THE
CITY'S UNIT #2 — FIREFIGHTING**

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Exhibit "A" to Resolution No. RES-

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GENERAL
ARTICLE 1: DESIGNATION OF THE PARTIES

This Agreement is by and between the City of Santa Rosa, (“City”) and the Santa Rosa Fire Fighters, (“SRFF” or “Union”). Collectively, the City and SRFF are referred to throughout this Agreement as the “parties.”

ARTICLE 2: RECOGNITION

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 1515, the Employer-Unit Member Relations Ordinance of the City of Santa Rosa and applicable state law, the Santa Rosa Fire Fighters, was designated by the City of Santa Rosa City Council as the exclusive representative of City unit members in the City’s Unit #2, Fire Fighting, (hereafter “UNIT”). The term “unit member” or “unit members” as used in this Agreement shall refer only to unit members employed by City in the employer classifications comprising said unit as listed in Article 13, SALARIES, or as amended.

ARTICLE 3: AUTHORIZED AGENTS

For the express purpose of administering the terms and provisions of this Agreement:

- A. Management’s principle authorized agent shall be the City Manager or duly authorized representative (address: P.O. Box 1678, Santa Rosa, CA 95402; telephone: (707) 543-3010), except where a particular management representative is specifically designated in the Agreement.
- B. The Santa Rosa Fire Fighters principle authorized representative shall be its president or duly authorized representative (address: P.O. Box 1251, Santa Rosa, CA 95402; telephone (707) 546-7417).

ARTICLE 4: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Agreement shall be subordinate to any present or subsequent federal law, California state law or City Charter provision.

Should any part of this Agreement be rendered or declared illegal or invalid by statute or decree by a court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidation shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5: FULL UNDERSTANDING, MODIFICATION, WAIVER

Subject to Article 4, this Agreement sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters set forth herein and any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded or terminated in their entirety.

It is agreed and understood that the parties voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive their rights to negotiate and agree that neither shall be required to negotiate, with respect to any matter covered herein.

It is further agreed and understood that, except in cases of emergency, the City shall not implement any changes to any matter within scope of representation, as defined by the Meyers-Milius-Brown Act, as amended, not covered herein without first having met and conferred with the SRFF. For purposes of this Agreement, emergency means any sudden and unforeseeable incident or occurrence.

No agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, waiver, or modification of any of the terms or provisions contained herein shall in any manner be binding upon the parties unless made and executed in writing by all parties, and if required, approved by the City and ratified by the membership of the SRFF.

The waiver of any breach of any term or condition of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all its terms and provisions.

ARTICLE 6: TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall take effect July 1, 2024, except as specifically described in any article, and shall remain in full force and effect, up to and including June 30, 2027. The Agreement shall terminate at twelve (12) midnight on June 30, 2027.

6.1 Negotiations On A Successor Agreement in 2027

In the event either party wishes to add to, modify, or amend this Agreement, such party shall serve upon the other during the period January 1 to January 31, 2027 that party's written request to begin negotiations on a successor Agreement. Formal negotiations shall begin no later than February 1, 2027.

ARTICLE 7: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations, as they exist now or as they may be amended through the meet and confer process, shall be applicable unless superseded by any provision of this Agreement:

1. Personnel Rules and Regulations;
2. Employer-Unit Member Relations Rules and Regulations;
3. Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures (“SOP”).

The City shall not change the rules and regulations listed in this Article-without first providing SRFF with notice and opportunity to meet and confer about matters within the scope of representation under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act.

ARTICLE 8: MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

The City and SRFF recognize their mutual responsibility to provide the citizens those municipal fire services deemed appropriate to the City.

ARTICLE 9: WORK CURTAILMENT

Under no conditions or circumstances shall SRFF or any of the unit members it represents individually or collectively cause, sanction, honor or engage in any strike, sit-down, stay-in, sick-out, slow-down, speed-up, work to rule or in any other type of job action, curtailment of work, restriction of production or restriction of service during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10: SRFF RIGHTS

10.1 Protected SRFF Activities

Unit members shall be free to participate in SRFF activities described in Government Code Section 3500 et seq., except those precluded by this Agreement, without interference, intimidation or discrimination in accordance with California State Law and City policies, rules and regulations.

10.2 SRFF Business Leave

An SRFF Time Bank shall be established, allowing members of SRFF designated by the IAFF-1401 President to utilize the time bank for SRFF activities. The City shall count the time SRFF unit members take off for SRFF business leave as “time worked” for calculating overtime as described in Article 14.2. The City shall count the time SRFF unit members take off for SRFF Business as time in paid status for the purpose of determining any other employment benefits.

10.2.1 City Approval Of SRFF Business Leave

Use of SRFF Business Leave is subject to approval by the City, but the City shall not unreasonably deny such leave, including, but not limited to, any period of time when the Time Bank is exhausted.

10.2.2 Contributions To The SRFF Time Bank

The Payroll Division shall maintain the Time Bank and account for the donation and disbursement of SRFF Business Leave hours. All vacation hours contributed by unit members to the SRFF Bank shall be credited on an hour for hour basis regardless of hourly pay differentials between contributing unit members.

Participating unit members shall contribute vacation hours to the Time Bank at the following rate:

24 hour shift = .31 hour biweekly

8 hour shift = .22 hour biweekly

To contribute vacation hours to the SRFF Time Bank, a unit member must submit a “Voluntary Authorization for Deduction of Vacation Hours” form provided by SRFF. The City shall begin deduction of vacation hours no later than ten days following receipt of completed authorization form. There shall be no retroactive deductions, payoffs, or use of these hours for non-SRFF business.

10.2.3 SRFF Business Leave Charged To SRFF Time Bank

When a member takes SRFF Business Leave, the leave shall be charged to the SRFF Time Bank described in Section 10.2. The leave shall be deducted from the Time Bank of vacation hours on an hour for hour basis. To the extent possible, SRFF shall avoid taking SRFF Business Leave when use of the leave would require overtime backfill.

10.2.4 City-Initiated Meetings

The Time Bank shall not be charged for one SRFF representative to attend City-initiated meetings. If SRFF wishes to have more than one SRFF representative attend City-initiated meetings, the additional representatives shall charge their time to the Time Bank.

10.2.5 Insufficient Hours In Time Bank

SRFF is responsible for ensuring that SRFF Business Leave does not exceed the Time Bank. In the event the hours of SRFF Business Leave exceed the balance in the Time Bank, no additional SRFF Business Leave will be allowed until one pay period following the pay period in which the SRFF Bank returns to a positive balance. The Time Bank shall not maintain a negative balance.

For each pay period, the City shall send a report showing the number of hours remaining in the Time Bank to the SRFF's President and Treasurer for each pay period.

10.2.6 City Liability

The City shall not be liable to the SRFF by reason of the requirements of this Article for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from the pay earned by the unit members.

In addition, the SRFF shall hold the City harmless from any liability resulting from any and all claims, demands, suits or any other action arising from compliance with this Article or in reliance on any list, notice, certification or authorization furnished under this Article.

10.3 Payroll Dues Deduction

10.3.1 SRFF shall submit any request to initiate, change, or cancel deductions of Contributions from represented employees' pay according to the City's "Voluntary Authorization for Deduction of SRFF Dues" form, which the City may amend from time to time with reasonable notice to SRFF.

"Contributions" as used in this Section 10.3 means Union membership dues, initiation fees, political action funds, other contributions, and any special membership assessments, as established and as may be changed from time to time by SRFF.

10.3.2 The City shall deduct Contributions from a represented employee's pay upon submission by SRFF of a request, in accordance with the following procedure: the Union shall provide

with each request, a certification by an authorized representative of SRFF, confirming that for each employee for whom SRFF has requested deduction of Contributions, SRFF has and will maintain a voluntary written authorization signed by that employee authorizing the deduction. If the certification is not properly completed or submitted with the request, the City shall notify SRFF, and make the requested deduction changes only upon receipt of a proper certification.

- 10.3.3 The procedure outlined in Section 10.3.2 is the exclusive method for SRFF to request the City to initiate, change, or cancel deductions for Contributions.
- 10.3.4 The City shall implement new, changed, or cancelled deductions within two pay periods following the receipt of a request from SRFF.
- 10.3.5 If an employee asks the City to deduct Contributions, the City shall direct the employee to SRFF to obtain the Voluntary Authorization for Deduction of SRFF Dues form. If a represented employee hand delivers the official Union form authorizing such deductions to the City's Human Resources Department, the City shall process the authorization and begin the deduction within thirty (30) days. The City will send the Union a copy of any authorization form that it receives directly from a represented employee.
- 10.3.6 Except as otherwise provided in this section 10.3, each pay period, the City shall remit Contributions to SRFF. In addition, each month the City will make available to SRFF a document that includes the following information for each represented employee, including new employees: name; classification; department; work location; work, home, and personal cellular telephone number (if available); personal email address if on file with the City; home address if on file with the City.
- 10.3.7 Except as otherwise provided in this section 10.3 the City shall continue to deduct and remit Contributions until it receives notice to change or cancel deductions from the Union in accordance with the procedure outlined in section 10.3.2, or it receives an order from a court or administrative body directing the City to change or cancel the deductions for one or more employees.
- 10.3.8 With the exception of section 10.3.5 above, SRFF is responsible for all decisions to initiate, change, and cancel deductions, and for all matters regarding an employee's revocation of an authorization, and the City shall rely solely on information provided by SRFF on such matters. The City shall direct all

employee requests to change or cancel deductions, or to revoke an authorization for deductions, to SRFF. The City shall not resolve disputes between SRFF and represented employees about Union membership, the amount of Contributions, deductions, or revoking authorizations for deductions. The City shall not provide advice to employees about those matters, and shall direct employees with questions or concerns about those matters to SRFF. The Union shall respond to such employee inquiries within no less than 10 business days.

- 10.3.9 The City shall not be liable to SRFF by reason of the requirements of this Article for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from the pay earned by the unit members.

In addition, SRFF shall hold the City harmless from any liability resulting from any and all claims, demands, suits or any other action arising from compliance with this Article or in reliance on any list, notice, certification or authorization furnished under this Article. SRFF shall also defend and indemnify the City against any such claims, demands, or suits to the extent required under California Government Code section 1153.

10.4 FIREPAC Check-Off Program

The parties agree that the FIREPAC Check-off Program allows SRFF members to make personal contributions to the FIREPAC, SRFF's federal political action committee, via payroll deduction. SRFF and the City agree to the following conditions regarding the FIREPAC Check-Off Program:

10.4.1 Managing And Maintaining Program

SRFF shall both manage and maintain the FIREPAC Check- Off Program. SRFF shall provide their members with information regarding said program and information to their members that this is a voluntary program. SRFF shall conduct open enrollment once a year, concurrent with open enrollment for other benefit programs. SRFF shall provide to the City executed payroll deduction authorizations for each enrolled member. The City shall not be required to deduct payment for the FIREPAC Check-Off program without such signed authorization. Changes to payroll deductions shall be effective the first paycheck of each January following open enrollment.

10.4.2 Terminated Unit Members

Unit members who terminate their service with the City, and who are not in a paid status for the entire pay period, shall not have a

deduction for the FIREPAC Check-Off Program taken out of their final paycheck.

10.4.3 Transferred Unit Members

Deductions will not be taken for unit members transferring out of Unit 2 mid pay-period.

10.4.4 Unit Members On Unpaid Leaves

Deductions shall cease while a unit member is on an unpaid leave of absence.

10.4.5 City Liability

The City shall not be liable to SRFF by reason of the requirements of this Article for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from the pay earned by the unit members.

In addition, SRFF shall hold the City harmless from any liability resulting from any and all claims, demands, suits or any other action arising from compliance with this Article or in reliance on any list, notice, certification or authorization furnished under this Article.

10.5 Fire Department Assignment Of Badge Numbers

10.5.1 Assignment Of Badge Numbers

The City shall assign each Fire Fighter a specific badge number. Each Fire Fighter shall retain that City assigned badge number as the Fire Fighter progresses through promotion from Fire Fighter to Fire Engineer to Fire Captain.

10.5.2 Badge Numbers For Fire Fighters Failing Probation

If a probationary bargaining unit member is released for failure to satisfactorily complete the probationary period, that probationary Fire Fighter's badge number shall be retired.

10.5.3 Assignment Of Chief Officer Badge Numbers

In the event a bargaining unit member is promoted to a chief officer position, the City shall assign the Fire Fighter the badge number that corresponds to the specific chief officer position, and the City shall retire the Fire Fighter's original badge number.

10.5.4 Consecutively Numbered Badges

Effective October 15, 2013, the Fire Department will continue to

issue consecutively numbered badges, beginning with badge number 215, to newly employed Fire Fighters.

10.5.5 Retired Fire Fighter's Badge Number

When a Fire Fighter retires, the City shall retire the retiring Fire Fighter's badge number. At the option of the retired Fire Fighter, the retired Fire Fighter's badge number may be passed on to a family member of the retired Fire Fighter. To qualify for a retired Fire Fighter's badge number, the City, at its sole discretion, must select and employ the family member as a Fire Fighter, and the family member must complete Fire Department mandated training and the probationary period.

ARTICLE 11: CITY RIGHTS

The City reserves, retains and is vested with any management rights not expressly granted to the SRFF by this Agreement, the Personnel Rules and Regulations or the Employer-Unit Member Relations Policy. These City rights include, but are not limited to, the right to:

- A. Determine and modify the organization of City government and its constituent work units.
- B. Determine the nature, standard, levels and mode of delivery of City services.
- C. Determine the methods, means, number and kind of personnel by which services are provided.
- D. Lay off unit members, subject to the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

If the City desires to exercise any of its management rights, the City shall, except in cases of emergencies (as defined in Article 5), give SRFF written notice and opportunity to bargain about the impacts within the scope of bargaining of the exercise of such rights upon represented unit members before the decision is implemented.

COMPENSATION

ARTICLE 12:

SALARIES

12.1 Salary Schedule Effective September 8, 2024

Effective September 8, 2024, members shall receive a 6.0% wage increase bringing the base salary to the levels set forth in the schedule below for classifications as indicated:.

SRFF Annual Salaries Effective September 8, 2024

Classification	Payroll Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Fire Fighter	FI03	100842	105568	110396	115518	121066
Fire Engineer	FI05	110962	116189	121478	127133	133131
Fire Captain	FI09	127579	133421	139900	146327	153114
Fire Captain Training	FI11	135019	141402	148229	153563	162188

Assistant Fire Marshal	FI11	135019	141402	148229	153563	162188
Fire Inspector	FI06	111702	117271	123129	129281	135760

Effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2025 members shall receive an additional 3.0% wage increase, as provided in the following schedule:

SRFF Annual Salaries Effective July 13, 2025

Classification	Payroll Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Fire Fighter	FI03	103867	108735	113708	118984	124698
Fire Engineer	FI05	114291	119675	125122	130947	137125
Fire Captain	FI09	131406	137424	144097	150717	157707
Fire Captain Training	FI11	139070	145644	152676	158170	167054
Assistant Fire Marshal	FI11	139070	145644	152676	158170	167054
Fire Inspector	FI06	115053	120789	126823	133159	139833

Effective the first full pay period following July 1, 2026 members shall receive an additional 3.0% wage increase, as provided in the following schedule:

SRFF Annual Salaries Effective July 12, 2026

Classification	Payroll Code	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Fire Fighter	FI03	106983	111997	117119	122554	128439
Fire Engineer	FI05	117720	123265	128876	134875	141239
Fire Captain	FI09	135348	141547	148420	155239	162438
Fire Captain Training	FI11	143242	150013	157256	162915	172066
Assistant Fire Marshal	FI11	143242	150013	157256	162915	172066
Fire Inspector	FI06	118505	124413	130628	137154	144028

The above salaries are intended to compensate members for their respective regular work schedules. For members assigned to a 48x96 schedule, the salary represents compensation for 192 hours of work every

24 days on an annual basis. For employees assigned to a 40 hour per week schedule, the salary represents compensation for 40 hours of work every 7 days on an annual basis.

12.2 Forty-Hour Schedule – Fire Captain Assigned To Training

The City may assign a Fire Captain to a forty-hour per week schedule in the Training Division. For the first 40 scheduled hours per week, the hourly rate of pay for the Fire Captain assigned to Training shall be at the non-shift rate based upon the following formula:

$$(\text{Monthly Payrate} \times 12) \div 2,080 \text{ Hours}$$

For all hours in a paid status over 40 in a workweek, the hourly rate of pay for the Fire Captain assigned to Training shall be at the shift rate based upon the following formula:

$$(\text{Monthly Payrate} \times 12) \div 2,920 \text{ Hours}$$

The shift rate shall be used for all payouts and sellbacks of leave, including sick, vacation and compensatory time, as well as the holiday in lieu pay described in Article 18. Sick vacation and compensatory time balances shall be converted to the shift equivalent when a unit member leaves City service.

