

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**2026 – 2028**

**CITY OF PHOENIX**

**AND**

**AMERICAN FEDERATION**

**OF STATE, COUNTY**

**AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES,**

**LOCAL 2960 AFL-CIO**

**REPRESENTING UNIT 3 EMPLOYEES**

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## **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, the well-being and morale of employees of the City are benefited by providing employees an opportunity to participate in the formulation of policies and practices affecting the wages, hours and working conditions of their employment; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereby acknowledge that the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter Memorandum) are not intended to abrogate the authority and responsibility of City government provided for under the statutes of the State of Arizona or the Charter or Ordinances of the City of Phoenix, except as expressly and lawfully modified herein; and

WHEREAS, the parties, through their designated representatives, met and conferred in good faith pursuant to the Meet and Confer Ordinance in order to reach agreement concerning wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of employees of Unit III;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Phoenix, hereinafter referred to as the "City" and Local 2960, as an affiliate of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union," having reached this complete agreement concerning wages, hours, and other terms and conditions for the term specified, the parties submit this Memorandum to the City Council of the City of Phoenix with their joint recommendation that body resolve to adopt its terms.

# **ARTICLE 1: Rights**

## **Section 1-1: Purpose/Gender**

Whenever any words used herein in the masculine, feminine or neutral, they shall be construed as though they were also used in another gender in all cases where they would so apply.

### **A. Recognition**

The City recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive Meet and Confer agent, pursuant to the Meet and Confer Ordinance as amended, for the purpose of representation regarding wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for all regular full time and regular part time employees in positions constituting Unit III, as certified May 22, 1978, or as may be modified by the Phoenix Employment Relations Board (PERB).

If a court of competent jurisdiction (defined as Arizona Supreme Court or U. S. Supreme Court) determines that "fair share" does not violate Arizona State Law, then the Union and the City of Phoenix shall open up the contract to bargain in good faith on this issue.

If any conflict exists between the language in an A.R. or employment/ department rule and the language of the negotiated M.O.U., the M.O.U. shall prevail.

## **Section 1-2: City and Department Rights**

The Union recognizes that the City has and will continue to retain, whether exercised or not, the unilateral and exclusive right to operate, administer and manage its municipal services and work force performing those services in all respects subject to this Memorandum.

The City Manager and Department Heads have and will continue to retain exclusive decision-making authority on matters not officially and expressly modified by specific provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, and such decision making shall not be in any way, directly or indirectly, subject to the grievance procedure contained herein.

The exclusive rights of the City shall include, but not be limited to, the right to determine the organization of City government and the purpose and mission of its constituent agencies, to set standards of service to be offered to the public, and through its management officials to exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations, to establish and effect Administrative Regulations and employment rules and regulations, consistent with law and the specific provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding to direct its employees, to take disciplinary action for just cause, to terminate or reassign its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons, to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the City's services are to be provided, including the right to schedule and assign work and overtime, and to otherwise act in the interest of efficient service to the community.

Nothing herein shall preclude the City from being in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## **Section 1-3: Union Rights**

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the City to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employees' work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The City shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift.

No employee shall suffer reprisal for the exercise of rights granted by this MOU.

The City of Phoenix and the residents it serves benefit from harmonious and cooperative relationships between the City and its employees. AFSCME Local 2960, as the authorized representative, has the exclusive right to serve as the meet-and-confer representative of all Unit employees, as certified by the Phoenix Employment Relations Board.

### **A. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives**

The Union agrees that up to 4 bargaining Unit members ("Authorized Unit Employee Representatives") of AFSCME Local 2960 (the Union) will perform activities that provide a clear, measurable benefit to City operations. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives are subject to Administrative Regulations. The City will pay these employees' and the union steward employees' full-time fringe benefits including pension benefits. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives shall suffer no reprisal with regard to their original position, location or schedule by seniority for performing activities as Authorized Unit Employee Representatives under this section and upon return to their regular City duties, the Unit employee shall be reinstated to their original position, location, and schedule by seniority. In addition, any approved leave time the full-time release employee had scheduled prior to his/her return shall be honored by the department. The City has determined that Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will be released to perform the following activities that confer a public benefit and serve a public purpose by directly advancing City operational interests ("City Business Time"):

- 1. In coordination with management, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will attend City-directed meetings, seminars, training classes, and workshops, to help bargaining unit employees better understand City policies, programs, and practices, conflict resolution, and labor-management partnerships.**
- 2. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will facilitate effective communication between employees and management to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of services and to develop a heightened degree of labor-management cooperation.**

- 3. In coordination with management, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will assist with the development, promotion, implementation, and communication of new, revised, or updated programs and/or policies to the broader City workforce that are members of the bargaining unit in order to streamline service delivery and facilitate timely implementation of changes in policies or programs. Changes in safety or security policies and procedures will take priority over other changes.**
- 4. In coordination with management, as a means of achieving a healthier workforce and driving down workers compensation and healthcare costs, and the use of sick leave, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will assist bargaining unit members with understanding and coordinating benefits.**
- 5. With the goal of driving down medical costs while providing appropriate medical benefits, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will participate directly and assist the City with benefit evaluations, which will include serving on the Citywide Health Care Task Force.**
- 6. To ensure City resources are well coordinated, and upon direction from the City and consent of the Union, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will participate in, and serve as members of, various City task forces and committees.**
- 7. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will represent bargaining unit members in critical incidents at the time of such incidents (e.g., a personal injury suffered on the job).**
- 8. In coordination with management, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will participate in City-sponsored community projects.**
- 9. As a means of enhancing employee performance, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will assist members in understanding and following work rules, rights, obligations, and responsibilities.**
- 10. As a means of controlling administrative and litigation costs associated with employee matters in a large and complex City, with the goal of resolving matters at the earliest possible stage, and in coordination with management, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will assist bargaining unit members and management in matters related to employer-employee relations.**
- 11. In coordination with management, and to enhance workplace safety efforts, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will participate in safety programs and compliance initiatives.**
- 12. In coordination with department and city management, and to enhance safety, efficiency and delivery of City services, Authorized Unit Employee**

**Representatives agree to investigate, study and develop suggested solutions and resolution of workplace issues including work assignments, workplace conflicts and disagreements raised by either the City or unit employees.**

- 13. In coordination with management and to enhance efficiency and delivery of City services and retention of employees and to lower rates of turnover of City employees, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will assist in helping unit employees and the City understand and develop reasonable expectations for employees, working with department management to develop Performance Management Guide (PMGs) goals, assisting unit employees and management in reviewing and developing expectations and compliance with PMG process.**
- 14. In coordination with management, Authorized Unit Employee Representatives may agree to participate in other activities specifically requested or approved by the City Manager or designee.**

**The City Manager may permit Authorized Unit Employee Representatives to perform other activities that will provide a direct and measurable benefit to the City.**

**B. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives are prohibited from participating in any political activity during City Business Time, unless specifically requested by City Manager or designee. Authorized Unit Employee Representatives shall not engage in any of the following activities (“Union Business Work”) during City-paid time and must take leave (“Union Business Work”) to engage in such activities during the regular work schedule:**

- 1. Union legislative, lobbying, or political activity. This includes participating in the preparation or distribution of legislative proposals.**
- 2. Union Organizing. This includes preparing and/or distributing union organizing material.**
- 3. Represent employees in Civil Service hearings.**
- 4. Bargaining/Negotiations. This includes any matters deemed mandatory subjects of bargaining.**
- 5. Representation in grievance arbitrations unless requested by the City.**
- 6. The Union agrees the City will bear no costs for transportation, office space, office supplies, administrative support, and liability coverage for acts or omissions of Authorized Unit Employee Representatives while on non-City Business.**

**C. Reporting and Accountability of Authorized City Business Time**

**The Union shall submit monthly activity logs and progress reports to the Human Resources Director or designee documenting the City Business of the Authorized Employee Representatives and any leave used by the Authorized Unit Employee Representatives. The parties shall agree on the format of the logs and progress reports.**

**The Authorized Unit Employee Representatives will advise the City of the days and hours they are available and intend to spend on City Business Time and shall submit leave slips for any time used for Union Business Time on forms agreed to by the parties, and shall submit leave slips for other personal leave in accordance with City absence policies.**

**If the Authorized Unit Employee Representative performs Union Business Work during his or her regular work schedule, such time shall be considered Union Business Time, which shall be funded through voluntary Unit member donations collected in a Bank of Release Hours or by direct reimbursement to the City.**

**The City has the right to audit and challenge submitted logs. Such challenges shall be provided to the Union, in writing, explaining the factual basis of the challenge and proposed resolution. In the event there is disagreement, either party may request to meet and discuss the matter. Any unresolved dispute shall be processed as a Union Grievance in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of this MOU. Grievance Resolution may include the Union reimbursing the City for activities not deemed City Business under this Agreement within 45 calendar days of final resolution by the City Manager.**

**The Union and City each agree to fully cooperate with periodic audits of the hours and activities worked by Authorized Unit Employee Representatives and resolution of any disputes arising therefrom. Audits shall be conducted on a timely basis and limited to a reasonable recent period. Reconciliation will be made quarterly.**

#### **D. Union Stewards**

**The Union may designate up to 52 stewards including 10 Chief Stewards and 19 Lead Stewards and shall notify the Labor Relations Administrator of such designations. There shall be no obligation on the City to change or adjust normal departmental scheduling or assignments of personnel because of such designations although the City shall confer on this issue if requested.**

**Stewards doing work on behalf of the Union, outside of their home department, must utilize the Union Bank of Release Hours.**

- 1. Union designated representatives shall be admitted to the buildings and grounds of the City for the purpose of City Business Time and for official Union business, so long as such will not, in any manner, interfere with any work operation or the safety and security of any work site. Such representatives shall give notice to the appropriate office prior to arrival or, if**

that is not possible, they shall give notice of their presence immediately. The City will not arbitrarily deny access to the Union.

2. **Consistent with the MOU, and in the sole discretion of the City Manager or designee, the City Manager or designee may authorize Unit members in advance in writing to engage in lawful Union-related activities during City work hours on a non-paid basis.**
3. **City Business Time may only be used for activities expressly authorized under this Section. The City reserves the right to deny approval of a request to use City Business time for activities not consistent with the terms and conditions of this MOU. The City shall not arbitrarily deny requests for use of City Business Time for activities that provide a clear, measurable benefit to City operations, such as improving employee safety or productivity, achieving cost savings, improving regulatory compliance, and helping employees understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities.**

#### **E. Requests for City Business Time**

1. **A designated union steward, outside of their home department, who wishes to use City Business Time must submit a request as soon as the need is known, but no later than 72 hours in advance of the time requested. Labor Relations may grant exceptions to this requirement to the Union in writing: such requests will not be arbitrarily denied. Requests for City Business time will be approved only if the activity is listed in this section of the MOU or pre-approved by the City Manager or designee in writing and documented as providing a measurable operational benefit to the City.**
2. **If a request for City Business Time is denied and the designated union steward or any Union officer believes that the activity for which time was requested has a clear, measurable benefit to City operations, such as improving employee safety, efficiency, productivity, cost savings, regulatory compliance, helping employees understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities, the designated union steward may first appeal that denial to the Labor Relations Division or Human Resources Director who will promptly make a determination. If the Union continues to disagree with the determination, it may submit a grievance which shall be processed as a Union Grievance in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of this MOU.**

#### **F. International and Local 2960 Union Representatives**

Accredited A.F.S.C.M.E. International, and designated Local 2960 Chief Steward and Lead Stewards shall be admitted to the buildings and grounds of the City during working hours for assisting in the adjustment of grievances, so long as such will not interfere with any work operation or the safety and security of any work site. Such representatives will check in with the supervisor involved and will be required to conform to the safety regulations of the work site.

#### **G. Payroll Deduction**

1. The City shall deduct from the first and second pay warrants of Union members, in each month, the regular periodic Union membership dues and regular periodic Union sponsored insurance premiums pursuant to the City's deduction authorization form duly completed and signed by the employee and transmit such deductions monthly to the Union no later than the 14 day following the end of the pay period in which the deduction occurs, along with an alphabetical list of all employees for whom deductions have been made. Such deduction shall be made only when the Union member's earning for a pay period are sufficient after other legally required deductions are made.
2. Authorization for membership dues deduction herein under shall remain in effect during the term hereof unless revoked in writing by the employee. Revocation of deductions shall be accepted by the City only during the first week of July or January of each year of the term of this memorandum to be effective the following payroll period. The City will notify the Union of any revocations submitted to it.
3. The City shall not make dues deductions for unit members on behalf of any other employee organization (as defined in the Meet and Confer Ordinance) during the term of this Memorandum.
4. It is agreed that the City assumes no liability except for its gross negligence on account of any actions taken pursuant to this section. The City will, however, as promptly as technically possible, implement changes brought to its attention.
5. The City shall, at the written request of the Union during the term of this agreement, make changes in the amount of dues deduction hereunder for the general membership, provided costs for implementing such changes shall be reimbursed by the Union at actual cost incurred by the City.

#### H. Facilities and Services

1. **Union Materials:** The Union may distribute material on the City's premises (buildings and grounds) before and after scheduled working hours or in non-work areas during scheduled work hours provided that both the person distributing and the employee receiving such material are on their own time.
2. **The Union may, using its own resources, use the mailboxes at work locations to communicate with unit members.**
3. **Employees may wear union produced buttons, pins, or other insignia at work, provided that such insignia does not interfere with safety, and operations and are not otherwise prohibited by law or this Agreement. This provision shall not excuse an Employee from following any departmental dress policy. The City shall not be responsible for purchasing any Union insignia under this provision. The Union may upon request consult with the Department regarding any problems presented with wearing union insignia at work and the parties will make good faith efforts to remedy reported problems.**

4. Union Communication: The Union shall be allowed to send **two** union-requested communications per month using the City Email System to communicate with Unit 3 employees. **One of the monthly requested emails shall be limited to communication regarding life insurance benefits as referenced in Section 5-3 of the MOU.** Requests will be processed through Labor Relations. Issues stemming from this agreement will not be subject to the grievance procedure and will be discussed in labor-management meetings.
5. Union Website: The Union's web page shall be listed as a link on the City's Intranet home page as one of the City's Employee Resources.
6. Union Bulletin Boards: The City shall provide the Union with bulletin boards for its use in communicating with its members at mutually agreeable locations. The City shall grant sole and exclusive use of such bulletin boards to the Union. The City will provide glass-enclosed, locking bulletin boards (standard to be set by the City) for any new City facility where five or more Unit 3 employees will be assigned. The Union may request that two existing bulletin boards be replaced with glass-enclosed, locking bulletin boards (standard to be set by the City) each contract year, provided at least five Unit 3 employees are assigned to the requested locations. Lost keys will be replaced with the full expense charged to the party that lost them (meaning City or Union). Damaged bulletin boards will be replaced with the cost split equally between the City and the Union.

