

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between the City of Delray Beach and the Palm Beach County

Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2027

POLICE OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into by the employer, the City of Delray Beach, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City", and the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "PBA", for the purpose of promoting harmonious relations between the City and the bargaining unit represented by the PBA, hereinafter referred to as "members" or "employees," to establish an orderly and peaceful procedure for settling differences which might arise and to set forth the basis and full agreement between the parties concerning rates of pay, wages, hour of work, and other conditions of employment. The terms, provisions, and conditions of this Agreement shall have no retroactive effect but shall only commence upon the effective date of this Agreement unless a specific article or provision of this Agreement provides otherwise.

ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

Section 1

The City of Delray Beach recognizes the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association (the PBA) as the certified bargaining agent for all employees in the bargaining unit for all matters relating to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment.

Section 2

The bargaining unit represented by the PBA under this Agreement shall include all sworn employees of the Police Department within the ranks of police officer and sergeant. Excluded from the bargaining unit shall be all non-sworn employees of the Police Department, the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, Captains, and Lieutenants.

Section 3

Correspondence, communications, or notices required by law or otherwise pertaining to bargaining unit members' wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment shall be directed to:

John Kazanjian, President
Palm Beach County Police
Benevolent Association, Inc.
2100 N. Florida Mango Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
Attention: Legal Counsel

ARTICLE 2

DUES CHECK OFF

Bargaining unit members may voluntarily make arrangements with the City for a payroll deduction of PBA dues and uniform assessments. Upon receiving an authorization for dues deductions from the bargaining unit member, the City shall deduct such dues and uniform assessments from the subject bargaining unit member's compensation and remit the amount deducted to the PBA.

The PBA agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against all claims, costs, demands, expenses, judgments, or other liabilities on account of dues or uniform assessments erroneously collected by the City and/or remitted to the PBA. The PBA further agrees to refund to the City any amounts paid to the PBA in error, upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

ARTICLE 3

UNION REPRESENTATION

Section 1

The City agrees that during the term of this Agreement it will deal only with the authorized representatives of the PBA in all matters requiring mutual consent or other official action called for by this Agreement. The PBA agrees to notify the City Manager and the Police Chief, in writing, of the names of such authorized representatives as of the execution of this Agreement and replacements therefore during the term of this Agreement.

Section 2

The PBA likewise agrees that during the term of this Agreement, the PBA and the employees covered hereunder shall deal only with the City Manager or their representative in matters requiring mutual consent or other official action.

Section 3

The PBA may designate three (3) general representatives, two (2) alternate representatives and one (1) lead representative, in addition to its attorney, whose right it shall be to represent the employees in the bargaining unit, at those times set forth in this Agreement in which such employees are entitled to representation.

ARTICLE 4

P.B.A. BUSINESS

Section 1

Employees who are PBA officials or their designees may be permitted by the Police Chief or their designee to swap an unlimited, but reasonable, number of shifts during the contract year(s) to conduct PBA business, provided a written request is submitted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time-off period, and provided such request is approved by the Police Chief or their designee, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. No additional overtime shall be paid to employees of the bargaining unit as a result of such swapping of shifts, notwithstanding the provisions as set forth in Article 9 of this contract. All such swapping of shifts must be completed within a six (6) month period of time. All such swapping shall be purely voluntary on the employee's part and shall be solely for the employee's benefit and not that of the City; therefore, no overtime shall be paid as a result of such shift swapping.

Section 2

A PBA Time Pool shall be established on the basis of each PBA member contributing four (4) straight hours of vacation leave, holiday option time, or compensatory time, to be determined by the employee on how they choose to donate to the pool on an annual basis. Said three four (4) will be deducted from each PBA member's

account in the second pay period of October and thereafter placed in the Bargaining Unit Time Pool.

No PBA member is exempt from donating said time to the pool when a member has no available hours for the contribution. When a member accumulates appropriate leave time after the annual deduction, the payroll clerk will deduct four (4) straight hours of leave time from vacation leave, holiday option time, or compensatory time bank as soon as hours have been accrued.

In the event that hours within the PBA Time Pool are totally exhausted the City shall continue to permit PBA Representatives' uses of their individual accrued time to perform functions or otherwise attend to PBA business for which the PBA Time Pool hours would be authorized.

Section 3

The PBA Time Pool will be charged for all hours during which an elected or appointed PBA official is on an on-duty release to conduct PBA business.

The PBA Time Pool will be charged for all hours during which an elected or appointed PBA official is off-duty and attends any of the following:

1. Disciplinary Hearings
2. VEBA or Pension Board Meetings
3. Labor-Management Committee meetings held in accordance with,

4. HR Meetings;
5. Police Management Meetings;
6. Elected Official Meetings;
7. Quarterly PBA Board of Director Meetings;
8. PBA training, PBA representative meetings, official meetings, or any meeting deemed by the PBA President to be applicable to membership; and
9. Educational seminars.

Section 4

All requests submitted by a union representative for the use of the PBA Time Pool shall be submitted on a PBA Time Use Request Form stating what union business was conducted to obtain time from the pool. The request form will be submitted to the lead representative of the association who will verify for accuracy and then submit the request form to the Chief of Police or their authorized designee at least three (3) calendar days in advance of the requested time off. However, this shall not preclude management from granting leave with less than three (3) days' notice.

Section 5

At the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, said use of the PBA Time Pool may be denied if the absence of PBA officials creates insufficient staffing to maintain efficiency of operations within the Police Department.

Section 6

PBA members, up to a maximum of four (4), shall be permitted to attend contract negotiations on an on-duty status. Bargaining

unit members on an off-duty status shall not be carried on an on-duty status for the sessions. In the event that staffing concerns arise regarding a PBA member's assignment conflicting with attending contract negotiations, supervisory approval shall be required prior to attending.

Section 7

A PBA Representative will be afforded a reasonable amount of on-duty time to prepare and assist PBA members in disciplinary actions. Representatives on an off-duty status shall not be carried on an on-duty status for this purpose. In the event that staffing concerns arise regarding a representative's assignment conflicting with the proceedings supervisory approval shall be required beforehand.

Section 8

If an employee becomes an Executive Board Member of the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association, that employee will be granted up to a total of 500 hundred (500) hours of PBA time pool time to attend City, County, or State public hearings or meetings, Legislative Sessions, Civic Association meetings, or fundraising activities for requested (IRS) charitable organizations. No reasonable request shall be denied.

Section 9

Earned PBA Time Slip Vouchers can be used in lieu of traditional Leave Time for the purpose of time off, provided manpower permits without affecting any forthcoming overtime pay within the 80hour pay period.

ARTICLE 5

LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1

There shall be a Labor-Management Committee consisting of the following employee-management representatives:

- (1) Three (3) bargaining unit representatives, as designated by the PBA.
- (2) Three (3) management Police Department employees, as designated by the City Manager.

Section 2

Meetings of this committee may be scheduled at the request of either party upon five (5) days' notice in advance. The party requesting such a meeting shall forward to the designated representative of the other party an agenda specifying those questions/issues to be presented for discussion. The time, place, and duration of discussion shall be determined by the City.

Section 3

The sole function of the Labor-Management Committee shall be to discuss general matters pertaining to employer-employee relations. The Committee will not engage in collective bargaining or the resolution of grievances.

Section 4

The City will endeavor to schedule such committee meetings so

as not to unduly interfere with the regularly scheduled shift of any bargaining unit member designated to attend. The PBA shall submit to the Police Chief (or their designee) in advance, and keep current, a list of those bargaining unit members who will be designated for said Committee.

ARTICLE 6

BULLETIN BOARD

The PBA may provide one (1) serviceable, locked and glass encased bulletin board in the Police Department building at a designated and appropriate location on the first floor for use by the PBA in posting notices of PBA business and activities. All materials posted must be signed by an officer or sergeant of the PBA, who shall be held responsible for the content of such materials. A copy of all such materials shall be provided to the Police Chief or their designee in advance of such posting.

The bulletin, notices, mobile digital computers, Microsoft Outlook, or materials posted shall contain nothing of a political nature (excluding political material relating to PBA elections) and nothing of a derogatory nature toward the City, its elected officials, its officers, or employees, as determined by the City.

ARTICLE 7

SOLICITATION OF OR BY EMPLOYEES

Section 1

Unless specifically authorized by the City Manager, all solicitations among City employees during working hours for commercial, charitable, or union purposes, and selling of tickets, magazines, and other merchandise, is prohibited.

Section 2

Employee organizations, their members, agents, or representatives, or any persons acting on their behalf are hereby prohibited from and shall not be required to

- A. Solicit public employees during working hours of any employee who is involved in the solicitation.
- B. Distribute literature during working hours in areas where the actual work of public employees is performed, such as offices, warehouses, schools, police vehicles, police stations, fire stations, and any similar public installations. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the distribution of literature during the employee's lunch hour or in such areas not specifically devoted to the performance duties of the employee's official duties.
- C. Solicit for commercial, charitable, or union purposes, and sell tickets, magazines, or other merchandise while

in City uniform or attire, or while using City vehicles
or equipment.

ARTICLE 8

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1

The City exclusively reserves and retains all rights, powers, prerogatives, and authority customarily exercised by management and held or exercised by the City prior to this certification of the PBA, except as limited by law or expressly modified by this Agreement.

Section 2

The City of Delray Beach shall have the right, subject only to express restrictions in this Agreement, and subject to the PBA's right if any to impact bargain, to exercise its own discretion unilaterally on all the following matters, whatever may be the effect on employment, when in its sole discretion it may determine it is advisable to do any or all the following:

1. To manage and administer the affairs of the City generally.
2. To decide the purpose of each of its constituent agencies.
3. To set standards of service to be offered to the public.
4. To exercise control and discretion over its organization and operation.
5. To direct its employees.
6. To take disciplinary action and discharge employees for

just cause as to both non-probationary and probationary promoted employees, and to take disciplinary action against and discharge with or without cause new probationary employees.

