

**AGREEMENT**

**By and Between**

**CITY OF RENTON**

**and**

**NON-COMMISSIONED EMPLOYEES OF THE**

**RENTON POLICE GUILD**

***2021 – 2023***

**Police Non-Commissioned Contract  
2021-2023**

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## **PREAMBLE**

The rules contained herein constitute an Agreement between the City of Renton, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and the Renton Police Guild, Non-Commissioned, hereinafter referred to as the Guild, governing wages, hours, and working conditions for certain members of the Renton Police Department.

It is intended that this Agreement, achieved through the process of collective bargaining, will serve to maintain good relations between the Employer and the Guild, to promote efficient and courteous service to the public, and to protect the public interest.

## **ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION AND BARGAINING UNIT**

### **1.1. Union Recognition.**

The Employer recognizes the Guild as the exclusive representative of all non-commissioned employees for the purpose of bargaining with the Employer. A non-commissioned employee is defined as outlined in RCW 41.56.030. The Guild represents those classes listed in Appendix A.

### **1.2. Union Representation.**

The Guild President, or any other members of the Guild appointed by the President, shall be recognized by the Employer as the official representatives of the Guild for the purpose of bargaining with the Employer. The Guild recognizes the Employer as the duly elected representative of the people of the City of Renton and agrees to negotiate only with the Employer through the negotiating agent or agents officially designated by the Mayor and City Council to act on its behalf.

### **1.3. Guild Representatives.**

The number of representatives of the Guild and the Employer at any negotiating session shall be limited to four (4) members each, unless waived by mutual agreement of the parties.

## **ARTICLE 2 – UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES DEDUCTION**

### **2.1. Membership.**

The Employer recognizes that members of the Renton Police Department may, at their discretion, become members of the Guild when such membership has been duly approved in accordance with the provisions of the Guild's Constitution and By-Laws. The Guild accepts its responsibility to fairly represent all employees in the bargaining unit regardless of membership status.

### **2.2. Union Security.**

Within thirty (30) days of hire or transfer into the bargaining unit, each employee has the choice to attend a one-hour orientation session with a designated Guild representative during work hours. The purpose of the orientation is for the Guild to provide information related to coverage under this CBA and enrollment in Guild membership. The Employer and the Guild agree the employees in positions covered under this Agreement hired on or after its effective date shall, on the thirty-first (31st) day following the beginning of such employment, make an election whether or not to become a member of the Guild in good standing.

## **2.3. Union Officials' Time Off.**

- 2.3.1. Release Time for Guild Business.** Official representatives of the bargaining unit shall be given time off with pay to attend meetings with City representatives or to attend Guild meetings, provided reasonable notification is given. Representatives assigned to graveyard shift may be released by 2300 hours with supervisor's approval when necessary to attend such meetings.
- 2.3.2. Release Time for Trainings and Conferences.** Official representatives of the bargaining unit shall be given time off with pay to attend Guild related conferences (not to exceed three working days for a single function). The allowable aggregate of such time off shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) hours in one calendar year. Provided, that a copy of the agenda of the meeting is submitted to the Chief, at least 14 calendar days prior to the meeting and that the Guild waives the right to working out of classification pay should a replacement be needed to assume the duty of the Guild representative granted time off.
- 2.3.3. Release Time Restrictions.** The Employer retains the right to restrict time off under subsections 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 above if an emergency exists or when such time off would unreasonably impact departmental operations.

## **2.4. Dues Deduction.**

Upon written authorization by an employee and approval by the Guild Executive Board, the Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of each employee the sum certified as initiation dues and assessments twice each month as Guild dues, and to forward the sum to the Guild Secretary or Treasurer. If any employee does not have a check coming to him/her or the check is not large enough to satisfy the assessments, no deductions shall be made from the employee for that calendar month. All requests to cancel dues deductions shall be in writing to the Employer and require notification to the Guild by the Employer. Every effort will be made to end the deduction effective on the first payroll, but not later than the second payroll, after the Employer's receipt of the employee's written notice. The Guild agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Employer for any claims, with the exception of those caused by the Employer's negligence, arising out of the Employer's activities to enforce the provisions of this Article.

The employer will provide a monthly written report to the Guild transmitted with transfer of deducted dues owed to the Guild ("the transferred amount"). Such report shall indicate: 1) all individuals who had dues withheld as part of the transferred amount, and the amount withheld and transmitted on behalf of that individual; 2) a list of all employees who did not have dues withheld as part of the transferred amount; 3) a list of all employees commencing employment since the preceding report; and 4) all employees in the preceding month who requested discontinuance of payroll deduction of dues.

## ARTICLE 3 – EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

### 3.1. Personnel Reduction.

**3.1.1. Seniority.** Seniority is determined by the employee's most recent hire date in the bargaining unit.

- a. In the event of a tie, the determining factor will be placement on the eligibility list.
- b. Leaves of Absence will not be subtracted from seniority.

**3.1.2. Personnel Reduction by Classification.** Whenever it becomes absolutely necessary through lack of finances, lack of work, reorganization, abolishment of position within classification, or other reasonable and articulable purposes to reduce the number of employees in the bargaining unit, such reductions shall be carried out by classification in the following order:

- a. Temporary employees
- b. Probationary employees
- c. Regular employees in reverse order of seniority within the classification; the one with the least seniority being laid off first

**3.1.3. Bumping Rights.** If a laid-off employee has previously worked in another job classification within the bargaining unit, and has more seniority than the least

senior employee in that job classification, they may exercise the right to replace (bump) that employee.

### **3.2. Rehires/Reinstatement.**

An employee may be recalled and reinstated in order of seniority to a classification from which they are laid off or has previously worked for up to two (2) years from the date of layoff.

In the event a certified employee leaves the service of the Employer due to reduction in force and within the next two (2) years the Employer rehires said former employee into the same classification to which they were assigned at the date of reduction, such employee shall be placed at the same step in the salary range which they occupied at the time of the original reduction.

### **3.3. Vacancies and Promotions.**

Vacancies shall be filled and promotions made in accordance with Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations, provided, that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require the Employer to fill any vacancy.

### **3.4. Personnel Files.**

**3.4.1. Personnel Files Contents.** The personnel files are the property of the Employer. The Employer agrees that the contents of the personnel files, including the personal photographs, shall be confidential and shall restrict the use of information in the files to internal use by the Police Department. This provision shall not restrict such information from becoming subject to due process by any court, administrative tribunal, or

as required by law. Reasonable notice shall be given the employee should the Employer be required to release the personnel file. It is further agreed that information may be released to outside groups subject to the approval of the Employer; provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent an employee from viewing his/her original personnel file in its entirety upon request. Nothing shall be added to or deleted from the file unless the employee is furnished a legible copy of same.

### **3.4.2. Inspection of Papers.**

The application and examination papers of an employee shall be available for inspection by the appointing authority, the Chief of Police, and affected employee. Employees shall be allowed to review a copy of any adverse documentation before it is placed in the file. The employer shall maintain a single personnel file and there shall be no secret files. Materials for the purpose of supervisor evaluations shall be expunged if not made part of the personnel file. Such papers shall also be made available to the employee upon request, and to the elected or appointed officers of the Guild at the request of the affected employee. Written warnings shall be expunged from personnel files (at the employee's written request) after a maximum period of two (2) years if there is no recurrence of misconduct for which the employee was disciplined during that period. Any

record of serious discipline shall be removed from the personnel files after a maximum period of six (6) years upon written request by the employee and if there is no reoccurrence of misconduct for which the employee is disciplined during that period.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Employer to destroy any employment records necessary to the Employer's case if it is engaged in litigation with the employee regarding that employee's employment at the time those records would otherwise be destroyed.

The parties recognize that the Employer may retain internal investigation files, including discipline items removed from personnel files, in compliance with the state records retention schedule and RCW 40.14.

