

RESOLUTION NO. R15-11

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY'S LOCAL 316 UNION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel, Montana:

Section 1: Approval. The contract negotiated between the City of Laurel and the Local 316 Union is accepted and approved. A copy is attached hereto for convenience.

Section 2: Execution. The Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Laurel are hereby given authority to accept and execute said agreement on behalf of the City.


Section 3: Effective date. The effective date for the attached contract is hereby approved upon approval by the City Council.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on March 3, 2015, by Council Member Eaton.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 3rd day of March, 2015.

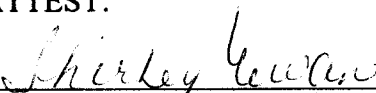
APPROVED by the Mayor this 3rd day of March, 2015.

CITY OF LAUREL



Mark A. Mace, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shirley Ewan, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:



Sam S. Painter, Civil City Attorney

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF LAUREL
AND
LOCAL 316

**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE
COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

MONTANA STATE COUNCIL 9

AFL-CIO

**REPRESENTING THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE
CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA**

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2017

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the City of Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana, hereinafter referred to as "Employer", and Local 316, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Laurel, Montana, hereinafter referred to as "Union".

WITNESS: In consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth which have been mutually agreed to, the Employer and the Union agree to be bound as follows:

ARTICLE I – RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all employees of the City of Laurel, as listed by classification in Addendum "A", attached and by this reference made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein, excluding elected and appointed officials, supervisory employees, management officials, and members of any City Boards or Commissions.

ARTICLE II – UNION SECURITY

Section 1. Agency Shop: Any present or future employee, as classified in Addendum "A", who is not a Union member and who does not make application for membership in the Union, shall as a condition of employment, pay to the Union each month a service charge as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement in an amount equal to regular monthly dues. Employees who fail to comply with this requirement shall be discharged by the Employer within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a written notice to the Employer from the Union. New employees shall have thirty (30) calendar days in which to comply with this requirement. This paragraph and agreement shall not apply to temporary or seasonal employees who are defined as employees who work for the Employer for less than ninety (90) days in any calendar year, or a longer period of time upon the request of the Mayor for additional seasonal needs, and such request is approved by the Union.

Section 2. The Union shall indemnify and hold the Employer harmless for any action that the Employer takes in response to any written request of the Union, by certified mail, to terminate an employee for reasons identified in Article II, Section 1.

ARTICLE III – DUES ASSIGNMENT

Section 1. The Employer agrees to accept and honor voluntary written assignments of wages or salaries due employees covered by this Agreement for union dues, initiation fees, or agency shop fees.

Section 2. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by the Secretary of the Union, and the aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted, together with an itemized statement, to the Treasurer of the Union within five (5) working days after payroll warrants are issued.

Section 3. The Union agrees to hold harmless the Employer from any loss or damage arising from the operation of this Article due to unintentional errors.

ARTICLE IV – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1. Rights of the Employer: The Union recognizes that the Employer has the responsibility and the authority to manage and direct, on behalf of the public, all of the operations and activities of the Employer to the full extent authorized by law.

Section 2. Management Rights: Public employees and their Representatives shall recognize the prerogatives of the Employer to operate and manage its affairs in such areas, but not limited to: (MCA 39-31-303)

- a. Direct employees;
- b. Hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees;
- c. Relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be ineffective or unproductive;
- d. Maintain the efficiency of government operations;
- e. Determine the methods, means, job classifications and personnel by which the government operations are to be conducted;
- f. Take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the Employer in situations of emergency;
- g. Establish the methods and processes by which work is performed.

Section 3. Effective Laws, Rules, and Regulations: The parties recognize the right, obligation, and duty of the Employer, and its duly designated officials, to promulgate rules, regulations, directives, and orders from time to time as deemed necessary in so far as such rules, regulations, directives, and orders are not in conflict with the terms of this Agreement. All terms of this Agreement are subject to the laws of the State of Montana, federal laws, and valid rules, regulations, and orders of the state and federal government agencies.

ARTICLE V – NONDISCRIMINATION

Section 1. It is agreed between the parties that each will fully comply with applicable laws and regulations regarding discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment, or any applicant for Union membership, because of a person's race, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex or disability.

Section 2. It is further recognized that no employee shall be discharged or discriminated against by the Employer for such employee upholding Union principles or Union activities.

ARTICLE VI – STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Section 1. The Union and those it represents will not engage in any strikes, slow-downs, withdrawal of services, or any other concerted effort designed to improve the Union's bargaining

position which interferes with the normal operation of the Employer, or which discourages employees from the full and faithful performance of their duties during the term of this Agreement.

Section 2. There shall be no lockout of employees or any other concerted effort by the Employer designed to improve the Employer's bargaining position during the term of this Agreement.

Section 3. There shall not be any layoffs due to contracting out of bargaining unit work during the term of this Agreement.

Section 4. The Union recognizes that the Employer has statutory and other rights and obligations in contracting for matters relating to municipal operations. The right of contracting or subcontracting is vested in the Employer. The right to contract or subcontract shall not be used for the purpose or intention of undermining the Union, nor to discriminate against any of its members.

ARTICLE VII – SENIORITY

Section 1. Seniority means an employee's length of continuous service with the Employer since his/her last day of hire. Employees may protest their seniority designation through the grievance procedure if they have cause to believe an error has been made.

Section 2. Seniority within the Employer may be affected by:

- a. To be absent from the job due to layoffs will be considered lost time for the purpose of seniority; however, previous service upon re-employment shall count towards seniority.
- b. To be absent from the job due to a leave of absence without pay that exceeds fifteen (15) calendar days will be considered lost time for the purpose of seniority; however, previous service upon re-employment shall count towards seniority.
- c. To be absent from the job due to active military leave will not affect seniority. Time spent in the military service will count towards seniority. After completion of military service, the Employer shall re-hire such persons in accordance with applicable federal law.
- d. An employee's continuous service for purposes of seniority shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for just cause, and by retirement.

(1) Union seniority shall also be forfeited when an employee is transferred or promoted to a position not covered by this Agreement, and upon completion of the probationary period in the non-union position. Should an employee not covered by this Agreement apply and be rehired to a position covered by this Agreement, their seniority shall begin upon the assumption of that covered Addendum "A" position.

- e. Absences due to accidental injury in the line of duty shall be considered as time worked for the purposes of determining seniority and granting of any benefits, which are based upon seniority covered by this Agreement.

Section 3. The Employer shall recognize seniority and minimum qualifications in awarding promotions to employees when filling newly-created or vacated positions, and where qualifications are equal, seniority shall prevail. It is the intention of the parties of this Agreement that the Employer shall grant preference to the persons already working under this Agreement.

Section 4. Layoffs caused by reduction in force shall be in order of seniority within the City; that is, the last employee hired shall be the first released. Full-time and part-time employees who are scheduled to be released shall be given at least ten (10) working days' notice. All recalls to employment shall likewise be in order of seniority within the City; that is, the last employee released as a result of reduction in force shall be the first re-hired when the Employer needs additional employees. The Employer shall notify such employees to return to work on a certain date and furnish the Union Secretary a copy of such notification, and if the employee fails to notify the Employer within five (5) working days of his/her intentions to return to work, the employee shall be considered as having forfeited his/her right to re-employment. No regular established employee shall be laid off while there are seasonal employees working for the employer.

Section 5. If Employer fails to provide ten (10) working days' notice to the employee, and employee is terminated without cause, under the layoff provisions herein, said employee shall be granted two (2) weeks' pay at his/her regular pay.