7. To relieve its non-probationary employees from duty because of lack of work and other legitimate reasons, to remove a promoted probationary employee from the position to which he was promoted. In the event a promoted probationary employee is removed for failure to satisfactorily perform job duties, he shall be returned to the position from which he was promoted (and this shall not be construed as a limitation upon or a waiver of the City's right to discharge or discipline such a promoted probationary employee). The City may likewise remove other promoted probationary employees, which may be necessary because of the return of this employee to their former position.
8. To relieve other probationary employees from duty for any reason.
9. To determine and redetermine work schedules.
10. To maintain order and efficiency in its operations.
11. To determine and redetermine starting and quitting times, in which case the City shall provide to the affected employees five (5) calendar days' notice in

- advance of any changes in such starting and quitting times, except that no such advance notice shall be required in cases of emergency as determined by the City.
12. To determine and redetermine the number of hours to be worked, in which case the City shall provide to the affected employees five (5) calendar days' notice in advance of any changes in such number of hours to be worked, except that no such advance notice shall be required in cases of emergency as determined by the City.
 13. To require employees to submit to a medical and/or psychological examination by a physician or licensed psychologist designated by the City when such examination or inquiry is shown to be job-related and consistent with business necessity.
 14. To promulgate rules and regulations for its employees not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
 15. To set the standards and procedures for application, testing, selection procedures, and appointment to positions in the Police Department.
 16. To take disciplinary action against employees who violate any provisions of this contract, or any rules and regulations promulgated by the City not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.
 17. To enforce and make amendments to the General Orders at

any time, and to enforce the provisions in such General Orders against both probationary and non-probationary members of the bargaining unit, and to take disciplinary action against employees for failure to follow the provisions of such General Orders. However, the exercise of such rights by the City shall not necessarily preclude employees or their representatives from raising grievances, should decisions on the above matter set forth in this subsection have the practical consequence of violating the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

18. Under reasonable circumstances, to dismiss or otherwise relieve from duty employees who have contracted or developed some mental or physical ailment or defect which incapacitates them for duty in the City service.
19. To require enhanced supervision of both probationary and non-probationary employees under reasonable circumstances.
20. To hire, retire, promote, demote, evaluate, compensate, transfer, assign, direct, layoff, recall, or reward employees.
21. To determine, re-determine, and direct the policies, mode, and methods of performing work of any sort.
22. To determine the qualifications for and to select its employees.

23. To determine the size and composition of its work force.
24. To assign overtime work and to select persons to perform such overtime work, subject to existing practices of equitable distribution of overtime opportunities.
25. To determine the number and types, and to control, regulate, or discontinue the use of vehicles, equipment, processes, materials, supplies, and other property, to be used, operated, or distributed.
26. To institute and establish new methods and procedures of training of unit employees, and to engage in such training methods and procedures.
27. Subject to any legal rights of incumbent employees to the contrary, to determine and redetermine job content, job descriptions, and all qualifications for job classifications.
28. To determine the amounts and types of work to be performed by employees.
29. To determine whether or not to what extent the work required in its operations shall be performed by employees covered by this Agreement.
30. To use managerial, supervisory, or other non-unit employees to perform work performed by employees of the unit.
31. To open new facilities, and to transfer its operations

or any part thereof to such new facilities, and to transfer or assign employees to new facilities.

32. To subcontract all or any part of its functions, operations, or work.
33. Subject to any legal rights of incumbent employees to the contrary, to expand, reduce, alter, combine, transfer, assign, cease or create any job, job classification, department, or operation.
34. To introduce new, different, or improved methods, means, processes, maintenance, service, and operations.
35. To discontinue conduct of its mission or operations in whole or in part.
36. To take all actions necessary to ensure compliance with federal and state equal employment opportunity laws, including, but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.
37. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, to have complete authority to exercise those rights and powers which are incidental to the rights and powers enumerated above.

ARTICLE 9

HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

Section 1

The work cycle for regular full-time employees shall be eighty (80) hours in a 2-week cycle. The number of hours per day and days per week shall be determined by the Police Chief. Work schedules of bargaining unit members shall be established and implemented at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Police Chief.

Section 2

It is recognized and understood that deviations from the foregoing normal schedules of work will be necessary and will unavoidably result from several causes, such as but not limited to: rotation of shifts, vacation, leaves of absence, weekend and holiday duty, absenteeism, employee requests, temporary shortage of personnel, and emergencies. No such deviation shall be considered a violation of this contract. Recognizing that the Department has an obligation to provide sufficient staffing, the City will attempt to avoid causing an employee covered by this Agreement to work two (2) consecutive shifts, except in unusual circumstances as determined by the Chief of Police or their authorized designee.

Section 3

For all employees the scheduled work day shall be broken down into fifteen (15) minute segments. An employee shall be noted as

late for work if they do not report ready for work at their work station at their starting time. If an employee reports for work late, eight (8) minutes or more after the scheduled time, he/she shall be docked in major segments of one-quarter (1/4) of an hour.

Section 4

The City agrees to pay overtime at the rate of time-and-a-half after eighty (80) hours based on a 14-day work cycle. This work cycle shall coincide with the bi-weekly pay periods. Overtime compensation will be computed at the end of each 14-day work cycle with compensation for same being on the following paycheck. In the computation of such overtime compensation, employees shall receive credited hours for any vacation days, military time, union time pool, holiday option, and compensatory time which may occur within the pay cycle.

Section 5

Both parties hereto agree, and the PBA acknowledges, that the City has declared members of the bargaining unit to be "7(k)" employees for purposes of application of the Fair Labor Standard Act. Forms acknowledging this fact for each individual employee shall be provided by the City for acknowledgement by the employee.

Section 6

Credit towards overtime shall not be accrued until an employee has worked eight (8) or more minutes beyond their normal schedule for the day. Once that eight (8) or more minutes has been worked, the employee shall accrue overtime credit for that fifteen (15) minute segment and subsequently for any additional fifteen (15) minute segments, computed in a like manner.

Section 7

If an employee covered by this Agreement is called out to work outside their normal working hours, the employee will receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay at time and one-half (1 1/2) their regular rate of pay.

Section 8

- Officers and Sergeants working 12-hour schedules work a total of 80 hours within each pay period. Every employee under this deployment schedule will be given off 4 hours every pay period.

Section 9

a. Upon the mutual agreement of the employee and the City, an employee will be awarded compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half hours of compensatory time for each hour of overtime worked, in lieu of overtime pay.

b. The maximum amount of compensatory time that any employee can accrue is 120 hours. When an employee accrues the maximum permissible compensatory leave, the employee will be paid for all overtime hours in excess of the maximum at the rate of one

and one-half times the employee's current rate of pay.

c. Employees wishing to use accrued compensatory time will make a request to do so to their Shift Commander at least 48 hours in advance of the time that the employee wishes to use the leave time. Requests to use accrued compensatory time with less than 48 hours' notice may be approved in extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Police Chief or designee.

d. Requests to use accrued compensatory time will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis, and approved based on the operational needs of the shift for the time period requested, as determined by management. When an employee's request to use compensatory time off is denied as to specific dates, the City will upon request, advise the employee of alternate dates that are available to schedule compensatory time off. Because of the unique staffing needs of law enforcement agencies, no employee can be guaranteed that his or her request to take compensatory leave on a particular day or days will always be granted. However, employees who request the use of compensatory time shall be permitted to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the department. The request will be deemed to have been granted within a reasonable period if the City offers to allow the employee to take compensatory time off within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the final date requested by the employee.

EXAMPLE: On February 1, an employee requests to take compensatory leave beginning on March 1 and ending on March

5. Management denies the requests for those particular dates. The request will be deemed to have been granted within a reasonable period if the Employer offers alternate compensatory time off on or before August 27.

In the event the request to use compensatory time cannot be granted within a reasonable time as defined in this subsection, the employee may elect to be paid for the compensatory time that was not granted.

e. Employees may request to use compensatory time to take off earlier than the time that the employee's shift ends. Because of the nature of law enforcement services, there are certain activities performed by police officers which cannot be postponed until a later date and cannot be transferred to another officer for completion. Examples of such activities include but are not limited to: processing of an arrest; completion of arrest or incident reports; continuation of an ongoing pursuit. Therefore, where such requests to use compensatory time are granted, the approval will be made on a "conditional" basis, as follows: In the event that an employee is involved in a task or activity that cannot be postponed until a later date, and cannot be completed by another officer at the time the compensatory leave is scheduled to begin, the compensatory leave will be postponed until the employee has completed the task or activity. In such cases, the employee's compensatory leave account will not be charged for the time that he or she is held over. The employee will continue to be paid for the time he or she is held over at the otherwise applicable rate

of pay. Employees who are given conditional approval to use compensatory time to take off earlier than the time the employee's shift normally ends and then who are required to remain on duty, are not entitled to call out pay.

f. Upon termination of employment for any reason, employees will be paid for all accrued compensatory time at the employee's regular rate of pay at the time of the separation.

Section 10

An employee who is temporarily and continuously assigned by the proper authority to perform the duties of a higher classification for more than three (3) consecutive shifts, beginning on the first (1st) day, will be compensated for the time spent in the higher classification at a rate of five percent (5%) above their regular base salary. In filling the temporary higher classification assignment, employees on the authorized promotion list for sergeant or lieutenant will take priority over all other employees.

When an employee who is on the authorized promotion list for either Sergeant or Lieutenant, serves in the capacity of acting Sergeant or Lieutenant, the employee will be compensated at a rate five percent (5%) above their normal rate of pay beginning on the first (1st) working day of continual work in such higher classification.

If no such qualified employee who is on duty is available to fill such position, then the City shall backfill such vacancies with qualified personnel per the overtime policy.

ARTICLE 10

WAGES

Section 1: Step Pay Plan Transition and Implementation

The City's existing Step Pay Plan (formerly numbered Steps 3-14) will be replaced with a new Step Pay Plan (numbered Steps 1-11) retroactive to October 1, 2024.

- Employees who are currently in Steps 3 or 4 of the Pay Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 will transition to Step 1 of the Pay Plan for FY 2024-2025.
- Employees in Steps 5 through 14 of the Pay Plan for FY 2023-2024 will transition to the corresponding step of the Pay Plan for FY 2024-2025 (e.g., old Step 5 → new Step 2, old Step 6 → new Step 3, etc.).

A copy of the Step Pay Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 is attached as Schedule A.

A. Bargaining unit members who are not topped out in the Pay Plan as of October 1, 2024, will continue to advance to the next step of their respective Pay Plan on their anniversary date provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. Bargaining unit employees who are topped out in the Pay Plan on their anniversary will be eligible to receive a top-out bonus of three percent (3%) of their base salary provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. The bonus will not increase the employee's annual base salary.

B. On October 1, 2025, each employee will remain in their current step and transition to the FY 2025-2026 Step plan. Bargaining unit members who are not topped out in the Pay Plan will continue to

advance to the next step of their respective pay plan on their anniversary date provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. Bargaining unit employees who are topped out in the Pay Plan on their anniversary will be eligible to receive a top-out bonus of three percent (3%) of their base salary provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. The bonus will not increase the employee's annual base salary.

