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CITY OF DODGEVILLE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

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SECTION 1 GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1.01 Application

In the event any provision in this Employee Handbook (“Handbook”) conflicts with any collective bargaining agreement, City of Dodgeville Police Department Policies, Dodgeville Area Ambulance Service Policies, City ordinance, state or federal law, administrative rule, or rules adopted by the City of Dodgeville Police and Fire Commission (“PFC”) and Library Board, those terms and conditions prevail. In all other cases, the provisions in this Handbook shall apply.

In the event of the amendment of any law, ordinance or rule incorporated in this document or upon which these provisions rely, these rules shall be deemed amended in conformance with those changes.

Disagreements over the interpretation of this Handbook should attempt to be resolved by the Mayor or City Council. Where a difference of interpretation occurs regarding the Handbook, the interpretation of the Mayor or City Council shall prevail. No other terms or conditions of employment are herein implied. The City reserves the right to set or modify any wages, benefits, hours of work and conditions of employment, consistent with applicable law.

The statements or policies outlined in this Handbook are not a guarantee of City employment. This Handbook is not, nor is it intended to be construed as an employment contract.

The City reserves the right to revise the Handbook at any time.

1.02 Employment Status

City employment is “at-will.” This means an employee may be terminated with or without cause or with or without notice at any time, at the option of either the employee or the City. This Handbook does not modify or limit the employment-at-will relationship.

1.03 Equal Employment Opportunity

The City will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in any manner in violation of Federal or State law, including, but not limited to, an employee’s or applicant’s race, color, creed or religion, sex or sexual orientation, marital status, unfavorable discharge from the military (except dishonorable discharge), national origin, age, physical or mental handicap or disability, Veteran status, membership in the National Guard of Reserves, arrest or conviction record, except as allowed by law, use or nonuse of lawful products off City property during non-working hours, or any other status protected by law.

Any employee who has a problem or concern in any matter relating to equal employment opportunity should discuss it as soon as possible with the employee’s Department Head or the Mayor.

1.04 Employees with Disabilities

The City complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the disability provisions of the Wisconsin Fair Employment Act (WFEA). Employees with a disability under those laws

who need a reasonable accommodation related to their employment should provide the City with such request in writing to their Department Head.

1.05 Light Duty

The City provides light duty assignments only for conditions which are governed under Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation law and then on a case-by-case basis taking into account the nature of the condition and the availability of work.

To be considered for light duty, an employee must have the potential to return to the employee's original job at some point in the future. Light duty jobs are not permanent and will be limited in duration.

1.06 Family and Medical Leave

See Appendix A.

1.07 Unlawful Harassment

The City is committed to providing a work environment in which employees are treated with courtesy, respect, and dignity. The City will not tolerate any form of unlawful harassment with regard to an individual's race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, arrest or conviction record or any other protected characteristic by any employee, elected official, or third-party.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment can take many forms, including inappropriate jokes, innuendoes, comments, conversations, cartoons, pictures, pranks, teasing, intimidation, inappropriate touching and similar behavior. It may even include derogatory statements not directed to the targeted individual.

Any behavior is considered unlawful harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; and/or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Any employee who becomes aware of an incident of unlawful harassment whether as a victim, witness, or as someone with knowledge must report the incident to a supervisor, Department Head, the Clerk, Finance/HR Specialist, or the Mayor.

If an employee is the victim of unlawful harassment, the City encourages the employee to first communicate directly with the alleged harasser to let that person know his or her behavior is unacceptable, offensive, or inappropriate. However, it is not required that an employee do so.

1. Upon receipt of an allegation of unlawful harassment, the City will investigate the matter and take appropriate remedial action. Any employee who violates this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Any elected official or third-party who violates this policy will be addressed as appropriate.
2. The City will conduct its investigations in a discreet manner and proceed with due regard for the privacy of the individuals involved; however, the City cannot guarantee confidentiality. The City will not retaliate against an employee who reports a violation of this policy or participates in the investigation of such violation. It is the City's policy to encourage discussion of such matters to help protect others from being subjected to similar unlawful behavior. If, after investigating any complaint of harassment or unlawful discrimination, the City determines that the complaint is not made in good faith or that an employee has provided false information regarding the complaint, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual who filed the complaint or who gave the false information.

1.08 Electronic Communications Policy

See Appendix B.

1.09 Drug Free Workplace Policy

See Appendix C.

1.10 Use of City-owned Vehicles

City-owned vehicles will be used only for official business. With the following exceptions, City vehicles will be used only to transport City officials and employees:

- As reasonable and necessary to perform an employee's job duties;
- Individuals needing medical treatment as the result of an accident or illness may be transported in a City vehicle;
- Individuals involved in incidents to which City law enforcement officers respond or investigate may be transported in a City vehicle;
- Individuals needing to be conveyed in conjunction with City business may be transported in a City vehicle; and
- Family members accompanying a City official or employee to a business meeting or official function may be transported in a City vehicle;

With the exception of certain employees of the Police and Fire Departments, City vehicles will not be taken home overnight or used for travel at mealtime, unless approved by a Department Head.

City vehicles will be legally operated and parked at all times. Citations issued to the driver of a City vehicle will be the responsibility of the driver and not the City.

Seat belts will be used by drivers of City vehicles, unless an exemption is granted by the Department Head for medical or physical reasons. It is each driver's responsibility to ensure passengers use seat belts.

Department Heads may establish supplemental policies for the use of vehicles used by their employees.

The use of laptops, hand-held cell phones and similar devices while driving for work-related purposes is prohibited except in emergency situations and with respect to authorized police and fire department practice. Hands-free headphones for cell phone use are acceptable.

Personal vehicles may be used for City business with the approval of an employee's Department Head. Employees using their own vehicles may be reimbursed at the rate established by the Common Council.

All officials and employees whose duties require operation of a City vehicle, or who operate a privately-owned vehicle while conducting City business, must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the State of Wisconsin.

If a City employee is charged with three (3) or more moving violations within three (3) years or if the employee is deemed to be uninsurable by the City's liability insurance carrier, the employee may be barred from operating a vehicle while performing City work.

An employee performing work that requires operation of a motor vehicle must inform the employee's Department Head if the employee's operator's license has expired, been suspended or revoked.

If an employee's operator's license has been revoked and the employee's position requires the operation of a motor vehicle, or the City's insurer denies coverage for that employee, the employee may be terminated from City employment.

If an employee drives unsafely, a Department Head may deny authorization to operate a vehicle while performing City work. If the employee's position requires the operation of a motor vehicle, the employee may be terminated from City employment.

Officials or employees who operate privately-owned vehicles while conducting official business for the City must have motor vehicle liability insurance providing coverage for bodily injury or death, destruction of or damage to property that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements established by Wisconsin law.

1.11 Workplace Violence

The City is committed to providing a safe, healthful workplace that is free from violence or threats of violence. The City does not tolerate behavior that:

- Is violent;
- Threatens violence;
- Harasses or intimidates others;

- Interferes with an individual's legal rights of movement or expression; or,
- Disrupts the workplace or the City's ability to provide service to the public.

Violent or threatening behavior can include: physical acts, oral or written statements, harassing email messages, harassing telephone calls, gestures and expressions, or behaviors such as stalking.

Individuals who engage in violent behavior may be removed from the premises, and may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination. Violence in the workplace includes relationship violence that intrudes into the workplace, endangering a person in the relationship or others in the workplace. Relationship violence is physically, sexually, and/or psychologically abusive behavior that a household member or dating partner uses to establish and maintain control over another person.

Preventing violence is a responsibility all employees and elected officials share. In situations involving violent behavior, or where it appears that violent behavior is likely to take place employees should immediately notify their Department Head.

SECTION 2 EMPLOYMENT POLICIES

2.01 Classification of Employees

- A. City employees are classified as full-time, part-time or temporary employees.
- B. Full-time employees are those employees who are normally scheduled to work a regular work week of forty (40) hours, fifty-two (52) weeks per year less authorized paid time off.
- C. Part-time employees are those employees who are normally scheduled to work less than a regular forty (40) hour week fifty-two (52) weeks per year less authorized paid time off. Part-time employees receive benefits as outlined in this Handbook and as provided for in any benefit plan.
- D. Temporary employees are those employees normally working an irregular, occasional schedule depending upon the City's needs, employees hired for a limited time such as for summer work or employees who report for work only when called. Except as otherwise provided, temporary employees shall not be entitled to receive or participate in employee benefits.
- E. A temporary change in the number of hours per week that an employee works shall not be deemed to change the employee's status.

2.02 Vacancies

The City Council must approve the filling of all vacancies.

When the City determines that a vacancy should be filled or a new position created within the City, the City agrees to post a notice of such vacancy. The vacancy will not be filled until the notice has been posted for at least ten (10) working days. This posting period may be waived by the City Council.

The selection of any applicant to fill a job vacancy shall be made on the basis of relative ability, experience, and qualification.

The City may transfer employees to another position. The City establishes job requirements, determines an applicant's qualifications, and selects an applicant based on who the City determines to be the best qualified applicant for employment. The City may temporarily fill a position while processing the permanent vacancy or publicly soliciting employment applications from non-employees. The Mayor, Administrative & Personnel Committee chair or their designee, and the Department Head of the vacant position shall handle the hiring process and selection of an applicant to fill a job vacancy, unless otherwise required by law, regulation, or ordinance. The hiring process for Police and Fire Department employees will be governed by the Police and Fire Commission By-laws. The hiring process for library employees will be governed by Library Board policies.

2.03 Position Descriptions

The City shall have a job description for each position which shall include:

- Job title;
- To whom the position reports;

- FLSA status;
- A brief description of the position, including the level and type of supervision required;
- Minimum qualifications an individual must have to be considered for employment in the position;
- Knowledge, skills, and abilities considered essential to perform functions and duties assigned to the position;
- The position's essential functions and duties;
- Other functions or duties that, while not necessarily essential, may be performed by an individual in the position;
- The physical and other requirements of the position; and
- The physical environment in which a person in the position usually works, as well as special environmental or physical conditions the person may encounter.

Department Heads will annually review and modify position descriptions as necessary. Copies of the current position description will be given to the employee, the Clerk, Finance/HR Specialist, and the Department Head.

2.04 Nepotism

Members of an employee's "immediate family" will be considered for employment solely on the basis of qualifications and pursuant to the hiring processes applicable to all potential applicants for a City job. Immediate family members of current employees may not be hired if that employment would:

1. Create a supervisor/subordinate relationship with a family member;
2. Create the potential for an adverse impact on work performance; or,
3. Create either an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

This policy also applies to assigning, transferring, or promoting an employee.

No employee may use the employee's position to bring about the employment or promotion of a member of the employee's family.

No employee may participate in any final decision in any employment matter involving an employee who is a family member.

For purposes of this policy, "immediate family" is defined as: spouse; child by blood or adoption; spouse's child; sibling; parent or parent-in-law; brother- or sister-in-law; uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or spouse thereof; grandparent or grandparent-in-law; and fiancé or fiancée.

This policy does not apply to the hiring of temporary or seasonal employees.

2.05 Outside Employment

Employees may engage in outside employment or work so long as, in the judgment of the Mayor after consultation with the employee's Department Head (or the Police and Fire Chiefs with respect to employees they supervise), the outside work or employment would not affect the quality or quantity of

the employee's work for the City, prevent the employee from the accomplishment of the employee's work for the City, or tend to create a conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between the private interest of the employee and the employee's official responsibility to the City. Employees are prohibited from entering into any arrangement which involves the performance of services while on City time or while using City equipment. No employee shall receive compensation other than from the City for the performance of services while on City time. Employees who are engaging in work outside of City employment shall disclose that employment to the employee's Department Head prior to commencing that employment.

2.06 Employee Information

All employees must provide the City with an electronic means of contacting them. Each employee must provide the City with the employee's place of residence, and mailing address. Changes in an employee's place of residence, email address, family composition, or telephone number must be reported to the employee's Department Head and the Finance/HR Specialist within five (5) working days of the change.

2.07 Personnel Records

Each employee's personnel file will contain only such information as is needed by the City in conducting its business or as required by law. This information normally will include, but is not limited to, an employee's:

- A. Application;
- B. Payroll information;
- C. Performance appraisals;
- D. Medical information; and
- E. Disciplinary records.