Material which is not abusive of any person or organization, which complies with laws regulating the political activities of City employees, and which is not disruptive of the City's operations, may be posted or distributed.

**Union representatives shall have the right to reasonable access to City facilities during regular operating hours for the purpose of posting, maintaining, and updating Union bulletin boards provided that this function is performed on their own time. Such access shall not interfere with City operations. They shall give notice to the appropriate office prior to arrival or, if that is not possible, they shall give notice of their presence immediately. The City will not arbitrarily deny access to the Union.**

7. **New Employee Orientation (NEO): The Human Resources Department will notify the Union when Orientation sessions involving new unit employees are scheduled. The Union shall be invited to attend new employee orientation (NEO) sessions to inform new unit employees of their rights under the Code and this MOU and answer any questions directed to the Union.**

**Such opportunity shall be afforded the Union during the NEO sessions conducted by the Human Resources Department, and individual department NEO sessions.**

8. Employee Lists: Upon the Union's filing of a Third Party Data Sharing agreement with the HR Department, the City shall provide electronically, at no cost, a list of unit members which includes the following: Emp ID, First Name, Last Name, Initial, Deduct, Service Date, **Hire/Rehire Date**, Dept ID, Department, Job

Title/**Classification**, Job Locator Code, Work Location, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, Home Phone, Work Phone, active Union deduction, a monthly list of employees newly added to Unit 3, and a list of Unit 3 employees who have left the unit. (This includes unit members who retire, promote, quit, are terminated, or pass away). **When the City issues a department or city-wide electronic notice regarding an employee death (active or inactive), the City shall include the Union on any such notice.** The City shall provide the Union a list of all Unit 3 vacancies monthly. Any and all information furnished by the City shall be used by the Union solely for the purpose of communicating with unit **employees**.

**Records of overtime worked by employees shall be distributed monthly to the Union. Upon request of the Union, such records shall be posted monthly on a worksite bulletin board. In addition, records of overtime worked by Unit members shall be made available for inspection by an authorized representative of the Union upon advance request and at reasonable times. If there are problems reported by the Union with the distribution or posting of records, the parties shall make a good faith effort to reach resolution.**

## **9. Labor Management**

**If any part of Section 1-3, or the section in its entirety, is found to conflict with federal or state law and is therefore deemed illegal, null, or void, that determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this MOU.**

**10. Roles/Responsibilities: Management and Union representatives shall engage with one another as equal and recognized counterparts, each acting within their respective roles and responsibilities, for matters relating to the administration of the MOU. Union representatives shall not be subject to unlawful retaliatory actions by management due to their union involvement, including representing employees during negotiations, grievance meetings or other aspects of MOU administration. The Union and the City will cooperate to ensure its representatives focus on issues pertinent to such meetings with supervisors and managers.**

## **Section 1-4: Rights of Unit Members**

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

All unit members have the right to have the Union serve as their meet and confer representative without discrimination based on membership or non-membership in the Union or any other organization.

All unit members have the right to be treated in a manner which is fair and impartial in any matter associated with the rights of unit members under the specific express terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

No unit employee shall suffer reprisal for the exercise of rights granted by this MOU.

- A. Unit employees have the right to be represented by the union and the union reserves the right to provide representation to its members in dealings with the City concerning grievances, and matters pertaining to their individual employment rights and obligations, and during an investigatory interview concerning allegations focused on the employee which may result in disciplinary action.
- B. Supervisors are encouraged to discuss concerns and attempt to resolve those concerns with an employee without utilizing a formal investigatory process. Supervisors are encouraged to not utilize an investigatory process unless they have a reasonable belief that discipline (a written reprimand or higher) could result. Should information be made during a conversation to attempt to resolve an issue that could result in discipline, the supervisor will stop the meeting and utilize an investigatory process as outlined below. Any interview becomes investigatory when facts or evidence sought by management may result in a disciplinary action.
- An employee is entitled to Union representation if the employee reasonably believes that the investigatory interview will result in disciplinary action and the employee has requested representation from their union.
- C. The City may, at its sole discretion, either conduct investigatory interviews with employees or issue employees written questions in order to provide the employee an opportunity to gather additional information. In either case, a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) form will be used. The intent of the NOI is to clearly put employees on notice that they are under investigation that could result in discipline, inform them of the nature of the allegations against them, and inform them of their right to representation.

**Recognizing the mutual goal of timely and thorough administrative investigations, the parties agree to establish a citywide Labor Management Committee (NOI Committee) with the purpose of reviewing the Notice of Inquiry (NOI) processes and making recommendations for improvements. The committee shall comprise two representatives from the Union (AFSCME 2960), the City's management, which shall include representatives from Human Resources, and other labor partners. The committee's findings and recommendations shall be presented to the City Manager on or before June 30, 2027.**

- D. If the City elects to issue written questions to the employee, the following shall apply:
1. If an NOI is being issued and there is no active questioning, representation is not required.
  2. The employee will have 72-hours excluding holidays and N-days to respond in writing and provide any other material requested. This deadline may be extended by mutual agreement if there are extenuating circumstances.

E. If the City elects to conduct an investigatory interview, the following shall apply:

1. Prior to the employee being interviewed, the employee shall be advised of their right to a representative.
2. The NOI form will be issued at the meeting.
3. The union representative may engage in meaningful representation, including but not limited to assisting and consulting with the employee, attempting to clarify the facts or questions asked, and suggesting other employees or witnesses who may have knowledge of the underlying issues. The union representative cannot speak on behalf of the employee or impede the progress of the interview.
4. The member or representative may ask for a caucus during the meeting. The caucusing party will attempt to keep the caucus to reasonable timeframes.
5. The interviewer may not prohibit the union representative from engaging in representation, including consulting with the employee. The member shall be allowed to seek advice and counsel from their representative in caucus during the interview.
6. The union representative may not behave in a violent, verbally abusive, insulting, or demeaning manner toward the interviewer.
7. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the member or representative shall have the opportunity to make a closing statement.
8. If the department requires a written statement at an investigatory meeting, the employee will be given up to one hour of City time to write the statement. Additional time may be granted at the sole discretion of the department and will not be withheld arbitrarily.
9. The employee will be provided with a copy of the interview notes and given 72 hours excluding **weekends and** the employee's holidays and N-days to confirm their answers and provide any additional information.
10. Except for emergency situations, the unit employees shall have a minimum of 48 hours excluding the employee's holidays, N-days as well as weekends (Saturday and Sunday), to arrange for union representation when the member is the subject of an administrative investigatory interview. The union representative will make every reasonable attempt to arrive within the 48 hours. No reasonable request for an extension will be arbitrarily denied. An employee may waive the 48-hour time requirement if the employee is not opting for representation.
11. Employees will be provided with the NOI cover sheet (and attachment if applicable) listing the allegations against the employee 48 hours in advance of the investigatory interview, however, the NOI/interview questions will not be provided in advance.

F. Regardless of whether the City elects to interview the employee, or issue written questions, the following shall apply:

1. The employee will be instructed not to speak to anyone regarding an investigation. This restriction does not apply to the union, the employee's family or clergy, the investigator, or chain-of-command.
2. The employee will be advised if the inquiry is supervisor initiated or the result of a citizen complaint, employee/co-worker complaint, or other.
3. The member shall also be informed that none of their statements, nor any information or evidence which is gained by reason of such statements, can be issued against them in any criminal proceedings.
4. A unit member shall receive a copy of any statement that they are asked to sign.
5. An employee under investigation will be notified in writing every 90 calendar days as to the current status of the investigation. Every 30 days, an employee under investigation may request a status update. At management's discretion, the status will be provided either verbally or in writing. This will include a brief description of the number of known witnesses still to be interviewed and other investigate processes remaining to be completed, as well as an estimated date of completion.
- 6. Upon conclusion of each investigation, the City will provide all respondents and the Union with a copy of the investigation summary.**

G. Misc.

1. A unit member identified solely as a witness will not be prevented from reaching out to the union on their own time to consult with a union representative prior to their interview.
2. Only paperwork pertaining to any completed NOI investigation resolved as sustained will be kept in an employee's personnel files.
3. This article applies to all regular full-time and regular part-time employees in Unit 3 positions, this includes probationary employees.
4. In addition, Police employees are covered in Section 1-4.P.
5. If a Union Steward is requested by management to hold over or is called in from home by a supervisor to represent an employee at a meeting required by management, the Union Steward will receive overtime compensation for actual time held over or a minimum of 1 hour if called in from home.
6. Employees have the option to bring a union steward for purpose of observation to a scheduled meeting where a suspension, demotion or termination is being issued by management.

7. See Section 1-4N for retention schedule.

- H. Unit employees will be permitted to apply and/or compete in a transfer process while in a pending investigation. The transfer process will not be delayed pending the conclusion of the related investigation.
- I. The City will provide to the employee a copy of the Citywide completed accident investigation and any other material the City plans to present at the Citywide Accident Review Board hearing. This material will be supplied as quickly as possible after the material has been prepared.
- J. It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article unless otherwise specified in this MOU. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.
- K. Any unit member covered hereunder shall, on his request and by appointment, be permitted to examine his personnel file and/or supervisor file, in the presence of an appropriate supervisory official of the Department. The unit employee may authorize in writing a union representative to examine their personnel and/ or supervisor file on their behalf. The employee is entitled to designate 1 person of his choosing (lawyer, union representative, close friend, etc.) to accompany him in reviewing his file. The employee, however, must be present at the review. In addition, the unit member may, at his discretion, attach rebuttal statements to any material contained in his personnel file and/or supervisor file, which may be of a derogatory nature. No unit member shall have any adverse statements entered into his personnel file without the member being informed by a supervisor. The employee shall be requested to date and sign such adverse material, not as an indication of agreement, but solely as evidence of being advised of its existence. If the unit member requests, he shall receive a copy of the material in question. Medical information should be maintained in a separate confidential file.
  - 1. The City will establish a logging system within the department and central personnel file. The log will identify the date, name of the person (other than Human Resources staff) that examined the file, and purpose.
  - 2. If an employee is not given their performance evaluation by the annual review date the employee's merit increase will be processed within 21 calendar days following the above due date and be retroactive to the performance evaluation annual review date. (If an over all "met").

Discipline older than 5 years from the date of issuance will not be considered for progressive discipline or promotion/transfer purposes except for the following types of discipline, which may be considered for the duration of employment (and upon the employee's return to employment, if applicable):

Sustained discipline of 40-hour suspension or greater of the following types:

- The employee has been abusive or threatening in attitude, language, or conduct towards fellow employees, customers of the City, or the public.
  - The employee has solicited or taken for personal use a fee, gift, or favor in the course of the assigned work or in connection with it, which would lead toward favoritism or the appearance of favoritism or a conflict of interest.
  - The employee is in possession of a deadly weapon (as defined in ARS 13-3101), excepting a pocket knife (as provided in ARS 13- 3102) at a City worksite<sup>1</sup>, unless such employee is a police officer. 1 (A worksite includes not only City buildings and property, but also City vehicles and private vehicles while being used on City business, and other assigned work locations.)
  - The employee has intentionally falsified records or documents made, kept, or maintained for or on behalf of the City of Phoenix.
  - The employee has stolen or is in unauthorized possession of City property or the property of another employee or citizen.
  - The employee is under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs on the job.
  - The employee has violated City of Phoenix anti-harassment or anti-discrimination policies.
  - The employee committed a violation of the City's Ethics Policy.
  - The employee's actions meet the elements of a felony.
  - The employee committed an act of dishonesty.
  - The employee has committed a Class 3 violation of use of force (For enforcement positions within the Police Department).
- L. The City will comply with provisions of A.R.S. Sec. 12-2506, paragraph D, subparagraph 1, and assume responsibility for the actions of any Unit III employee in a legal proceeding for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, when it is demonstrated that the employee was performing his regularly assigned duties without malice or any degree of negligence.
- M. The City shall notify employees in writing of any new policies and/or revision in City or written department policies affecting Unit III employees. Notice shall remain available for not less than 21 working days. Review of policy revisions shall be included in employee meetings and shift briefings when appropriate and practical to do so. The City will notify employees of new or revised written City or Department policies affecting Unit employees as soon after release as possible.
- N. A coaching is a verbal discussion or meeting with an employee to actively discuss any problem with the employee. A coaching is not to be considered a first offense for purposes of progressive discipline. A written record of a coaching may be placed in the supervisor's file. A coaching is to be one-on-one. When 2 or more supervisors are present at the coaching, the employee will be allowed a representative at the employee's request. An employee may receive more than 1 coaching for a similar matter. A coaching given to a unit member cannot remain in a supervisor's file for more than 1 year from the date of incident provided no further incidents of a similar nature occur during this 1 year period.

A supervisory counseling is a written warning that the supervisor shall document in memo form. A supervisory counseling is not discipline. They are to be used to determine only notice to the employee and credibility. The supervisory counseling shall be initialed or signed by the unit member within 2 weeks of being advised that the counseling has been issued.

