

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
AND
AFSCME, LOCAL #2086
JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2028

This Agreement entered into by the City of Northampton, hereinafter referred to as the City and Local Clerical 2086, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the employer and the Union; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

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ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

1.01. The City recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purposes of establishing salaries, wages, hours and other conditions of employment for all employees of the City of Northampton, certified as the bargaining unit in accordance with the election conducted by the State Labor Relations Commission, MCR-887, November 11, 1971, and MCR-2341, June 22, 1976, and as amended by mutual agreement, July 1, 1981, to exclude the Parking Clerk, and as amended by mutual agreement June 20, 1991, to exclude the Custodians and Maintenance employees. Also included in this unit are Parking Enforcement Officers and the Mail Clerk. Excluded from the bargaining unit are the following: Supervisor of Custodians and Maintenance, Secretary to the Human Resources Director, Head Clerk in the Dept. of Public Works, Secretary to the Mayor, Assistant Secretary to the Mayor (effective 7/1/91), and Assistant Solicitor.

1.02. Should the City add any new classification to the work force, the Union shall be notified and if a question arises as to such classification being covered by this Agreement and the issue is not settled between the parties, either or both parties may submit the question to the Massachusetts State Labor Relations Commission with a request that it make a determination. Such determination

shall be final and binding on both parties.

1.03 The City agrees to strive to notify the Union of new hires within the bargaining unit within fifteen (15) days of an employee assuming their position.

ARTICLE 2

COVERAGE OF CONTRACT

2.01. All employees in the bargaining unit, regardless of their status, except emergency or seasonal employees, shall be covered by the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

TRANSFERS

3.01. If an employee transfers from another position in the City which is not part of this bargaining unit, his/her length of service in the prior department(s) will be credited for determining entitlement to any benefits provided by this Agreement, except that in bidding for any vacancies only seniority in this bargaining unit will be considered.

3.02. Seniority is defined as the last date of continuous service with the City including C.E.T.A. service, or in the bargaining unit, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 4

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

4.01 The parties agree that, as enumerated below and established by past practice, but also as limited or abrogated by the terms and conditions of this Agreement or by applicable law, the operation of City government, the supervision of its employees and the direction of the

performance of the work of members of this bargaining unit are the exclusive rights of the City. The parties further agree that the City of Northampton shall have all rights not specifically restricted by this Agreement.

Both parties agree that the exercise of any of the rights enumerated below shall not alter any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Both parties agree that nothing in this Agreement, absent express, written language to the contrary, shall limit the City in the exercise of its traditional functions of management and in the direction of supervision of the City's business.

It is further agreed that nothing in this Agreement releases the City from its obligations under M.G.L. Ch. 150E to bargain over the impact of changes in the workplace. The rights of the City, except as modified by the written provisions of this Agreement, shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. To direct and conduct the municipal affairs of the City;
- B. To direct control all of the operations and services of the City;
- C. To determine the organization, location and number of employees of the City;
- D. To hire, appoint and promote employees, including the determination of the qualifications and requirements (e.g., prior experience) for the position or promotion, in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- E. To direct, train, supervise and evaluate employees;
- F. To determine, interpret and change job descriptions, subject to the express

provisions of this Agreement and subject to bargaining over material changes in such job descriptions;

- G. To institute technological changes or to revise processes, systems or equipment from time to time;
- H. To create and change schedules, in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- I. To increase, diminish, change or discontinue operations in whole or in part, in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- J. To assign, reassign, duties and job tasks including the change of duties and job tasks from time to time; provided such assignments, reassignments, duties and job tasks are consistent with the clerical employees job description, the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- K. To schedule and enforce work hours;
- L. To determine which employees, if any, are to be called in for work at times other than their regularly scheduled hours and the determination of the classification(s) to be so called in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- M. To grant and schedule leaves;
- N. To discipline, suspend, discharge or demote employees for just cause;
- O. To lay off employees due to lack of work or funds;
- P. In emergency situations, **of limited duration (of a week or less)**, (e.g., snow emergencies, natural disasters, etc.) to use and employ non-bargaining unit City employees, including managerial and supervisory employees, to perform bargaining

unit work;

- Q. To relieve employees due to a demonstrated incapacity to perform current work duties in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- R. To make, amend and enforce rules, regulations, and administrative and safety procedures from time to time as the City deems necessary, subject to the City's legal duty to engage in impact bargaining;
- S. To determine the care, maintenance and operation of the equipment and property used for and on behalf of the City;
- T. To determine employee classifications;
- U. To alter, add to or eliminate existing methods, equipment, facilities or programs;
- V. To assign work sites;
- W. To assign and schedule overtime in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement and M.G.L. Ch. 150E;
- X. To determine whether goods should be leased, contracted or purchased; and
- Y. During an emergency (e.g. natural disaster or national emergency) the City will have the right to take any reasonable action necessary to meet such emergency. If such action is expected to exceed a 30-day duration, the City agrees to notify the union (members who survive the disaster and are able to report to work) to discuss the necessity to continue. Such right shall not limit the right of employees to receive compensation for work performed during such an emergency.

ARTICLE 5

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

5.01. All other benefits which are enjoyed by the employees covered by this contract are hereby protected by this Agreement. All benefits and/or rights enjoyed by the employees covered by this contract which are now governed by Municipal Ordinances or State law and which are not in conflict with this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

5.02 Union Access Rights:

Section 1. The City will allow a duly authorized Union representative or steward reasonable occasional access to the City's premises, with prior advance notice to the HR Director, for the purpose of conferring with employees covered by this Agreement when necessary to investigate and/or resolve work-related grievances. Such visits with Union stewards and for employees shall not interfere with the operations of the City and the safety and privacy of community, and employees shall remain paramount. It is understood that any interference with the performance of assigned work duties could result in the withdrawal of such authorized access.

Section 2. Insofar as practical, unpaid (an employee may use their paid vacation time, if any) time off upon reasonable advance notice will be granted for up to two (2) days per year without loss of benefits or other privileges to two (2) union delegate from the union to attend conventions of AFSCME Council 93.

Section 3. The Union shall be permitted to have reasonable access to the City for the purposes of the Union meeting, provided that they arrange for the space with the HR Director in advance of meeting. The Union will give no less than one (1) week prior notice to the City regarding the

requested meeting date/time. Approval is at the discretion of the HR Director but will not be unreasonably denied.

Section 4. The City will provide a bulletin board in a designated employee-only area for the purposes of posting Union materials. All notices posted on the bulletin board shall be approved by the Union before posting. The Union agrees that no material shall be posted which is inflammatory, profane, obscene, defamatory, or derogatory to the City and its employees, leadership, supporters, and community.

Section 5. The Union will furnish the City with a list of stewards and Union officials at the time of their election. The Union will provide an updated list of stewards and officials to the HR Director, should they change.

Section 6. For the purpose of attending meeting with management regarding the investigation of the filing of, and processing grievances, one (1) steward or other Union officer will be allowed time off with pay to attend the meeting if it occurs during business hours. If the meeting will require additional members of the bargaining unit to be in attendance, the meeting will occur while the bargaining unit employees attending the meeting are off-duty and they will not be paid for attending. If it is an arbitration hearing is scheduled during the day, necessary unit witnesses will be given leave without pay but they will have the option of using accrued time. Meetings will not be scheduled at times when the attendance of employees will require the City to require other employees to work overtime to perform the duties of the bargaining unit members in attendance at the meeting.

Section 7. The City will release up to three (3) bargaining unit employees each bargaining session who are on the Union's negotiating committee - from work for up to two (2) hours to participate in collective bargaining unit negotiations during working hours. The parties may extend the two (2) hours of paid time by mutual agreement if a bargaining session continues beyond two (2) hours.

ARTICLE 6

UNION DUES

6.01. Employees of the bargaining unit may authorize payroll deductions for the purposes of paying Union dues. Any employee desiring to have Union dues deducted shall execute a written assignment in the form attached hereto (Appendix B).

6.02. The dues shall be deducted biweekly in an amount certified by the Union and the aggregate dues of all employees shall be remitted together with a list of employees who have had said dues deducted to the Treasurer of the Union by the 10th day of the succeeding month.

6.03. The employer agrees to deduct union membership dues from the pay of each employee who executes or has executed such form.

ARTICLE 7

AGENCY SERVICE FEE

7.01. Each employee who elects not to join or maintain membership in the union may voluntarily pay a service fee to the union in any amount that is equal to the amount required to become and remain a member in good standing of the exclusive bargaining agent and its affiliates to or from which membership dues or per capita fees are paid or received.

7.02. The City agrees to deduct biweekly from the pay of each nonunion member in the bargaining unit who properly authorizes such deduction, all agency service fees which are owed to the Union.

7.03. The Union agrees to indemnify and defend the City for any financial liability which the City may incur in complying with this article.

ARTICLE 8

GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

8.01. Any grievance or dispute which may arise between the City and any employee or the Union regarding the interpretation or application of any provisions of the Agreement shall be settled according to the procedures set forth in this article. However, no grievance may be initiated or entertained by the parties concerning questions of the general salary schedule. The City's management rights, including the just cause standard to be applied in cases of discipline, suspension, discharge or demotion, are set forth in Article 4.

STEP ONE:

An employee who has a grievance may reduce it to writing and submit it to the Head of the Department or designee within fifteen (15) calendar days after the first occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance, or their knowledge of its occurrence. The grievance may set forth the nature and may specify the section(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated.

A conference/hearing between the parties may be held within five (5) calendar days thereafter. The Department Head or designee may give a decision in writing to the aggrieved party within eight (8) calendar days following the conference/hearing.

STEP TWO:

If the grievance still remains unadjusted, it may be appealed in writing to the

Human Resources Director, or designee, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the response of the Dept. Head or designee was due. The Human Resources Director may within fifteen (15) days schedule a hearing, the date of which may be set by mutual consent. Such hearing may be waived by mutual consent. The Human Resources Director, or designee, may render their decision in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days after the hearing.