The Clerk or their designee will maintain the City's personnel files, except for Police and Fire Department employees whose records will be maintained by the Chiefs or designee. The personnel records will be maintained in a secure location. The City shall maintain a separate employee medical record file for each employee (e.g., reports of medical examinations, psychological profiles, and physician certifications) that will be in a locked location and file access will be limited to the Clerk and Mayor with information provided to the employee's supervisor and/or Department Head on a "need to know" basis.

Internal access to employee personnel files is on a "need-to-know" basis. External access to employee personnel records is based upon state statute.

Each employee may inspect and retain copies of the employee's personnel records pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 103.13. A written request to do so should be directed to the Clerk (or Chief) who will schedule a time for inspection. A reasonable charge may be made for any copies of records.

If, after inspecting the personnel records, an employee believes that certain material is irrelevant, inaccurate, or obsolete, the employee may submit a written request to the Clerk (or Chief) to remove the material from the file. If the employee is not satisfied with the Clerk's (or Chief's) response, the employee may place a written statement explaining the employee's position in the file.

All requests for employment references with respect to employees and former employees shall be directed to the employee's Department Head for the appropriate response. Requests for references for Police and Fire Department employees shall be directed to the respective Chief or designee. Department Heads may release, without first obtaining City consent, dates of employment, title of position, wage and salary information and the location of the job, provided that the person receiving this information has provided the City with a written authorization from the employee or former employee allowing release of this information.

2.08 Probationary Period

Full-time Police Department employees, with the exception of the Chief, shall serve a probationary period of one (1) year. Part-time Police Department employees, shall serve a probationary period until the employee has worked 2,000 hours. A probationary employee may be discharged by the PFC and/or Chief without recourse to any appeal procedure.

If during the probationary period for a promoted employee the Chief determines that the employee is unsuitable in the new position or the employee no longer wishes to remain in the new position, the Chief may terminate the employee or return the employee to the position the employee was in prior to the promotion as approved by the PFC.

2.09 Years of Service

The Finance/HR Specialist shall determine and record the date an individual begins service as a City employee. Years-of-service will be calculated as of an employee's anniversary date and will be used to determine longevity, vacation, and other benefits. The date of entry into service as a City employee for a former employee who is rehired or reinstated will be adjusted to reflect a break in service.

2.10 Performance Evaluations

Employees, other than seasonal or temporary employees or employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement, shall be evaluated periodically by their Department Head.

Department Heads should complete performance appraisals on at least the following occasions:

- a. At the end of the first six months of employment, transfer or promotion;
- b. An annual review;
- d. When the employee is assigned to a new supervisor; and/or
- e. When a reduction in staff is necessary.

If a performance appraisal has been completed within one month before one of the above occasions, a new appraisal need not be completed, except in cases involving discipline or termination. Between scheduled appraisals, Department Heads should discuss with employees any performance issues that warrant attention and should keep records of any significant incidents.

In evaluating employees, Department Heads should consider such factors as the experience and training of the employee, the job description, and the employee's attainment of previously set objectives and goals. Other factors that normally should be considered include, but are not limited to, knowledge of the

job, quantity and quality of work, promptness in completing assignments, cooperation, initiative, reliability, attendance, judgment, conduct, and acceptance of responsibility.

In completing evaluations, Department Heads should prepare a written document of each employee's job performance which should include the Department Head's comments and recommendations, an action plan for both the employee and Department Head, and performance goals for the next evaluation period.

Employees will be permitted to review their evaluation and given a chance to meet with their Department Head to discuss it. Employees who have a concern about their appraisal may request a review by the Administration & Personnel Committee or Mayor.

Information derived from the performance appraisal may be considered when making decisions affecting an employee, including but not limited to, decisions concerning training needs and opportunities, pay, promotion, transfer, or continued employment.

The Administration & Personnel Committee and Mayor will evaluate the Public Works Director, Clerk-Treasurer, Ambulance Chief, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. The Library Board will evaluate the Librarian.

An employee who believes the evaluation of his or her performance is inaccurate may provide a written objection for inclusion in the employee's personnel file along with the evaluation.

2.11 Reassignment

The City may assign employees in its discretion upon the terms and conditions determined by the City.

2.12 Separation from Employment

All separations from City service shall be designated as one of the following: resignation, retirement, layoff, disability or dismissal. The termination date is recognized as the employee's last day on the payroll.

A. Resignation/Retirement

Resignations or retirements are voluntary, permanent separations initiated by employees. It is expected that employees will give as much notice as possible in order to facilitate recruitment and orientation of new staff members. Employees are asked to submit their resignation in writing to their Department Head and the Finance/HR Specialist at least one month in advance of their planned departure, unless the situation does not permit such notice. Employees contemplating retirement and receipt of an annuity from the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Social Security Administration, or another source should notify the Finance/HR Specialist of their intent a minimum of three (3) months before the month during which they wish to retire. Employees shall forfeit payout of vacation and sick leave if they fail to provide at least two weeks' notice of resignation or retirement, or such greater amount of notice specified in the employee's job description.

B. Layoff

A layoff is the termination of employment due to a shortage or stoppage of work or funds, functional reorganization, abolishment of a position, or other reasons. When the City determines that a layoff will occur, the City will determine who to layoff giving consideration to legal standards, ability, experience,

operational needs, and qualifications. Re-hiring employees that have been laid off shall be accomplished by the City under the same considerations.

C. Disability

An employee may be separated from City service if the employee is unable to perform required duties due to physical or mental condition, with or without a reasonable accommodation, if such accommodation provides an undue hardship, or if the employee poses a direct threat to the employee or others.

D. Dismissal

City employees are at-will employees and may be dismissed for any reason at any time, including violation of any of the provisions of this Handbook. Dismissals must be approved by the Mayor, for library employees by the Library Board, and for sworn law enforcement officers by the Police and Fire Commission.

E. Exit Interviews

Employees who are separating from city employment will have an opportunity for an exit interview with the Finance/HR Specialist or their designees.

F. Return of City Property

Separating employees must return all City property (e.g., computers, vehicles, logins/passwords, keys, key fobs, credit cards, tools) that is in their possession or control prior to or on the employee's last day of employment. Separating employees shall forfeit payout of vacation and sick leave if they fail to return City property.

2.13 Driver's License and Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Employees whose positions require them to possess a valid driver's license and/or CDL must have that license during the entire time they are employed in such position. Employees are responsible for maintaining a valid driver's license and/or CDL. Employees may be subject to disciplinary action based on the conduct that led to the failure to maintain a valid CDL. Failure to maintain a valid CDL may constitute grounds for termination of employment.

Any employee who has a driver's license suspended, revoked, or cancelled by any state or other jurisdiction, or who is disqualified from operating a vehicle for which a CDL is required, must notify the employee's Department Head of such suspension, revocation, cancellation, loss of privilege, or disqualification. This notification must be made before the end of the business day following the day the employee received the suspension, revocation, cancellation, lost privilege, or disqualification. The Department Head and the employee will meet and review the circumstances of the situation.

For those job classifications for which a driver's license and/or CDL is required, lawful suspension, revocation, or cancellation of such license may render an employee unqualified for the position and unable to perform the essential functions of that position. Such employee may be terminated from City employment.

The City may, on a case-by-case basis, place the employee in a vacant position within the City, put the employee on a paid or unpaid leave of absence, or re-structure the employee's job duties during the period during which an employee's driver's license and/or CDL is suspended, revoked or cancelled. The City is not obligated to do so, however. If the employee's job duties are re-structured, the City may reduce the employee's compensation to reflect the loss of job responsibilities.

If the City reviews alternatives other than termination for an employee whose driver's license and/or CDL has been suspended, revoked or cancelled, the City may consider, among other things, the following factors:

- i. The position held by the employee;
- ii. Available City vacancies and the employee's qualifications for those positions;
- iii. The City's operational needs;
- iv. Staffing issues;
- v. The anticipated length of time of the driver's license and/or CDL's suspension, revocation or cancellation;
- vi. The employee's length of service in City employment;
- vii. The employee's work record;
- viii. Whether the employee's conduct which resulted in the suspension, revocation or cancellation of the driver's and/or CDL was caused by a disability and the availability of reasonable accommodations for such disability;
- ix. The employee's paid leave status; and
- x. The nature of the offense giving rise to the suspension, revocation or cancellation.

The City may condition continued employment, including reassignment, leave, or job restructuring, on future compliance with all terms and conditions of City employment and upon restoration of driver's license and/or CDL within a particular period of time. An employee may not be returned to the employee's previous position until such time as the employee's driver's license and/or CDL has been restored and the employee has been determined to be insurable by the City's automobile liability insurer.

2.14 Employee Assistance Program

The City provides access by its employees to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to provide information, support, and referral to community resources to them and/or their family members. This program is strictly confidential, and only an EAP coordinator, through written permission of the employee, can give out information obtained by reason of an EAP referral or contact.

EAP coordinators are not social workers or counselors. Their role is to provide support, discuss options about the employee's/family member's concerns, and help to make referrals to resources in the local community.

An employee or family member(s) may seek assistance on their own or a supervisor may encourage the employee to contact an EAP coordinator and/or offer to make arrangements for an appointment with an EAP coordinator of the employee's choice. It is the employee's prerogative as to whether to accept a referral and treatment.

Information regarding the EAP program can be obtained from the Finance/HR Specialist.

SECTION 3 CODE OF CONDUCT

3.01 Code of Ethics

City employees shall follow the following code of ethics:

- An employee may not use or attempt to use the employee's position to obtain financial gain, anything of value or any advantage, privilege or treatment for the employee or member of the employee's immediate family's private benefit or for an organization with which the employee is associated other than which the employee is entitled arising from City employment.
- No employee or member of the employee's immediate family may, directly or indirectly, solicit or accept from any person or entity, directly or indirectly, anything of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the employee's job performance or could reasonably be considered as a reward for the employee's action or inaction.
- No employee may:
 - Take any employment action affecting, directly or indirectly, a matter in which the employee, a member of the employee's immediate family, or an organization with which the employee is associated has a financial or personal interest;
 - Use the employee's position in a way that produces or assists in the production of a benefit, direct or indirect, for the employee, a member of the employee's immediate family either separately or together, or an organization with which the employee or the employee's immediate family member is associated. This does not prohibit an employee from taking any action concerning the lawful payment of salaries or employee benefits or reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses; or
 - Grant any privilege, anything of value, special consideration, treatment or advantage to any person beyond that which is available to every other person except as may be specifically provided for by law.

3.02 Political Activities

City officials and employees may not, either directly or indirectly, solicit or receive money, property, favors, services, or anything of value on behalf of a candidate for elective office, on behalf of a political party or a committee attempting to influence the outcome of an election during working hours or while on City property.

City officials and employees may not engage in political activity on City property or while engaged in work elsewhere as a City official or employee. Candidates seeking any elective office may not engage in electioneering while on City property.

An employee intending to seek political office will be expected to use vacation time, or request an unpaid leave of absence, when the amount of time and effort to conduct a campaign for public office interferes with the performance of duties as a City employee.

An employee elected to a City political office will terminate employment with the City; or, with the approval of the Common Council, take an unpaid leave of absence for a period not to exceed two (2) years.

An employee elected to a political office, other than elective office in the City, may continue to work for the City, but may not conduct business related to the employee's elective position while on City property or while engaged in activities as a City employee.

An employee may seek nomination and appointment as a polling place official, or serve as an appointed observer at a polling place in any election; but, to avoid what may appear to some voters as a possible conflict of interest, the practice is discouraged. City employees serving as polling place officials or observers will not receive compensation from the City for scheduled hours not worked as a City employee.

3.03 Lobbying

City officials and employees, acting as representatives and with the approval of the City, may appear before a legislative body to give testimony on a matter before the body.

City officials and employees may appear before a legislative body as a private citizen, as a member of an organization not affiliated with the City, or as a representative of an association seeking to influence the outcome of a matter before the body. In this case, however, City officials and employees are expected to use vacation or unpaid time for the purpose.

3.04 Whistleblowing and Retaliation

Employees and elected and appointed officials may give information about possible wrongdoing by another employee or City official to their attorney, the City Attorney, Mayor, or if appropriate, a law enforcement agency. Except in cases where a statute or civil law sets forth a longer maximum prescriptive period, reports of wrongdoing must be reported within three (3) years of the last incident. The City shall not retaliate against an employee because that employee discloses information concerning possible wrongdoing by another employee or City official.