If a supervisory counseling is to be used in any disciplinary or personnel action or any performance rating, the employee will be given the supervisory counseling in memo form, that identifies the behavior requiring improvement, the reason for the improvement, and the consequences of continuing the unacceptable behavior. The memo will contain a line for the employee's signature and above the line the statement: "The employee shall date and sign the supervisory counseling, not as an indication of agreement, but solely as evidence of being advised of its existence." The employee will receive a copy of the memo.

A supervisory counseling will only be retained in the supervisor's file. It will not be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Document	Supervisory File	Department File (if applicable)	Personnel File (OFFICIAL FILE)
Coachings/Supervisory Counselings	<u>Maintain original in file.</u> Remove annually (from the date of incident) provided no further incidents.	<u>Not maintained in file.</u>	<u>Not maintained in file.</u>
Written Reprimands	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Remove annually (from the date of incident) provided no further incidents.	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Employee may request to remove after 3 years.	<u>Maintain original in file.</u> Employee may request to inactivate after 3 years.
Suspensions (other than below)	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Remove annually (from the date of incident) provided no further incidents.	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Employee may request to remove after 10 years.	<u>Maintain original in file.</u> Employee may request to inactivate after 10 years.
Discipline as discussed in section 1-4.K.2	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Remove annually (from the date of incident) provided no further incidents.	<u>Maintain copy in file.</u> Cannot Remove	<u>Maintain original in file.</u> May not be inactivated

The official discipline record is maintained in the Personnel File by the Human Resources Department. Copies maintained in either the Supervisory and/or Department files are not the official record. Employees may request to remove/inactivate eligible documents based on the above criteria. Official records may only be inactivated and not removed.

If an employee receives a written reprimand during the rating period, the supervisor will document the improvement required in the employee's performance evaluation without documenting the issuance of discipline.

The City continues to retain the format used for corrective action/discipline, including forms, technology, etc.

Documents or notes maintained in a supervisor's file will not be used in future disciplinary actions (Grievances or Civil Service Board) unless the unit member has been previously made aware of the existence of the performance/conduct concerns.

A unit member who receives a written reprimand, suspension or demotion upon request will be provided a copy of the investigative summary (if any exists) supporting the written reprimand, suspension, or demotion at the time the unit member receives the discipline. An employee who receives a written reprimand, suspension, or demotion may request a copy of the information upon which the discipline was based and will be provided a copy at no cost to the employee.

If a unit employee is suspended, it is understood that a suspension day is defined as 8 hours. For employees working a 4-10 schedule, the other two hours of the work day would be accounted for at the sole discretion of management.

Unit members may serve suspensions of more than 40 hours on an alternating weekly schedule.

After a separation notice has been signed by the appropriate authorities, and if the unit member is given the opportunity to resign, the unit member will have two hours to consult with a representative.

Unit members are entitled to representation if a "Not Met" performance evaluation is appealed and is at the Executive Level (Assistant Director or Director) or when management has more than one representative at the meeting to discuss the appeal of the performance evaluation.

A unit member shall receive a copy of any statement that they are asked to sign.

Employees will be notified of performance issues as they occur or are discovered.

**If the PMG is expected to be an overall "Not Met", the employee will be notified in writing on or before the scheduled date of service (PMG due date), notwithstanding an unforeseen or pending administrative matter. Any comments or issues supporting an overall "Not Met" must be documented by the supervisor.**

Employees may appeal "Not Met" ratings on their performance evaluations.

- O. City employees who are on duty and are, either witnesses, charging parties, appellants or grievants may attend grievance, Civil Service, Phoenix Employment Relations Board (P.E.R.B.) and Accident/Collision Review Board hearings and/or meetings on city time

provided 1) it is for their particular case which is either scheduled or on the public meeting agenda for that date and time and 2) Once a witness testimony has been concluded, or if a grievant, charging party or appellant once that agenda item has been completed or if the grievance meeting concluded, unless they have made other arrangements in advance with their immediate supervisor's approval, they will promptly return to work. Management reserves the right to restrict the number of witnesses who can be off of the job at any one time but will cooperate in rotating witnesses from the workplace so as to minimize the impact to operations and service to the public. For group grievances, the group will be allowed to select no more than two non-witness members of the group to attend the proceeding. These do not have to be the same group members for each step or meeting of the entire proceeding. As a matter of courtesy, employees will give management as much notice as possible.

#### P. Rights and Disciplinary Matters (Police Department)

1. Unit members of the Police Department have the right to appear before the Departmental Disciplinary Review Board when disciplinary matters are brought before the Board involving the unit member which may lead to demotion, suspension or discharge.
  - a) The purpose of such appearance is to give the unit member an opportunity to respond to the assertions made against him.
  - b) The Department shall notify the unit member 10 calendar days prior to such opportunity to respond to the Board. The notification shall contain the date, time, violation(s) and basis of each violation that has been partially or wholly sustained. In addition, the unit member, if he chooses, may meet with his immediate supervisor along with his second level supervisor, or the unit member's bureau/precinct commander for the purpose of discussing the basis of each violation to be reviewed by the DRB. If the immediate supervisor conducted the investigation, the unit member, if he chooses, may meet with the next supervisor in his chain of command.

Such request shall be made in writing to the unit member's immediate supervisor. Also, the unit member, if he chooses, may be accompanied by a unit representative at either meeting.

At the pre-DRB meeting, the unit member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to review the written investigation.

Realizing that in some cases there may be information that would be detrimental to the department's ability to conduct misconduct investigations, that information may be deleted. However, all other information will be available for review.

The unit members under investigation may request an edited copy of the DRB packet at no cost to the unit member. The City has 7 calendar days from the date of request to provide above-mentioned packet. If this information is provided to the unit member, there shall be no pre-DRB meeting.

The unit member may, at his discretion, appear before the Board with a unit representative of his choosing, and may state his reasons why the proposed action is unjustified.

The unit member may submit relevant written matter in support of his position.

2. Any unit member under investigation by Professional Standards or a Police Department Supervisor for a disciplinary matter, and who is interviewed or interrogated shall be given a written notice of investigation (Form 80-58DB) informing him of the nature of the investigation and his status in the investigation. In addition, the unit member and/or the Police Department supervisor/internal affairs representative may mechanically record such interview/interrogation. Should any mechanical recordings take place, the department reserves the right to transcribe any such interview/interrogation for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the interview/interrogation and, if requested, the unit member shall sign the transcription if it is accurate.

The unit member may request a copy of the above recording. In order to receive this copy, the unit member may be asked to provide Professional Standards with a current appropriate medium to record the copy. The unit member shall not receive additional pay for picking up or dropping off this recording.

The employee shall be given the above-mentioned written notice of investigation at the onset of the misconduct interview and prior to the employee being requested to prepare a written statement. If the employee is requested to prepare a written statement, the employee may request 1 hour to contact his Union representative prior to making the written statement. When a unit member is given a written notice of investigation (Form 80-58DB), other than the investigating supervisor/s, the only persons the unit member may speak to concerning the investigation are their attorney, minister, unit representative, or spouse not involved in the investigation. When the investigation is completed, the accused employee will be notified in writing of the findings.

A Professional Standards Bureau investigator will make available for review by the unit member and the representative any video, audio, or photographs that are being used as the basis for an allegation of misconduct. The investigator will not intentionally misrepresent any fact or material issue to the unit member.

3. Unit members have the right to representation in dealings with the City concerning grievances and investigatory interviews with a Police Department supervisor in a disciplinary matter which may lead to suspension, demotion or termination. The representative must be a bargaining unit member. The bargaining unit representative will be the most readily available unit representative. The employee will be allowed to seek advice and counsel from their representative during caucus and prior to, during, and after the interview. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the member, or representative on behalf of the employee, will have the opportunity to make a closing statement. If a unit member is called to an investigatory interview with a Police Department supervisor for a disciplinary matter which may lead to a Written Reprimand, the conversation shall be mechanically recorded by the supervisor and,

if requested, the unit member shall receive a copy of the recording. Further, if personally requested by the unit member, representation will be allowed during a Professional Standards investigatory interview/interrogation concerning allegations focused on the unit member which may result in disciplinary action against him for violation(s) of the City or department work rules and regulations. The representative must be a bargaining unit member. The representative will be the most readily available unit representative. The employee will be allowed to seek advice and counsel from their representative during caucus and after conclusion of the interview. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the member, or representative on behalf of the employee, will have the opportunity to make a closing statement.

The Union representative may assist and consult with the employee, attempt to clarify the facts or questions asked, and suggest other employees or witnesses who may have knowledge of the underlying issues. The Union representative may not turn the meeting into an adversarial proceeding, unduly disrupt the interview, interfere with the objective of the examination, or compromise the integrity of the interview. The Union representative may not interrupt the employee's response to a question or prevent the employee from responding to a question. The Union representative also may not behave in a violent, verbally abusive, insulting, or demeaning manner toward the interviewer.

During the interview, the interviewer may insist that he is only interested in hearing the employee's own account of the matter under investigation at that time. The interviewer may not prohibit the Union representative from engaging in meaningful representation, including assisting and consulting with the employee.

If a supervisory counseling is to be used in any disciplinary or personnel action or any performance rating, the employee will be given the Supervisory Counseling in memo form, that identifies the behavior requiring improvement, the reason for the improvement, and the consequences of continuing the unacceptable behavior. The memo will contain a line for the employee's signature and above the line the statement, the employee shall date and sign the supervisory counseling, not as an indication of agreement, but solely as evidence of being advised of its existence," will be included. The employee shall date and sign the supervisory counseling, not as an indication of agreement, but solely as evidence of being advised of its existence. The employee will receive a copy of the memo.

Only paperwork pertaining to any completed N.O.I. Investigation resolved as sustained will be kept in an employee's file.

Attendance at the Police Department Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) is optional. An employee may attend or not attend; it is his or her individual choice. If an employee declines to appear before the DRB, comments made during deliberations of the Board will not be presented to the Civil Service Board and the fact that the employee did not appear before the DRB will not be held against the employee. The employee may, at his or her discretion, appear before the Board with a representative of his or her choosing and may state his or her reasons why the proposed action is unjustified. The employee and his or her representative may passively observe all presentations made to the Board and all responses made to questions by Board

members. The employee and non-board members will be excluded from the room during Board deliberations. In addition, a representative from Labor Relations will be present as a passive observer at the DRB at the union's request.

If a Polygraph examination is required of a unit member, a unit representative may monitor the audio/video-taped examination from the monitoring room.

- Q. Crime Scene Specialists, Detention Officers, **Police Communications Staff** and Police Assistants assigned to Enforcement positions in the Police Department shall be permitted to work out on their "Code 7" at Police Department facilities.

Unit employees who work out on their "Code 7":

Are required to remain in workpants/boots.

Must adhere to Operations Order 4.1 (Meals and Breaks);

Must submit a workout memo through the Chain of Command to the Department Fitness Coordinator;

Must adhere to Operations Order 3.7 (Industrial Injuries);

Must limit their activity to Strength Training/Cardio Training;

May not work out on their "Code 7" during overtime shifts; and,

May not work out during the last 2 hours of their duty shift, unless approved by their supervisor.

Program viability will be reviewed annually by the Police Chief and the program may be cancelled at that time.

- R. **When the City determines that an employee has been overpaid, it shall notify the Employee of this and the reason in writing. The City shall arrange to recover such overpayment from the Employee over the same period unless the total amount is less than \$250, at which the entire amount may be recovered in one lump sum unless other arrangements have been made between the parties. (For Example, an employee who has been overpaid by \$5.00 per pay period for six months shall refund the City at the rate of \$5.00 per pay period over six months.) The employee has up to 14 calendar days to notify the City if they want to pursue reasonable alternative repayment arrangements. If the City does not receive notice from the Employee within 14 calendar days, the City shall recover the overpayment in the manner as set forth above.**

**If the total amount is not repaid by the time of Employee's separation from employment, the unpaid balance shall become due and payable immediately. The City reserves the right to deduct the unpaid balance from any final payments of salary, vacation, or other benefit due to Employee under any City ordinance or Memorandum of Understanding.**

## **Section 1-5: Prohibition of Strike and Lockouts**

- A. The Union pledges to maintain unimpaired municipal services as directed by the City and neither the Union nor any of its agents will authorize, institute, engage in a slowdown, work stoppage, or strike against the City. During the term of this

Memorandum, neither the City nor its agents shall authorize, institute, aid or promote any lockout of unit members covered by this Memorandum.

- B. The provisions of Section 2(17) and Section 13 of the Meet and Confer Ordinance are expressly incorporated herein.

## **Section 1-6: New Positions and Classifications**

- A. The City shall give written notice to the Union 30 days in advance of a position being reallocated or reclassified such that the position is removed from the unit.

The parties agree to consult on the inclusion or exclusion of new classification(s) in the bargaining unit and may thereafter refer any such matter, jointly or individually, to the Phoenix Employment Relations Board (PERB) for appropriate action.

The City shall give notice to the Union within 10 working days whenever a classification or compensation study is undertaken that includes active positions belonging to the Union. The City shall notify the affected Union of the results and recommendations resulting from any study 30 calendar days prior to that study being presented to the Human Resources Committee. It should be noted that there is no guarantee, either expressed or implied that changes to a classification or its grade and salary range will result from a study.

The Union may submit a prioritized written request of classifications specific to the unit that they wish to have studied. All written requests shall include a full explanation of why the classification should be studied. This explanation shall indicate whether the Union is requesting a full classification study (including job levels and job architecture) or if the request is limited to a compensation review to assess market competitiveness and grade and salary levels. At least two requests by the Union shall be started by the Human Resources Department in order of their ranking per contract year.

The Human Resources Department shall provide the Union with an opportunity to meet with the person conducting the study prior to preparation of any report or recommendations.

The Human Resources Class & Comp Division will meet monthly with Unit 3 leadership to discuss issues related to classifications brought forward as a result of the 2023 citywide classification and compensation study.

