

ORDINANCE NO. 6233

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND THE
AFL-CIO CRAFTS COUNCIL AND AMENDING THE 2023
OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) have been operating under the terms of the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement, which expired on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration and the AFL-CIO have reached a tentative agreement on terms for a replacement contract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairbanks 2023 operating budget will be amended to include the increased expenditures as reflected in the attached fiscal note.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

Section 1. That the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Fairbanks and the AFL-CIO, effective February 16, 2023 through December 31, 2025, is hereby ratified by the City Council.

Section 2. That the City's 2023 operating budget is amended to include the increased expenditures as reflected in the attached fiscal note.

Section 3. That the effective date of this ordinance is the 18th day of February 2023.



David Pruhs, City Mayor

AYES: Sprinkle, Rogers, Cleworth, Marney, Ringstad
NAYS: Tidwell
ABSENT: None
ADOPTED: February 13, 2023

ATTEST:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6233

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE RATIFYING FAIRBANKS AFL-CIO CRAFTS COUNCIL CBA

Department(s): PUBLIC WORKS

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

- 1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes X No
- 2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes No X
- If yes, what is the estimate? see below
- 3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes No X
- If yes, how many positions?
- If yes, type of positions? (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
SALARIES AND BENEFITS [YEAR 1]	\$ 97,000	\$ 116,000	\$ 116,000	\$ 329,000
SALARIES AND BENEFITS [YEAR 2]	\$ -	\$ 118,500	\$ 118,500	\$ 237,000
SALARIES AND BENEFITS [YEAR 3]	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
SALARIES CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 3,750
SALARIES CLOTHING & TOOL REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ 16,200
SALARIES AND BENEFITS LONGEVITY BONUS	\$ 69,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,500
SALARIES AND BENEFITS [NEW POSITIONS]	\$ 5,250	\$ 11,250	\$ 20,250	\$ 36,750
TOTAL	\$ 178,400	\$ 252,400	\$ 421,400	\$ 852,200

FUNDING SOURCE:	2023	2024	2025	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND	\$ 178,400	\$ 252,400	\$ 421,400	\$ 852,200
TOTAL	\$ 178,400	\$ 252,400	\$ 421,400	\$ 852,200

The CBA provides 3.0% in Year 1, 3.0% in Year 2, and 4.0% in Year 3; an annual certificate of fitness pay in the amount of \$1,250 for the plumber; and an increase for clothing (\$100.00), boots (\$50.00), and tools (\$50.00) allowance. The CBA also provides a longevity bonus on December 1, 2023 as follows: \$1,000 for less than 3 years; \$1,500 for less than 5 years, \$2,000 for less than 10 years; \$2,500 for less than 15 years; and \$3,000 for less than 20 years.

Reviewed by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 1/18/2023

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Between

THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS

and

FAIRBANKS AFL-CIO CRAFTS COUNCIL

February 16, 2023 - December 31, 2025

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made and entered into effective February 16, 2023, between the City of Fairbanks, hereinafter referred to as "the City" or "Employer," and the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #375, Laborers International Union of North America Local #942, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #302, Painters and Allied Trades Local #1959, Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local #1243, and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local #959, known together, and hereinafter referred to as the "Fairbanks AFL-CIO Crafts Council" or "the Union(s)." The parties have mutually agreed as follows:

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to assure a supply of competent and capable workers, to promote the settlement of labor disagreements by conference, to prevent strikes and lockouts, to avoid interruption or interference with the efficient operation of the City, to promote fair, safe, and healthful working conditions, to assure amicable labor management relations, to encourage the growth and development of City employees, and to record the terms of agreement with respect to rate of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment arrived at through the process of collective bargaining.

1. DURATION, MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES

1.1 Effective Dates

This agreement shall become effective on February 16, 2023 and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2025. Any retroactivity contained herein shall affect only those employees covered by this Agreement and actually employed by the Employer on the effective date of this Agreement.

1.2 Modifications

- (a) Either party desiring a change or modification in this Agreement shall notify the other party in writing between 90 days and prior to the anniversary date of this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, negotiations shall begin within 15 days. Changes or modifications mutually agreed to may be made at any time during the life of the agreement subject to member ratification and City Council approval.
- (b) In the event that the parties commence negotiations for a new contract or for amendment of the current contract, each craft may have a negotiator present at negotiations. Three represented employees may attend such negotiations on duty, and others are free to attend if off duty on approved leave.

1.3 Renewal

In the event that the termination date of this Agreement shall occur during the course of negotiations for a renewal of the Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties until the renewal Agreement is negotiated and executed.

1.4 Retroactive Pay

There is no retroactive pay negotiated with this collective bargaining agreement.

2. COVERAGE

The City recognizes the AFL-CIO Crafts Council as the bargaining representative for all classifications listed under Article 23, Schedule A, of this Agreement. All personnel matters for Union members covered by this contract will be controlled and regulated by this Agreement.

3. EMPLOYER-UNION RELATIONS

3.1 City Management

The City has and will retain the sole right to represent and manage the City and to direct the working forces, including, but not limited to, the right to determine the City's mission, policies, and to set forth all standards of service offered to the public; the right to plan, direct, control, and determine the operations and services to be conducted by employees of the City; the right to determine the methods, means, and number of personnel needed to carry out the City's mission; the right to hire, to promote and demote, to discipline, to reclassify and/or discharge any personnel in its employ for good and just reason in the interest of the City, provided it does not conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or is to be construed in any way, to interfere with the recognized prerogative of the City to manage and control the business.

3.2 Union and City Responsibilities

- (a) The Union assumes the responsibility to supply the City with competent qualified workers with no discrimination on the basis of an individual's race, sex, sexual orientation, age, if the individual is 18 years of age or older, color, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, gender identity, or national origin for those classifications listed in this Agreement. Recognizing the mutual benefits derived from the process of democratic collective bargaining, the City will not discourage new employees from joining the Union. The City may reject any employee it finds unsatisfactory.
- (b) It is hereby agreed that there shall be no discrimination by the City, or the Union, against any employee on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, if the

individual is 18 years of age or older, color, religion, disability, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin or because of membership in or lawful activity on behalf of the Union. To the extent allowed by law, the City further agrees to give priority of hire and job tenure to residents of the Fairbanks area when such residents possess the requisite skills and abilities and are available.

3.3 Shop Stewards

The City will recognize four Shop Stewards, including one Teamster, one Operator, one Trade Specialist, and one Laborer. Stewards will be selected by the Union and recognized by the City as authorized representatives of the Employees or groups for whom they are selected. In the event that a Steward is selected by the City to be a step-up Foreman or is on absent from work for an extended period of time the Union shall have the right to select an alternate Steward. The Union shall notify the City within 24 hours as to the appointment or official status of any Shop Steward.

3.4 Bulletin Boards

The City shall furnish bulletin boards for the use of the Union.

3.5 Union Access

The authorized Union Business Representatives shall be granted access to the City's premises when any employees represented by this Agreement are on duty but shall not interfere with operations.

3.6 Loyal and Efficient Service

The Union agrees that its members, who are employees of the City, shall individually and collectively perform loyal and efficient service and that they shall use their influence and best efforts to protect the property and interests of the City and to cooperate with the City to this end at all times.

3.7 Craft Jurisdiction

It is agreed that work shall be assigned in accordance with craft jurisdiction. Any jurisdictional disputes between labor organizations affiliated with the AFL-CIO Crafts Council shall be settled in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the Council. However, it is recognized by the parties that conditions of public employment do not always permit work to be performed on the basis of strict craft lines.

- (a) Employees may be required to work out of classification for a period of up to, but not exceeding, three workdays in any one calendar month per classification (Trade Specialist, Operator, Teamster, and Laborer). If it is deemed that the project/work will take longer than three days, the City must contact the affected

labor organization and mutually agree on an extension or request a member from the Union Hall with adequate job skills. Nothing in this subsection authorizes work to be performed in an unsafe manner in violation of Section 17.