3.05 City Property

The City does not permit:

- Unauthorized or inappropriate use of City property for personal purposes, including the use of vehicles, offices, telephones, cellular phones, radios, computers, photocopiers, and other office and communications equipment;
- Unauthorized possession, removal or sale of City property or the property of a City official or employee;
- Unauthorized use, lending, borrowing or duplication of any key or key fob providing access to City property and equipment;

- Unauthorized entry to City property, including entry outside of assigned work hours or entry into areas where an official, employee or the public is not permitted to be without authorization; or
- Unauthorized removal of notices or signs from City property, equipment or bulletin boards.

The use by employees of City-owned buildings, tools, machinery, equipment or facilities for personal or private purposes, not as part of their employment duties or a City sponsored program, is prohibited.

3.06 Possession of Weapons

No City official or employee may possess a weapon or ammunition while on duty, on City property, at a City job site, or within a City vehicle except as permitted by law. This policy does not apply to City Police Officers.

3.07 Smoking/Vaping

The City policy prohibits smoking in any enclosed, indoor area of the City's buildings and vehicles. Smoking is defined as carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette or pipe. In addition, the City prohibits vaping, which is the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-hookahs, and e-cigars) in any enclosed, indoor area of the City's buildings and vehicles.

3.08 Personal Appearance

City employees should be groomed and dressed in a manner suitable for the workplace and that reflects well on the City as an employer. Supervisors or Department Heads will discuss personal appearance with employees if it is felt appearance is not appropriate.

3.09 Absenteeism

City employees are responsible for reporting to work on time as scheduled. In the event of non-work-related sickness or injury, an employee must contact the employee's Department Head at least one hour prior to the start of the employee's scheduled shift. With the exception of emergency situations, the employee (not the employee's spouse or another relation) must communicate with the Department Head directly.

Excessive absenteeism from scheduled work may be cause for disciplinary action. Excessive absenteeism is defined as three (3) or more absences of 1/2 day or more in a 120-day period, excluding vacation time, compensatory time, and family and medical leave.

An employee who is absent from work for three (3) consecutive work days without proper notification to the City, unless prevented from doing so for a reason beyond his/her control, may result in the employee being considered to have voluntarily vacated employment with the City.

The City may request that an employee provide medical or other documentation verifying the reasonableness of any absence.

3.10 Safety and Accident Prevention and Reporting

The City recognizes the need for safe work practices and workplace safety. While supervisors and Department Heads must lead the City's accident prevention initiatives, safety is everyone's responsibility. City employees must abide by the following rules:

1. Observe safe practices at all times;
2. Promptly report to the employee's Department Head, the Finance/HR Specialist, and the Clerk all work-related injuries or illnesses whether the employee is directly involved or simply a witness, regardless of the situation's severity;
3. Correct and immediately report to the employee's supervisor or Department Head any hazard or potentially unsafe condition;
4. Cooperate with a supervisor or Department Head that is investigating any accident of which an employee has knowledge;
5. Ask the supervisor or Department Head if the employee is not sure of the safe procedure;
6. Keep all work areas clean and free from debris, and tools and equipment in clean and good repair;
7. Ensure that only employees properly trained and qualified may use, adjust and repair certain machines and equipment;
8. Refrain from operating, modifying, adjusting or using equipment in an unauthorized manner or for an unauthorized purpose;
9. Use protective equipment as required in designated areas and while using machinery or tools;
10. Refrain from removing guards or other protective devices from machinery and equipment;
11. Request help when lifting or pushing heavy objects;
12. Know the locations, contents and use of first aid and fire-fighting equipment;
13. Attend safety training programs as requested; and
14. Comply with OSHA standards as instructed.

Any employee involved in an incident, accident or injury, including property-damage only accidents or incidents, irrespective of fault, during working hours or while using any City-owned machinery, vehicle or other property, shall report the incident, accident or injury to the employee's Department Head, the Finance/HR Specialist, and the Clerk within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of the occurrence of the incident, accident or injury. Failure to timely report an accident or injury does not excuse an Employee from a continuing duty to report any such injury or accident.

3.11 Prohibited Conduct

The following conduct is prohibited while on City time and may subject an employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The following examples are illustrative of the type of conduct that is prohibited, but this list is not all-inclusive:

1. Violation of any of the policies contained in this Handbook.
2. Filling out another employee's time record or having one's time record filled out by another. Punching in or out another employee's time card or having one's own time card punched in or out by another employee.
3. Physical or verbal abuse of an employee, city official or a member of the public including but not limited to, threats, extortion, coercion, derogatory, profane or obscene language, assault, battery or offensive touching.
4. Being absent three (3) consecutive workdays without proper notification to the City, unless it was beyond the control of the employee to notify the City.
5. Absence from work due to other employment without authorization from the City.
6. Refusal to work overtime.
7. Inviting or allowing any non-employee to enter into restricted City premises and/or job site at any time without proper authorization.
8. Insubordination, i.e., the refusal to perform duties assigned by the employee's Department Head and/or supervisor, or offensive and abusive attitude toward the employee's Department Head and/or supervisor, or refusal to obey any reasonable order of those in charge of the employee's work.
9. Misusing, destroying or damaging any City property or the property of any employee through reckless or willful conduct, or through carelessness resulting in serious loss.
10. Sleeping while on duty and/or inattention to job duties.
11. Neglecting job duties or responsibilities.
12. Loafing, loitering, or engaging in unauthorized personal business or visiting.
13. Health or safety violations and horseplay that does or could cause serious loss or injury.
14. Falsifying any City reports or records, including patient, employment, absentee, sickness and production records, or making false statements in connection with City reports or records, or omitting facts or information from an employment application.

15. Fighting or provoking or instigating a fight on the City's premises and/or job site or threatening or intimidating any employee on City property.
16. Removal from City premises and/or job site of City property, records or other materials or the property of other employees for personal or non-work-related use without proper written authorization.
17. Theft or sabotage or attempted theft or sabotage of any property on the City's premises or being an accessory to the same.
18. Making false malicious statements about any employee, official, the City, its services or a citizen.
19. Making false statements to a supervisor or Department Head or during a personnel related investigation concerning work related activities.
20. Unauthorized use of City telephones and/or credit cards.
21. The posting or removal of notices, signs or writing in any form on City bulletin boards or property without approval of the City.

3.12 Discipline

Depending on the circumstances involved, discipline may involve a written warning, suspension without pay, demotion, or discharge. The City may determine what level of discipline is most appropriate under the circumstances, including immediate termination. The City is not required to follow a strict progression of discipline.

3.13 Grievance Policy

See Appendix D.

SECTION 4 HOURS OF WORK AND COMPENSATION

4.01 Hours of Work

The normal work week for full-time City employees, with the exception of certain Police and Fire Department positions, is forty (40) hours during the seven (7) day period beginning 12:01 a.m. each Sunday and ending at midnight the following Saturday. The Police and Fire Department hours of work will be established by the Chiefs.

Normal hours of operation for City departments and offices may be set and, as necessary, changed by Department Heads with approval of the Mayor. Work hours, including lunch periods, will be established by Department Heads to meet the City's needs.

4.02 Rest Periods, Lunch Breaks

Full-time employees may take two (2) paid rest periods during an eight (8) hour workday not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes each. One break may be taken during the first four hours of the day, and the other may be taken during the second four hours.

Rest periods must be taken in the immediate area of work. Employees may not travel to another work site or City building to take break time.

Full-time non-exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act may take an unpaid lunch period away from their workstation of a length to be determined by the Department Head.

Rest periods and lunch breaks will be taken at such time as determined by the employee's Department Head.

4.03 Pay Periods and Reporting Hours

Employees will be paid by direct deposit every other Friday. Employees shall report hours worked and hours charged to various forms of leave as required by the City, including overtime and compensatory time, vacation, and sick leave. Employees must submit their time cards to City Hall and all electronic time cards shall be entered into the time management system by 8:00 a.m. the day after the last working day in the pay period so that payroll personnel have two (2) full days to prepare the payroll

It is an employee's and supervisor's responsibility to accurately report the number of regular hours worked, overtime hours worked, and hours charged to vacation, sick leave or other forms of leave. Employee's should review their paychecks and time records for errors and shall report any mistakes prior to the next payroll period.

4.04 Base Compensation

The Common Council will annually set the level of base compensation for employees.

Employees working in more than one job classification, shall be paid the rate of pay for the job being performed. Employees will receive their regular rate of pay irrespective of the job or task being performed.

If a current City employee applies for and is hired to fill a vacancy, the employee shall receive either the pay for his or her former position or a rate established for a designated introductory period for the new position, whichever is greater. At the successful completion of the designated introductory period, the employee shall receive the regular rate of pay for the new position.

4.05 Overtime

There may be times when it will be necessary for employees to work overtime. At such times, a supervisor or Department Head will notify employees as early as possible regarding the City's overtime needs. Employees shall work overtime when requested to do so by the City.

There may be times when an employee believes the employee needs to work overtime to complete City work assigned to the employee. In that case, the overtime must be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor or Department Head. Overtime should be kept to a minimum and shall be utilized to relieve specific, occasional peaks in workloads or emergencies.

The City will compensate non-exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act time one and one-half (1.5) of the regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week.

All employees shall respond to an emergency call out outside of their regularly scheduled hours of employment. Non-exempt employees shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half (1-1/2) to any employee who is requested to report outside the employee's regularly scheduled work hours or who reports to work as scheduled and is sent home, regardless of the time actually spent at work.

Exempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act are not eligible for overtime. In recognition for time worked necessitated by circumstances above and beyond expectation of the job or for time worked which is unusually more than normal, exempt employees may request time off from the Department Head. Department Heads may request time off from the Mayor. This time off is not intended to be accumulated, paid out or used to supplement vacation or sick leave. The use of such time off must be done so as to ensure coverage during the Department's core hours, not interfere with mandatory training and meetings or impact City service levels.

4.06 Compensatory Time

Non-exempt-employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act may receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time allowance is subject to the following:

- a. An employee may elect to accumulate compensatory time rather than be paid overtime. Compensatory time shall be earned at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) hours for every hour of overtime worked. For example, four (4) hours of overtime work will result in six (6) hours of compensatory time.
- b. An employee who elects to accumulate compensatory time rather than be paid overtime must make an election to designate overtime hours as compensatory time on the employee's weekly time sheet. Once the time sheet is submitted, the designation cannot be changed.

- c. Compensatory time shall not be accumulated beyond sixty (60) hours.
- d. Compensatory time shall not be carried over into the following calendar year. Compensatory time not used or scheduled to be used prior to December 31, will be paid out in the employee's last pay check of the calendar year.
- e. Use of compensatory time must be scheduled with the prior approval of the supervising Department Head or designee or, if the Department Head, the Mayor. Compensatory time may be granted by the supervising Department Head or, if the request is from a Department Head, the Mayor, as requested by the employee, provided the final determination of the number of employees who may use compensatory time at any given time is vested in the Department Head/Mayor to insure the orderly and efficient operation of the City. Failure of the employee to secure prior approval shall constitute leaving the workplace without permission and may result in discipline, up to and including termination.

4.07 Emergency Closure

Although the City will make every effort to remain open for business on scheduled workdays, there may be instances where conditions make it impossible to do so. These include, but are not limited to, severe weather, declared state of emergency, utility disruptions, natural disasters and terrorist actions. The following procedures will set forth employer and employee obligations regarding reporting to work, use of leave and pay issues when circumstances impact the City's ability to be open for business.

- The Mayor, or Council President, in the Mayor's absence, will have the authority to close City departments/offices due to the circumstances listed above or any other circumstance that arises. If possible, the Mayor or Council President shall consult with the affected Department Head(s) prior to closing City departments/offices.
- If City offices are open, employees are expected to report to work on time as scheduled. Employees who are late or choose not to report to work will be expected to use vacation time or compensatory time as may be approved by the Department Head.
- If City departments/offices are closed and employees are sent home or told not to report to work, the employees shall be compensated for their regularly scheduled hours or time provided that:
 - Non-exempt employees will be expected to make up any time lost within one (1) month of the date of the closure at such times as are approved by their Department Heads. In lieu of making up the time lost, hourly employees may elect to use compensatory time or vacation time for the time lost.
 - Exempt employees may flex their hours to account for the time lost due to closure. In the alternative, exempt employees may elect to use vacation time for the time lost.
- Depending on the nature of the emergency, the Mayor or Council President may elect to close certain offices/departments while others remain open.