**The Human Resources Class & Comp Division shall be available to meet monthly with Unit 3 leadership during the term of the contract to discuss issues related to classifications and grade allocations. Upon mutual agreement, the parties can agree to cancel a meeting.**

- B. The City will schedule a meeting with the Union, with a minimum of seven calendar days' notice, to discuss management recommendations for contracting of work presently being performed by unit members which would directly result in a reduction in the number of regular unit positions during the term of this agreement. The meeting will

occur prior to any final recommendation to the City Council. Failure by the City to meet with the Union under this Article may be subject to the Grievance Procedure (Article 2, Section 2-1) of this MOU. The management recommendation, and final decision thereon by the City, shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure (Article 2, Section 2-1) of this MOU. The City shall endeavor to meet with the Union at least 30 days prior to elimination of any Unit 3 positions. Notice in writing shall be given to the Union prior to the City doing RFP if it involves Unit 3 employees.

The parties agree that they will continue to work together in a mutual effort to address the concern of the erosion of the bargaining unit. As a pilot program for 2024 and 2025, the Division of Labor Relations will meet with the unit on a periodic basis, but not less than twice per year, to discuss any concerns.

## **ARTICLE 2: Grievance/Arbitration/Labor Management**

### **Section 2-1: Grievance Procedure**

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

#### **A. Informal Resolution**

1. As a matter of good labor-management relations a unit member who believes that they have a bona fide grievance must discuss and attempt to resolve it with his immediate non-unit supervisor.
2. If such informal discussion does not resolve the problem to the unit member's satisfaction, the unit member may file a formal grievance in accordance with the following procedure:

#### **B. Definition of Grievance**

1. A "grievance" is a written allegation by a unit member, submitted as herein specified, claiming violation(s) of the specific express terms of this Memorandum for which there is no Civil Service or other specific method of review provided by State or City law.
2. The City continues to retain the format used for grievances, including forms, technology, etc.
3. A grievance which does not meet the requirements set forth in this Article shall be null and void and will not be processed in accordance with this procedure.

## C. Procedure

In processing a formal grievance, the following procedure shall apply:

A grievance must be reduced to writing, citing the specific Article and Section of this Memorandum alleged to have been violated.

### Step 1

The unit member shall reduce the grievance to writing by signing and completing the grievance form provided by the City, and submit it to the second line supervisor designated by the City or City designee within 14 calendar days of the initial commencement of the occurrence being grieved or when the employee had reasonable cause to become aware of such occurrence. Either party may then request that a meeting be held concerning the grievance or they may mutually agree that no meeting be held.

The second line supervisor shall, within 14 calendar days of having received the written grievance or such meeting, whichever is later, submit a response thereto in writing to the Grievant and the Grievant's representative if any. The time period for an appeal begins when an email is sent to the Grievant's representative. (Grievance responses may be emailed. Email to [officestaff@afscme2960.org](mailto:officestaff@afscme2960.org) or local's current email approved by Local President. It is recommended that the fax is sent when the copy is given to employee). The parties by written mutual agreement may skip from Step 1 directly to Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

### Step 2

If the written response of the Step 1 does not result in resolution of the grievance, the Grievant may appeal the grievance by signing and completing the City form and presenting it to the second level of review (Department Director designated by the City) within 14 calendar days of the Grievant's receipt of the Step 1 response.

Either party may request that a meeting be held concerning the grievance or may mutually agree that no meeting be held. Within 14 calendar days of having received the written grievance or the meeting, whichever is later, the second level of review shall submit a response to the grievance to the Grievant and the Grievant's representative, if any. The time period for an appeal begins when an email is sent to the Grievant's representative. (Grievance responses may be emailed. Email to [officestaff@afscme2960.org](mailto:officestaff@afscme2960.org) or local's current email approved by Local President.). The parties by written mutual agreement may skip from Step 2 directly to Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

### Step 2.5

After the Step 2 response, but prior to review by the Grievance Committee, the parties involved may mutually agree to submit the grievance to Labor Relations. The grievance, as originally written and Step 1 and Step 2 responses, must be submitted to Labor

Relations within 14 calendar days of receipt of the Step 2 response. Labor Relations shall, within 14 calendar days of the receipt of the grievance, meet with the department head, or designee, and the Grievant and the Grievant's representative, if any, in an attempt to resolve the grievance. Labor Relations shall then submit a written response to all parties within 14 calendar days of the meeting.

### Step 3

1. If the written response of the Step 2 (or 2.5 if applicable) does not result in resolution of the grievance, the Grievant and the Union may, within 14 calendar days of having received the Step 2 response, appeal the grievance by signing and completing the City form and presenting it to Labor Relations. The time period for an appeal begins when an email is sent to the Grievant's representative. (Grievance responses may be emailed. Email to [officestaff@afscme2960.org](mailto:officestaff@afscme2960.org) or local's current email approved by Local President). A Grievance Committee hearing will be scheduled at which the Grievant shall be afforded the opportunity to fully present his position.

The Grievance Committee will consist of:

Chairman: A City of Phoenix Department Director or a member of the City Manager's Executive Staff or a retired City Manager's Executive Staff (at no cost) as selected jointly by the Labor Relations Administrator and the Union President.

Member: A mutually agreed upon neutral member.

Member: The President or the President's designee.

No selected Department Director or Executive Staff member will serve as a committee member when the grievance involves his/her assigned department. Staff support to the Committee during the hearing will be provided by Human Resources Department staff.

Before each Grievance Committee, the Labor Relations Administrator and the Union President will either mutually agree upon one of the names, or the parties will take turns striking names and the final name will be selected. Labor Relations staff will then schedule the Grievance Committee meeting.

Labor Relations shall, within 10 calendar days of receipt of the appeal, schedule a Grievance Committee hearing regarding the grievance at which the Grievant shall be afforded the opportunity to fully present his position and to be represented. A Grievance Committee meeting shall be held within 60 calendar days of receipt of the appeal which may be extended upon mutual agreement. The Grievance Committee shall, within 10 calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing, make advisory recommendation on the grievance and submit it to the City Manager for final determination for those employees who have elected to use this procedure instead of arbitration.

The Grievance Committee shall submit findings and advisory recommendation(s) to the City Manager. The City Manager shall make the final determination of the grievance and submit it in writing to the Grievant and his designated representative.

2. In lieu of such hearing, the Grievant and the Union may jointly invoke the following procedure by submitting written notice to the Labor Relations Division within 14 calendar days of having received the Step II response. If the Grievant and the Union so elects in writing within the above time limit, in lieu of such Grievance Committee hearing, the grievance may be reviewed by an arbitrator.

The parties, or their designated representatives, shall agree on an arbitrator, and if they are unable to agree on an arbitrator within a reasonable time, either party may request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit to them a list of 7 arbitrators who have had experience in the public sector. The parties shall, within 10 calendar days of the receipt of said list, select the arbitrator by alternately striking names from said list until one name remains. Such person shall then become the arbitrator. The arbitrator so selected shall hold a hearing as expeditiously as possible at a time and place convenient to the parties, and shall be bound by the following:

- a) The arbitrator shall neither add to, detract from nor modify the language of the Memorandum or of departmental rules and regulations in considering any issue properly before him/her.
- b) The arbitrator shall expressly confine him/herself to the precise issues submitted to him/her and shall have no authority to consider any other issue not so submitted to him/her.
- c) The arbitrator shall be bound by applicable State and City Law.

The arbitrator shall submit findings and advisory recommendations to the Grievant and the City Manager, or their designated representatives. The cost of the arbitrator and any other mutually incurred costs shall be borne equally by the parties. The City Manager shall make the final determination of the grievance and submit it in writing to the Grievant and his designated representative.

#### D. Union Grievance

The Union may, in its own name, file a grievance that alleges violation by the City of the rights accorded to the Union or unit employee by the specific terms of this Memorandum. The Union shall file such grievance at Step 3 of the Procedure.

#### E. Group Grievance

When more than one unit member claims the same violation of the same rights allegedly accorded by this Memorandum, and such claims arise at substantially the same time and out of the same circumstances, a single group grievance may be filed in the name of all such members. Such group grievances shall be filed at the Step of this Procedure which provides the lowest level of common supervision having authority over all named

Grievant's. Each unit member that is a party Grievant must be named and must sign such group grievance.

F. Time Limits

If the City fails to answer a grievance within the time limits specified in Section 2-1 C, it shall be deemed to have been denied and may be appealed to the next step under the Article. If the Grievant or the Union fail to comply with said time limits, the grievance shall be deemed to have been withdrawn without prejudice. The parties may extend time limits by mutual written agreement in advance.

G. Notice to Union of Grievance Resolution

The City will put the Union on notice of proposed final resolutions of grievances where the Union has not been designated as the Grievant's representative for the purpose of allowing the Union to ascertain that a final resolution will not be contrary to the terms of this Memorandum.

The City will ensure that a copy of every M.O.U. grievance filed by a unit member, including the response from management, is forwarded to the Union at each step of the process.

H. The City will not discriminate or retaliate against employees because of their exercise of rights granted by this Article.

I. Regular full-time and regular part-time employees are covered by this grievance procedure.

J. Employer grievances, should they occur as a result of Official Union activities or actions, including the failure to act as required under this agreement, will be presented directly to the Union president or any officer of the Union within 14 calendar days of the occurrence prompting the grievance. The President, or designee, shall in each case provide a written answer within 14 calendar days from receipt of the grievance. Unresolved employer grievances may be submitted to arbitration pursuant to Step 3 herein, provided that the employer shall bear the costs of the services of the arbitrator.

K. Municipal Court

It is understood concerning the administration of this grievance procedure in the Municipal Court, specifically Steps 2 and 3 that the designated "Department Head" is the Executive Court Administrator, and the "City Manager's Office" or "City Manager" shall mean the Presiding Judge, or his designee as provided in the procedure.

L. The City will be responsible for notifying the Grievant of any grievance meeting by work and personal email (if available in eCHRIS), to include date, time, and place of any grievance committee hearing. A copy will be sent to the Union by email to [officestaff@afscme2960.org](mailto:officestaff@afscme2960.org). If a City representative or if the Grievant does not appear at the Grievance Committee hearing, the party not appearing shall lose the grievance.

## M. Arbitration

### 1. Independent Arbitrator:

Any unit member who is a classified employee having completed the prescribed probationary period who has received a disciplinary demotion, suspension, or discharge, and has a right to appeal that disciplinary action pursuant to the Personnel Rules, may under the provisions of this article request the Civil Service Board appoint as a hearing officer an independent arbitrator selected pursuant to the procedures described in Section 3 below.

### 2. Appeal:

The Union, on behalf of the member, may request the selection of an independent arbitrator as the hearing officer for a Civil Service Board appeal of a disciplinary action. Such request must be made within 14 calendar days after the date of service of notice of the order of suspension, demotion, or dismissal on him personally, or 21 calendar days from the date of mailing by certified mail the notice of the order of suspension, demotion or dismissal. The request must be in writing and must state specific allegations in the discipline notice with which the employee disagrees. The request must be personally delivered to the Board or deposited in the United States mail, certified return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the office of the Civil Service Board, within the above-stated time.

The Union on behalf of the employee will also immediately thereafter file copies thereof with the complainant department head and the City Attorney. At the time the Union files the request for hearing, it shall set forth whether the hearing will be public or private.

### 3. Selection of Arbitrator:

Once an independent arbitrator is requested for a hearing, the Labor Relations Administrator or his designated representative on behalf of the City and the Union president or his designated representative on behalf of the member will agree on an independent arbitrator within 10 calendar days after approval and appointment by the Board of the appeal request. If an agreement on an independent arbitrator cannot be reached within said 10 calendar days, either party may request that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) or the American Arbitration Association (AAA) provide a list with the names of 7 arbitrators with public sector experience. In requesting such lists, the parties will stipulate that arbitrators should be from within Arizona.

The parties will, within 7 calendar days of the receipt of the list, select the arbitrator by striking names alternately until one name remains. The remaining name will be designated as the independent arbitrator appointed by the Civil Service Board as the hearing officer for the appeal. The parties will jointly communicate with the chosen arbitrator to advise him of the appointment.

In the event that the chosen arbitrator is unable to accept the appointment as hearing officer, the parties will either select another independent arbitrator from a new list in the same manner as described above, or if mutually agreeable select another arbitrator from the original list. The independent arbitrator chosen will be designated as the hearing officer appointed by the Civil Service Board for the appeal.

4. Time for Hearing:

When possible, the hearing date will be set within 30 calendar days from the request. Delays may be granted by mutual agreement of the parties. However, any such delay occurring at the request of the Union, will automatically be excluded from any calculations of back pay to the employees, if any, as determined by the Civil Service Board.

5. Hearing Procedures:

The hearing procedures will be the same as the procedures set forth in Rule 22d, Personnel Rules of the City of Phoenix. In the conduct of the hearing, the hearing officer will not be bound by the technical rules of evidence, nor will informality in any of the proceedings or in the manner of taking testimony invalidate any order, decision, rule or regulation made or approved by the Civil Service Board.

6. Witnesses:

An employee appellant, or an employee subpoenaed as a witness, will be granted a leave of absence from his/her regularly assigned duties during his/her regularly assigned work hours without loss of pay for the time.

At the request of either party, the arbitrator will order that any witness who will testify during the hearing be excluded from the hearing room until such time as they testify. The City and the Union may exclude from the operation of this provision one representative each of the City and the local Union.

7. Proposed Findings: Objections to Report:

Either party may file with the hearing officer written proposed findings of fact and conclusions within 7 calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing. A copy of such proposed findings and conclusions will be served on the other party at the same time as filing with the hearing officer.

No later than 2 calendar days before the Civil Service Board meeting where the appeal has been scheduled for hearing either party may file with the Civil Service Board written objections to the hearing officer's report. A copy of such objections will be served on the other party at the same time as filing with the Civil Service Board. No post-hearing evidence will be submitted.

8. Requirements:

The independent arbitrator selected by the parties pursuant to this article will be bound by the following:

The independent arbitrator will neither add to, detract from, nor modify the language of this Memorandum of Understanding.

The independent arbitrator will be expressly confined to the precise issues submitted and will have no authority to consider any other issue.