- C. On October 1, 2026, each employee will remain in their current step and transition to the FY 2026-2027 Step plan. Bargaining unit members who are not topped out in the Pay Plan will continue to advance to the next step of their respective pay plan on their anniversary date provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. Bargaining unit employees who are topped out in the Pay Plan on their anniversary will be eligible to receive a top-out bonus of three percent (3%) of their base salary provided they receive a satisfactory performance evaluation. The bonus will not increase the employee's annual base salary.

Those that are Police Officers in Training will not be included in the step plan until they have been sworn in with the Delray Beach Police Department. The annual rate of pay for those in this status will be \$55,000.

Section 2

1. Performance evaluations shall be given once a year, one month prior to the employee's anniversary date. However, the

employee's proposed step increase will be effective on the employee's actual anniversary date. No step increase or top-out bonus shall be paid if an employee's performance review shows below satisfactory. If the employee's performance review has not been completed by the employee's review date (one month before the employee's anniversary), the employee will receive the step increase as if they had received a satisfactory performance review. If a below satisfactory performance review is earned by the employee but is not reported to the employee until after the review date (one month before the employee's anniversary), the employee will revert to the previous step effective the date of the performance review. The employee shall remain at the reduced salary (step). The employee will be placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) until satisfactory performance is attained in which case they will move to the next step.

2. Performance evaluations shall be administered pursuant to the Police Department's employee performance evaluation criteria and forms.
3. Employees performance evaluations shall be one year from the date of hire and annually thereafter except for employees hired as a police officer in training. Their performance evaluation will be conducted one year from the date of being sworn in.

Section 3

Incentives are designed to attract and compensate experienced officers and sergeants to work evening and overnight shifts and shall be paid on a cent per hour basis. Accordingly, an assignment where more than half of the shift hours occur after 5:00 p.m. shall be paid at \$1.00 per hour above the base rate of pay. Whenever a bargaining unit member assigned primarily to a daytime position is temporarily assigned to an evening or overnight shift, where more than half of the shift hours occur after 5:00 p.m., they shall receive the \$1.00 per hour incentive if the temporary reassignment exceeds three (3) shifts in a pay period.

Community Patrol, Community Response, and Investigative Division Officers and Sergeants assigned to these shifts shall be eligible for such compensation provided such officers shall have completed the Field Training Program. Officers may be removed from these assignments for cause as articulated by Police Management. The Parties understand that this compensation is subject to review and modification. It is further understood that through a reorganization of the Police Department, the work schedule that presently exists may in fact be altered causing the Parties to re-examine this issue and make appropriate modification.

Section 4

The Chief of Police shall have the authority to hire Florida

State Certified applicants with prior police experience and/or those with advanced academic degrees at a rate up to 10% above the entry rate for a Police Officer.

Section 5

Employees who are fluent (speaking, reading, writing and listening) in Creole or Spanish will be eligible for Language Incentive pay at the rate of \$.50 per hour. The Language Incentive shall be paid as a bonus outside the salary range and shall be included in overtime and pension calculation. To be eligible for the Language Incentive pay, employees must first pass a language proficiency test given by a vendor selected by the City.

Section 6

The Career Development Program provides a curriculum through which officers acquire skills and knowledge that contribute to their professional success. It also provides career guidance, recognition of accomplishments, and financial incentives through five (5) advancement levels. Each advancement level provides for an additional \$0.50 per hour to base salary.

a. Advancement levels

1. Police Officer 1 st class	\$0.50/hour
2. Career Officer 1	\$1.00/hour
3. Career Officer 2	\$1.50/hour
4. Career Officer 3	\$2.00/hour
5. Master Police Officer	\$2.50/hour

Schedule A - Police Officers

2024-2025	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
PBA		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
POAA	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 72,450.00	\$ 76,072.50	\$ 79,876.13	\$ 83,869.93	\$ 88,063.43	\$ 92,466.60	\$ 97,089.93	\$ 101,944.43	\$ 107,041.65	\$ 112,393.73
POBA	\$ 71,718.60	\$ 75,304.53	\$ 79,069.76	\$ 83,023.24	\$ 87,174.41	\$ 91,533.13	\$ 96,109.78	\$ 100,915.27	\$ 105,961.04	\$ 111,259.09	\$ 116,822.04
2025-2026											
PBA											
POAA	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 75,600.00	\$ 79,380.00	\$ 83,349.00	\$ 87,516.45	\$ 91,892.27	\$ 96,486.89	\$ 101,311.23	\$ 106,376.79	\$ 111,695.63	\$ 117,280.41
POBA	\$ 74,836.80	\$ 78,578.64	\$ 82,507.57	\$ 86,632.95	\$ 90,964.60	\$ 95,512.83	\$ 100,288.47	\$ 105,302.89	\$ 110,568.04	\$ 116,096.44	\$ 121,901.26
2026-2027											
PBA											
POAA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 78,750.00	\$ 82,687.50	\$ 86,821.88	\$ 91,162.97	\$ 95,721.12	\$ 100,507.17	\$ 105,532.53	\$ 110,809.16	\$ 116,349.62	\$ 122,167.10
POBA	\$ 77,955.00	\$ 81,852.75	\$ 85,945.39	\$ 90,242.66	\$ 94,754.79	\$ 99,492.53	\$ 104,467.16	\$ 109,690.51	\$ 115,175.04	\$ 120,933.79	\$ 126,980.48

Schedule A - Sergeants

2024-2025	1	2	3	4	5
PBA		5%	5%	5%	5%
SGTAA	\$ 116,822.04	\$ 122,663.14	\$ 128,796.30	\$ 135,236.12	\$ 141,997.92
SGTBA	\$ 119,392.13	\$ 125,361.73	\$ 131,629.82	\$ 138,211.31	\$ 145,121.88
2025-2026					
PBA		5%	5%	5%	5%
SGTAA	\$ 121,901.26	\$ 127,996.32	\$ 134,396.14	\$ 141,115.95	\$ 148,171.75
SGTBA	\$ 124,583.09	\$ 130,812.24	\$ 137,352.86	\$ 144,220.50	\$ 151,431.52
2026-2027					
PBA					
SGTAA	\$ 126,980.48	\$ 133,329.50	\$ 139,995.98	\$ 146,995.78	\$ 154,345.57
SGTBA	\$ 129,774.05	\$ 136,262.75	\$ 143,075.89	\$ 150,229.69	\$ 157,741.17

ARTICLE 11

HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

Section 1

The City shall provide individual insurance coverage at no cost to employees or the same contribution amounts as all other employees of the City, whether or not such other employees are in a bargaining unit.

Section 2

Employees who elect to maintain dependent coverage will contribute a dollar amount equal to the amount contributed toward the cost of dependent coverage that any other employees of the City are required to pay, whether or not such other employees are in a bargaining unit.

Section 3

Bargaining unit employees shall at all times be provided with the same insurance benefits provided to all employees of the City, whether or not such other employees are in a bargaining unit, and at the same contribution amounts for individual and/or dependent coverage consistent with Section 1 and 2 above.

Section 4

The Parties agree that state or federally mandated health insurance plans may impact the Parties rights and obligations. The Parties agree that if there are such mandates during the duration of this Contract, the impact thereof shall be subject to

bargaining.

Section 5

The City reserves the right to change the medical and hospitalization insurance carrier, but the level of deductibles and insurance benefits provided to bargaining unit employees shall not be reduced during the term of this Agreement.

Section 6

The City will maintain an insurance committee to discuss and review the City's insurance program, and to make recommendations to the City Manager regarding the City's insurance program(s). The insurance committee will be composed of one representative from each of the bargaining units in the City, a representative of the non-bargaining unit employees of the City, and management representatives. The City Manager will select the management members of the insurance committee.

Section 7

The City agrees to provide group health insurance benefits to the surviving spouse and children of a bargaining unit member who is killed in the line of duty or who suffers a catastrophic injury (as defined in Florida Statute, Chapter 440.02 (38)), in the line of duty, until such time as the spouse remarries, the children reach age 21; or age 25 if a dependent or a dependent and a student; or age 26 to age 30 if they are unmarried, have no dependents, do not have coverage under any other group or individual health

benefit plan, are not entitled to benefits under Title XVII of the Social Security Act, and are a resident of Florida or are a full or part time student; or until such time as other health insurance becomes available from another source.

ARTICLE 12

PENSION PLAN MATTERS

The Parties agree that the provisions of the Police Officers' Retirement System (sec. 33.59 through sec. 33.725, Delray Beach Code of Ordinances) reflect the retirement benefits and employee contributions of bargaining unit members.

Section 1

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the parties agree that the City may revoke its participation in Chapter 185 pursuant to Fla. Stat. 185.60 at any time during the term of this Agreement if it determines that it is dissatisfied with the performance of the Board of Trustees responsible for administering the Police Officers' Retirement System (Chapter 185 pension plan or plan). In determining the performance of the Board of Trustees the City shall consider some or all of the following factors in its sole discretion:

- (1) The Investment performance the plan;
- (2) The Board of Trustees' choice of its investment advisor;
- (3) The extent of the Board of Trustees' efforts to control administrative costs through the use of attorneys, actuaries, accounting firms and other professional advisors the City utilizes to provide services to its other employee pension plans;
- (4) The appropriateness of the Plan's actuarial assumptions

and methods; The extent to which the Board of Trustees delegates administrative functions to the City's Finance Department

Section 2

As a safe harbor provision during any time the Plan is using the same actuary, investment advisor, (and is following that investment advisor's recommendations with respect to portfolio allocation and selection of funds and fund managers) auditor, attorney, and administrative function provider as the City's General Municipal Employees Pension Plan, the parties agree the City may not exercise its revocation rights pursuant to Section 1. If the Board of Trustees believes it is operating within the safe harbor established herein, it may request the City to confirm the same in writing. The City shall respond to such request within thirty (30) days of receipt of the same. Once the City has confirmed that the Board of Trustees is operating within the safe harbor, the City may not invoke the revocation procedures provided in Section 4 below unless it first provides the Board of Trustees notice of its intent to do the same along with an explanation of why the Board of Trustees is no longer operating within the safe harbor. The Board of Trustees shall have thirty (30) days from date of receipt of such notice to resume operating within the safe harbor. If the Board of Trustees fails to resume operating within the safe harbor, the City may, at its discretion, proceed to invoke

the revocation procedures pursuant to Section 4 below, the safe harbor provision may not be utilized and shall no longer be in effect.

Section 3

The City's exercise of its revocation rights under Section 2 shall be undertaken as follows:

(i) the City Manager or designee shall provide at least sixty (60) days written notice to the Union and shall provide a general explanation of the reason(s) for the City's intended action in the notice;

(ii) the issue shall be placed on the agenda for the next City Commission meeting scheduled after the expiration of the notice period;

(iii) the Union shall be given an opportunity to be heard by their designee at the City Commission meeting held to consider the City's exercise of its revocation rights.