- This policy is intended to supplement rather than supersede Section 1.28(a) of the Municipal Code and the City of Dodgeville Emergency Response Plan.

4.08 Deferred Compensation

The City participates in a deferred compensation plan and employees may elect to participate in that Plan. A portion of an employee's gross income, up to a limit set by the Plan, will be deducted each pay period for employees who choose to participate.

4.09 General and Travel Expenses

Expense allowances will be granted only upon prior authorization of the Department Head from funds allocated to the Department in its budget and upon submission of a receipt for those expenses.

City employees authorized to travel outside Dodgeville on official business may claim reimbursement for reasonable expenses actually incurred. Expenses incurred by spouses or other family members traveling with an official or employee will not be reimbursed.

Receipts are expected to accompany claims for reimbursement.

Travel advances may be requested if a convention, conference or meeting is scheduled to last at least three (3) days. To minimize travel advances, officials and employees may request either prepayment by or direct billing to the City of major expenses such as air travel, lodging, registration fees or tuition costs.

For travel by City officials and employees:

- A City-owned vehicle may be used for official travel.
- Mileage incurred when using personal vehicles will be reimbursed at the current IRS allowable rate provided the request for reimbursement is made within thirty (30) days of the expense. If two (2) or more individuals travel in one (1) vehicle, only the vehicle's owner will be entitled to claim mileage.
- When rental of a car becomes necessary, only the usual and customary costs of renting a compact or subcompact model will be reimbursed, unless non-availability of a car in either class can be documented. Discounts or special rates are often available if proof of employment by a unit of government is presented to the rental agent.
- Air travel will be reimbursed on the basis of the fare actually paid; or, if the individual selects business or first class, the lowest coach class fare available at the time travel arrangements were made. Flight insurance is not a reimbursable expense.
- Lodging should be at or reasonably near the place an individual conducts business or attends a conference so additional transportation costs are not incurred. If lodging is available at a conference site, the employee may first seek to obtain lodging there. When conference site lodging is not available or the business travel does not involve a conference, the employee shall seek to obtain lodging at hotels or motels offering government rates to public officials and

employees, if available. Maximum allowances for lodging, based on single and double occupancy, are set and periodically revised by the Common Council.

- The City will not reimburse lodging associated with attending meetings of one (1) day's duration and conducted within seventy-five (75) miles (one way) of the City unless authorized by the appropriate board, commission or committee.
- Meal expenses will be reimbursed, along with state taxes, local taxes, and gratuities not exceeding fifteen percent (15%); receipts are not required for meals costing less than fifteen dollars (\$15), including any taxes and gratuity. The maximum rates of reimbursement for meals shall be at the current IRS allowable rate. Expenses related to the purchase of alcohol will not be reimbursed.
- An individual leaving home in the morning and returning the same evening may request reimbursement for a morning meal if departure occurs before 6:30 a.m. and reimbursement for an evening meal if returning home after 6:30 p.m.
- If a meal is scheduled as part of an instructional program, conference, convention or professional meeting, and individuals attending are charged an amount exceeding the IRS allowable rate, the higher amount will be reimbursed if the actual cost is documented.

4.10 Clothing Allowance

Clothing, shoes, and tool allowances, if any, will be paid as approved by the Common Council.

SECTION 5 BENEFITS

5.01 General Conditions

The benefits set forth below and employee eligibility for them are subject to and conditioned upon the terms of the respective plans.

The benefits set forth in Article 5 are available to all eligible full-time City employees who have completed two months of employment, unless eligibility is set differently by the applicable plan. All non-seasonal or temporary part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work an average of 20 hours or more each week shall be eligible to receive a straight prorated share of the fringe benefits. The proration of benefits shall be calculated on the basis of the number of hours worked during the previous calendar year divided by 2,080. All other part-time employees shall not be eligible for benefits in Section 5.

5.02 Health Insurance

The City will offer health insurance to its employees who meet plan criteria. The terms and conditions of this benefit are subject to the requirements of state and federal laws.

The City shall annually determine the amount it will pay of the total monthly premium costs and deductibles for single or family health plan coverage as selected by the employee or elected official, and the amount that the employee or elected official shall pay. The City's share of premium payments and deductibles for part-time employees covered under the City's plan shall be pro-rated based upon the hours regularly worked.

5.03 Wisconsin Retirement System

The City participates in the Wisconsin Retirement System pursuant to §40.05, Stats., and the City and employee premium contributions shall be pursuant to State law. Employee eligibility is determined by WRS standards.

5.04 Dental Insurance

The City provides dental insurance coverage for full-time employees and part-time employees who meet plan eligibility. The City's share of premium payments and deductibles for part-time employees covered under the City's plan shall be pro-rated based upon the hours regularly worked.

5.05 Vision Care

Upon proof of expenditure, the City will reimburse full- and part-time employees for expenses incurred related to vision care and eyeglasses up to a maximum of three hundred seventy-five (\$375.00) dollars per employee per calendar year. Amounts remaining unused at the end of the calendar year may be carried over for use in the succeeding calendar year, up to a maximum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Such reimbursement shall be limited exclusively to expenses incurred by the employee and the employee's dependents.

A new employee's maximum reimbursement amount shall be calculated on the basis of 1/12 of the maximum reimbursement amount set forth above for each month the employee is expected to work in the employee's initial calendar year of employment. A month is considered 15 or more calendar days.

5.06 Life Insurance

City employees and elected officials may participate in a term life insurance plan open to government employees covered under the Wisconsin Retirement System. The City pays fifty percent (50%) of the premium for basic coverage. Additional coverage, as well as coverage for an employee or elected official's spouse and dependents, may be purchased at the employee's or elected officials' own expense.

5.07 Section 125 Plan.

The City will provide access to a Cafeteria Plan/Flexible Spending Account Plan that complies with the requirements of §125 of the Internal Revenue Code and that is administered through a third-party plan administrator selected by the City. Plan administration fees, except to the extent that overpayments to Flexible Spending Accounts revert to the City and may be used to offset the cost of administration, shall be paid by the City.

Employees agree, to the extent allowed by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees, individually and collectively, against any and all claims, tax consequences, suits or other forms of liability arising out of their election to participate (including level of participation) or not to participate in the Plan.

5.08 Other Benefit Programs

The City makes a Flex Plan and benefit plan available to employees who are eligible to participate under the terms of each plan. Each plan has certain eligibility criteria which must be met in order to participate in each plan and, if an employee meets the eligibility requirements to participate, the City, in its exclusive discretion, may elect to contribute toward the cost of certain benefits. The City will annually determine its contribution levels.

5.09 Social Security

Social Security contributions are deducted from an employee's or elected official's pay, whether they participate in the Wisconsin State Retirement Fund or not. The maximum amount of earnings against which the Social Security tax is levied is set by the Congress and usually increases each year. The City matches the amount contributed by each employee or elected official.

5.10 Worker's Compensation

Employees are covered by the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits if a worker, while performing work-related duties or travel, becomes temporarily or permanently disabled, or dies as the result of a work-related injury or disease.

An employee injured or likely to be disabled as the result of a work-related injury or disease should notify the employee's Department Head, Finance/HR Specialist, and the Clerk who will initiate the administrative actions required by the State of Wisconsin.

An employee may supplement the difference between what the employee is paid through Worker's Compensation benefits and the employee's regular pay with unused and accrued sick leave.

SECTION 6 LEAVES AND ABSENCES

6.01 Holidays

Each full-time employee shall, after two (2) months of continuous service, be entitled to paid leave on the following holidays: New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Part-time employees shall be entitled to pro-rated holiday pay.

Full-time employees shall also be entitled to three (3) floating holidays (24 hours) of paid leave. Full-time employees who have completed ten (10) years of employment shall be given one (1) additional floating holiday (8 hours); twenty (20) years shall be given two (2) additional floating holidays (16 hours); thirty (30) years shall be given three (3) additional floating holidays (24 hours). New employees shall be entitled to a pro-rated amount of floating holidays based upon their date of hire. All floating holidays not used at the end of the year shall be lost. The amount of floating holiday paid leave new full-time employees shall be entitled to shall be calculated on the basis of two (2) hours for each month the employee is expected to work in the employee's initial calendar year of employment. A month is considered 15 or more calendar days.

Holiday pay shall be paid on the first payroll after the designated holiday. Holiday pay shall be computed on the basis of the number of hours in a regularly scheduled working day.

Should any of the above listed holidays fall on a Saturday, the previous Friday shall be observed as the holiday; and should any holiday fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday. When Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays, the preceding Thursdays shall be observed as the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holidays. When Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays or Mondays, the preceding Fridays shall be observed as the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holidays.

An employee must work, or be on an authorized leave of absence, both on the date just before and the date immediately after a holiday to receive paid leave on that holiday. Holiday pay for employees on an authorized leave of absence shall be computed on the basis of the average of the number of hours of paid leave used on the date just before and the date immediately after a holiday.

6.02 Vacation

Full-time employees earn vacation from the day they begin work. Employees earn vacation on the basis of 1/12th of the annual vacation allowance for each month of employment based upon an employee's date of hire. A month is considered fifteen (15) or more calendar days. Vacation is earned based on the following schedule:

| <u>Employment Year</u> | <u>Vacation Earned</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| First month through end of year 1 | 1 Week |
| At the end of year 2 thru the end of year 6 | 2 Weeks |
| At the end of year 7 thru the end of year 14 | 3 Weeks |

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| At the end of year 15 thru the end of year 19 | 4 Weeks |
| At the end of year 20 thru the end of year 24 | 5 Weeks |
| At the end of year 25 and the end of every year thereafter for employees that started employment on or before January 1, 2020 | 6 Weeks |

Vacation may not be taken until an employee has completed six (6) months of employment, unless negotiated at hire or with Department Head approval.

Part-time employees shall receive up to one week of paid vacation per year on a pro-rated basis. After seven (7) years of employment, a part-time employee will be entitled to pro-rate up to two weeks of vacation.

First-year employees shall earn vacation during that calendar year (and which may be taken in the subsequent calendar year) prorated based upon the actual number of months worked.

Vacation time must be used during the calendar year in which the employee is entitled to take the vacation or shall be forfeited. Employees who are unable to, due to circumstances beyond their control, take vacation during the calendar year in which the employee is entitled to take the vacation may request to carry over up to two (2) weeks. The request must be in writing and made to the employee's Department Head or, in the case of Department Heads, the Administration & Personnel Committee or Library Board. If the request is granted, the vacation must be taken on or before March 31 of the carryover year or a later date approved by the Administration & Personnel Committee or Library Board.

If a holiday occurs during the period an employee is on vacation, the employee will receive an additional day of vacation for each holiday in the period.

Vacation time for an employee who terminates employment will be prorated and the employee will be compensated for any vacation earned, but not used. An amount representing wages paid for vacation used in excess of the number of vacation days to which the employee would have been entitled will be deducted from the employee's final pay. Any lump sum payment to an employee at termination for accrued vacation shall be only for vacation actually earned and shall be considered "earnings" within the meaning of the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, vacation time for an employee that started employment on or before December 31, 2012, who retires from City employment, shall be compensated for any vacation the employee would have earned, but not used, in the employee's final calendar year of employment. Any lump sum payment to such an employee at termination for vacation shall be considered "earnings" within the meaning of the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Vacations will be approved by the Department Head taking into consideration the Department's operational needs, including the time of year, workload, and the availability of other employees to fill in for an absent employee. A Department Head need not approve a vacation request if an employee's absence may impair the department's ability to meet its responsibilities.

Vacation shall not accrue during Worker's Compensation and unpaid leaves.

6.03 Sick Leave

All full-time employees shall earn eight (8) hours of sick leave with pay for each calendar month worked. Unused sick leave may accumulate without limit for the employee's personal use in the event of illness or injury only. For any other purpose unused sick leave may accumulate to a maximum of one thousand two hundred (1,200) working hours. Employees' accumulated sick leave credits shall be posted monthly. Sick leave shall not accrue during Worker's Compensation and unpaid leaves.