Any agreement reached between the City and the Union at any step of the grievance procedure is binding on all parties affected.

STEP THREE - ARBITRATION

Any dispute which has not been satisfactorily settled after the procedures set forth above have been exhausted may, at the request of either party, be submitted to arbitration within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the final decision in step 2 of the grievance procedure is due. The party wishing to refer the matter to arbitration may so notify the other party in writing stipulating the matter to be arbitrated and requesting arbitration.

The arbitration may be conducted by an arbitrator to be selected by the City and the Union if they can mutually agree upon the arbitrator's selection within fifteen (15) calendar days after notice has been given. If the parties are unable to select an arbitrator who is mutually acceptable, then the grievance may be submitted by either party to the American Arbitration Association* according to its procedures. The cost of any arbitration proceedings shall be divided equally between the City and the Union. The decision of the arbitrator may be limited to the specific point of difference submitted to the arbitrator. The arbitrator may have no power to add to or subtract from, modify or amend any of the provisions of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator may be final and binding upon both parties.

The arbitrator may have the power to direct a resolution of the grievance up to and

including restoration to the job with all compensation and privileges that would have been the employee's.

*The Parties agree to use the Labor Relations Connection on a trial basis for the next contractual language grievance (not involving discipline or just cause) that goes to arbitration during the term of this 25-28 CBA.

The arbitrator may be requested to render a decision within thirty (30) calendar days following the closing of the arbitration proceedings.

If either party desires a verbatim record of the proceedings, it may cause such a record to be made, provided it pays for the record and makes copies available without charge to the other party and to the arbitrator.

*The Parties agree to use the Labor Relations Connection on a trial basis for the next contractual language grievance (not involving discipline or just cause) that goes to arbitration during the term of this 22-25 CBA.

8.02. Grievances involving disciplinary action shall be processed beginning at the first step for unit members.

8.03. Failure to process a grievance within the time limits established in this article presumes that it has been satisfactorily resolved at the last step to which it has been properly processed. In the event that the representatives of the City do not answer within the time limits herein provided, the grievance may be appealed directly to the next step of the grievance procedure. Time limits specified in the preceding paragraphs of this article may be extended by agreement of both parties.

8.04. Grievances under this Article shall be filed and presented by the Union on behalf of any employee or employees. While employee(s) may go to their Department Head or Human Resources with general complaints or questions, employee(s) shall not have the right to file a

grievance under Article 8 independent of the Union.

8.05. Any arbitration hearing scheduled may be held in the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, unless the parties agree to have the arbitration held on an online platform.

8.06. In the event of a disciplinary action involving any method set forth under M.G.L. Chapter 31 and subsequent to a hearing before the Appointing Authority, an employee may, within ten (10) days of the receipt of said disciplinary decision, elect to appeal said action by initiating an arbitration proceeding in accordance with Section 8.01, Step Three above. Such appeal may be the exclusive remedy pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 150E, Section 8, as amended.

ARTICLE 9

NONDISCRIMINATION

9.01. The parties to this Agreement agree that they shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, sex, age, physical handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin, and that all persons shall receive the full protection of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10

DIFFERENTIAL

10.01 All employees regularly assigned to work from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm, or any employee whose regular scheduled full shift (seven or eight hours) starts after 12:00 pm (noon) who are not working on an overtime basis, shall be paid a shift differential of fifty cents (\$.50) per hour for hours actually worked.

10.02 All employees regularly assigned to work from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am, who are not working on an overtime basis shall be paid a shift differential of sixty cents (\$.60) per hour for hours actually worked.

10.03 All employees regularly assigned to work on a weekend (between 12:00 am midnight Saturday until 7:00 am Monday), who are not working on an overtime basis shall be paid a differential of fifty cents (\$.50) per hour for hours actually worked.

10.04 Employees regularly scheduled to work a shift defined in 10.01/10.02 that is on the weekend (as defined in 10.03) will qualify for both differentials.

ARTICLE 11

BILINGUAL STIPEND

54.01 A Unit Member who is bilingual in a language relevant to City operations, as determined and approved by the Department Head in consultation with the Human Resources Director, shall receive a biweekly stipend of \$42.30. Unit Members receiving this stipend may be required to provide translation services for other City Departments.

ARTICLE 12

WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION IN THE CLERICAL BARGAINING UNIT

12.01. When an employee in the clerical bargaining unit is assigned temporarily to a position with a higher rate of pay, the employee shall be entitled to receive the hourly rate for the position, hour for hour.

12.02. When an employee is assigned temporarily to a position with a lower rate of pay than

he/she regularly receives, the employee will continue to receive pay at their regular rate of pay.

12.03. An employee who is promoted to a higher classification shall receive the rate of pay in the new classification which exceeds the next step increase in the employee's present grade. If the employee is at the top step, the amount existing to qualify for the top step of the employee's grade will govern.

12.04. The City will add a "Lead P.E.O." function. Any parking department unit member who is assigned to fulfill the Lead PEO function will be paid an additional amount of \$2.00 per hour for all hours worked in this capacity. To qualify the employee must be assigned by the Department Manager or his/her designee-No PEO can self-assign themselves to work in this capacity.

ARTICLE 13

SENIORITY

13.01. Seniority is defined as the last date of continuous service with the City, including C.E.T.A. service, or in the bargaining unit, as the case may be. An employee who resigns, in writing, or is discharged for just cause, shall lose their seniority.

13.01 Seniority where used in this Agreement shall be applied as follows:

1. For promotions, seniority in the bargaining unit shall be used in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 on job posting and bidding.
2. For days off, shift assignments, holidays and choice of vacation period, seniority in the bargaining unit in the classification concerned shall be used.
3. For transfer or reassignment, seniority in the classification shall be used within the bargaining unit in accordance with Article 15 on job posting and bidding.

13.03. Layoffs shall be conducted by department and within classification with the least senior employees being first laid off. In the event a non-probationary employee is scheduled to be laid off

and there exists in the bargaining unit the same or lower graded position, the laid off employee may use bargaining unit seniority to bump, provided always that the employee retained can perform the duties of the position.

13.04. Recall from layoff shall be in reverse order of layoff. Employees on layoff shall be placed on a recall list for two years or length of service, whichever is less.

13.05. Employees having Civil Service tenure shall retain all rights. The language in Sections 13.03 and 13.04 notwithstanding, nothing herein may violate the rights of such employees.

13.06. The parties agree to seek prospective exemption of the positions in the unit from Civil Service (M.G.L. Chapter 31), grand-parenting current employees and falling under Chapter 31A. 13.07. If provisional employees are made permanent by the Civil Service Commission or legislature, any provisional still employed shall be made permanent even after implementation of Chapter 31A.

13.08. An employee shall lose all seniority rights if any of the following occur:

- A. Discharge
- B. Voluntary resignation •
- C. Retirement
- D. Exhaustion of recall rights
- E. Failure to respond to recall within three (3) working days of notification by a certified letter.
- F. Unauthorized leave subject to the provisions of Chapter 31, Section 38 or equivalent.

ARTICLE 14

JOB SECURITY

14.01. Any employee who has been dismissed, suspended or otherwise disciplined shall be given a written statement of the reason(s) prior to such contemplated action. If said employee is not covered by civil service and alleges that the employee has been dismissed, suspended, or otherwise disciplined unjustly, the employee may use the grievance and arbitration procedure contained herein. In such instances, the employee shall begin at step two of the grievance and arbitration procedure.

ARTICLE 15

JOB POSTING AND BIDDING

15.01. When a position covered by this Agreement becomes vacant, such authorized vacancy shall be posted in each building in a conspicuous place listing the following:

1. Date of posting.
2. Job title.
3. Salary.
4. Location.
5. Assigned hours of work, days off
6. Example of duties.
7. Qualifications.
8. Closing date for applications.
9. Person to whom application should be made.

15.02. This notice of vacancy shall remain posted for a period of not less than seven (7) calendar days nor more than fourteen (14) calendar days. Employees in the bargaining unit who are

interested shall apply within the posting period. Any unit employee who applies for a bargaining unit position on or before the stated closing date, shall be granted an initial interview for such position.

15.03. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of the expiration of the posting period, the City will award the position to one of the applicants after consideration of the following factors:

- A. Seniority in the bargaining unit.
- B. Experience in related work.
- C. Work history.
- D. Ability to do the job.
- E. Education and training directly related to duties of the vacant position.

15.04. In the event that two (2) or more applicants are considered approximately equal in accordance with the foregoing factors, then the senior applicant will be awarded the position.

15.05. A vacancy is an opening caused by promotion, demotion, retirement, resignation, transfer or reassignment, termination, death or the availability of new positions.

15.06. Grievances concerning this article shall be processed beginning at the second step of the grievance and arbitration procedure. The following positions shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure: Principal Clerk, Office of the City Treasurer; Principal Clerk and Senior Clerk, Office of the City Collector; Principal Clerk, Office of the City Clerk;, and Communications Coordinator.

ARTICLE 16

OVERTIME

16.01. Full time employees (regularly scheduled for 35, 37.5 or 40 hours per week) covered by this agreement shall be paid at a rate of 1.5 (one point five) times their normal base rate for all hours worked beyond their regularly scheduled day or regularly scheduled work week.

16.02. A minimum amount of compensation of three (3) hours pay at the rate of time and one-half shall be paid to all employees who have left their place of employment after having completed their regularly scheduled work day, or who return from sick leave, vacation leave, or holiday leave or are required to return to work after completing their regularly scheduled work day for any work related duty.

16.03. For the purposes of this article, a calendar week shall be Sunday through Saturday.

16.04. Overtime shall be equally and impartially distributed among the personnel in each division/department in accordance with the classification of work which each employee normally performs. When in case of emergency it is necessary to call in personnel from another division on an overtime basis to supplement the work of employees in a division which is in need of assistance, such additional personnel shall be those who normally perform the classification of work which is needed; such additional personnel shall be released first when the work load lessens.