Section 4

The parties agree that the City's decision to revoke its participation in Chapter 185 shall be final and that the City's exercise of its revocation right under this Article shall not be subject to challenge or appeal through the grievance and /or arbitration provisions of this Agreement or otherwise.

Section 5

In the event the City revokes its participation in Chapter 185, the parties agree that Chapter 33 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Delray Beach shall be amended in whatever way necessary to accomplish the revocation and to change the composition of the pension board.

Upon the City's revocation, any benefits that were being provided with the premium tax money above the 1993 amount shall be discontinued. All accumulated excess state premium tax monies held in reserve at the time of the withdrawal and any other premium tax money that is not allocated to pay for the pension benefits or that has been allocated to pay for the benefits that are discontinued will be used to pay down the unfunded liability attributable to police officers.

The Parties agree that, if required by the Division of Retirement to accomplish the intent of the preceding sentence, employee contributions may be increased and then immediately decreased in an amount equal to the amount used to pay down the unfunded liability attributable to police officers, such that there is no actual change in the employee contributions.

Section 6 - Mutual Agreement on Use of Chapter 185 Premium Tax Revenues

The Parties agree to continue to utilize premium tax monies received pursuant to Chapter 185 each year to offset the cost of

the pension plan (i.e., reduce city pension contributions) up to the amount of money received for the 2013 calendar year (\$606,595). Any annual Chapter 185 premium tax money received in excess of \$606,595 will be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the pension plan.

Section 7 – Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

A. Effective January 1, 2026, the maximum DROP participation period will be extended from 5 years (60 months) to 8 years (96 months).

B. Members who are already in DROP as of the effective date, and who have not yet separated from service, may continue participating until they reach the new 96-month maximum.

C. All members in DROP will be required to contribute 3% of their base salary beginning in month 61 of participation. This contribution continues until the member either:

- Reaches month 96, or
- Separates from employment, whichever comes first.

D. No Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) will be applied to DROP account payments while the member is actively participating in DROP. COLA adjustments will begin only when both conditions are met: The employee has separated from employment, and the employee has reached their 25th anniversary of employment.

ARTICLE 13

HOLIDAYS

Section 1

The following days shall be holidays:

New Years Day
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Presidents' Day
Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
Juneteenth (June 19th)
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Personal Holiday (1 per fiscal year)

and any other day declared by the City Commission to be a legal holiday. The Personal Holiday will be granted on a date selected by the employee, provided the employee has six (6) consecutive months of regular full-time service with the City. The date selected must be approved by the Police Chief and City Manager.

Section 2

For employees who have completed the probationary period set forth in Article 22 of this Agreement, employees shall have thirteen (13) holidays (104 hours) per fiscal year, the dates for which may be selected in advance by the employee, subject to the approval of the Police Chief or their authorized designee, on any regular scheduled work day during the contract period, and the selection by the employee must be made no later than twenty-four

(24) hours prior to the date(s) selected.

A maximum of 52 hours can be used for pay out of holiday options, and a minimum of 52 hours must be used for time off.

ARTICLE 14

VACATION

Section 1

Regular, full-time bargaining unit members shall receive annual vacations, which may be accumulative from year to year, pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 6, below.

Section 2

VACATION ALLOWANCE CHART

<u>Years of Continuous Service</u> <u>Over, but less than</u>			<u>Other Full Time Personnel</u> <u>Vacation Hours</u>
0	years	3 years	10.00/month
3	years	7 years	11.67/month
7	years	11 years	13.34/month
11	years		15.00/month

The accumulation of vacation days at each of the stages referenced above shall commence during the fourth, eighth, or twelfth years, respectively, of continuous service. For example, an employee in their fourth year of continuous service would be earning vacation time at the rate of one hundred forty (140) work hours per year so that at the end of the fourth year of continuous service for that fourth year, the employee would have available one hundred forty (140) work hours to take during the next year (the fifth year); and, that the rate of one hundred forty (140) work hours per year vacation time would continue to be accumulated annually in the fifth, sixth, and seventh years of continuous

service; the rate of one hundred sixty (160) work hours would then be accumulated between the employee's seventh anniversary date and the employee's eighth anniversary date.

A member of the bargaining unit shall not be eligible to take any vacation time in the first year of continuous service. An employee shall be considered as earning vacation time in the first year of continuous service, however such vacation time shall be taken in the second year of continuous service.

Section 3

Continuous service shall be any service in which there has been no interruption by resignation, absence without leave or by involuntary separation or lay-off in excess of one year. Absence due to military service, injury in the line of duty, or sick leave with pay shall not serve to interrupt continuous service unless the employee was employed by another employer during such period of absence. Absence due to leave without pay shall not be construed as an interruption of continuous service but vacation benefits shall not be accrued during such leave.

Section 4

When legal holidays occur within the vacation period of an employee the number of such days that are legal holidays shall be added to the normal number of vacation days allowed, or paid as straight time, at the employee's option.

Section 5

An employee resigning from the service of the City in good standing shall be paid for any vacation credit accumulated prior to resignation, provided:

- A. The employee has completed one year of continuous service.
- B. The employee gives at least two weeks' written notice of their intent to resign and the written notice or copy of same is filed with the City Manager's office at least two weeks prior to termination.

Section 6

Vacation time is subject to the following requirements: The maximum accumulation permitted will not exceed three hundred-sixty (360) working hours. All vacations, including those periods made mandatory above, including the timing of such vacation and the actual number of days taken, are made expressly subject to the approval of the Chief of Police or designee.

Section 7

All personnel will have leave request/lock out guidelines to follow to ensure that they will have equal opportunities at leave time while maintaining seniority consideration where applicable. Leave will be considered approved when signed by the Division Commander, supervisor, or their designee.

Outside 60-days - leave requests 61 days or greater from the time the requested leave begins will allow for bumping by senior employees for any and all leave requests.

31-60 days from the time the requested leave begins, bumping based upon Seniority is permissible for requests of less than one work week.

One (1) day to 30 days - from the time the requested leave begins does not allow for any bumping. All requests within this time frame will be granted on a first come first served basis.

ARTICLE 15

SICK LEAVE

Section 1

The PBA recognizes that sick leave is not a privilege which an employee may use at their discretion and it shall be allowed only for the following:

A. Employee's injury, illness or quarantine due to exposure to contagious disease.

B. Actual illness of a member of an employee's immediate household (wife, husband, domestic partner or child) where care by the employee is required.

Section 2

All regular full-time employees may be given sick leave with pay at the rate of:

<u>Years of Continuous Service</u> <u>Over, but less than</u>	<u>Full Time Personnel</u> <u>Sick Hours</u>
0 Years - 5 years	8.00 Hrs. / month
5 years - 10 years	10.00 Hrs. / month
10+ years	12.00 Hrs. / month

for each calendar month of continuous service during which there were no absences without leave, provided:

A. Sick leave credits shall accrue during the first six (6) months of service but shall not be granted until completion of six (6) months of continuous service.

B. If employment begins on or before the fifteenth day of

the month sick leave credit shall be given for the entire month. If employment begins after the fifteenth day of the month sick leave will not be credited until the first day of the following month.

C. If an employee works less than half the normal work days during a month for reasons other than vacation, sick leave shall not be credited for that month.

D. Sick leave credits shall be available for use on the first day of the month following the month in which earned.

The maximum sick leave accumulation that may be accrued is one thousand three hundred thirty-four (1,334 hours).

The employee may bank all unused sick leave each year until the one thousand three hundred thirty-four (1,334) hours maximum is reached.

Section 3

Employees who resign in good standing shall receive pay at their regular hourly rate for the portion of their accrued sick leave stated below, not to exceed a total payment of five hundred sixty (560) hours:

<u>Years of Continuous Service</u> <u>Over, but less than</u>	<u>Percentage of Accrued Sick</u> <u>Leave to Be Paid</u>
0 - 5	- 0-
5 - 10	25%

10 - 15	50%
15 - 20	75%
20 or more	100% or up to 560

hrs.

Employees who retire from the City in good standing after twenty (20) years under the City of Delray Beach Police Retirement System or twenty-five (25) years if hired after July 7, 2015, shall receive pay at their then regular hourly rate for their total amount of accrued sick leave, not to exceed the maximum allowed accrual of one thousand three hundred thirty four (1,334) hours.

Section 4

Employees reporting in sick or unable to report for duty must do so not later than thirty (30) minutes prior to their reporting time. All employees will report to the Communications Section. Reporting must be done by the employee themselves, and any failure to report shall be considered as absence without leave. The Police Chief or their designee may investigate absences on account of sickness to determine their validity. When absence is for three or more working days, the Police Chief may require the employee to provide a certificate from a physician, certifying to the actual disability of the employee, or may require a letter from the employee explaining the reasons for such absence. Violations of this policy may result in discipline up to and including termination.

Section 5

In case of death of an employee, payment for unused sick leave, pursuant to Section 3, shall be made to the employee's beneficiary, estate or otherwise provided by law.

ARTICLE 16

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITH PAY

Employees may be granted leaves of absence with pay upon approval of the Police Chief and the City Manager for the following:

- A. Jury duty or other required appearances before a court or other public body, except such appearances required because of the personal matters of the employee or their family.
- B. Official training courses such as conferences, conventions, workshops, or similar meetings approved by the City.

Under these provisions, no overtime pay will be considered.

Leaves of absence with pay will not be considered as hours actually worked in the computation of time-and-a-half payment of overtime at the end of the work cycle during which they occurred unless such leaves are directly concerned with City business and the employee was directed by the Police Chief to use such leave in order to conduct City business. Provided, however, that in the case of any leave of absence with pay which may be granted to attend training sessions which are required by the City, such time shall be considered as hours worked for purposes of calculations under the provisions, where applicable, of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

ARTICLE 17

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

Upon written request of an employee and approval by the Police Chief, the City Manager may grant a leave of absence without pay when it will not result in undue prejudice to the interests of the City.

ARTICLE 18

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Section 1

When a death or critical illness, in which death appears to be imminent occurs in the family of an employee, the employee may be allowed three (3) shifts if occurring in the State of Florida and five (5) shifts if occurring outside the State of Florida, bereavement leave with pay. For the purpose of this article, family is defined as follows: father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchild, grandparents, foster parents, foster children, step-children, step-parents or domestic partner as qualified through Palm Beach County's domestic partner registration program. No other persons shall be contained within the definition of family except as specifically set forth herein.