Employees may use sick leave credits in case they must be absent due to personal illness or the illness or injury of someone in their immediate household family, for medical, dental or vision appointments or for such other reasons which qualify under the Wisconsin or Federal Family and Medical leave law. Employees who use more than three (3) consecutive work days per incident for a severe illness or injury or six or more days within a 30-day period, must provide the City with a written statement from the employee's health care provider verifying the illness or injury.

Any employee who misuses sick leave benefits may be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to suspension or dismissal. If such conduct is suspected, the City may require a physician's statement to verify personal illness. Such request will not unreasonably be denied.

Upon the retirement of an employee who regularly works at least twenty (20) hours per week pursuant to Wisconsin Retirement System standards or the death of an eligible employee, the value of up to six hundred (600) hours of accumulated sick leave at \$15.25/hour shall be converted to pay health insurance premiums and/or health insurance deductibles through the City's retirement HRA plan. Employees will have their credit deposits paid directly to the City's HRA plan. The deposits will be made on an annual basis in the yearly sum amount equal to the monthly payments for the City's health and dental premiums along with the amount equal to the City's employer contribution for the employee until the employee's sick leave balance is exhausted. The remaining current value, if any, of the employee's accumulated sick days/hours will be deposited in the City's 457 deferred compensation plan as a non-elective employer contribution up to the annual contribution limit or catch-up contribution limit, if applicable. In the event the contribution limit has been reached for an employee in the year of retirement, the remaining value will be paid to the employee in cash.

Full-time employees who have accumulated more than 1,200 hours of sick leave on or before December 31, 2012, shall retain their accumulated hours for use as sick leave by the employees only for their own illness or injury during their employment.

At the end of each year, the City will pay each employee whose accumulated hours at the end of the year would exceed 1,200 a sum equal to 50% of their hourly pay per hour for each hour over 1,200 hours up to ninety-six (96) hours per year except that, for those employees retaining hours in excess of 1,200 that accrued prior to December 31, 2012, no payment will be made for such hours.

6.04 Bereavement Leave

Each employee shall be entitled to three (3) days (24 hours) off with full pay when there is a death in his/her immediate family. "Immediate Family" shall include an employee's spouse, ex-spouse, domestic partner, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouse's parents, spouse's stepparents, brothers, sisters, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, grandchildren, brother-in laws or sister-in-laws, grandparents, and

spouse's grandparents. Full-time employees shall also be entitled to one (1) day (8 hours) off with full pay when there is a death of their aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great grandparents, and first cousins.

Employees shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) day (4 hours) off with full pay when there is a death of a City employee who was actively employed at the time of his or her death on the day of the funeral provided the funeral is on a day regularly worked by the employee taking the leave.

Employee may use up to three (3) days (24 hours) of maximum accumulated sick leave days to obtain additional necessary time off for bereavement leave with the approval of the employee's Department Head.

The purpose of this section is to permit employees to attend funerals or other related business. Bereavement leave must be taken within two (2) weeks of the death. If extenuating circumstances occur, exceptions may be approved by the employee's Department Head, and if the Department Head by the Mayor.

6.05 Military Leave

The City complies with all federal and state laws regarding the rights of employees and elected officials who enter active duty.

6.06 Personal Leave

The City, in its sole discretion, may grant a regular full-time or part-time employee a leave of absence without pay upon a written request provided to the Department Head outlining the basis for such leave. The leave request must be approved by the Department Head and the Administration and Personnel Committee, or the Library Board for library employees.

Unless specified by law, all unpaid leave for medical reasons shall be granted only after all available accrued sick leave credits, paid vacation and/or other compensatory time have been utilized. Any leave provided by this policy shall run concurrently with leave provided under the Wisconsin and federal Family and Medical Leave Acts.

An employee will be required to submit evidence supporting a request for leave provided under this policy. Upon completion of leave for medical reasons, a certificate from a health care provider may be required to demonstrate that the employee is fit to return to work without physical limitations which prevent the employee from performing the essential functions of the employee's job. The City may require that an employee undergo an appropriate examination to determine fitness to return to work. If the examination cannot be provided under the current group health care plan, the City will assume the cost.

Except as provided by the Wisconsin Family and Medical Leave Act, Section 103.10(3) Wisconsin Statute or the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, an employee granted medical leave may continue to receive health insurance coverage under the City's existing plan by submitting to the Clerk, not later than the first day of each month, payment equal to the employee's total monthly premium contribution.

Holidays and other non-work days occurring during an unpaid leave of absence will be considered part of the approved period of absence and the employee will not be entitled to compensation for holidays during the period.

1. An employee on an unpaid leave of absence will not earn vacation or sick leave credits during the period of absence.
2. With the appropriate Department Head's approval, an employee may return to work before the time set for an unpaid leave of absence expires.

6.07 Maternity

All maternity leave requests will be processed and granted on the same basis as other medical leaves of absence and will be consistent with all statutory requirements. City-provided maternity leave will run concurrently with FMLA leave.

6.08 Jury Duty and Court Appearances

If an employee is summoned for jury duty, the appropriate Department Head will be notified and arrange for the employee's absence. An employee will receive the employee's regular pay for the period served as a juror. The employee should sign over the check the employee receives as jury compensation to the Clerk upon receipt.

If mileage pay is included with the check received from the court system for jury duty compensation, reimbursement for mileage can be requested by submitting an expense report to the Clerk.

Employees on call for jury duty, but not actually impaneled as jurors, are expected to report for work as City employees.

An employee making a court appearance in conjunction with duties performed as a City employee will be paid for their time. The employee shall sign over the check the employee receives for the court appearance to the Clerk upon receipt. Expenses for meals, mileage, parking, etc. should be submitted on an expense report to the Clerk for reimbursement.

An employee making a court appearance in matters unrelated to the employee's duties as a City employee, including appearance as an expert witness, will be expected to use vacation time or request an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose, but may retain any fees and expenses received for such appearance.

Employees summoned to appear in court as a result of charges related to official or personal misconduct on their part will normally be expected to use vacation or request an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose.

6.09 Blood Donation Leave

A reasonable amount of time off without loss of pay will be granted an employee who is asked or chooses to donate blood.

APPENDIX A: FMLA POLICY

The City will comply with all applicable state and federal laws concerning family and medical leave (collectively referred to as “FMLA”). This policy describes the state and federal FMLA laws and addresses certain differences between the two laws. When both laws apply, the leaves under state and federal law will run concurrently and the provisions more beneficial to the employee will apply. Medical leaves that qualify under the FMLA will also run concurrently with leaves under worker's compensation, short term disability and other laws, as applicable and as allowed by law.

To qualify for federal FMLA leave, employees must be employed by the City for a total of at least twelve (12) months and have at least 1,250 actual hours worked in the preceding 12-month period. To qualify for Wisconsin FMLA (“WFMLA”), employees must have been employed for more than 52 consecutive weeks and have worked or been paid at least 1,000 hours in the preceding 52 weeks.

Employees on FMLA leave may not engage in any other employment that is inconsistent with the reason for the employee's FMLA leave.

The City will not use the taking of FMLA leave in compliance with the law as a basis for any adverse employment decision. Employees should direct any questions regarding FMLA leave to the Clerk.

GENERAL LEAVE RIGHTS

Federal FMLA. Under the federal FMLA, eligible employees are allowed up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave per 12-month period for the following reasons (see also Military family leave below):

- The employee’s own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her position
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition
- For the birth of the employee's child, or placement of a child for adoption or foster care with the employee
- For incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care, or child birth

Wisconsin FMLA. The Wisconsin FMLA permits eligible employees to take unpaid leave for the following reasons:

- 2 weeks for the employee's own serious health condition
- 2 weeks to care for the employee's spouse, child, domestic partner, parent, or parent of a spouse or domestic partner with a serious health condition
- 6 weeks to care for the employee's child after birth or adoption.

The City will calculate the federal FMLA 12-month period on a rolling look-back period basis. Under federal FMLA, leave for birth, adoption, or foster care placement must be concluded within 12 months of the birth or placement for adoption or foster care. If both parents work for the City, the employees will share one 12 week leave for the birth or placement of a child.

The Wisconsin FMLA entitlement will run on a calendar year basis. Any leave for the birth or adoption of a child taken under WFMLA must start within 16 weeks of the birth or adoption of the child.

Military Family Leave. The federal FMLA provides for military family leave. Several provisions of this FMLA policy (including employee notice provisions and certification requirements) apply to military family leave as well.

There are two types of military family leave:

Qualifying Exigency Leave. Eligible employees with a spouse, son, daughter, or parent on covered active duty or called to covered active duty status may use their 12-week FMLA entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare or parental care, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings. The 12 weeks of leave afforded for a qualifying exigency is not in addition to the general 12 weeks afforded under the federal FMLA. An employee is entitled to no more than 12 total weeks of leave for any combination of personal, family or qualifying exigency military FMLA.

Service member Care Leave. Eligible employees may take up to 26 weeks of leave during a single 12-month period to care for an ill or injured service member who is the employee's spouse, parent, child, or "next of kin" who is a covered service member. A covered service member is a current member of the Armed Forces (including National Guard or Reserves) or a covered veteran who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy (or, for current members, is otherwise in outpatient status or on the temporary disability retired list) for a serious injury or illness. In the case of a current member, a "serious injury or illness" means an injury or illness that was incurred in the line of duty on active duty in the Armed forces or that existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty and that may render the service member medically unfit to perform his or her duties. In the case of a covered veteran, a "serious injury or illness" is the same as for a current member except that it must also meet any one of the following requirements: it must be (1) an injury that forms the basis for the veteran's enrollment in the VA's program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, (2) a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs the veteran's ability to work because of disability or disabilities related to military service, or would do so absent treatment, (3) a physical or mental condition for which the veteran has received a VASRD of 50 percent or greater, and the need for military caregiver leave is related to that condition; or (4) a continuation of a serious injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated when the veteran was a member of the Armed Forces and rendered the service member unable to perform the duties of the service member's office, grade, rank, or rating. The 26 weeks of leave afforded for service member care is not in addition to the general 12 weeks afforded under the federal FMLA.

Married Employees. Married employees who both work for the City are limited to no more than an aggregate of 26 weeks of leave between them for military family leave.

DEFINITIONS OF "CHILD" AND "PARENT"

Under both state and federal FMLA laws, "child" means a biological, adopted or foster child, step child, or legal ward. Under federal FMLA law, "child" also includes a child for whom the employee provides day to day care and financial support. Under both state and federal FMLA laws, a "child" must either be under age 18, or be 18 years or older and unable to care for him/herself because of a mental or physical disability (federal FMLA) or serious health condition (Wisconsin FMLA). Under both state and federal laws, "parent" means biological parent, foster parent, adoptive parent, or step parent. Under federal FMLA law, "parent"

includes an individual who was responsible for the day-to-day care and financial support of the employee when the employee was a child, but does not include parents of an employee's spouse or domestic partner. Under state FMLA law, "parent" includes parents of an employee's spouse or domestic partner.

SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION

A serious health condition is an injury, illness, impairment or physical or mental condition that involves:

- Inpatient care in a medical care facility; or
- Continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job or prevents a qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities. Continuing treatment by a health care provider includes:
 - (1) A period of incapacity of more than three (3) consecutive full calendar days combined with at least two (2) visits to a health care provider or one (1) visit and a regimen or continuing treatment under the supervision of a health care provider (time limits apply to health care provider visits) (Under the Wisconsin FMLA, the requirement for more than three (3) consecutive calendar days of incapacity does not apply.);
 - (2) Any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or prenatal care;
 - (3) Any period of incapacity or treatment for such incapacity due to a chronic serious health condition;
 - (4) A period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective; or
 - (5) Any period of absence to receive multiple treatments by a health care provider or for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment.

NOTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

Whenever possible, employees must give at least 30 days' written notice of the need for FMLA leave. When 30 days' notice is not possible, employees are expected to give as much written notice as is practical. Please see the Finance/HR Specialist for FMLA request forms. Normal call-in procedures must also be followed for all FMLA absences.