16.05. Minimum call back of three (3) hours shall be paid only once in a three-hour period; except that additional call backs within the three (3) hours period may be paid subject to the approval of the Department Head and/or Human Resources Director. Minimum call back will be four (4) hours on Saturday and Sundays only

16.06. Employees will be required to work overtime when emergency needs arise.

16.07. The employer shall keep records of the overtime work. In the case of a grievance involving such records, they shall be subject to examination by the Union representative or the Union steward with the supervisor of the department involved.

16.08. An employee may request compensatory time at time and one-half (1 1/2) in lieu of overtime payment. If granted, such compensatory time shall be used within the next twelve (12)

payroll periods at a time mutually agreed upon by the employee and his/her supervisor.

ARTICLE 17

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

17.01. Unpaid leaves of absence may be granted by the Appointing Authority and with the approval of the employee's Department Head in case an employee who is ill and has exhausted his sick leave; for an employee who desires to further his education so as to qualify for advancement within the City and in other cases if recommended by the employee's Department Head. Extensions of leaves of absence beyond one year may be granted with the approval of the Appointing Authority on recommendation of the employee's Department head.

All requests for unpaid leaves of absence or extension of such leave shall be submitted in writing to the Department Head who shall submit it to the Appointing Authority with his/her recommendation.

17.02. All approvals and/or extensions of leaves of absence shall be in writing by the Appointing Authority.

17.03. Any employee in an unpaid status while on a leave of absence other than one attributable to FMLA or Worker's Compensation will be responsible for paying both the employee and employer portion of his/her health insurance premium. Employees who are in an unpaid status on any type of leave exclusive of FMLA or Worker's Compensation will not accrue benefits during the unpaid portion of the leave.

ARTICLE 18

HOLIDAYS

18.01. The following days shall be considered to be paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Martin Luther King Day	Veterans' Day
President's Day	Half-day before Thanksgiving Day
Patriots' Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	(to begin in FY93)
Juneteenth	Last scheduled workday before
Labor Day	Christmas (to begin in FY94)
Christmas Day	Half-day before New Years Day as long as it is a regular work day

18.02. Should the employer declare any other day a holiday or skeleton force day, the employees not required to work shall receive a regular day's pay. Employees required to work that day shall be granted a corresponding amount of time off with pay.

18.03. Should any holiday fall on an employee's normal day off, the nearest scheduled working day will be considered to be the holiday. **See attached Holiday Schedule Appendix**

18.04. Level of Benefit:

1. A full-time employee who regularly works thirty-five (35) hours per week shall receive 7 hours of pay for a full day Holiday and 3.5 hours of pay for a half-day Holiday.
2. A full-time employee who regularly works thirty-seven and one half (37.5) hours per week shall receive 7.5 hours of pay for a full day Holiday and 3.75 hours of pay for a half-day Holiday.
3. A full-time employee who regularly works forty (40) hours per week shall receive 8 hours of pay for a full day Holiday and 4 hours of pay for a half-day Holiday.
4. A part-time employee will receive a pro-rated benefit. The level of benefit is calculated by the

following steps:

A. regular weekly work assignment divided by 5 = full day benefit

B. full day benefit divided by 2 = half day benefit

C. Employees will have the option to work missed hours during the same pay period.

5. An employee will not receive Holiday pay when:

-on an unpaid leave of absence

-on temporary total workers' compensation

benefits -in an "unpaid" status when the Holiday

falls

18.05. Employees are not charged a vacation day when a Holiday occurs during their vacation period.

18.06. Any employee scheduled in advance to work on a holiday shall receive in addition to the regular holiday pay an amount equal to one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked, but in no case shall this be less than an amount equal to four (4) hours work at the above rate.

Employees who are scheduled to work within their normal hours on the day after Thanksgiving will receive holiday pay and pay at time and 1/2 for all hours worked on that day. Work before or after the employee's normal starting and quitting time will be compensated at time and one-half (1 1/2).

18.07. An employee who is on an unpaid leave of absence will not be eligible for holiday pay.

18.08. An employee who is required to work on Thanksgiving or Christmas shall receive double pay.

ARTICLE 19

SICK LEAVE

For the purpose of clarification, being in no pay status shall hereafter be defined as less than (50%) fifty percent of an employees regularly scheduled work week.

19.01. Sick leave shall be granted to employees who are incapacitated for duty as a result of sickness or off-the-job injury which is not job related. Appointments for the employee's own medical or dental visits may be charged to sick leave. Sick leave may also be used for: Leave to care for the employee's immediate family member's physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition that requires home care, professional diagnosis or preventative medical care;

Routine medical appointments for an immediate family member;

The psychological, physical or legal effects of domestic violence (does not cover perpetrator); or

Travel to and from an appointment, a pharmacy, or other location related to the purpose for which sick leave was taken.

Sick leave may not be charged, however, for period during which the employee was not scheduled to work, such as during leave of absence, vacation, and so forth.

The definition of "immediate family member" can be found in Article 19.08.

Effective 1/1/2020: Full-time employees (those working at least thirty-five hours per week) shall accrue thirteen (13) sick days per year. Sick leave shall be accumulated without limit.

Present employees shall retain any accumulated sick leave earned prior to the effective date of this Agreement. This sick leave benefit runs on a calendar year.

19.02. Part-time employees (those who work at least twenty hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis) will have their sick leave credited on a pro rata basis.

19.03. All unit members will notify their manager (by means indicated by their manager; text, phone, email) of their need for absence on sick leave no later than 1 hour BEFORE their scheduled start time.

19.04. The employee must notify the supervisor at the beginning of each week indicating the anticipated length of absence, unless prior arrangements have been made for a prolonged absence such as hospitalization and so forth.

19.05. The maximum payout under this provision is \$5,500 unless a different maximum is noted in Appendix C. Upon retirement or death of an employee, accumulated sick leave shall be paid in a lump sum to the employee, or in the case of death to the employee's spouse or beneficiary; such sick leave shall be computed at the employee's most recent regular daily rate of pay for the number of days and fractions of a day the employee has of unused sick leave. Such payment shall be paid at the rate of 33 1/3% of such accumulated sick leave as computed above.

19.06. While the City will not make a general practice of requesting medical evidence of illness, the Department Head, or their designee, in their discretion, may request a medical certificate on an individual basis as circumstances warrant.

19.07. When sick leave is applied for in advance, the employee must present a complete statement of the facts from their own physician.

19.08. Eligible employees may use up to five (5) days of sick leave each year to care for ill or incapacitated members of the immediate family defined as spouse, child, father, mother, sister, brother, step-child, foster child, grand child, step parent, foster parent **or** a person domiciled in the employee's household.

19.09. The maximum payout under this provision is \$5,500 unless a different maximum is noted in Appendix C. Upon honorable separation of service, which may include resignation and non-reappointment but excluding retirement, death or a settlement with the City in which the employee agreed to resign in lieu of disciplinary action being brought, an employee shall receive after five (5) years of continuous service, but less than ten (10) years, 16.76% of the value of accumulated sick leave; after ten (10) years but less than fifteen (15) years, 20% and more than fifteen (15) years, 25%. The employee may defer some or all of this payment into the next tax year but may not be required to do so. This provision becomes effective the first day of the month following ratification of this agreement.

19.10. [Reserved]

19.11 See: Article 52 Advanced Retirement Notice.

19.12. The City agrees to pay an attendance incentive of \$100 (one hundred dollars) to employees who have not used sick time during the calendar year. This payment is exclusive of 5 (five) annual "family illness" days, and employees must be employed by the City for one (1) full calendar year to be eligible.

ARTICLE 20

HOURS OF WORK

20.01. Each clerical employee in the bargaining unit shall be granted a meal period, without pay, of one (1) hour and such meal period shall be scheduled as near the middle of the employee's work day as possible. If a unit member requests to shorten their lunch period to ½ hour, the request must

be granted at the discretion of the Department Head. The request must be submitted in writing and can be revoked by the unit member at any time in writing.

20.02. In general, clerical employees will work their scheduled hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am and 5:00 pm depending on the needs of the department.

Changes in the general schedule, based on the City's operational needs, may be made at any time with the mutual consent of the employee and the Department head or his/her designee with concurrence by the Human Resources Director or his designee.

Any proposed change not mutually agreed upon shall be resolved by a majority vote of an ad hoc committee comprised of: two Union representatives, department head or designee, and Human Resources Director. In the event of a tie, this case shall be referred to a neutral third party.

20.03. The work schedule for Parking Enforcement Officers shall be established by the Department Head or his/her designee.

20.04. Full time Parking Enforcement Officers shall work a seven hour shift to provide coverage between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m, Monday through Saturday.

20.05. Parking Enforcement Officers will be scheduled to work Monday through Friday or Tuesday through Saturday. The schedule, once set, may not be changed without at least thirty (30) days prior notice.

20.06. Each Parking Enforcement Officer shall be granted rest breaks like other bargaining unit members.

20.07. Parking Enforcement Officers may swap days off provided coverage is maintained and there is no cost to the City. All swaps are subject to the discretion of the Department Manager or his/her designee, but shall not be unreasonably denied.

20.08. When City schools are closed, it is a regular work day for all unit members. All unit members whose normal start time is before 10 am must report to work by 10 am to be paid for the full work day, If the Mayor closes City offices early, employees who are sent home before the end of their shift will be paid for the full shift. If the Department head determines that PEO's cannot safely perform their work due to inclement weather, they can be reassigned or sent home." Clerical unit members assigned to the DPW may be permitted to work remotely during a severe weather or other special event for which City offices are closed provided the provisions of 20.11, below, are followed.