Section 6. Employees may protest their seniority designation through the usual grievance procedures if they have cause to believe an error has been made.

Section 7. Application of Seniority to Overtime and Call-Outs: The Employer agrees that there shall be one seniority for the purpose of overtime and call-outs within the Public Works Department and includes distribution, collection, public utilities and maintenance.

ARTICLE VIII – HOURS OF WORK

Section 1. Workweek: A standard workweek shall consist of forty (40) hours, composed of any five (5) consecutive workdays immediately followed by two (2) days off. An employee's workweek is a fixed and regular recurring consecutive five (5) day period, beginning on the same day of each seven (7) day period.

- a. The workweek hereunder shall begin at 7 a.m. Monday and shall terminate at 6:59 a.m. on the Monday following.
- b. In Public Works, there shall be a shift schedule for Tuesday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with a lunch period of 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Any change in shift must be agreed upon pursuant to Section 3g (1) herein.

- c. The work schedule for Court Clerk III shall be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a one (1) hour unpaid lunch. A normal lunch period shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. unless court runs late; in this case, lunch will start at the end of court session and last one (1) hour. The work schedule for Court Clerk I and Court Clerk II will be determined by work load.

Section 2. Workday: A normal workday shall consist of eight (8) continuous hours, except for a normal lunch period.

Section 3. Work Schedule:

- a. The working schedule for all day personnel shall be 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for all departments, with ½-hour unpaid lunch. A normal lunch period shall be from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. unless a department has established a different practice for the ½-hour lunch.
- b. The work schedule for all shift personnel shall be eight (8) continuous hours.
- c. Relief personnel will work regular schedules, except when relieving a shift person who is off on approved leave. In cases of a short back situation, Employer may require the relief personnel to take an eight (8) hour break when transitioning back to his/her regular shift for purposes of safety.
- d. Relief personnel will assume the days off and the work hours of the person he is relieving, unless he is only filling in for less than a week.
- e. The sweeper position may have a 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. shift, Tuesday and Friday, from approximately April 1 through October 1 of each year. The employee in this position may be required to eat his/her lunch on the job during these hours. Snowplowing and sanding shall have a 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. shift, unless the snow is of such severity as determined by the Employer to require different hours.
- f. All employees shall be scheduled to work on a regular work shift and each work shift shall have a regular starting and quitting time, except in cases of emergency when life or property are in imminent danger.
- g. Work schedules showing the employee's shifts, workdays, and hours shall be posted on all department bulletin boards at all times. Except for emergency situations, work schedules shall not be changed.
 - (1) In the bargaining unit, the above shifts and/or schedule may be changed by mutual agreement between the Employer, Union, and the employee(s), except relief personnel shall work a schedule change for a shift person who is off on approved leave.

Section 4. Lunch and Rest Periods:

- a. All employees shall be granted a lunch period during each work shift consisting of more than four (4) hours. Whenever possible, the lunch period shall be scheduled at the middle of each shift at a time designated by their supervisor. Shift workers may be required to eat their lunch on the job during their regular working hours.
- b. Two rest breaks of fifteen (15) minutes are provided, one in each half of the workday. The time and place of the rest period shall be determined by the supervisor

ARTICLE IX – COMPENSATION

Section 1. Salaries, Wages, and Longevity:

- a. The Employee Classification and conditions relative to and governing wages, salaries, or extraordinary pay rates are contained in Addendum “B” to this Agreement, which is attached to and by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.
- b. Longevity pay benefits are contained in Addendum “C” Longevity Plan, which is attached and by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein.
- c. It is mutually agreed between the parties that compensation will be paid on or before 9:00 a.m. every other Friday following completion of the work period.

Section 2. Overtime:

- a. Employees required to work in excess of eight (8) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period or in excess of forty (40) hours in any week will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times their normal rate for additional time worked. In addition, employees who are required to work in excess of sixteen (16) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period will be compensated at the rate of two (2) times their normal rate of pay. The Employer may call in a new crew to replace a crew that has worked sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period.
- b. An employee shall receive short back pay of 16 hours (double time) at their regular rate of pay if they are scheduled to work with less than 8 hours rest period between shifts in a 24-hour period to receive 40 hours within the workweek. Short back pay does not apply to an overtime situation.
- c. No overtime shall be worked without the approval of the supervisor.
- d. Employees shall not be required to suspend work during regular hours to absorb overtime.
- e. Overtime shall be paid in half hour (½) hour increments as follows:
 - 0 – 30 minutes = ½ hour
 - 31-60 minutes = 1 hour

- f. When computing overtime, sick leave or vacation time taken during the workweek will be considered as time worked.
- g. An overtime list shall be maintained every week and posted in each department for the purpose of allowing the employees working in that department to have the option of working available call-out overtime.
- h. Employees of each department, who are willing to work call-out overtime hours, shall sign the overtime list, in order of seniority in their department and will be called out to work available call-out overtime hours in rotating order. First name on the list will be called first, then the second name, etc. In the event that person whose name appears on the list refuses the overtime, he/she will be skipped until his/her name comes back around. Employees may, at their discretion, put their name on or off the list. When putting their name on the list, it will be put on in placement of seniority. If sufficient numbers of workers are unavailable, the supervisor shall call out employees in inverse order of seniority for call out situations only. In such an event, the least senior qualified employee shall be required to work the designated overtime. A new list will be posted on the first working day of each six (6) months. In the event management does not call in the rotating order on the call out list, grieved employee can file a time slip.
- i. It is not the intention of the parties to have employees work overtime in departments or positions for which they are not trained, licensed, or qualified. Overtime worked in departments other than the department in which the employee works shall not be allowed except in preventing the layoff of full-time employees or in bona fide emergency and at the explicit direction of the Employer.
- j. The following areas are defined for call-out list: maintenance shop, water plant, and sewer plant. Employees who are called out may be utilized in other areas for a specific job if qualified.
- k. There shall be no compounding or pyramiding of overtime pay, holiday pay, or premium pay, and only the highest applicable rate will be paid.
- l. In departments if the relief is not available to work, the employee on his/her day off will be called first to work the available overtime from the call-out list. If the employee on his/her day off is not available, then the other employees may split the shift or part of the shift as agreed to by the employees within each department.
- m. Scheduled overtime may be offered by seniority first and then by inverse seniority if numbers of employees are not achieved.

Section 3. Compensatory Time: Employees under this Agreement may receive compensatory time in lieu of overtime payment in compliance with provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and guidelines set down will be operative in all respects.

- a. The employee has the option to save and use as approved leave within the same calendar year for 2014 and 2015 calendar years, or receive a lump sum payment on the first payday in December of each calendar year for 2014 and 2015 calendar years. Starting calendar year 2016, employees will have the option to carry over up to forty (40) hours of comp time, or elect to be paid out in a lump sum payment on the first payday in December. Employee must notify payroll of intentions of carrying over any hours up to forty (40) hours prior to the December payroll process. Employer shall pay each employee's lump sum payment by separate check for accounting purposes.

Section 4. Call-Outs: Each and every call-out will be for a minimum of two and one-half (2½) hours pay. All time worked will be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay. The actual time spent in travel to and from the job during the call-out will be considered as time worked. When employee leaves Employer's premises, call-out is over.

Section 5. Persons on vacation or sick time will be skipped for call-outs. Such person will be skipped during said call-out and retain position they had on the list.