Section 2

Bereavement leave will not be charged against sick leave, vacation, or holiday time. Additional time for bereavement leave may be requested by the employee, and if granted by the Police Chief and City Manager, shall be charged to one of the foregoing categories.

Section 3

The employee may be required by the Police Chief to furnish evidence of the facts justifying the use of bereavement leave.

ARTICLE 19

MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS

Both Parties acknowledge that during the term of this Agreement with the City, with input from the PBA, will agree to further study certain additional matters regarding the employment conditions and terms for bargaining unit employees, including

- A. A review of promotional qualifications concerning the acceptability and feasibility of instituting as a qualification for promotion, a minimum number of years' experience, either in law enforcement or with the City, prior to taking the written examinations for promotion to sergeant.

The PBA agrees that it shall be its obligation to submit in a timely fashion to the City any ideas concerning the above in order for the City to consider same during this contract period

ARTICLE 20

NEPOTISM

No City official or employee in a managerial or supervisory capacity may be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in any other department where that person would exercise regulation or control over any individual who is a relative of the City official or employee. A person who is a relative of a City official or employee may not be appointed, employed, promoted, or advanced in or to a position in any department if the related City official or employee is, or would be, the person's supervisor or who would exercise any dominion or control over or otherwise regulate the duties and responsibilities of the person, or if the person would supervise or exercise any dominion or control over or otherwise regulate the duties and responsibilities of the related City official or employee.

"Relative", as used herein, means a person who is related by blood, marriage or adoption as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister.

ARTICLE 21

NEW EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS

All new employees shall be required by the City to execute an agreement with the City, on a form to be provided by the City, in which the employee agrees, in addition to repayment of tuitions as provided for in Florida Statutes §943.16, that any such new employee who leaves the employment of the City voluntarily prior to the expiration of three (3) full years of employment with the City, shall reimburse the City all other costs or expenses for education/training and for clothing or uniforms which had been paid for by the City to the date of the termination of employment. Furthermore, in such agreement, the City shall require, and the employee shall agree that any such amounts due and owing to the City upon said employee's voluntary termination shall be withheld by the City from said employee's paycheck(s) and/or any other financial benefits otherwise paid by the City to that employee. This shall not be construed to constitute a waiver or otherwise prohibit the City from Collecting any additional amounts owed pursuant to this Agreement through any other legal process.

ARTICLE 22

PROBATIONARY PERIOD - NEW EMPLOYEES

Section 1

The probationary period for non-entry level and entry level new employees covered by this Agreement shall be one (1) year from the date that the employee is sworn in with the Delray Beach Police Department. New probationary employees shall have no right to utilize the grievance/arbitration procedure contained in this Agreement or any other internal City policy or procedure for any matter concerning discharge, suspension, or other discipline.

Section 2

Probation may be extended for the following reasons with approval of the Police Chief:

- a. For reasons of performance, probation may be extended for an additional ninety (90) days.
- b. For any extended absence in which the employee is unable to fully participate in training and/or does not have sufficient time in service in which to be evaluated.
- c. Probation may be extended for an amount of time deemed reasonable by the City, but not to exceed the total length of cumulative absences.
- d. The City's right to extend the probationary period of an employee does not create a right or entitlement of the employee to have their probationary period extended.

ARTICLE 23

PROBATIONARY PERIOD - PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

Section 1

There shall be a probationary period of one year for each employee in the bargaining unit who is promoted to a higher classification within the bargaining unit. This probationary period shall commence from the employee's initial regular assignment to the higher classification. During the one-year probationary period, the City Manager or their designee shall have the right to remove the probationary employee from the position to which that employee was promoted with or without cause. Any probationary employee so removed shall have no right to appeal said action under the provisions of this Agreement, or any other policy or procedure.

A probationary promoted employee who is removed from the position to which they were promoted, shall return to the position from which they were promoted (however, this shall not be construed as a limitation on or a waiver of the City's right to dismiss or discipline such a probationary promoted employee for just cause). Other probationary promoted employees may also be removed, and other probationary promoted employees may also return to their former positions if made necessary because of the return of such a probationary promoted employee to their former position. In this event, none of the employees moved back to their former position will have a right to appeal said action under the provisions of this Agreement, or any other policy or procedure.

Section 2

Probation may be extended for the following reasons with approval of the Police Chief:

- a. For reasons of performance, probation may be extended for an additional ninety (90) days.
- b. For any extended absence in which the employee is unable to fully participate in training and/or does not have sufficient time in service in which to be evaluated.
- c. Probation may be extended for an amount of time deemed reasonable by the City, but not to exceed the total length of cumulative absences.
- d. The City's right to extend the probationary period of an employee does not create a right or entitlement of the employee to have their probationary period extended.

ARTICLE 24

SENIORITY

Section 1

The City agrees that seniority will consist of continuous accumulation of paid service with the Department. It will be computed from the date of employment, or re-employment in the event of separation, as a sworn employee with the Department. Seniority shall accumulate during all approved leaves of absence of thirty (30) days or less and during approved leaves of absence of less than one (1) year when such leaves are due to job related illness or injury.

Section 2

Subject to supervisory approval, the choice of vacation periods shall be as follows:

Vacation periods shall be chosen on the basis of seniority. Seniority for the choice of vacation shall be calculated based on the beginning date of an employee's most recent period of continuous paid service with the Police Department. If more than one employee started with the Police Department on the same date, then seniority for those employees shall be established based on the date they filed an application for employment. If more than one employee filed an application for employment on the same date, seniority for those employees shall be based on the alphabetical order of their last names.

Vacation periods for sergeants shall be chosen on the basis of seniority. Seniority for the choice of vacation shall be calculated based on time in rank with the police department. If two sergeants have the same time in rank, then seniority for those sergeants shall be established by date of hire.

Section 3

In the event of layoff for any reason, the employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of seniority in their classification only. Employees who are affected by a layoff and have received satisfactory performance evaluations during the year preceding the layoff shall have the opportunity to bump. Employees who are affected by a layoff and have received less than satisfactory performance evaluations during the year preceding the evaluations shall, with approval of the Police Chief, have the opportunity to bump. Employees shall be recalled from layoff in the inverse order of layoff (last out, first back) if said employees to be recalled are physically qualified to perform the work available at the time of recall. The City further agrees that no new employees in a particular classification will be hired for one (1) year or until all employees in that particular classification on layoff have been given the opportunity to return to work, whichever comes first, in accordance with the provisions of this article. "Recall" from layoff shall mean notifying a laid off employee to return to work by registered mail sent to the last address listed with the

Department as their home address or by giving a laid off employee personal notice to return to work. If the affected employee has not responded to recall within three (3) work days of the return receipt date on the recall notice or if the recall notice is returned by the Post Office to the City due to inability to locate the addressee, or if the affected employee has not responded to personal notice recall within three (3) work days, then that employee shall be considered to have refused recall.

Section 4

Shift work assignments shall be made according to seniority. For purposes of this section, seniority is defined as the amount of continuous service an employee has in their rank. Shift selection shall occur once annually.

1. All efforts shall be made by the City to abide by seniority as it affects shift work assignments. In those instances where the City determines that the compelling need of the City outweighs the individual employee's seniority right to shift selection, that City may veto that selection based upon just cause. The affected employee shall have the right to appeal this veto through the chain of command to the level of Chief of Police who shall possess the power of final and binding arbitrator.
2. Management reserves the right to determine the staffing levels.

3. The City shall not make a shift assignment that is arbitrary and capricious.
4. In the event of a vacancy between the described selection period, the filling of that vacancy shall be based on seniority as defined in this section.
5. Should an Officer or Sergeant be removed, transferred, or request to return to the road patrol division, they shall be placed in the open/vacant position until the next shift selection. The Officer/Sergeant will not be allowed to "bump" an existing member from their current position until the annual shift selections (Redeployment) occur. If there are no open/ vacant positions, placement will be made at the Chief's discretion.

ARTICLE 25

PROMOTIONS

Section 1 -- Promotional Procedure

The City will announce promotional examinations at least thirty (30) days in advance. A copy of any reference material in the City's possession will be made available. All promotional vacancies shall be filled in accordance with criteria established by the City Manager or their designee. Promotional examinations and eligibility for same shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth in Exhibit A to this contract, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The employees or the PBA may offer suggestions to Police Chief as to changes in the criteria to be used for filling promotional vacancies. The acceptance or rejection of these suggestions shall be at the sole discretion of the City Manager or their designee.

Section 2 -- Effect of Promotion on Wages and Employment Anniversary Date

(a) When an Officer is promoted to a Sergeant's classification, the officer will be moved into the Sergeant's step plan to the next higher step than their current salary and the salary increase shall not be less than 5%. In the event the salary increase is less than 5%, the employee shall move to the next highest step.

(b) As a result of a promotion, the employee's annual performance evaluation date will be changed to the date of the promotion.

EXHIBIT A

PROMOTION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

All sworn personnel desiring promotion in the Police Department will be required to take the appropriate promotional examination. In addition to the general requirements for City promotion, employees will be required to meet the following qualifications to be admitted to such examination:

A. Admission to examination for promotion to sergeant shall be restricted to police officers who have been in that position continuously for three (3) years with the City of Delray Beach immediately preceding the examination.

B. Admission to examination for promotion to lieutenant shall be restricted to sergeants who have been in that position for one (1) year continuously with the City of Delray Beach immediately preceding the examination.

C. Anyone taking an examination shall be an employee of the Police Department of the City of Delray Beach at the time of taking such examination.

D. An employee within the period of an authorized leave of absence from the Police Department of the City of Delray Beach shall be eligible to take such examination, provided the period of

the leave of absence shall not be considered in calculating the "time in grade" requirement of these rules.

Candidates must obtain a minimum examination score of 70% in written examinations to be eligible for further consideration. Written promotional examinations shall be augmented by oral interviews and staff evaluations. The oral interview shall be conducted by members of neighboring law enforcement agencies and/or a city official or community leader within the City of Delray Beach or a neighboring City. The respective weights given to written examinations, oral interviews, and staff evaluations to determine the candidate's total rating shall be:

Written examination	50%
Oral interview	25%
Staff evaluation	25%

An aggregate score of 70% must be attained to be eligible for promotion.

ARTICLE 26

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Section 1

No member of the bargaining unit may hold outside employment unless the employee's written request for approval of such employment is recommended for approval by the Police Chief and reviewed by Human Resources. The granting of such approval is expressly contingent upon the following:

- A. Assurance that the employee's City position is of primary importance;
- B. Consideration of the effect the outside employment may have upon the efficiency of the requesting employee; and
- C. Determination as to the compatibility of the outside employment with City employment.