When requesting FMLA, employees must give sufficient information to allow the City to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, a family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees must also inform the City if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

The City may require an employee who is requesting FMLA leave to provide medical certification for the leave. Employees will have 15 days in which to provide the completed certification, except in extenuating circumstances. If an employee fails to provide adequate certification in a timely manner, the employee's leave request or continuation of leave may be delayed or denied altogether. The City may directly contact the employee's health care provider for authentication or clarification purposes using a health care professional, an HR professional, leave administrator or management official. The City may also require

clarification of an incomplete or insufficient certification. Before the City makes direct contact with the health care provider, the employee will be given an opportunity to resolve any deficiencies in the medical certification as required by law.

The City may require a second medical opinion at its expense regarding a serious health condition from a health care provider of its choice. If the first two opinions differ, the City may obtain a third opinion at its expense from a mutually agreed upon health care provider. The third opinion shall be binding on the parties. The City may deny FMLA leave to an employee who refuses to release relevant medical records to the health care provider designated to provide a second or third opinion. The employee will be provisionally entitled to leave and benefits under the FMLA pending the second and/or third opinion. Recertification and periodic reports regarding the employee's status and intent to return to work may also be required as allowed by law.

The City will inform employees who have requested leave whether they are eligible for leave, specify any additional information needed, and inform the employee of his/her rights and responsibilities. If the employee is not eligible for leave, the City will provide a reason for the ineligibility. The City will also inform eligible employees whether requested leave will or will not be designated as FMLA leave and the amount of leave that will be counted against the employee's leave entitlement.

Recertification. The City may request recertification for the serious health condition of the employee or the employee's family member as allowed by law. In seeking recertification, the City may provide the employee's health care provider with the employee's attendance records and to confirm whether the employee's absences are consistent with the employee's serious health condition.

INTERMITTENT LEAVE

An employee may take any leave covered by WFMLA as intermittent leave, provided the employee provides notice as required by the law. The last increment of intermittent leave for the birth or adoption of a child under WFMLA must begin within 16 weeks after the birth or placement for adoption of the child.

For leaves covered only by federal FMLA, an employee may take "intermittent" or "reduced schedule" leave, if medically necessary, for the employee's own serious health condition to care for a spouse, parent, son, or daughter with a serious health condition, and to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as to not unduly disrupt the City's operations. To the extent an employee has control, medical appointments and treatments related to a serious health condition should be scheduled outside of working hours or at such times that allow for a minimal amount of time away from work. For medically necessary intermittent or reduced schedule leave that is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment for the employee, a family member, or a covered service member, the City may temporarily transfer an employee taking such leave to a position with equivalent pay and benefits if the new position better accommodates the leave. Military leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis. Employees may not take intermittent FMLA leave for the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child during the federal-only portion of their FMLA leave.

SUBSTITUTING PAID TIME OFF

Use of Paid Leave.

FMLA leave is unpaid leave. However, employees have the right or employers may require in certain cases, that the employee use accrued paid leave during FMLA leave. During any portion of leave covered by the WFMLA, the employee may elect to or not to use paid leave. When paid benefits are substituted for the otherwise unpaid time, the employee is using the benefits concurrently with FMLA leave, and those benefits will not be available to the employee later. When paid benefits are substituted, the employee may be required to satisfy any procedural requirements of the City's paid leave policy (for example, advance notice to use paid leave, use of paid leave in established increments, etc.). If an employee does not meet qualifications to use paid leave, that will not affect the employee's ability to use FMLA leave if the leave qualifies as FMLA leave.

During any portion of leave that is covered by the federal FMLA only, the City may restrict the use of paid time as allowed by law.

In cases where substitution of a paid benefit is not possible, the employee will generally receive reduced compensation consistent with the number of hours the person actually works.

BENEFITS DURING LEAVE

An employee's coverage under group health plans (i.e., group health and dental coverage) will be maintained during the period of an FMLA leave as required by the Wisconsin and federal FMLA laws and in accordance with the applicable terms of the plans.

Employees who normally pay a portion of the premium for insurance coverage must continue to do so during the period of FMLA leave. If paid leave is substituted for unpaid leave, the employee's portion of the premium will be deducted from the employee's paycheck. For those employees on unpaid leave, payment arrangements must be made prior to the start of the leave, or as soon as practicable. Premium payments must be received by the 30th of each month. A 30-day grace period will apply to premium payments. If payment is not made, the employee's group health/dental insurance may be terminated retroactive to the date coverage was last paid for. The City will provide 15 days' notification prior to the employee's loss of coverage.

If the City maintains an employee's insurance during an FMLA leave, and the employee does not return from FMLA leave, under certain circumstances the City will have the right to recover the total cost of the insurance premiums paid during the employee's leave, as allowed by law.

Benefit Accruals.

If an employee substitute accrued paid leave for unpaid FMLA leave in order to remain fully compensated, the employee will continue to accrue paid time off at the rate at which the employee accrued such time prior to leave. If the leave is partially paid, the employee will accrue paid time off at a prorated rate. Once the employee stops receiving pay, the employee will no longer accrue paid time off during an FMLA leave. Use of FMLA cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of the employee's leave. Other benefit accruals may be suspended during the period of the leave and will resume

upon return to active employment. Check with the Finance/HR Specialist regarding other benefit continuation provisions.

Worker's Compensation Absences.

When an employee is absent due to a work-related illness or injury which meets the definition of a serious health condition, the absence will be counted against the employee's allotment of FMLA leave under federal law. In other words, the employee is using federal FMLA leave concurrently with the worker's compensation absence.

Early Return from Leave.

An employee who wishes to return to work earlier than originally anticipated should provide at least two days' notice of such request. A fitness for duty certification may be required.

RETURNING TO WORK AT THE END OF LEAVE

Employees who return to work from FMLA leave within the timeframes protected by the FMLA laws will be returned to their former position or, if that position is no longer available, then to an equivalent position with equivalent pay, benefits and other employment terms. If an employee wishes to return to work before his/her leave is to end, and work is available, the employee must notify the Finance/HR Specialist at least 2 days prior to the desired return date. If an employee took FMLA leave for his/her own serious health condition, a fitness for duty certification will be required before the employee may return to work. In such cases, an employee's return will be delayed until such a certification is received.

FAILURE TO RETURN TO WORK AT END OF FMLA-PROTECTED LEAVE

If an employee fails to return to work after the expiration of an FMLA-protected leave, the employee's rights under state and federal FMLA laws will no longer be in effect and the employee will be subject to immediate termination. If the employee's inability to return to work is due to the continuation, recurrence or onset of the employee's own serious health condition, or of the serious health condition of the employee's spouse, child or parent, the City will consider a request for a further unpaid leave. However, the employee must submit a written request for consideration of a further leave as soon as the employee realizes that he/she will not be able to return at the expiration of the FMLA-protected leave period. The City will consider each such request on a case by case basis. There is no guarantee that a further leave will be granted.

FAILURE TO MEET POLICY REQUIREMENTS

If the employee fails to meet the requirements of this policy for family or medical leave, the request for leave will be denied until the requirements are met.

Extension of Leave

You may submit requests for additional unpaid extensions of leave to the Finance/HR Specialist. The City reserves the right to accept or deny these requests as well as the right to request a doctor's certificate prior to granting any extension.

“Key Employees”

Certain “key employees” as defined by law may not be eligible for reinstatement to their jobs or equivalent positions following a leave if reinstatement would cause the City hardship.

APPENDIX B: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

This policy governs the use of the City's computers and information systems ("computer networks") by its employees.

1. Privacy.

Any use of the City's computer networks by an employee constitutes a waiver of any right to privacy concerning such use. This includes personal communications. The City reserves the right and may exercise the right to review, audit, intercept, and disclose all communications on City networks at any time without prior notice to employees.

2. Software.

The City has the exclusive right to install all software used on the City computer networks. The installation of any software on the City's computer networks and workstations during work time or personal time without the City's express approval is prohibited. The City will remove all unauthorized software from its servers or workstations. The City will monitor software use by City employees for licensing purposes and to protect against viruses and unauthorized use of the City servers or workstations by third parties. All software downloaded must be registered to and becomes City property. Any software or files downloaded via the Internet into the City network or workstation becomes City property.

All software must be used only in ways that are consistent with its license or copyright. No employee may use the City Internet or e-mail facilities to knowingly download or distribute pirated software or data. Violation of any software license agreements or information services contracts by the unauthorized duplication of software, files, operating instructions or reference manuals is strictly prohibited.

3. Data.

All data, whether on a server or on a workstation, is City property. Employees shall not purposefully delete or modify the work product of another City employee or customer without the City's consent.

Some data in the City computer networks is confidential, including, but not limited to, the City's voter records, certain police records, the City's customer's information and the City's water or sewer consumption data of the City's members' retail customers and related analyses. The release of such City data to third parties shall be governed by applicable law and City policies concerning the release of retail customer water or sewer consumption data and related analyses, and the release of data from its data base.

4. Security and Remote Access.

The City will provide each employee with a unique password to gain access to the City computer networks. City employees will be responsible for maintaining their passwords. City employees shall change their passwords as directed and notify the City if they believe that unauthorized users have obtained password information to gain access to their user area or the City's networks.

If the City believes that the security of the City computer networks has been compromised by an unauthorized user or otherwise, the City shall take appropriate action to disable the passwords of users, workstations, or other access points to the system that may be involved.

The City shall revoke an employee's password to the City computer networks upon termination of City employment or at any time based on information indicating the employee has engaged in conduct that could disrupt, interfere, or expose the networks to damage or to unauthorized use.

The City may install filters to block access to inappropriate Internet sites. However, the fact that access to a particular site is not blocked does not necessarily mean that it is an appropriate site.

Computers that use modems to create independent data connections may interfere with the City's network security mechanisms and can potentially be used by a third party to compromise the City's network security. Any computer used for independent dial-up or leased-line connections to any City computer or network must be approved by the City and must be isolated from the City's internal networks.

5. Prevention of Computer Viruses.

Computer viruses and other debilitating programs present a major threat to the integrity of the City's information systems. Viruses are programs that infiltrate a computer environment and disrupt or damage computers, networks, program applications, and data. To prevent such problems from occurring on the City's computer networks, authorized persons will install anti-virus software on servers and workstations. Servers and workstations will be scanned for viruses on a regular basis.

All disks, flash drives, and workstation hard drives will be presumed to have viruses. Authorized users on the City's computer networks will therefore be responsible for scanning every disk or flash drive before each use to prevent the propagation of viruses on workstation hard drives, to prevent any potential disruption to the networks, or any disruption that may occur by the transmission of data or material containing a virus to third parties.

6. Monitoring Communications and Software Use.

All communications and data on the City computer networks may be public records subject to disclosure under the state open records law, with certain exceptions. All communications on and uses of the City's networks or applications of any licensed software program installed in a workstation or server during work or personal time may be monitored from time-to-time. City employees should be aware that any such communications and other uses of the networks are not private and that the City reserves the right and may exercise the right to access and disclose all messages on the City's networks at any time with or without prior notice to the employee.

7. Data Storage.

The City shall be responsible for organizing all data on the City computer networks in a manner that will allow users to readily access files and other information on the networks.

The City shall further establish procedures or protocols governing the deletion and retention of all data on the networks, including the development of record retention schedules.

While the City's responsible for disaster recovery and backup of all data on City servers, City authorized users on the computer networks are responsible for protecting data or information maintained locally at their workstation. This includes backing up data on individual workstations to ensure that data saved on individual workstations conforms to established record retention schedules and that such data is available to authorized users during the appropriate retention periods.

8. E-Mail.

The content and maintenance of the City's electronic mail and shared file storage areas are the user's responsibility. Authorized users should follow standard business etiquette in using this medium.

Like all other communications on the City computer networks, City employees should be aware that electronic mail messages sent within the City networks or on the Internet using the City's computer equipment are not private communications and that all e-mail messages are the property of the City. The City reserves the right to access, review, and disclose all e-mail messages. City employees should regard all e-mail messages as non-private communications that may be viewed by others.

Any employee assigned a City-mail address must use that address when receiving or sending any electronic communication dealing with City business.

9. Internet Access.

The Internet provides access to a wide variety of resources that can assist City employees in the performance of their jobs. The City may monitor Internet usage at workstations and remote sites and maintain a record of employee time on the Internet and sites accessed.