ARTICLE X – HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Employees will receive straight time pay at their basic hourly wage for each of the following named holidays:

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| 1. New Year's Day | January 1 |
| 2. Martin Luther King Day | 3 rd Monday in January |
| 3. Presidents' Day | 3 rd Monday in February |
| 4. Memorial Day | Last Monday in May |
| 5. Independence Day | July 4 th |
| 6. Labor Day | 1 st Monday in September |
| 7. Columbus Day | 2 nd Monday in October |
| 8. Veterans' Day | November 11 |
| 9. Thanksgiving Day | 4 th Thursday in November |
| 10. Christmas Day | December 25 th |
| 11. State General Election Day | When applicable |

Any day declared a legal holiday by the President of the United States and the Governor of Montana, with the concurrence of the Mayor of the City of Laurel. All accumulation of holiday pay shall be in accordance with the Montana Operations Manual (MOM).

Section 2. Part-time employees shall receive holiday pay on a pro-rated basis, based on their average hours worked.

Section 3.

- a. If any holiday falls on Sunday, the Monday following is a holiday, as provided in 1-1-216 MCA. When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday shall be observed on the preceding Friday, except as provided for in ARM 2.21.620(3).
- b. The employee shall receive holiday benefits and pay for work performed on the day the holiday is observed, unless the employee is scheduled or required to work on the actual holiday. If the employee is scheduled or required to work on the actual holiday, the actual holiday shall be considered as the holiday for the purpose of calculating holiday benefits and pay for the work performed on a holiday. The employee will receive either holiday benefits for working on the day the holiday is observed or for working on the actual holiday, but not both.

Section 4. Work performed on the holiday will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay for hours worked in addition to holiday pay, unless the employee has elected to accumulate such holiday in accordance with Section 6. Holiday pay is for eight (8) hours. An employee who is scheduled for a day off on a day which is observed as a legal holiday shall be compensated for either on a straight time basis, by accumulation, a regular day's pay or another day off.

Section 5. If a holiday falls on an employee's annual vacation, or while an employee is on approved sick leave, the employee shall be compensated by either receiving eight (8) hours pay at their regular straight time rate of pay or by a one-day extension of their vacation leave, at the employee's option, and not be charged as sick leave or vacation.

Section 6. Employees may accumulate up to fifteen (15) holidays to be taken by request and granted time off by the immediate supervisor. After fifteen (15) days have been accumulated, the employee must accept pay for the holiday worked. The dates when employee's accumulated holiday leaves shall be granted shall be determined by agreement between each employee and their immediate supervisor, with regard to seniority, in the best interest of the Employer, as well as in the the best interest of each employee.

ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE

Section 1. Each full-time employee earns paid vacation as follows:

	Work day credit per year*
1 day through 10 years	15
11 years through 15 years	18
16 years through 20 years	21
21 years and over	24

*Based on an eight (8) hour day

An employee is not entitled to any vacation leave with pay until they have been continuously employed for a period of six (6) calendar months. An employee working nine or more months each year, but whose continuous employment is interrupted by the seasonal nature of the position, shall earn vacation credits after completing the six (6) month qualifying period.

In order to qualify, such employee must immediately report back for work when operations resume in order to avoid a break in service.

Section 2. A part-time employee is entitled to pro-rated vacation benefits after working the qualifying period of six months.

Section 3. Vacation credits may be accrued to a total not to exceed two (2) times the maximum number of days earned annually at the end of any calendar year. Any accumulation of annual vacation leave in excess of this total at the end of the calendar year must be used in the first 90 days of the next calendar year or be forfeited.

Section 4. Vacations must be requested in writing and approved by the department head. The annual vacation shall be requested by March 1st for each twelve (12) month period and entered on the department vacation calendar. Vacation time may be split. Current practice is two lists: 1. Utilities; 2. Maintenance. Any conflict in schedules will be determined by seniority, the Employer's best interest, and the best interests of the employee. There may be two (2) people allowed off at one time from June 1st through September 30th and three (3) people allowed off from October 1st through May 31st within the Public Works Maintenance Department. There may be one (1) person allowed off from June 1st through September 30th and two (2) people allowed off from October 1st through May 31st within the Public Works Utility Department. All parties concerned have ten (10) working days from the time the approved vacation list is posted to make corrections. Vacation requests after March 1st shall be on a first come, first served basis. If vacation leaves have been approved by all parties concerned and granted, seniority cannot affect or change the leave.

Section 5. Leave Requests and Responses: Employee must submit leave request for more than four (4) consecutive days at least seven (7) days prior to the requested leave. Employer shall respond no later than five (5) working days prior to the leave requested. Employee must submit leave request for less than four (4) days at least two (2) days prior to the requested leave. Employer shall respond no later than one (1) working day prior to the leave requested.

Section 6. Vacation leave shall not accrue during a leave of absence without pay, the duration of which exceeds fifteen (15) days.

Section 7. Leaves of absence without pay may be used to extend regular vacation with prior approval of the employee's immediate supervisor.

Section 8. An employee who terminates his/her employment with the Employer shall be entitled, upon the date of such termination, to cash compensation for any unused vacation leave, assuming that the employee has worked the qualifying period set forth in Section 1.

In the event, however, an employee transfers between departments of the Employer, there shall be no cash compensation paid for the unused vacation leave. In such a transfer, the receiving department assumes the liability for the accrued vacation credits transferred with the employee.

Section 9. In the event of the death of an employee, unused earned vacation time shall be paid to the employee's heirs at his/her regular rate of pay providing the proper forms designed by the City Clerk/Treasurer's office have been signed and are in the employee's file.

Section 10. Vacation charges and credits shall be charged to the nearest full hour.

Section 11. The Employer shall not terminate or separate an employee from employment in an attempt to circumvent the provisions of this Article. Should any question arise under this Article, it shall be submitted to the grievance procedures.

ARTICLE XII – SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Sick leave means a leave of absence with pay for sickness suffered by an employee or his/her immediate family. Sick leave is the necessary absence from duty caused when an employee has suffered illness, injury, pregnancy, or pregnancy-related illness, exposure to contagious disease that requires quarantine, or the necessary absence from duty to receive medical or dental examination or treatment.

Section 2. Each full-time employee of the Employer is entitled to and shall earn sick leave credits from the first full pay period of employment. For calculating sick leave credits, one (1) day per month up to twelve (12) working days per year sick leave at regular pay. Proportionate sick leave credits shall be earned at the rate of twelve (12) working days for each year of service without restriction as to the number of working days he/she may accumulate.

Section 3. An employee may not accrue sick leave credits during a continuous leave of absence without pay that exceeds fifteen (15) working days. Employees are not entitled to be paid for sick leave under the provisions of this article until they have been continuously employed for ninety (90) days. Upon completion of the qualifying period, the employee is entitled to the sick leave credits he/she has earned.

Part-time employees receive pro-rated sick leave credit. Temporary and seasonal employees are entitled to sick leave benefits provided they have worked the qualifying period.

Section 4. An employee who terminates employment with the Employer is entitled to a lump sum payment equal to one-fourth (¼) of the pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave. The pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave shall be computed on the basis of the employee's salary or wage at the time the employee terminates their employment with the Employer.

However, when an employee transfers between departments, the employee shall not be entitled to a lump sum payment. The department receiving the transferred employee shall assume responsibility for the accrued sick leave.

An employee who receives a lump sum payment pursuant to this article and who is re-employed by the Employer shall not be credited with any sick leave for which he/she has previously been compensated.

Sick leave charges in excess of earned sick leave credits may be charged to earned and available leave or leave without pay at the employee's option with the department head's approval.