Section 2

Any member who is an active member of the board of directors or advisor to a Delray Beach nonprofit must complete a disclosure form in order to ensure the Chief of Police and Human Resources Director are aware of the board membership and approve the membership in order to insure there is no conflict between the board membership and the City.

Section 3

Application forms for outside endeavors shall be provided to the employee by the City annually and approval of such shall be renewable January first of each year. Outside employment shall be

deemed to include ownership or part ownership of a business (but not including ownership of less than a controlling interest of stock of a publicly held corporation), as well as independent contracts by employees to provide labor, services, or materials.

Section 4

No member of the bargaining unit may work at any previously approved outside employment, nor at any future outside employment, while said member is on injury leave or restricted duty for a workers' compensation injury, unless additional express approval for such outside employment is obtained by the member from the Police Chief and the City Manager, who shall take into consideration the recommendation(s) from the employee's physician and/or from the City's physician.

ARTICLE 27

RESIGNATION

Any employee who wishes to resign in good standing shall give the Police Chief written notice of their intention at least two (2) weeks prior to the date said resignation is to become effective, or shorter notice, with the approval of the Police Chief. Notice of resignation shall be immediately forwarded to Human Resources together with said employee's termination forms.

If any employee resigns without giving the required notice, the Police Chief shall notify Human Resources; Human Resources shall enter this fact on the employee's records; and failure to give such required notice of resignation may be considered sufficient reason for rejecting any future application of said employee to reenter City Service. The Police Chief may enter good standing records for an employee who fails to give two (2) weeks' notice if they feel there were extenuating circumstances.

Any employee who is absent from duty for three (3) consecutive shifts without securing approved leave from the employee's superior may be considered to have resigned without notice. It shall be the duty of the Police Chief to report all unauthorized leaves immediately to Human Resource in the manner prescribed. All such unauthorized leaves shall be posted on the employee's records and may be considered in the employee's merit ratings.

ARTICLE 28

NON-APPLICABILITY OF CIVIL SERVICE ACT, CIVIL SERVICE RULES

AND REGULATIONS AND PERSONNEL POLICIES

It is understood and agreed that the Civil Service Act and the Civil Service Code of Rules and Regulations of Delray Beach and any amendments thereto and the Personnel Policies shall have no applicability whatsoever to the employees covered by this Agreement except as modified herein.

ARTICLE 29

COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY FOR **CITY OF DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES**

The City recognizes that Police Department employees are not immune from problems that confront society in general. The problems of drug and alcohol abuse are widespread throughout our community and nation. In the face of these problems, it is critical that the City of Delray Beach Police Department maintain a working environment free of alcohol and drug abuse. The primary objective of this policy is to provide a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, and thereby provide the highest level of service to the public.

I. Definitions

A. Alcohol abuse means the ingestion of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, on or off duty, which adversely affects the employee's ability to perform their job duties. The use or being under the influence of alcohol or alcoholic beverages on the job by Police Department employees is strictly prohibited.

B. Drug abuse means the ingestion of any controlled substance as defined in Section 893.03, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, not pursuant to a lawful prescription. The term drug abuse also includes the commission of any act prohibited by Chapter 893, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

C. Illegal drugs means any controlled substance as defined in Section 893. 03, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, not possessed or taken in accordance with a lawful prescription.

II. Physical Fitness and Examinations

A. Every applicant for Police Department employment (including applicants for full-time, part-time and volunteer positions), and each re-employed employee may be required to present proof that they are physically fit to perform the duties of the job which the applicant or re-employed employee seeks. Applicants for employment may be required to take a physical examination, including blood or urine tests for the presence of illegal drugs. Applicants for employment whose blood or urine is found to contain the presence of illegal drugs shall not be considered fit to perform the duties of the job which the applicant seeks. The physical examination shall be completed prior to the applicant's entry on the job.

B. All Police Department employees, including managerial and supervisory employees, are required to take an annual physical examination at such times as may be specified within the calendar quarter in which the employee's anniversary date occurs in order to prove that they are physically fit to perform the duties of the job for which they are employed.

C. Any such annual physical examination taken by the Police Department employees shall include a blood/urine test for the

presence of illegal drugs and alcohol.

D. All employees subject to certification by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement shall meet all statutory and regulatory physical and medical requirements for initial certification.

E. The City Manager, or the Chief of Police, or an Assistant City Manager, or City Attorney, or Human Resources Director, may also require an employee to take a physical examination, that shall include a blood/urine test for the presence of illegal drugs or alcohol, at any time the City Manager or Police Chief, or Assistant City Manager, or City Attorney, or Human Resources Director reasonably believes that the employee is not physically or medically fit to perform his or her duties.

F. Furthermore, the City Manager, or the Chief of Police, or Assistant City Manager, or City Attorney, or Human Resources Director may require an employee to take a physical examination and/or give a urine or blood specimen for testing whenever the City Manager, Chief, or other supervisory employee has a reasonable suspicion that the employee has been on duty, or has reported for duty, under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

G. The use of illegal drugs on or off duty by employees of the Police Department is strictly prohibited. The City Manager or the Chief of Police, or Assistant City Manager or City Attorney, or Human Resources Director may require an employee to take a

physical examination and/or give a urine or blood specimen for testing whenever the City Manager, Chief of Police, or other supervisory employee has a reasonable suspicion that the employee is using illegal drugs or under the influence of alcohol. A reasonable suspicion~~-~~ is a suspicion which is based on fact derived from the surrounding circumstances from which it is reasonable to infer that further investigation is warranted.

H. Post-Accident Testing - If an employee is involved in an accident in which the employee was driving, the employee will be tested for drugs/alcohol if any one of the following occurs: an individual dies, an individual suffers a bodily injury and immediately receives medical treatment for which a medical report is generated, or one or more vehicles incurs disabling damage as the result of the occurrence. Disabling damage does not include damage that could be remedied temporarily at the scene of an occurrence without special tools or parts; tire disablement without further damage even if no spare tire is available; or damage to headlights, taillights, turn signals, horns, or windshield wipers that make them inoperative.

I. Random testing for alcohol and/or controlled/illicit drugs shall be performed in conjunction with this Article. Random selections of employees will be made by a third-party contracted firm using a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved random selection computer program. An employee selected for random

testing shall be tested on the day their name is selected if on duty. If off-duty, the employee shall be tested on their next regular day of work. The total number of random drug tests given per year will not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total number of bargaining unit members. No more than 10% of those selected for drug testing will be tested for alcohol.

J. The City will pay the cost of any physical examinations and tests required by this policy. The examination will be performed by medical personnel selected by the City. Employees who take a physical examination or blood/urine test in accordance with this policy shall be required to sign an authorization releasing the records of such examinations and tests to the City. The City shall strictly observe and maintain the confidentiality of such employee medical records to the extent permitted by law.

K Any employee who fails or refuses to take a physical examination or give a urine or blood sample in accordance with this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

III. Blood/Urine Tests for the Presence of Alcohol and Drugs

A. In testing for the presence of alcohol, the City shall utilize a generally accepted blood test procedure which produces quantitative results showing the amount of alcohol present in the blood.

B. At the time the testing occurs, two (2) specimens of

urine and two (2) specimens of blood shall be taken, the first set of which shall be used by the first laboratory and the second set of which shall be used by a second laboratory, if requested. In testing for the presence of illegal drugs and alcohol, the City shall submit the first set of the samples for testing, which, in the first instance, shall utilize an immunochemical assay or radioimmunoassay test on the employee's blood/urine. If the initial test is positive for an illegal drug or alcohol, the same blood/urine specimen shall be subjected to a further test using the gas chromatography, thin layer chromatography or gas chromatography/mass spectrometry method for verification. For non-probationary employees, if both the initial and verification tests are positive for an illegal drug or alcohol, the employee shall receive notification of results from the City in the manner set forth herein. In order to timely provide such notification the employee shall be required to contact by telephone or in person a City representative designated in advance by the City, not later than one (1) hour after a date and time specifically given to the employee for their requirement to contact a designated City representative by telephone. At the time the employee makes such contact, the employee must decide whether or not they wish the second set of specimens provided at the initial collection to be further tested by the City. If the employee so requests, then this second set of specimens shall be tested by the City utilizing

medical personnel different from that used by the City for the initial test. If the employee fails to contact the City representative within the time frame set forth above, or the employee does not request the testing of the second set of specimens, or if the employee does request the testing of the second set of specimens and it also tests positive for an illegal drug or alcohol, corrective action shall be taken as specified below.

IV. Corrective Action

A. Applicants for employment whose blood or urine is found to contain the presence of illegal drugs or under the influence of alcohol shall not be considered fit to perform the duties of the job which the applicant seeks.

B. Employees (probationary and non-probationary) whose blood or urine is found to contain the presence of illegal drugs, or who have been found to have used or been under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol while on duty, shall be terminated.

C. Any non-probationary employee who is found to have engaged in off-duty alcohol abuse which adversely affects the employee's ability to perform job duties may be placed on a leave of absence without pay for a period of up to sixty (60) days. The leave of absence may be extended for good cause by the City Manager up to an additional fifteen (15) days. The employee may use any accumulated sick leave or vacation during the leave of absence.

The purpose of the leave of absence is to give the employee an opportunity to rehabilitate himself or herself from abusing alcohol. The City may assist the employee in locating an appropriate program of rehabilitation. Upon the successful completion of the rehabilitation program as certified by a physician designated by the City, the employee shall be eligible to return to City employment in the same or similar position to the one which the employee occupied before his or her leave of absence. Prior to resuming employment with the City, the employee shall be required to take a physical examination which shall include a blood or urine test for the presence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs. The returning employee shall be placed on probationary status for a period of one (1) year following their return to City employment. During the one-year probationary period, the City may require the employee to take unannounced blood or urine tests for the presence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs. If at any time during the probationary period or thereafter, the employee's blood or urine is found to contain the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs, utilizing the double testing procedures set forth in Section III(B), above, the employee shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

ARTICLE 30

DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY

Section 1

Each police employee shall exercise due caution in the care and handling of all tools and equipment which may come into their custody, or over which they may have a degree of control. Any police employee who loses, misuses, or damages through their carelessness, negligence and/or intentional misconduct such tools or equipment provided by the City shall be subject to discipline. When in the judgment of the City a tool or piece of equipment is no longer safe or effective, due to normal wear and tear, the defective item shall be turned in to the City for replacement. No defective tool or piece of equipment shall be replaced by the City until the defective item is presented by the employee. All tools and equipment issued to a police employee by the City shall be returned to the City prior to the employee leaving City employment in the same condition as same was issued (normal wear and tear excepted).