The services available on the Internet are provided on a fee basis or free of charge. Each system has its own rules and limitations. City employees must be aware of computer security and privacy concerns associated with the use of various systems on the Internet. Employees must also guard against computer viruses to the degree possible. Finally, employees must be aware of the costs involved in conducting research or communications on the Internet and must not incur charges for Internet usage without the City's express consent.

Only those City employees or officials who are authorized to speak to the media, to analysts or in public gatherings on behalf of the City may communicate representing the City to others using Internet or e-mail facilities. When using City equipment or networks, other employees may participate in newsgroups or other electronic forums in the course of business when relevant to their duties, but they do so as individuals speaking only for themselves. Where an individual participant is identified as a City employee or agent using City equipment or networks, or is acting in the scope of the employee's City duties, the employee must refrain from any unauthorized political advocacy and must refrain from the unauthorized endorsement or appearance of endorsement by the City. Only those employees and City officials who are authorized to speak to the media, to analysts, or in public gatherings on behalf of the City, may grant such authority to newsgroup participants.

Employees shall not reveal confidential City information, customer data, or any other materials covered by existing City confidentiality policies and procedures in internet public forums. Employees releasing protected information via the Internet or e-mail, whether or not the release is inadvertent, may be subject to disciplinary action.

10. Personal Use of Networks and Computers.

The City recognizes that employee computer use and the information resources available on the City computer networks can enhance employee knowledge of electronic information resources and can sharpen their information technology skills. Personal use of computers during non-working hours is permitted in order to enhance those skills so long as such use does not interfere with the employee's job responsibilities, the work of other City employees or members, or is used to the benefit of third parties.

At no time, however, shall the City's computer networks, workstations, or laptops be used by employees for non-City business related purposes by an employee or on behalf of a third-party. The City also reserves the right to limit personal use on a case-by-case basis, where more than incidental personal use or abuse becomes apparent to the City.

Personal use of Internet access and e-mail services is permitted during personal time provided that the accessed sites are at no cost to the City and as long as the employee agrees that any messages received or sent may be accessed, reviewed, and disclosed by the City at its discretion. An employee using City equipment on personal time must follow all guidelines set forth in this policy.

Personal time includes breaks, lunchtime, and time outside of established work hours. Employees using the resources to fulfill job responsibilities always shall have a priority over those desiring access for personal use.

All costs associated with personal use of the City's computer networks for printing information must be paid for by the employee. Employees shall reimburse the City for such costs by submitting a Personal Use form to the Clerk.

The use of storage space on servers for personal data is prohibited. Personal data may be stored on an employee's hard drive at individual workstations provided that space is available.

11. Social Networking

The City recognizes that employees may access and use internet or other social media sites.

The City recognizes that there may be legitimate business reasons to access and use social networks for work purposes. If an employee has a legitimate business need to use social networks during working time, the employee should obtain advanced approval from the employee's supervisor. Whether or not such usage is approved by the City, the following standards apply to employees' use of social networks:

- A. The City reserves the right to monitor social network use whether during work time, and outside of work hours if such use negatively impacts the City;
- B. Any social networking performed on City property or using City networks is City property and employees do not have any expectation of privacy with respect to any communications utilizing them. The City reserves the right to access and review such usage at any time;
- C. Employees shall not use social networks to disclose trade secrets and the City's confidential information or engage in unauthorized disclosure of City activities through such usage;

- D. Use of social networks during working time is prohibited except with supervisory approval. Social networks may be used for personal purposes during non-working time (breaks or lunch) and then only in such a fashion as to not impact any employee's performance of City duties and in a manner not prohibited by this policy;
- E. Employees shall not use City's email address for registration on social networking sites;
- F. Employees shall not post false or defamatory information regarding the City or any of its employees on social networks;
- G. Employees shall not use social networking sites in a manner which violates the City's harassment policy or other portions of this Electronic Communications policy;
- H. If an employee participates in social networking activities in such a manner that the employee's affiliation with the City is evident, the employee shall designate that the views expressed by the employee are the employee's private views and not the City's;
- I. An employee shall not represent, either expressly or implicitly, that the employee is a spokesperson for the City, unless authorized to do so by the City;
- K. If an employee expresses an opinion about the City's product or services or those of a City's client, the employee shall disclose that the employee is employed by the City; and
- L. Non-exempt employees may not use social networking sites for approved work-related tasks during non-working hours.

Any violations of these provisions may be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.

12. Prohibited Activities.

City employees shall not interfere with or disrupt the City's computer networks, other networks users, services, programs, software, or equipment. Interference or disruption with the City networks, other network users, services, software, or equipment may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. the use of the City system and/or networks to gain unauthorized access to remote systems;
- B. the use of the City system to copy unauthorized system files or copyrighted material, such as third-party software;
- C. intentional attempts to "crash" the City network systems or programs;
- D. attempting to secure unauthorized higher-level privileges on the networked systems;
- E. attempting to disable, defeat or circumvent any City firewalls, proxies, Internet address screening programs or other security systems used by the City to assure the safety and security of the City's networks;

- F. the willful or negligent introduction of computer viruses or destructive programs that could adversely affect the City networks;
- G. sharing password and password information with any other person. If a City employee does share the employee's password with another person, the employee shall be solely responsible for the actions that other person has appropriated;
- H. deleting, examining, or modifying files or work product belonging to other users without their prior consent; and,
- I. using the network or any of its authorized software for personal gain or solicitation, to harass or threaten others, to send junk mail or "for-profit" messages.

It is also against City policy for an employee to engage in the following conduct on the City networks:

- A. to access sites or display items that may be regarded as offensive, indecent, or obscene by other employees or visitors. If an employee is unintentionally connected to a site that contains sexually explicit or other offensive material, the employee must disconnect from that site immediately and report the incident to the employee's supervisor;
- B. to use abusive or obscene language in any messages transmitted on the networks, including any internal or external e-mail messages and Internet communications;
- C. to engage in behavior on the networks that is prohibited by the City's policy on harassment;
- D. to engage in any other conduct that could cause congestion and disruption of the City's networks and systems;
- E. to disseminate political advocacy information;
- F. to engage in use that interferes with the employee's or another employee's performance of the employee's duties or which otherwise disrupts the City's operations;
- G. to post commercial notices or other solicitations;
- H. to engage in use which is illegal, including the violation of copyright, gambling and pornography laws; or
- I. to engage in unauthorized accessing or attempting to access confidential information, including personnel records, medical records and financial information pertaining to the City or any of its employees.

13. Compliance with Laws.

City employees will be responsible for adhering to local, state, and federal laws in conducting their work on the City's computer networks. Any attempt to break those laws through the use of the networks may result in litigation against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, the City

will fully cooperate with the appropriate authorities to provide any information necessary to assist the relevant law enforcement authorities during the investigation process.

Copyrighted materials belonging to entities other than the City may not be transmitted by employees on the City's Internet or e-mail system. All employees obtaining access to other companies or individuals' materials must respect all copyrights and license agreements and may not copy, retrieve, modify or forward copyrighted materials, except with permission, or as a single copy for reference only. The City retains the copyright to any material created by employees in the course of their official duties, including materials posted to any forum, newsgroup or World Wide Web page by any employee in the course of the employee's duties.

APPENDIX C: DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The City recognizes that the use/and or abuse of alcohol or controlled substances by employees of the City presents a serious threat to the safety and health of the employee, the employee's family, and the general public. It is the City's policy that its employees are free of drugs and alcohol in the workplace, on City time, or while representing the City.

To further this purpose and to come into compliance with the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, the City has joined the Drug Free Workplace (DFWP) Network. A drug and alcohol testing program has been implemented:

- To help reduce and avoid accidents and injuries to our employees and the public;
- To discourage substance abuse; and
- To reduce absenteeism, health care costs, and other drug and alcohol related problems.

- B. The Department of Transportation (DOT) requires alcohol and controlled substance testing of drivers who are required to have a commercial driver's license ("CDL"). These regulations include detailed procedures for using drug testing and breath alcohol testing of employees in safety-sensitive positions (employees with CDL licenses).

- C. The purpose of this policy is to establish an alcohol and controlled substances testing program to help prevent accidents and injuries resulting from the misuse of these substances by employees of the City. Therefore, the City has established the following alcohol misuse prevention program and anti-drug program as well as the subsequent enforcement of violations for its employees conducting safety-sensitive job functions and for all other employees as well.

- D. For the purposes of this policy, the City and the DOT strictly prohibit the use, or residual effects, or presence in one's system of alcohol and/or controlled substances in the workplace by its employees, including those who are regularly or occasionally operating a commercial motor vehicle, including mechanics and supervisors who are required to have a CDL license.

II. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- A. The City prohibits:
1. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal controlled substances on City property, except at events covered by the appropriate permits or licenses;
 2. Using, possessing, dispensing, distributing, selling, receiving or being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal controlled substances while on duty, except for sworn law enforcement officers within the scope of their authorized duties. For purposes of this policy, "under the influence" is defined as prohibited substances in

one's system as determined positive by a certified laboratory and/or the DOT's alcohol level;

3. Reporting for work or remaining at work while being under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal controlled substances;
4. Deliberately misusing this policy in regard to subordinates; or,
5. Providing false information in connection with a test or falsifying test results through tampering, contamination, adulteration, or substitution.

B. Federal law prohibits employees whose work duties require a CDL from engaging in the following conduct:

1. Reporting for duty or remaining on duty requiring the performance of safety-sensitive functions while having an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater;
2. Being on duty or operating a commercial motor vehicle while possessing alcohol, or using alcohol while performing safety-sensitive functions;

Federal Regulations include non-prescription and prescription medications containing alcohol in the substances banned from use or possession in the workplace. Employees should not report for duty while using or possessing prescription medication if such medication contains any measurable amount of alcohol.

3. Performing safety-sensitive functions within four (4) hours after using alcohol;
4. Using alcohol within eight (8) hours following an accident, if the employee was required to be tested, unless an earlier test results in a reading of less than 0.02;
5. Reporting for duty or remaining on duty requiring the performance of safety-sensitive functions when using any controlled substance, unless the use is pursuant to the instructions of a physician who has advised the driver that the substance does not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle;
6. Reporting for duty, remaining on duty or performing a safety-sensitive function if the employee tests positive for controlled substances; or
7. Refusing to submit to any alcohol or drug testing required by this Policy.

C. "Safety-sensitive function" means any of the following on-duty functions:

1. All time waiting to be dispatched;
2. All time inspecting, servicing or conditioning any commercial motor vehicle;

3. All driving time, i.e., all time spent at the driving controls of a commercial motor vehicle in operation;
4. All time, other than driving time, in or upon any commercial motor vehicle;
5. All time loading or unloading a vehicle, supervising or assisting in the loading or unloading, attending a vehicle being loaded or unloaded, remaining in readiness to operate the vehicle, or in giving or receiving receipts for shipments loaded or unloaded; or
6. All time repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled vehicle.

III. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION

The goals of this policy are prevention and rehabilitation whenever possible, rather than discipline or termination. The City provides access to drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation for all full-time employees through programs offered by their various insurance carriers, if the employee chooses to be enrolled in the insurance program. The City will not be responsible for payment of any recommended counseling or rehabilitation other than through its insurance carriers. The City treats drug and alcohol addiction the same as other illnesses and provides for a leave of absence if required by law for treatment of drug-related or alcohol-related illnesses.

The City recognizes drug and alcohol abuse as a potential health and safety problem. Employees are encouraged to seek help in dealing with these problems. Conscientious efforts to seek help will not jeopardize any employee's job.

IV. SCOPE

1. For the purposes of this Policy, individuals subject to the Policy shall be those City employees who are covered under the City's Workers Compensation Insurance.
2. Prohibited substances are any unlawful controlled substances. A five-panel screen will be used by the City to test for the most common drugs: marijuana, cocaine, opiates (heroin, codeine, morphine, etc.), amphetamines and phencyclidine (PCP).
3. Alcohol will be tested for post-accident and for reasonable cause circumstances. Employees may submit to a Breathalyzer test or be judged solely on the basis of the subjective observations of their Department Head and at least one other witness.