Section 5. Sick leave is for the benefit of the employee or his/her immediate family members who are sick and is not intended to be additional time off with pay. Abuse of sick leave or the falsification of illness, injury, or other authorized claim misrepresenting the actual reason for charging an absence to sick leave, or the use of sick leave for any unauthorized purposes, become cause for termination. The Employer must be able to substantiate any charges of sick leave abuse that result in the employee's dismissal.

Section 6. Disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery are, for all job-related purposes, temporary disabilities and should be treated as such under any health or temporary disability insurance or sick leave plan available in connection with employment.

Any holidays that fall during a period that an employee is on sick leave will be charged as a holiday and not taken off the total accumulated sick leave.

An employee on sick leave shall inform management of the fact as soon as possible.

After the third consecutive day of sick leave, a medical certification may be required by the Employer. If the Employer requires a medical certificate, the Employer will pay the cost of such certificate.

Section 7. Sick Leave pertaining to shift personnel:

- a. Relief person will work for an employee who is on sick leave unless it is an overtime situation; then the Employer will follow the call-out list.
- b. Employees working during another employee's illness, if an overtime situation, will submit extra time to their supervisor on the daily time report, which will be paid at one and one-half (1½) times their hourly rate.

Section 8. Sick leave charges and credits shall be charged to the nearest full hour.

Section 9. Employees covered by the Workers' Compensation Act are entitled to benefits administered under the provisions of said Act when they suffer injury or illness as a result of their employment. An employee may elect to use their accrued sick leave credits to supplement their Workers' Compensation payments, but not to exceed their normal expected pay, in accordance with applicable laws of the State of Montana.

Section 10. In the event that an employee becomes incapable of performing the duties of his/her regular position through occupational illness or industrial accident, the Employer may transfer the employee without loss of pay to a position for which he/she is qualified, provided the change can be accomplished without displacing another employee.

Section 11. Emergency Sick Leave:

- a. Emergency sick leave is defined as a necessary absence due to (1) the illness of a member of the employee's immediate family; or (2) the death of a member of the employee's immediate family.
- b. An employee's immediate family includes: spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, step relatives, household dependents, and all the same relation of the employee's spouse.
- c. Emergency sick leave charged against an employee's sick leave credits shall not exceed a total of five (5) working days per illness in the immediate family. In addition, emergency sick leave charged against an employee's sick leave credits shall not exceed a total of five (5) workdays for each death in the immediate family.
- d. Employees may be granted three (3) additional days of leave with pay for a death in the family (not charged to sick leave).

ARTICLE XIII – LEAVE WITH OR WITHOUT PAY

Section 1. Military Leave: Upon formal request, either oral or written, for military leave, a regular or temporary full-time employee, who is a member of the organized state militia or the reserve military forces of the United States, and who has satisfactorily completed six (6) months of employment, is eligible to receive up to fifteen (15) working days, with pay, per calendar year of military leave. Any part-time employee meeting the above requirements is eligible to receive pro-rated military leave. The employee will submit a copy of their military orders, upon receipt, to the Employer to substantiate such leave request.

An employee who has not completed six (6) months of employment is not eligible to receive military leave with pay; however, he/she will be given leave without pay to attend cruises, encampments, or other similar training upon formal request, either oral or written, for such leave. The employee will submit a copy of their military orders, upon receipt, to the Employer to substantiate such leave request.

Section 2. Family Medical Leave: After completion of fifty-two (52) weeks employment, and a minimum of 1250 hours worked in the year preceding the leave, unpaid leave, not to exceed twelve (12) workweeks in a twelve (12) month period for reasons of bona fide serious health condition, child or family care, or other allowable care, may be granted. All leaves are to be requested in writing and shall state the reason for the leave and the date desired. A doctor's certification may be required for any medical or family leave. All leaves shall be granted only in writing by the Mayor. Upon the expiration of the leave, or upon notification of intent to return, the employee will be returned to their original position, or one equivalent in the employee's classification. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the reinstatement of an employee returning from FMLA leave shall not displace any bargaining unit employee, or limit another employee's hours of work, who was a member of the bargaining unit upon commencement of such leave, except as may be mutually agreed to by the Union and the Employer.

While on a family medical leave of absence, any employee benefits will be continued in the same manner that would have been provided had the employee not taken any leave. If the employee fails to return from such a leave, the employee may be required to repay such extended benefits.

Section 3. Bereavement Leave: Upon the death of a member of the employee's immediate family, an employee may be granted up to three (3) working days off with pay. In addition, up to five (5) additional days of bereavement leave may be charged to sick leave by approval of the Mayor or Designee. Days are to be considered eight (8) hours.

Employees shall be granted leave not to exceed four (4) hours to attend the funeral of fellow employees.

Section 4. Jury Duty: Each employee who is under proper summons as a juror shall collect all fees and allowances payable as a result of the service and forward all the fees to the Employer. Juror fees shall be applied against the amount due to the employee from the Employer. However, if an employee elects to charge his/her juror time off against annual leave, he/she shall not be required to remit to the Employer any juror fee, expense, or mileage allowance paid by the Court.

An employee subpoenaed to serve as a witness shall collect all fees and allowances payable as a result of the service and forward the fees to the Employer. Witness fees shall be applied against the amount due the employee from the Employer. However, if an employee elects to charge his/her witness time off against his/her annual leave, he/she shall not be required to remit witness fees to the Employer. In no instance is an employee required to remit to the Employer any expense or mileage allowances paid him/her by the court.

The Employer may request the court to excuse the employee from jury duty if they are needed for the proper operation of the department.

Section 5. Other Leaves With or Without Pay:

- a. After satisfactory completion of the probationary period, leaves of absence may be granted for good and sufficient reason with prior approval of the Employer. Leaves may be used for personal business requiring the employee's attention and other reasons mutually agreed upon. Employees may take leave of absence without loss of pay or charge against other leave and if the work schedule allows. Requests for leave of absence without pay shall be submitted in writing by the employee to his/her department head. The request shall state the reason for the leave and the approximate length of time off the employee desires.
- b. The Employer may grant reasonable leaves of absence to employees whenever required in the performance of duties as "Duly authorized representatives of the Union". "Duly authorized representative" means members of regularly constituted committees and/or officers of the Union, a list to be supplied to the Employer.

- c. Any employee subject to this Agreement, elected or appointed to public office, shall be entitled to a leave of absence not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days per year while such employee is performing public service. Any employee granted such leave shall make arrangements to return to work within ten (10) days following the completion of the service for which the leave was granted unless such employee is unable to do so because of illness or disability certified by a licensed physician.
- d. Leave, with or without pay, may be granted for attendance at a college, university or business school for the purpose of training in subjects related to the work of the employee that will benefit the employee and the Employer.

Section 6. Personal Leave: Those covered under the working agreement receive twenty-six (26) hours for 2014, thirty (30) hours for 2015 and 2016, of personal leave. Arrangements for this time will be made with the supervisor. If unable to take the time, the employee will receive pay for the remaining hours on the last payday of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XIV – WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 1. Separations: Employees who terminate their service will be furnished, upon request, a letter stating their classification, length of service and reason for leaving.

Section 2. Union Bulletin Boards: The Employer will allow the Union to place Union-owned bulletin boards in convenient places in any work area to be used for Union business.

Section 3. Off-Duty Meetings: Employees shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1½) their regular rate of pay if required to attend a meeting on their own time. If an employee is called out for a meeting, such employee shall be paid for a call-out.

Section 4. Education Conference: The Employer agrees that time off with pay may be granted to an employee to attend an education conference, seminar, or convention with the mutual consent of the department head and the employee. In the event an employee needs to earn education credits to maintain a license or certification, which belongs to the employee, the employee will furnish the Employer in writing the number of credits earned and to which license or certification the educational credits are to be credited.