Section 2

The City will be responsible for full replacement costs for prescription glasses and contact lenses provided the employee presents a replacement receipt at the time of replacement. The City will be responsible for the replacement of damaged watches and

non-prescription sunglasses up to one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).
The City will not be responsible for the replacement of jewelry or
other personal property worn at the employee's discretion.

ARTICLE 31

DISCIPLINE

Section 1

The City Manager may at any time dismiss or otherwise discipline any employee for just cause. Further, the City Manager may, at any time, dismiss any probationary new employee with or without cause.

Section 2

A. Has been found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony and/or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or which is related to his/her City job function.

B. Has willfully violated any of the provisions of the City or this Agreement or has attempted to or does commit an act or acts intended to nullify any of the provisions thereof.

C. Has violated any lawful or reasonable order or regulation or has failed to obey any reasonable or lawful direction by a superior.

D. Has reported for duty, or is actually on duty, while under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs.

E. Has been guilty of acts which amount to insubordination; or has conduct while on duty, been guilty of disgraceful or disgraceful conduct while off duty when it reflects unfavorably on the City or interferes with the operations of the City.

F. Has been wantonly offensive in his conduct or language

toward the public or toward any City employee or official.

G. Has been incompetent, negligent, or inefficient to such an extent that his/her performance falls below the minimum prescribed standard.

H. Is careless or negligent of the property of the City of Delray Beach, or steals or misuses any equipment, materials, property, or other things of value belonging to the City.

I. Has used, or threatened to use, his position for personal gain or advantage, or has attempted to use political influence in securing promotion, leave of absence, transfer, classification change, pay increase, to influence pending disciplinary matters or change in character of work.

J. Has taken any fee, gift, or other valuable thing in the course of his work or in connection therewith for his personal use from any firm, corporation, or individual when such fee, gift, or other valuable consideration is accepted with the understanding that the donor shall receive favors and service therefor not customarily accorded the general public.

K. Has falsified time records, other official City records, or has failed to report absences from duty to his superiors in accordance with prescribed procedure.

L. Has been absent from duty without proper leave of absence, or otherwise contrary to prescribed procedures; or has failed to report for duty after a leave of absence has expired.

M. Has been excessively absent from work; has been repeatedly absent from work without notifying his immediate supervisor or has repeatedly reported late for work.

N. Has abused sick leave or other authorized leave of absence by claiming false reasons for such leave.

O. Is antagonistic in his attitude toward his supervisor or fellow employees; continually criticizes orders or rules issued or adopted by his superiors; or conducts himself in such a way that it interferes with the proper coordination of the work effort in his department to the detriment of efficient public service.

P. Upon the expiration of earned sick leave, fails to report to the Police Chief his inability to return to work, if such is the case.

Q. Has been convicted of the unlawful possession, use, dispensing, or sale of any narcotic, barbiturate, mood ameliorating, tranquilizing, or hallucinogenic drug, or conspiracy to do same, while either on or off duty.

R. Has made a significant omission on his application for employment, or has falsified it in any way.

S. Has been found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony criminal offense, or has been repeatedly found guilty of misdemeanor criminal offenses.

T. Has been found to have used anabolic steroids, with or without prescription, solely for the purposes of enhanced muscle

training or body building functions. Disciplinary action shall be taken only as provided pursuant to city policy.

The City Manager shall furnish the non-probationary employee or the promoted probationary employee whom they dismiss from the City service with a written statement outlining in detail reasons for the removal, and the date and time such removal becomes effective. A copy of the statement shall be furnished to the Police Chief.

Section 3

If criminal charges have been formally charged against an employee, the City Manager may place the employee on leave of absence with or without pay.

During such leave of absence, the City may investigate and take appropriate disciplinary action against the employee. However, if the employee is subsequently found not guilty by a trial court of all the criminal charges which had been instituted against the employee, and if no notice of potential disciplinary action has been given, the employee shall be reinstated and awarded back pay for the period of said leave of absence. The forgoing provision would also apply to criminal charges that have been classified as case closed or nolle-prossed. Once the officer's criminal matter has concluded, their status shall change to administrative leave with pay until the Internal Investigation is closed and final disciplinary action is taken.

ARTICLE 32

ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE

Section 1

An absence of an employee from duty, including any absence for a single day and failure of an employee to report at the expiration of a leave of absence or vacation, that is not authorized by a specific grant of leave of absence under the provisions of this Agreement, shall be deemed to be an absence without leave. Any such absence shall be without pay and may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension, demotion, or dismissal in repetitive or extreme cases.

Section 2

Any employee who is absent from duty for three (3) consecutive shifts without notifying the shift supervisor or Watch commander of the reasons for such absence and the time they expect to return, and without securing leave, may be considered to have resigned without notice.

ARTICLE 33

POLICE BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1

The City of Delray Beach agrees that in the investigation of all bargaining unit members all rights articulated in Florida Statutes, Section 112.532 and Section 112.533 (as amended from time to time) shall be provided. The PBA may post a copy of Sections 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes on the bulletin board referenced in Article 6.

Section 2

Interrogations shall be conducted, preferably at a time when the bargaining unit member is on duty, unless the seriousness of the investigation is of such a degree that immediate action is required. Nothing herein shall prohibit the adjustment of the schedule of the bargaining unit member under investigation so that the interrogation can take place during business hours.

Section 3

The City agrees that all notices that investigations have been concluded, with the accompanying opportunity to submit responses, if any, shall be provided to the PBA representative or attorney of record simultaneously with notice to the bargaining unit member subject of the investigations. Said notices shall be provided to the bargaining unit member's PBA representative or attorney of record together with a complete copy of the completed investigative report.

ARTICLE 34

NO STRIKE

Section 1

A "strike" shall be defined as the concerted failure to report for duty, a concerted absence of members of the bargaining unit from their positions, a concerted stoppage of work, a concerted submission of resignations, a concerted abstinence in whole or in part by members of the bargaining unit from the full and faithful performance of their duties of employment with the City of Delray Beach, participating in a deliberate or concerted course of conduct which adversely affects the services of the City of Delray Beach, or the concerted failure to report for work after the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement.

Section 2

No member of the bargaining unit may participate in a strike. Any violation of this provision shall subject the member of the bargaining unit or the PBA or both to the penalties under Chapter 447 of the Florida Statutes and Chapter 30 of the City of Delray Beach Code of Ordinances.

Section 3

In the event of a breach of the provisions of this article, the City of Delray Beach shall be entitled to recover from the PBA and any employee in the bargaining unit participating in the strike, jointly and severally, full compensatory damages, punitive

damages, costs, and attorney's fees incurred in any and all proceedings involving said strike.

Section 4

The City of Delray Beach shall have the right to unilaterally terminate the employment of any employee engaging in a strike: The only issue which shall be grievable with reference to the termination is whether or not the employee was in fact engaged in a strike.

Section 5

In the event of a strike, the City shall transmit written notification to the chief agent or their designee of the PBA, and the PBA will notify the employees of the bargaining unit and inform them that a strike is illegal under Florida law, of the sanctions which may be imposed against the PBA and participating employees for a strike, and further instruct striking employees to immediately return to work. The PBA agrees that the notification will be in writing and will be made in a good faith effort to get the employees to return to work. Such conduct shall exonerate the PBA from all penalties, financial or otherwise, which may be imposed under this Agreement, but this notwithstanding, the City does not waive any rights it may have to declare this Agreement to be null and void upon the occurrence of a strike.

ARTICLE 35

PERSONNEL DOCUMENTS

All bargaining unit employees shall be permitted to obtain a copy of all documents that are placed in any of their personnel files, and further shall be provided copies of all disciplinary action documents placed in their department personnel file.

The employee may, within thirty (30) days from the date of the document being placed in the employee's personnel file, file a written response to such document. The employee is fully aware that such written response places no further obligations on the City and confers no additional rights on the employee. Any written response by an employee shall be clearly designated as the employee's response and shall bear an acknowledgment by the employee that such a response is solely the employee's view of the incident and confers no further obligation on the part of the City and confers no employee further rights on the part of the employee.

ARTICLE 36

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Those bargaining unit members assigned to positions within the Department which require the use of civilian attire will be granted a clothing allowance. Said allowance will be issued on a semi-annual basis at the rate of \$500.00 (five hundred) per unit member. Those bargaining unit members assigned to motorcycle duties will be supplied with boots as needed and three (3) pairs of pants on an annual basis. All Sergeants and Officers will be assigned three (3) pairs of pants and three (3) shirts on an annual basis.

ARTICLE 37

DISABILITY INSURANCE

Bargaining unit employees shall be eligible to receive the long-term disability benefits pursuant to the City's current plans and policies applicable to all other City employees.

ARTICLE 38

SICK AND VACATION PAY-OUT ACCRUALS

The City shall provide the following two (2) options:

A. Provide a lump sum pay-out at termination (retirement) of accrued balance not to exceed 1694 hours (1334 sick leave, 360 vacation) as currently exists.

B. Enable employees who properly notify the City with the intent to retire, at least two years prior to Retirement date, the ability to have above noted accruals paid in payments of not more than one-third per year of total amount authorized at date of designation of retirement. The employee will have the following option of payment:

1. The one-third payments, not to exceed one-third of accrued balance or 1694 hours (1334 sick leave, 360 vacation), whichever is greater, be made in cash each year.

a. The first payment will be made 2 years from the date of termination.

b. The second payment will be made 1 year from the date of termination.

c. The third payment will be made at termination.

2. The one-third payments may be deposited tax free into the employee deferred compensation (457) account if the annual limit on the employee's 457 contributions has not been reached.

ARTICLE 39

TAKE HOME VEHICLE PLAN

The City has agreed to a take home vehicle plan which shall include the following parameters:

A. An officer must have successfully completed their field training and Delray Beach Police Officers must reside within Palm Beach, Martin, or Broward Counties in order to be eligible for a take home vehicle.

B. Officers and Sergeants assigned a take home vehicle shall reimburse the City via biweekly payroll deduction for auto related expenses. Reimbursement amount varies based on distance - the City of Delray Beach GIS System will be utilized in calculating the mileage from the City limits to the officer's place of residence to determine total distance traveled. Mileage will be determined by a direct line from the City limits to the members current address of record. See pay plan below:

- 0-15 miles - \$ 0
- 15.01-30 miles - \$30
- 30.01miles - \$45

C. The Police Department shall establish internal policies and procedures for the assignment and use of take home vehicles.

D. Take home vehicles are permitted for commuting, department related activities, and for de minimis use (e.g. small errands while enroute to or from work, stopping to buy a beverage or item at the store, going to and from the gym) in Palm Beach, Martin, and Broward Counties only.