ARTICLE 13: CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

13.1 Unit Member Condition Of Employment

Except as provided by Section 16.14.1.2, each bargaining unit member, as a condition of employment, shall comply with their individual employment letter and its descriptions of his or her individual conditions of employment.

13.2 Use Of Tobacco

As a condition of employment, bargaining unit members hired on or after July 1, 1997, shall abstain from the use of cigarettes, pipes, snuff and chewing tobacco at all times, on and off duty. As a condition of employment, bargaining unit members hired on or after July 1, 2002 shall abstain from all tobacco products at all times, on and off duty.

13.3 City Personnel Rules And Regulations

As a condition of employment each bargaining unit member shall abide by

the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Santa Rosa and the Rules, Regulations, Orders, Directives, Policies and Procedures of the Santa Rosa Fire Department as they exist and as issued or amended in the future.

13.4 EMT-1 Certification And DMV Licensure

Except as provided in section 13.7, each bargaining unit member, except for unit members assigned to the Prevention Bureau shall possess and maintain (at a minimum) as a condition of employment, throughout employment, an EMT-1 Certification and California Class C motor vehicle operator's license.

Each bargaining unit member assigned to Operation Bureau shall obtain California Class C with a Firefighter Endorsement motor vehicle operator's license and a current Health Questionnaire during the unit member's probationary period.

Prevention Bureau shall possess and maintain (at a minimum) as a condition of employment, throughout employment, DMV licensure sufficient to operate automobiles, and obtain an Emergency Medical Technician -1 (EMT-1) certification and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation certification prior to the completion of the probationary period and thereafter maintained throughout employment.

13.5 Physical And Mental Fitness For Duty

As a condition of employment, each bargaining unit member shall remain physically and mentally fit to perform all tasks assigned within the scope of duties.

13.6 City Scheduled Physical Examinations

1361 The City will track, schedule and pay for physicals at Kaiser Occupational Health for all unit members in the HAZMAT and FEMA teams. Physicals will be scheduled for on-duty time. If the unit member elects to schedule the physical for off-duty time, the City shall not pay overtime. No FEMA or HAZMAT unit member shall waive the physical described in this version.

1362 All other unit members have the options to: a) schedule a physical with their own physician paid for through their CalPERS health program; or b) request Risk Management to schedule a physical for them with Kaiser on a bi-annual basis paid for by the City; or c) opt not to receive a physical. Although

a unit member may opt not to receive a physical, the City recommends that each unit member obtain a physical examination. Option (a) or (b) physical exams must be scheduled during the unit member's off-duty time.

1363 Risk Management will provide an initial list to Fire Management showing the date of the last completed physical. The Fire Department will notify each unit member of the date of the unit member's last physical.

1364 Fire Department Managers will track physicals for new hires.

13.7 Temporary Suspension Of Driving Privileges

Possession of a valid Class B/C driver's license shall remain a condition of employment except in the event of a temporary suspension of driving privileges for one year or less, due to off duty conduct the unit member shall be barred from driving responsibilities and suffer a reduction in pay of up to one salary step, or the equivalent amount of wage for the duration of the temporary suspension of driving privileges. In the event the suspension resulted from a conviction or plea of no contest of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs being placed on their driving record (the term "drug" means any substance or combination of substances, other than alcohol, which could so affect the nervous system, brain, or muscles of a unit member as to impair, to an appreciable degree, his ability to drive a vehicle in the manner than an ordinarily prudent and cautious man, in full possession of his faculties, using reasonable care, would drive a similar vehicle under like conditions) the unit member shall successfully complete a rehabilitation program approved by the DMV as a condition of continued employment. The Fire Chief may determine a reasonable period for the unit member to complete such a rehabilitation program. Should the unit member fail to meet this obligation, or be convicted of conduct under this article while a prior offense remains on their driving record, the unit member shall be subject to discipline up to and including termination in accordance with this MOU and City Personnel Rules and Regulations.

13.8 Fire Captains And Fire Engineers Acting As Paramedics

Effective October 15, 2013, a Fire Captain or Fire Engineer may act as a paramedic during periods of time the City assigns the Fire Captain or Fire Engineer to fill a temporary paramedic vacancy (due to sick leave, vacation, etc.) in a regular paramedic assignment. As described in Section 16.14.3, the City shall pay the Fire Captain or Fire Engineer acting as a paramedic a ten percent (10.0%) special assignment pay in addition to the Fire Captain's or Fire Engineer's base pay.

As a condition of participation in the Acting Paramedic Program, a Fire Captain or Fire Engineer shall obtain and maintain (a) a valid EMT-P (paramedic) license/certificate that meets the standards of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority certification and (b) the performance standards established by the Coastal Valley EMS Agency, and shall comply with any Fire Department continuing education mandates. In addition, each Fire Captain or Fire Engineer acting as a paramedic shall comply with all California Code of Regulations implementing Sections 1797.62 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code.

13.9 City Paid Licensure Fees

The City will pay the biennial state licensure fees for bargaining unit members who meet all requirements to be licensed as an EMT-1 and an EMT-P (paramedic) and who are accredited with Sonoma County.

13.10 Continuing Education (CE's)

Each unit member performing services as a paramedic shall attain sufficient continuing education (CE's) to maintain state licensure and county accreditation while off-duty. The City will provide a lump-sum payment equal to four (4) hours of pay at the unit member's overtime rate, to each unit member licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P (paramedic) and accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County on the first payday in April of each year. Payments shall be prorated to bargaining unit members who have been licensed by the State of California as a paramedic and accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County for less than a full year as of April 1st.

13.11 Article 22 Procedures

A permanent, non-probationary, unit member who fails to comply with the conditions of employment described in this Article 13: Conditions Of Employment shall be subject to the procedures in Article 22: Discipline.

ARTICLE 14: WORK SCHEDULE AND OVERTIME

14.1 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)

14.1.1 24-Day Work Period

Effective February 9, 2014, the City elected a 182 hour 24-day work period for the purposes of determining FLSA overtime for

Fire Fighters, Fire Engineers, Fire Captains and recruit Fire Fighters while assigned to the recruit academy. The City shall not make or propose any change in the designated work period or exempt class designations except as required by law during the term of this agreement. The salary provided to Firefighters, Fire Engineers, Fire Captains, and recruit Fire Fighters covers straight- time pay for 192 hours each 24-day work period. Hours actually worked from 183-192 are paid an additional payment of 0.5 times the regular rate of pay and hours actually worked in excess of 192 are compensated at 1.5 times the regular rate of pay.

14.1.2. 7-Day Work Period For Fire Inspectors and Assistant Fire Marshals

The City has elected a 53 hour/7-day work period for the Fire Inspectors and Assistant Fire Marshals for the purpose of determining FLSA overtime.

14.1.3. 7-Day Work Period-Fire Captains – Training

The City has elected a 53 hour/7-day work period for the Fire Captain-Training assigned to the 40-hour position in the Training Division for the purpose of determining FLSA overtime.

14.1.4 It is understood that in addition to FLSA overtime, contract overtime may be due pursuant to other provisions of this article

14.1.5 The parties believe that the pay practices carried out pursuant to this Agreement are fully compliant with the FLSA. If the Union believes that the City is in any way not in compliance with the FLSA, the Union shall promptly bring the issue to the attention of the City in writing, with a full explanation of the issue, so that the City may analyze the issue and respond accordingly. It is the City's intent to be in full compliance with the FLSA.

If, contrary to the intention of the parties, it is determined that the pay practices carried out pursuant to this MOU in any way violate the FLSA, the parties agree promptly to re-open the MOU provision(s) at issue in order to negotiate and ensure legal compliance. Whenever reasonably possible, any new provisions that are negotiated in connection with such a re-opener shall be cost neutral. For the term of this MOU (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027) mutual agreement on contract amendments pursuant to

this reopener shall be required.

14.2 SRFF Business Leave

Time taken off by SRFF members on SRFF business leave shall be counted by the City as “time worked” for the purpose of determining FLSA overtime.

14.3 Work Hours

14.3.1 For unit members assigned to a 4/10 or 5/8 work schedule, the work week shall begin on Sunday at 12:00 a.m. and end at 11:59 p.m. on the following Saturday.

14.3.2 Unit members assigned to fire stations shall work a forty-eight by ninety-six (48X96) schedule. The 48X96 schedule is a three-platoon system in which unit members work two consecutive twenty-four hour shifts for a total of forty-eight hours and have ninety-six consecutive hours off. Shifts shall be designated “A”, “B” and “C”. Shifts shall commence at 0800 hours (8:00 a.m.) and terminate at 0800 Hours (8:00 a.m.) 48 hours later. The shifts shall be set forth on the platoon schedule as AABBCC and repeat that order and structure.

14.3.3 The City Manager may change the work period. The impact of any such change is subject to meet and confer requirements of MMBA.

14.3.4 A 48-hour cycle consists of two (2) consecutive 24-hour shifts. Leave shall be used in 24-hour increments. For example, if a unit member takes vacation for one cycle, they shall record two (2) 24-hour shifts of vacation on the timecard.

14.3.5 Probationary unit members shall be allowed to trade shifts when assigned to a work schedule that includes December 24th and December 25th.

14.3.6 Daily apparatus/equipment checks and workday expectations shall remain in accordance with current SOPs

14.3.7 Full time fire unit members assigned to training, fire prevention public education, and similar duty assignments shall work forty (40) hours per week.

14.3.8 Full time Fire Inspector(s) assigned to Neighborhood Revitalization shall have a schedule that aligns with the

Neighborhood Revitalization team.

- 14.3.9 Full time unit members assigned to Prevention shall be assigned a 4-10 work schedule with a regular scheduled work period of Monday through Thursday.

14.4 Seven-Day Notice For Shift Changes

Except for emergencies, unit members' work shifts shall not be changed without seven (7) calendar days prior notice to the unit member, effective upon Council approval. Responding to a dispatch or for overtime does not constitute a change in work shift.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or restrict the authority of management to make temporary assignments to different or additional locations, shifts or duties for the purpose of meeting an emergency. Emergency assignments shall not extend beyond the period of the emergency.

14.5 Fire Captain -- Training Work Schedule

The Fire Captain assigned to the Training and Safety Division shall work a 4/10 work schedule, 40 hours per week.

- 14.5.1 The appointment to the 40-hour position is for a minimum of two years unless otherwise approved or removed by the Fire Chief.
- 14.5.2 The Fire Captain assigned to the 40-hour position may work overtime shifts. Non-scheduled overtime and emergency call back are subject to availability.
- 14.5.3 When the Fire Captain assigned to the Training Division works over 40 hours in a week performing training duties, pay for hours worked over 40 and up to 53 will be paid at 1.5 times the base shift hourly rate. The base shift hourly rate shall be calculated as base salary divided by 2,920. Hours worked over 53 in a week will be paid at the FLSA overtime rate.
- 14.5.4 When the Fire Captain assigned to the Training Division works over 40 hours performing "on-shift" or suppression duties, pay for hours worked over 40 and up to 53 will be paid at straight time at the base shift hourly rate. Hours worked over 53 in a week will be paid at the FLSA overtime rate.
- 14.5.5 The Fire Captain assigned to the 40 hour per week assignment in the Training Division may elect to earn CTO for hours worked over 40 and up to 53 performing "on shift" suppression duties for

assignments of 12 hours or less in duration. A Fire Captain in this assignment is not eligible to earn CTO for hours worked over 53 in a week. The limits on CTO credit which apply to Fire Inspectors shall apply to Fire Captains in this assignment.

14.5.6 When the Fire Captain assigned to the Training Division is scheduled to work a relief Fire Captain shift, additional overtime during the same work week must be approved by Fire Management.

14.5.7 The Fire Captain assigned to the 40-hour position in the Training Division shall be treated the same as other unit members in the 40 hour classifications covered by this agreement with regards to benefits where there is a difference between 56 hours per week unit members and 40 hours per week unit members, unless different benefits are specifically spelled out in this agreement.

14.6 Firefighter, Fire Engineer, Fire Captain and Fire Captain – Training Rate of Pay & Balance Conversions When Changing Work Schedules.

When unit members are transferred from 24 hour work assignments to 40 hour work assignments or from 40 hour work assignments to 24 hour work assignments, the employee will have their current accrued sick leave, vacation leave, compensatory time and hourly rates converted using the following formulas.

14.6.1 24 Hour Schedule to 40 Hour Schedule:

40 Hour Shift Annual Hours (2080) divided by 24 Hour Shift Annual Hours (2920) = Accrual Factor of .7123 X Hourly rate of pay and accrued hours at the time of transfer.

14.6.2 40 Hour Schedule to 24 Hour Schedule:

24 Hour Shift Annual Hours (2920) divided by 40 Hour Shift Annual Hours (2080) = Accrual Factor of 1.4038 X Hourly rate of pay and accrued hours at the time of transfer.

For the purposes of this section, any limited-term positions, including training or EMS captain's positions, shall not be considered permanent transfers and shall not be subject to the balance conversion provisions as described in this article, and shall not be subject to the hourly rate conversion described in this article.

14.6.3 Effective the first full pay period following adoption of this

Agreement by the City Council, the factors set forth in Sections 14.6.1 and 14.6.2 shall no longer be applied to accrued leave balances and accruals as earned in 24 or 40 hour assignments will maintain their accrued value.

14.6.4 If, at the time an employee permanently transfers from a 24 Hour Schedule to a 40 Hour Schedule and the employee has a vacation leave balance in excess of the Maximum Hours of Accumulation set forth in Article 17.1, then the City shall grant the employee twelve (12) months from the date of the transfer/promotion to bring their leave balance to at least forty (40) hours less than the applicable Maximum Hours of Accumulation (the "Requisite Amount").

14641 During this period, the City will permit an employee to carry and accrue a vacation balance in excess of the applicable Maximum Hours of Accumulation, only if the employee draws down their balance to the Requisite Amount by

- a. Selling back at least ninety-six (96) hours of vacation leave within twelve months of the assignment transfer in accordance with Article 17.6; and/or
- b. Using vacation leave during the same period.

14642 At the end of the 12-month period following the assignment transfer, the employee will no longer be exempt from the applicable Maximum Hours of Accumulation provided for in Article 17.1.

If an employee reduces their vacation leave balance to the Requisite Amount before the 12-month period following the assignment transfer, then the City shall hold the employee to the applicable Maximum Hours Accumulation and will not continue to permit the employee to use or accrue vacation leave in excess of this amount.

If an employee has not reduced their leave balance to the Requisite Amount by the end of the 12-month period following the assignment transfer, the employee will stop accruing vacation leave until they reduce their vacation leave balance below the Maximum Hours of Accumulation.

14643 In exceptional circumstances, the Chief may grant an exception to the limitations set forth in Section 14.6.4.2 and allow additional time for an employee to reduce the vacation balance upon a showing of good cause for an employee's inability to reduce their vacation leave balance during the 12-month period. "Good Cause" includes an

inability to use or sell back a sufficient amount of accrued time due to a public health emergency, declaration of a local emergency or catastrophic event, or substantial staffing shortage as verified by the Chief during the relevant calendar period.

14.7 Overtime

MOU overtime shall be paid at one-and-one-half times (1.5) the base rate of pay.

14.8 Compensatory Time Off (CTO)

14.8.1 Except as provided herein, Firefighters, Fire Engineers and Fire Captains shall be paid in cash for overtime.

1481.1 Firefighters, Fire Engineers, and Fire Captains may opt to, at a rate of 1.5 times the base hourly rate of pay, have overtime paid in the form of compensatory time off (CTO).

1481.2 Maximum accrual of CTO shall be two 24 hour shifts at the overtime rate of time and one half or seventy-two (72) hours.

1481.3 An employee's use of CTO shall not be unreasonably denied by a supervisor but shall not cause overtime or be used to extend a scheduled vacation.

1481.4 An employee may elect to be paid for accrued CTO during the last FLSA periods ending in January, May, August, and November. Employees may enter a code on their time card during these periods to be paid for the accrued CTO.

1481.5 Any remaining accrued CTO balance as of the last FLSA period ending in November shall be paid off by the second paycheck in December.

14.8.2 Except as provided herein, Fire Captain – Training, Assistant Fire Marshal, and Fire Inspector shall be paid in cash for overtime.

1482.1 A Fire Captain – Training, Assistant Fire Marshal, and Fire Inspector may opt to have overtime paid in the

form of compensatory time off (CTO).

14.8.2.2 A Fire Captain – Training, Assistant Fire Marshal, and Fire Inspector may not have a current credit for more than one hundred (100) hours of CTO.