- a. Fair and equal in treatment and training opportunities and in the best interest of the Employer.

Section 5. Past Practices: The Employer agrees to recognize that wages will not be reduced because of this Agreement. The Employer further agrees that working conditions and benefits enjoyed by employees will continue by the adoption of this Agreement, subject to budgetary limitations and analysis of departmental requirements.

Section 6. Visits by Union Representatives: The Employer agrees that accredited representatives of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL/CIO shall have full and free access to the premises of the Employer at any time during

working hours to conduct Union business, provided that the representative notifies the Public Works Supervisor or City Hall Official.

Section 7. Supervisor's Performance of Bargaining Unit Work: No supervisory or management employee shall perform duties of a bargaining unit employee, except infrequent work of short duration due to severe emergencies to avoid accident or injury, or to maintain the public's health and safety. If supervisory or management employee does perform bargaining unit duties, employees covered by Agreement can file a time slip for said duties. No time slip can be for work performed during work hours.

Section 8. Commercial Driver's License: If an employee is required to maintain a commercial driver's license as part of his/her job description, the Employer will pay for the D.O.T. medical certificate and all monies above the required normal operator's license. Any endorsement not required by the Employer will be at the employee's expense.

ARTICLE XV – HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

Section 1. Workers' Compensation Insurance: The Employer shall maintain and provide Workers' Compensation insurance on all employees. Each employee must, within twenty-four (24) hours, verbally if physically possible, or seventy-two (72) hours of the accident, report in writing to the Employer any personal injuries received in the course of employment. Each employee must give notification to their immediate supervisor during the work shift, except in cases of emergency and if the supervisor is not accessible when the accident occurs. Failure to do so may result in the loss of benefits.

Section 2. Health Plan: The Employer shall provide a health plan available to employees and their dependents. The Employer shall pay the premium for each employee and their dependents as follows:

- a. July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017: The Employer shall maintain an insurance program substantially equivalent to the existing program as previously approved by the Insurance Committee, unless changed pursuant to the recommendations of the Insurance Committee, with the following Employer contribution limitations:

Employee Only	\$ 716.22/month, with increases equal to the single rate
Employee/Child(ren)	\$ 716.22/month, with increases equal to the increase in single rate
Employee/Spouse	\$1100.00/month
Employee/Family	\$1100.00/month

The Insurance Committee shall review all matters of the insurance program and make recommendations to the Employer. If the Employer does not adopt the recommendations of the Insurance Committee, the matter will be returned to the Committee, with recommendations and explanations, for further review until the Employer and the Committee reach mutual agreement.

Section 3. First Aid Kits: The Employer shall provide and maintain first aid kits in convenient places in each work area. "Work Areas" shall be determined by the supervisor or lead worker.

Section 4. Safety: Safety is everyone's business. The Employer will provide and maintain all safety gear (i.e. hard hats, crash helmets, rain gear, rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and prescription safety glasses) and all other equipment required by MOSHA. Each employee is to wear and/or use safety equipment furnished, or required by the Employer, including the use of seat belts, safety vests, hard hats, hand, eye, and body protection gear as appropriate. All such safety equipment furnished by the Employer shall be kept in the employee's locker when off duty. Employer shall issue specific guidelines in the use of safety equipment and safety practices. Failure to use safety equipment furnished and following safety guidelines may lead to disciplinary action. Replacement of said safety equipment will be done by mutual agreement between Employer and employee.

- a. Employer will provide a stipend of \$150 per fiscal year, payable the first pay period in July, for safety footwear. Safety footwear that is damaged or in need of repair or replacement due to working conditions, employee must notify supervisor for repair or replacement. Safety footwear must meet current ANSI standards. Safety footwear must be worn during working hours.
- b. Safety prescription glasses (must meet current ANSI standards) will be provided by Employer for employees that are in need of prescribed corrective lenses. Prescription safety glasses will be purchased at the vendor chosen by the Employer. Employer authorization must be given to employee prior to ordering through Employer vendor. Employees in need of new prescription safety glasses due to prescription change will notify Employer. Employer will cover cost of the new prescription lenses. Employer will provide prescription safety glasses annually by mutual agreement or every two (2) years.

The Union, Employer, and individual workers shall cooperate in complying with the general safety standards and special standards as required by the State Department of Labor and Industry, MOSHA, OSHA, and the Employer's Safety Standards. MOSHA inspections – the Steward from the work area being inspected may accompany the state representative on any such inspections.

No employee shall be required to perform services that may seriously endanger his/her physical safety. Refusal by the employee, with valid and substantiated reason, will not warrant or justify suspension, dismissal, or other disciplinary action.

Section 5. Safety Committee: A Safety Committee shall be established and shall consist of a Shop Steward from each department, the department heads, the Union president, and the Mayor or their designee(s).

The Safety Committee:

- a. Shall meet no less than four (4) times each year, or as needed, at a time and place mutually agreeable.
- b. Shall review all on-the-job safety hazards, unsafe equipment, tools, vehicles, and other unsafe working conditions affecting employees covered by this Agreement.
- c. Shall investigate all reported accidents or injuries occurring in the workplace or involving Employer equipment or personnel.
- d. Shall submit recommendations to the Employer for corrective action as appropriate.

The Employer shall review and take action on all recommendations of the Committee in a timely manner for the benefit of the health and welfare of all employees.

Section 6. Unemployment Insurance: The Employer shall make all necessary arrangements to insure that all employees covered by this Agreement will be covered with Unemployment Insurance.

Section 7. Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace: It is agreed that all employees are prohibited from unauthorized use, consumption, distribution, or unauthorized possession of controlled substances, including but not limited to prescription drugs and medical marijuana (illegal drugs), or alcoholic beverages while on duty; to unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use a controlled substance, including but not limited to prescription drugs and medical marijuana, or an illegal drug at the worksite or in any Employer-owned vehicle; or reporting to work under the influence of medical marijuana or other illegal or prescription drugs and/or alcohol. Employees who are required to possess a CDL for their positions are subject to this section, as well as all federal DOT regulations/requirements.

As a condition of employment, each employee must abide by the terms of this policy and notify the Mayor and/or CAO of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction. In the event the employee is operating in a department funded in whole or part by a federal grant, the sponsoring appropriate federal agency will be notified of such conviction within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of the conviction.

Discipline for any violation will be in accordance with the disciplinary procedures that may include suspension and/or termination. As an alternative to termination, the employee may be referred to available drug and alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation programs.

ARTICLE XVI – JOB POSTING

Section 1. When a new position is created or a vacancy occurs in any existing position listed under Addendum “A”, Employee Classification Program, the Employer shall prepare and furnish to the union secretary and post in places to be agreed upon by the Employer and the Union stating, among other things: location and title of position to be filled, a listing of the essential job functions, principal duties, minimum qualifications, hours of work, assigned days of rest, salary range of the position, whether the position is a regular established position or temporary (if temporary, how long it is probable that the position will continue), the starting date of the

assignment; last day when applications will be received and accepted, and to whom the applications shall be filed.