The independent arbitrator will be bound by applicable Federal, State, and City laws.

9. Report:

Within 2 weeks of the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer/arbitrator will forward all records and his report containing a statement of the findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations concerning the appeal to the Civil Service Board and send a copy of the report to the parties. The hearing officer/arbitrator may recommend to the Civil Service Board, the discipline be upheld or modified, or rescinded pursuant to Personnel Rule 22 (e).

10. Costs:

The cost of the independent arbitrator and other costs related to obtaining said arbitrator will be borne equally by the parties. Each party will be responsible for its own costs incurred in the hearing process, including but not limited to costs for legal services, service of subpoenas, and expert witnesses.

11. Civil Service Board:

It is expressly understood that this article will not impinge on the powers and duties of the Civil Service Board as provided for in Section 3 of Chapter XXV, Phoenix City Charter and Rule 22, Personnel Rules of the City of Phoenix.

12. Representation:

The parties agree that for the purpose of this article, the City will be represented by the Labor Relations Administrator for the City of Phoenix or his designee and the member will be represented by the President of AFSCME Local 2960 or his designee.

**When the Union is designated by a unit member as their representative for mutually scheduled grievance meetings, Civil Service hearings or hearings associated with the administration of the MOU, up to two (2) representatives may attend such meetings or hearings for the purpose of observation and training. Requests for the additional representative to be in attendance for observation and training must be made in advance. Approval is subject to operational needs and will not be arbitrarily withheld.**

## Section 2-2: Labor-Management Committee

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

There shall be a Labor-Management Committee consisting of representatives of the Union and representatives of the City. The purpose of the Committee is to facilitate improved labor-management relationships by providing an informal forum for the free discussion of mutual concerns and to attempt to resolve problems brought to its attention. If requested by one of the parties FMCS **or a mediator** will be invited to attend.

Topics for discussion may be established and agreed to in good faith by both parties at the beginning of each contract year and throughout the contract period.

Unit 3 will be involved in a RBO/Labor-Management Process in the Fire Department. The Committee shall meet monthly or at other mutually scheduled times. For Fire Department Sections in which Unit 3 members are the majority of employees (i.e., Dispatch & Deployment, Fire Prevention), those Sections shall establish a Fire Department Labor Management Committee consisting of the Section Head and Union Stewards within that Section. The purpose of this Fire Department Labor Management committee is to enhance service delivery models and address public safety employee-related issues. The Fire Department Labor Management process is done through the facilitation and open discussion of mutual concerns and problems which may include: implementation of major department programs and/or substantial modifications of existing major programs that have a significant impact on service delivery or work schedules. The Fire Department Labor Management Committee shall meet at least annually at mutually scheduled times, and at other mutually agreed upon times as necessary. Representatives of the Union on the Committee shall not lose pay or benefits for meetings mutually scheduled during their duty time.

The parties will have monthly discussions on new city and departmental policies, procedures, Personnel rules, etc.

The members shall, upon request for a meeting, provide the Chairman with proposed agenda items and the Chairman shall provide the members with the meeting agenda in advance of the meeting.

Based upon mutually agreed upon frequency, departments and the City will schedule regular Labor Management meetings with union leadership to ensure productive communications on items such as: department policy changes; the outsourcing of services currently performed by unit members which could directly result in a reduction in the number of permanent Unit positions ("contracting out"); and Union participation on City Selection processes.

Any signed/dated written Labor/Management agreements with the signatures of the parties and the Chairman will be binding on the parties for the remaining term of the MOU.

Representatives of the Union on the Committee who are employees shall not lose pay or benefits for meetings mutually scheduled during their duty time up to a maximum of 4 hours per employee per meeting.

**There shall be a Labor Management Committee established during the 2026-28 MOU to discuss the implementation of a citywide labor management system for payroll/time and attendance related functions and the potential impact on employees.**

### **Section 2-3: Health and Safety Committee**

It is understood by the parties that the benefits granted by this Article shall not be interpreted or applied as requiring the employer to count as time worked, any hours or fractions of hours spent outside the employee's work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article. The employer shall count as time worked any hours or fractions of hours spent within the employee's regular work shift in pursuit of benefits provided by this Article.

The City will continue to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide for employee health and safety in accordance with the State's Occupational Safety and Health law. Supervisors and employees are committed to working together to ensure a healthy and safe work environment.

A Unit employee may file, without fear of discipline, retaliation or discrimination, a grievance when in his best judgment; the City has failed to comply with specific safety and health standards promulgated by local, state and federal regulations. The City will continue its practice of providing personal protective safety equipment to employees to protect them from recognized safety and health hazards.

In order to facilitate this policy, a joint committee entitled, "Health and Safety Committee" shall be established. This Committee shall be composed of 2 unit members appointed by the Union and 2 City representatives as designated by the City Manager. The chairpersons shall rotate among the members.

The Committee shall meet quarterly at mutually scheduled times to consider on-the-job safety matters referred to it by the existing departmental safety committees and safety officers, or otherwise coming to its attention, and shall advise Department Heads and the City Manager concerning on-the-job safety and health matters.

All written recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the Department Head concerned and to the City Manager.

In the discharge of its function, the Committee shall be guided by the applicable regulations of the State's OSHA agency, and the City's existing practices and rules relating to safety and health, and formulate suggested changes.

The Union may review and suggest improvements to existing City building evacuation plans and the City Safety Program.

Employee members of the Committee shall not lose pay or benefits for meetings mutually scheduled during their duty time up to a maximum of 4 hours per employee per meeting.

## **ARTICLE 3: Compensation/Wages**

Various sections of this MOU contain a form of compensation, wages, or benefits that have been negotiated in good faith and may or may not provide a direct payment of wages or other benefit to each member. Those forms of compensation, wages, or benefits that do not provide a direct payment to each unit member have been negotiated in place of a direct payment and costed as part of the overall economic package. Examples include: life insurance, long term disability insurance, leave payouts, etc.

### **Section 3-1: Wages**

**A. In year one of this agreement, Unit 3 employees will receive:**

- **A 2.0% base wage increase, effective the first full pay period in July 2026.**
- **A non-continuous payment of \$500 for each full-time unit employee and \$250 for each part-time unit employee to be paid out on the first full pay period in July 2026.**
- **A non-continuous payment of \$630 for each full-time unit employee and \$251 for each part-time unit employee to be paid out on the first full pay period in August 2026.**

**A. In year two of this agreement, Unit 3 employees will receive:**

- **A 0.50% base wage increase, effective the first full pay period in July 2027.**
- **A non-continuous payment of \$980 for each full-time unit employee and \$390 for each part-time unit employee to be paid on the first full pay period in August 2027.**

**C. During each year of this agreement, all unit employees who are eligible for merit increases will be advanced one step in the pay grade in accordance with the provisions of the Pay Ordinance.**

**D. It is understood that for implementation purposes, the practice of rounding of fractional cents shall be done in accordance with accepted mathematical and accounting principles.**

**E. Notwithstanding the rates of pay set forth in any appendix or attachment to the agreement for reference, the term "pay schedule" shall mean the schedule computed and published by the Human Resources Department for payroll purposes pursuant to Council action in the pay and compensation ordinance.**

**F. Productivity Enhancement Pay**

In recognition of dedicated service and overall performance, the City agrees to implement the following Productivity pay formula for unit members:

## 1. Pay Benefits

Unit members who have completed at least six years (6) but no more than up to 19 years of continuous full time service and who meet the additional qualifications specified in this section shall qualify for \$100, prorated and included each pay period in the qualifying unit employee's regular paycheck, for the completion of each year of continuous full time service in excess of 5 years, up to an annual maximum of \$2,800 at the completion of 19 years of continuous full time service.

Unit employees who have completed 20 years or more of continuous full-time service and who meet the additional qualifications specified in this section shall qualify for \$125, prorated and included each pay period in the qualifying unit employee's regular paycheck, for the completion of each year of continuous full time service in excess of five years, up to an annual maximum of \$6,000 at the completion of 29 years of continuous full time service.

## 2. Qualifications:

- a) An employee must have completed at least one year of continuous full-time service at the top step in his pay range. Qualifications for Productivity Enhancement pay are made in the base class and will not be affected by movement into or out of assignment positions. Productivity Enhancement pay will not be affected by movements to positions within the same pay range.

When a position is reclassified to a higher classification, or when a classification is assigned to a higher pay range, incumbents who are receiving Productivity Enhancement pay shall be moved to that step of the new range which corresponds the closest to their combined base pay and previous Productivity Enhancement pay amount (incumbent's annualized payment, and which does not result in a decrease from that amount. The placement in the new range will be limited to the maximum step in the range. If the reclassification or pay range change only results in a maximum possible one-range increase, and the incumbent is receiving Productivity Enhancement pay, the employee will be moved to the top step and continue to be eligible for Productivity Enhancement pay.

- b) An employee must have completed 6 years of continuous full-time service.
- c) An employee must have achieved the overall performance rating of "Met" on his latest performance evaluation on file.
- d) An employee must be on full time active status. Employees on industrial leave shall qualify for this payment for only the first year of the industrial leave. However, the entire period of industrial leave shall qualify as continuous service when the employee returns to active employment.
- e) For those employees who are otherwise eligible for Productivity Enhancement pay, an employee who receives a below "meets standards" evaluation shall

receive another evaluation within 90 days to 120 days, and if that evaluation is “meets standards” or better, he will be eligible to receive the next scheduled Productivity Enhancement payment.

3. Terms of Payment:

- a) **Unit employees are eligible to receive Productivity Enhancement Pay, and any subsequent increases, beginning with the pay period following the date on which all eligibility is met.**

G. Linguistic Pay

This provision is written to provide guidelines for paying Unit 3 members who are authorized, certified, and required by management to utilize a language other than English to conduct official City business.

1. Pay Benefits:

A unit member who meets the linguistic skills qualification as determined by a management review panel and becomes certified shall be paid a premium of \$75 per month.

- H. Unit 3 employees who receive an overall “Met” on their performance evaluation and are eligible for merit shall receive it in accordance with the pay plan.
- I. The Union President may bring recommendations for Special Merit Increases to a Department Head for consideration on behalf of unit employees.
- J. During the term of this MOU the City will provide an annual budget presentation to the AFSCME Local 2960 Board. This presentation will be scheduled within 30 days of the final budget being presented to Council.

**Section 3-2: Overtime**

- A. Overtime is defined as time assigned and worked beyond the regularly scheduled work week or daily work shift; it being understood that overtime for all unit members who normally work a daily work shift of 8 consecutive hours, including a paid meal period on the job, is defined as time assigned and worked in excess of 40 hours in a 7 day work period or 8 hours per daily shift including paid meal breaks.

Overtime for unit members assigned to a 4/10 work week schedule is defined as time assigned and worked beyond the regularly scheduled 10 hours per shift or 40 hours per week.

There shall be a minimum of 12 hours off between shifts for unit members working a 4/10 and 5/8 schedules. If this is not possible, the employee shall receive overtime compensation at their regular rate of pay for each full hour, or fraction of hour, worked within the described 12 hour period for a 4/10 or 5/8 schedule.

This language only applies to employees who work 2 full shifts. A shift holdover is considered a continuation of the regular shift. Employees cannot receive overtime compensation and 12-hour rule for the same hours worked (i.e., no pyramiding). If an employee works less than a full shift either before or after his/her regular shift, the 12 hour rule does not apply.

- B. Duly authorized paid leave time shall be considered as time worked for the purposes of calculating premium overtime pay during the regularly scheduled work week (but not daily workshift).
- C. Overtime work shall be compensated at 1 ½ times the regular rate, or compensatory time at 1 ½ times up to a maximum accumulation of 300 hours of compensatory time, exclusive of any premium or bonus pay. Authorized overtime hours worked in excess of 300 hours shall be paid in cash. There shall be no compounding or pyramiding of overtime pay with regular or premium pay.

Requests for use of compensatory time shall be subject to approval of supervision based upon operational and scheduling factors. Guidelines for administration of compensatory time or cash payment of overtime are contained in this Memorandum of Understanding in Attachment "B."

A unit member may convert accumulated compensatory time credits to cash, up to a maximum of 120 hours in no more than two, 60 hour increments, by notifying the Department payroll staff in writing of such intent no later than November 1 (payment will be made on or before December 15) and no later than July 31 (payment will be made on or before August 31).

D. Call-Out Pay

An employee shall have a minimum of 3 hours pay at overtime rates when called out for work after leaving City facilities at a time other than his regularly assigned shift, or when he is called out for overtime work while on stand-by pay.

Overtime for this call-out shall begin when employees report to the place where they are instructed to report and shall terminate 45 minutes after being relieved from duty. This 45 minutes travel time shall be included in the minimum guarantee and shall be paid only if the total work and allowed travel time exceed the minimum. Where employees are assigned take-home transportation, they will not be allowed the 45 minutes travel time. Travel time shall not apply when the employee is working on overtime which was planned in advance. An employee requested to report early, before the normal starting time of the shift, shall not be eligible for travel time, but would qualify for overtime for the extra hours.

Provisions of this section shall be interpreted in a manner which complies with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

At times when employees are required to work scheduled overtime, they will receive a minimum of three hours, at 1 1/2, providing said overtime is not immediately preceding or following his regular work hours.

#### Remote Access Support

Employees called to perform work by remote access, such as VPN, shall receive a minimum of 30 minutes pay at the overtime rate or the actual amount of time expended, whichever is greater. The employee will be paid at the overtime rate in quarter hour increments for each remote access support response after the initial response. Calls placed closer than 30 minutes shall be treated as a single event and subject to the actual time worked or minimum payment.

#### Telephone Support

Employees called to perform work by means of telephone support shall receive 30 minutes pay at the overtime rate or the actual amount of time expended whichever is greater. The employee will be paid at the overtime rate in quarter hour increments for each telephone support response after the initial response. Calls placed closer than 30 minutes shall be treated as a single event and subject to the actual time worked or minimum payment.