14.8.2.3 Use of CTO shall not be unreasonably denied by a supervisor and except as otherwise provided herein, shall be governed by the rules for the use of vacation, and shall be in compliance with FLSA.

14.8.2.4 Part-time Assistant Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector may accrue straight time compensatory time up to the proportion of the hours allowed for full time Fire inspectors equal to their FTE for hours worked over their FTE per week.

14.8.2.5 A Fire Captain – Training, Assistant Fire Marshal, and Fire Inspector may elect to be paid for accrued CTO on the second paycheck in January, May, August, and November. Employees may enter a code on their time cards during these periods to be paid for the accrued CTO.

14.8.2.6 Any remaining accrued CTO balance as of the last FLSA period ending in November shall be paid off by the second paycheck in December.

14.8.3 If an employee separates from the City, all remaining accrued CTO shall be paid at the employee's then-current regular rate of pay in accordance with the provisions of the FLSA.

14.9 Force Hire Rejection

14.9.1 Bargaining unit members may reject one mandatory/force hire per calendar year for any reason at the member's discretion. This rejection protection is for the entire shift and is not counted against the member if the force hire list is exhausted and comes back to the member. In the case of the list not being exhausted, the used force hire rejection is still valid and the member cannot be compelled to come back into work unless exigent circumstances (e.g. major incident in Operational Area or an immediate adjacent Operational Area; significant resource drawdown; staffing falling below minimum staffing levels (prior

to off-shift force hires) occur). Force hire rejections may NOT be used on any of the dates listed below:

- New Years Day (January 1)
- Valentine's Day (February 14)
- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday of May)
- Memorial Day (4th Monday of May)
- Father's Day (3rd Sunday of June)
- July 4th
- Labor Day (1st Monday of September)
- Halloween (October 31)
- Thanksgiving (4th Thursday of November)
- Christmas Eve (December 24)
- Christmas Day (December 25)
- New Year's Eve (December 31)

14.9.2 Force hire rejections shall be accounted for and be kept track of by SFRD Staffing Captains.

14.9.3 Force hire rejections will not count against the members hours worked bank.

14.9.4 Interpersonal conflict created due to this provision of the MOU should be raised as part of the Labor Management Committee for resolution in a fair and equitable manner.

14.10 Strike Team / Wildland Fire Assignments

14.10.1 Deployments types and resources shall be defined as set forth in the CAL OES Manual.

14.10.2 Immediate need assignments:

All personnel are available for immediate need assignments in Sonoma County or the 5 contiguous counties surrounding Sonoma County. Personnel with scheduled time off shall be provided the

opportunity for relief at least one operational period prior to the scheduled time off should incident conditions and adequate staffing allow. Every effort should be made to provide relief to personnel who were dispatched as part of an immediate need resource within 48 hours or the second operational period should incident conditions and adequate staffing allow

14.10.3 Planned need OOC and OES assignments:

14.10.3.1 Planned Need Outside of the 5 Contiguous Counties:

Personnel who choose not to accept a planned need assignment shall attempt to find in rank or qualified persons to cover. If no one is available on shift, off shift personnel may be utilized if they can be prepared and on the apparatus by the stated departure time. Acting or out-of-rank personnel may be utilized if no in-rank personnel are available. This provision will not cause a delay in response time or tardiness at rendezvous location or on scene. Personnel with scheduled time off shall be provided the opportunity for relief at least one operational period prior to the scheduled time off should incident conditions and adequate staffing allow. Every effort should be made to provide relief to personnel who were dispatched as part of a planned need resource within 48 hours or the second operational period should incident conditions and adequate staffing allow.

14.10.3.2 Strike Team Prep & Rest Prior to Deployment:

For safety, prior to a planned need deployment, the assigned crew shall be placed out of service 2 hours prior to departure, unless planned departure is less than 2 hours ahead. This will allow time to pack, prep, acquire personnel, and sleep/rest in prep for the drive.

Management will notify on duty personnel as soon as planned need strike team is ordered and could be deployed.

Battalion Chiefs and other management personnel shall make all good faith efforts to inform line personnel of any possible deployments as soon as reasonably possible to facilitate staffing flexibility.

Personnel are not eligible for mandatory overtime until they return from ST, TF, or SR deployment and time stamp does not start until they return home.

14.10.33 Strike Team Recovery Time:

All personnel returning from a ST, TF, SR assignment lasting longer than four days shall be placed at the bottom of the mandatory list.

When personnel return from a ST, TF, SR on a regularly scheduled duty day the following shall be adhered to:

- Personnel returning on day one of their regularly scheduled duty day prior to 1500 hrs will be granted the opportunity to utilize Vacation for the rest of the shift off. They will return to work on day two of their regularly scheduled duty day.
- Personnel returning on day one of their regularly scheduled duty day after 1500 hrs will be granted the opportunity to utilize Vacation for the rest of the shift off and the second day off.
- Personnel returning on day two of their regularly scheduled shift shall be granted the opportunity to utilize Vacation for the rest of the shift off.
- The use of Vacation in these scenarios will not be dependent on maximum number of personnel already on Vacation.

14.11 Canine Handler Pay

14.11.1 In accordance with Fair Labor Standards Act, the CITY and the SRFF agree that the average amount of time required for the proper care of, feeding, grooming, cleaning, kenneling and transporting a canine is one half (1/2) hour per day for every day the employee has the responsibility of the dog.

14.11.2 Effective September 8, 2024, an employee assigned as a canine handler shall be compensated for one half (1/2) hour per day for every day the office has the responsibility for the dog, at time and one-half (1-1/2) their regular hourly rate for the proper care of, feeding, grooming, cleaning, kenneling and transporting the canine.

14.12 Overtime Excluded From Pensionable Compensation

CalPERS' definition of pensionable compensation excludes overtime and additional payments for work "in excess of the hours of work considered normal for employees on a full-time basis."

ARTICLE 15: UNIFORMS

Unit Members provided uniforms by the City shall wear them while at work and shall be responsible for their normal maintenance and upkeep in accordance with City policy. The City shall replace uniforms for normal wear and tear resulting from City work activities. The annual uniform allowance paid sworn personnel in 2018 was Three hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$332). The annual uniform allowance paid sworn personnel in 2019 was Three hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$353). The annual uniform allowance paid sworn personnel in 2020 was four hundred and forty- five dollars (\$445). The City shall adjust this amount once per fiscal year not by no more than fifty dollars (\$50), not to exceed a total annual allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600) during the term of this agreement.

ARTICLE 16: SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT PREMIUM PAYS

16.1 Calculation Of Special Assignment Premium Pays

All premium pays are calculated as a percentage of base salary unless otherwise specifically provided. The premium pays in this article shall not be included in the base pay for purposes of calculating any premium pay.

16.2 Bilingual Pay

The City shall pay bargaining unit members designated by the City as verbally fluent in Spanish an additional five percent (5.0%) of their base monthly salary as compensation for the additional responsibilities. Members who are not verbally fluent, but have been designated by the City as possessing the skill to converse in Spanish well enough to complete a basic call for service shall receive an additional three percent (3.0%) of base monthly salary as compensation for the additional responsibilities. The 5% pay and 3% pay shall not be combined.

The City retains the right, at its discretion, to identify other languages for which employees will be eligible for bilingual pay as set forth under this section.

16.3 Education Incentive Pay

16.3.1 Education Incentive Pay

16.3.1.1 Effective March 31, 2019, bargaining unit members shall become eligible for Educational Incentive Pay on the date the probationary period is completed and thereafter:

- 3% for unit members who possess an AA/AS or 60 semester units (or quarter equivalent); **or**
- 6% for unit members with a BA/BS or 120 semester units (or quarter equivalent).

16.3.1.2 To be eligible to receive an education incentive, the unit member will submit a transcript(s) to the ASO of the Fire Department with a written request for the incentive. Unit Member will receive the incentive as soon as possible after submission.

16.3.2 Certification Pays

16.3.2.1 Rescue Certification Pay

16.3.2.1.1The City shall pay bargaining unit members who are “rescue certified” a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to their base pay.

16.3.2.1.2To be eligible to receive rescue certification pay, a bargaining unit member must become rescue certified through one of the following options:

- Successfully completed FSTEP Rope Rescue Technician and FSTEP Structural Collapse Specialist I classes (current FSTEP certification track), OR
- Successfully completed Rescue Systems I and II classes (historical track) OR
- Successfully completed Department specific training program or task book approved by the fire chief or their designee.

16.3.2.2 Wildland Certification Pay

16.3.2.2.1The City shall pay bargaining unit members who are “wildland certified” a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to their base pay.

16.3.2.2.2To be eligible to receive wildland certification pay, a bargaining unit member must become Wildland certified through one of the following options:

- Successfully completed S-190, S-290, S-230 Crew Boss and S-231 Engine Boss classes OR
- Successfully completed Department specific training program or task book approved by the fire chief or their designee.

16.3.2.3 Swift Water Certification Pay

16.3.2.3.1The City shall pay bargaining unit members who are “swift water certified” a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to their base pay.

16.3.2.3.2To be eligible to receive swift water certification pay, a bargaining unit member must become swift water

certified through one of the following options:

- Successfully completed FSTEP Water Rescue Technician OR
- Successfully completed FSTEP River and Flood Rescue Technician (historical track) OR
- Successfully completed Rescue 3 Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician (current or historical) OR
- Successfully completed Department specific training program or task book approved by the fire chief or their designee.

16.3.2.4 Hazardous Materials Certification Pay

16.3.2.4.1The City shall pay bargaining unit members who are certified as a Hazardous Materials Specialist or a Hazardous Materials Technician a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to their base pay. No employee shall receive more than a three percent (3%) premium pay under this section 16.3.2.4.1.

16.3.2.4.2To be eligible to receive hazardous materials certification pay, a bargaining unit member must become Hazmat certified through one of the following options:

- Successfully completed classes required for Hazmat Technician or Specialist OR
- Successfully completed Department specific training program or task book approved by the fire chief or their designee.

16.3.2.5 To be eligible to a receive certification incentive, the bargaining unit member will submit copies of certifications to the ASO or Deputy Chief of Administration with a written request for the applicable incentive. The City will implement the incentive pay as soon as administratively possible after receiving the bargaining unit member's complete submission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for bargaining unit members who, prior to September 8, 2024, (i) held the applicable certification(s) (ii) submitted evidence thereof to the Department, and (iii) remain employed with the City as of the date on which this agreement is adopted by the City Council, the City shall implement the applicable certification

pay(s) effective September 8, 2024.

16.3.2.6 Due to changing educational guidelines, from time to time it may become necessary to update the certification requirements to reflect updates in class names and requirements. If such changes become necessary, the Fire Chief or designee shall inform the SRFF Director or designee of the need for such change and shall meet to discuss any such changes with the SRFF executive board to meet and confer on such changes upon SRFF's request. The intent of this passage is to allow for flexibility in accommodating class name changes, not to change the basic requirements for the certification pay.

16.3.2.7 Nothing in this section obligates the City to create its own training materials or task books for any of the above listed specialties.

16.3.2.8 The certification pays listed under this section shall be reported to CalPERS as Educational Incentive Pay for bargaining unit members to the extent permitted by the Government Code and the Code of Regulations.

16.3.3 Under this Section 16.3, employees may combine the listed differentials, subject to meeting the applicable eligibility requirements up to a maximum of eighteen percent (18%) premium pay in addition to their base pay.

16.4 Longevity Pay

Effective July 2, 2006, bargaining unit members with twenty years of service (upon the completion of nineteen (19) years) with the Santa Rosa Fire Department or bargaining unit members who can demonstrate twenty years of public retirement system service credit by September 1, 2006, shall receive an additional two percent (2%) of base pay. Documentation submitted after September 1, 2006 shall not qualify for retroactive pay. Bargaining unit members with credit from multiple agencies shall provide documentation to the Department ASO showing sufficient service credits. No payment shall be made until documentation has been approved and submitted to payroll.

16.5 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Program Manager Pay

The City shall pay a unit member, assigned in writing by the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Chief, to manage the SCBA program a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to the unit member's base pay.

16.6 Staffing Program Premium Pay

16.6.1 The City shall pay a unit member assigned in writing by the Fire Chief and/or Deputy Chief to manage and administer the Staffing Department program a three percent (3%) premium pay in addition to the unit member's base pay.

16.6.2 Effective March 31, 2019, the City shall pay a two-and-a-half percent (2.5%) premium pay to the Staffing Program Hiring Captain assigned by the Battalion Chief or Acting Battalion Chief to hire and maintain the roster. (Maximum two per shift / six total).

16.6.3 Effective March 31, 2019, the City shall pay a two-and-a-half percent (2.5%) premium to the Acting Staffing Program Hiring Captain (payable only when hiring and maintaining the daily roster).

16.6.4 The City reserves the right to remove the Staffing Program hiring and administration functions from Fire Unit 2 and to eliminate the Staffing Program premium pay described in Section 16.6.

16.7 Court Appearances

The City shall pay a minimum of two (2) hours pay at the unit member's base hourly rate to bargaining unit members subpoenaed to appear in court during off-duty hours for City related matters.

Court appearances in excess of two (2) hours shall be compensated at the unit member's base hourly rate of pay. However, if bargaining unit members have completed their regularly scheduled work shift and then are required to be in court during the same day, the overtime rate shall be used to compute pay.

16.8 Voluntary Response

Upon Council approval, bargaining unit members who voluntarily respond to a Fire Department emergency during their off-duty hours and who are directed by the responsible authority on the scene to commence work shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours for time so worked at the overtime rate.

Fire Department emergencies in this context would include incidents that require greater than a single unit response and should be considered a significant or major event.

16.9 Acting Duty Chief Assignment Premium Pay

16.9.1 Acting Duty Chief List

Fire Captains on the Acting Battalion Chief list who are able to meet the response time requirements contained in the “Duty Chief of Incident Command and Support” SOP, and who request to serve as an Acting Duty Chief (ADC), will be placed on an Acting Duty Chief list for a 24 hour period. Management will make ADC assignments from the ADC list and will endeavor, but not guarantee, to distribute these assignments as equitably as possible.

16.9.2 Acting Duty Chief Assignment Premium Pay Defined

“Acting Duty Chief Assignment Premium Pay” duty is defined as the period of time that a Fire Captain serving as an ADC is required to respond to incidents or other needs of the Fire Department as the Duty Chief.

16.9.3 Acting Duty Chief Compliance With SOP

ADCs shall comply with the provisions of the “Duty Chief for Incident Command and Support” SOP.

16.9.4 Acting Duty Chief – No Impairment

ADCs shall refrain from activities that might impair their performance of assigned duties upon call.

16.9.5 Acting Duty Chief – Call Back

The CITY shall pay a Fire Captain, called back to a minimum of one-hour ADC standby duty, a three-dollars (\$3.00) per hour premium pay in addition to the unit member’s base pay.

16.10 Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay

16.10.1 Fire Inspector/Investigator Duties

The City shall make available a Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay. While receiving Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay, the unit member shall be routinely and consistently assigned to investigate causes of destructive burning

16.10.2 Assignment Of Fire Inspector/Investigator Duties

Fire Inspector/Investigator duty shall be assigned by the City in writing.

16.10.3 Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay

Fire Inspector and Assistant Fire Marshals assigned to Fire Inspector/Investigator duty shall receive Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay as follows:

Fire Inspector: \$481.28 for the seven (7) day assignment as Fire Inspector/Investigator.

Assistant Fire Marshal: \$632.32 for the seven (7) day assignment as Investigator.

16.10.4 Fire Inspector/Investigator Holiday Pay

In addition to the Fire Inspector/Investigator pay, if assigned Fire Inspector/Investigator duty on a recognized holiday (see Article 18) with Christmas Eve and New Years Eve substituting for floating holidays, the assigned unit member shall receive an additional flat rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per holiday worked, effective the pay period which includes Council approval.

16.10.5 Duration-Fire Inspector/Investigator Duty Assignments

Fire Inspector/Investigator Duty Assignments shall be made in seven (7) day increments.

16.11 Call Back

16.11.1 Call Back Premium Pay

Call Back Premium Pay shall not apply to unit members eligible for Acting Duty Chief Assignment Premium Pay described in section 16.9 or Fire Inspector/Investigator Premium Pay described in section 16.11.

Bargaining unit members who have completed their work shift and have gone home and then are required to return to work shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate except as described in Article 16.8 (Voluntary Response). Hours worked in excess of said four (4) hours shall be paid at the overtime rate. Bargaining unit members classified as Assistant Fire Marshals or Fire Inspector who have completed their work shift and have gone home and then are required to return to work shall receive a

minimum of three (3) hours pay at the overtime rate. Hours worked in excess of said three (3) hours shall be paid at the overtime rate.