### **3.5. Probation.**

Probation periods for employees newly hired into the bargaining unit shall not exceed one (1) year. During this period, employees may be discharged without resort to the Civil Service or grievance procedure for failure to pass probation. Employees who are promoted within the bargaining unit shall serve a promotional probation period, which shall not exceed one (1) year. During that period, employees may be reverted to their former positions without resort to the Civil Service or the grievance procedure for failure to pass probation.



### **3.6. Non-Discrimination.**

The Employer and the Guild agree that neither shall unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information, disability status, veteran/military status, and/or other protected class or characteristic unless based on a bona fide occupational qualification. The Employer agrees not to discriminate against employees because of union membership or lawful union activities. It is recognized that employees who feel they have been victims of discrimination shall be entitled to seek relief or redress through the grievance procedures contained in this Agreement or through the City of Renton's Fair Practices Policy.

### **3.7 Telework.**

Teleworking. The parties recognize the value of telework, however telework is not appropriate for all employees. No employee is entitled to or guaranteed the opportunity to telework. The employee and supervisor will assess the job responsibilities of the employee to determine if the job is appropriate for teleworking. The supervisor has full discretion to deny a telework agreement if they deem it not appropriate. Telework procedures are outlined in policy #300-03.

## ARTICLE 4 – HOURS OF DUTY AND OVERTIME

### 4.1. Hours of Duty.

- 4.1.1. Work Week.** The required hours of duty for employees in the bargaining unit shall be 2080 hours per year, based on a work week of: five (5) consecutive days on duty followed by two (2) consecutive days off duty (5/2) unless otherwise provided in this Article.
- 4.1.2. Revision of Work Week.** The work week for all or some employees may be revised upon mutual agreement between the Guild and Police Administration. Mutual agreement on revised work schedules shall be documented in written format and a copy sent to the Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator.
- 4.1.3. Rotation between Shifts.** The rotation of personnel between shifts shall be minimized within the limitations of providing an adequate and efficient work force at all times. When rotation is necessary, the Employer will notify the affected employees as soon as reasonably possible. Such notification shall occur no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the personnel rotation, except when such employees are probationary employees, or waive this provision in writing, or when such rotations are needed due to a bona fide law enforcement emergency.

Parties agree to amend Article 4 regarding schedules to offer a variety of work schedules (4/10's, 9/80, and 5/8's) with discretion of management to retract a schedule due to operational needs.

#### **4.2. Overtime.**

- 4.2.1.** Except as otherwise provided in this Article and when required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, employees shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of their regular shift. Overtime will not be paid for hours in excess of a scheduled shift resulting from a regularly scheduled shift rotation.
- 4.2.2.** Employees required to work on any regular or approved day off shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for the first day and double time for the second and subsequent consecutive days EXCEPT in the event of an emergency when overtime shall revert to the time and one-half rate.
- 4.2.3.** All employees shall be paid time and one-half for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one week, provided, these overtime hours have not already been paid under Section 4.2.2 above.
- 4.2.4.** Overtime, except for training, shall be voluntary, provided that if there are not enough volunteers to meet public safety requirements, overtime shall be mandatory.
- 4.2.5.** Employees may not accumulate less than fifteen (15) minute increments of overtime.

- 4.2.6.** In recognition of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) guidelines, overtime shall be computed on the base pay of the employee and shall include any premiums as described in Article 6 of this Agreement in calculation of the overtime rate.

#### **4.3. Overtime Minimums.**

In the event overtime is not in conjunction with a regularly scheduled shift, the minimum payment shall be as set forth herein. The rate of pay for minimums shall be time and one-half. However when section 4.2.2 applies, the employee may choose either the double time rate for all hours worked or the time and one-half rate for the applicable minimum. Court minimums shall not overlap.

- 4.3.1.** Three (3) hours for any court or related hearing located in Renton.
- 4.3.2.** Four (4) hours for any court or related hearing outside the City of Renton.
- 4.3.3.** Four (4) hours for any required court attendance within nine (9) hours of the end of a graveyard shift within the City of Renton and five (5) hours outside the City of Renton.
- 4.3.4.** Two (2) hours for any other unspecified overtime including in-person meetings with the prosecutor's office or defense counsel.
- 4.3.5.** Three (3) hours when an employee is requested to report for duty as a result of an investigation call out.

To be eligible, the employee must have been off duty for at least one (1) hour preceding the call back.

#### **4.4. Compensatory Time.**

The Employer shall pay all authorized overtime requests on a cash basis, provided that employees shall be allowed to elect compensatory time in lieu of overtime cash payment up to a maximum accrual of eighty (80) hours. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as to prohibit the employee option of requesting compensatory time off in lieu of paid overtime, provided that the accumulation and use of such time is approved by the Administrative Officer or Officer officially acting in that capacity.

In December of each year, the Chief has the option of purchasing all or part of compensatory time accumulated by employees.

#### **4.5 Shift Coverage Management.**

Employees assigned to cover issues associated with scheduling, the employee will receive two (2) hours compensation at the overtime rate of time and one-half per pay period for each the Police Services Lead and Police Service Specialist Supervisor(s). The contract provision will expire June 30, 2023.

#### **4.5. Standby.**

The Employer and the Guild agree that the use of standby time shall be minimized. Standby assignments shall be for a fixed, predetermined period of time. Employees placed on standby status by a member of the Police Department Command Staff, shall be

compensated on the basis of one (1) hour straight time pay for each two (2) hours of standby or fraction thereof. If the employee is actually called to work, standby pay shall cease at that moment and normal overtime rules shall apply.

#### **4.6. Compensation for Training.**

**4.6.1. Compensation Rate.** Employees will be compensated at the time-and-one-half overtime rate for all training approved, scheduled, and attended on a day off or consecutive days off whether they are the trainee or the trainer.

The exception to the overtime rate for training are employees assigned to the Crisis Communications Unit (CCU) who agree to shift adjust (“training trade days”) **with at least 30 days’ notice for all department training associated with the CCU.**

Training trade days are an option for all non-commissioned employees. They must be mutually agreed upon and completed within the FLSA work period. If staffing does not allow for training trade days then the Employer shall either deny the training or compensate the employee at the overtime rate.

**4.6.2. Training Scheduled during Regular Shift.** The Employer shall have a reasonable obligation to attempt to schedule training during the employee’s regular shift.

**4.6.3. Training On a Scheduled Work Day, Not Requiring Overnight Accommodations:** If the scheduled off-site training day exceeds six (6) hours and occurs on the employee's workday, the hours of training shall constitute an entire workday, regardless of the employee's hours of duty:

The employee agrees to waive any overtime resulting from attendance at any training school or session on a scheduled workday provided that the affected employee is relieved of all police duties as follows:

- a. When the training occurs on the first scheduled workday of the shift, the employee shall be relieved of duty sixteen (16) hours following the conclusion of the training.
- b. When the training occurs on the last scheduled day of the work shift, the employee shall be relieved eight (8) hours prior to reporting for training.
- c. When the training occurs on all days between the first and last scheduled days of the work shift, the employee shall be relieved eight (8) hours prior to and sixteen (16) hours following the training session, except that employees working day shift may be required to report to work twelve (12) hours following the training session.

- d. Employees assigned to graveyard shall be relieved of duty the shift preceding the day of training, if the training is scheduled for six (6) hours or more.

#### **4.6.4. Training Requiring Overnight Accommodations:**

Employees who are approved by their supervisor to attend training that requires overnight accommodations shall be paid travel time if the traveling occurs during their regularly scheduled work hours. Travel pay is based on the employee's regular hourly rate, and to be paid must be accompanied with documentation validating hours spent in travel status. If driving, documentation must be provided showing the distance from Renton City Hall to the place of accommodation. The employer reserves the right to require an efficient mode of transportation be used. Only authorized travel plans will receive travel pay in compliance with FLSA and City policy.

#### **4.7. Early Release.**

- 4.7.1.** Non-commissioned personnel called into work prior to the beginning of their normal scheduled hours shall be allowed to start their regularly scheduled shift at the time called in. Work hours spent on the time called in will be at the overtime rate. Once the call is complete, or the employee's regular start time arrives, the employee may elect to flex the remainder of their



shift pending supervisor approval. Regular shift time hours will be paid at the straight time rate.