- (b) It is also understood that to promote maximum efficiency on certain operations/projects, the composite crew concept may be employed by the City where it does not conflict with Section 3.7(a) above.
- (c) Periodic review of such work assignments shall be made for purposes of adjusting such assignments, as appropriate, to take care of changing needs.

3.8 State and Federal Law

Any provision of the Agreement or subsequent amendments thereto, found to be in violation of any applicable State or Federal law shall be null and void, but all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. In the event any provision of this Agreement is declared unlawful, in a manner described above, the parties agree to meet within 15 days and for a reasonable period thereafter until final negotiations or appropriate substitute clauses have been ratified by the parties.

3.9 Work Stoppage

The Union agrees that it will not engage in any work stoppage because of any jurisdictional dispute with any labor organization.

3.10 Work Study Program

The parties agree to adopt, via Letter of Agreement, a work study program for the Public Works Department similar to the programs adopted by other City Departments.

4. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

4.1 Intent

It is the mutual desire of the City and the Union to provide for the prompt adjustment of grievances in a fair and reasonable manner, with a minimum amount of interruption of the work schedules. Every reasonable effort shall be made by both the City and the Union to resolve grievances at the earliest step possible. In the furtherance of this objective, the City and the Union have adopted the following procedures.

4.2 Definition

A grievance is defined as any dispute involving the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of any provision of this Agreement. However, any dispute involving the commencement date or termination date of this contract shall not be considered a grievance, and shall not be submitted to the grievance-arbitration procedure set forth herein, but any such questions concerning commencement or termination of this Agreement shall be specifically reserved for judicial review. A grievance may be initiated by the Union or the City as hereafter specified.

4.3 First Step

When an employee has a grievance, the employee (accompanied by the steward, if the employee so chooses) shall verbally discuss the matter with the immediate supervisor and attempt to resolve the problem. The grievance must be brought to the attention of the immediate supervisor within 30 calendar days after its occurrence or within 30 calendar days of the employee having, through the exercise of reasonable diligence, gained knowledge or should have gained knowledge, that a grievance exists. If the grievance cannot be resolved through verbal discussion, the grievance shall be reduced to writing, signed by the employee, and presented to their immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor shall investigate the grievance and shall indicate thereon, in writing, their response to the grievance within three working days following the day on which the written grievance was presented. The written grievance containing the response of the immediate supervisor shall be delivered to the Union, with a copy to the aggrieved employee(s), for further handling at the next step of this procedure.

4.4 Second Step

If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of all concerned parties in the first step, the written grievance and response thereto, along with a written statement as to why the response to Step One was not acceptable, shall, within five working days, be delivered to the department head, who shall attempt to settle the grievance. If the grievance is not settled, the department head shall deliver their written response, with the original grievance and all previous responses attached, to the appropriate Union, to the President of the Fairbanks AFL-CIO Crafts Council and to the aggrieved employee(s) within five working days after the submission of the grievance. If the written answer of the department head is not satisfactory, then the employee shall have five working days to decide if they wish to appeal the grievance to the third step of this procedure.

4.5 Third Step

- (a) If the dispute is not settled to the satisfaction of all concerned parties, then the written grievance with responses thereto shall be submitted by the Union's business agent to the Human Resources Director, or the Administration who shall investigate and report findings and recommendations to the Mayor within five working days after the matter has been submitted to the Director. The Mayor shall attempt to settle the grievance, but if not successful, the Mayor shall have seven working days after the grievance has been submitted to the Human Resources Director or the Administration to answer. If the answer of the Mayor is not satisfactory, and before going to arbitration as provided in 4.6 below, those matters which are unresolved shall be discussed at a meeting between the parties (the employee involved, the Union's business agent, the Mayor, the Human Resources Director, the department head, and such other persons as may be mutually agreeable to the parties) during which time all pertinent facts and information will be reviewed in an effort to resolve the matter through conciliation.
- (b) An employer grievance will be filed with the Union's business agent at the Third Step. A grievance may be filed by the Union at the Third Step. A grievance initiated by the Union or the City shall be in writing and shall state the section number of this Agreement alleged to have been violated and the manner it has been violated.

4.6 Arbitration

The moving party shall make demand in writing upon the other party for binding arbitration within 14 calendar days from the date of delivery of the final response of the Mayor or of the Union, as the case may be. Such notice shall include the nature of the matter to be arbitrated and the contract provisions(s) allegedly violated.

- (a) ARBITRATOR SELECTION. When a grievance is submitted to binding arbitration, the Union and the City shall meet at a mutually agreeable date and time, within 14 calendar days, to select an arbitrator.
- (1) Upon the failure of the parties to agree upon an arbitrator, both parties agree to request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or the American Arbitration Association to submit a list of seven names of persons who are available for service as arbitrators.
 - (2) Within five working days of receipt of the list, the City and the Union representatives shall alternately strike one name from the list until one name remains. The side to strike the first name shall be chosen by lot. The person whose name has been chosen shall become the Arbitrator.

- (b) TIME LIMITS OF ARBITRATION. Arbitration shall commence as soon as possible at a date and time acceptable to the parties and the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall make a written report of their findings to the Union and the City within 30 working days after the hearing is concluded, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
- (c) RULES GOVERNING THE ARBITRATION. Said arbitrator will be governed by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association as amended. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties to the dispute.
- (d) IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION. The final decision of the arbitrator shall be implemented as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the final decision is rendered.
- (e) AUTHORITY OF ARBITRATOR. The authority of the arbitrator shall be limited to the application and interpretation of this Agreement. They shall have no authority to amend, alter, modify, or otherwise change the terms or scope of this Agreement. However, by mutual agreement of the City and the Union, the grievance procedure set forth above may be used in other matters.

4.7 Separate Arbitrators

Each grievance or dispute will be submitted to a separately convened arbitration proceeding, except where the City and the Union mutually agree to have more than one grievance or dispute submitted to the same arbitrator. Multiple grievances filed over the same issue will be combined.

4.8 Arbitration Expense

The City and the Union shall equally share the expense of the arbitrator and shall share equally the other expenses involved in such arbitration proceedings, including stenographic expenses, except each party shall bear the expense of their respective non-employee witnesses.

4.9 Witness Expense

Any City employee called as a witness by either side will continue to receive their regular rate of pay while attending such hearings, not to exceed regular working hours. Should such meetings be scheduled outside of regular working hours, or extended beyond such regular working hours, no compensation shall be paid by the City for the time outside such hours.

4.10 Working Conditions/Award Limits

When any matter in dispute has been referred to the Grievance Procedure set

forth above, the conditions and provisions prevailing prior to the time the dispute arose shall, insofar as it is possible and consistent with normal operations, not be changed until the decision is rendered. When the subject matter warrants, the decision shall be made retroactive to the time the dispute began. In cases where it is determined an employee has been discharged unjustly and without cause, the Arbitrator shall order the City to return the employee to their position without loss of seniority or pay.

4.11 Default

In the event that the City fails to answer a grievance within the time required at any step of the Grievance Procedure, or the Union fails to appeal the answer given to the next step of the Grievance Procedure within the time allowed, then the grievance will be considered settled against the side which has defaulted. However, any of the time limits to the grievance or arbitration procedures may be extended by mutual agreement. Grievances resolved by default cannot be the basis of establishing precedent for the settlement of any other grievances. No default may be declared unless the defaulting party has been given notice by the other party and a chance to correct the default.

4.12 Origination Above First Step

Any grievance that originates from a level above the first step of the Grievance Procedure shall be submitted directly to the step or level from which it originates.

5. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

5.1 Retirement

Employees covered under this Agreement shall participate in their respective unions' retirement trust funds. The City agrees to contribute to the applicable trust funds the amount set forth in Schedule A for each compensable hour credited to employees for the purpose of retirement benefits as specified in said trust agreements. Contributions shall be submitted by the City on or before the 15th day of the month following the month in which the contributions were earned. It is understood and agreed that the contributions are to be computed solely on the total number of compensable hours, including personal leave and paid holidays, and are not to be included in wages or the computations of overtime. Except for the making of hourly contributions under this agreement, the City has no responsibility or liability for the administration or operation of the trust funds, eligibility for employees to receive pension benefits, or future payment of pension benefits to retirees. The Union parties further agree that the trustees named in each Unions' trust and their successors in trust are and shall be the parties representatives and consent to be bound by the actions and determinations of the trustees.

The City agrees to allow employees to participate in the City's deferred compensation plan. Employees will designate the amount to be deducted from their paycheck. Deductions will be deposited in the employee's deferred compensation account at least monthly.

5.2 Individual Records

The City agrees to make available to the employee and also, with the employee's permission, to the Union Business Manager or the Manager's appointed representative, the employee's individual records, upon reasonable notification.

5.3 Health and Security

The City agrees to make a monthly contribution, as set forth in Schedule A, to the respective Union Health and Welfare Trusts. Except for the making of monthly contributions under this agreement, the City has no responsibility or liability for the administration or operation of the Health & Welfare Health Trusts, eligibility for employees to receive plan benefits, or the level or terms of future plan benefits. The AFL- CIO Crafts Council and each member Union further agrees that the employer trustees named in the trusts and those successors in trust are and shall be the City's representatives and consent to be bound by the actions and determinations of the trustees. The City's contribution to each Union's respective Health and Welfare Trust will be as specified on Schedule A of this agreement and shall be submitted by the City on or before the 15th day of the month following the month in which the contributions were earned.

5.4 Prepaid Legal

The City agrees to participate in the various Union- Employer prepaid legal trust plans and to be bound by the Trust Agreements creating and controlling such plans, as may be amended from time to time. Contributions, in an amount designated by the participating crafts involved, shall be submitted by the City on or before the 15th day of the month following the month in which the contributions were earned. The contribution reduces the rate of that particular craft. Said contribution, and any subsequent increases in contributions, shall be deducted from the employee's negotiated wage.

5.5 Physical Examinations

A yearly physical examination is offered to employees of the City for ICC physicals. Physicals other than CDL physicals are subject to the approval of specific application for such physical examination by the Mayor.

The Unions agree that the City may adopt a pre-employment "Fit for Duty" program.

When in the opinion of the City there arises specific questions as to the physical or mental ability of an employee to perform their normal work assignment, an appropriate examination may be ordered by the City. If such examination demonstrates, in the opinion of the examining medical professional, that the employee is physically or mentally incapable of performing their normal work assignment, the employee shall be allowed to seek a second opinion from a local licensed medical professional of their choice. If the results of these two examinations are not in agreement, then a third opinion shall be solicited from a medical professional mutually agreeable to the City and the employee. The results of this third examination shall be final and shall be binding on both parties. The employer shall pay for first and third physical examinations and connected expenses involved with this section.

5.6 Physical Condition

If an employee is prevented from performing their normal work assignment due to a physical condition, the City agrees to make an effort to place the employee in a classification the employee can perform within their craft under this agreement.

5.7 Clothing and Tool Reimbursement

The City will compensate eligible employees (employees working more than 1,000 hours per year) as follows for reimbursement of the expense of replacing work boots, work clothing, and tools, in recognition of the wear and tear due to City employment. The clothing, boot, and tool allowances will be paid in a single lump sum with the first payroll in July, without the need for employees to provide receipts.

- (a) Gloves and coveralls will be provided for employees engaged in road oiling, sewer work, garbage collection, vehicle repair, and maintenance operations, or other similar types of work.
- (b) The employees assigned to vehicle repair, oiling, and patching for 40 hours will be reimbursed by the City for the cost of one pair of boots, per person, per year, as approved by the City and not to exceed \$300.00 dollars.
- (c) Employees will receive a \$400.00 per year clothing allowance.
- (d) A washer/dryer and detergent will be furnished by the employer for those employees wishing to launder the above-listed items of clothing during their off-duty hours or the employer may, at its option, provide cleaning for gloves and coveralls.
- (e) Permanent Mechanics will receive a \$350.00 per calendar year tool allowance.

5.8 Lockers

The City shall furnish lockers for clothes and equipment and space reserved for drying personal effects and other equipment for public works employees.

6. WORKING RULES

6.1 Work Week

- (a) The work week for Specialized Trades shall consist of five consecutive 8-hour days, Monday-Friday, exclusive of a lunch break, with a regular start time of 8 am. The start time, work week, and workday may be modified by mutual agreement between Specialized Trades personnel and the Public Works Director.
- (b) The work week for Office staff may vary between five consecutive 8- hour days, Monday-Friday, exclusive of a lunch break, with a regular start time of 8 am; or four consecutive 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday, exclusive of a lunch break, with regular start time of 7 am. The start time, work week, and workday may be modified by mutual agreement of the Office staff and the Public Works Director.
- (c) The work week for Laborers shall consist of four consecutive 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday, exclusive of a lunch break, with regular start time of 7 am.
- (d) The work week for Operators and Mechanics shall consist of four consecutive 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday, exclusive of a lunch break, with a regular start time of 7 am. During winter snow removal and spring break-up, the work week may be days or nights and shall consist of four consecutive 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday, Sunday- Wednesday, or Tuesday-Friday, with a regular start time of 7 am for days and 9:00 pm for nights.
- (e) By mutual agreement, between the Union and the City, variations of the work week may be established (i.e. flex schedule, split shift, etc.).

6.2 Shifts

- (a) The day shift is any shift with starting times between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:59 a.m.
- (b) The swing shift is any shift with starting times between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:59 p.m.
- (c) The graveyard shift is any shift with starting times between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.
- (d) With prior mutual agreement between the Union and the City, other shifts may be worked and/or scheduled.

Prior to establishing a swing, graveyard, or other shift, volunteers in the needed classifications will be sought. If there are not enough volunteers to cover the City's operational needs, then a rotational schedule will be established in which

all permanent employees will be scheduled. Employees are allowed to have volunteers cover their assigned rotation.

6.3 Overtime

Overtime shall be paid for all work performed outside the regularly scheduled workweek, in quarter hour increments; however, overtime shall not be pyramided. For example, if overtime performance is less than 1/4 hour, the time shall be considered at 1/4 hour and paid accordingly. If overtime performance is more than 1/4 hour, but less than 1/2 hour, the extent of time shall be considered as 1/2 hour and paid accordingly.

- (a) For those employees working five 8-hour days "5-8's" schedule as outlined in 6.1(a), overtime will be paid at the time and one-half rate for hours worked in excess of eight hours per day or 40 hours per week. After 40 hours of work during a week, overtime will be paid at 1.5 times the employee's pay.
- (b) For those employees working four 10-hour days "4-10's" schedule as outlined in 6.1(b), overtime will be paid at the time and one half rate for hours worked in excess of 10 hours per day or 40 hours per week. After 40 hours of work during a week, overtime will be paid at 1.5 times the employees pay rate.
- (c) Regardless of hours worked during a week, all work performed on Saturday and Sunday shall be paid at the 1.5 rate, unless that employee is assigned to a night shift where the workweek begins Sunday night.
- (d) Employees who work overtime may elect, in lieu of being paid overtime, to accrue compensatory time at the rate of 1.5 hours for every hour of overtime. Compensatory time may be taken and used in the same manner and terms as personal leave (when mutually agreeable by the employee and Department Director). Employees may carry 80 hours of comp time into the next calendar year. Any comp time over 80 hours that is not fully scheduled or used by December 31 of each year will be paid by the City to the employee by January 31.
- (e) It is recognized that due to the nature of municipal operations, employees may be required from time to time to work overtime to accomplish pressing public needs, such as snow removal, pumping during spring thaw, removal of construction hazards, and other public needs as may be determined by the City. The City agrees to give reasonable notice to employees that overtime is necessary to accomplish pressing public needs and further agrees that when such emergency situations are corrected, overtime shall not be mandatory. The City agrees to give recognition to situations which may arise from time to time which may prohibit an employee from working overtime.
- (f) The City agrees to fairly distribute overtime to its employees within each seniority group and agrees that permanent employees shall have first

refusal of overtime. If the safety and welfare of employee or public are in question (examples; prescribed medication or 14 hours of continuous operation), the Foreman must assess the situation and assign the overtime in a fair and equitable manner. However, it is understood that when employees have been assigned to tasks during the course of the day and overtime is required to complete those tasks, employees assigned to those tasks shall have the right to work the overtime necessary to complete the assigned task.