16.11.2 Pay For Scheduled, But Unworked, Overtime

Bargaining unit members, who are scheduled to work overtime and upon arriving are released without working overtime, shall be paid one hour at the overtime rate.

16.11.3 Hold Over Pay

Bargaining unit members required to hold over following the completion of their shift shall be paid a minimum of one-half (1/2) hour pay at the overtime rate. Hours worked in excess of said one-half (1/2) hour shall be paid at the overtime rate.

16.11.4 Recalled To Duty Pay

Off-duty Fire Captains standing-by as Acting Duty Chief (ADC) who have been relieved from duty and are then dispatched or called back to duty as the Fire Department's ADC shall receive a minimum of one (1) hour of pay at the overtime rate. Hours in excess of said one (1) hour shall be paid at the overtime rate.

16.12 Acting Assignments

16.12.1 A unit member temporarily assigned for to perform the full range of duties of a higher classification due to a vacancy or the temporary absence of the employee regularly employed in the higher classification shall receive Acting Pay under this article unless otherwise specifically provided for elsewhere in this MOU. A member must meet the minimum qualifications of the higher classification, must only perform the higher classification duties while so assigned, and if in excess of two consecutive duty days and must be assigned in writing by his or her their supervisor.

16.12.2 Fire Fighters or Fire Engineers assigned as Acting Captains shall receive third step Fire Captain pay while so assigned.

16.12.3 Fire Fighters assigned as Acting Fire Engineers shall receive the top step of Fire Engineer pay while so assigned.

16.12.4 Fire Captains working a special non-supervisory assignment in the Fire Prevention Division shall receive the same wage and benefits as described in section 16.10.

16.12.5 Fire Captains assigned as Acting Battalion Chiefs or Acting Division Chiefs shall receive not less than a 10% increase in base pay while so

assigned. Acting Pay shall be paid from the first hour of the acting assignment at a rate equal to the first step or minimum of the salary range for the higher-level position which is at least ten percent (10%) above the member's base salary. In the event 10% falls between steps of the higher classification, the higher step will be utilized. Provided, however, that in no event shall the pay exceed the top step of the higher classification.

16.12.5.1 Fire Captains will receive Acting Battalion Chief or Acting Duty Chief pay (a 10% increase in base pay) during the time that they are called out as an Acting Duty Chief (ADC). This "acting" pay described in this section shall in addition to ADC Assignment Premium Pay.

16.12.6 Fire Fighters who, according to current practice, perform fire inspection duties that fall within the Fire Fighter classification specifications shall not be considered to be in an acting assignment.

16.12.6.1 Fire Fighters assigned as Acting Fire Inspector shall receive the top step of Fire Inspector pay while so assigned.

16.12.7 Assistant Fire Marshal assigned as Acting Fire Marshal when the Fire Marshal is on leave or otherwise out of the area and not available for work during normal working hours shall receive a not less than a 10% increase in base pay while so assigned. Acting Pay shall be paid from the first hour of the acting assignment at a rate equal to the first step or minimum of the salary range for the higher-level position which is at least ten percent (10%) above the member's base salary. In the event 10% falls between steps of the higher classification, the higher step will be utilized. Provided, however, that in no event shall the pay exceed the top step of the higher classification.

16.12.8 Personnel assigned, in writing, as acting Assistant Fire Marshal shall receive not less than a ten percent (10%) increase in base pay while so assigned. Acting Pay shall be paid from the first hour of the acting assignment at a rate equal to the first step or minimum of the salary range for the higher-level position which is at least ten percent (10%) above the member's base salary. In the event 10% falls between steps of the higher classification, the higher step will be utilized. Provided, however, that in no event shall the pay exceed the top step of the higher classification.

16.12.9 All acting assignments shall be limited to a term of six (6) months unless an extension is approved by the City Manager or designee.

16.13 Hazardous Material Premium

16.13.1 Assignment To Specialist Or Technician

Bargaining unit members in the Fire Fighter, Fire Engineer and Fire Captain classifications who are certified as either Hazardous Materials Specialist or Technicians and who are selected to become part of the Hazardous Materials Response Team, limited to a maximum of 12 bargaining unit members per platoon shall be paid a premium pay of 3% of base pay.

16.13.2 Appointment To Hazardous Materials Assignment

The City shall appoint bargaining unit members to the Hazardous Materials Assignment, from an established waiting list, based on a first-come-first-served basis at the City's discretion.

In the event that more than one unit member wishes to be placed on the waiting list at the same time, the City shall determine placement based on seniority in rank.

16.13.3 Withdrawal From Hazardous Materials Assignment

Bargaining unit members assigned to a Hazardous Materials Specialist or Technician assignment agree to remain in a Hazardous Materials Specialist or Technician assignment until and unless the unit member gives the City at least thirty days written notice requesting to withdraw from the assignment. The City shall approve requests for withdrawal from the assignment if a Hazardous Materials Specialist or Technician is on the waiting list available to replace the unit member requesting to withdraw or if the withdrawal does not cause team strength to fall below a minimum of ten (10) per platoon. The Hazardous Material Assignment is not a vested right and the City retains the right to remove bargaining unit members from the assignment.

16.13.4 Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program Premium Pay

The City shall pay Unit 2 members in Fire Prevention, assigned to the CUPA program, a three percent (3%) Hazardous Material premium pay in addition to the unit member's base pay.

16.14 Paramedic Premium Pay

16.14.1 Paramedic Assignments

In accordance with Fire Department Standard Operating Policies, qualified Fire Engineers or Fire Captains promoted prior to October 1, 2013 and bargaining unit members holding the rank of Fire Fighter may fill paramedic assignments.

16.14.1.1 Effective October 9, 2013, Fire Fighter paramedics promoted to the rank of Fire Engineer or Fire Captain shall automatically forfeit paramedic premium pay if the Department has a Fire Fighter paramedic to fill the paramedic position. If the Department does not have a Fire Fighter paramedic to fill the paramedic position, the Fire Engineer or Fire Captain shall retain the paramedic premium pay until a qualified Fire Fighter paramedic fills the position.

16.14.1.2 Upon the completion of probation, after promotion, a paramedic may be released from the paramedic program contingent on adequate staffing within the paramedic program and the completion of probation of the replacement paramedic. A unit member hired prior to the effective date of this agreement and who possesses a Condition of Employment which does not include a “fire department discretion” clause shall retain the conditions for exiting the paramedic program as outlined in their individual Conditions of Employment. Conflicts over “adequate staffing” can be resolved through the staffing hardship process outlined in SOP 1.27.

16.14.1.3 Fire Captains promoted to their position prior to October 1, 2013 who fill a forty (40) hour administrative assignment have the right to return to paramedic status when they return to suppression. If the department is fully staffed with paramedics, the unit member returning from an administrative assignment will bump the lowest seniority paramedic and the lowest seniority paramedic will become available to be assigned as an acting paramedic.

16.14.2 Paramedic Premium Pay

16.14.2.1 Paramedic Assignment Premium for Fire Engineers and Fire Captains Promoted Prior to October 1, 2023

The City shall pay a ten percent (10.0%) Paramedic Assignment Premium in addition to the unit member's base pay to Fire Engineers and Fire Captains promoted prior to October 1, 2023, who are licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P (paramedic), accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County, and who are filling a regular paramedic assignment per MOU Section 16.14.1.

16.14.2.2 Paramedic Certification Incentive

A. Fire Fighters

The City shall pay a ten percent (10.0%) Paramedic Certification Incentive in addition to the unit member's base pay to Fire Fighters who are licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P (paramedic) and accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County.

B. Fire Engineers and Fire Captains

The City shall pay a five percent (5.0%) Paramedic Certification Incentive in addition to the unit member's base pay to Fire Engineers and Fire Captains who are or become, and subsequently remain, licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P (paramedic) and accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County. Fire Engineers/Fire Captains who are receiving this incentive pay and whose certification lapses will have the incentive pay discontinued. Upon submission of updated certification/licensure documents, the City will implement the incentive pay as soon as administrative possible after submission of the employee's then-current current EMT-P licensing and accreditation documentation.

Bargaining unit members receiving this incentive pay are expected to assist the primary paramedic as necessary.

Bargaining unit members who are state certified but not accredited by the Local EMS agency shall be provided the opportunity to complete certification as soon as administratively possible.

This provision is not applicable to Fire Engineers and Fire Captains who are filling a regular paramedic assignment per MOU Section 16.14.1.

This provision shall be effective as of September 8, 2024 for all Fire Engineers and Fire Captains who (i) were Acting Paramedics in the Staffing Program as of September 8, 2024 and (ii) remain employed with the City as of the date on which this agreement is adopted by the City Council. Going forward, the City will implement the incentive pay as soon as administratively possible after receiving evidence of the bargaining unit member's current EMT-P licensing and accreditation documentation.

16.14.3 Acting Paramedic Premium Pay

The City shall pay a ten percent (10.0%) premium pay, or 5% for Fire Engineers and Fire Captains receiving 5% Premium Pay as outlined in 16.14.2.2(B), in addition to the unit member's base pay to bargaining unit members during periods of time that the unit member is assigned to fill a temporary vacancy (due to sick leave, vacation, etc.) in a regular paramedic assignment. To be eligible for Acting Paramedic Premium Pay, a unit member must be licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P (paramedic), and accredited by the Local EMS Agency to practice as a paramedic in Sonoma County. Members who are not identified as an Acting Medic (AM) in the staffing program shall not be eligible for this incentive.

16.14.4 Reassignment of Paramedics

To maintain adequate paramedic staffing City may reassign paramedics between platoons to maintain an equal number of paramedics in each platoon in accordance with FD SOP 1.27.

16.15 Field Training Officer (FTO) Pay

The City may assign one bargaining unit member, per platoon to perform Field Training Officer (FTO) duties. The bargaining unit member assigned to perform FTO duties shall meet the requirements of the Department S.O.P. on Paramedic FTOs. The City shall pay the bargaining unit member assigned to and performing Field Training Officer (FTO) duties a three (3%) percent of base pay premium pay in addition to base pay.

A captain, acting as a paramedic, can voluntarily accept the City's assignment to perform FTO duties, but the City may not require a captain, acting as a paramedic, to perform FTO duties.

ARTICLE 17: VACATION

17.1 Earning And Accumulating Vacation

Unit Members shall earn and may accumulate vacation time as indicated below:

Classification	Years of Service	Hours Earned Monthly	Maximum Earned Annually	Maximum Hours of Accumulation
Fire Captain Fire Engineer Fire Fighter	1 – 4	10	120	360
	5 – 10	16	192	576
	11 – 14	20	240	720
	15 – 19	22	264	792
	20 – 24	24	288	864
	25 or more	25	300	900
Fire Inspector Assistant Fire Marshal	1 – 4	6.67	80	240
	5 – 10	10	120	360
	11 – 14	13.33	160	480
	15 – 19	14.33	172	516
	20 – 24	16	192	576
	25 or more	16.67	200	600
Fire Captain Training	1 – 4	7.12	85.5	256.5
	5 – 10	11.4	136.8	410.4
	11 – 14	14.25	171	513
	15 – 19	15.67	188	564
	20 – 24	17.10	205.2	615.6
	25 or more	17.81	213.7	641.1

No unit member shall accumulate more vacation than provided above, except as provided for in Section 17.4 and 14.6.4.

17.2 Fire Captain Training Accrual Rate

The vacation accrual rate for Fire Captain Training shall be used when a unit member moves from a fifty-six (56) hour per week schedule into a forty (40) hour per week schedule.

17.3 Part-Time Accrual Rate

Part-time unit members shall accrue vacation time on a prorated basis based on hours in paid status not to exceed the FTE allocation per fiscal year.

17.4 Accruing Vacation While On Sick Leave Or Labor Code 4850 Leave

Vacation accrual shall continue for unit members who have reached the

vacation cap and who are on sick leave or leave governed by California Labor Code Section 4850 regardless of whether the maximum hours of accumulation limit outlined in Article 17.1 has been reached.

17.41 A shift unit member who is above the maximum vacation accumulation limit when they return to light or regular duty must use vacation leave within six (6) months of the return to duty to bring the accrued amount under the maximum limit. The unit member's vacation accrual shall also continue during this six month period. If, at the end of this six (6) month period, the unit member still has accumulated vacation leave above the maximum limit, the unit member will be paid for the excess vacation time at the base hourly rate of pay in order to bring their total vacation accumulation down to a point of twenty-four (24) hours below the maximum limit.

17.42 A forty (40) hour unit member who is above the maximum vacation accumulation limit when they return to light or regular duty must use vacation leave within six (6) months of return to duty to bring the accrued amount under the maximum limit. The unit member's vacation accrual shall also continue during this six (6) month period. If, at the end of this six (6) month period, the unit member still has accumulated vacation leave above the maximum limit, the unit member will be paid for the excess vacation time at the base hourly rate of pay in order to bring their total vacation accumulation down to a point of seventeen (17) hours below the maximum limit.

17.43 The six (6) month period is defined as beginning on the first Sunday on or after the unit member returns to duty and ending on Saturday twenty six (26) weeks later.

17.5 Using Vacation

Unit Members shall be employed by the City for one (1) complete year prior to using any vacation. However, in unusual circumstances the Fire Chief's Office may approve use of vacation time prior to the unit member completing one (1) complete year with the City.

17.6 Selling Back Vacation

After completing one year of service a unit member may elect to sell back up to ninety-six (96) hours of vacation paid at the unit member's base hourly rate of pay. Unit Members who elect to sell back vacation must have a remaining balance of seventy-two hours (72) following the sell back. Vacation sell backs are subject to the following procedure:

17.61 Effective December 2024, and during the month of December each year thereafter, there will be an open enrollment period during which each bargaining unit member must make an irrevocable election to "sell back" vacation accrual the following year. The number of hours that the bargaining

unit member will sell back must be indicated at that time. Employees may sellback up to ninety-six (96) hours in total, with a maximum sellback of twenty-four (24) hours per quarter. Failure to submit an irrevocable election form shall be the same as electing not to sell back vacation leave.

17.62 The sell back must be made by the first paycheck in December of the following year. A bargaining unit member who has elected to sell back vacation but has not done so by the first paycheck in December, will be automatically cashed out for the number of hours elected (subject to the limits of Article 17.6) on the second paycheck in December.

17.63 If an employee elects to “sell back” vacation but does not have seventy-two (72) hours of vacation leave in their vacation leave bank during the pay period for which they request the sell back, their sell back request will not be fulfilled.

17.7 Scheduling Vacation

Vacation scheduling shall be approved by the City prior to being taken with due regard for the unit member’s needs and the City’s need to provide services.

17.8 Restriction On Use Of Vacation

Vacation time shall not be used for industrial injury or to extend a date of retirement.

17.9 Using Vacation For Bereavement Leave

Up to two (2) shifts of vacation for classifications of Fire Captain, Fire Engineer and Fire Fighter and up to forty (40) hours for the classifications of Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Marshal, may be used for the death of the following family members: sister-in-law, brother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece by blood only and any unit member who at the time of their death was residing in the same household as the unit member.

17.10 Using Vacation For An Unplanned Urgent Personal Situation

Vacation time may be used for any unplanned urgent personal situation. The intent is to allow a unit member time off when a situation occurs that is unavoidable.

17.11 Limitations On Using Vacation For Bereavement Or Unplanned Personal Situations

Vacation time used for bereavement leave or unplanned urgent personal situations are not subject to the restrictions outlined in the department vacation SOP.

ARTICLE 18: HOLIDAYS

18.1 Designated Holidays

Upon Council approval, the following days of each year are designated as paid holidays:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Date</u>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	Third Monday in January
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth National Independence Day	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25
Floating Holiday	By Agreement Between Unit Member and Supervisor
Floating Holiday	By Agreement Between Unit Member and Supervisor

18.2 Non-Fire Fighter, Fire Engineer, and Fire Captain Unit Members

A unit member assigned to a 40-hour schedule and who is not employed in a Fire Fighter, Fire Engineer, or Fire Captain position shall receive the fourteen (14) designated, paid holidays described in Section 18.1

The following conditions shall apply for holidays:

18.2.1 Floating Holidays

Floating holidays must be taken during the payroll fiscal year in which they are earned. Floating Holiday Hours do not rollover between fiscal years (i.e., full-time employees may never have a balance of more than twenty (20) hours), will not be paid out at separation, and have no cash value. Unit Members shall receive ten

(10) hours of holiday pay for each floating holiday. Employees hired between the first day of the payroll fiscal year and December 31 shall receive two (2) floating holidays and employees hired between January 1 and the last day of the fiscal year shall receive one (1) floating holiday.