20.09 Parking enforcement schedules around the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Holidays: Parking enforcement hours are set by ordinance and PEO's will be scheduled to meet that obligation. There will be no parking enforcement operations on Christmas Eve.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, coverage opportunities for these shifts will be determined based on seniority. The most senior PEO gets to take the shift if they want it and if they don't want it, the opportunity goes to the next senior person and so on. If no one wants the shifts then the least senior person will be assigned to work.

20.11 DPW Severe Weather/Emergency Desk: Department of Public Works (DPW) AFSCME unit employees are required to be available to provide administrative support to operations staff during severe weather or other special events. Examples of events include but are not limited to snow/ice storms, thunderstorms/windstorms, hurricanes, rain storms, or any other situation requiring a DPW operations staff mobilization.

AFSCME acknowledges that the events listed above may occur at any time of day or night, on weekends and on holidays. A list of bargaining unit employees within the DPW shall be maintained, and hours shall be assigned based on a rotating, equitable schedule. AFSCME unit members employed at DPW are

required to provide coverage **for such administrative support** as needed.

Hours worked outside of the normal schedule shall be paid at time and a half.

AFSCME staff may work from home to perform clerical duties in support of DPW operations personnel provided the following conditions are met:

- The City shall provide radio equipment and a cell phone to each unit member. Equipment shall be logged by DPW management and returned in the condition in which it was received.
- The unit member must provide a computer and reliable internet service.
- Radio connectivity with the city's emergency Dispatch and DPW staff via radio must be maintained at all times.
- Internet connectivity must be maintained at all times.
- If radio or internet connectivity is lost, the employee must immediately physically report to duty at 125 Locust St, Northampton, regardless of time of day or weather conditions.

The employee may opt to work from 125 Locust St or from their home, but they shall notify the DPW

Given the critical nature of these job duties, DPW management reserves the right to assess the effectiveness of this work from home arrangement and has the full discretion to modify its terms with 24 hours' notice to AFSCME leadership

ARTICLE 21

HEALTH AND WELFARE

21.01. The City shall pay at least fifty percent (50%) of the group insurance indemnity plan.

21.02. The City agrees to pay eighty percent (80%) of the cost of an HMO

21.03. The City agrees to make payroll deductions for hospital-medical plan premiums on a bi-weekly basis from the first two (2) payrolls in each month.

21.04. The City agrees to offer a voluntary "Flexible Spending Account".

21.05. The City agrees to notify the Union of any changes in the health insurance that will affect employees or retirees. The City Insurance Advisory Committee Members are specific designees pursuant to MGL32B and only the President or his/her designee may vote on appropriate matters, however, the city agrees that a clerical unit member may attend such meetings to observe and be apprized of the proceedings.

21.06. The City agrees to implement a voluntary Dental Plan.

21.07. (Computer Eyeglasses): The City agrees to raise budget \$2650.00 per fiscal year for the purpose of providing reimbursement to this unit for computer glasses. The parties agree that individual employees shall be limited to a reimbursement of up to \$250.00.

Unit members shall provided proof of purchase and payment to the Human Resources Department and the process or payment will be made in no less than two weeks, on a first come, first served basis.

ARTICLE 22

DEDUCTIONS FOR SAVINGS AND AFSCME P.E.O.P.L.E.

22.01. The City agrees to make deductions from the pay of those employees covered by this Agreement who signify in writing that they wish such deductions to be made for Credit Union dues

or deferred compensation.

22.02 The City will deduct a specified amount from the biweekly wages of those employees covered by this Agreement who have signified, in writing, that they authorize such deduction on a form attached hereto as Appendix C designated and furnished by the Union for voluntary contributions to the National AFSCME P.E.O.P.L.E. Committee.

ARTICLE 23

VACATION

23.01. Each employee covered by this contract shall earn leave with pay as follows:

A. Employees having less than five (5) years of creditable service shall be entitled to ten (10) working days per year. Employees on a 70 hour pay period will accrue on the basis of 2.70 hours for each payroll period the employee is in a pay status.

B. Upon the completion of 4 (four) years of continuous service, leave will be accrued on the basis of 4.04 hours for each payroll period the employee is in a pay status for employees on a 70 hour pay period.

C. Upon the completion of 9 (nine) years of continuous service, leave will be accrued on the basis of 5.4 hours for each payroll period the employee is in a pay status for employees on a 70 hour pay period.

D. Employees having 15 years or more of service shall effective 7/1/92 receive twenty-five (25) working days of paid vacation per year.

E. Upon completion of 14 (fourteen) years of continuous service, leave will be accrued on the basis of 6.74 hours per payroll period the employee is in a pay status for employees on a 70 hour pay period.

F. Should there be a situation when a unit member for reasons beyond their control needs to use additional vacation time which has yet to be accrued, the member shall discuss the matter with the appropriate department head and human resources staff to determine what options may be available to address the matter.

23.02. An employee may not begin the calendar year with a balance in excess of twenty-five (25) working days. Accrued vacation leave in excess of twenty-five (25) working days shall only be credited to an employee's accrued sick leave bank by a recommendation from the appropriate department head and approved only for unusual circumstances beyond the control of the department head/employee and subject to approval of the Human Resources Director.

23.03. A member of the bargaining unit who leaves the employ of the City shall be paid for whatever leave balance exists as of the date of termination. However, no employee may be paid for more than twenty-five (25) working days of leave.

23.04. Part-time employees (those employed on a regularly scheduled basis at least 20 hours per week) shall be entitled to leave credited on a pro rata basis.

23.05. Except in case of emergency, vacations should be requested at least five working days in advance.

ARTICLE 24

INVOLUNTARY CARRY-OVER OF VACATION

24.01. Employees may not be paid for vacation leave carried over in excess of twenty-five (25) working days except as indicated in previous Article. In the event an employee is out on Worker's Compensation and is unable to use his vacation leave, in order to avoid forfeiture it shall be converted to sick leave and may be used in a manner described in Section 19.

24.02. The Department Head or his/her designee shall be required to grant vacations in such a way as to avoid forfeiture.

ARTICLE 25

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

25.01. In the event of the death of a spouse, child, parents or parents-in-law, then paid leave of up to one calendar week will be granted. For bereavement leave purposes other person will be defined as a person residing with the employee for one year or more before the date of request. The employee must have advised the Human Resources Department of the name of that person to be entitled to the same one week benefit as a significant other.

25.02. In the event of a death of a member of the immediate family of any employee, or a person that resides in the household of the employee, the employee will be granted paid leave of up to three working days. Immediate family is defined as an employee's, step-parent, foster parent, step-child, foster child, sister, brother, stepsister, step-brother, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

25.03. In the case of the death of the employee's following relative, one day of paid leave shall be allowed; aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, brother-in-law, sister-in-law.

25.04. With the consent of the Department Head and providing it will not impair/reduce the effective delivery of services, an employee scheduled to work may be granted up to four hours of paid leave to attend the service of a deceased co-worker.

25.05. Bereavement leave shall not be charged or deducted from sick, personal or vacation leave.

25.06. For the purposes of attending a funeral service employees shall be entitled to receive one (1) "floater" bereavement day per contract year. Such floater day may be used to extend the leave

available under 25.01, 25.02 and 25.03. In addition, such day may be used to apply to services involving the death of a cousin. In order to receive such additional day, a unit member may be required to furnish Human Resources with a copy of the appropriate obituary.

ARTICLE 26

REST PERIODS

26.01. During the normal work day, clerical employees shall be granted one (1) fifteen (15) minute break which shall be scheduled by the Department Head or their designee. An employee may not defer taking their break for the purpose of extending the lunch period or shortening the work day. The City agrees to a letter of practice regarding the availability of afternoon breaks. The City also agrees that clerical employees enjoy the practice of a second break in the other one-half shift and scheduled by the department head at a time or times appropriate to the work schedule taking into account the needs of the City, Department and Employee.

ARTICLE 27

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORK PLACE

It is the intent and obligation of the City to:

1. Provide a drug-free/alcohol-free, health, safe and secure work environment for all employees. No employee shall report to work under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Employees are expected and required to be to work on time and in appropriate mental and physical condition for work.
2. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance, or the use of alcohol, on City premises or on City business is absolutely prohibited.

Violations of this policy will subject an employee to disciplinary measures.

3. Drug and alcohol dependence is recognized by the City as an illness and major health problem. The City also recognizes drug abuse as a potential health, safety and security problem. Employees needing help in dealing with such problems are encouraged to use the Employee Assistance Program and the health insurance plans as appropriate. All contacts are confidential and conscientious efforts to seek help with drug and alcohol dependency will not jeopardize an employee's job.

4. As required by Federal law, employees directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the provisions of a Federal grant or contract must, as a condition of employment, abide by the terms of the above policy and must report any convictions under a criminal drug statute for violations of this policy to the Human Resources Department within five (5) days after conviction. The City must then notify the contracting agency within ten (10) days after receiving notice of conviction as required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

ARTICLE 28

JURY PAY

28.01. An employee who serves on jury duty will continue to receive their regular pay from the City, provided the employee's department head certifies on the payroll that the employee is absent for jury duty. When payment by the court for such jury duty is made, such payment, exclusive of travel or any other allowances, shall be refunded to the City by the employee in the following manner: the employee shall present to their department head either the check from the court endorsed over to the City of Northampton, or a certification from the court as the amount paid together with employee's personal reimbursement to the City.

Employees subpoenaed by the Commonwealth or its subdivisions shall be reimbursed as if on jury duty.

28.02. An employee on jury duty shall be considered as being employed Monday through Friday. 28.03. An employee who is on jury duty for three and one-half (3 1/2) hours or less in a given day shall return to work for the remainder of their regular shift, but in no event shall the time the employee is on jury duty and the time the employee is on their regular job exceed seven (7) hours in any given day.

ARTICLE 29

MILITARY LEAVE

29.01. A military leave of absence without compensation shall be granted to any employee called to active duty with the United States Armed Forces.