6.4 Reporting Time

Employees required to report to work and not put to work shall receive two hours pay at their regular straight time rate, unless notified not to report at the end of their previous shift or two hours prior to the start of the shift.

6.5 Lunch Break

Lunch periods will be at least 30 minutes in duration and will be scheduled at the midpoint of the shift. If the work requires the lunch period to start at a time before or after 30 minutes of the midpoint of the shift, then the employee shall be paid for such period at the applicable overtime rate. Poor weather lunch periods shall be taken in a warm, dry place, normally at the nearest employer facility or in heated enclosed vehicles, at the discretion of the craft Foreman. Except, because of special conditions which exist that are not compatible with the above clause concerning lunch periods, by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union, those particular lunch periods may be altered to fit a specific purpose.

6.6 Relief Period / Shift Clean up

- (a) RELIEF PERIOD. All employees shall be allowed one relief break not to exceed 15 minutes in duration during the first half of the shift and 15 minutes during the second half of the shift. The Union and the Employer shall mutually agree on reasonable rules governing the taking of such relief periods as provided herein. When employees are working over their regular scheduled shift (either 8 or 10 hours), an additional relief break shall be taken every two hours, from the end of their last scheduled relief period.
- (b) SHIFT CLEANUP. All employees shall be afforded up to 15 minutes prior to lunch and the end of each shift to ensure the cleanliness of themselves, their work area and/or vehicle, and their work garments for the next workday. This time shall be used by employees for cleanup, and to ensure they are prepared and ready for the start of the subsequent shift and shall not be considered an additional break.

6.7 Foreman / Lead

In Public Works, when three or more union personnel work on one job location without a foreman (excepting maintenance workers and packer crews), one of the employees will be designated as a working lead worker, and it will be their responsibility to direct the work force. The City may at its option, designate a working lead worker for a lesser number of employees. There shall be permanent craft foremen for each of the following classifications: laborers, operators, mechanics, and all Trade Specialists (collectively only when the City employs more than four permanent trade Specialists). Under the following occasional workload demands foremen may work in the craft as long as no other dispatch craft employees are displaced: (1) Training; (2) Emergencies, including heavy snow fall, earthquake, flood, wild land fire, and other events as determined by Department Head and Union (SOP procedure will be to first consult the Foreman); (3) Regularly scheduled crews do not show up; (4) Scheduled crews are present but a task comes up that needs immediate attention. If fewer than five permanent Trade Specialists are employed, one shall be selected and paid as a lead worker who will take direction as designated by the City. Each craft supervisor foreperson shall have a permanent lead worker who will replace the foreman when on personal sick leave and cover the shift when double shifting. A minimum of one lead worker will be appointed in the absence of the permanent lead worker for the following classifications: laborers, operators, mechanics, and trade specialists. A foreman with vehicular access to several crews will be considered to have direct supervision over those crews. Employees shall take instructions from whichever supervisor, foreman or lead worker, is designated by management. See Schedule A for pay of foreman and lead workers.

6.8 Working at Higher/Lower Classification

The employer agrees to use employees within their respective classifications. Should it become necessary to work an employee in a higher rated classification; said employee will be paid at the higher rate of pay for working in said classification. An employee will be paid one-half shift at the higher rate of pay for any period of work not exceeding one-half shift duration and will be paid the whole shift at the higher rate of pay for work in excess of one-half shift duration. Should it become necessary to work an employee in a lower rated classification, said employee will continue to be paid at their regular rate of pay.

6.9 Inclement Weather

No permanent employees covered by this Agreement shall, as a result of inclement weather, be caused to lose any pay, provided they report to work in the regular manner contained herein. If, due to inclement weather, employees are unable to perform their regular work, they shall, at the option of the City, perform other miscellaneous work as directed.

6.10 Call Back

A minimum of two hours at the applicable overtime rate shall be paid when employees are called back to work after the regular shift.

6.11 Call Out

If an employee is called by a Public Works supervisor to report to work on a scheduled day off, the employee will be paid a minimum of two hours at the applicable overtime rate. All work over two hours will be paid in 1/4-hour increments. *De minimis* time (such as answering a phone call) will be paid in 1/4- hour increments.

6.12 On Call

An employee on call (standby) will be paid two hours at the applicable overtime rate for covering the phone or radio, with the further understanding that this time will be in addition to call out time.

6.13 Shift Change

- (a) An employee changing shifts, when the employer requests it with less than 48 hours prior notification, shall receive 1.5 times the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked on the first shift. The premium pay does not apply when changing back to the employee's normal shift from short term changes. For the purpose of this provision, an employee's shift is changed when their scheduled days of work are changed, or starting time is moved to one of the other defined shifts.

- (b) Unless mutually agreed otherwise by the City and the employee(s), starting times for employees shall not be changed without 48 hours prior notification. Should an employee's regular starting time be changed without 48 hours' notice to the employee, all hours worked on the employee's first new workday shall be paid at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. This premium pay does not apply when changing back to the employee's normal starting time from short term changes. For the purpose of this provision, an employee's starting time is changed if their starting time is moved to a time different from their regular starting time, within the hours of any given shift listed in 6.2.

6.14 Shift Premiums

Shift premiums for classification under this contract will be five percent of swing shift, and ten percent for graveyard shift.

7 HOLIDAYS

7.1 Holidays

The following days shall be considered holidays: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July (Independence Day), Labor Day, Alaska Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and such other days as the City Council may fix for all City employees. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Alaska Day will be observed as floating holidays in the same manner as a personal day and not on the day of the actual state holiday. Floating holidays must be used in the year accrued or otherwise are lost without cash value.

7.2 When Holiday Falls

When a holiday falls on an employee's first scheduled day off, or second day for employees working a four day a week schedule, the preceding non-premium workday shall be considered to be the employee's holiday and paid as such. When a holiday falls on an employee's last scheduled day off, the following non-premium workday shall be considered the employee's holiday and paid as such.

7.3 Holiday Pay

Holiday pay, in the amount of eight hours for each holiday, shall be paid to permanent employees working a 5-8's schedule at the employee's regular rate of pay. Holiday pay, in the amount of ten hours for each holiday, shall be paid to permanent employees working a 4-10's schedule at the employee's regular rate of pay. Temporary employees will be paid in accordance with Section 22.1.

7.4 Working On Holidays

All employees who work on any of the above-named holidays shall be paid at the rate of 1.5 times their regular rate of pay. In addition, permanent employees shall receive holiday pay as set forth above.

7.5 Holiday on Leave

Employees on leave with pay shall receive pay for a recognized holiday occurring during such leave with pay at their regular rate.

7.6 Eligibility for Holiday Pay

In order to receive pay for an observed holiday an employee must not be on LWOP or have been absent without authorized leave on the workday before or after the holiday.

8 PERSONAL LEAVE

8.1 Entitled to Personal Leave

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to personal leave in accordance with the following.

8.2 Leave Pay

Personal leave will be paid for at the employee's contract regular rate for their regular classification.