- a. When a vacancy or newly-created position is posted when an employee is on vacation, sick leave, or any approved leave, the employee has two (2) working days to bid for such position after he/she returns to work.
- b. If a position is vacant due to an employee bidding another position in the City, the position vacated will be bid as temporary or left vacant until the previous employee has completed his/her probationary period or posted as vacant.
- c. Employer shall post such vacancies in all departments for a period of no less than five (5) working days.
- d. An employee who bids into a new position may not bid into another position until he/she completes his/her probationary period, unless agreed by the Union and the Employer that such action is in the best interest of the Employer.
 - 1) Exception: If no employee bids a position, the employee who is serving the probationary period may bid for the position within three (3) working days after the closing date of the bid;
 - 2) Exception: If an employee is disqualified by the Employer from their position during their probationary period and reverts back to the originally-held position, such employee may then bid other jobs;
 - 3) If more than one employee bids, the procedure for awarding will be the same as for bidding a position.
- e. If no qualified employee bids on a posted position, the Employer may search outside its current employees for an applicant to fill such position.
- f. The Employer shall not bid a vacated position where an employee will be first assigned as temporary and then regular full-time position unless the Employer is prepared to fill the fully-funded position within two (2) weeks of the closing date of the final bid. No employee shall be awarded such a position and be held in their old position for a period that exceeds two (2) working weeks.

Section 2. The filling of any vacancy through promotion shall be done so in accordance with Article captioned "Seniority" of this Agreement. Any salary adjustments shall be made in accordance with Addendum "B".

Section 3. When a senior employee, who has applied for a posted position, is not assigned the position, he/she shall upon request, be entitled to be advised in writing the reason he/she did not receive the assignment. If not satisfied with the reason stated, he/she may invoke the grievance procedure as outlined in this Agreement.

Section 4. During the employee's probationary period, the employee has the right to revert back to their previously held position within the first thirty (30) days of the twelve (12) month probationary period. No union employee may revert more than two times in a five-year period.

- a. Employee failing probation due to not obtaining proper license, due to failing the test, in the one (1) year allowed to meet job description of said position, the probationary period may be extended by mutual agreement of Employer and Union.

ARTICLE XVII – DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Penalties for violations of Policy are outlined in Addendum “D” to this Agreement.

Section 2. If the Employer determines at any time during an employee's initial twelve (12) month employment probationary period that the service of the probationary employee is unsatisfactory, the employee may be discharged upon written notice from the Employer without recourse through the grievance procedures.

Section 3. For the purposes of discipline, Employer may utilize an oral admonishment and written documentation of the oral admonishment, letters of warning, caution or reprimand. In addition, notices of suspension (with or without pay) or dismissal must be provided in writing. Employer may select the form of discipline utilized depending upon the facts and circumstances of the violation in accordance with Addendum “D” to this Agreement.

Section 4. Written documentation of oral admonishments, letters of warning, caution or reprimand shall be considered temporary contents of an employee personnel file. Each writing or letter may be removed and destroyed pursuant to the following procedure:

- a. Employee may submit a written request for removal of a letter of discipline one year after the date of the written letter was issued. The written request shall be submitted to Employee's immediate supervisor.
- b. Employee (accompanied with a union representative if employee wishes) and the supervisor who authored the letter shall meet within five (5) working days unless extended by mutual agreement. Employee and supervisor shall discuss the circumstances surrounding the written disciplinary action and the Employee's conduct since the issuance of the letter.
- c. The supervisor and employee (accompanied with a union representative if employee wishes) shall request a meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer. The meeting must take place within five (5) working days, or extended by mutual agreement, for the consideration of the employee's request for removal of the letter at issue. The Chief Administrative Officer shall render his/her decision within five (5) working days of said meeting or extended by mutual agreement.

- d. If the supervisor who issued the written discipline no longer works for the Employer, employee may file his request with the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and processing as provided in this Article.
- e. Written documentation of oral admonishments, letters of warning, caution or reprimand may be retained by the Employer in files other than the employee personnel file only for the purpose of preserving evidence for subsequent legal proceedings that the Employer may be a party to if legal proceeding is filed within the applicable statute of limitation.

Section 5. Employees may inspect and receive copies of any material placed in their personnel file. Employees may be charged for the cost of copying such materials at the rate set in the Schedule of Fees and Charges in effect at the time of said request.

Section 6. No disciplinary material may be placed in an employee's personnel file without the signature or initials of the employee upon it indicating he/she has been shown the material. If an employee declines or refuses to initial or sign the disciplinary material, Employer may satisfy the requirements of this Section by noting that the employee refused to sign the disciplinary material and the date of such refusal.

Section 7. Any disputes under the Article shall be resolved through the Grievance Procedure contained herein beginning at Step 2 of Section 5 in Article XVIII.

ARTICLE XVIII – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Grievance Defined: A grievance shall be any condition that exists which causes any bargaining unit employee to feel that his/her rights have been violated.

Section 2. Employee Representative: Employees selected by the Union and Union representatives shall be known as "Stewards". The names of at least three (3) employees selected as Stewards and the names of any other Union Representatives who may represent employees shall be certified in writing to the Employer. The individuals certified by the Union shall constitute the Union's Grievance Committee. Grievance Committee members may process grievances during working hours without loss of pay. Union Representatives from the Council or International level may assist during any step of the grievance procedure.

Section 3. Departure from the established procedure by the Union or its member shall automatically nullify recourse through the grievance procedure.

Section 4. Departure from the established procedure by the Employer at any step shall automatically place the grievance in the next subsequent step.

Section 5. If an employee feels his/her rights have been violated, he/she shall contact a Steward and the Steward shall contact the employee's supervisor in writing to set up an informal meeting to discuss and resolve the issue informally. This informal process must be completed within five (5) working days of the written request. If the issue is not resolved informally, employee shall proceed to the formal procedure as follows:

STEP I: If the employee, Steward and supervisor are unable to resolve the issue informally, the Steward, with or without the employee present, shall prepare a written grievance. The written grievance shall be hand delivered to the Public Works Office and must fully describe or explain the employee's issue and requested relief. The Department Head and Steward, with or without the employee present, shall meet to discuss the grievance within three (3) working days after service of the grievance. The Department Head shall issue a written decision to the Steward within three (3) working days after the meeting.

STEP II: If the grievance is not resolved, the Steward shall present it to the Grievance Committee Chairman within three (3) working days from receipt of the Department Head's written decision. The Grievance Committee shall determine if the grievance is justified or not.

a. If the Grievance Committee determines the grievance is not justified, the Chairman shall notify the employee of its determination. The employee may appeal to the Union within ten (10) working days. The Union membership shall decide the justification of the grievance at the next scheduled meeting by a majority vote. If the Union decides the grievance is justified, the Executive Board shall proceed with the grievance to subsection b.

b. If the Grievance Committee proceeds with the grievance, a written copy of the grievance must be served on the Mayor or Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) within three (3) working days after the date the Grievance Committee or Union determines to proceed with the grievance. The Mayor, CAO and Grievance Committee shall meet within three (3) working days, with or without the aggrieved employee present, to discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance. The Mayor and/or CAO shall issue a written decision on the grievance within seven (7) working days after the meeting. The parties may extend the time frames by mutual written consent.

c. Upon receipt of the Mayor and/or CAO's written decision, the Union shall meet and vote whether to proceed if the grievance remains unresolved. If the Union, by majority vote, decides the grievance is unjustified, said grievance is null and void.

STEP III: If the grievance remains unresolved, either party may request arbitration by written request. The written request must be filed within seven (7) working days of receipt of the applicable decision. Within seven (7) working days after filing the written request to arbitrate, the parties shall request a list of five (5) arbitrators from the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Board of Personnel Appeals. Within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the list, the parties shall meet and alternately strike names from the list. The final name remaining shall be the arbitrator utilized to resolve the grievance.