29.02. An employee who serves an annual tour of duty with a United States Reserve component or as a member of the National Guard of the Commonwealth shall receive the differences between their regular base pay and military pay received for a period of up to seventeen (17) working days in a calendar year. The reservist need only reimburse the City for days corresponding with the employee's work schedule. If either Federal Law, State Law (if a local option law, it must have been adopted), or a City policy provides a greater benefit than the provisions of the CBA, then employees will get the higher benefit.

ARTICLE 30

FAMILY MEDICAL AND PARENTAL LEAVE

30.01 The parties agree to incorporate and make part of this Agreement the City's Family and Medical Leaves of Absence policy, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B.

ARTICLE 31

PERSONAL LEAVE

31.01. Effective 1/1/2020: Unit members will be credited with five (5) personal days, per calendar year. These days are not cumulative. In the first year of employment, employees hired before July 1 shall receive five (5) personal days. One day shall be 1/5 of the employee's regularly scheduled weekly hours. Employees hired after July 1 shall receive two and one half (2.5) personal days. Employees shall provide a twelve (12) hour notice to the department head or designee to use such leave, except in case of an emergency. Any unused personal leave in a calendar year shall be converted to an employee's sick leave at the end of such year.

31.02 If a unit member's regularly scheduled hours per week are permanently increased during the calendar year, the unit member will receive an additional proportionate amount of personal time based on the number of full unused days remaining. For instance, an employee whose hours per week increase from 35 to 40, will receive 1 hour for each full day remaining. If the employee has less than one full personal day at the time of the change, they will not receive additional personal time for the remainder of that calendar year.

ARTICLE 32

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

32.01. The City will pay for registration, tuition, books, materials, and laboratory fees required by a school, seminar, or short course, which in the opinion of the Educational Assistance Committee of the Human Resources Department, are directly related to employment, provided funds have been appropriated for such courses by the Mayor and City Council.

32.02. All books and other educational materials paid for by the City in accordance with the first

paragraph of this article shall remain the property of the City and will be returned to the department head at the conclusion of the course and retained for reference use by all employees.

32.03. The City agrees to pay examination fees, meal and travel expenses incurred by employees, who the city mandates attend short courses and examinations that will lead to certification or registrations that are required by State, Federal, or Employer for an employee's position.

ARTICLE 33

REPRESENTATION

33.01. A written list of Union stewards and other representatives shall be furnished to the City

immediately after their designation and the Union shall notify the City of any changes.

33.02. The employees covered by the terms of this Agreement will be allowed to be represented

by a committee of not more than four (4) Union members.

33.03. One (1) member of this bargaining unit will be allowed to handle grievances during

working hours with the express permission of the Department Head or his/her designee.

33.04. The City agrees to pay for time spent by this committeeperson during his/her regular work hours in consulting with the Department Head or designee regarding grievances. All other time spent by the committeeperson in investigating grievances shall not be paid for by the City. If in the judgment of the Human Resources Director, it is determined that this privilege is being abused, it shall be withdrawn.

33.05. Additionally, the City agrees to pay the Union members for time lost from their regularly scheduled work hours in attending grievance meetings with management or at meetings called at the express request of City representatives.

33.06. When contract negotiations are held during regularly scheduled working hours, the City agrees to pay up to four (4) members of the Union bargaining committee for time lost from work. The City further agrees to pay one (1) member of the Union for time lost from work when representing the Union at arbitration proceedings during their regularly scheduled working hours. 33.07. Union leave charged to city business without loss of pay or benefits to attend meetings, conferences, etc. of parent and affiliated organizations may be granted to officers and delegates of Local 2086 up to a maximum of 10 work days per year. Such leave will not be unreasonably denied.

33.08. The City agrees to review Unit positions on an "as needed" basis.

ARTICLE 34

LONGEVITY PLAN

34.01. Each full-time employee shall receive longevity compensation as follows:

- A. Upon completion of five (5) years of continuous service a sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be added to the employee's pay once a year and once each year thereafter through the ninth (9th) year of continuous service the employee shall receive a longevity payment of \$200.00.
- B. Upon completion of ten (10) years of continuous service a sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) shall be added to the employee's pay once a year and once each year thereafter through the fourteenth year of continuous service the employee shall receive a longevity payment of \$700.00.
- C. Upon completion of fifteen (15) years of continuous service a sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) shall be added to the employee's pay once a year and once each year

thereafter through the nineteenth year of continuous service the employee shall receive a longevity payment of \$1000.00.

D. Upon completion of twenty (20) years of continuous service a sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) shall be added to the employee's pay once a year and once each year thereafter through the twenty-fourth year of continuous service the employee shall receive a longevity payment of \$1,200.00.

E. Upon completion of twenty-five years or more years of continuous service a sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) shall be added to the employee's pay once a year and once each year thereafter the employee shall receive a longevity payment of \$1,300.00.

34.02. In case a temporary or provisional employee becomes a permanent employee with no break in service, for purposes of this article the employee's date of employment shall be the date of first employment as a temporary or provisional employee. Should a break in service of thirty days or less occur as a result of involuntary separation, it shall not be construed as nullifying the intent of this provision.

34.03. Full-time employees are those who work regularly at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

34.04. Suspension time (that is, time lost from work through suspension for cause) shall be deducted from years of service.

34.05. Authorized leave of absence shall not change the effective employment date, provided the employee does not engage in other employment during leave of absence. However, if an employee is granted a leave of absence for the purpose of taking educational work which is related to employee's occupation in the service of the City, other employment during such leave shall not affect the employee's effective employment date.

34.06. Payment of the longevity compensation shall be made on an annual basis and shall be paid

on the last pay day of the month in which the anniversary date occurs.

34.07. Those employees leaving the service of the City of Northampton through retirement or death shall be given credit for one (1) year of service if they have at least six (6) months service following their anniversary date.

34.08. Longevity compensation shall be construed as regular compensation for the purpose of retirement benefits as determined by PERAC.

34.09. Part time (20+ hours/week) employees shall be allowed aggregate service. The City agrees to add the current longevity table for part-time employees.

ARTICLE 35

MANAGEMENT-UNION COMMITTEE

35.01. A Labor-Management Committee comprised of all AFSCME units requiring no less than one meeting per fiscal quarter shall discuss matters of mutual concern to all employees and the employer.

ARTICLE 36

SAFETY COMMITTEE

36.01. The City and the Union agree to the formation of a management-employee committee to be composed of Union and management employees to discuss safety matters which may be of mutual concern to the Union and the City.

ARTICLE 37

SAVINGS CLAUSE

37.01. Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be in violation of any federal or

state law or Civil Service rules by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 38

PROBATIONARY AND PROVISIONAL EMPLOYEES

38.01. All newly hired employees will serve a probationary period of six (6) months. The newly hired employee will enjoy all the benefits and obligations in this contract except the provisions of Article 8 (Grievance and Arbitration Procedures) in the event that the City decides to terminate the employee's employment for a non-discriminatory reason.

38.02. Provisional employees who have worked for the City continuously for more than two years and for whose position no Civil Service examination has been given and/or no Civil Service list has been called for or established shall not be terminated until such list has been established by Civil Service and an appointment made there from, unless such termination is for cause.

38.03. Prior to the end of the 6 month probationary period the Department Head may extend the probationary period by up to 60 days. The employee will be notified of this extension in writing, prior to the end of the 6-month probationary period. Before separating an employee during their probationary period, a Department Head will consult with the Human Resources Director in writing. An employee separated during his/her probationary period shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the Human Resources Director, whose decision shall be final.

38.04. A provisional employee who has had at least nine (9) months of service and who is being separated for disciplinary reasons shall also be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the Human Resources Director. The decision at that level will be final.

ARTICLE 39

NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT

39.01. No lock out of employees shall be instituted by the employer during the term of this Agreement.

39.02. No strike of any kind shall be caused or sanctioned by the Union during the term of this Agreement. At no time, however, shall an employee be required to act as a strike breaker. Any or all employees who violate any of the provisions of this article may be disciplined or discharged by the City.

ARTICLE 40

INDEMNIFICATION COVERAGE

40.01. The City agrees that if and when it provides for indemnification under C.512, Acts of 1978, "Government Claim Tort Act", such coverage will be extended for all employees of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 41

ACCESS TO PREMISES AND BULLETIN BOARDS

41.01. With the approval of the Human Resources Director, or designee, the City agrees to permit representatives of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and/or Council 93 and/or Local Clerical 2086 to enter premises outside of working hours for individual discussions and with the employees during working hours when the proper investigation of a grievance so requires.

41.02. The City will permit the Union the use of facilities to conduct meetings of their organization provided such facilities have not been previously engaged and provided such meetings are held outside of scheduled working hours.

ARTICLE 42

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

42.01. In the event an employee receives compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act, the employee may apply to charge the employee's sick leave account for the difference between the compensation the employee receives and the employee's usual weekly pay, to the extent of sick leave earned. If sick leave is exhausted, earned vacation leave may be applied in the same manner upon the employee's request.

42.02. Employees who are injured and carried under Worker's Compensation, will be allowed to continue the accumulation of vacation leave for one year from the date of injury. Such accumulation to be available to the employee upon return to work.

ARTICLE 43

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

43.01. The City agrees to provide the Union with six (6) legible contracts after signing.

43.02. An employee shall not be required to use their own motor vehicle in the course of their employment. If an employee should use their own motor vehicle with the knowledge and consent of their Supervisor, they shall be reimbursed for mileage as outlined in 43.03.

43.03. Employees covered by this Agreement will be paid at the rate authorized by the City for the use of any privately owned conveyance for any travel in-state or out-of-state, incurred in the performance of their duties for the City. Employees will be expected to maintain a log showing the distance of any such trip, the place traveled, and the purpose of the trip. The City agrees to review and establish the authorized travel allowance reimbursement rate every year. The rate shall be based upon the IRS standard deduction rate. Each Department must be notified of this rate by January of each year so it can be used in formulating their departmental budgets. Bargaining unit employees shall be reimbursed for transportation expenses at the IRS applicable on January 1st of

each contract year (see attached travel form).