- 4.7.2.** It is the Employer's desire to not have an employee work more than sixteen (16) hours in a workday. Except in an emergency situation, the employer will make every effort to ensure that employees do not work more than sixteen (16) hours in a workday.

## **ARTICLE 5 – SALARIES**

The Employer agrees to maintain salaries in accordance with the attached Appendix A.

This Agreement shall be opened for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions for any new classifications of employees added to the bargaining unit and not covered within this Agreement. The City will create the classification description and provide the Union notification of the newly created classification and proposed salary range. Such salaries shall become effective upon the date the new position is filled. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Employer from establishing such new positions or classifications.

## ARTICLE 6 – ALLOWANCES AND PREMIUMS

### 6.1. Clothing Allowance.

**6.1.1. Annual Allowance.** Communications & Community Engagement Coordinator, Crime Analyst, and Domestic Violence Victim's Advocate shall receive \$650 per year as clothing allowance.

**6.1.2. Purpose.** The purpose of such allowance is to buy, maintain, and repair any equipment or clothing required by the Employer, which is not furnished by the Employer. The allowance shall be paid in the second paycheck of February of each year, and is subject to pro-rata deduction from the final paycheck in the event an employee does not serve the entire twelve (12) months for which such payment was made, with the exception of an employee who retires, or dies, in which event no deduction shall be made. Any employee transferred or promoted into a position covered by this article after January 1<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year shall receive a pro-rated clothing allowance for the remainder of said calendar year.

**6.1.3. Uniforms are the Property of the City.** It is agreed that all equipment and clothing issued by the City of Renton shall remain the property of the Employer and same shall be returned to the Employer upon termination or retirement. It is further agreed that nothing in this Article shall preclude the Employer from taking any authorized action to maintain the

standards of appearance of the Renton Police Department.

**6.1.4. Reimbursement for New Clothing Requirements.**

In the event that the Employer should change the clothing which is required by Resolution 1669 dated March 2, 1970, during the life of the Agreement, employees so affected by such changes shall be reimbursed for the entire cost of three (3) issues of such new clothing.

**6.2. Quartermaster System.**

A quartermaster system shall be in effect for employees who wear department uniforms. The Employer will issue a list of required clothing and equipment and a description of the mechanics of the quartermaster system. Required uniforms and equipment shall be provided to each employee as follows:

**6.2.1.** Required uniforms and equipment shall be provided without cost to the employee as set forth in Police Department policy as approved and/or amended by the Chief of Police. Such required uniforms or like clothing once approved by the Chief of Police or designated appointee may be purchased by the employee and be reimbursed by the quartermaster system.

**6.2.2.** Optional uniforms and equipment may be purchased by the employees at their own expense.

- 6.2.3.** Required and optional uniforms and equipment shall be replaced without cost to the employee when they become unserviceable which may be determined by the immediate supervisor or the training coordinator.

### **6.3. Uniform Cleaning.**

The Employer will provide those non-commissioned employees participating in the quartermaster system with contract cleaning services at the rate of two (2) cleanings per work week/cycle to an annual maximum of \$6,000.00 for the entire group of non-commissioned employees participating in the quartermaster system.

### **6.4. Callout Pay.**

Hazardous duty pay in addition to regular pay shall be granted to certain employees in accordance with the following schedule:

- 6.4.1. Crisis Communication Unit.** Members assigned to the Crisis Communication Unit will be paid at the rate of double-time with three (3) hour minimum when called to an emergency situation requiring their expertise.

### **6.5. Premium Pay.**

- 6.5.1. Field Training Officer (FTO).** Police Service Specialists who are assigned to train or supervise new employees (Field Training Officers – FTO's) shall be compensated with a 4% premium, starting January 1, 2011.

Such training premium shall not be received by the Lead Police Service Specialist, or Police Services Specialist Supervisor.

- 6.5.2. Interpreters.** Bargaining unit members who pass a City approved examination for interpreters will be compensated at the rate of three percent (3%) per month while certified. Employees who successfully pass the initial examination will be required to recertify annually. The City will determine who is to receive the premium based on the need for the employee's particular language skill.
- 6.5.3. Public Records Act Premium.** The parties recognize that the Public Records Act has created a sufficient increase in responsibilities and training for Specialists required to respond to these requests. Because these duties are relatively new for many public jurisdictions the City has not analyzed the impact to employees who are assigned these duties. It is the City's intent to conduct a market review on these duties and to implement any changes that may be necessary. During the interim the employer agrees to pay Police Service Specialists assigned to records a 2.5% premium.
- 6.5.4. Effective the first full pay period after Council adoption of the 2021-2023 contract,** a shift differential of \$2.00 shall be paid for all hours worked between 8:00pm and 6:00am.

## **6.6. New Positions.**

This Agreement shall be opened for the purpose of negotiating premium or hazardous duty pay for any new position, which is not covered within this Agreement; such pay to be effective upon the agreement of both parties. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Employer from establishing such new positions.

## **6.7. Working Out Of Classification.**

Any employee assigned the duties normally performed by a higher paying classification shall be compensated as follows, providing the higher classified person was regularly assigned during that period. Such employee shall be paid the equivalent of 1/4 hour overtime for each two (2) hours or fraction thereof worked. Such payment shall be at the time and one-half rate.

## **6.8. Physical Fitness Deferred Compensation Contribution.**

In recognition of an employee's personal time expended to maintain a level of fitness, the following program shall apply:

**6.8.1.** Non-commissioned employees who pass an agreed upon entry-level physical fitness test shall receive a fitness incentive premium for a period of one (1) year following the successful test. The test is voluntary and will be offered at least three (3) times each year.

**6.8.2.** The testing dates/times shall be posted on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The City can combine testing with the Commissioned unit.

- 6.8.3.** Employees who comply with the above shall be compensated with an additional three percent (3.0%) of base pay, in the form of deferred compensation.

## **ARTICLE 7 – SICK LEAVE**

### **7.1. Sick Leave.**

- 7.1.1. Sick Leave Accrual Rate.** Sick leave benefits under this paragraph will begin accrual upon employment with the award of twenty-four (24) hours of sick leave. Upon completion of the third month of employment, an additional twenty-four (24) hours of sick leave will be awarded. Upon completion of the sixth month of employment, sick leave will accrue at the rate of four (4) hours per pay period.
- 7.1.2. Sick Leave Annual Cash Out.** The employer will cash out at the employee's base rate of pay at 50% of all annual sick leave accrued (but not used) over 520 hours. This amount shall be placed into the employee's HRA VEBA account, administered by the employer. Transfer of these funds shall occur at the same time as the second pay check in February is issued.
- 7.1.3. Sick Leave Payment at Separation.** Cash payment for sick leave accrued in accordance with subsection 7.1.2 will not be made upon an employee's death, retirement, or voluntary separation, except in those instances when the death occurs in the line of duty.

**7.1.4. Sick Leave Use.** Employees shall be entitled to utilize sick leave for family medical emergencies or for illness in the immediate family. For the purposes of this section “immediate family” shall include only the employee’s children, parents, spouse, domestic partner, or family members residing with the employee. Family emergencies shall include the need for an employee to be with his/her spouse or domestic partner and/or family at the time that the employee’s spouse or domestic partner is giving birth to a child.

**7.2. Bereavement Leave.**

Full time employees whose immediate family suffers a death shall receive up to three (3) days off with pay to attend to necessary arrangements. A day off is defined as the number of hours scheduled to be worked by the employee (8 hours, 9 hours, 10 hours). Immediate family shall consist of spouse, son, daughter, stepchildren, mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren, and/or the biological parent of a member’s dependent minor. Paid time off for bereavement leave shall not be considered sick leave.

**7.3. Light Duty Requirement.**

Employees who are injured on duty, and are expected to return to full duty, will be assigned to light duty. An employee may be exempted from this light duty requirement if under the advice of his/her physician.