Section 6. Arbitration: The Parties shall jointly contact the arbitrator selected to commence the proceedings at his/her earliest possible date. During the arbitration proceedings, all evidence thus far obtained shall be presented. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on both parties. The arbitrator has no jurisdiction to alter, in any way, the terms of this Agreement, city ordinance, state law, or federal law. The arbitrator's decision shall be within the scope and terms of this Agreement. The parties shall request a decision on the grievance within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the proceedings, including the filing of briefs, if any. The entire cost of the arbitration, excluding a party's attorney fees, shall be paid by the party found in default.

Section 7. It is understood by both parties that an appointed authority shall replace any titled position mentioned in the above grievance and arbitration procedure should the person filling the title position be unavailable. The Employer shall provide the Union a list of personnel to act as appointed authorities in cases of vacancy.

ARTICLE XIX – SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any article, section, or portion thereof, of this Agreement be held unlawful or invalid by any court or board of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific article, section, or portion thereof, directly specified in the decision. Upon issuance of such a decision, the parties agree to immediately negotiate a substitute for the invalidated article, section, or portion thereof. Any city ordinance passed subsequent to the adoption of this Agreement that would contravene the terms of this Agreement shall not apply during the life of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XX – TERMS, AMENDMENTS, AND
MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT**

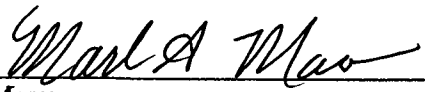
Section 1. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2014, and will remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2017. With the exception of wages and health insurance, all provisions of this Agreement may be opened no later than April 30, 2017, if so desired by either party, to negotiate modifications through interest-based bargaining. This Agreement shall automatically renew from year to year thereafter unless either party gives written notice to the other, not later than sixty (60) days prior to its termination date, that it desires to make changes. In the event changes are desired, the parties shall seek forthwith to arrange a meeting for the purpose of negotiating changes and shall remain in full force and effect until negotiations are concluded.

Negotiations shall begin no later than thirty (30) days prior to the anniversary date of this Agreement.

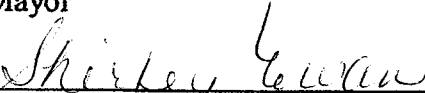
Section 2. Neither party to the Agreement shall make unilateral changes in the terms of the basic Agreement, pending the settlement of the outstanding differences through mutually agreeable procedures.

In Witness Whereby: The parties, acting by and through their respective and duly authorized officers and representatives, have set their hands and seals on this 3rd day of March, 2015.

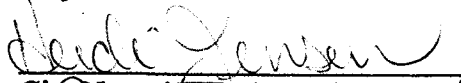
For the City of Laurel:



Mayor



City Clerk/Treasurer



City Negotiation Committee

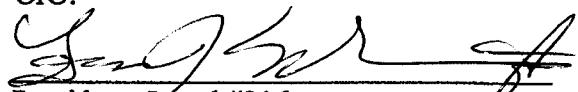


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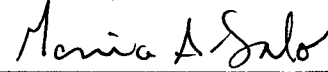


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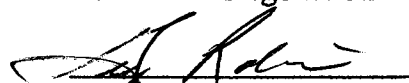
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CLASSIFICATION APPEAL

A classification appeal system shall be developed for the purpose of permitting employees covered by this Agreement, within the same classification, to appeal for an upgrade of the entire classification due to additional work duties, responsibilities, or changing work conditions within that classification.

A committee shall be established comprising three members of the City Council, the Mayor, CAO, appropriate Department Head, three bargaining unit members, and the City Clerk/Treasurer. This committee will meet to discuss such an appeal no later than thirty (30) days after such appeal is filed with the Mayor and/or the CAO.

The committee shall hear testimony, examine documents and other pertinent materials and make their decision and recommendation to the City Council within forty-five (45) days of the Mayor's and/or CAO's receipt of the appeal. The Committee shall implement its decision beginning on the following month's first pay period.

All documentation, recommendations, and decisions shall be in writing.

ADDENDUM "A"
CLASSIFICATION

GRADE	CLASSIFICATION
1	
2	
3	MAINTENANCE WORKER I COURT CLERK I
4	
5	COURT CLERK II
6	UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER II COURT CLERK III MAINTENANCE WORKER II WATER PLANT OPERATOR I WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR
7	MECHANIC
8	WATER PLANT OPERATOR II MAINTENANCE WORKER III WASTEWATER OPERATOR II UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER III
9	WATER PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR WASTEWATER PLANT CHIEF OPERATOR

ADDENDUM "B"
WAGES

1. Effective July 1, 2014, each bargaining unit employee shall receive an increase of \$.80 to their current base rate.
2. Effective July 1, 2015, each bargaining unit employee shall receive an increase of \$.34 to their current base rate.
3. Effective July 1, 2016, each bargaining unit employee shall receive an increase of \$.34 to their current base rate.
4. The Employer shall compensate a newly-hired employee at ninety-five percent (95%) of the base rate for his/her classification grade for the first twelve (12) months of employment. After employee's successful completion of his/her twelve (12) month probationary period, the Employer shall compensate employee in accordance with the position's pay schedule.
5. The Employer shall immediately pay a transferred or promoted employee one hundred percent (100%) of the base rate for his/her classification grade if the transferred or promoted employee possesses the license(s) or certification(s) required for the position. If a transferred or promoted employee does not possess the license(s) or certifications(s) for the position, the Employer shall pay the employee ninety-five percent (95%) of the base rate for the position until employee successfully obtains the requisite license(s) or certifications(s). However, the employee promoted shall begin at not less than the rate of pay of his/her previous position in the new grade. If the transferred or promoted employee fails to obtain the requisite license(s) or certification(s) for the position within one (1) year from the date of his/her transfer or promotion, the Employer shall terminate the employee. Transferred or promoted employee retains no right to return to his/her former position.
6. Employees will receive differential pay of sixty-five cents (\$.65) per hour for the afternoon shift and eighty-five cents (\$.85) per hour for the night shift in addition to any other compensation. If the day shift over lays into the night or afternoon shift by more than two (2) hours into and/or out of differential hours, said hours shall be paid at the appropriate differential rate for the actual hours worked.

Afternoon shift shall be hours between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. Night shift shall be hours between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

7. When an employee (a qualified relief operator), is temporarily assigned to a higher grade, the employee shall receive the wage rate of the step of the higher grade corresponding to his/her current step for each hour worked in the higher grade, provided however, that such employee works four (4) hours or more in the higher grade in the same eight (8) hour shift. The employee shall receive the higher rate of pay for the full eight (8) hour shift.

8. Union employees will be compensated at \$0.15/hour per DEQ Certification license with the appropriate job classification held by Union employee. Candidates that successfully complete the training program will be compensated \$0.15 for up to one license only.

Grade	Position	7/1/14 Adjusted Base Salary For Calculating % increases	Effective 7/1/14 \$.80 increase	Effective 7/1/15 \$.34 increase	Effective 7/1/16 \$.34 increase
1					
2					
3	Maintenance Worker I	14.87	15.67	16.01	16.35
	Court Clerk I	13.26	15.42	15.76	16.10
4					
5	Court Clerk II	15.82	16.62	16.96	17.30
6	Water Plant Operator I	21.35	22.15	22.49	22.83
	Wastewater Operator I	21.35	22.15	22.49	22.83
	Maintenance Worker II	20.77	21.57	21.91	22.25
	Court Clerk III	17.02	17.82	18.16	18.50
	Utility Maintenance Worker II	20.77	21.57	21.91	22.25
7	Mechanic	21.64	22.44	22.78	23.12
8	Water Plant Operator II	22.08	22.88	23.22	23.56
	Wastewater Operator II	22.08	22.88	23.22	23.56
	Maintenance Worker III	22.14	22.94	23.28	23.62
	Utility Maintenance Worker III	22.14	22.94	23.28	23.62
9	Water Plant Chief Operator	23.47	24.27	24.61	24.95
	Wastewater Chief Operator	23.47	24.27	24.61	24.95

- A. Court Clerk I rate of pay will be \$1.20 less than the Court Clerk II base wage.
 B. Court Clerk II rate of pay will be \$1.20 less than the Court Clerk III base wage.