8.3 Leave Accrual

(a) Employees shall accrue leave according to the following schedule:

- One – Two Years: 160 hours per calendar year
- Three-Five Years: 200 hours per calendar year
- Over Five Years: 240 hours per calendar year

Employment for less than a full pay period shall be pro-rated for the purpose of computing personal leave.

(b) The maximum leave bank accumulation for an employee is 600 hours. At the end of a calendar year any employee that has over 600 hours, who doesn't have their excess leave scheduled to be used by the end of February will have their unscheduled leave in excess of 600 hours cashed out on their final paycheck of the calendar year.

8.4 Leave Requests

Personal leave shall be taken at any time mutually agreeable to the department head and the employee and shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Employer. Requests for leave exceeding 160 continuous hours will not be granted unless approved by the Mayor or designee. An employee shall notify their department head at least one day in advance when not more than two days leave are desired, except in the case of any emergency. When longer periods of leave are desired, at least one-week advance notice shall be given but may be denied if the absence of the employee hinders operations or causes overtime. Requests for personal leave more than 80 hours shall be made at least 30 days in advance, except for unforeseen circumstances. Leave will be granted if, in the opinion of the department head, the employee can be spared from their job for the time requested, however, such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon notification of scheduled personal leave to the City by the employee, the City agrees to approve or disapprove the

employee's scheduled personal leave in writing within 10 working days of submittal. If the City fails to reply to a leave request within 10 days, such leave request will be considered approved. Scheduled personal leave may also be taken in conjunction with approved travel on City business, so long as any additional expenses to the city are reimbursed by the employee. When personal leave is used for illness or bereavement, the employee shall notify the department head as soon as possible, but in no case later than 8:00 a.m. on a day they are scheduled to work. Leaving a message on the assigned voice mail number satisfies this notice requirement. If the City believes an employee is abusing the use of sick leave, the Union agrees to meet with the City and the employee to discuss leave usage with the goal of correcting any perceived abuse. If an employee calls in sick without enough leave to cover their absence the employee will be considered absent without leave (AWOL).

8.5 Unexcused Absences

No employee shall be absent from the job without providing good and sufficient reasons, unless they have complied with the provisions of Section 8.4. Nothing in this section shall preclude the employer from exercising reasonable restraints and disciplinary actions for excessive absences and lateness from work. Employees arriving late for work as scheduled, without complying with Section 8.4 will be considered AWOL, employees that have earned personal leave will have leave deducted in quarter hour increments until their arrival, provided that an absence over a quarter hour shall be assessed to the next full quarter hour.

8.6 Termination Cash Out

Upon termination of any employee covered by this agreement, accrued leave shall be paid at the employee's current rate of pay with the applicable pension contributions. In the case of separation with advanced notification, the use of leave more than 160 hours will not be granted.

8.7 Drawdown of Personal Leave

Subject to the "cash-out value cap" provision set forth below, any employee covered by this agreement may cash out their personal leave in accordance with the following schedule. Member "cash-out" requests must be submitted to the Department Head. The cashed-out hours will be paid on a separate check within 15 days. In addition, the City will contribute pension payments to the appropriate trust at the rate in effect on the date of approval for all hours cashed out.

All personal leave hours have full leave usage and leave usage is not reduced at any time regardless of the total number of hours accrued.

Total Personal Leave Hours for Draw Down:

0 - 200 hours	Cannot cash out below 200 hours without Mayor's approval (except in case of emergency hardship, or at termination 100%).
200+	100% cash out value.

8.8 Personal Leave Donations

The parties recognize that it is desirable from time to time to have a means for employees to assist other employees in time of need. The following shall be the vehicle for that purpose.

- (a) Each employee wishing to donate personal leave will fill out, date and sign a leave slip showing the amount of leave the employee wishes to donate, in increments of not less than four hours, and deliver said leave slip to the Finance Department.

- (b) Each leave slip will have written or typed along the bottom, "leave donated to (employee name)."

- (c) The City will convert the hourly rate to a dollar value and transfer that amount to the recipient's personal leave account, where it will be converted into the recipient's hourly rate for use as personal leave.

- (d) All personal leave donation requests are subject to the approval of the Mayor.

- (e) Once personal leave is donated and approved, it is irretrievable by the donor.

8.9 Leave Value Conversion

A laid off or reclassified employee who has bumped or moved into a lower paying job classification shall be credited with personal leave at the value it accrued prior to reclassification. The dollars will be converted to leave at the lower hourly rate of the reclassified employee and the appropriate hours of leave will be added to the employee's personal leave account.

8.10 Probation

Employees serving a probationary period on an original appointment shall accrue personal leave in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such employees shall not be granted paid personal leave in excess of two days unless they have given 30 days' notice of their leave request. Any leave used during an employee's probationary period will added to the employees' probationary period as defined in Section 13.7.

8.11 Adequate Leave

When scheduling annual leave only earned personal leave may be taken by an employee. If an employee does not have enough leave to cover leave requests, then leave requests will be denied. Per Section 9.5 LWOP may be approved in cases with extenuating circumstances.

8.12 Leave Without Pay

At the expiration of all personal leave in cases of sickness or disability, an additional period of LWOP, as required may be granted at the request of the employee, and such leave privilege will be subject to verification by a doctor's certificate.

8.13 Seniority

Seniority rights accrued by an employee up to the date of commencement of a sickness or disability which requires absence from work shall not accrue during any period of LWOP attributable to a non-work-related sickness or disability, except as provided for under the family leave provisions of this agreement.

8.14 Workers' Compensation

In the event of a job-incurred injury or serious illness to a permanent employee, within the coverage of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act in effect at the time of injury, the employee's position shall be held for the employee until it has been established that they will be unable to return to work or for one year, whichever is sooner, and their seniority shall be in full force during the period. An award to the employee of Workers' Compensation Permanent Disability shall be deemed to establish that the employee will be unable to return to work, unless the employee, by actually returning to work, or by the report of a competent physician establishes that a permanent partial disability will not preclude their return to the job in question.

The City will compensate permanent employees that portion of the difference between Workers' Compensation, as required by State Statute, and eighty percent (80%) of the employee's regular rate of pay until the employee is able to return to duty or is medically retired; provided, however, that such time does not exceed nine months. The employee shall be required to communicate weekly with their foreman regarding their return to work status for staff scheduling purposes. Additionally, the employee must submit a weekly copy of the most recent report from the attending physician directly to Human Resources.

9. OTHER APPROVED ABSENCES

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to paid personal leave in conformity with the following:

9.1 Maternity/Paternity/Family Leave

Maternity/paternity/family leave shall be granted when the employee can be certified for such leave by a competent physician. A pregnant employee may work as long as she is certified to be in good health by a competent physician. Absences due to or contributed to by "pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery" are the same as any other temporary disability and should be treated that way under health and disability insurance or sick leave plans. The Mayor may grant a permanent employee LWOP. The employee must either return to full employment status at the end of such LWOP or terminate. Approved LWOP shall not constitute a break in service, and the employee shall be restored to the same job classification without loss of seniority.

9.2 Elections

Any employee shall be given the necessary time off, without loss of pay, for the purpose of voting, when polls are not open at least two hours before or after the employee's scheduled hours of work.

9.3 Bereavement Leave

All permanent employees shall be permitted to use personal leave in the event of illness or death in the immediate family of the employee to make household adjustments, arrange for medical services or to attend funeral services. "Immediate family" is defined as: husband, wife, daughter, son, mother, father, sister, brother, stepmother, stepfather, stepchildren, foster children, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparents, and grandchildren. Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of leave for such bereavement when approved in advance by the City.

9.4 Military Reserve Training or Emergency National Guard Service

All employees covered under this Agreement shall be entitled to administrative LWOP for any active duty in any Armed Forces component including units of the National Guard or Reserve. Provided that, in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regardless of any language or provision of this Agreement to the contrary, there shall be no adjustment of any affected employee's anniversary date for any active duty period up to the Federal statutory limit so as to cause loss of seniority or longevity, or to deny the accrual of sick or annual leave as provided by law. Employees are to present a copy of official orders for active duty as soon as possible to the City to comply with the law and to allow the City to reschedule the work force.