## ARTICLE 8 – HOLIDAYS

### 8.1. Legal Holidays Observed.

The following days shall be observed as legal holidays:

January 1 (New Year's Day)

Third Monday in January (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)

Juneteenth (June 19), effective June 19, 2022 onward

July 4 (Independence Day)

First Monday in September (Labor Day)

November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving)

The Friday following the fourth Thursday in November (day after Thanksgiving)

December 25 (Christmas)

When Christmas Day is observed on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, the previous day shall be a holiday for City employees.

When Christmas day is observed on a Monday or Thursday, the next day shall be a holiday for City employees.

Any other day proclaimed by executive order and granted to other City employees.

## **8.2. Holiday Pay.**

Staff authorized to work on the following listed holidays shall be paid double his/her rate of pay for hours worked (midnight to midnight):

July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day)  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

For employees already scheduled to work, or it is a normally scheduled workday, will be compensated at regular time plus Holiday Time (which equals double time).

Those not scheduled to work, or the day falls on a normal rotational day off, will be paid overtime (time and one half) plus Holiday Time. This will be used to fill minimum staffing requirements for mandatory positions.

For holidays where the City has preplanned special events, the overtime plus Holiday Time will not apply. The day will be paid at regular time plus Holiday for a scheduled employee or double time for someone working on a non-scheduled workday.

## **ARTICLE 9 – TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

### **9.1. Tuition Reimbursement Requirements.**

The Employer shall reimburse a non-probationary employee for eighty-five (85%) percent of the actual cost of tuition and required fees paid by an employee to an accredited college or university, provided that those expenses are incurred: (1) in a course leading to a law enforcement related Associate's/Bachelor's/Master's degrees that benefit the work of the City of Renton Police Department per the Chief's discretion and approval; (2) that the employee has received a grade of "C" or better or "pass" in a pass/fail grading system; (3) that such reimbursement for tuition shall not exceed the prevailing rate for undergraduate tuition established by the University of Washington for quarter system credits and by Washington State University for semester systems credits.

The Employer shall deduct and be entitled to reimbursement from any such employee, for any and all such costs paid to the employee, upon their resignation from employment, pursuant to the following:

100% reimbursement if resigning within one (1) year of the date of reimbursement;

50% reimbursement if resigning within two (2) years;

25% reimbursement if resigning within three (3) years.

The Employer is authorized herein to withhold any amounts appropriate pursuant to this Section from the employee's final paycheck.

## **ARTICLE 10 – EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE**

### **10.1. Educational Premium Pay.**

Premium pay shall be awarded as an educational incentive to employees in the bargaining unit in accordance with Appendix B of this Agreement.

### **10.2. Minimum Pay Allowances.**

Employees shall be eligible for Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree minimum pay allowances, as provided in Appendix B of this Agreement when such employee has obtained an undergraduate degree from an accredited educational institution. For this section completion of ninety (90) quarter or sixty (60) semester credits of college level work is equivalent to eligibility of Associate Degree pay provided such credits are for academic study, and not based upon "life experience".

## **ARTICLE 11 – PERSONAL LEAVE**

### **11.1. Accrual of Personal Leave.**

Personal leave as it pertains to this contract is a combination of holiday and vacation leave.

Employees shall accrue paid personal leave time in accordance with the following schedule whenever they are on paid employment status:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Hours/Month Accrual</u>	<u>Hours/Annual Accrual</u>
<b>0 through 5 years</b>	16.68	200.16
<b>6 through 10 years</b>	20.68	248.16
<b>11 through 15 years</b>	22.68	272.16
<b>16 through 20 years</b>	24.68	296.16
<b>21 and subsequent years</b>	26.68	320.16

Maximum accumulation of personal leave time shall not exceed 536 hours, except when the employee is unable to use personal leave time as a result of illness, disability, military leave, or operational considerations beyond the employee's control. In such event, an employee shall not be penalized for excess accumulation, and the Employer has the option of either allowing excess accumulation or paying the employee for the excess accumulation. Buyback of personal leave accumulation will be allowed during the term of this Agreement, subject to the approval of the Employer (based upon availability of funds) to a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours per year.

## **11.2. Personal Leave Time.**

Personal leave time shall be subject to the following rules:

- 11.2.1.** Temporary or intermittent employees who leave the employment of the Employer and are later reemployed shall, for the purpose of this article, have an adjusted date of actual service effective with the date of reemployment.
- 11.2.2.** For the purpose of this Article, “actual service” shall be determined in the same manner as for salary purposes.
- 11.2.3.** Employees, who are laid off, retired, dismissed, or who resign shall be paid for all accrued but unused personal leave time at the hourly base rate of the employee at the time of separation.
- 11.2.4.** On the death of an employee in active service, any personal leave earned and not taken prior to the death of such employee will be paid out at the employee’s final hourly base rate of pay.
- 11.2.5.** An employee granted an extended leave of absence, which includes the next succeeding calendar year, shall be given proportionate personal leave earned in the current year before being separated from the payroll.
- 11.2.6.** An employee returning from military leave of absence, as defined by law, shall be given a personal leave

allowance for the previous calendar year as if they had been employed.

**11.2.7.** In the event that an employee becomes ill or injured while they are on personal leave, and it can be established by the employee that the employee is incapacitated due to the illness or injury, the day or days that they are sick under these circumstances shall be carried as sick rather than personal leave, and they will for all purposes be treated as though they were off solely for the reason of his/her illness or injury. The employee shall submit medical documentation of the illness or injury from the attending physician.

### **11.3. Scheduling and Using Personal Leave Time.**

The following rules shall govern the scheduling and usage of personal leave time.

**11.3.1.** The minimum personal leave allowance to be taken by an employee shall be one quarter of an hour (15 minutes).

**11.3.2.** Employee shall have the option to designate leave requests as “vacation bids” when the request is for a period of time exceeding seven consecutive calendar days in length (including both requested days off and regularly scheduled days off) and is submitted more than thirty-one (31) days in advance of the requested time off.

**11.3.3.** The employee's request for time off shall be approved or denied within eight (8) days of submitting the request on the proper form. All requests for time off occurring between March 1 and December 31 of any given year and submitted prior to January 14 of that year shall be considered for all purposes (including 5.a below) to have been submitted on January 14 of that year.

**11.3.4.** In the event that multiple employees request the same day(s) off, and the Employer is not able to accommodate all of the requests due to minimum staffing limitations, then the Employer will use the following criteria, in order, to determine who is granted the leave time:

- a. Requests submitted on an earlier date shall have precedence over those submitted later.
- b. If the requests are submitted on the same effective date, then vacation bids shall have precedence over requests that are not vacation bids;
- c. When the requests are otherwise equal, then the request from the employee with more seniority shall have precedence. Seniority shall be determined according to Article 3.

**11.3.5.** The Employer and the Guild acknowledge that the Employer has a legitimate interest in maintaining proper staffing levels for public safety purposes, and



that employees have a legitimate interest in taking their time off at times convenient to them. The Employer shall have the right to set different short-term minimum staffing levels in all work units for special events. Special events are city festivals, and unusual occurrences where additional law enforcement staffing for maintaining order as required. The Employer will notify the employees by January 1 each year of changes to the long-term minimum staffing levels.

#### **11.4. Cancellation of Scheduled Leave.**

The Employer will make reasonable effort to avoid cancellation of approved employee leave time, and to notify employees as soon as possible after the decision to cancel. In the event that the Employer cancels the approved leave time of an employee, the following rules shall apply.

**11.4.1.** If the employee's request was submitted more than thirty-one (31) days in advance of the scheduled leave, and approved, the Employer may cancel that time off without penalty if at least thirty (30) days notice is given prior to the scheduled leave.

**11.4.2.** If the employee's request was submitted less than thirty (30) days in advance, but more than nine (9) days, and approved, the Employer may cancel the time off without penalty if at least eight (8) days notice is given.

**11.4.3.** If the request is submitted with eight (8) days notice or less, and approved, the Employer may cancel the time off at any time without penalty.