E. Personnel assigned to a take-home vehicle and using the vehicle during off-duty hours, but within city limits, must monitor radio traffic using their assigned GPS equipped radio at all times.

ARTICLE 40

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Section 1

The grievance procedures as described in Sections 2, 3 and 4, below, shall be used for the settlement of disputes between the City and an aggrieved employee or group of employees involving the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

Section 2

Grievances shall be processed in accordance with the procedures outlined in this section. Any grievance not answered by management in the time limits provided for in this section shall be determined to be denied and may be advanced to the next higher step of the grievance procedure. Grievances of disciplinary actions shall be processed in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 4.

Step 1

The aggrieved employee, or a PBA representative on their behalf, shall submit a grievance in writing and it shall be discussed with the aggrieved employee's unit Lieutenant and Divisional Commander within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence (or discovery thereof) which gave rise to the grievance. A PBA grievance representative may be present to represent the employee, if the employee desires them present. The unit Lieutenant and Divisional Commander shall attempt to

adjust the matter and/or respond to the employee within ten (10) calendar days.

Step 2

If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved in Step 1, the aggrieved employee and the PBA representative, if the employee wishes their assistance, shall present the written grievance to the Police Chief within ten (10) calendar days from the time the supervisor's response was due in Step 1. The Police Chief, or their designee shall meet with the employee and the PBA representative, if the employee wishes them present, within ten (10) calendar days. The Chief, or their designee, shall respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the day of the meeting.

Where a grievance is general in nature, in that it applies to a number of employees having the same issue to be decided, it shall be presented directly at Step 2 of this grievance procedure, within the time limits for the submission of a grievance in Step 1, and shall be signed by the aggrieved employees, and/or an PBA representative on the employees' behalf. Grievances of a general nature shall be processed within the time limits hereinabove provided unless extended by mutual agreement in writing.

Step 3 If the grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved in Step 2, and an appeal to the City Manager is permitted pursuant to Section 4, the employee or the PBA if the employee elects PBA assistance, may present a written appeal to the City Manager within ten (10) calendar days from the time the response was due from the Police Chief in Step 2. The City Manager, or their designee, and any staff requested by the City Manager or their designee, shall meet with the employee (and the PBA representative, if the employee wishes them present), within ten (10) calendar days. The City Manager or his designee shall respond in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the meeting.

Any grievance not processed in accordance with the time limits provided above shall be considered conclusively abandoned.

Nothing contained in this article shall prevent any employee covered by this Agreement from processing their own grievance unassisted through the grievance procedure up to and including Step 3.

Step 4 If a grievance, as defined in this article, has not been satisfactorily resolved within the grievance procedure, the PBA and only the PBA may request arbitration for PBA members. Members of the bargaining unit who are not members of the PBA may also request arbitration. The

request for arbitration shall be in writing to the office of the City Manager no later than ten (10) calendar days after the City Manager's response is due in Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

Section 3

- A. The party requesting arbitration shall request a list of seven (7) names from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Such party will strike first, and whichever name remains on the list after striking will be the arbitrator assigned to the case. The requesting party shall pay the cost for the FMCS fee.
- B. Subject to the following, the arbitrator shall have the jurisdiction and authority to decide a grievance as defined in this article and to enforce compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
- C. However, the arbitrator shall have no authority to change, amend, add to, subtract from, or otherwise alter or supplement this Agreement or any part thereof or any amendment thereto.
- D. The arbitrator shall have no authority to consider or rule upon any matter which is stated in this Agreement not to be subject to arbitration, which is not a grievance as defined in this article, or which is not specifically covered by this Agreement.

- E. There shall be post hearing briefs unless both parties agree to make oral closing arguments prior to the commencement of the hearing.
- F. The arbitrator may not issue declaratory or advisory opinions, and the arbitrator shall be confined exclusively to the question which is presented, which question must be actual and existing.
- G. Copies of the award of the arbitrator, made in accordance with the jurisdictional authority under this Agreement, shall be furnished to both parties in writing within thirty (30) days of the hearing and shall be final and binding upon both parties.
- H. It is contemplated that the City and the employee shall mutually agree in writing as to the statement of the matter to be arbitrated prior to the hearing, and if this is done, the arbitrator shall confine their decision to the particular matter thus specified. In the event of the failure of the parties to so agree on a statement of issue to be submitted, both the PBA (or the employee, if not represented by the PBA) and the City shall submit a written statement of the grievance and the arbitrator shall confine their consideration to the written statement or statements submitted. This clause, however, shall not be construed to permit either party

to present issues through their written statements that would not otherwise be subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Contract.

I. Each party shall bear the expense of its own witnesses and its own representatives. The parties shall bear equally the expense of the impartial arbitrator.

J. The City and the PBA shall equally share the costs associated with hiring a court reporter and associated costs of preparing deposition and/or hearing transcripts.

Section 4

A. Discipline involving oral or written reprimands or suspensions without pay of twenty-four (24) hours or less, may be processed through Step 2 of the grievance procedure. The decision of the Police Chief or their designee is final and binding on the parties.

B. Discipline involving suspensions without pay in excess of twenty-four (24) hours but less than forty (40) hours may be processed through Step 3 of the grievance procedure. The decision of the City Manager or their designee is final and binding on the parties.

C. Discipline involving discharge, suspension without pay of forty (40) or more hours, or disciplinary demotion, may be processed through Step 3 of the grievance procedure. The decision of the City Manager or their designee shall be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE 41

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The City agrees for Employees who sustain workers' compensation qualified injuries, that the City will pay to such Employees amounts necessary to bring such employees to current full salary for ninety (90) calendar days and thereafter shall pay salary/benefits to such employees in accordance with the requirements of the Florida Statutes.

The ninety (90) calendar day status shall only commence, as needed, and at such time, as when an employee initiates a need for this supplemental payment due to continuing absence from duty as caused by such injury.

Once the ninety (90) day period commences it shall be available only from that day forward for ninety (90) consecutive calendar days.

An employee covered by Florida Statute, Chapter 440, Workers' compensation and in accordance with provisions set forth hereunder, shall be authorized to be absent from work due to injury or illness incurred while on duty, and directly related to work, until the employee reaches maximum medical improvement or two (2) years, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE 42

RETIREE INSURANCE

Section 1

The Delray Beach Police Officer's Retiree Insurance Fund known as the Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association Plan (VEBA) provides full or partial payments for health insurance premiums and other benefits on behalf of former bargaining unit employees of the City who separated from employment on or after October 1, 2004. All eligibility requirements and benefits provided will be determined solely by the Board of Trustees of the VEBA.

Section 2

For fiscal years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, the City shall contribute to the VEBA, on or before December 31 of each of those fiscal years, an amount equal to the benefits to be paid by the VEBA to those former employees of the City eligible to receive a benefit from the VEBA for the calendar years. During those specified fiscal years, the requirements for eligibility to receive a benefit from the VEBA and the amount of benefit to be paid by the VEBA shall not be modified by the Board of Trustees of the VEBA. During those specified fiscal years, the VEBA shall provide to the City, on or before December 1 of each specified fiscal year, a list of former employees eligible to receive a benefit from the VEBA along with the amount of benefit to be paid

to each former employee. The City's contribution shall equal the total of all benefits to be paid to retired police officers and sergeants during each of the calendar years.

Article 43

Parental Leave

Parental Leave is provided to full time employees with base salary continuation for the first two (2) weeks following the birth, adoption, or foster care intake of the employee's child.

To be eligible for paid parental leave, a full-time employee must have worked for the City for at least twelve (12) months and worked at least 1,250 hours during the twelve-month period preceding the leave and be approved for FMLA.

Eligible employees will be paid at their base hourly rate of pay. FMLA will run concurrently with parental leave. Employees shall notify their supervisors with as much advance notice as possible. The City has the right to thirty (30) days advance notice from the employee where practicable. The employee will be required to provide verification of the birth, adoption, or foster care intake at any time prior to, or during, parental leave. If the employee fails to provide the required documentation within five (5) calendar days, the City may revoke the provisional leave. The employee may then be marked absent without leave (AWOL).

Paid parental leave must be utilized immediately starting with the date of the birth, adoption, or qualified placement of a child. Under no circumstances shall the two (2) week period be extended.

Employees on Parental Leave are precluded from outside employment while on parental leave.

ARTICLE 44

CONTRACT CONSTITUTES ENTIRE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES

The Parties acknowledge and agree that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter included by law within the area of collective bargaining and that all the understandings and agreements arrived at by the Parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

Therefore, the City and the PBA, for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right to require further collective bargaining with respect to any subject matter referred to or matter covered in this Agreement Or considered by the Parties during collective bargaining negotiations resulting in this Agreement, subject to impact bargaining, if any be lawfully required, and each agree that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any matter or subject not specifically referred to or covered by this Agreement, whether or not such matters have been discussed, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both Parties at the time that they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire contract, understanding, undertaking, and agreement of collective bargaining for and during its term.

ARTICLE 45

SEVERABILITY AND WAIVER

Section 1

Should any section or provision of this Agreement or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence, or word be declared by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful and unenforceable, such decision of the court or agency shall apply only to the specific section or provision or portion thereof, directly specified in the decision and shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof as a whole or part hereof, other than the part declared to be unlawful and unenforceable. Upon the issuance of such decision, the Parties agree to immediately negotiate a substitute, if possible, for the invalidated section or portion thereof.

Section 2

The exercise or non-exercise of the rights covered by this Agreement by the City or the PBA, except as to the notice provisions of Article 45, concerning Duration, Modification, and Termination, shall not be deemed to waive any such right or the right to exercise them in the future.

ARTICLE 46

DURATION, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION, REOPENER

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be effective from October 1, 2024 and continue through September 30, 2027. Negotiations for a successor Agreement shall commence not later than May 1, 2027. Without a successor agreement in place, (after the expiration of this agreement and before the effective date of a successor agreement) wage increases, shall be frozen effective October 1, 2027 until such time as an Agreement has been reached.

ARTICLE 47

AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended at any time on mutual consent of both Parties, but no such attempted amendment shall be of any force or effect until placed in writing and executed by both Parties hereto.

ARTICLE 48

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

Agreed to this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the respective Parties through their authorized representatives.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

Alexis Givings, City Clerk

By: _____
Terrence R. Moore, City Manager

Chief Darrell Hunter

Duane D'Andrea, HR Director

Approved as to Form
and Legal Sufficiency:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

PBA Rep., Meer Deen

By: _____
John Kazanjian, President

PBA Rep.,