9.5 Leave Without Pay (LWOP)

The City Mayor, or designee, may grant employees LWOP for extenuating circumstances not to exceed 90 calendar days when it is in the best interest of the City to do so, and if the employee can be spared from their job for the time requested. During the employee's approved leave of absence their position may be filled by temporary promotion, or temporary reassignment of any employee. At the expiration of the LWOP, the employee has the right to, and shall be reinstated to, the position they vacated, if the position still exists or, if not, to any other vacant position in the same class. Approved LWOP shall not constitute a break in service.

9.6 Birth/Adoption of Child

Personal leave shall be granted to employees for the birth or adoption of a child. In addition, employees will be entitled to use personal leave or LWOP in accord with the Family and Medical Leave Acts.

10. PAY DAYS

10.1 Pay Dates

Pay days shall be established covering payroll periods from the first to the 15th day of the month inclusive (for which the payday is by month end) and from the 16th day of the month to the last day of the month (for which the payday is the 15th of the following month, except when pay day falls on a Saturday or a holiday. When the payday falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or City Holiday, the payday will be Friday.

10.2 Pay Stub

Each paycheck shall have a stub or duplicate itemizing all legal and authorized deductions, hours worked, and rate of pay for straight time and overtime hours worked.

10.3 Bi-weekly

The City reserves the right to establish a bi-weekly pay period upon 30 calendar days' notice to the Union. If established, pay days shall fall on every other Friday. If the designated pay day falls on a holiday, pay checks will be available for distribution the day preceding the holiday. However, no employee shall lose any wages or benefits accruing under this Agreement as a result of the change from semi-monthly to by-weekly pay periods.

10.4 Hardship Exception for Temporary Employees

Temporary Employees are eligible for the "Hardship Exception" one time per calendar year. The Public Works director or the Chief or Staff may authorize an early paycheck for a temporary employee, similar to the final paycheck issued to employees upon termination, in cases of undue hardship, or unforeseen circumstances. A temporary employee requesting the exception must request it directly from the Director or the Chief of Staff and must have worked at least 40 hours before they are eligible. The early paycheck may not exceed time worked, less payroll deductions, and will not be unreasonably denied.

11. UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

11.1 Obligations and Responsibilities

The Union shall assume all obligations and responsibilities for the collection of any Union dues, fees, or assessments, except as agreed to by the City and set forth herein.

The City will deduct membership working dues from the employees' pay checks for each compensable hour in an amount so designated by the particular Unions involved, with proper authorization submitted to the City by the employees so affected.

All moneys collected for working dues by the City shall be paid to the appropriate Unions. The working dues which are deducted shall be paid monthly by the 15th of the month following the month in which they were deducted.

11.2 Upholding Union Principles

No employee shall be discriminated against for the upholding of Union principles, and any employee who heeds the instructions of the Union, or who serves on a committee, shall not lose their position or be discriminated against for this reason. The Union shall not discourage any employee from carrying out their work assignment for the City.

11.3 City Noninterference

The City agrees that it will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, attempt to interfere between any of the employees covered under the terms of this Agreement and the Union, and that it will not in any manner, restrain or attempt to restrain any employee from belonging to the Union or from taking an active part in Union affairs, and that it will not discriminate against any employee because of the employee's Union membership or lawful Union activity.

12. HIRING HALL

12.1 Responsibilities

The Union agrees to maintain a hiring hall and to solicit qualified workers, both Union and non-Union, in order to fill necessary requisitions for workers. The City agrees to use the services of such hiring hall and will call upon the Union to furnish all the qualified workers it may require in the classifications herein mentioned, subject to the following terms and conditions.

12.2 Applicant Selection

Selection of applicants for referral to jobs shall be on a non-discriminatory basis and shall not be based on, or in any way affected by, Union membership, by-laws, rules, regulations, constitutional provisions, or any other aspect or obligation of Union membership, policies or requirements.

12.3 Right to Reject

The City retains the right to reject any job applicant referred by the Union. If requested by the Union, the City shall give a written reason for the rejection of any applicant. The City will apply the terms of its current nepotism policy, as provided in the Fairbanks General Code.

12.4 Commercial Driver's License

All employees covered by this Agreement that operate heavy equipment and packers shall be required, as a condition of employment, to possess and maintain a Commercial Driver's License as required by law. The City will annually reimburse permanent employees for the cost of renewal of any licenses or training required by law or required by the City to perform their duties while in City employ, with the exception of personal drivers' licenses.

12.5 Discrimination

The Union agrees that it will not discriminate against non-Union workers in referring workers to the City, and the City agrees that it will not discriminate against Union workers in selecting job applicants referred to it by the Union.

12.6 Job Postings

The Union agrees to post, in places where notices to employees and applicants for employment are customarily posted, all provisions relating to the functioning of these hiring arrangements.

12.7 Other Sources

In the event the Union is unable to supply the City with qualified workers when called upon by the City within 48 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the City may procure workers from other sources; provided, however, that in such instances the City shall furnish the Union with the names of workers, their classifications, and date of hiring. If at any time the City has rejected workers sent by the Union, then the Union shall have an additional 24 hours to refer additional applicants.

13. SENIORITY

13.1 Crafts

Seniority shall be established by craft for the following seniority groups:

- (a) laborer
- (b) operator
- (c) mechanic
- (d) electrician
- (e) carpenter
- (f) plumber
- (g) dispatcher
- (h) engineering tech or party chief
- (l) supply specialist/expediter
- G) warehouse/records coordinator
- (k) custodian
- (l) inventory specialist/material handler
- (m) or other seniority groups mutually agreed to by the City and the Craft Council.

The employee having the longest term of service with the City shall be number one on the seniority list, subject to the provisions of Section 13.7, and all other employees, likewise, shall be listed according to length of service with the City; such lists shall be posted. Date of hire as a permanent employee will be the criterion used to establish the length of service for new employees.

13.2 Lay-offs

Lay-offs due to reduction in force shall be made in reverse order of seniority, subject to Section 13.1. In rehiring, seniority shall apply. When calling back laid-off employees, the City will recall, through the Union, the employees in the proper order of seniority recall rights.

13.3 Promotions

Promotions, including promotions to newly created jobs and reclassification to positions of different responsibilities, shall be in order of seniority, provided the employee is qualified and competent to perform the work in the proposed

classification. This provision shall not apply to the selection of General Foreman and Office Manager (if these two positions are used), or Craft Foreman. Lead workers and Craft Foreman shall be selected by the City from among the permanent employees. The City shall be the judge of the employee's qualifications and competency.

13.4 Transfer

Employees under this Agreement shall be allowed to transfer into another bargaining unit with the City, provided they are qualified to perform the work and the position vacancy has been first offered to existing employees in that bargaining unit and no employees are interested or qualified. It is understood that such transferring shall be within the appropriate unions and all parties in the bargaining unit(s) concur. Employees transferred will lose division or unit seniority.

13.5 Seniority Termination

City seniority shall be terminated, and the employer-employee relationship shall be severed by the following conditions:

- (a) Discharge for cause
- (b) Lay-off of eighteen (18) months duration
- (c) Resignation or retirement

13.6 Compensation

In the event an employee is not worked in their rightful position of seniority pursuant to Section 13.1, 13.2, or 13.3, they shall be compensated in the amount that was earned by the employee who has worked in their stead, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the Union and the City.

13.7 Probation

Each new permanent employee shall be hired as a probationary employee and shall not have seniority until the end of a probationary period of 120 days (excluding leave). Upon completion of such period, employees shall have seniority from date of hire with full accrual and use of personal leave. When a temporary employee is initially hired and has worked less than 30 days their separation due to job performance shall not be subject the grievance procedure.