**11.4.4.** The Employer agrees not to cancel an approved vacation bid except in the event of an extreme emergency condition.

**11.4.5.** For purposes of this section, “penalty” shall refer to the overtime pay provisions of Article 4.

**11.5. Personal Leave Hours Used.**

The number of leave hours used for each day off shall be calculated based upon the number of hours in the employee’s work day. For example: Employees assigned to a ten (10) hour schedule shall use ten (10) hours of personal leave for each day off.

**11.6 Leave Donation.**

A leave donation program has been established to assist employees faced with a serious medical illness or injury to themselves or an immediate family member. The program will be administered in accordance with City Policy #350-12 (Leave Donation). State registered domestic partners will be considered family when considering qualifying events for donation. Donated leave may be: personal leave (PL), compensatory time, and sick leave. Sick leave donation is capped at 40 hours per recipient per calendar year.

## **ARTICLE 12 – LONGEVITY**

### **12.1. Premium Pay.**

Employees shall receive premium pay for longevity in accordance with Appendix B of this Agreement.

### **12.2. Longevity Allowance.**

Longevity will be paid as follows based on adjusted service date:

If the employee's Adjusted Service Date is on or between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the employee will receive their longevity allowances on the 25<sup>th</sup> of that month. If the employee's Adjusted Service Date is on or between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup>, the employee will receive their longevity allowances on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month.

## **ARTICLE 13 – PENSIONS**

Pensions for employees and contributions to pension funds will be governed by applicable Washington State Statutes.

## **ARTICLE 14 – INSURANCES**

### **Definitions:**

**REHBT:** Renton Employees' Healthcare Board of Trustees.

**REHP:** Renton Employees' Healthcare Plan

**Funding Goal:** It is the responsibility of the Renton Employees' Healthcare Board of Trustees to establish and maintain fund

goals in relationship to the Renton Employees' Healthcare Plan.

**Plan Member:** An eligible Renton employee, along with their dependents, that is covered under the Renton Employee's Healthcare Plan.

**Premiums:** The contributions made to the REHP by both the City and the employees to cover the total cost of purchasing the REHP. Contributions made by employees for co-pays, lab fees, ineligible charges, etc., are not considered premiums for the purpose of this Article.

#### **14.1. Health Insurance.**

##### **14.1.1. Participation.**

The City and the Local/Union/Guild agree to jointly manage the REHP during the term of this agreement. The REHBT is comprised of AFSCME Local 2170; Police Guild; and the City, and will meet at least quarterly to review the REHP including costs associated with the REHP.

Medical coverage shall be provided in accord with the laws of the State of Washington, RCW 41.26.150 and federal plans: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010. The Local/Union/Guild agrees to continue participation in the REHBT and to identify and support cost containment measures.

#### **14.1.2. Plan Coverage.**

The City will provide a medical/dental, vision, and prescription drug insurance plan for all eligible employees including all bargaining unit members and their eligible dependents.

#### **14.1.3. Premiums.**

For the calendar years 2021 through calendar year 2023 the total cost of the plan shall be divided as follows:

YEAR	CITY	EMPLOYEES
2021	91%	9%
2022	91%	9%
2023	91%	9%

Employee premiums will be based upon the following categories:

- Employee
- Employee/Spouse or Domestic Partner
- Employee/Spouse or Domestic Partner/1
- Employee/Spouse or Domestic Partner/2+
- Employee/1
- Employee/2+

#### **14.1.4. Projected Costs.**

The plan contributions shall be calculated by the percentage of actual plan cost increase that occurred

in the previous year and based on consideration of Actuarial projections. The year in review shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**14.1.5. Alternative Plan Coverage.**

City contributions for the alternative plan will be at the same cost share percentage as the self-funded plan, capped at the dollar amount contributed for the self-funded plan.

**14.1.6. Renton Employees' Healthcare Board of Trustees.**

The REHBT includes members from each participating Union. Each union will have a maximum of one (1) vote, the Police Guild has two (2) bargaining units but only receives one (1) vote on the REHBT. The City only receives one (1) vote. If all bargaining units participate, the voting bodies would be as follows: AFSCME – 2170; Police Guild; and the City for a total of three (3) votes.

**14.1.7. Plan Changes.**

The members of the REHBT shall have full authority to make plan design changes without further concurrence from bargaining unit members and the City Council during the life of this agreement.

**14.1.8. Voting.**

Changes in the REHP will be determined by a majority of the votes cast by REHBT members. A tie vote of the

REHBT members related to a proposed plan design change will result in continuing the current design.

**14.1.9. Surplus.**

Any surplus in the Medical Plan shall remain available only for use by the Renton Employees' Health Plan Board of Trustees for either improvements in the Plan, future costs, increase offsets, rebates to participants, or reduction in employee contributions.

**14.3. Life Insurance.**

The Employer shall furnish to the employee a group term life insurance policy in the amount of the employee's annual salary, to nearest \$1,000, including double indemnity. The Employer shall furnish a group term life insurance policy for \$1,000 for the employee's spouse and \$1,000 for each dependent.

**14.4. Federal/State Healthcare Options.**

In the event of a Federal/State healthcare option, the REHBT shall have the option to review the proposed Federal/State option and take appropriate actions.

**14.5. COBRA.**

When an employee or dependent's health care benefits ceases based on a qualifying event, the employee or dependent shall be offered medical and dental benefits under the provision of Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) for a period of eighteen (18) months.

#### **14.6. Short Term Disability Insurance Policy.**

The Renton Police Guild shall have the option during the life of this contract to direct the City to deduct a fixed dollar/percentage from the base salaries for all classifications covered by the contract and deposit such deductions into a short-term disability insurance policy established by the Guild. Upon the exercise of this option, the Guild agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from any and all liability, claims, demands, suit or any loss or damage, or injury to person or property arising from or related to the provisions of this paragraph, including income tax withholding liabilities or tax penalties.

#### **14.7. Long Term Disability.**

All employees will be enrolled in a city-sponsored long-term disability plan with a benefit equal to 60% of base salary after a maximum waiting period of ninety (90) calendar days. If an LTD claim is approved by the carrier, employees will be permitted to use any accrued leave balance they have at 40%, bringing the combination of the LTD benefit and accrued leave payment to 100% of their pre-disability earnings. The Employer will pay the premiums necessary to fund the benefits of the plan.

#### **14.8. Indemnify and Defend.**

The Employer shall indemnify and defend any employee against any claim or suit, where such claim or suit arises because such employee performs his/her duty as an employee of the Renton Police Department. The Employer shall pay on behalf of any employee any sums which the employee shall be legally obligated to pay as a result of that employee's reasonable or lawful activities



and exercise of authority within the scope of his/her duties and responsibilities as an employee of the Renton Police Department. Indemnity and defense shall not be provided by the Employer for any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or for any suit brought against the employee by or on behalf of the Employer.

#### **14.9. Change in Benefits.**

If for reasons beyond the control of the Employer or Guild a benefit of any one of the provisions agreed to in this Article is abolished, changed, or modified as to reduce the benefit, the Employer agrees to replace it with a like benefit prior to the effective date of the change.

#### **14.10. Voluntary Employee Benefit Association (VEBA)**

One (1) percent of employee's base pay to fund a City selected and contracted VEBA plan. Funding of the VEBA will occur in each pay period where the employee has pay from the City for at least half of their scheduled hours and the City will handle the transfer of funds. During a pay period where the employee does not have pay for at least half of their scheduled hours, they will not have the VEBA contribution (except for leaves covered by FMLA and/or PFML). These funds are provided by the employer, and are a Mandatory Employee Contribution to VEBA.

## **ARTICLE 15 – BILL OF RIGHTS**

### **15.1. Just Cause Employer Rights.**

The Employer retains the right to adopt rules for the operation of the Renton Police Department and the conduct of its employees provided that such rules do not conflict with City Ordinances, City and State Civil Service Rules and Regulations as they exist, or any provision of this Agreement. It is agreed that the Employer has the right to discipline, suspend, or discharge any employees for just cause subject to the provisions of the City Ordinances, City and State Civil Service Rules and Regulations as they exist, and terms of this Agreement.