43.04. The City hereby agrees to make parking available at no cost to employees.

43.05. If the Mayor calls a delay or closure, the employee will receive his/her regular pay. If after a delay, an employee is unable to report to work, the remaining hours in the regularly scheduled work day may be charged to personal, vacation, compensatory time or no pay.

43.06. The City agrees that when existing weather conditions create unsafe conditions every reasonable effort will be made by the supervisor to reassign parking enforcement officers to a safe environment for the remainder of the shift.

43.07. The parties to this agreement hereby agree to adopt through reference and implement the City of Northampton's Equal Opportunity, Anti-Discrimination & Harassment Policy including Sexual Harassment policy as written.

43.11. City agrees to pay to each unit member a match of what his/her City-sponsored health insurance pays, up to a maximum of \$100.00 annually, towards and employee's individual gym membership. In order to receive the match, and employee must provide a receipt of the health insurance company's reimbursement.

ARTICLE 44

CLASSIFICATION AND WAGE SURVEY

44.01. The Parties agree to a wage and class study with reopener on wages during the life of the 25-28 CBA, to be initiated by the 2nd year of the contract. The City will not ask for the unit to give back wages already negotiated as part of year #1 through year #3, as set forth in CBA.

ARTICLE 45

UNIFORMS FOR PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

45.01. The Parking Enforcement Officers covered by this Agreement are required to wear the official Parking Enforcement uniform while on duty. The PEO/Maintenance Technician position is exempted from this requirement and shall adhere to the department policy of Central Services. To ensure uniformity in the dress and appearance of Northampton Parking Enforcement personnel and to inspire confidence in the professional ability of the department and its members through the creation of a good "first impression", uniform wear shall be as follows:

- The City agrees to furnish each new Parking Enforcement Officer hired under the period of this contract a full uniform from the City's approved vendor in their first twelve (12) months of employment.
- Payment for uniforms purchased shall be by direct invoice addressed to the City of Northampton Parking Department by the City's approved vendor; such invoice to be approved by the Department Manager or designee.

45.02.

- A. Wearing the uniform: The prescribed uniform and equipment shall be worn by all Parking Enforcement Officers (full and part time) while on duty.
- B. Maintenance of uniform: The uniform shall be kept clean, neat and in good repair at all times. Faded or threadbare items of uniform clothing shall not be worn as part of the uniform.
- C. Uniform specifications: As per Department policy.
- D. Wearing Insignias, Badges and Shoulder Patches: Only worn as described in Uniform specifications. No other items may be worn unless it is specifically authorized. The issued badge shall be worn at all times for fullest visibility.

E. Clothing Allowance: A clothing allowance of \$450.00 per fiscal year (beginning at the start of year 2 of employment) per member to purchase/replace uniform items.

F. While on duty, PEO's may choose between wearing short-or long-sleeve uniform shirt, uniform shorts or pants and a uniform jacket or no jacket. A plain black secondary layer (short-/long-sleeve shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, polar fleece with or without hood, purchased from approved vendor) may be worn as an option. As safety/visibility are important, the secondary layer item may not be worn as an outer garment and should be covered by the high visibility jacket/windbreaker. Wearing/carrying any clothing/equipment/badges or other items that are not specifically listed in the uniform specifications are prohibited unless issued by the Department Manager.

45.03. For unit members assigned to the DPW department, the City will issue them a DPW winter coat. Such employees will also be eligible for a \$25.00 allowance towards the purchase of waterproof work type boots every other fiscal year between November 1 and February 1. Receipts for the boot purchase must be submitted within thirty days of purchase and approved by the DPW Director.

ARTICLE 46

PART-TIME OR INTERMITTENT EMPLOYEES

46.01. Permanent part-time employees who work regularly at least twenty (20) hours per week shall be paid hourly rates based on their classifications and their positions (step) in their pay grades according to their length of service. Such permanent part-time employees shall be entitled to sick leave, holiday, vacation and other fringe benefits provided by this contract, proportionate to their weekly schedules.

46.02. Temporary employees who work less than thirty calendar days shall not be considered members of the clerical bargaining unit.

46.03. Should a temporary employee exceed the thirty calendar day time limit that employee will receive all the contractual benefits effective the first full payroll period following the 30th calendar day. Should the temporary position become a permanent position the employer agrees to repost said position as a permanent position.

46.04. Should an "intermittent" employee work 1,000 hours in twelve (12) consecutive months, that employee while still being considered "intermittent" shall receive effective the next full payroll period those benefits which a permanent employee would have received during that period.

ARTICLE 47

COMPENSATION

47.01. Salary schedules appear as Appendix A.

Union members agree to being compensated (salary/wages) on a bi-weekly basis. After implementation employees shall receive their paychecks every two weeks. The City will make every reasonable effort to ensure that there is no more than fourteen (14) days between paychecks.

All bargaining unit employees shall be required to have their paychecks directly deposited to a banking institution of their choosing.

47.02.

FY2026	\$1.00 added to base. 2% COLA and step movement for all eligible for steps.
FY2027	2.5% COLA and step movement for all eligible for steps.
FY2028*	2.5% COLA and step movement for all eligible for steps.

*For those who were employed in the bargaining unit at the time of ratification of the CBA, and will not be able to advance a step this year #3 of the CBA, a one-time lump sum

retention bonus of \$500.00 outside of the base.

To be eligible for a step on any 7/1 date, a new employee in the unit must have been employed for six months or more in their unit position. If they have not been employed for six months as of 7/1 they will not be eligible for a step until the following 7/1 date. The City shall notify the Union President via email if a job offer is being made to an outside candidate for a unit position where the new employee would be hired above step 4.

ARTICLE 48

SUB-CONTRACTING

48.01. The City agrees it shall not contract out bargaining unit work if such subcontracting requires the lay off of current bargaining unit employees or the loss of present position.

ARTICLE 49

DISABILITY AND RETURN TO WORK

49.01. The City agrees to develop a light duty policy in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

49.02. The City may require an employee, subsequent to injury or disability, to be examined by its designated physician, at City expense prior to being approved to return to work.

49.03. RETURN TO WORK/NON-WORK RELATED INJURY POLICY

When an employee is utilizing non-work related sick leave, he or she shall be permitted to return to work within thirty (30) calendar days of the date he or she stopped working upon presentation of a note from a treating physician, subject to a request from the Department Head, releasing said employee to return to full duty. The City, may at its discretion, provide the employee with a written job description of his/her position and require the employee to present

it to his physician.

If an employee is out on sick leave for more than thirty (30) consecutive days and then seeks to return to duty, the City may require said employee to undergo a medical examination (at City expense) for the purpose of determining the employee's fitness for duty. The City shall endeavor to schedule an examination promptly so that the employee can return to duty (if found fit) on the date specified by the treating physician. In the event that an examination is not scheduled promptly, the City will not charge the employee's sick time account for any delay in returning to work caused by such delay.

If the treating physician and City-designated physician disagree as to the employee's fitness to return to duty, the Union and the City will jointly select a third independent physician who shall determine the employee's fitness to return at the City's expense. If the independent physician agrees that the employee may return to duty, the employee shall not have his sick leave account charged for any delay in returning to work caused by the invocation of this procedure.

49.04. The City will offer long-term disability coverage for non-work related injuries at the employee's sole expense - through its C125 plan.

ARTICLE 50

EFFECTIVE DATE

50.01. The effective date of this Agreement is July 1, 2025.

ARTICLE 51

DURATION

51.01. This Agreement between the Employer and the Union entered into on this first day of July,

2025 shall continue in full force and effect to and including midnight June 30, 2028 and shall be continued for an additional year unless prior to November 1 preceding the termination of the contract either the Union or the Employer gives written notice to the other that it desires to amend this Agreement; such written notice shall contain a draft of any proposed amendments. During the negotiations of such proposed amendments, and until such time as a fact finder .has had the opportunity to mediate any impasse, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Should neither party to this Agreement send a notice as described above, this Agreement will be considered to have been automatically renewed for one (1) additional year.

ARTICLE 52

ADVANCED RETIREMENT NOTICE

52.01. An employee who provides at least one (1) year advanced notice of retirement and retires (application with Retirement Board must be submitted and letter of intent provided to Human Resources), shall receive upon retirement, a lump sum payment of \$750. If the notice is at least six (6) months in advance, the employee shall receive \$500. No payment shall be made for any notification less than six months prior to retirement. This provision becomes effective the first day of the month following ratification of the agreement.

ARTICLE 53

REMOTE WORK POLICY

53.01 The Parties Agree to adopt the City’s Remote Work Policy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals, this ___ day of _____,
202__.