- E. Cash compensation for all overtime will be at 1 1/2 times the regular rate after the first 7 minutes assigned and worked beyond the end of an employee's regularly scheduled shift, calculated to the nearest quarter hour. There shall be no compounding or pyramiding of overtime pay with other regular or premium pay except as required under Fair Labor Standards Act.
- F. Off Duty Physician Appointments

When, at the direction of the immediate non-unit supervisor, unit members being treated by the authorized and designated City physician at times they are not scheduled to be on duty nor are on paid leave or disability benefit status, shall be entitled to overtime compensation in accordance with Article 3 hereof. This compensation shall be at a minimum of one hour or based on actual check-in and check-out time recorded by health center staff.

- G. Overtime shall be worked and shall be allowed if assigned by the non-unit supervisor or other authorized representative of the City. The City shall endeavor to be equitable in the distribution of voluntary overtime amongst qualified employees or crews of employees within the same classification, function, work location, and shift. Seniority may be used as a factor in determining the assignment of overtime work. Other factors include work history, skill level, assigned equipment, etc. The City will make available to the Union, upon request, reports of overtime worked by unit members on a quarterly basis. Overtime shall be voluntary, except however, the City reserves the right to assign overtime in the event insufficient employees volunteer, or to avoid inadequate staffing, or to **ensure** timely service delivery, or to conduct mandatory training.

When a unit member is off duty or on leave and is contacted by telephone by his supervisor for purposes other than callout or a supervisor approves of the making or receiving of the call, the unit member will be paid at time and one-half his regular rate of

pay for each quarter hour calculated to the nearest quarter hour (over 7 minutes goes to the next quarter hour). There will be no compensation for calls under 7 minutes.

A unit member has the option of donating accrued vacation or compensatory time to another City employee in accordance with Administrative Regulation 2.144.

### **Section 3-3: Out-of-Class Pay**

A unit member who is temporarily required to serve in a regular authorized position in a higher classification shall be compensated at a higher rate of pay in accordance with the following:

- A. To be eligible for the additional compensation, the unit member must first accumulate 10 regular working shifts of assignment in the higher class within any 24 month period; satisfactory performance during a previous appointment to the higher class will be credited to the qualifying period. The days of out-of-class assignment need not necessarily be consecutive. Once this qualification is satisfied, no additional re-qualification will be required. The unit member must be specifically designated in writing to perform out-of-class duties.
- B. Temporary assignments out-of-class shall be recorded only in full shift units. A unit employee working out-of-class for 5 hours work for a 10 hour shift and 4 hours work for an 8 hour shift shall be credited with working out-of-class for the entire shift. No out-of-class credit shall be given for out-of-class work of less than 5 hours for a 10 hour shift and 4 hours work for an 8 hour shift.
- C. To qualify for out-of-class pay, a unit member must be assuming substantially the full range of duties and responsibilities of the higher level position. Out-of-class pay is not authorized, for example, if the organization of a work unit is such that each unit member carries on his normal duties during the temporary absence of a supervisor, without a need for the direction which the supervisor would provide on a longer term basis.
  1. Time worked in a higher class shall not earn credits toward the completion of probationary requirements in the higher class.
  2. When authorized, time worked out-of-class may earn experience only credit toward completion of experience requirements in lieu of existing experience requirements for promotion to those classifications where such out-of-class work was performed in a certified position.
- D. A unit member who has qualified under these provisions shall be compensated at the minimum rate established for the higher class for each completed work shift served in the higher class. In the event of overlapping salary ranges, a one-step differential shall be paid for out-of-class assignments. The higher rate of pay shall be used in computing overtime when authorized overtime is served in out-of-class work assignments; the overtime rate shall be the rate established by the overtime regulations that apply to the higher rank.

- E. The City shall not make out-of-class assignments pursuant to this Article in an arbitrary and capricious manner.
- F. **Unit 3 employees assigned to the Phoenix Fire Department Regional Dispatch Center will be compensated hour-for-hour while the employee is working in an out-of-class assignment. The qualification period will also be determined on an hourly basis for the total of 80 hours.**

### **Section 3-4: Sick Leave Cash Out Formula**

A unit member who has accumulated a minimum of 750 qualifying hours or more of accrued and unused sick leave at the time of a duty related retirement shall be paid an amount of compensation equal to 25% of his base hourly rate for all hours in excess of 250 hours.

Additional language of this Section 3-4 is contained in Attachments B and C.

### **Section 3-5: Shift Differential Pay**

Unit members shall receive \$.60 per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a night shift which ends at or after 10:00 p.m. (9:00 p.m. in the Library Division) and before midnight, and \$.80 per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a night shift which includes work during the period after midnight to 3:00 a.m. Shift differential shall continue be paid at the rate of the regular shift for any additional hours worked following the regular shift.

Employees shall receive night shift pay differential only for hours scheduled and worked, and not while on paid leave time. If an employee works a 2nd or 3rd shift for 6 hours or more, they will receive a shift differential.

Employees participating in a 4/10 work schedule shall receive \$.60 per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a night shift which ends between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., inclusive; and \$.80 per hour in addition to their hourly rate of pay when working a regular night shift which ends after 3:00 a.m.

A Unit member shall receive 10 cents per hour in addition to his base hourly rate of pay and any other shift differential or any other premium pay he may be receiving for working a weekend shift. A designated weekend shift is defined as any shift that starts on or after 2 PM on Friday and continuing through any shift that starts on or before, but not after 11:59 PM on Sunday.

A Unit member who is called out and works between 2:00 PM on Friday and 11:59 PM on Sunday will be paid weekend shift differential for all hours worked at the rate specified in this article.

### **Section 3-6: Stand-By Pay**

When a unit member is required to be available for immediate emergency call-back at times when the member is not otherwise on duty, the member shall be compensated for such stand-by hours at \$3.00 per hour. Members serving in stand-by assignments shall be subject to contact requirements as provided for by the Department Head.

### **Section 3-7: Show-up Time**

Except in emergencies, an employee who is scheduled to report for work, has not been notified to the contrary, and presents himself for work as scheduled, shall be paid for at least 4 hours at the hourly or applicable rate of pay. If work on the employee's regular job is not available for reasons beyond his control, the City may, at the City's discretion, assign the employee substitute work.

Employees who start work and are later compelled to stop because of inclement weather or other conditions beyond their control shall be paid for the hours they work, but they shall be paid for not less than 4 hours at the straight time rate.

Employees released hereunder prior to the end of their regular shift may be required to stand-by and keep themselves available for immediate call-back during the balance of their regular shift (for which time they shall be entitled to stand-by pay under Article 3, section 3-6, "STAND-BY PAY" hereof). An employee may request the use of any accrued leave time, exclusive of sick leave, to cover the balance of his regular scheduled work shift. Employees called back to work shall be entitled to their hourly rate of pay for the balance of their regularly scheduled shift.

### **Section 3-8: Jury Duty Pay**

Pursuant to A.R. 2.24, as amended, a unit member called for jury duty or subpoenaed by a court as a witness shall be granted a leave of absence from municipal duties without loss of pay for the time actually required for such service and may retain jury or witness pay, except where such testimony or witness duty is the result of a unit member's official duties as a City employee.

To be eligible for paid leave for jury or witness duty, an employee must present verification of his call to jury duty or witness duty.

Paid witness leave shall not be allowed when the unit member is the defendant, plaintiff or voluntary character witness in a court action.

Subject to operational and scheduling needs, unit members whose regular work shift is worked after 5 p.m. and prior to 8 a.m. may be allowed by management to be assigned to the day shift during the period of jury duty service. The member will be responsible to notify their supervisor as soon as they are notified for jury duty by a court.

### Call Out Pay for Court Time:

When, as a result of his official duties, a Unit member is required to appear as a witness at a time that the employee is not otherwise on duty, the employee will receive a minimum of 3 hours pay at 1 ½ his regular rate of pay, except that an employee shall not be eligible for additional compensation during that 3 hour period.

### Court Time Stand-By:

When a Police Department Assistant, Crime Scene Specialist, or Commercial Vehicle Inspector receives a subpoena or other notice requiring him to stand-by to appear in court to testify concerning the performance of his official duties at a time other than his regularly scheduled shift, he shall be compensated the greater of either \$100 per day for each day the subject court proceeding is in session and the Unit member is subject to call, or in accordance with the current provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act for the term of this agreement or for so long as the Act is applicable.

Subject to operational and scheduling needs, full-time Unit 3 employees whose non-traditional work schedules include N-days may be allowed by management to be provided an alternate N-day during the pay week for hourly employees (when the date of jury service falls on the employee's regularly scheduled N-day).

## **Section 3-9: Deferred Compensation Program**

The City shall contribute an additional 0.75% of each Unit employee's monthly base wages for a total of 2.36% to the City Deferred Compensation Plan.

## **Section 3-10: Compensation for Approved Training**

Any Communication Dispatcher assigned to the Aviation or Fire Departments, **Crime Lab Technicians**, and Police Communications Operator who are selected by their Department to conduct department approved field training will be paid a one-step differential or a minimum of 3%, whichever is higher, for those hours actually spent training other staff members.

# **ARTICLE 4: Hours of Work/Working Conditions**

## **Section 4-1: Hours of Work**

A. This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and to provide the basis for calculation and payment of overtime pursuant to Article 3, section 3-2. Unit members may sign individual statements waiving the provisions of this section concerning consecutive days. Signed waivers shall continue in effect per M.O.U. year, unless there is an emergency of long-term duration affecting the employee. In which case, the

employee will give the City at least ten calendar days notice in order to revoke the waiver.

Flextime - The City, in collaboration with the Union, may experiment with flextime schedules when all the following conditions are met:

- a) Approval of Department Head
- b) Approval of Union President
- c) Mutually agreed schedule between Unit Member and Supervisor
- d) Signed waiver

The regular work day and regular work week shall consist of 5 consecutive days of 8 hours or 4 consecutive days of 10 hours of work excluding unpaid meal periods in a 7 calendar day pre-established work period, except in those departments performing normal services regularly on Saturday and/or Sunday, with the following exceptions:

1. To the extent that Library schedules do not conform to the above provision, it is not intended nor shall this section change such scheduling practices in the Library Division.
  2. The shift schedule for unit members in the Fire Dispatch Operation shall be subject to change during the term of this Memorandum, when such is conducive to efficient operations in the judgment of department management. The Union shall be advised of such changes in advance in the Labor-Management Committee (Article 2, section 2-2).
  3. Exceptions to this Section may be made for Detention Officers in the Police Department.
- B. Regular work schedules showing the employees' shifts, work days, and hours shall be posted where accessible to employees.
- C. Except for emergency situations, permanent regular work schedules shall not be changed without notice of at least 14 calendar days to the affected employee(s). Full-time unit members shall be given notice of at least 14 calendar days when there is a change in their permanent work location. Excluding employees of Parks or City Clerk, part-time employees who have one permanent work location shall be given notice of at least 14 calendar days when there is a change in their permanent work location. "Emergency" hereunder shall mean unforeseen operational circumstances.

When used in the context of this article, operational circumstances will be defined as service demands or other required actions performed to accomplish the mission of the department. These actions may be routine (anticipated) or emergency (unanticipated). For routine operational actions, 14 calendar days notice will be given to change permanent regular work schedules. For emergency operational actions, unit members will be provided as much advance notice and information as the situation will allow.

When changes are to be made by the City on a permanent basis for other than emergency reasons, or where new permanent schedules are to be adopted, the City will

notify the Union of such changes or new schedules **at the same time the employee is notified.**

Employees may request to be changed to another work schedule, and when a position on such schedule becomes vacant and available, shall be so reassigned on a seniority preferred basis when qualifications and experience are deemed to be equal by the City. (See Article 4, section 4-4 Seniority)

- D. Employees engaged in continuous operations are defined as being any employee or group of employees engaged in an operation for which there is regularly scheduled employment for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The work week for employees engaged in continuous operations shall consist of 5 consecutive days of 8 hours of work or 4 consecutive days of 10 hours of work, excluding unpaid meal periods. This provision shall not apply to relief positions.

- E. Unit 3 employees' regularly scheduled workday will be determined by the actual calendar date that they start their shift.

## **Section 4-2: Rest and Lunch Periods**

- A. Scheduled work shifts shall include meal periods to be observed as follows:

### 5 DAY WORK WEEK

8 hours

8-1/2 hours

9 hours

### MEAL PERIOD

30 minutes on the job, paid at straight time

30 minutes, unpaid

60 minutes, unpaid

### 4 DAY WORK WEEK

10 hours

10-1/2 hours

11 hours

### MEAL PERIOD

30 minutes on the job, paid at straight time

30 minutes, unpaid

60 minutes, unpaid

Schedules for Police Assistants and Police Aides, in the Police Department shall include a paid straight-time meal period of 1/2 hour on the job.

Two (2) paid non-work periods of 15 minutes during the above scheduled work shifts shall be permitted to promote the health, safety and efficiency of employees on the job.

A unit member may request a flextime schedule. If work demands preclude a unit member from taking an unpaid lunch period, they will receive compensatory time at 1 1/2 x for the missed meal period, provided they have received prior authorization from their supervisor for working through the lunch period and they have worked more than 40 hours that week. When a Unit member does not receive a paid meal period, the meal period shall be uninterrupted and duty-free. For paid straight-time meal periods of 1/2 hour, the intent is for the employee to have a break from their work station during this period, but the employee must be available for immediate call-back to work when necessary. When work demands permit, with a supervisor's approval, a Unit employee

may combine their 30 minute meal period with **two** of their 15 minute rest periods to achieve a **one (1) hour** meal period. This paid leave time counts as hours worked.

- B. Activities of employees during above non-work periods shall not be subject to any unreasonable restrictions.
- C. When a Unit member works overtime of 2 hours or more in addition to their daily work shift, they shall be entitled to an additional 15 minute break. Every additional 2 hours of overtime will entitle an employee to an additional 15 minute break.

After 4 consecutive hours of overtime in addition to their daily work shift, a unit member shall be entitled to a paid meal break of 30 minutes but in no event shall a unit member be entitled to more than one such break for every 8 consecutive hours of overtime.