14. LAY-OFF AND DISCHARGE

14.1 Separation Pay

When an employee is terminated, or effects a separation, they shall be paid all accrued earnings in accordance with State law or within 72 hours, whichever is earlier, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

14.2 Notification

Written notice of lay-off will be given to the affected employees by the City. Permanent employees having less than 90 days continuous service shall receive two days' notice prior to termination. Permanent employees having 90 days continuous service, but less than 12 months continuous service shall receive six working days' notice prior to termination. Permanent employees having 12 months or more continuous service shall receive 12 working days' notice. In instances where notice is not given by the City prior to termination, the employee shall receive in lieu thereof, pay at the basic rate for the time established herein. Employees effecting a separation without prior notice to the City shall forfeit severance pay.

15. SHOP STEWARD

15.1 Appointment/Termination

A Shop Steward shall be appointed from among the employees of the City at any given point by the Union at the Union's discretion and shall be the last employee terminated unless such employee is discharged for cause.

15.2 Work Hours

The Shop Steward shall be allowed to handle requests, complaints, and grievances arising under this Agreement during the Shop Steward's working hours, without loss of compensation for time spent in the pursuit of Shop Steward's duties. There may be occasions when the workload will prevent the granting of such times until a later time. In the absence of compelling circumstances to the contrary, the employee will be made available. The Steward will be the last employee terminated in the respective craft as long as there is work available which such employee is capable of performing.

15.3 Grievances

Shop Stewards and aggrieved employees shall, upon notification to their foreman or immediate supervisor, be given time during working hours and without loss of pay to handle grievances. It is further agreed that Shop Stewards shall be given time during working hours and without loss of pay to attend Union negotiations and other authorized joint employer-Union

conferences.

16. JURY DUTY

Employees required to serve on jury duty will suffer no loss in regular earnings but shall be compensated during their service at the rate of 40 hours per week. Fees paid the employee while serving such jury duty will be returned to the City by the employee. An employee, other than a permanent day shift employee, shall be considered to be a permanent day shift employee while serving on jury duty. Such an employee who was required to serve on jury duty on their previously scheduled day off shall not be required to work on the following Saturday or Sunday. It is agreed that an employee reporting for jury duty who is then released for the day shall return to work for the rest of the work shift.

A certificate of attendance shall be obtained by the employee from the jury clerk and made available to the department head upon request.

Temporary employees will only be paid for jury duty if they are not granted a deferral to a later date.

17. SAFETY

17.1 Alaska State General Safety Code

All work should be executed in a safe and proper manner. The "Alaska State General Safety Code" will serve as minimum standards.

17.2 Safety Equipment

The City shall furnish such safety equipment as is necessary for the safety of the employees. Safety devices and first-aid equipment as needed for safety and proper emergency medical treatment, shall be provided and be available for employees working under adverse conditions.

17.3 Safety and First-Aid Program

A Safety and First-Aid Program, as required by the State Safety Code, shall be instituted and regular safety meetings for each department shall be held once each month during working hours, without loss of pay to the employee.

17.4 Refuse Unsafe Conditions

It shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement where employees refuse to work with or ride in unsafe equipment or where safeguards are not provided, or when the facilities are not being maintained in a reasonable sanitary condition.

17.5 Working Alone

It is agreed that when one employee is on shift alone the employee's supervisor will call to check on the employee should the employee fail to report every two hours. It will be the employee's responsibility to notify public works dispatch that they are working alone that shift. Nothing in this subsection applies to work in a confined space or other hazardous conditions.

18. TRAINING - EMPLOYEE UPGRADING

The parties agree that it is in their mutual interest and in the interest of the industry that employees be trained in the fields of work and equipment covered by this Agreement.

The City may use training courses, technical publications, specifications, and training schools of equipment manufacturers and vendors, as the City deems necessary, to develop and upgrade their employees to the state-of-the-art skills regarding - the latest products, equipment, systems, and their operation, maintenance, and repair. When specialized training is provided by the City, seniority will be considered when offering such training to employees. When training for a specialized skill is provided by the City to a junior employee, senior employees will not be laid off because they lack such specialized skill. When an employee is sent for special training or to work outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the City will pay all authorized expenses as provided in the Travel Policy effective 9/3/2013. Upon prior written approval, the costs for any training beneficial to job requirements, and after satisfactory completion, will be reimbursed to the employee. Employees that need to maintain a specialized license for their employment at the City, i.e. CDL, and/or a certificate of fitness, will be afforded the necessary time on the clock to obtain or renew the license, and will be reimbursed any licensing fee.

19. MAINTENANCE OF PRIVILEGE AND REMUNERATION

It is understood and agreed by and between the City and the Union that, except as provided by this agreement, no employee covered by this Agreement will suffer a loss in privileges or rights which they now enjoy due to signing of this Agreement. Any future changes in working conditions that will affect the employees covered under the terms of the Agreement will be mutually agreed to between the City and the Union prior to implementation. This clause does not preclude the parties from negotiating changes to the Agreement.

20. MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 Longevity Pay

The parties agree that all permanent employees will receive a one-time longevity bonus on December 1, 2023. The bonus will be as follows:

Permanent employees with less than 3 consecutive years with the City will receive \$1,000.

Permanent employees with more than 3 consecutive years with the City, but less than 5 consecutive years with the city will receive \$1,500.

Permanent employees with more than 5 consecutive years with the City, but less than 10 consecutive years with the city will receive \$2,000.

Permanent employees with more than 10 consecutive years with the City, but less than 15 consecutive years with the city will receive \$2,500.

Permanent employees with 15 or more consecutive years with the City will receive \$3,000.

20.2 Tools

Mechanics, carpenters, and electricians shall furnish their own tools and provide a complete inventory but shall not be required to furnish special tools as follows: Air or electric wrenches, gear and bearing pullers, electric drills, reamers, taps dies, oxyacetylene hoses, gauges, torches and tips, thirty-six inch pipe wrenches, socket wrench drives over 3/4", wrenches over 2", coffin hoists, hydraulic jacks, etc. The City agrees to reimburse employees for tools lost provided that such loss was not intentional or due to recklessness. Such reimbursement shall be for the full amount of the prior agreed inventory of such tools lost and will be based upon the current price for tools of the same brand. Such tools will be replaced with tools of the same brand. Tools broken in the course of employment shall be replaced with tools of the same brand at no cost to the employee, provided the broken tool is turned in to the City and further provided that such damage was not intentional or due to recklessness. Due to the fact Mechanic must provide their own tools, they are permitted to work on personal vehicles in the mechanic shop after hours and on weekends with prior approval and coordination with the Mechanic Foreman or Director to ensure safety and security protocols are followed.

20.3 Parking

The City will make every effort to provide adequate parking facilities and electrical connections for head-bolt heaters at existing installations. Such facilities shall be provided at any newly constructed installation.

20.4 Payroll Deductions

Upon the proper written authorization by an employee, the City agrees to deduct the amount so designated from the employee's wages and submit the amount so indicated to the appropriate unions political, educational, or charitable committee. Forms shall be supplied by the employee's union. Such amount shall be submitted to the union on the 15th day of the month following the month in which the deductions were made.

20.5 Work Transfer

- (a) Except in the case of an emergency, the City agrees to refrain from transferring work normally being performed by employees in job classifications falling within the scope of this agreement to any supervisor or unrepresented position, unless mutually agreed upon between the City and the Union. The foregoing shall not operate to prohibit the employees of a manufacturer or supplier from warranty work, troubleshooting, or working on equipment or apparatus supplied or leased to the City. No regular employee shall be laid off, terminated, or discharged by the City as a result of the City sub-contracting any work currently performed by the bargaining unit.
- (b) Efforts by community groups, such as Festival Fairbanks or the Downtown Association, to improve the community are encouraged and supported by both the City and the Union. Such efforts will not result in the layoff of any craft employees.
- (c) The City and Union agree that homeless encampment and problem property abatements will be performed by external organizations when possible as to not distract from primary services. Such efforts will not result in the layoff of any craft employees.