18.2.2 Holiday Pay For Unit Members On 4/10 and 9/80 Schedules

Holiday pay, for unit members working a 4/10 schedule shall be computed based on ten (10) hours times the unit member's base hourly rate of pay. Holiday pay for unit members working a 9/80 schedule shall be computed based on nine (9) hours' time the unit member's base hourly rate of pay, plus one (1) hour of Compensatory Time Off credited to the Unit Members CTO bank, if the holiday falls on a nine (9) hour day. If the holiday falls on the eight (8) hour day, holiday pay shall be computed based on eight (8) hours times the unit member's base hourly rate of pay, plus two (2) hours credited to the unit member's CTO bank.

Holidays shall be recognized within the workweek (Sunday through Saturday) during which they fall. If the holiday falls on an employee's Regular Day Off (RDO), the employee will normally recognize the holiday on the immediately preceding workday unless that would cause it to fall into a different workweek (Sunday through Saturday), in which case it will normally be recognized on the workday immediately following the holiday.

However, an employee and their supervisor may agree to recognize a holiday which falls on an RDO on any regular workday in the same workweek (Sunday through Saturday).

18.2.3 Unit Members Required To Work Designated Holidays

Unit Members required to work on the day the holiday is recognized shall be compensated at the overtime rate for the hours worked.

Unit Members who are not on a paid status the day before and the day after a holiday shall not be paid for the holiday.

18.2.4 Part-Time Unit Members

Part-time unit members shall accrue holiday leave on a prorated basis based on eight (8) hours times FTE.

18.3 Holiday Pay For Fire Fighters, Fire Engineers, Fire Captains, And Fire Captain Training

Upon Council approval, Fire Fighters, Fire Engineers, Fire Captains, and

Fire Captain Training shall receive Holiday Pay as additional compensation equal to 6.73% of their base salary each pay period in recognition of the fact they work in positions that require scheduled staffing without regard to the twelve City-recognized holidays listed above (floating holidays excluded). This 6.73% benefit is intended to provide fire fighters, fire engineers, and fire captains with a cash- equivalent benefit to the holiday benefits provided to most City employees who are scheduled to work 40 hours per week (2080 hours per year) and receive 140 hours of vacation pay at their base rate. The 140 hours provided to the 40 hour/week employees is equal to approximately 6.73% of the 40/hour week employees' annual base salary.

18.3.1 Unit Members On Light Duty Or Temporary 40-Hour Assignment

- a) Shift unit members assigned to a temporary or light duty 40-hour assignment shall work the holidays that occur during the 40-hour assignment. Shift unit members assigned to a temporary or light duty 40- hour assignment shall not receive floating holidays.

18.3.2 Eligibility for In Lieu Holiday Pay

The unit member must be employed on the date that the holiday occurs and be in a paid status the day before and the day after the holiday to be eligible for the in lieu pay.

18.3.3 Inclusion in Regular Rate

The additional 6.73% of base salary provided to Fire Fighters, Fire Engineers, Fire Captains, and Fire Captain Training each pay period as in lieu compensation for designated holidays, excluding floating holidays, shall be included in the regular rate for purposes of calculating FLSA overtime.

ARTICLE 19: LEAVES

19.1 Sick Leave

19.1.1 Sick Leave Earned And Accrued

Each full-time unit member shall earn and may accumulate sick leave as follows:

Hours of Accumulation Earned			
Classification	Biweekly	Approx. Annual	Maximum Hours
Fire Captain Fire Engineer Fire Fighter	6.46	168	No Limit
Fire Inspector Assistant Fire Marshal	4.30	112	No Limit
Fire Captain Training	4.61	120	No Limit

19.1.1.1 Sick Leave Accrual – 40 Hours Per Week Schedule

The Sick leave accrual for Fire Captain Training shall be used when a unit member moves from a fifty six (56) hour per week schedule into a forty (40) hour per week schedule.

19.1.1.2 Sick Leave Earned – Vacation/Sick Leave

Sick leave shall continue to be earned while a unit member is on vacation or sick leave.

19.1.1.3 Sick Leave – Part-Time Unit Members

Part-time unit members shall accrue sick leave on a prorated basis based on hours in paid status.

19.1.2 Sick Leave Use

Sick leave shall not be considered as a right unit members may use at their discretion and shall be allowed only in case of actual sickness or disability. No punitive actions shall be imposed on unit members for taking justifiable sick leave. Unit Members may use sick leave when they are unable to work because of disability due to a non-industrial sickness or injury. Unit Members may use hours of accumulated sick leave for the illness or injury of their spouse, State registered domestic partner, child, parents, stepchild, stepparents, parent(s) of the employee's spouse or State registered domestic

partner, sibling, grandparents, grandchildren, child of a State registered domestic partner, or any other person as provided by state law.

19.1.2.1 Sick Leave Use – Notification Of Supervisor

On taking sick leave time, unit members shall notify their appropriate department either prior to or within one (1) hour after the time set for beginning daily duties or by another time specified by the City.

19.1.2.2 Sick Leave Use – Minimum Increment

For the purpose of charging sick leave, the minimum sick leave chargeable shall be one quarter (.25) working hour.

19.1.3 Sick Leave – Prohibited Uses

No sick leave shall be payable for any sickness, disability or injury which results or occurs as follows:

1. Working for an employer other than the City,
2. During vacation unless the unit member was confined to a hospital or other fixed location under written doctor's order,
3. During a layoff, leave of absence or disciplinary suspension, or
4. After a termination date.

19.1.4 Fitness-For-Duty Certification

Following the use of any sick leave, the City may require a unit member to provide a medical doctor's certification that the unit member is able to perform the essential function of the unit member's job, based on the list of essential functions provided by the CITY.

19.1.5 Exhaustion Of Sick Leave

If a unit member has not recovered by the time accumulated sick leave is fully exhausted, the unit member may request a leave of absence according to Article 19.4 Leave of Absence Without Pay and the City's Leave of Absence Without Pay (Non-FMLA/CFRA/PDL) Policy.

19.1.6 Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement

Sick leave shall not be used to extend a date of retirement; however,

a unit member, upon retirement, may convert any unused sick leave balance to service credit as provided by Government Code Section 20862.8. (See also Article 21: Retirement.)

19.1.7 Sick Leave – Initial Probationary Period

The City Manager’s Office may allow a probationary unit member to use sick leave before it has been earned as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Fire Captain, Fire Engineer and Fire Fighter	72
Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Marshal	48

This Section 19.1.7 does not apply to promotional or disciplinary probationary periods.

19.1.8 Sick Leave – Retirement Buyback – Fire Captains/Fire Engineer/Fire Fighters

Fire Captains, Fire Engineers and Fire Fighters who retire or whose positions are eliminated and who have completed ten (10) consecutive years of employment with the City shall have the option to receive payment for one-half (1/2) of any accumulated but unused sick leave up to a maximum of one thousand (1,000) hours , or may convert their unused sick leave balance in whole to service credit. The rate of pay shall be the regular hourly rate of pay at the time the position is vacated.

Should the City provide a majority of City unit members with a retirement buyback plan more beneficial than that provided herein, the unit members covered by this Agreement shall automatically receive the same benefit at the same time and this part shall be considered amended to memorialize that level of benefits.

19.1.9 Sick Leave – Retirement Buyback – Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Marshal

Any Fire Inspector, or Assistant Fire Marshal who retires or whose position is eliminated and who has completed ten (10) consecutive years of employment with the City shall receive payment for one-half (1/2) of any accumulated but unused sick leave up to a maximum of seven hundred and fourteen (714) hours. The rate of pay shall be the regular hourly rate of pay at the time the position is vacated.

Should the City provide a majority of City unit members with a retirement buyback plan more beneficial than that provided herein, the unit members covered by this Agreement shall automatically

receive the same benefit at the same time and this part shall be considered amended to memorialize that level of benefits.

19.1.10 Sick Leave – Unit Member Death

If a unit member dies, then all of the unit member’s accumulated sick leave shall be paid at the regular hourly rate at the time of the unit member’s death to the unit member named by the unit member as beneficiary in the unit member’s City provided life insurance policy.

19.1.11 Sick Leave Incentive Program (CTO)

19.1.11.1 Incentive CTO – Use

Sick Leave Incentive accruals shall be the first CTO balances used by unit members when requesting CTO. There shall be no payout for Sick Leave Incentive CTO under any circumstances including separation from the fire service. Use of CTO shall not be unreasonably denied by a supervisor and shall be governed by the rules for the use of vacation.

19.1.11.2 Sick Leave Incentive Program – And Payout

Shift unit members using fifty-six (56) hours or less of sick leave, from the first day of the first pay period that begins in January through the last day of the last pay period that begins in December, shall earn one (1) twenty-four hour shift of pay at the unit member's regular hourly rate. Forty (40) hour unit members using twenty-five (25) hours or less of sick leave, on a calendar year basis, shall earn seventeen (17) hours of pay at the regular hourly rate. Pay outs shall be paid on the second pay check of January.

19.1.11.2.1 Unit 2 shift unit members who are promoted out of the bargaining unit during the last six months of the calendar year shall receive the sick leave incentive, pro-rated as follows:

Shift unit members promoted in:	S h a l l r e c e i v e
July	50% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 28 hours of sick leave

August	58% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 32 hours of sick leave
September	66% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 37 hours of sick leave
October	75% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 42 hours of sick leave
November	83% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 46 hours of sick leave
December	91% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 51 hours

19.1.11.2.2 Forty (40) hour unit members who are promoted out of the bargaining unit during the last six months of the calendar year shall receive the sick leave incentive, pro-rated as follows:

40-hour unit members promoted in:	Shall receive
July	50% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 12.5 hours of sick leave
August	58% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 14.5 hours of sick leave
September	66% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 16.5 hours of sick leave
October	75% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 19 hours of sick leave
November	83% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 21. hours of sick leave
December	91% of the sick leave incentive provided they have used less than 23 hours

19.1.11.3 Sick Leave Incentive Pay shall be included in the regular rate for all FLSA overtime hours worked by the member in the preceding year. In January of each year, when providing sick leave incentive pay to members pursuant to section 19.1.11.2, the City shall also provide members a payment representing the Firefighters' adjusted overtime payment for the preceding year's work.

19.1.11.4 The City's Payroll Department is currently working to see whether it is administratively feasible to issue these retroactive Sick Leave Incentive Payments in this fashion. If it appears that this agreed-upon methodology is not administratively feasible, the parties agree to reopen the Contract to negotiate the terms of Section 19.1.11.3 only. Any new provision negotiated in connection with this re-opener shall be cost neutral.

19.2 Industrial Injury Or Illness

Benefits for unit members shall be provided for under Section 4850 of the Labor Code and City policies. Sick leave earned and accrued under Article 19.1 shall not be used for an industrial injury or illness.

19.3 Family Care And Medical Leave

19.3.1 Each eligible unit member is entitled to family care and medical leave as provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), as amended.

Subject to the provisions of the City Administration of FMLA/CFRA Policy, an eligible unit member may be entitled to use accumulated sick leave or vacation for paid family care and medical leave for the reasons described in this section. Subject to the provisions of the City Administration of FMLA/CFRA Policy, an eligible unit member is entitled to unpaid family care and medical leave for any one or more of the following reasons:

19.3.1.1 The birth of a child and to care for the newborn child (FMLA and CFRA);

- 19.3.1.2 The placement with the unit member of a child for adoption or foster care and care for the newly placed child (FMLA and CFRA);
- 19.3.1.3 To care for the unit member's child, parent, spouse, or State registered domestic partner (CFRA only) who has a serious health condition. (Child is defined as biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, legal ward, or child of a unit member standing in loco parentis who is under 18 years of age or an adult dependent child. Parent is defined as biological, foster or adoptive parent, stepparent, or legal guardian. Parent does not include a parent-in-law.)
- 19.3.1.4 Because of a unit member's own serious health condition that makes the unit member unable to perform the functions of the unit member's position, except for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, which is covered by pregnancy disability leave. (Pregnancy disability counts toward only California Pregnancy Disability Leave (PDL) and FMLA leave.)
- 19.3.1.5 Because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the unit member's spouse, child, or parent is a U.S. National Guard or Reserve member on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty status) in support of a contingency operation (FMLA only).

19.3.2 Family Care And Medical Leave To Care For A Covered Unit Member With A Service Injury Or Illness

Subject to the provisions of this MOU, City Administration of FMLA/CFRA Policy, and state and federal law, an eligible unit member may take FMLA leave to care for a covered unit member with a serious injury or illness if the unit member is the spouse, child, parent, or next of kin of the service unit member.

19.3.3 City Administration of FMLA/CFRA Policy

The City policy governing FMLA/CFRA leave can be found at cityofsantarosa.sharepoint.com

19.4 Leave Of Absence Without Pay

- 19.4.1 Unit Members may request a leave of absence without pay in writing to their department head upon the exhaustion of their accumulated

paid leave. Leaves of absence without pay are governed by the City Leave of Absence Without Pay (Non-FMLA/CFRA/PDL) Policy.

19.4.2 The requirement to use all accrued sick leave or vacation leave does not apply in situations where California state or federal law do not allow the employer to require use of vacation or sick leave prior to granting an unpaid leave of absence, e.g., California pregnancy disability leave and leave for military duty. When a unit member requests to take a leave of absence without pay and is currently within the period of time covered by state pregnancy disability leave (CCR Title 2 Division 4 Section 7291.2 et seq.), the unit member is not required to exhaust accrued vacation prior to taking the leave of absence. A unit member who is absent from work for military duty, including weekend training drills, is not required to exhaust accrued vacation prior to taking the leave of absence. (Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994, 38 USC 4301 et seq.).

Requests for a leave of absence without pay may be approved as follows:

19.4.2.1 By the department head for a time not exceeding twenty-four (24) working hours.

19.4.2.2 By the City Manager's Office for any time exceeding twenty-four (24) working hours.

19.5 Jury Leave

Unit Members who are required to serve as jurors shall be provided jury leave for the duration of the jury duty. Unit Members serving as jurors shall receive full salary and benefits for the duration of the jury leave provided all money, less travel expenses, received by the unit member for the jury duty from the court is remitted to the City.

19.6 Bereavement Leave

Employees shall be allowed at least five (5) workdays off for bereavement leave. Employees may supplement the paid bereavement leave in this Section with accrued leave (including vacation or sick leave) to reach a total of five (5) workdays of bereavement leave. Unit Members may take paid bereavement leave because of death in the immediate family as follows:

Classification	Paid Hours
Fire Captain, Fire Engineer and Fire Fighter	Up to 56
Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Marshal	Up to 40

For the purposes of bereavement leave, immediate family shall mean spouse, State registered domestic partner, father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, brother, sister, child (including stepchildren), child of State registered domestic partner, stepparents, grandparents and grandchildren.

See Article 17.9 for using unscheduled vacation for the death of other family members. Payment for bereavement leave shall only be made under the provisions set forth in this Article 19.6.

19.7 Military Leave

A unit member may be absent on military leave as authorized in Section 395 through 395.8 of the Military and Veterans Code of California, Federal Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act and City policies. The unit member shall furnish to the City's Payroll Office satisfactory proof of orders to report for duty and of actual service pursuant to such orders. Unit Members with less than one (1) year City service shall take military leave without compensation from the City as provided in the Military and Veterans Code.

19.8 Catastrophic Leave

19.8.1 Catastrophic Leave – Definition

Catastrophic leave is a paid leave of absence due to life threatening, verifiable, long-term illness or injury such as, but not limited to, cancer and heart attack which clearly disables the unit member. Catastrophic leave shall be additional paid leave available from vacation, compensatory leave or administrative leave hours donated by other unit members to a specific qualified unit member.

19.8.2 Catastrophic Leave – Eligibility

Unit Members who have successfully completed one year in paid status shall be eligible for catastrophic leave due to their own serious illness or injury or serious illness or injury to spouse, qualified domestic partner, parent or dependent minor child. The unit member must first exhaust all accrued sick leave, vacation leave and compensatory time before qualifying for catastrophic leave.

19.8.3 Catastrophic Leave – Donations

Unit Members may donate accrued leave to other unit members who suffer a catastrophic illness or injury or to care for a spouse, State registered domestic partner, a parent or a dependent minor child who suffers from a catastrophic illness. Unit Members donating vacation, compensatory or sick leave must donate in increments of whole hours. The donating unit member must have a vacation leave balance of at least 40 hours after the donation of vacation time. Unit Members may also donate sick leave up to twenty four (24) hours in

a fiscal year. Unit Members donating sick leave must have a balance of 80 hours after the donation of sick leave. Unit Members may donate all of their accrued compensatory time.