### **15.2. Bill of Rights.**

In an effort to ensure that investigations, as designated by the Chief of Police of the Renton Police Department, are conducted in a manner which is conducive to good order and discipline, the Non-Commissioned Employees of the Renton Police Guild shall be entitled to the protection of what shall hereafter be termed as the “Police Non-Commissioned Employees’ Bill of Rights”.

**15.2.1.** The City and the Guild agree that all employees should work in an environment that fosters mutual respect and professionalism. The parties agree that inappropriate behavior in the workplace does not promote the City’s business, employee well-being, or productivity. All employees are responsible for contributing to such an environment and are expected to treat others with courtesy and respect.

Inappropriate workplace behavior by employees, supervisors, and/or managers will not be tolerated. If an employee and/or the employee's Guild representative believes the employee has been subjected to inappropriate workplace behavior, the employee and/or the employee's representative is encouraged to report this behavior to the employee's supervisor, a manager in the employee's chain of command, and/or the Human Resources Office. The City will follow the investigatory procedures outlined in City Policy and Procedure 340-02 and take appropriate action as necessary. The employee and/or Guild representative will be notified upon conclusion.

This section is not subject to the grievance procedure in Article 18, but is subject to the City's complaint process.

- 15.2.2.** If an employee becomes the suspect in an internal that could result in criminal charges, that investigation may be investigated by another agency outside the City of Renton.
- 15.2.3.** Employees will not be under any type of electronic surveillance by any employee of the Renton Police Department without authorization of the Chief of Police or designee.
- 15.2.4.** Any employee who becomes the subject of an internal investigation, or an investigatory interview, shall be

advised in writing of the following within three business days of the date of their first interview:

- a. General orders violated and the nature of the matter in sufficient detail to reasonably apprise him/her of the matter (unless suspected of committing a criminal offense);
- b. Misconduct that would be grounds for termination, suspension, or other disciplinary actions; and
- c. That they may not be qualified for continued employment with the Department.

An “investigatory interview” occurs when a supervisor knows or reasonably should know that they are questioning an employee about something that could result in an economic sanction.

**15.2.5.** Any employee who becomes the subject of an investigation may have legal counsel or a Guild representative present during all interviews. The interviewer must provide at least three business days for the employee to have legal counsel or have a Guild representative present during the interview. An investigation as used elsewhere in this Article shall be interpreted as any action which could result in a dismissal from the Department or the filing of a criminal charge.

- 15.2.6.** The employee under investigation must, at the time of an interview, be informed of the name of the employee in charge of the investigation and the name of the employee who will be conducting the interview.
- 15.2.7.** Employees have Weingarten Rights during all interviews where they reasonably believe they could be subject to discipline.
- 15.2.8.** The employee shall be informed in writing as to whether they is a witness or suspect. Should the witness in an investigation become the suspect of an investigation during the investigatory interview, the Employer agrees to stop the interview to allow the employee to obtain Guild Representation. Lexipol shall govern the notification process .
- 15.2.9.** The interview of any employee shall be at a reasonable hour, preferably when the employee is on duty. Whenever possible, interviews shall be scheduled during the normal workday of the Employer. The employee will be required to answer any questions involving non-criminal matters under investigation and will be afforded all rights and privileges to which they is entitled under the laws of the State of Washington or the United States.
- 15.2.10.** The employee or Employer may request that a formal investigation interview be recorded. There can be no “off the record” questions. Upon request, the employee under formal investigation shall be

provided an exact copy of any written statement they have signed. The employee will be furnished a copy of the completed investigation seventy-two (72) hours prior to any pre-disciplinary Loudermill hearings.

**15.2.11.** Interviewing shall be completed within a reasonable time and shall be done under circumstances devoid of intimidation or coercion. In all investigation interviews that may result in discipline, the employee shall be afforded an opportunity and facilities to contact and consult privately with an attorney of his/her own choosing or Guild representative before being interviewed. The employee shall be entitled to such intermissions as they shall request for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls, and rest periods.

**15.2.12.** All interviewing shall be limited in scope to activities, circumstances, or events, which pertain to the incident which is this subject of the investigation. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Employer from questioning the employee about information which is developed during the course of the interview.

**15.2.13.** The employee will not be threatened with dismissal or other disciplinary punishment as a guise to attempt to obtain his/her resignation, nor shall they be subject to abusive or offensive language or intimidation in any other manner. No promises or rewards shall be made as an inducement to answer questions.

- 15.2.14.** Upon the completion of the investigation and upon request, a copy of the entire file shall be provided to the employee.
- 15.2.15.** To balance the interest of the Employer in obtaining a psychological evaluation of an employee to determine the employee's fitness for duty and the interest of the employee in having those examinations being conducted, psychological evaluations will be obtained in the least intrusive manner as possible. To protect the employee's right to privacy, the Medical Release Form agreed upon by the Employer and the Guild shall be signed by the employee prior to the evaluation (see Appendix D).
- 15.2.16.** No employee shall be required to unwillingly submit to a polygraph test or to unwillingly answer questions for which the employee might otherwise properly invoke the protections of any constitutional amendment against self-incrimination. Nor shall any member be dismissed for or shall any other penalty be imposed upon any employee for his/her failure to submit to a polygraph test, or to answer questions for which they might otherwise invoke the protections of any constitutional amendment against self-incrimination.
- 15.2.17.** Should any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Article be declared unconstitutional or invalid, for any reason, such

decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Article.

**15.2.18.** Any employee involved in the use of lethal force shall not be formally interviewed immediately following the incident. The policy and procedure outlined in Lexipol (Department Response to Line of Duty Death or Other Critical Incidents) will govern the response to issues regarding use of lethal force.

**15.2.19.** Investigations of known members by the Renton Police Department shall be completed in a timely manner with a goal of completion within thirty (30) days.

**15.2.20.** The right for an employee to add commentary during the Loudermill or at the end of the internal investigation process will be maintained.

### **15.3. Drug and Alcohol Testing.**

**15.1.1.** The Employer considers its employees its most valuable asset. The Employer and the Guild share concern for the safety, health and well-being of police department members. This community and all City employees have the absolute right to expect persons employed by the Employer will be free from the effects of drugs and alcohol.

**15.1.2.** Before an employee may be tested for drugs, the Employer shall have individualized reasonable suspicion based on objective facts and reasonable



inferences drawn therefrom, that a particular employee has engaged or is engaged in the use of illegal drugs and/or abuse of legal drugs (including alcohol).

**15.1.3.** Drug and alcohol\* tests shall be performed by a HHS certified laboratory or hospital or clinic certified by the State of Washington to perform such tests. (\* Initial alcohol testing may be performed by a Certified Breath Alcohol Technician or any other person approved to operate an Evidential Breath Testing device.)

**15.1.3.1. Drug Testing.**

- a. An initial drug screen shall be performed using the Immunoassay (IA) method.
- b. Any positive results on the initial drug-screening list shall be confirmed through use of Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.
- c. The drug panel and cut off standards shall be as defined by 49 CFR Part 40 which sets forth the procedures for drug testing in the Department of Transportation (DOT).
- d. Confirmed positive drug test results shall be sent to a licensed physician who, as Medical Review Officer (MRO), will review the affected employee's medical history and

other relevant factors to determine if the positive test result should be excused. The MRO will notify the department of the results of his or her review. Negative test results shall be sent to the Employer's drug and alcohol testing administrator who will notify the designated department representative and employee of the test results.

**15.1.3.2. Alcohol Testing.**

Alcohol test results shall be released to the employee and department upon conclusion of the test. For the purpose of determining whether the employee is under the influence of alcohol, test results of .02 or more based upon the results of an Evidential Breath Testing device shall be considered positive.

**15.1.3.3. Confirmation of Test Results.**

- a. Employees notified of a positive alcohol test result may request the opportunity to have a blood sample drawn for analysis at either a hospital or certified testing lab as chosen by the Employer.