FOR THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

FOR AFSMCE, AFL-CIO, Counsel 2086

Signed by:
Charles Dunham
52716B91AC054DD...
Mayor

Signed by:
Gina-Louise Sciarra
A5GAF552AA7C43C...
Director of Human Resources

Jessica Wemette 2.27.26
Labor Representative
[Signature]
Union President

APPENDIX A

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MA - LIVE



SALARY TABLES

EFF. DATE	GROUP/BU	GRADE/ RANK	DESCRIPTION	PAY BASIS	FREQUENCY	CALC	PERIODS	HRS/ DAY	HRS/ PERIOD	DAYS/ PERIOD	HRS/ YEAR	DAYS/ YEAR	USE PCT		
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New Scale 07/01/2025															

STEP/LEVEL	PERCENT	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE	PERIOD SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY
000	0.0000	.0000	0.0000	0.00	0.00
001	0.0000	18.3500	146.8000	1,468.00	38,168.00
002	0.0000	18.7600	150.0800	1,500.80	39,020.80
003	0.0000	19.1800	153.4400	1,534.40	39,894.40
004	0.0000	19.6200	156.9600	1,569.60	40,809.60
005	0.0000	20.0600	160.4800	1,604.80	41,724.80
006	0.0000	20.5100	164.0800	1,640.80	42,660.80
007	0.0000	20.9800	167.8400	1,678.40	43,638.40
008	0.0000	21.4600	171.6800	1,716.80	44,636.80
009	0.0000	21.9500	175.6000	1,756.00	45,656.00
010	0.0000	22.4500	179.6000	1,796.00	46,696.00
011	0.0000	22.9600	183.6800	1,836.80	47,756.80
012	0.0000	23.4800	187.8400	1,878.40	48,838.40

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STEP/LEVEL	PERCENT	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE	PERIOD SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY
000	0.0000	.0000	0.0000	0.00	0.00
001	0.0000	21.7657	174.1260	1,741.26	45,272.76
002	0.0000	22.2548	178.0380	1,780.38	46,289.88
003	0.0000	22.7552	182.0420	1,820.42	47,330.92
004	0.0000	23.2668	186.1340	1,861.34	48,394.84
005	0.0000	23.8013	190.4100	1,904.10	49,506.60
006	0.0000	24.3472	194.7780	1,947.78	50,642.28
007	0.0000	24.9044	199.2350	1,992.35	51,801.10
008	0.0000	25.4731	203.7850	2,037.85	52,984.10
009	0.0000	26.0530	208.4240	2,084.24	54,190.24
010	0.0000	26.6559	213.2470	2,132.47	55,444.22
011	0.0000	27.2700	218.1600	2,181.60	56,721.60
012	0.0000	27.8954	223.1630	2,231.63	58,022.38

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STEP/LEVEL	PERCENT	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE	PERIOD SALARY	ANNUAL SALARY
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001	0.0000	23.7332	189.8660	1,898.66	49,365.16
002	0.0000	24.2791	194.2330	1,942.33	50,500.58
003	0.0000	24.8363	198.6900	1,986.90	51,659.40
004	0.0000	25.4049	203.2390	2,032.39	52,842.14
005	0.0000	25.9849	207.8790	2,078.79	54,048.54
006	0.0000	26.5876	212.7010	2,127.01	55,302.26
007	0.0000	27.2017	217.6140	2,176.14	56,579.64
008	0.0000	27.8272	222.6180	2,226.18	57,880.68
009	0.0000	28.4753	227.8020	2,278.02	59,228.52
010	0.0000	29.1350	233.0800	2,330.80	60,600.80
011	0.0000	29.8058	238.4460	2,384.46	61,995.96
012	0.0000	30.4996	243.9970	2,439.97	63,439.22

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Change was made by 2.5000% No Dollar amount used.													

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001	0.0000	18.8088	150.4700	1,504.70	39,122.20
002	0.0000	19.2290	153.8320	1,538.32	39,996.32
003	0.0000	19.6595	157.2760	1,572.76	40,891.76
004	0.0000	20.1105	160.8840	1,608.84	41,829.84
005	0.0000	20.5615	164.4920	1,644.92	42,767.92
006	0.0000	21.0228	168.1820	1,681.82	43,727.32
007	0.0000	21.5045	172.0360	1,720.36	44,729.36
008	0.0000	21.9965	175.9720	1,759.72	45,752.72
009	0.0000	22.4988	179.9900	1,799.90	46,797.40
010	0.0000	23.0113	184.0900	1,840.90	47,863.40
011	0.0000	23.5340	188.2720	1,882.72	48,950.72
012	0.0000	24.0670	192.5360	1,925.36	50,059.36

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001	0.0000	22.3098	178.4780	1,784.78	46,404.28
002	0.0000	22.8112	182.4900	1,824.90	47,447.40
003	0.0000	23.3241	186.5930	1,865.93	48,514.18
004	0.0000	23.8485	190.7880	1,907.88	49,604.88
005	0.0000	24.3963	195.1700	1,951.70	50,744.20
006	0.0000	24.9559	199.6470	1,996.47	51,908.22
007	0.0000	25.5270	204.2160	2,042.16	53,096.16
008	0.0000	26.1099	208.8790	2,088.79	54,308.54
009	0.0000	26.7043	213.6340	2,136.34	55,544.84
010	0.0000	27.3223	218.5780	2,185.78	56,830.28
011	0.0000	27.9518	223.6140	2,236.14	58,139.64
012	0.0000	28.5928	228.7420	2,287.42	59,472.92

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003	0.0000	25.4572	203.6580	2,036.58	52,951.08
004	0.0000	26.0400	208.3200	2,083.20	54,163.20
005	0.0000	26.6345	213.0760	2,130.76	55,399.76
006	0.0000	27.2523	218.0180	2,180.18	56,684.68
007	0.0000	27.8817	223.0540	2,230.54	57,994.04
008	0.0000	28.5229	228.1830	2,281.83	59,327.58
009	0.0000	29.1872	233.4980	2,334.98	60,709.48
010	0.0000	29.8634	238.9070	2,389.07	62,115.82
011	0.0000	30.5509	244.4070	2,444.07	63,545.82
012	0.0000	31.2621	250.0970	2,500.97	65,025.22

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003	0.0000	20.1510	161.2080	1,612.08	41,914.08
004	0.0000	20.6133	164.9060	1,649.06	42,875.56
005	0.0000	21.0755	168.6040	1,686.04	43,837.04
006	0.0000	21.5484	172.3870	1,723.87	44,820.62
007	0.0000	22.0421	176.3370	1,763.37	45,847.62
008	0.0000	22.5464	180.3710	1,803.71	46,896.46
009	0.0000	23.0613	184.4900	1,844.90	47,967.40
010	0.0000	23.5866	188.6930	1,886.93	49,060.18
011	0.0000	24.1224	192.9790	1,929.79	50,174.54
012	0.0000	24.6687	197.3500	1,973.50	51,311.00

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003	0.0000	23.9072	191.2580	1,912.58	49,727.08
004	0.0000	24.4447	195.5580	1,955.58	50,845.08
005	0.0000	25.0062	200.0500	2,000.50	52,013.00
006	0.0000	25.5798	204.6380	2,046.38	53,205.88
007	0.0000	26.1652	209.3220	2,093.22	54,423.72
008	0.0000	26.7626	214.1010	2,141.01	55,666.26
009	0.0000	27.3719	218.9750	2,189.75	56,933.50
010	0.0000	28.0054	224.0430	2,240.43	58,251.18
011	0.0000	28.6506	229.2050	2,292.05	59,593.30
012	0.0000	29.3076	234.4610	2,344.61	60,959.86

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002	0.0000	25.5083	204.0660	2,040.66	53,057.16
003	0.0000	26.0936	208.7490	2,087.49	54,274.74
004	0.0000	26.6910	213.5280	2,135.28	55,517.28
005	0.0000	27.3004	218.4030	2,184.03	56,784.78
006	0.0000	27.9336	223.4690	2,234.69	58,101.94
007	0.0000	28.5787	228.6300	2,286.30	59,443.80
008	0.0000	29.2360	233.8880	2,338.88	60,810.88
009	0.0000	29.9169	239.3350	2,393.35	62,227.10
010	0.0000	30.6100	244.8800	2,448.80	63,668.80
011	0.0000	31.3147	250.5180	2,505.18	65,134.68
012	0.0000	32.0437	256.3500	2,563.50	66,651.00

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APPENDIX B

**AFSCME
STRONG**

AFSCME Council 93

Yes! I am AFSCME Strong.
I want a strong voice at work and in my community

Yes, sign me up to:

- Talk to colleagues at work about AFSCME
- Make phone calls to AFSCME members for campaigns
- Knock AFSCME member doors during campaigns

Membership Application

**American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Membership and Authorization for Dues Deduction**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

I hereby apply for membership in Council 93 (hereafter "Union") and I agree to abide by its Constitution and Bylaws. I authorize the Union and its successor or assign to act as my exclusive bargaining representative for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment with my Employer.

Effective immediately, I hereby voluntarily authorize and direct my Employer to deduct from my pay each pay period, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, the amount of dues certified by the Union, and as they may be adjusted periodically by the Union, and to authorize my Employer to remit such amount monthly to the Union.

This voluntary authorization and assignment shall remain in effect in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement. If the applicable collective bargaining agreement or state statute does not address revocation, then this voluntary authorization and assignment shall be irrevocable, regardless of whether I am or remain a member of the Union, for a period of one year from the date of execution or until the termination date of the collective bargaining agreement (if there is one) between the Employer and the Union, whichever occurs sooner, and for year to year thereafter unless I give the Employer and the Union written notice of revocation not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the end of any yearly period, or in accordance with state statute. The applicable collective bargaining agreement is available for review, upon request. This card supersedes any prior check-off authorization card I signed.

I recognize that my authorization of dues deductions, and the continuation of such authorization from one year to the next, is voluntary and not a condition of my employment.

In order to comply with Internal Revenue Service rulings, be advised that your membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Local Number		Employer	
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Street Address			Apt. No.
City		State	ZIP Code
Social Security Number (last four digits)		Employer ID	
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Personal E-mail Address	
By providing my cell phone number, I understand that AFSCME and its affiliates may use automated calling technologies and/or text message me on my cell phone on a periodic basis. Carrier message and data rates may apply to such texts.			
Signature		Date	

Contribution Form

Become a PEOPLE MVP for \$8.35/ month (\$100 annually)



I hereby authorize my employer and associated agencies to deduct, each pay period, the amount certified as a voluntary contribution to be paid to the treasurer of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees PEOPLE, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, P.O.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.