19.8.4 Requesting Catastrophic Leave

A unit member requesting catastrophic leave must receive the recommendation of the department head and the approval of the City Manager. Such leave may initially be approved up to a maximum of 340 donated hours. If the catastrophic illness or injury continues, up to an additional 340 donated hours may be recommended and approved.

19.8.5 Catastrophic Leave – Administration

The Finance Department shall account for the donation and disbursement of catastrophic leave hours. All time donated will be credited on an hour-to-hour basis regardless of hourly pay differentials between donating unit member and recipient.

19.8.6 Catastrophic Leave – Conditions

Catastrophic leave shall not be used in conjunction with any long or short-term disability benefits or Workers' Compensation Leave. While a unit member is on catastrophic leave, using donated hours, the unit member shall not accrue any vacation or sick leave.

19.9 Domestic Partner Definition

For purposes of this Article 19, the following definition applies:

“Domestic Partner” means a unit member who is in a domestic partnership that meets the criteria of California Family Code Section 297 and is formalized through registration with the California Secretary of State pursuant to California Family Code Sections 197 et. seq. For any Unit 2 member and that unit member’s domestic partner registered with the Human Resources Department prior to October 15, 2013, the definition of “domestic partner” also includes, “City Registered Domestic Partner.”

ARTICLE 20: INSURANCE PROGRAMS

20.1 Insurance Programs

The City shall provide the insurance programs described in this Article. The parties agree that the City has the right to provide these insurance programs by self-insurance, through an insurance company or by any other method.

20.2 Health Insurance For Active Bargaining Unit Members

20.2.1 CalPERS Medical Plan

The City shall offer an employee and dependents, including qualified domestic partners as defined by CalPERS, a health insurance program through the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMCHA). Eligibility and participation in this program shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by CalPERS pursuant to PEMCHA.

20.2.2 City Contribution – CalPERS Minimum

The CITY's minimum contribution to health insurance for active employees shall be the minimum contribution required by the PEMCHA. The minimum contribution is established annually by CalPERS.

20.2.3 Additional City Contribution

20.2.3.1 The total CITY contribution for active employees shall be equal to the CalPERS Kaiser Bay Area premium and shall be adjusted each January to the new CalPERS Kaiser Bay Area premium for the term of this agreement.

The Additional City Contribution shall be determined by taking the CalPERS Kaiser Bay Area premium at each level of coverage (single, two party, or family) and subtracting the City's minimum contribution described in Article 20.2.2. Members are responsible for any premium above the applicable Kaiser rate.

20.2.3.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of 20.2.3.1, effective January 1, 2020, active full-time members who, as of April 1, 2019 are enrolled in a medical plan with a premium above the applicable Kaiser maximum, shall be eligible for a total City contribution equal to \$885/month for single plans, \$1,770 for two-party plans, and \$2300/month for

family plans. The Additional City Contribution shall be determined by taking the applicable total contribution cap (\$885, \$1,770, or \$2,300) and subtracting the City CalPERS minimum contribution described in Article 20.2.2. Members subject to this paragraph 20.2.3.2 shall continue to be eligible to receive total City contributions up to the current Blue Cross Blue Shield maximums until December 31, 2019.

20.2.3.3 The City shall provide the Additional City Contribution over and above the CalPERS minimum contribution to bargaining unit members based on their enrollment status. Bargaining unit members who waive medical coverage may choose to have the unused amount equal to the City's Additional Contribution for single coverage only contributed to the Dependent Care spending option in the City's Section 125 flexible benefit plan. The portion of the City contribution not utilized by the bargaining unit member shall remain with the City. Retirees are eligible for health insurance through CalPERS. For retirees, the CITY has elected the unequal contribution option. This means the CITY contribution toward retiree health insurance shall be pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code, Section 22892(c) under the unequal method. Employees who retire from the CITY must be in compliance with CalPERS health insurance requirements in order to be eligible for coverage by CalPERS during retirement and must follow the CalPERS health insurance program eligibility and other requirements.

20.2.4 Bargaining Unit Member Contribution

That portion of costs for the CalPERS plan coverage elected by any bargaining unit member that exceeds the amount of the City total contribution shall be paid by the bargaining unit member through automatic pre-tax payroll deduction through the Section 125 plan. Information about current CalPERS medical plan premium costs and the City's contribution toward premium costs is found on the City of Santa Rosa Employee Benefits Webpage at <https://flimp.live/CityofSantaRosa>

20.2.5 Coverage Or Waiver Required

All employees must enroll in medical insurance unless the employee requests a waiver of coverage from CalPERS or the Human Resources Department. Such waiver shall only be granted if the employee shows proof of other group minimum essential coverage. Should an employee who has obtained a waiver of this provision lose such alternate coverage, the employee shall notify the Human Resources Department and enroll in a CalPERS sponsored health insurance program within 30 (thirty) days after termination of such coverage.

20.2.6 Part-Time Bargaining Unit Members

Regular Full time and Part-time employees working at least 20 hours/week or more are eligible to participate in health insurance plans, and the City will contribute a percentage of the amount equaling the bargaining unit member's authorized position full-time equivalent (FTE) towards the selected coverage. Part time employees will be responsible for the balance of the premiums through payroll deductions. If the part-time employee waives coverage, no cash payment will be made in lieu of the insurance. Part-time bargaining unit members will have a one-time option to participate subject to certain provisions of the law.

20.2.7 Health Benefits For Dependents Of Bargaining Unit Member Who Dies In The Line Of Duty

The City acknowledges Labor Code Section 4856 which declares the employer will provide health benefits as prescribed by law to the spouse and dependents of a Fire Fighter or Peace Officer who dies in the line of duty.

20.3 Combined Dental And Vision Care Insurance

20.3.1 Enrollment Requirements

Enrollment for dental and vision benefits shall be combined. Employees and dependents, including qualified domestic partners, shall be required to elect both insurance plans or neither insurance plan.

A summary description of benefits for this program can be found in the Employee Benefits Guide available online at <https://flimp.live/CityofSantaRosa>

20.3.2 Premium Contributions – Full-Time Bargaining Unit Members

The City shall contribute ninety-five percent (95%) of the combined dental and vision benefit premium at each level (employee only, employee plus one and family) for full-time employees, and full-time employees shall pay five percent (5%) of the combined dental and vision care insurance premium.

20.3.3 Part-Time Bargaining Unit Members

The City shall offer combined dental and vision care insurance coverage for part-time bargaining unit members. Regular part-time bargaining unit members may elect to enroll in combined dental and vision care insurance pursuant to Article 20.2.1 above and the City will contribute a percentage of the premium equaling ninety-five percent (95%) of the bargaining unit member's authorized position full-time equivalency (FTE) towards the selected coverage. The regular part-time bargaining unit member will be responsible for the balance of the combined premium through payroll deductions. If the regular part-time bargaining unit member does not select coverage, no cash payment will be made in lieu of the insurance.

20.4 Life Insurance

20.4.1 Life Insurance Provided

The City shall provide term life insurance coverage in the amount of \$12,000 for each regular-hire full and part-time employee. Additional voluntary term life and AD&D insurance may be purchased in increments of \$10,000 up to the allowed maximum as outlined in the plan documents by each employee at their cost through a payroll deduction system. Proof of good health may be required for employee paid life insurance subject to the rules of the insurance carrier. Optional spouse or domestic partner life insurance may also be purchased in increments of \$10,000 up to the lesser of 100% of the employee benefit or the allowed maximum through payroll deduction. Proof of good health may be required for spouse or domestic partner life insurance subject to the rules of the insurance carrier. A description of benefits is available online at <https://flimp.live/CityofSantaRosa>.

20.4.2 Life Insurance – Part-Time Bargaining Unit Members

The City shall provide \$12,000 term life insurance for regular budgeted part-time bargaining unit members.

20.5 Disability Insurance

20.5.1 A long-term disability (LTD) insurance program offered through the SRFF shall be provided to bargaining unit members who elect to enroll in the program under the terms set forth below. Benefit coverage details and plan documents are available from the SRFF and/or Harry J. Wilson

20.5.1.1 City Contribution

During the term of the Agreement, the City will pay the monthly premium cost for full-time bargaining unit members who elect the LTD insurance coverage described above.

20.5.1.2 Part-Time Bargaining Unit Members

Part-time bargaining unit members may elect to participate in the LTD program and the City will contribute a percentage of the premium amount equaling the bargaining unit member's authorized position full-time equivalent (FTE) towards the selected coverage. The part-time bargaining unit member will be responsible for the balance of the premium through payroll deductions. If the part-time bargaining unit member does not select coverage, no cash payment will be made in lieu of the insurance. Part-time bargaining unit members will have a one time option to participate subject to certain provisions of the law.

20.5.2 Effective as soon as administratively possible following adoption of this contract by the City Council, the City shall offer benefit eligible employees a short-term disability insurance program and pay the monthly premium costs during the term of the agreement. The short-term disability insurance program shall include a paid family leave benefit. Details of the program benefits are outlined in the plan documents available on the Employee Benefits Webpage.

20.6 Additional Insurance Plans

The City shall deduct from a bargaining unit member's paycheck actual premiums paid by the City for supplemental health care insurance plans arranged by the City but paid for by the bargaining unit member, including but not limited to AFLAC, upon the bargaining unit member's written request.

20.7 Health Insurance For Future Retirees

20.7.1 City Contribution

Retirees are eligible for health insurance through PERS. For retirees the City has elected the unequal contribution method. This means

the City contribution toward retiree health insurance shall be pursuant to the provisions of the California Public Bargaining unit members' Retirement Law, Section 22892(c) under the unequal method.

20.7.2 Retiree Compliance With Cal-PERS Requirements

Employees who retire from the City must be in compliance with CalPERS health insurance requirements in order to be eligible for coverage by CalPERS during retirement must follow the CalPERS health insurance program eligibility and other requirements.

20.7.3 Post-Retirement Medical Benefit Defined Contribution Plan

A trust agreement and plan document for a Post-Retirement Medical Benefit Defined Contribution Plan ("trust" and "plan" respectively) was adopted by the City Council and approved by SRFF in April 2005 which governs and controls the terms and conditions of the administration of the plan. SRFF reserves its right to adopt a successor trust agreement and plan document that would be administered by SRFF and that would replace the one administered by the City provided that said plan shall be in compliance with all applicable Internal Revenue requirements and the City shall be relieved of any responsibility for said successor plan except to make the contributions required pursuant to this Agreement.

The City shall contribute four percent (4.0%) of bargaining unit members' salary and salary related benefits, to the Retiree Medical Benefits Program described in this section. The parties acknowledge that the City's four percent (4.0%) contribution described in this section was and continues to be funded by SRFF's decision to redirect funds from negotiated salary increases to the Post-Retirement Medical Benefit Defined Contribution Plan. The City's four percent (4.0%) contribution includes the following funds redirected by SRFF:

Effective Date	Amount of Redirected Funds
July 1, 2002	One and one-half percent (1.5%) of salary and salary related benefits.
June 29, 2003	One-half percent (0.5%) of salary and salary related benefits.
July 1, 2004	One percent (1.0%) of salary and salary related benefits.
January 4, 2009	One (1.0%) of salary and salary related benefits.

Total City Contribution	Four percent (4.0%) of salary and salary related benefits.
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Any disputes regarding the plan described in this paragraph are subject to the Letter of Understanding signed by the Parties and attached to this agreement.

During the term of this MOU, at the request of either party, the parties will meet to discuss modifications to the vehicle through which retiree medical benefits are provided to eligible Unit 2 represented employees. These discussions will commence no sooner than six months after ratification and adoption of the MOU. Agreement to these discussions will not, in any way, be construed as agreement to additional contributions by the City towards retiree medical benefits. The parties acknowledge that any modifications to the retiree medical benefit structure must account for maintenance of benefits for current retirees.

20.8 Domestic Partner Definitions

For purposes of this Article 20, the following definition applies:

“Domestic Partner” means a unit member who is in a domestic partnership that meets the criteria of California Family Code Section 297 and is formalized through registration with the California Secretary of State pursuant to California Family Code Sections 197 et. seq. For any Unit 2 member and that unit member’s domestic partner registered with the Human Resources Department prior to October 15, 2013, the definition of “domestic partner” also includes, “City Registered Domestic Partner.”

ARTICLE 21: RETIREMENT

21.1 City’s Contract with CalPERS

The City shall continue its contract with the Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for all active SRF unit members. All the retirement benefits provided to SRF unit members are described in this Article 21.

21.1.1 Contract Amendment

Upon the Union’s ratification of the additional 1.5% cost sharing outlined in Sections 21.2.3 and 21.3.3, below, City will adopt a CalPERS cost sharing amendment and submit it to CalPERS. In the event CalPERS does not approve the cost sharing amendment, the parties will continue their agreed-upon cost sharing arrangement pursuant to Government Code section 20516 (f).

21.1.2 History Of Prior City Contracts With CalPERS

A history of prior amendments to the City's contracts with CalPERS is attached as APPENDIX B. The parties agree that APPENDIX B is provided as a historic reference to the timing of prior agreements about retirement benefits, and the parties agree that APPENDIX B shall not be used to interpret the language of the Agreement ratified by SRF and approved by the City Council.

21.2 Tier One: Enhanced Safety 3.0% at 50 Retirement Program – Bargaining Unit Members Hired Before July 1, 2012.

Effective July 8, 2012, this Section 21.2 (including subsections) shall apply to safety bargaining unit members hired before July 8, 2012.

21.2.1 3% at 50 Pension Formula

The "3% at 50" enhanced retirement program will be available to bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.2.

21.2.2 Final Compensation Based On Twelve Month Period

For purposes of determining a retirement benefit, final compensation for bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.2 shall mean the highest twelve consecutive month period as specified in Government Code Section 21362.2.

21.2.3 Required Bargaining Unit Member Contribution

Bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.2 shall retain member contributions made by the City ("EPMC") to members' CalPERS accounts made prior to October 20, 2013 as additional compensation for retirement purposes as provided in Sections 20636 and 20691.

Effective August 9, 2015, each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.2 has paid, through payroll deduction, a total CalPERS contribution of 12.0% toward the normal cost of pension benefits.

Effective March 31, 2019, each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.2 shall pay, through payroll deduction, an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation for a total contribution of 13.5% toward the normal cost of pension benefits. The City Council's approval of this MOU is subject to and contingent upon SRF bargaining unit's approval and agreement to implement through payroll deduction, an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation for a total contribution of 13.5% toward the normal cost of pension

benefits.

21.3 Tier Two: Safety 3.0% at 55 Retirement Program

Effective July 8, 2012, this Section 21.3 (including subsections) shall apply to bargaining unit members hired on or after July 8, 2012 and on or before December 31, 2012. In addition, this Section 21.3 (including subsections) shall apply to bargaining unit members hired on or after January 1, 2013 who are qualified for pension reciprocity as stated in Government Code Section 7522.02(c) and related CalPERS reciprocity requirements:

21.3.1 3.0% at 55 Pension Formula

The “3% at 55” retirement program will be available to bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.3.

21.3.2 Final Compensation Based On Thirty-Six Months

Effective July 8, 2012, for the purposes of determining a retirement benefit, final compensation for bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.3 shall mean the highest annual average pensionable compensation earned during 36 consecutive months of service.

21.3.3 Required Bargaining Unit Member Contribution

Effective August 9, 2015, each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.3 has paid, through payroll deduction, a total CalPERS contribution of 12.0% toward the normal cost of pension benefits.

Effective March 31, 2019, each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.3 shall pay, through payroll deduction, an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation for a total contribution of 13.5% toward the normal cost of pension benefits. The City Council’s approval of this MOU is subject to and contingent upon SRRF bargaining unit’s approval and agreement to implement through payroll deduction, an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation for a total contribution of 13.5% toward the normal cost of pension benefits.

21.4 Tier Three: New Retirement Tier For Safety Bargaining Unit Members
Hired On Or After January 1, 2013

Effective January 1, 2013, this Section 21.4 (including subsections) shall apply to bargaining unit members who were hired on or after January 1, 2013 and who do not qualify for pension reciprocity as stated in Government Code Section 7522.02 (c).

21.4.1 2% @ 50 – 2.7% @ 57 Pension Formula

As required by Government Code Section 7522.25, the safety Option Plan Two (2% @ 50 – 2.7% @ 57) pension formula shall apply to bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.4.

21.4.2 Final Compensation Based On Three Year Average

As required by Government Code Section 7522.32, effective January 1, 2013, for the purposes of determining a retirement benefit, final compensation shall mean the highest annual average pensionable compensation earned during 36 consecutive months of service.