- b. Employees notified of a positive drug test may request that the Medical Review Officer send a portion of their first sample to the hospital or HHS certified laboratory of the employee's choice for testing by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.
- c. The cost of employee requested tests are the responsibility of the employee. If the test results are negative, the Employer will reimburse the employee for the cost of the test.

## **ARTICLE 16 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

### **16.1. Recognition.**

The Guild recognizes the prerogative of the Employer and the Chief of Police to operate and manage Police Department affairs in all respects, in accordance with its responsibilities and the powers of authority which the Employer has not officially abridged, delegated, or modified by this Agreement.

### **16.2. Rights of Employer.**

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Employer reserves the right:

- 16.2.1.** to recruit, assign, transfer, and promote members to the positions within the Department;

- 16.2.2.** to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against members for just cause;
- 16.2.3.** to relieve members from duties because of lack of work, lack of funds, the occurrence of conditions outside Department control; or when the continuation of work would be wasteful and unproductive;
- 16.2.4.** to determine methods, means, and personnel necessary for Departmental operations;
- 16.2.5.** to control the Department budget;
- 16.2.6.** to take whatever actions are necessary in emergencies in order to assure the proper functioning of the Department;
- 16.2.7.** to determine classification, status, and tenure of employees; and
- 16.2.8.** to perform all other functions not limited by this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 17 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

The Employer recognizes the importance and benefit of settling grievances promptly and fairly in the interest of better employee relations and morale. To this end, the following procedure is outlined. Every effort will be made to settle grievances at the lowest level of supervision.

Employees will be unimpeded and free from unreasonable restraint or interference and free from coercion, discrimination, or reprisal in lawfully seeking adjudication of their grievance.

### **17.1. Definitions.**

**17.1.1. Grievance:** Any issue relating to interpretation, application, or enforcement of any provision contained in this Agreement.

**17.1.2. Issue:** Any dispute, complaint, problem, or question arising with respect to working conditions or employer-employee relations of any nature or kind whatsoever.

**17.1.3. Guild Representative:** A Guild member designated by the Guild President as a bargaining representative.

### **17.2. Grievance Procedure.**

The steps set forth herein shall be followed unless the Chief of Police and the Grievant, Guild, or individual raising the issue agree in any particular case that the procedural steps and/or time limits should be modified. Any agreement to modify the procedural steps and/or time limits shall be in writing. In the event that no provision is made to modify any procedural steps and/or time limits, and either of the parties violates them, the grievance/issue shall be considered settled in favor of the party that is not in default at the time. If any specified participant in the steps below is absent and thus unable to timely participate, such step(s) may be completed by the participant's designee.

### **Step (1)**

The employees and/or Guild Representative shall submit the grievance/issue in writing to the Division Commander/Manager within twenty (20) calendar days from the date that the grievant knew or reasonably should have known of the action precipitating the grievance/issue. The Division Commander/Manager shall notify the Employee(s) and the Guild Representative in writing of his/her decision and the reasons therefore within fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter.

### **Step (2)**

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered, they shall submit the grievance/issue in writing to the Deputy Chief within fifteen (15) calendar days. If the grievance is initiated by the Guild, it shall be initiated at Step (2) of the grievance process within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the Guild knew or reasonably should have known of the action precipitating the grievance/issue. The Deputy Chief shall notify the employee(s) and the Guild Representative in writing of his/her decision and the reasons therefore within fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter.

### **Step (3)**

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered, they shall submit the grievance/issue in writing to the Chief of Police within fifteen (15) calendar days. The Chief of Police shall notify the employee(s) and the Guild Representative in

writing of his/her decision and the reasons therefore within fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter.

#### **Step (4)**

If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision rendered, they shall submit the grievance/issue in writing to the Mayor within fifteen (15) calendar days. The Mayor shall notify the employee(s) and the Guild Representative in writing of his/her decision and the reasons therefore within fifteen (15) calendar days thereafter. Consideration of the issue shall conclude at this point.

#### **Step (5)**

If the grievance has not been settled by the Mayor, either party may submit the matter to arbitration. In any case, the matter must be referred to arbitration within ninety (90) days from conclusion of the fifteen (15) day period of consideration by the Mayor. A neutral arbitrator will be selected jointly by both parties. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, they will request a list of arbitrators from the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and alternately strike names, if necessary, to pick an arbitrator. The arbitrator selection process will not exceed ten (10) days. The total cost of the proceedings shall be borne equally by both parties. The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding on both parties, provided, however, that no authority is granted to the arbitrator to modify, amend, or delete any terms of this Agreement.

When an employee or the Guild appeals a grievance to arbitration, such appeal shall be made in writing and shall

constitute an election of remedies and, to the extent allowed by law, a waiver of any and all rights by the appealing employee or the Guild to litigate or otherwise contest the appealed matter in any court or other available forum.

### **17.3. Election of Remedies.**

In the case of disciplinary actions that are appealable to the Civil Service Commission, a non-probationary employee may file a grievance under the terms of this Agreement alleging that the disciplinary action was not for just cause. If the employee does so, it shall constitute an election of remedies and said employee shall be barred from pursuing the issue in any other forum including, but not limited to, the Civil Service Commission. Likewise, if an employee files litigation in any other legal forum, including Civil Service, that employee may not grieve said discipline and any grievance previously filed shall be deemed withdrawn and any remedies previously granted shall be void.

## **ARTICLE 18 – PERFORMANCE OF DUTY**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to give an employee the right to strike, and no employee shall strike or refuse to perform assigned duties to the best of his/her ability. It is further agreed that no employee shall refuse to cross the picket line of any other union during his/her scheduled work shift.

The parties recognize and agree to abide by the provisions of RCW 41.56.120.



## **ARTICLE 19 – RETENTION OF BENEFITS**

Wages, hours, benefits, and working conditions constituting mandatory subjects of bargaining in effect on the effective date of this Agreement shall be maintained unless changed by mutual agreement between the Employer and the governing body of the Guild.

The Employer agrees to notify the Guild in advance of changes or hearings affecting working conditions of any employee covered by this Agreement, except in emergency situations and provided that the Employer is aware of the changes or hearings.

## **ARTICLE 20 – PAY DAYS**

### **20.1. Pay Dates.**

Employees shall be paid twice each month and any employee who is laid off or terminated shall be paid all monies due on the next following payday. All employees shall be paid on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> day of each month. If the 10<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month falls on a holiday or weekend period, the employees shall be paid on the last business day prior to that period.

### **20.2. Online Pay Stubs.**

Effective January 1, 2017, the employer shall no longer issue paper pay stubs to employees.

### **20.3. Direct Deposit.**

All employees will participate with direct deposit of paychecks. All employees must enroll in direct deposit within 30 calendar days from the date of their hire.

## **ARTICLE 21 – SAVINGS CLAUSE**

### **21.1. Savings Clause.**

If any article of this Agreement or any addenda hereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction or if compliance with or enforcement of any article should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Agreement and Addenda shall not be affected thereby, and the parties shall enter, within ten (10) calendar days, into collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement or modification of such Article held invalid.

### **21.2. Contract/Civil Service.**

Any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and current Civil Service Rules and Regulations shall be resolved as set forth herein. It is further understood that (a) to the extent the labor agreement does not address a matter (e.g., discipline, seniority, lay offs, etc.) and Civil Service does, then Civil Service shall prevail; (b) to the extent the labor agreement does address a matter (e.g., discipline, seniority, lay offs, etc.) and Civil Service also does so, the labor agreement shall prevail. The Employer and Guild otherwise retain their statutory rights to bargain changes in Civil Service Rules and Regulations (i.e. changes initiated after the effective date of

this agreement) for employees in the bargaining unit. Upon receiving notice of such proposed changes(s) from the Civil Service commission, either party may submit a written request to the mayor (within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of such notice) and the result of such bargaining shall be made a part of this Agreement.