<p>Deduction Per Pay Period (26 pp/yr)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$4 MVP <input type="checkbox"/> \$8</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____</p> <p>Circle jacket size. S M L XL ZXL Other _____</p> <p><small>For Office Use Only</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JACKET RECEIVED</p>

Box 65334, Washington, D.C. 20035-5334, to be used for the purpose of making political contributions and expenditures. My contribution is voluntary, and I understand that it is not required as a condition of membership in any organization, or as a condition of continued employment, and is free of reprisal. I understand that any contribution guideline is only a suggestion and I am free to contribute more or less than that amount and will not be favored or disadvantaged due to the amount of my contribution

or refusal to contribute, and that I may revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice.

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Street Address		Apt. No.
City		State ZIP Code
Social Security Number (last four digits)		Employee's ID (if Any)
Occupation	Job Title	
Employer		
Home Phone		Business Phone

Signature _____ Date _____

In accordance with the federal law, AFSCME PEOPLE will accept contributions only from members of AFSCME and their families. Contributions from other persons will be returned. Contributions or gifts

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APPENDIX C

August 4, 2022

Covid-19 mitigation payment proposal to AFSCME

Add attachment to CBA for Covid-19 mitigation payment as follows:

The City will provide a Covid-19 mitigation payment of up to \$1,300 to eligible AFSCME unit members. Eligibility shall be determined based on the following criteria:

- The unit member was employed by the City of Northampton in a regular full time or part-time position that was budgeted for at least 20 hours per week;
- The unit member was actively working (e.g., not on a paid or unpaid leave of absence or administrative leave) in their position and assigned regular duties from March 10, 2020 to June 15, 2021 (the Covid-19 Emergency period) and still working for the City when the bonus is paid;
- Covid-19 mitigation payments will be prorated for each full month they are eligible for those unit members hired after the Covid-19 Emergency Period commenced and for any unit members on a paid or unpaid leave of absence or administrative leave for any portion of the Covid-19 Emergency Period. Part time employees will also have their Covid-19 mitigation payment prorated;
- This is a one-time bonus to be paid on or before the final payroll for December of 2022 or the first payroll after the Agreement is ratified and funded by the parties, whichever is later.

- Eligibly shall be conclusively determined by the Human Resources Director, in consultation with an employee's supervising Department Head or, in the cases where the Mayor is the Supervisor, in consultation with the Mayor's Chief of Staff.

- Covid-19 mitigation payments will be prorated for each full month they are eligible for those unit members hired after the Covid-19 Emergency Period commenced and for any unit members on a paid or unpaid leave of absence or administrative leave for any portion of the Covid-19 Emergency Period. Part time employees will also have their Covid-19 mitigation payment prorated.

- This is a one-time bonus to be paid on or before the final payroll for December of 2022.

Employee	Last Name	First Name	Active Status	Job Class	Job Class Desc	Location	Group/BU	Hire Date	Covid bonus
955	LAIZER	DEBORA	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	37	OCLR	08/06/2002	\$ 1,300.00
1319	SISE	NANCY	A	0031	TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT	08	OCLR	10/15/2003	\$ 1,300.00
2181	LANDERS-SCHRANZ	LINDA	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	37	OCLR	03/28/2005	\$ 1,300.00
2430	FURCINI	ANN	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	37	OCLR	03/06/2006	\$ 1,300.00
3286	BETSOLD	MELISSA	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	24	OCLR	03/09/1998	\$ 1,300.00
4133	GAUDREAU	JULIE	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	23	OCLR	09/17/2007	\$ 1,300.00
4180	CARSON	KIMBERLY	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	18	OCLR	11/19/2007	\$ 1,300.00
4603	MOLNAR	DAVID	A	0510	HEARING OFFICER	05	OCLR	12/14/2009	\$ 1,300.00
5415	KOLODZIEJ	GAYLE	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	14	OCLR	04/16/2013	\$ 1,300.00
5513	KAPLOWITT	BETH	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	06	OCLR	08/29/2013	\$ 1,300.00
5650	GILMORE	CHAPIN	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	05	OCLR	01/14/2014	\$ 1,300.00
5795	CONSTANTINE	KELLY	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	20	OCLR	08/05/2014	\$ 1,300.00
6398	GROSS	SANDRA	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	27	OCLR	09/26/2016	\$ 1,300.00
6496	WILLARD	BETH	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	18	OCLR	02/21/2017	\$ 1,300.00
6547	LARKIN	JENNIFER	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	09	OCLR	05/30/2017	\$ 1,300.00
6827	BARRY	JESSICA	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	10	OCLR	04/18/2018	\$ 1,300.00
7179	NETTO	BONNIE	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	37	OCLR	10/01/2018	\$ 1,300.00
7190	VANCE	JANET	A	0902	PAYROLL/AP COORDINATOR	03	OCLR	10/11/2018	\$ 1,300.00
7269	DICARLO	JENNIFER	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	23	OCLR	12/03/2018	\$ 1,300.00
7387	AUBREY	ROBIN	A	0520	PARKING ENFOR. OFFICER	05	OCLR	04/29/2019	\$ 1,300.00
7646	SCOTT	LAURA	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	12	OCLR	01/06/2020	\$ 1,300.00
8334	SANDERELL	KATHLENE	A	0034	PRINCIPAL CLERK	12	OCLR	08/23/2021	\$ -
8511	PAGE	JODI	A	0030	DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	27	OCLR	01/24/2022	\$ -
8599	TERRELL	LEAH	A	0902	PAYROLL/AP COORDINATOR	03	OCLR	05/09/2022	\$ -
8659	BASTIAANS	SALLY	A	0032	PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK -BU-	05	OCLR	07/25/2022	\$ -
8660	HENRIQUEZ	CARLOS	A	0520	PARKING ENFOR. OFFICER	05	OCLR	07/19/2022	\$ -
8667	KRUPA	DYLAN	A	0520	PARKING ENFOR. OFFICER	05	OCLR	07/29/2022	\$ -

APPENDIX D

Holiday Schedule for FY26 – FY28

Tues – Sat scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday
 Veterans’ Day
 One-half day before Thanksgiving Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Day after Thanksgiving Day
 Day before Christmas Day
 Christmas Day
 One-half day before New Year’s Day

Date observed:

Friday, July 4, 2025
 Tuesday, September 2, 2025
 Tuesday, October 14, 2025
 Tuesday, November 11, 2025
 Wednesday, November 26, 2025
 Thursday, November 27, 2025
 Friday, November 28, 2025
 Wednesday, December 24, 2025
 Thursday, December 25, 2025
 Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year’s Day
 Martin Luther King Day
 President’s Day
 Patriot’s Day
 Memorial Day
 Juneteenth Independence Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026
 Tuesday, January 19, 2026
 Tuesday, February 17, 2026
 Tuesday, April 21, 2026
 Tuesday, May 26, 2026
 Friday, June 19, 2026

Mon – Fri scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday
 Veterans’ Day
 One-half day before Thanksgiving Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Day after Thanksgiving Day
 Day before Christmas Day
 Christmas Day
 One-half day before New Year’s Day

Date observed:

Friday, July 4, 2025
 Monday, September 1, 2025
 Monday, October 13, 2025
 Tuesday, November 11, 2025
 Wednesday, November 26, 2025
 Thursday, November 27, 2025
 Friday, November 28, 2025
 Wednesday, December 24, 2025
 Thursday, December 25, 2025
 Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year’s Day
 Martin Luther King Day
 President’s Day
 Patriot’s Day
 Memorial Day
 Juneteenth Independence Day

Thursday, January 1, 2026
 Monday, January 19, 2026
 Monday, February 16, 2026
 Monday, April 20, 2026
 Monday, May 25, 2026
 Friday, June 19, 2026

Tue – Sat scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day	Saturday, July 4, 2026
Labor Day	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday	Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Veterans’ Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
One-half day before Thanksgiving Day	Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 27, 2027
Day before Christmas Day	Thursday, December 24, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
One-half day before New Year’s Day	Thursday, December 31, 2026

New Year’s Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King Day	Tuesday, January 19, 2027
President’s Day	Tuesday, February 16, 2027
Patriot’s Day	Tuesday, April 20, 2027
Memorial Day	Tuesday, June 1, 2027
Juneteenth Independence Day	Saturday, June 19, 2027

Mon – Fri scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2026
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday	Monday, October 12, 2026
Veterans’ Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
One-half day before Thanksgiving Day	Wednesday, November 25, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 27, 2026
Day before Christmas Day	Thursday, December 24, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
One-half day before New Year’s Day	Thursday, December 31, 2026

Date observed:

New Year’s Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2027
President’s Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Patriot’s Day	Monday, April 19, 2027
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2027
Juneteenth Independence Day	Friday, June 18, 2027

Tue – Sat scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day	Tuesday, July 6, 2027
Labor Day	Tuesday, September 7, 2027
Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday	Tuesday, October 12, 2027
Veterans’ Day	Thursday, November 11, 2027
One-half day before Thanksgiving Day	Wednesday, November 24, 2027
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2027
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 26, 2027
Day before Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2027
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 2027
One-half day before New Year’s Day	Friday, December 31, 2027

New Year’s Day	Saturday, January 1, 2028
Martin Luther King Day	Tuesday, January 18, 2028
President’s Day	Tuesday, February 22, 2028
Patriot’s Day	Tuesday, April 18, 2028
Memorial Day	Tuesday, May 30, 2028
Juneteenth Independence Day	Tuesday, June 20, 2028

Mon – Fri scheduled employees

Holiday:

Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2027
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2027
Indigenous People’s Day/State Holiday	Monday, October 11, 2027
Veterans’ Day	Thursday, November 11, 2027
One-half day before Thanksgiving Day	Wednesday, November 24, 2027
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2027
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 26, 2027
Day before Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2027
Christmas Day	Monday, December 27, 2027
One-half day before New Year’s Day	Friday, December 31, 2027

Date observed:

New Year’s Day	Monday, January 3, 2028
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17, 2028
President’s Day	Monday, February 21, 2028
Patriot’s Day	Monday, April 17, 2028
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2028
Juneteenth Independence Day	Monday, June 19, 2028

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