20.6 Permanent Plumber Certificate of Fitness

Both parties agree that Permanent Plumbers required to maintain a State of Alaska Certificate of Fitness will receive an additional \$1250.00 annually.

21. PERSONNEL RECORDS

21.1 Contents

An employee's personnel record shall include, but shall not be limited to, the employee's application, reports of results of employment investigations, reports of work performance, progress and disciplinary actions, personnel actions, and survivor benefit forms. The employee's personnel file shall be maintained by the Mayor or designee.

21.2 Access

Employees shall be given access to their personnel file upon reasonable request. Copies of additions or other date changes to their individual personnel files shall be provided to the employee upon request and upon reasonable time notifications.

21.3 Usage

Personnel records will not be used as a private dossier on employees nor shall they contain any materials which an employee has not seen.

21.4 Reprimand

Recognizing the City's need to discipline and the employee's desire for fair and equal discipline the City agrees to remove letters of reprimand, not related to public safety, from an employee's personnel file 24 months after being placed in such file.

22. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

22.1 Definition

A temporary employee is one who is called for occasional work or for a limited period not to exceed six consecutive months in any 12-month period. Six consecutive months shall be calculated on the actual day the employment began, e.g., for an employee starting on 1/18/24, the six consecutive months runs through 6/17/24. The City agrees it will not attempt to bypass this section by using layoffs/rehires to circumvent the intent of the six-month maximum. If a temporary employee is retained after six consecutive months, then that employee will be eligible to accrue personal leave and be paid holiday pay for any subsequently occurring holidays.

22.2 Compensation

- (a) Temporary employees shall be paid in accord with Schedule "A" for their classification, plus per hour pension contributions and Health & Welfare (H&W) contributions.
- (b) Whenever temporary employees are needed under this provision, the City shall first attempt to contact and hire their trained and experienced temporary workers before hiring workers new to the City system. Should such workers not be available for employment, the City shall contact the appropriate hiring hall for referrals. The City may name request any employee that has previously worked at Public Works, as long as the request does not conflict with the Union's hiring hall rules.

22.3 Seniority/Holiday Pay/Personal Leave

Unless the last sentence of Section 22.1 applies, temporary employees shall not accrue seniority, be paid holiday pay, or receive paid personal leave, but shall be eligible for LWOP upon mutual agreement.

22.4 Recall Rights

Temporary employees shall not be hired if there is a permanent employee of the appropriate craft on lay-off who has seniority recall rights and is available.

22.5 Permanent Positions

Temporary employees shall be considered for permanent positions which are created or become vacant after the position has been closed to all permanent employees and before the City places a call to the Union.

23. SCHEDULE "A" WAGES

23.1 Scale

Upon ratification of this collective bargaining agreement, employees shall be compensated as provided in the attached Schedule, which provides a 3 percent increase over the 2022 package rate. On January 1st, 2024, employees shall receive an increase of 3 percent over the prior year's package rate. On January 1st, 2025, employees shall receive an increase of 4 percent over the prior year's package rate.

23.2 Application of the Package Rate Concept

The parties recognize that computing a full package rate, in which actual wages, health care, and pension costs are computed on the basis of annual compensable hours, is a more accurate method of reflecting the actual cost to the City. The parties agree that future percentage increases will be applied to the package rate. Except as provided in this section or in addenda specifically addressing allocation, each Local may allocate the package rate to wages, pension, and health and welfare as it sees fit.

- (a) The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) requires an annual actuarial status determination for multiemployer pension plans. An actuarial finding that a pension plan is underfunded can trigger, depending on the severity of the underfunding, the implementation of a plan to improve the funding and/or rehabilitate the plan. Because the funding improvement/rehabilitation plans mandated by the PPA impose certain mandatory contributions to underfunded pension plans, the parties agree that the allocation discretion of Article 23.2 will need to be limited to insure compliance with the requirements of the PPA and any improvement/rehabilitation plan.
- (b) Upon notification of a finding of underfunding, the parties agree to promptly meet and confer regarding the underfunded plan. Generally, the provisions of

an improvement/rehabilitation plan must be implemented only after the CBA then in place expires. The parties may agree to implement the provisions of the improvement/ rehabilitation plan earlier than required if the parties determine it would be advantageous to do so. The parties will prepare a separate addendum for each pension plan found to be underfunded. During the term of any addendum, the parties agree to meet and confer if either party believes there has been a change in circumstances that would warrant amendment of the addendum.

- (c) Any increase to the contribution rate for an underfunded pension plan required under an improvement/rehabilitation plan must be paid out of the package rate negotiated by the parties. The City will not be required to provide any additional funds or make any additional contributions to a pension plan above the negotiated package rate amount. No portion of the package rate may be allocated to any other purpose unless and until contributions and supplemental contributions to the underfunded pension plan have been satisfied.
- (d) If at any point the underfunded pension plan emerges from its underfunded status and additional contributions under an improvement/rehabilitation plan are no longer required, the allocation restrictions imposed by this section will be lifted.

23.3 Dispatcher Rates

The IUOE Dispatcher shall be paid at 95 percent of scale. The Assistant Dispatcher will be paid at 75 percent of scale.

Agreement ratified by Union membership on January 18, 2023 and approved by the City Council by approval of Ordinance No. 6233 on February 13, 2023.

**Signed for the Fairbanks
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Appendix A: Schedule A

CITY OF FAIRBANKS		EFFECTIVE UPON RATIFICATION				
SCHEDULE A			BENEFITS			
CLASSIFICATION	CURRENT PACKAGE RATE	NEW PACKAGE	LESS HEALTH*	LESS PENSION	LESS PAC/CAF	BASE WAGE
942 [P300]						
Foreman	54.81	56.45	6.52	13.79	0.15	35.99
Lead	51.43	52.97	6.52	13.79	0.15	32.51
Packer Drivers	49.07	50.54	6.52	13.79	0.15	30.08
Laborer	45.50	46.86	6.52	13.79	0.15	26.40
Facilities Laborer	50.40	51.91	6.52	13.79	0.15	31.45
Engineer Tech	45.50	46.86	6.52	16.34	0.15	23.85
Survey Party Chief	49.07	50.54	6.52	16.34	0.15	27.53
302 [P400]						
Foreman	54.81	56.45	10.23	8.25	-	37.97
Lead	51.43	52.97	10.23	8.25	-	34.49
Mechanic	49.07	50.54	10.23	8.25	-	32.06
Mechanic I	50.47	51.98	10.23	8.25	-	33.50
Mechanic II	50.94	52.46	10.23	8.25	-	33.98
Operator	49.07	50.54	10.23	8.25	-	32.06
Dispatcher	47.54	48.94	10.23	8.25	-	30.46
Assistant Dispatcher	41.42	42.52	10.23	8.25	-	24.04
959 [P700]						
Custodian	43.16	44.45	6.46	10.53	-	27.46
Warehouse Coordinator	50.21	51.72	6.46	10.53	-	34.73
Parts Person/Expeditor	48.73	50.19	6.46	10.53	-	33.20
Inventory Specialist	45.59	46.96	6.46	10.53	-	29.97
1243 [P500]						
Trade Spec-Foreman	55.29	56.95	10.08	6.85	0.10	39.92
Trade Spec-Lead	52.76	54.35	10.08	6.85	0.10	37.32
Trade Spec-Carpenter	49.47	50.95	10.08	6.85	0.10	33.92
375 [P600]						
Trade Spec-Plumber	51.35	52.89	9.75	10.25	-	32.89

*MONTHLY HEALTH CARE RATE CONVERTED TO AN HOURLY RATE BASED ON THE STANDARD 2080 HOURS PER YEAR.