### **Section 4-3: Clean-up Time**

Unit employees will be given time, in keeping with past practice, at the end of a normal daily shift for personal clean-up. Such time is in addition to and exclusive of any time the City requires be spent for maintaining equipment.

All departments shall provide field employees with the appropriate clean up kits/ materials, upon request.

Employees shall be allowed reasonable time, as necessary, for personal cleanup prior to the commencement of lunch and break periods.

The intent of the above provision has always been to allow field employees who need personal clean-up prior to rest or lunch periods a reasonable amount of time to do so. Clean-up material should be supplied on an as needed basis to field employees. If the field supervisors and employees act reasonably in addressing the issue, everyone will have a more healthy and safer work environment.

### **Section 4-4: Seniority**

- A. **For the purpose of this Agreement seniority shall be defined as the length of continuous service with the City of Phoenix including any approved leaves of absence. Where bidding occurs, seniority shall determine rights for vacation, shifts, overtime, standby, days of work, and the assignment of job locations. When two or more employees in the same job classification are hired on the same date and time the tie in seniority will be broken by 1) consideration of time as a temporary employee when applicable, and 2) by the date and time of application submission for the hired position.**

**In areas where bidding does not occur, requests for vacation that are considered simultaneously shall be determined by seniority. Once vacation is approved it will not be rescinded in order to accommodate employees with higher seniority. Departments will work with the Union to review vacation bidding issues.**

- B. Seniority shall be by length of service within a class. If seniority within the class is not determinative, then length of service with the City shall prevail.
- C. Seniority shall be used as a factor consistent with established Civil Service procedures and Personnel Rule 14 in choice of work assignments, vacation schedules, and in the determination of lay-offs.

## **Section 4-5: Technology**

If an AI system implemented by the City clearly produces faulty or misleading data that could impact employee assignment or discipline, the department, in consultation with the Union, may suspend use of the system. The City and the Union will then reconvene to assess the issue and determine appropriate next steps.

For purposes of this agreement, artificial intelligence refers to the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, particularly computer systems, to perform tasks requiring cognition, including but not limited to learning, reasoning, self-correction, and creativity.

The City shall notify employees and the Union of any technology being introduced that will replace or enhance unit work. Upon request of the Union, the appropriate department will discuss at Labor Management meetings with Union leadership.

Data obtained from an AI system, including vehicle camera systems, Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL), Global Positioning System (GPS), telematics, or similar automated movement tracking systems may be used in conjunction with a complaint, investigation, or documented performance-tracking systems. However, automated decision making shall not be used as the sole basis for disciplinary decisions regarding Unit employees.

## **ARTICLE 5: Benefits**

### **Section 5-1: Health Insurance**

- A. The City and Union agree to maintain the current 80/20 split for health insurance for both single and family coverage. If there is a rate increase or decrease, the City shall pay 80% of the new monthly contribution and the employee will pay 20%.
- B. The City agrees to the continuation of a Healthcare Taskforce for the purpose of studying existing plans and to explore alternative plans. The Taskforce shall include representatives from the City and a Local 2960 representative.

- C. It is understood between the City and the Union that the City's monthly contributions will not, under any circumstances, exceed the actual premium cost.
- D. The City will maintain an Employee Assistance Program which will provide confidential individual and family counseling to all unit members and their eligible dependents. These services will be furnished by an independent contract agency to be chosen by the City.
- E. Employees in positions in classifications 320 and below will receive a health insurance supplement allowance of \$66.50 two (2) times a year to be paid in August and February. Regular bargaining unit employees must be enrolled in current City Health Insurance Program to receive this benefit.
- F. All Unit 3 Police employees will be included in coverage of the Police Officers Assistance Program.
- G. The following chart reflects the MERP benefits for unit employees eligible to receive MERP as determined on August 1, 2007. It is understood the MERP amounts listed are not subject to modification through contract negotiations but may be increased by the City.

Retiree with less than 5 years of active City credited service.	\$117 per month
Retiree with at least 5 years but less than 15 years of active City credited service.	\$135 per month
Retiree with at least 15 years but less than 25 years of active City credited service.	\$168 per month
Retiree with 25 or more years of active City credited service.	\$202 per month

- H. The \$150 monthly allowance for Post Employment Health Plan accounts (PEHP) continues for all qualifying employees eligible to retire after August 1, 2022. (The date of an individual's retirement eligibility was determined on August 1, 2007). The City expanded the Post Employment Health Plan (PEHP) program in 2023 to include City employees who are enrolled as a spouse/qualified domestic partner (QDP) on another employee's City medical plan, and who are otherwise eligible for PEHP. Spouse/QDP PEHP is not applied automatically – please review the current benefits book for enrollment rules. PEHP payments are prospectively applied once enrollment procedures have been met.
- I. In the event of the death of a unit member while on duty or while performing a job function as determined by the City, the City will continue to pay the full monthly health insurance premium for the spouse or domestic partner and all eligible dependents. Should the surviving spouse or domestic partner remarry, the benefits of this provision may continue through COBRA. The policy is retroactive to any reported and known In-Line-of-Duty death of a Unit member from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2019.

## Section 5-2: Dental Insurance

The City shall pay the full premium costs for single coverage for employees enrolled in the base dental HMO or PPO plan and 75% of the premium costs for family coverage for a City dental plan. If an employee selects a dental plan other than the base HMO or PPO, the employee will pay the difference between the PPO plan and the selected plan.

At a minimum, the plan shall include a PPO option that consists of 100% payment of reasonable and customary covered charges for preventive and preventive-related diagnostic services, and 80% payment of reasonable and customary covered charges for basic services, and major services. The City shall retain a plan option that includes an adult orthodontia benefit with a maximum lifetime benefit of up to \$4,000 per person. Dental plans may be subject to deductibles and limitations contained in the contract between the dental insurance carrier and the City of Phoenix.

## Section 5-3: Life Insurance

The City will provide at no cost to unit employees off-the-job and on-the-job life and dismemberment insurance with a face value equivalent to the employee's gross annual salary rounded up to the next \$1,000 or \$25,000, whichever is greater; in addition, the City will also provide death-in-the-line-of-duty insurance with a face value of \$75,000.

It is understood between the City and the Union that any negotiated changes in life insurance benefits shall be effective on or about January 1. The designated beneficiary of a unit member will be paid for all accumulated sick leave hours that remain on the City's official file at the time of a line-of-duty death of the unit member and payment will be based upon the unit member's base hourly rate of pay at the time of death. The beneficiary shall be that person designated in the eCHRIS Benefits portal for the City of Phoenix Group Life Insurance Program on file in the City Human Resources Department.

Additionally, the City will provide to each unit employee a \$200,000 death benefit covering the unit employees **commute** to and from his City work location. This policy will be consistent with the current City Life Insurance carrier, and will cover the unit employee's commute for up to two hours before his shift begins, and two hours after his shift concludes.

In the event of the death of a unit employee while commuting to or from his work location, for a period of two hours each way, the City will continue to pay the full monthly health insurance premium for the spouse and all eligible dependents. This policy will be consistent with the terms of the current City Life Insurance carrier, for the payment of a supplementary **commuter** life insurance policy for each unit employee.

Accumulated sick leave hours on the city's official file at the time of an active unit member's death will be paid. Payment will be based upon the member's base hourly rate at the time of death.

Upon receipt of invoice, the City will reimburse the Union up to \$6.00 per month per unit employee for premiums and reasonable administrative costs incurred by the Union sponsored life/long term care insurance benefit. Labor Relations must approve all

associated administrative costs prior to reimbursement; however, approval will not be arbitrarily withheld.

**To promote effective communication about the Unit 3 Life Insurance Benefit, the City will continue to work with the Union to ensure the Human Resources Benefits Division is supplying the appropriate information to potential beneficiary/employee family members.**

**The City shall work with the Union to address issues associated with the disclosure of appropriate information, including information regarding terminated employees.**

### **Section 5-4: Long-Term Disability**

The City will offer a long term disability benefit for all full time, regular unit employees pursuant to A.R. 2.323 as may be amended (providing that such amendments shall not be in conflict with the MOU). Employees who have been continuously employed and working on a full-time basis for 12 consecutive months are eligible to apply for long term disability coverage. After an established 90 calendar day qualifying period, the plan will provide up to 66 2/3% of the employee's basic monthly salary at the time disability occurs and continue up to age 75 for employees who have been employed full-time for 36 months and one day. This benefit will be coordinated with leave payments, industrial insurance payments, unemployment compensation, social security benefits and disability provisions of the retirement plan.

Employees who have been employed full-time with the City of Phoenix for 36 months or less, will be eligible to receive a long term disability benefit for no more than 30 months.

Employees participating in the long term disability benefit as of June 30, 2012 will continue under the previous benefit rules until they return to work or achieve the maximum age of 80 for benefits.

### **Section 5-5: Holidays, Vacation Pay, and Leave Donations**

A. The City agrees to incorporate into the Memorandum the benefits provided under Administrative Regulation 2.11, as amended, modified to indicate the following holidays.

Employees, except those on hourly paid status, shall, when possible without disrupting the various municipal services, be allowed the paid holidays listed below:

New Year's Day	- January 1
Martin Luther King's Birthday	- Third Monday in January
President's Day	- Third Monday in February
<b>March Holiday</b>	- <b>Last Monday in March</b>
Memorial Day	- Last Monday in May
Juneteenth Day	- June 19
Independence Day	- July 4
Labor Day	- First Monday in September

- Indigenous Peoples' Day - Second Monday in October
- Veteran's Day - November 11
- Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November
- Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- Eve of the Christmas holiday - 4 hours
- Christmas Day - December 25
- Three vacation days - After completion of six months of full-time employment added to vacation bank of hours

When a holiday named herein falls on Sunday, it shall be observed on the following Monday, and when a holiday herein falls on a Saturday, it shall be observed on the preceding Friday, except that in the case of 6 day operations and in the Library Department such holidays may be observed on Saturday, and in the case of continuous operations and seven day operations, holidays shall be observed only on the calendar days on which they actually fall. This paragraph shall not apply to the Eve of Christmas holiday, which shall only be granted when it falls on the employees' regular scheduled work day.

A unit member working in a continuous operation, whose regularly scheduled day off falls on a holiday specified above, and who is scheduled or called in by management to work a regular shift on such holiday and scheduled day off, shall be compensated as follows: 8 hours pay for the holiday plus pay at 1 1/2 the regular rate for each hour assigned and worked, plus compensatory time credit for each hour assigned and worked to a maximum of 8 hours.

B. Vacation accrual, carryover, and separation payout shall be governed by the following table:

SERVICE YEARS	MONTHLY ACCRUAL	MAXIMUM CARRYOVER	PAYOUT
0-5	8 hours	232 hours	280 hours
6-10	10 hours	280 hours	340 hours
11-15	11 hours	304 hours	370 hours
16-20	13 hours**	352 hours	430 hours
21 +	15 hours**	400 hours	490 hours

\*\*In the last three years of service an additional 80 hours may be carried over into a new calendar year.

Unit members shall be allowed vacation buy out twice per calendar year, on the last paycheck of November and/or May. The total annual buy out is up to a maximum of 80 hours taken in no more than 40 hour increments, after the employee has accumulated a minimum of 120 hours and has used 40 hours of vacation/comp-time during the calendar year ending December 31st.

Unit members may contribute accrued vacation or compensatory time to other employees in accordance with City policy governing contribution of leave for serious illness of an employee or their immediate family member.

To every extent practicable, a transferred unit member will be allowed to maintain his previous vacation schedule.

C. Through Labor-Management Unit 3 established a program for unused vacation time that unit members would lose since it could not be carried over into the next calendar year. A bank was established and the time was donated to Unit 3 employees with a petition on file per A.R. 2.144.

**D. Bank of Donated Leave**

**1. Each unit employee may complete a form to voluntarily donate vacation leave time for a specified number of hours. By filling out and submitting a voluntary donation form, each unit employee is clearly and affirmatively consenting to the donation of the stated number of hours from their bank of vacation leave.**

**2. The total number of hours donated by unit employees will be considered the maximum number of hours available for donated hours under this article.**

**3. Only employees of Unit 3 may donate hours to the Unit 3 bank of hours; Unit 3 may only accept donated hours from Unit 3 employees.**

**4. Donated time does not count toward hours worked for overtime purposes.**

E. **On the second paycheck in July of every year, every unit employee will receive 2.5 hours of vacation time, in addition to their other accruals, added to their vacation leave.**

**Section 5-6: Uniforms**

A. Uniform Allowance

Unit members employed by the Police Department or Fire Department who are required to purchase, wear and maintain uniforms pursuant to Police or Fire Department rules and regulations shall be entitled to an annual uniform allowance in the below listed amounts for the appropriate listed classifications:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Allowance</u>
Police Assistant/Special Detail (Assigned to Patrol or Transit functions)	\$1150 per annum
Police Assistant	\$725 per annum
Detention Officer	\$1150 per annum
Police Aide	\$725 per annum
Police Communications Operator	\$725 per annum
Fire Prevention Specialist Trainee	\$725 per annum
Fire Prevention Specialist assigned to Fire Dept.	\$1150 per annum
Fire Prevention Specialist assigned to other depts	\$725 per annum
Court Security Officer	<b>\$1,150</b> per annum

Fire Emergency Dispatcher/Lead	\$725 per annum
Municipal Security Guard	\$725 per annum (Part-time employees receive 80% of full-time allowance (\$580) in Library Dept only)
Municipal Security Guard in Police (Required to wear Class B or C uniform)	\$1150 per annum
Crime Scene Specialist	\$725 per annum
<b>Real Time Operation Specialists</b>	<b>\$725 per annum</b>

The City will issue a one-time \$200 winter uniform jacket allowance to for outdoor work to the following classifications and assignments:

- Police Assistants assigned to Parking Enforcement Detail
- Police Assistants assigned to Patrol or Police Transit
- Detention Officers
- Crime Scene Specialists
- Municipal Security Guards in Police, Water and Public Transit

Police Assistants, Detention Officers, Municipal Security Guards in all departments, Police Assistant-Transit and Police Assistants and Crime Scene Specialists in public facing positions, as well as Operations Assistants in Aviation working non-secured side of airport who purchase a new ballistic vest, upon showing proof of purchase, shall be reimbursed an amount up to, but not exceeding \$1,000. Upon replacement, a qualified employee as listed in this section shall be entitled to the \$1,000 reimbursement every 5 years after initial purchase.