ADDENDUM "C"
LONGEVITY

1. Longevity Defined: Longevity means an employee's length of continuous loyal and faithful service with the Employer, irrespective of classification and/or assignment.

The number of years of longevity shall be computed from the date the employee started continuous employment with the City of Laurel. This date shall be called "date hired". Longevity raises shall be computed from the first day of the monthly pay period following the employee's date hired. In the event an employee has a break in service and returns to employment with the City of Laurel, said employee will be given a new "date of hire" for longevity purposes.

Longevity pay will be computed as follows: \$7.75 per month for each year of service.

ADDENDUM "D"

Maximum Penalties Noted for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Offense

		1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2.1	Bringing or using unauthorized alcohol or illegal drugs on City property or work place during working hours	Dismissal		
2.2	Reporting to work intoxicated from alcohol or other drugs	Referral for diagnosis and treatment	Suspension or Dismissal	
2.3	False statement on application	Dismissal		
2.4	Stealing from fellow employees, the public or the City	Dismissal		
2.5	Refusal to do work assigned	Dismissal		
2.6	Punching another employee's time card	Dismissal		
2.7	Intentionally reporting incorrect production or falsifying records	Dismissal		
2.8	Abusive or threatening language to any supervisor or to any employee	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.9	Willful destruction or defacing City property	Dismissal		
2.10	Fighting on City property	3~day suspension	Dismissal	
2.11	Failure to report to your supervisor any accident you have while at work within current working shift	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.12	Horseplay	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.13 ,	Unauthorized use of equipment or property	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.14	Leaving the work assignment during working hours without permission	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.15	Disregarding starting and quitting time for shifts and rest periods	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.16	Unexcused absence or persistent absenteeism	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.17	Abuse of sick leave policy	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.18	Absent for 3 days without notice	Dismissal		
2.19	Substandard quality of work	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.20	Disobeying safety regulations	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.21	Failing to notify your supervisor that you will be absent from work that day	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.22	Sleeping on duty	Written reprimand	Dismissal	
2.23	Failure to drive City vehicles in a safe manner	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.24	Discourteous or degrading service to citizens of the City	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.25	Insubordination	Dismissal		
2.26	Unauthorized distribution of written printed material of any description	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.27	Unauthorized solicitation or sales on premises	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.28	Willful violation of written rules, regulations policies or directives	Written reprimand	3-day suspension	Dismissal
2.29	Conviction of a felony	Dismissal		
2.30	Receiving 3 reprimand letters in 9 months	Dismissal		
2.31	Receiving 3 suspensions within 9 months	Dismissal		
2.32	Willful violation of any federal, state or local laws, excluding traffic	Dismissal		

2.33	Any employee required to have a valid driver's license or CDL - conviction of DUI and failure to obtain a work permit	Dismissal	
2.34	Any employee required to have a valid driver's license or CDL and they fail to maintain insurability	Dismissal	
2.35	Failure to follow 49CFR Part 382 of Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 and the DOT policies for CDL drivers	See specific Act for discipline required	
2.36	Sexual harassment or other unwelcome behavior of another employee or other person	Suspension or dismissal	Dismissal
2.37	Unauthorized possession of firearms on City property	Dismissal	

1. Employees, after completing their initial twelve (12) month probationary period, shall not be discharged except for just cause.
2. In all cases of suspension or discharge, the employee must be presented with a dated written statement outlining the reason for such action.
3. As noted, the preceding are maximum penalties, and circumstances will be considered in actual determination of penalties.
4. No verbal warnings shall be issued without a union representative present.

The foregoing enumeration of rules covering discipline and dismissal is primarily presented here by way of illustration and shall not exclude the Employer's right to discipline or dismiss employees for other just causes.

ADDENDUM "E"
DEQ TRAINING PROGRAM

The City of Laurel and the Union agree that a training program is in the best interest of both parties. The conditions of the training program are as follows.

1. A DEQ certified training pool will be offered to union employees in advance of future vacant positions that require DEQ certifications.
2. The DEQ training pool will consist of two (2) positions in each of the following categories: Water Plant, Sewer Plant, and Water Distribution. If the Montana DEQ requires more certifications (sewer collection as one example) in the future, the new category will also become eligible.
3. On July 1st of each contract year, the Public Works Director will post vacant categories in the DEQ training pool on the city/union bulletin boards for up to 14 days. A Union employee who desires to bid must submit his/her bid prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 14th day. Union employees may only bid one vacant position unless a vacancy remains after all Union employees have had the opportunity to bid. Employees that are on approved vacation or sick leave will be given an opportunity to bid upon their return.
4. Vacancies in the DEQ training pool will be awarded by Union seniority by hiring date. All Union employees covered by this contract are eligible to bid and for the training program.
5. Results of the Union employees selected for the training pool will be posted within 5 business days.
6. Selected training pool applicants will have 12 months to take and pass their respective certification test as administered by the Montana DEQ. In the case of failure to achieve the certification within 12 months, the pool applicant will be released from the training program to allow a vacancy for another Union employee to have the opportunity to enter the training program.
7. Training for the DEQ certifications may include working in the respected areas in order to become familiar with the operation, maintenance, and the terminology used in those areas.
8. Upon completion of the training program with a successful DEQ certification, employee will receive the current agreed upon additional compensation for obtaining and possessing a current DEQ certification.
9. Certified employees not currently holding a certified position must bid vacant job openings in the areas or categories for which they hold certifications or they shall forfeit their additional compensation. Employee(s) do not forfeit the compensation if they are not awarded the vacant position due to a senior employee with the same certification(s) being selected for the vacant position. Training pool employees who fail to bid, for whatever reason, on a vacant position(s)

as required, shall also forfeit any future openings in their respected areas or categories for a period of five (5) years. Certified employees that are awarded the vacant position may not revert to their previous position however they shall be compensated 100% of the current wages for the position.

10. If a vacancy opens in one of the above mentioned areas or categories and no certified employee exists, the City shall give a preference to Union employees who are participants in the training program over employees that are not in the training program, regardless of seniority. If there are no certified employee(s) or employees enrolled in the training program, the vacant position will be bid as outlined in the Contract for job posting.

11. City shall pay for training materials, certification testing, and continuing education credits for all DEQ certifications. Certified employees shall maintain their certification or immediately forfeit their right to the additional compensation in addition to the City releasing them from the training pool.

12. Compensation shall be paid pursuant to Addendum B.

ADDENDUM "F"
FLEX PLAN CONTRIBUTION

The City shall pay a \$500 flex contribution per union employee during the 2015-2016 contract (fiscal) year.

The City shall pay a \$500 flex contribution per union employee during the 2016-2017 contract (fiscal) year.

Part-time employees will receive flex contribution on prorated budgeted hours worked.

The City will provide guidance as to allowable claims for the flex usage for all covered employees.

All money not used for acceptable medical claims, including insurance premiums, will revert back to the City at the end of the contract (fiscal) year.