21.4.3 Required Unit Member Contribution

As required by Government Code Section 7522.04(g), bargaining unit members covered by this Section 21.4 shall pay, through payroll deductions, 50 percent (50%) of normal costs.

Effective August 9, 2015, each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.4 has paid, through payroll deductions, 50% of the normal costs plus an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation toward the City's normal cost of pension benefits.

Effective March 31, 2019 each bargaining unit member covered by this Section 21.3 shall continue to pay, through payroll deduction, an additional 1.5% of PERSable compensation for a total contribution of 50% of the normal cost plus an additional 1.5% toward the normal cost of pension benefits. The City council's approval of this MOU is subject to and contingent upon the SRFF bargaining unit's approval and agreement to implement through payroll deduction, 1.5% of PERSable compensation in addition to paying through payroll deductions 50 percent (50%) of normal costs.

21.5 Implementation Of Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2)

The City shall make the employer contribution to PERS for each bargaining unit member and each bargaining unit member shall pay their own PERS member contribution, with state and federal income tax on the PERS member contribution deferred to the extent permitted by Internal Revenue Code, 26 USC Section 414(h)(2).

As permitted by Section 414(h)(2) and Government Code Section 20516, effective August 9, 2015, each bargaining unit member who is hired or on after January 1, 2013, and who does not qualify for pension reciprocity as stated in

Government Code Section 7522.02 (c) shall pay through payroll deductions 1.5% of the City's normal cost of pension benefits.

Except as specifically stated in this Section, the City shall pay for any increase in the employer rate and shall retain any savings from a decrease in the employer rate and for contribution credits (rebates) from CalPERS during the term of this Agreement.

21.6 Sick Leave Conversion – Retirement Credit For Unused Sick Leave

Sick leave shall not be used to extend a date of retirement. Upon retirement, however, a bargaining unit member may convert any unused sick leave balance to service credit as permitted by CalPERS. (See also Section 19.1.6)

21.7 Military Service Credit.

If a bargaining unit member meets the criteria described in Government Code Section 21024, the bargaining unit member may elect to purchase up to four years of service credit for any continuous active military or merchant marine service prior to employment by the City. The parties agree this benefit is provided by Section 20930.3 as it reads subsequent to January 1, 1977.

21.8 Fourth Level Of 1959 Survivor Benefits

The City amended its contract with PERS to provide Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits (Section 21574) effective January 4, 1998.

Previously, SRFF has reimbursed the actual costs incurred by the City, if any, by deduction from the payroll dues deduction.

Effective March 31, 2019, the City shall pay the cost to PERS for the Fourth Level Survivor Benefits.

21.9 Alternative Death Benefit

The City's shall provide the CalPERS optional benefit, Alternate Death Benefit for Local Fire Members Credited With 20 or More Years of Service described in Government Code Section 21547.7.

ARTICLE 22: DISCIPLINE

22.1 Preservation Of Parties Positions And Rights

During negotiations for the 2013-2016 Agreement, the City asserted that City Charter Section 56 prohibits binding arbitration of discipline. The City has not agreed to submit disciplinary disputes to arbitration. SRFF asserted that while Charter Section 56 *requires* arbitration of interest disputes, it *permits* the parties to negotiate about and agree to binding arbitration for disciplinary matters. SRFF is unwilling to remove language from the MOU regarding discipline. The City and SRFF acknowledge each party's position and agree to preserve their respective positions and rights regarding submission of disciplinary issues to Binding Arbitration.

By agreeing to include disputes over discipline which are limited to suspensions, reductions in salary, demotions, and terminations in this section, neither party has waived its rights, as set forth above, to claim that disciplinary matters are subject to, or not subject to, binding arbitration, in future negotiations or if Binding Arbitration is invoked under Section 22.3

22.2 Progressive Discipline

The City shall follow the principles of corrective progressive discipline as outline in the City of Santa Rosa Personnel Rules and Regulations Rule Seven (7). Disciplinary action shall be designed to fit the nature of the problem, the severity of the misconduct and the circumstances involved.

22.3 Causes For Disciplinary Action

Misconduct that may result in disciplinary action shall include, but not be limited to, those causes set forth in Personnel Rules and Regulations Rule Seven (7) Section Three (3).

22.4 Appeal Options

Upon the implementation of discipline as outline in Personnel Rules and Regulations, Rule 7, Section 6, Paragraph 10, the bargaining unit member shall have the option to appeal to the City Personnel Board or SRFF may submit the proposed discipline to Binding Arbitration as enumerated in Section 23.0-Section 23.12 of this agreement.

22.5 Due Process

Pre and post disciplinary due process shall be followed to the extent required by case law and statutory law, including but not limited to the Public Safety

Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act (Government code Section 3300 et seq.) for Fire Inspectors and Assistant Fire Marshals and the Fire Fighter Bill of Rights (Government Code Section 3250 et seq.) for Fire Fighters.

ARTICLE 23: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

23.1 Definitions

A “grievant” is a unit member, a group of unit members or SRFF.

A “grievance” is a claimed violation, dispute, misinterpretation, inequitable application or non-compliance with any provision of this memorandum of understanding, or any City ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation affecting working conditions.

23.2 Time Limits

Time limits prescribed in this agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Failure by the bargaining unit member or SRFF to follow time limits, unless extended by mutual agreement, shall nullify the grievance. Failure by the City to follow the time limits, unless extended by mutual agreement, shall cause the grievance to move to the next grievance step.

23.3 Informal Grievance Resolution

As soon as possible, but no more than fourteen (14) calendar days after the discovery of the event giving rise to a grievance, the grievant (or representative) shall present the grievance informally to the involved supervisor. If the grievance involves the relationship with the supervisor, it shall be submitted to the involved Manager. The grievant and supervisor have a mutual responsibility to resolve the matter at the lowest possible level.

If the grievance is not resolved through discussion with the supervisor, then the grievant (and/or representative) shall present the grievance informally to the Manager. The Manager shall respond in writing to the grievant within fourteen (14) calendar days if the decision is adverse to the grievant.

Utilization of these informal steps shall be necessary prior to filing a formal grievance.

23.4 Formal Grievance Resolution

If the grievant feels that the issue was not resolved informally, a formal grievance shall be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days from the receipt of the written decision.

A formal grievance shall only be initiated by completing a form provided by the Human Resources Department. This form shall contain:

- A. Name(s) of grievant;
- B. Class title(s);
- C. Department;
- D. Working Address(es);
- E. A clear statement of the nature of the grievance, citing the applicable language of any ordinance, rule, regulation, memorandum of understanding; or other pertinent document involved;
- F. The date on which the grievance occurred;
- G. Proposed solution to the grievance;
- H. Date grievance form completed;
- I. Signature of grievant(s); and
- J. Name of organization; or representative, if any, representing the grievant.

Step 1

Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the formal grievance is filed, the Department head or designated representative shall investigate the grievance, confer with the grievant and attempt to resolve the issue. The Department head has the responsibility, after considering all pertinent information, to make a decision in writing.

Step 2

If the grievance is unresolved to the satisfaction of the grievant, the grievant may, within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the Department head's decision, request the City Manager/designee to consider the decision rendered by the Department head. Such request shall be in writing and filed with the Human Resources Director.

Step 3

Within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the written request, the City Manager/designee shall investigate the grievance, confer with unit members affected and their representatives to the extent deemed necessary, and render a decision in writing.

If the decision of the City Manager/designee resolves the grievance to the satisfaction of the grievant, it shall be final and binding.

23.5 Conflict Resolution Team Process

The City and the SRFF encourage the grievant and the City to participate in the Joint City-SRFF conflict resolution process. If mutually requested or agreed upon by the grievant and the City, the conflict resolution team (CRT) shall schedule a conflict resolution meeting. SRFF shall appoint two members of the conflict resolution team, the Director of Human Resource shall appoint one member of the conflict resolution team, and the Department shall appoint one member. The CRT shall work with the grievant and the City in an attempt to resolve the grievance or disciplinary matter. While the CRT is meeting with the grievant and the City, the SRFF and the City may agree to extend applicable time limits. The CRT may request the assignment of a mediator from the State Conciliation and Mediation Service.

23.6 Submission To Arbitration

Only the SRFF may present an unresolved grievance to arbitration by submitting a letter to the Human Resources Director requesting that the matter be submitted to arbitration. Such letter request must be submitted to the Human Resources Director within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the City Manager or designee's decision. Any grievance submitted to arbitration shall be limited to the grievance originally filed at the first step, except as amended by mutual agreement, and properly processed through the grievance procedure.

23.7 Selection Of Arbitrator

The City and the representatives of the unit member organization may stipulate to have the issues resolved by a single arbitrator agreed upon by the parties. If the parties are unable to agree to a single arbitrator, then within fourteen days after either party has notified the other in writing that it desires to proceed to arbitration, each party shall select and appoint one arbitrator to the Arbitration Board. The third member of the Arbitration Board shall be selected by agreement between the City and the unit member organization and shall serve as the neutral arbitrator and Chairperson of the Board. In the

event that the City and the unit member organization cannot agree upon the selection of the neutral arbitrator within ten days after the appointment of the arbitrators referenced above, then either party may request the State Mediation and Conciliation Service of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations to provide a list of seven unit members to act as the neutral arbitrator, the parties shall alternately strike names from the list of nominees until one name remains and that unit member shall then become the neutral arbitrator and the Chairperson of the Board.

23.8 Arbitration Expenses

The parties shall share equally the expenses of any arbitration proceeding convened pursuant to this Article, including the fee for the services of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Board and the costs of the preparation of the transcript of the proceedings. All other expenses shall be paid by the party incurring such expenses.

23.9 Arbitrator's Duties And Power

The Arbitrator shall have no power to alter, amend, change, add to or subtract from any of the terms of this Agreement, but shall determine only whether or not there has been a violation in respect to the alleged grievance and determine the remedy. The decision and/or award of the Arbitrator shall be based solely upon the evidence and argument presented by the respective parties, including the factors set forth in City Charter Section 56(f), 56(g), 56(h), 56(i), if applicable. The decision and/or award of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the City, the SRFF and the unit member affected, except to the extent provided by Section 56(h) of the Charter of the City of Santa Rosa.

ARTICLE 24: STAFFING

The Fire Chief shall determine the staffing for all Fire Department apparatus and operations.

ARTICLE 25: LAY-OFF AND BUMPING

25.1 City's Decision To Layoff Is Not Negotiable

The City and SRFF acknowledge the City has the sole and exclusive right to decide to layoff unit members as a result of a reduction in funds, work, or services.

25.2 SRFF's Right To Meet And Confer

The City and SRFF acknowledge that SRFF has the right to negotiate about the impact of a layoff, including notice period, bumping rights, recall and reemployment rights, and the impacts of other aspects of a City decision to lay off unit members within the scope of representation. SRFF agrees that the City has met and conferred with SRFF about the layoff issues within the scope of representation and the resulting agreements are included in this Article.

25.3 Layoff Procedure

25.3.1 Suppression Division Linear Bumping

Bumping in the suppression division shall be done in a linear manner, regardless of whether a unit member has held the position s/he is bumping into: Deputy Chief bumping Division/Battalion Chief; Division/Battalion Chief bumping Fire Captain; Fire Captain bumping Fire Engineer; Fire Engineer bumping Fire Fighter.

25.3.2 Deputy, Division, Battalion Chief Bumping Rights

Management personnel hired into the department at the Deputy, Division or Battalion Chief level shall have bumping rights only to the lowest position held within the Santa Rosa Fire Department.

25.3.3 Prevention Bureau Linear Bumping

Bumping in the prevention division shall be done in a linear manner Assistant Fire Marshal bumping Fire Inspector.

25.3.4 Department Seniority List By Rank

Layoff and bumping shall be implemented through the Department List of Seniority by Rank. Unit members with the lowest rate class seniority shall be displaced or laid off first.

25.3.5 Enhanced Rate Class Seniority

Once a unit member is demoted/bumped to a lower rank enhanced rate class seniority shall apply. Enhanced rate class seniority shall be calculated by adding time in the previously held higher rank, to the time served in the lower rank into which a unit member has been bumped. If the unit member never held the rank they are being demoted into, enhanced rate class seniority shall be determined by

the amount of time previously spent in a higher position in the division. Enhanced rate class shall be applied in all situations after a unit member has been reduced one level due to position reductions.

25.3.5.1 Tie Breaker For Identical Enhanced Rate Class Date

When the unit members new enhanced rate class date is the same as other unit members in the new position, the tie breaker shall be rank on the promotion list for that position.

25.3.5.2 Unit Member Never Ranked On Promotion List

When the unit members new enhanced rate class seniority date is the same as other unit members' rate class seniority date and the unit member never ranked on the promotion list, the unit member shall go to the bottom of the list of unit members with that date.

25.4 Division Seniority Check

Before a unit member is laid off, a final check for division seniority will be performed. If the unit member identified for layoff has more division seniority than anyone else in the division (Operations: Deputy Chief, Battalion Chief/Division Chief, Captain, Engineer or Fire Fighter, Prevention: Assistant Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector) they shall be retained and the unit member with the least division seniority will be laid off.

25.5 Reinstatement Rights For Laid Off Unit Members

25.5.1 Reinstatement For Position Eliminations

Unit members who are laid off as a result of position eliminations will have reinstatement rights for a period of 18 months. In accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations, Rule 4, the City Manager may extend reinstatement up to a 24-month period.

25.5.2 Eligibility For Reinstatement

- a) Unit members in laid off status must update the City's Human Resources Department on change of contact information.
- b) The City shall notify the unit member eligible for reinstatement by telephone or email message. If the unit member does not respond within 3 days, the City shall notify the unit member in

writing delivered by a commercial carrier with signature confirmation.

- c) The unit member shall respond in writing to the City's invitation to return to their previous position within 10 working days of receiving the City's first confirmed notification. Unit members who do not respond within 10 working days, the City shall remove the unit member's name from the reinstatement list.
- d) If a unit member rejects the City's invitation to return to the previous position or the unit member fails to respond to the City's invitation, the unit member's name shall be removed from the reinstatement list.
- e) To be eligible for reinstatement, unit members in laid off status must remain qualified for the position and pass a City physical.

25.5.3 Demoted Unit Members

Unit members demoted as a result of position eliminations shall have first right of return to past positions held (Operations: Deputy Chief, Battalion Chief/Division Chief, Engineer or Captain, Prevention: Assistant Fire Marshal (previously Senior Fire Inspector) for a three-year period of time. To remain eligible for reinstatement, unit members demoted through the lay-off and bumping process must:

- a) Unit member remain qualified for the position.
- b) Unit member respond to Human Resources invitation to return to their previous position within 10 working days Unit members who do not respond within 10 working days will lose their first right of return.

25.5.4 Removal From First Right Of Return List

Once a unit member refuses the opportunity to return to a previously held position, the unit member's name shall be removed from the first right of return list.

25.5.5 Unit Members On Probation When Demoted

The following applies to unit members who are on probation when they are demoted due to budget reductions:

- 1) If return to the previously held higher position occurs within 12 months of the demotion, the unit member shall serve the remaining period of required probation.
- 2) If the return to the previously held higher position occurs more than 12 months after the demotion, the unit member shall start the probationary period over.

25.5.6 Reinstatement Based On Seniority

Reinstatement and first right of return shall be based on division seniority.

25.6 Impacts Of City's Decision To Employ Six Additional Unit Members

On several dates in 2013, representatives from the City and SRFF met and conferred over the impact of the City's decision to employ six additional unit members. The City and SRFF agree to mitigate the impact by working together throughout the FYs 13/14 and 14/15 to discuss projected retirements and anticipated hiring plans to meet the interests of depth, flexibility, and staffing to prevent potential lay-offs in May of 2015.

25.6.1 Notice And Opportunity To Bargain About Effects Of Layoffs

The City and the SRFF acknowledge that the City's decision to increase the level of services by employing six Fire Fighters is a managerial policy decision regarding the level of fire operations and is outside the scope of representation. Similarly, any future City decision to lay off Fire Fighters is outside the scope of representation.

In the event the City decides to layoff bargaining unit members after the SAFER grant funds have been exhausted in May 2015, the City agrees to give the SRFF notice and opportunity to bargain about the effects of the City's layoff decision.

During fiscal years, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, the City and the SRFF agree to informally share information about bargaining unit members' projected retirement dates and the City's recruitment plans for replacement unit members. During February 2015, with the mutual goal of avoiding or mitigating the need for layoffs, the

City and the SRFF agree to share information about any potential unit member layoffs in May 2015.

ARTICLE 26: LABOR/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Quarterly meetings shall be held between the SRFF and Management to promote a positive relationship between the parties. SRFF representation shall include three members from the Executive Board. Management shall be represented by the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief, and one additional Chief Officer.