### **21.3. Successor Agreement.**

This Agreement and any and all amendments and modifications hereafter entered into and executed by and between the parties hereto shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the parties' respective successors and assigns and any other governmental entity succeeding to the City of Renton's obligations hereunder.

In case of any merger or consolidation by the Employer with another governmental agency, either party shall have the right to reopen this Agreement for negotiation of any positions affected by the merger or consolidation.

### **21.4. FLSA Disputes.**

The Employer shall have the right to bargain any issues arising out of the implementation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) including any conflicts that may arise regarding Article 19, Retention of Benefits. Statutory provisions for resolution of impasses reached in collective bargaining, and contractual provisions for resolution of grievances arising out of such FLSA issues shall apply.

## **ARTICLE 22 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

The Agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, and no oral statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions.


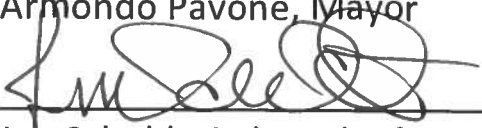
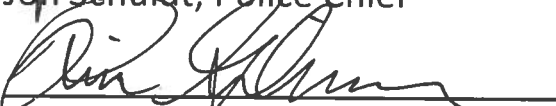
The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Employer and the Guild for the duration of this Agreement each voluntarily and unqualifiedly agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 23 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT


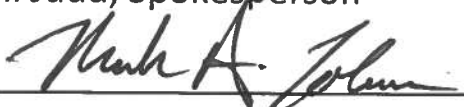
Unless otherwise agreed, this Agreement shall become effective January 1, 2022, and shall remain in force until December 31, 2023.

Signed this 17th day of October, 2022, at  
Renton, Washington.

### CITY OF RENTON

 10/20/2022  
Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
  
Jon Schuldt, Police Chief  
  
Kim Gilman, HR Labor Manager

### POLICE OFFICERS' GUILD

  
Bill Judd, Spokesperson  
  
Mark Coleman, President

ATTEST:

  
Jason Seth, City Clerk

Approved as to legal form:

(approved by Alex Tuttle via email on 10/11/2022)

Shane Moloney, City Attorney





## **APPENDIX A - SALARIES.**

### **A.1. Salary Increase**

1. Effective January 1, 2021, the base wages shall be increased by 1.0% above the wages in place in 2020. The salary schedule will be adjusted to reflect this increase, but there will be no retro payments made for the 2021 year.
2. Effective January 1, 2022, base wages shall be increased by 6.0% above the wages in place in 2021. Retro payments for 2022 shall be provided to those that were in active status in the bargaining unit on June 1, 2022. The retro payment will be included on a regular paycheck no later than January 25, 2023.
3. Effective January 1, 2023, base wages shall be increased by 5.0% above the wages in place in 2022.

### **A.2. Salary Schedule**

Effective January 1, 2022, the salary schedule shall be as follows:

**Police Non-Commissioned Contract  
2021-2023**

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Non-Commissioned Officers									Wage Adjustment 6% Effective January 1, 2022			
Grade	Code	Position Title	STEP A		STEP B		STEP C		STEP D		STEP E	
			Monthly	Annual							Monthly	Annual
pn70			6,432	77,184	6,954	83,448	7,642	91,704	8,397	100,764	8,839	106,068
pn69			6,275	75,300	6,784	81,408	7,455	89,460	8,193	98,316	8,623	103,476
pn68			6,123	73,476	6,619	79,428	7,273	87,276	7,992	95,904	8,413	100,956
pn67	4140	Community Engagement Coord.	5,973	71,676	6,458	77,496	7,096	85,152	7,797	93,564	8,208	98,496
pn66			5,827	69,924	6,300	75,600	6,923	83,076	7,608	91,296	8,007	96,084
pn65			5,685	68,220	6,146	73,752	6,754	81,048	7,422	89,064	7,812	93,744
pn64			5,546	66,552	5,996	71,952	6,589	79,068	7,241	86,892	7,621	91,452
pn63			5,411	64,932	5,850	70,200	6,428	77,136	7,064	84,768	7,436	89,232
pn62	6178	Police Service Specialist Supv* Step A(15% above Specialist, Step E)									7,462	89,544
pn61	4133	Electronic Home Detention Coord	5,274	63,288	5,691	68,292	6,268	75,216	6,890	82,680	7,233	86,796
pn60	4120	Crime Analyst	5,346	64,152	5,777	69,324	6,346	76,152	6,841	82,092	7,184	86,208
pn59	4121	Domestic Violence Victim Advocate	4,990	59,880	5,421	65,052	6,024	72,288	6,623	79,476	6,973	83,676
pn58	3432	Evidence Technician	5,032	60,384	5,431	65,172	5,977	71,724	6,575	78,900	6,914	82,968
pn57	6182	Police Service Specialist Lead* (5% above Specialist, Step E)									6,813	81,761
pn56	4135	Animal Control Officer**	4,746	56,952	5,131	61,572	5,642	67,704	6,204	74,448	6,516	78,192
pn54	6181	Police Service Specialist*	4,727	56,724	5,106	61,272	5,620	67,440	6,181	74,172	6,489	77,868
pn53	6183	Police Secretary	4,099	49,188	4,424	53,088	4,872	58,464	5,361	64,332	5,625	67,500
pn53	4137	Parking Enforcement Officer	4,099	49,188	4,424	53,088	4,872	58,464	5,361	64,332	5,625	67,500

\* Police Services Specialist position regrade by 2 grades. Raise to take effect the first full pay period after Council adoption of the 2021-2023 contract. Lead and Supervisor position increase effective at the same time.

\*\* The position Animal Control Officer was mistakenly left off the scale reviewed 10/3/22.



Parties to this agreement recognize that non-commissioned employees of the Renton Police Department are essential and integral to the operations of the well-functioning Police Department. In recognition of the unique relationship between non-commissioned and commissioned Police Department employees, active employees of the bargaining unit as of the date of Council adoption, will receive a payment of \$6,000 to be added to the paycheck occurring after the first full pay period after Council adoption of the 2021-2023 contract.

2022 salary schedule will include:

Police Services Specialist position regrade by 2 grades, approximately an 8% raise. Raise to take effect the first full pay period after Council adoption of the 2021-2023 contract.

Maintain a 5% wage spread from Police Services Specialist step E to Lead.

Maintain a 15% wage spread from Specialist, step E to Supervisor. Provide only one step for this position, similar to Lead.

### **A.3. Deferred Compensation.**

The Employer shall contribute four and a half percent (4.5%) of the employee's base wage into a deferred compensation account selected by the employee from the accounts provided by the City, each pay period.

## **APPENDIX B – EDUCATION/LONGEVITY SCHEDULE**

### **B.1 Longevity Pay.**

Employees shall receive longevity pay according to the following scale:

- Completion of 5 years – 2%
- Completion of 10 years – 4%
- Completion of 15 years – 6%
- Completion of 20 years – 10%
- Completion of 25 years – 12%
- Completion of 30 years – 14%

### **B.2 Educational Pay.**

Employees shall receive educational pay according to the following scale:

- AA Degree/90 credits – 4%
- BA/BS Degree/Masters – 6%

## APPENDIX C – MEDICAL RELEASE

APPENDIX C – MEDICAL RELEASE	<p>I, _____, hereby release Dr. _____ to provide the following medical information to my employer.</p> <p>Psychological or physical fitness to perform all the essential functions of my current job classification;</p> <p>If unable to perform all those functions, the duties that I am able to perform and which duties I am not able to perform;</p> <p>If unable to work at this time, when I can reasonably be expected to return to work at my regular duties;</p> <p>Any necessary restrictions on my work or duties;</p> <p>Any necessary accommodations which may be required to allow me to perform the essential functions of my current job classification; and</p> <p>Any recommendation for psychotherapy or other form of therapy, counseling and/or medical treatment.</p> <p>This Release is intended to grant no further access to my confidential medical records beyond what is listed above.</p>
	<p>_____ PATIENT</p> <p>_____ DATE</p>

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