In lieu of the \$100 employees in the job classifications of Fire Emergency Dispatcher/Lead previously received from the City/Fire Department for additional uniform items, employees in these job classifications will now receive an equivalent uniform allowance of \$100. Payment to be made on or about August 1 of each MOU year.

**The Library Department will pro-rate the uniform allowance established under Section 5-6 in the Unit 3 MOU and pay it on a monthly basis to the temporary, part-time Municipal Security Guards (MSGs), who will be hired and assigned to work the Heat Relief centers between April 14 and September 30.**

1. Payment of the annual allowance will be made on or about August 1 of the fiscal year and shall be for the period of July through June, and is intended to cover the cost of uniforms, maintenance, and cleaning of such uniforms.
2. New employees will receive the entire annual uniform allowance within 30 days of the time they are directed to wear and maintain a uniform.

The second uniform allowance, received at the start of the next fiscal year, will be equal to 1/12 of the annual uniform allowance for each month of the preceding fiscal

period, starting with the first month the employee was directed to wear and maintain a uniform, to the start of the new fiscal year.

3. Unit members who leave City employment shall repay to the City the uniform allowance equal to 1/12 for each month remaining in the fiscal year after the last day of the month in which the separation occurs. Provided, however, that unit members who retire will not be required to repay any uniform allowance.

The family or beneficiary of a unit member who dies while in the employment of the City shall not have to pay back any uniform allowance.

4. A unit member who has been on extended leave (paid or unpaid) of 2 months or longer shall have the next annual uniform allowance reduced by 1/12 of the annual amount for each month of extended leave.
5. An employee who has received an allowance under this agreement and is subsequently promoted or transferred into a Public Safety Retirement System position shall have his allowance adjusted to accommodate the difference but shall not be entitled to both allowances.

#### 6. Reimbursement Schedule

The City agrees to reimburse all unit members for the repair or replacement of uniform items and for other personal property damaged in the course of employment and performance of their assigned duties without fault or negligence on the part of employees, other than normal wear and tear in accordance with the schedule of items and maximum amounts authorized for reimbursement outlined below:

Uniform Boots/Shoes - Full Cost  
Uniform Trousers - Full Cost  
Uniform Shirt - Full Cost  
Uniform Jacket - Full Cost  
Glasses - Prescription \$130.00  
Watches - \$52.00  
Jewelry - \$44.00  
Flashlight - \$21.00  
Sun Glasses - \$17.00 Non-Prescription  
Safety Vest - Full Cost

Reimbursement for full, 3/4, 1/2, 1/4, value are based on the supervisor's evaluation and recommendations of the article's condition and age. Items not listed above are not covered by the policy.

The option to repair or replace damaged items, and to determine whether replaced property will be returned to the employee, rests with the City.

The provisions of this policy shall not apply if the employee has concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstances concerning the subject of the

loss, his interests therein, or in the case of any fraud or false statements by the employee relating thereto.

Any item not specifically mentioned may be discussed in a meeting of the Labor-Management Committee.

7. Prior to changing or modifying current uniforms, the City will notify the Union, in writing, with a minimum of 30 calendar days notice of its intent. The Union may at any time request the Labor-Management Committee meet to discuss changes and modifications to the current uniforms.

The AFSCME Local 2960 Honor Guard is a professional organization that represents the City of Phoenix at official events, memorial services and employee funerals. The AFSCME Local 2960 Honor Guard was established in January 2015 after the **Line of Duty Death (LODD)** loss of Unit 3 employee Megan V. Lange. The 501c3 was formalized during the 2016-2019 contract MOU at the request of the City during negotiations to help institute formal recognition of the Honor Guard. Through the work of AFSCME Local 2960, a registered 501c3 non-profit association (ID #82-08366266), the Honor Guard provides public education and community service. Each year of this agreement, the City will direct \$25,000 to a fund maintained by the City, which has been charged to the total compensation of the Unit 3 economic package, to support the work and related expenses of maintaining the Honor Guard. The Union will submit receipts to the City for reimbursement. If the entire \$25,000 is not used in the first year of the MOU the balance will carry over into the following year not to exceed \$50,000 during the term of this MOU. Funds not used by the end of the MOU will be credited to the Unit 3 package for the following contract.

**Subject to operational needs, Civilian Honor Guard members shall be released on City Time to attend City-sponsored and approved events. Approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.**

## **Section 5-7: Tuition Reimbursement**

- A. Unit members who participate in the Tuition Assistance Program shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement pursuant to the following provisions:
  1. For the 2023-2024 fiscal years, an employee may submit tuition expenses incurred in the prior fiscal year such that the maximum total reimbursed does not exceed \$13,000 across any two-year period.
  2. To be eligible for any reimbursement, unit members must have successfully completed academic or training courses approved by the department head and the Human Resources Director as provided in existing regulations.
- B. Tuition reimbursement in accordance with this Article will be made in the event an employee's approved course of instruction is terminated solely and directly as a result reimbursement shall not occur in the event of any other voluntary or involuntary change in job assignment or employment status.

- C. The City will reimburse unit members for expenses incurred as a result of requiring and maintaining certification required by the City for Building Inspectors, Construction Permit Specialists, and Operation Assistants Air side, and Fire Prevention Specialist once they pass the test, on a one time basis only. The City will not reimburse unit members for classes the City provides at no cost, or for classes the City identifies for unit members to be taken at no cost.
- D. Unit classifications at pay range 324 and above shall be allowed to utilize up to **\$500** to attend one-day, in-state, city-related seminars/training and city-related memberships.

### **Section 5-8: Car Insurance, Mileage Allowance, Bus Pass and Parking**

- A. Where, with respect to the below listed classifications, the City expressly requires as a condition of employment that the employee own and utilize his personal automobile in performing assigned duties, such employees shall be compensated \$12.00 per month toward automobile insurance expenses upon submission and resubmission as may be required by the City of such insurance expenses being incurred by the employee:

- Community Worker II
- Caseworker I
- Caseworker Aide
- Senior Center Assistant

Employees required and authorized to use their private vehicle on City business and who have provided proof of appropriate insurance as required by City regulations shall be compensated at the IRS regulated rate per mile.\*

\*Refer to A.R. 6.21

- B. Employees regularly assigned to the airport terminal buildings shall be provided parking facilities without charge at a location at the airport to be specified by the Director of Aviation.
- C. All regular full-time and part time bargaining unit employees will receive, upon request, a City issued bus/transit pass at no cost to be used only by the employee.
- D. If parking rates are increased, the City will notify the union prior to the increase taking place.
- E. Parking rates for employees who drive motorcycles to work shall be reduced by 50% when they park at the 305 garage or Adams Street Garage.
- F. The City will provide 4 parking cards to the Union.

### **Section 5-9: Unpaid Parental Leave / Family Leave**

- A. The City will, as a matter of general policy, authorize up to 3 months of unpaid leave for any unit member who is the parent of newly born, legally adopted child, or any unit member who needs to care for an ill family member. Family members include spouse, qualified domestic partner, children (natural, adopted, foster or stepchildren) brother, sister, parents, and grandparents. Approval and use of this leave shall be subject to existing Personnel Rules. The employees' immediate family member does not have to live in the employees' household to be covered by this section.
- B. Employee may use up to 10 hours of accumulated sick leave in at least one-hour increments each calendar year for the home care or medical treatment for an immediate family member residing in the employee's household. When there is an extreme illness or injury situation where a life or death question exists involving an immediate family member, an employee may use up to 5 days of accumulated sick leave. (This should not be construed as bereavement leave under Personnel Rule 15g.)

In addition, employees may have dependent care situations where the above leave is insufficient to cover their absence. Therefore, employees will be allowed to use unscheduled accumulated vacation or compensatory time for the care of an immediate family member up to a maximum of 5 incidents not to exceed a total of 40 hours each calendar year.

For all of the above mentioned leaves, (sick leave, vacation, and compensatory leave) the employee will not have these leaves be considered a negative factor under A.R. 2.30, when evaluating the job performance of an employee involved in a leave-management program, up to a maximum total of 7 incidents per calendar year. An incident is defined as an absence from work regardless of the length of time.

Immediate family is defined as the following persons: spouse, qualified domestic partner, child, step-child, brother or sister of the employee or the parent of the employee or spouse, a relative who, because of family circumstances, has been a parent substitute to the employee may be considered as a substitute for mother or father in this definition.

**During the term of this MOU the City and the Union will meet and discuss changing sick leave codes (e.g., BN, BO, BI, BE) and other leave related matters as part of the labor management committee established to address implementation of a time/attendance schedule automation system.**

## **Section 5-10: Retirement Program and Benefits**

The retirement program and benefits for Unit 3 employees are listed in the Phoenix City Charter.

## **ARTICLE 6: Miscellaneous**

## **Section 6-1: Saving Clause**

- A. If any Article or Section of this Memorandum should be held invalid by operation of law or by final judgment of any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article or Section should be restrained by such tribunal, the remainder of this Memorandum shall not be affected thereby; and upon issuance of such final decree, the parties, upon request of either of them, shall meet and confer and endeavor to agree on a substitution provision or that such a substitute provision is not indicated.
- B. It is recognized by the parties that this MOU shall be administered in compliance with appropriate provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act as may be amended.

## **Section 6-2: Copies of Memorandum**

- A. Within 60 days of the date that this Memorandum is adopted by the City Council, the City will arrange for printing of 100 jointly approved copies.
- B. Printing vendors secured by the Union shall comply with Ordinance G-1372 (Affirmative Action Supplier's Ordinance), as may be amended, and Ordinance G-1901 (Affirmative Action Employment by Contractors, Subcontractors, and Suppliers), as may be amended.

## **Section 6-3: Term and Effect of Memorandum**

- A. This Memorandum shall remain in full force and effect July 1, **2026** through June 30, **2028** and thereafter shall continue in effect year-by-year unless one of the parties notifies the other in writing no later than December 1st, of the final year of the contract, of its request(s) to modify or terminate it.
- B. Except as expressly provided in this Memorandum, the City shall not be required to meet and confer concerning any matter, whether covered or not covered herein, during the term or extensions thereof.
- C. If any section or provision of this Memorandum violates existing Federal, State or City law, then such law shall supersede such provisions or section.
- D. The lawful provisions of this Memorandum are binding upon the parties for the term thereof. The Union having had an opportunity to raise all matters in connection with the meet and confer proceedings resulting in this Memorandum is precluded from initiating any further meeting and conferring for the term thereof relative to matters under the control of the City Council or the City Manager.
- E. The City may change the terms and conditions of Administrative Regulations during the term of this Memorandum. The City will notify the Union of any changes in Personnel

Rules and/or new or revised Chapter 2 Administrative Regulations (ARs) affecting unit employees.

The City will consult the Union concerning changes affecting existing compensation provided for under the following Administrative Regulations:

- 2.16 Political Activity Time Off to Vote
- 2.241 Compensation for Interpreting and Translation by Personnel in City Courts
- 2.27 Employee Suggestion Program
- 2.34 Transitional Work Policy
- 3.41 Travel Authorization and Travel Expense Allowances

F. The provisions of this Memorandum apply to all unit members, except that entitlement to health, life and long-term disability insurance, holiday, overtime and show-up benefits for regular hourly employees shall continue in accordance with present practice and policy. The City shall not lay off from City employment full-time employees for the sole purpose of replacing them with hourly employees, and will not alter the status of incumbent full-time employees to hourly employees.

G. This Memorandum constitutes the total and entire agreements between the parties and no past written or verbal statement/agreements shall supersede any of its provisions.

#### **Section 6-4:**

The City shall create an Employee Memorial for those employees lost to COVID-19 to thank them for their service to the City of Phoenix

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026

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Frank Piccioli, President, AFSCME Local 2960

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Cathleen Simpson, Deputy Human Resources Director, Labor Relations, City of Phoenix

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Ed Zuercher, City Manager, City of Phoenix

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# ATTACHMENT A

## DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED BY AFSCME LOCAL 2960

Aviation

City Clerk

Community & Economic Development

Phoenix Convention Center

Finance

Fire

Housing

Human Services

Information Technology

Law

Library

Municipal Court

Neighborhood Services

Parks & Recreation

Planning & Development Services

Police

Public Transit

Public Works

Street Transportation

Water

*Stewards are listed on our website - [afscme2960.org](http://afscme2960.org)*

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION OF COMPENSATORY TIME/CASH PAYMENT OF OVERTIME**

The following understanding is intended to serve as guidelines for employees and supervisory and management personnel when administering the compensatory time provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Subject to the limitations set forth herein, the following shall apply:

Employees shall have the choice of requesting either compensatory time or cash payment for overtime authorized and worked, if an overtime appropriation has been included in the department budget for the departmental work unit in which the employee works.

Employees will specify the type of payment (cash or compensatory time) at the time the overtime is worked.

An employee's choice of type of payment shall be subject to supervisory approval. Once agreement has been reached between the employee and the supervisor, the type of payment agreed upon shall be honored.

This understanding regarding employee choice shall not apply under the following circumstances:

Where no overtime appropriation has been included in the department budget for the work unit in which the employee works.

Where budgetary, staffing, or grant limitations have been placed on the authorization, use, disbursement or payment of such funds by the City Manager, Department Head or their designated representatives, or where the terms and conditions for the receipt and/or utilization of any federal, state, or local government grants impose such limitations.

The City will make reasonable efforts to notify the Union when changes in departmental overtime policies regarding the type of payment occur. Provided, however, that failure to notify the Union shall not prevent or prohibit the department from implementing such change.

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