In the first six months of this Agreement, SRFF and the City agree to develop a plan for motivating, educating, and encouraging fire unit members to respond to call backs. Follow-up and additional action planning will occur throughout the term of this agreement.

ARTICLE 27: PEACE OFFICERS

Unit Members in the classification of Fire Inspector, and Assistant Fire Marshal are designed peace officers effective July 1, 1997, when acting in their capacity to enforce laws relating to fire prevention under Penal Code Section 830.37(b).

ARTICLE 28: SIDE LETTERS

All side letters not incorporated into or attached to this Agreement shall expire on September 7, 2024. This MOU constitutes the entire Agreement between the City and SRFF.

ARTICLE 29: PARTICIPATION CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE FOUR

The City decided to participate in the USAR agreement with the Oakland Fire Department. The City and SRFF met and negotiated about the impact of the City's decision on the bargaining unit members' terms and conditions of employment. The City and SRFF agreed to the following:

- 29.1 Unit Member participation in the CA-TF4 is voluntary. The City of Santa Rosa's participation is optional.

29.2 The City will allow up to twelve unit members to participate as CA-TF4 team at any one time. If a unit member is in a reserve status, that unit member will not be included in the twelve positions.

29.3 At all times, one unit member will be assigned as the agency/department representative to CA-TF4 from the twelve designated members. The City has the right to determine the representative from willing unit members assigned to CA-TF4.

29.4 If there is no willing unit member assigned to the team who will serve as agency/department representative, the City will no longer participate in CA-TF4 and will notify CA-TF4 with 30 days.

29.5 For the 12 participating unit members, the City will pay up to \$400 toward the cost of the initial uniform purchase for any unit member assigned to the team. After the initial purchase, each unit member and/or CA-TF4 shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of uniforms.

29.6 The City shall give each unit member assigned to the team two compensation options for participation in CA-TF4. No later than July 1 of each year, the unit member shall select option #1 or #2 and shall notify the City of the option selected.

29.6.1 Option #1:

The member will receive the equivalent of 24 hours at one and half times of their base rate of pay. Payment will be administered in the same manner as department paramedic CE pays with a pay-out in August after the first year of a member's participation.

29.6.2 Option #2:

The member can choose 24 hours of time. If the Member opts to use the 24 hours of time, it will be managed by the CATF-4 agency/department representative on a monthly basis, and reported to the Training and Safety Chief. It will be the member's responsibility to advise the agency/department representative via E-mail that he/she has used T-USAR hours. When using T-USAR the members shall only take 5 hours blocks of time. Once the Member reaches 20 hours of time used to attend training or meetings, the agency/department representative will send an E-mail stating that the Member has use the 20 hours and that they have an additional 4 hours of time left.

- 29.7 Unit members selecting Option 1 training events on duty days away from their regularly assigned duty days in the Santa Rosa Fire Department if the member chooses Option 1 in section 6.A.
- 29.8 Each member must be in good standing with CA-TF4 this information will be provided by the CA-TF4 program manager and will be on signed letterhead from the administration office to the Santa Rosa Fire Department by June 1 of each year.
- 29.9 If a unit member leaves the team at anytime during the fiscal year, changes to that unit member's status to reserve, or the City terminates participation with CA-TF4 the pay out will be pro-rated based on calendar days and the participating members' documentation of training hours during that period.
- 29.10 The Fire Captain assigned to Training and Safety and any other member assigned to a 40-hour workweek may elect to attend on their regular assigned duty days and will be provided no additional compensation for that time.
- 29.11 If the members assigned to a 40-hour work week attend training on their non assigned duty days, they will be compensated up to the amount of hours used during the fiscal year not to exceed 17 hours in a fiscal year.
- 29.12 The City shall provide transportation to participating members provided that there are vehicles available.
- 29.13 All other provisions covered under the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Oakland Fire Department and the Santa Rosa Fire Department dated February 16, 2005 will remain in effect until a successor MOA is entered into agreement.

ARTICLE 30: WELLNESS

In recognition of the importance of a healthy workforce and to promote physical and mental fitness for staff, after the termination of the former City wellness program; the City has been exploring options to enhance employee health and wellness for Unit 2 staff. As mutually agreed, The City shall sponsor an employee wellness program to promote general health and wellness for Unit 2 employees, to promote employees' physical and mental fitness; and to reduce absenteeism.

The program will consist of an annual payment to each Unit 2 employee of five hundred dollars (\$500) so that the employee may defer some of the expenses normally incurred for wellness programs. The \$500 payment shall be made in the first paycheck in January of each year and shall be limited to employees in paid status at the time of the payment.

The payment is to be used for wellness programs such as gym memberships, fitness equipment, and/or weight loss programs which will enhance the health and wellbeing

of City staff. Employees should keep documentation for the program as verification and receipts may be requested. The payment shall be prorated based on the employee's allocated, full time equivalent status.

RECOMMENDATION

The SRFF's Meet and Confer Committee shall recommend the ratification of this Agreement to the unit members in the City's Unit #2 — Fire Fighting and upon such notification both Meet and Confer Committees shall recommend approval of this Agreement to the City/Council.

FOR THE CITY

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RATIFICATION

FOR THE CITY:

FOR SRFF:

Natalie Rogers
Mayor

Steve Dal Porto
President, SRFF

Date:_____

Date:_____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Resolution No.:

Teresa Stricker
City Attorney

Date:_____

**APPENDIX A
SIDELETTER INCORPORATION**

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA
SRFF LOCAL 1401 NEGOTIATIONS**

Article 28 reads, “All side letters not incorporated into or attached to this Agreement shall expire on October 1, 2013. This MOU constitutes the entire Agreement between the City and SRFF.”

The parties previously incorporated many elements of prior side letters into the MOU. The parties agree that APPENDIX A is provided as a historic reference to the prior side letters, and the parties agree that APPENDIX A shall not be used to interpret the language of the Agreement ratified by SRFF and approved by the City Council.

#	Date	Side Letter Description	
1	6/21/91	Seniority for new Firefighters	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 25.
2	8/9/01	Fire Engineer Agreement	Engineers incorporated throughout the MOU.
3	8/9/01	Haz Mat Operational Agreement	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 16.
4	3/14/06	Work Schedule for Recruits	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 14.
5	3/14/06	Union Business Leave	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 10.
6	4/9/08	Public Safety Physicals	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 13.
7	5/8/08	Change from 1 Relief Positions per Platoon	Voided and not covered in the MOU.
8	5/20/08	Temp Suspension of Driving Privileges	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 13.
9	10/3/08	Call Back –Mandatory Hold Over Time	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 16.
10	10/21/08	CA Kelly Schedule to 48x96 Schedule	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 14.
11	2/23/09	FI Schedule Change from 4-10 to 9-80 (NRP)	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 14.

#	Date	Side Letter Description	
12	3/5/09	FI Schedule Change to Align 4-10	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 14.
13	5/13/09	Participation in CA Taskforce-4	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 29.
14	5/13/09	Tuition Reimbursement	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 13.
15	7/1/09	Single Engine Co Brown Out Impacts	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 25.
16	8/26/09	FI Flextime	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 14.
17	4/14/10	Lay-offs and Bumping	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 25.
18	6/3/10	Transfer of Toby Rey to Firefighter	Voided & not covered by MOU.
19	10/6/10	457 loan, Union Check Program, Badge Number Assignments	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 10.
20	2/8/11	Hazardous Material Pay for CUPA Program	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 16.
21	2/8/11	Sick Leave Incentive Program Payout	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 19.
22	3/22/11	FIREPAC Check Off Program	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 10.
23	2/7/13	PEPRA Implementation for Unit 2	Entire subject covered by MOU, Article 21.

**APPENDIX B
HISTORY OF PRIOR CITY CONTRACTS WITH CALPERS**

Section 21.1.1 of the MOU reads as follows:

21.1.1 History Of Prior City Contracts With CalPERS

A history of prior amendments to the City’s contracts with CalPERS is attached as APPENDIX B. The parties agree that APPENDIX B is provided as a historic reference to the timing of prior agreements about retirement benefits, and the parties agree that APPENDIX B shall not be used to interpret the language of the Agreement ratified by SRF and approved by the City Council.

Date	Amendment to City’s Contract With CalPERS
March 20, 2012 Amendment #4 to the 2006/2007 through 2011/2012 MOU.	The City and SRF agreed to a new, second tier retirement formula, including 3.0% @ 55 and 36 month final compensation. The second tier was effective on July 8, 2012.
July 12, 2011 Amendment #3 to the 2006/2007 through 2011/2012 MOU.	The City shall report 9% (effective July 1998) EPMC to PERS as additional compensation for retirement purposes as provided in GC Sections 20636 and 20691, and is for the rate of classifications in the Unit. Such reporting will continue only to the extent permitted by the PERS laws. Further, if changes to the PERS laws require that the EPMC be reduced, only the remaining EPMC will be reported to PERS as additional compensation for retirement purposes; and, if such changes require that the EPMC be eliminated, no additional compensation shall be reported to PERS. Articles 44.8 and 44.9 are renumbered Articles 44.12 and 44.13, and new Articles 44.8 through 44.11 are added to read as follows: Cost-sharing contributions: The cost-sharing described in Articles 44.9 and 44.10 below are made under section 20516(f) of the California Public Employees’ Retirement Law (PERL). In accordance with section 20516(f), the City and Union agree that employees’ cost-sharing contributions will fund the cost of the 3%@50 benefit, an “optional benefit” provided to employees effective July 1, 2001.

Date	Amendment to City's Contract With CalPERS
	<p>According to the CalPERS actuary, the maximum allowable cost sharing for that benefit is 10.790% of employees' compensation earnable (i.e., PERSable compensation, excluding the value of EPMC) through June 30, 2021. Accordingly, the maximum employee cost-sharing contributions will not exceed 10.79% of employees' PERSable compensation, excluding the value of EPMC. The cost-sharing described in Articles 44.9 and 44.10 will not be documented in a contract amendment with PERS; accordingly, the cost-sharing contributions under those Articles will not be treated as member contributions for PERS purposes. The City will adopt a 414(h)(2) pick-up resolution, characterizing the cost-sharing contributions as pre-tax Employer contributions for federal income tax purposes.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2011, the Union shall contribute 3% of PERSable compensation, excluding the value of EPMC, for the Employer cost of the optional benefit known as 3%@50. The 3% amount will be deducted from City pay and no employee may elect to receive cash in lieu of the contribution.</p> <p>Effective July 1, 2012, the Union shall contribute 2% of PERSable compensation, excluding the value of EPMC, for the Employer cost of the optional benefit known as 3%@50. The 2% amount will be in addition to the 3% cost-sharing contribution required under Article 44.9. In addition the 2% amount will be deducted from City pay and no employee may elect to receive cash in lieu of the contribution.</p> <p>If PERS law eliminates the City's ability to pay the 9% Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) under Article 44.6.5, the Union shall pay the full 9% member contribution to PERS. In such event, the City shall pay the Fire Fighters for one half of the EPMC payment (4.5% of PERSable compensation, excluding the value of EPMC), as salary, and Employer cost-sharing as outlined in Article 44.9 and 44.10 shall be converted into payment of toward the employees' mandated contribution, and credited as a member contribution.</p>

Date	Amendment to City's Contract With CalPERS
August 2003	The City amended its contract with PERS to add the "Alternate Death Benefit for Local Fire Members Credited With 20 or More Years of Service" as provided by Government Code Section 21547.7.
June 31, 2002	The parties agreed that an additional 1.6% of PERS salary was to be deducted from employee paychecks.
December 30, 2001	<p>The City revised its implementation of Section 414(h)(2), so that the employee's entire normal contribution is paid by the City pursuant to the EPMC plan.</p> <p>The City's payment or "pick-up" of an employee's normal PERS contribution is based upon authority from PERS and upon tax treatment permitted by the Internal Revenue Service under Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) and revenue rulings related thereto and by the California Franchise Tax Board. It is understood that the California State Legislature or Congress may alter the statutory authority for this tax treatment and the Franchise Tax Board or the IRS or the United States Department of the Treasury may alter the current revenue rulings either by other rulings or by issuing new regulations.</p> <p>The SRRF shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liability including, but not limited to, liability for back taxes and all claims or any type by the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, Unit employees or their heirs, successors or assigns arising out of this Agreement to pay or partially pay or "pick-up" an employee's normal contribution to PERS.</p>
July 1, 2001	The parties agreed that an additional 3.6% of PERS salary was to be deducted from the employee biweekly paycheck.
July 1, 2001	The City amended its contract with PERS to provide Fire Safety Personnel with the "3% @50 Full Formula" Retirement Plan.

Date	Amendment to City's Contract With CalPERS
February 11, 2001	It was agreed that a 3.8% of PERS salary was to be paid to PERS by a deduction from the employee biweekly paycheck.
2001-2006 MOU	The 2001-2006 Agreement indicated that effective July 1, 2001, the City paid the employee contribution to PERS equal to 5.4% and the employee paid 3.6% PERS payment. In addition, the City reported the 5.4% City paid portion as EPMC. Effective December 30, 2001 the City paid the employee contribution equal to 9% and reported this City paid portion as EPMC which is additional compensation for retirement purposes as provided in GC Sections 20636 & 20691 and is for the rate for classifications in the Unit.
July 1998	The City shall report 9% EPMC to PERS as additional compensation for retirement purposes as provided in GC Sections 20636 and 20691 and is for the rate for classifications in the Unit.
January 4, 1998	The City amended its contract with PERS to provide Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits (Section 21574) effective January 4, 1998. The City's cost (estimated by PERS to be \$8.50 per month per covered member) for this benefit shall be funded for several years from any current Fire surpluses in the City's PERS Survivor Benefit account. When these surpluses are depleted and PERS demands payment for the Fourth Level Survivor Benefits, the SRFF shall reimburse the actual costs incurred by the City, if any, by deduction from the payroll dues deduction. The City shall provide the SRFF an accounting of credits and debits for which charges have been made.
January 1, 1997	The City revised its implementation of Section 414(h)(2), so that the employee's entire normal contribution is paid by the City pursuant to the EPMC plan.

Date	Amendment to City's Contract With CalPERS
January 1, 1996	The City revised its implementation of Section 414(h)(2), so that one-third (1/3) of the employee's normal retirement contribution continued in the PERS "Pick-Up" and two-thirds (2/3) is paid by the City, pursuant to the EPMC plan pursuant to 414(h)(2).
July 1, 1995	The City amended its contract with PERS effective July 1, 1995, so that an employee who retires may convert unused sick leave balance to service credit as provided by Government Code Section 20862.8.
January 1, 1995	<p>The City shall continue the implementation of Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code concerning tax treatment of the employee's retirement contribution designated by PERS as PERS "Pick-Up" as follows:</p> <p>Effective January 1, 1995, the City revised its implementation of Section 414(h)(2) for employees, so that two-thirds (2/3) of the employee's normal retirement contribution continues in the PERS "Pick-Up" plan and one-third (1/3) is paid by the City, pursuant to the plan designated by PERS as Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC). EPMC was also implemented pursuant to 414(h)(2).</p>
July 1, 1994	The City amended its contract with PERS so that an employee may buy back the employee's military services as provided by Government Code Section 20930.3. The parties agree that this benefit is provided by Section 20930.3 as it reads subsequent to January 1, 1977.
January 1, 1989	The City amended its contract with PERS to provide the 2% at 50 Retirement Plan. Such plan is more specifically known as Public Employee's Retirement System, Local Safety Members 2% at 50 Full Formula, as defined in Retirement Law Section 21252.01.
November 1, 1983	The City amended its contract with PERS to provide the so-called "single highest year" Final Compensation formula.

**Side Letter of Understanding
Between City of Santa Rosa and IAFF Local 1401**

During negotiations on a successor MOU to the 2016-2017 MOU between the City of Santa Rosa and IAFF Local 1401 (collectively the “Parties”), issues were raised related to the trust that funds Local 1401’s Post-Retirement Medical Benefit Defined Contribution Plan. These issues relate to the administration of the trust but also potentially implicate MOU interpretation issues. Full resolution of these issues requires involvement of retired members of IAFF, who are not parties to the negotiations of a successor MOU.

In an attempt to resolve this matter without delaying the adoption of a successor MOU, the Parties agree to the following:

- Between now and July 1, 2020, the Parties shall engage in a collaborative process, involving all affected Parties, to identify resolutions to these issues;
- In the event any identified resolution creates economic costs for the City, the Parties agree negotiation of said resolution will not commence until negotiations over the successor MOU commence, absent mutual written agreement of the parties; and
- Local 1401 shall not institute any grievance or other adjudicatory proceeding regarding these matters prior to July 1, 2020.

For the City		For IAFF Local 1401
Date		Date