V. TESTING CIRCUMSTANCES

| TESTING REQUIRED | CDL EMPLOYEES | NON CDL EMPL |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| A. Pre-Employment | Yes | No |
| B. Reasonable Suspicion | Yes | Yes |
| C. Post-Accident/Injury | Yes | Yes |
| D. Random Testing | Yes | No |
| E. Return to Work | Yes | Yes |

Refusal to take a required test will result in removal of that employee from the employee’s assignment(s), which, in turn, may result in discipline up to and including discharge.

Testing may be conducted in the following situations:

- A. Pre-employment - Any individual not currently employed by the City may be required to undergo drug and alcohol testing after a conditional offer of employment has been made. A positive test or refusal to undergo the testing will result in disqualification from further consideration for employment.

- B. Reasonable Suspicion Testing - Required when a supervisor or other trained City representative has reasonable cause to believe that the actions, appearance, or conduct of an employee maybe indicative of the use of a controlled substance. These observations are only valid if made just before, just after, or during working hours. The following applies to reasonable suspicion testing:
 - 1. Whenever reasonably possible, the supervisor should seek a corroborating opinion from another trained supervisor or manager prior to immediately removing the employee from the job and sending the employee for drug and alcohol testing.

 - 2. As soon as practicable, the employee will be escorted to the collection site for drug and/or alcohol testing. The supervisor or Department Head will wait at the clinic or law enforcement center with the employee until the breath test has been completed or the urine or blood test has been taken. After the Reasonable Suspicion Determination is made, the alcohol test must be completed within eight (8) hours and the drug test must be conducted within twenty-four (24) hours or the supervisor or Department Head must complete a report explaining why.

 - 3. Once the alcohol testing has been completed and a positive test result has been achieved (0.02 percent or above), the employee will not be permitted to drive his/her own vehicle home. The employee must make alternative transportation arrangements in order to leave the collection site or employment site. The supervisor or Department Head may, but is neither required nor encouraged to drive the employee home under this policy.

4. If a blood alcohol or urine test has been administered, the employee will be placed on administrative leave without pay pending receipt of the test results. The employee may use accumulated vacation, compensatory time, or sick days in place of the administrative leave. In the event of a negative test, the employee will be credited with the amount of vacation, compensatory time, or sick days used. Police Officers will be placed on administrative leave with pay pending a hearing. To process these tests usually takes twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours. The Clerk will contact the employee or employer once the results are known.
5. Once the test has been completed and the employee has been sent home, the supervisor or Department Head must submit a written report to the Finance/HR Specialist outlining, in detail, the event and the behavior observed that led the supervisor to believe the employee was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. This report must be done within twenty-four (24) hours of the testing. This report will assist the Department Head or supervisor and the Mayor in assessing the appropriate discipline to be considered.
6. The test results will be sent directly to the Finance/HR Specialist. The Finance/HR Specialist will then meet with the employee's supervisor and/or Department Head to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken in accordance with the progressive discipline outlined in this policy. This is a confidential process. Test results will be held strictly confidential and are not to be discussed or shared with anyone who does not need to know. Likewise, a supervisor or Department Head must not discuss the suspected reason for a referral or discipline action with anyone who does not need to know.

In the event that the employee undergoing the testing is the Finance/HR Specialist, all reports and test results will be submitted to the Mayor.

- C. Post-Accident/Injury - Employees subject to post-accident testing shall remain readily available for such testing or may be deemed by the City as having refused to submit to testing. The alcohol breath test must be administered as soon as possible, but no later than eight (8) hours following the accident. The drug test must be administered within thirty-two (32) hours of the accident. If these criteria are not met, the supervisor or Department Head will complete a report explaining why and submit it to the Finance/HR Specialist.

As soon as practicable following an accident involving a City vehicle, the City shall test the employee driver for alcohol and controlled substances in the following situations:

1. The accident involved the loss of human life; or
2. The employee received a citation for a moving traffic violation, and
 - (a) Bodily injury is incurred requiring a person to immediately receive medical attention away from the scene of the accident; or
 - (b) One or more motor vehicles incur disabling damage as a result of the accident and have to be towed away from the scene.

As soon as practicable following any accident involving lost time from work or requiring medical treatment away from the scene of the accident, the City shall test the employee for alcohol and/or controlled substances.

- D. Random Testing – This is required by DOT of any employee holding a CDL license. Random alcohol and drug testing will be conducted just before, during, or just after an employee’s performance of safety sensitive duties. The employee will be randomly selected for testing from the “pool” of employees subject to testing. The testing dates and times are unannounced and will occur with unpredictable frequency throughout the year.

Fifty percent (50%) of the average number of safety sensitive positions shall be tested on an annual basis. The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the minimum annual percentage for random testing based on the Federal Regulations implementing drug and alcohol testing in the transportation industry.

The random selection of employees shall be arranged by the Drug Free Workplace Network. Under this selection process, each employee will have an equal chance of being tested each time selections are made. As a result, some employees may be tested more than once each year, while other employees may not be tested at all.

- E. Return to Work/Follow-up Testing - Employees who have tested positive and have been placed on administrative leave will undergo Return to Work alcohol and/or controlled substance testing. The result must be an alcohol concentration of less than 0.02 and a verified negative result for controlled substance use. The employee will also have to be evaluated by the City’s Employee Assistance Program provided through the Drug Free Workplace Network to determine the Employee's fitness for duty.

Following a determination by a substance abuse professional that an employee needs assistance in resolving problems associated with alcohol misuse and/or use of controlled substances, the employee will be given at least six (6) unannounced random tests during the twelve (12) month period after returning to duty. There will also be the possibility of follow-up testing for up to sixty (60) months after the employee returns to duty.

VI. TESTING PROCEDURES

- A. Alcohol Testing - Employees will be required to submit to breath testing using an approved evidential breath testing (EBT) device. A state-certified breath alcohol technician (BAT) will administer an initial screening test. If the employee tests positive for alcohol, then the BAT will conduct a confirmation test. The City will take action based only upon the positive results of the confirmation test, 0.02 percent or greater. All procedures and steps used in conducting both the initial and confirmation tests will be performed in conformance with the federal law and federal regulations.
- B. Testing for Controlled Substances - The City has established its anti-drug program through its Drug Free Workplace Policy which strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, unauthorized use or being under the influence of a controlled substance in the workplace. Any abnormal conduct that may create a reasonable

suspicion that an employee is under the influence of a controlled substance is addressed in the “Reasonable Suspicion Testing” section described previously in this Policy.

1. For purposes of this Policy and the Federal Regulations, the City will utilize a 5-panel drug screen consisting of the following drugs:
 - Tetrahydrocannabinol (Marijuana Drug)
 - Cocaine
 - Amphetamines
 - Opiates (including Heroin)
 - Phencyclidine

In instances where there is reason to believe an employee is abusing a substance other than the five drugs listed above, the City reserves the right to test for additional drugs under the City’s own authority using standard laboratory testing protocols.

2. Results of a Positive Test - Any employee who tests positive for controlled substances is subject to discipline, up to and including discharge. As with an alcohol misuse violation, the City is required to act upon a positive drug test result in the following manner:
 - a) Remove the employee from the workplace. This removal will only take place after the employee has been allowed to meet or speak with a Medical Review Officer (when necessary) in order to determine that the positive drug test did not result from the authorized use of a controlled substance;
 - b) Refer the employee for assessment of a drug problem and a determination of whether participation in a treatment program is necessary;
 - c) Obtain verification from a substance abuse professional or a Medical Review Officer that the employee has complied with any required rehabilitation or treatment program and is fit to return to work; and
 - d) The Employee must have a negative result on a return-to-work drug test. Follow-up periodic, unannounced testing to monitor the employee's continued abstinence from drug use will be required if the employee is determined as needing rehabilitation as specified by a substance abuse professional. The employee will subsequently be given at least six (6) periodic, unannounced tests during the next year with the possibility of follow-up testing for up to sixty (60) months.

VII. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Before performing work-related duties, employees must notify their supervisor or Department Head if they are taking any legally prescribed medication, therapeutic drug, or any non-prescription drug.

It is the responsibility of the employee to inform the employee's physician of the type of work the employee performs in order that the physician may determine if the prescribed substance could interfere with the safe and effective performance of the employee's duties or operation of City equipment. The employee must provide the City with documentation from a physician pursuant to the above indicating that the employee can safely perform the job duties while taking the prescribed medication.

As required by the Federal law, any employee who uses or possesses medication containing alcohol while on duty or who tests positive for alcohol while on duty will be removed from the employee's position and will be subject to the provisions of this policy even though the reason for the positive alcohol test is the fact that the employee's prescription medication contains alcohol.

A legally prescribed drug is one where the employee has a prescription or other written approval from a physician for the use of the drug in the course of medical treatment. The prescription must include the patient's name, the name of the substance, quantity/amount to be taken, and the period of authorization.

VIII. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

The City respects the confidentiality and privacy rights of all of its employees. The results of any test administered under this policy and the identity of any employee participating in the City's Employee Assistance Program through the Drug Free Workplace Network or other assessment or treatment program will not be revealed to anyone except as required by law and within the organization only on a need-to-know basis. The City will release an employee's records as directed by the express written consent of the employee authorizing release to an identified person. In addition, the City will advise any lab or agency used to conduct testing under this Policy to maintain the confidentiality of employee test records, except that:

- The Medical Review Officer will disclose information related to a positive drug or alcohol test of an employee to the City;
- The City may disclose this information to the employee or to the decision-maker in a lawsuit, or other proceeding by or on behalf of the individual which arises from any action taken in response to a positive drug or alcohol test;
- The City may disclose the information as required by law including court orders and subpoenas and Wisconsin open records procedure; or
- The City may disclose the information upon the written consent and authorization of the tested employee.

All records related to drug and alcohol tests of individual employees will be maintained in individual files separate from the employee's personnel file. These records will be stored in a file in a locked City cabinet. Access will only be allowed to those City employees on a need-to-know basis.

Any employee having questions with respect to the scope of this policy and its contents may contact the Finance/HR Specialist.

IX. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988 COMPLIANCE

It is the City's policy to provide a drug-free workplace for all of its employees. The City requires that employees neither use, nor be under the influence of, drugs, intoxicants, alcohol, narcotics or any other controlled substance(s) and that a zero-tolerance standard shall prevail in the workplace. The City recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe, efficient and healthful workplace, as well as the social responsibility to provide assistance to its employees to the extent possible. Therefore, employees are expected to report to work free from any alcohol or controlled substances that could inhibit their ability to perform their duties.

X. REPORTING OF DRUG CONVICTION

As required by the Drug Free Workplace Act, Public Law 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D, all City employees are put on notice that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance, alcohol or drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited in the workplace. Furthermore, this law makes it a condition of employment that all City employees abide by the Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy and notify the City (the immediate supervisor, the Department Head, or Mayor) of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction. Within ten (10) days of receiving such notice of conviction, the City will notify any appropriate federal contracting or granting agency as required by law. Within thirty (30) days of notice of a workplace drug conviction, the City will, at its discretion, take the following action: (1) require the employee to satisfactorily participate in a Drug of Alcohol Assistance or Rehabilitation Program that is approved by the City; or (2) take appropriate personnel action.

An employee's failure to abide by the terms of the above paragraph will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. The actual action taken will be based upon the seriousness of the offense, the employee's past employment record, and the employee's willingness to participate in drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation.

XI. PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION

Employees needing help in dealing with alcohol or drug issues are encouraged to use the Employee Assistance Program and health insurance plans as appropriate. Employees may contact the Finance/HR Specialist for additional information. Conscientious efforts to seek such help will not jeopardize any employee's job and contacts with the EAP initiated only by the employee will not be known nor noted in any personnel record as long as commenced prior to a drug test.

XII. LEAVE OF ABSENCE PRIOR TO TESTING

An employee may be permitted to take a leave of absence for the purpose of undergoing treatment pursuant to a Drug and Alcohol Assistance or Rehabilitation Program approved by the City for drug and alcohol addiction. The leave of absence must be requested prior to the commission of any act subject to disciplinary action.

APPENDIX D: GRIEVANCE POLICY

The City as established this Grievance Policy (“Policy”) for employees to utilize for matters concerning discipline, termination, or workplace safety. The City prefers that employees and management interact in a reasonable manner for purposes of resolving employment issues prior to engaging this Policy.

This Policy is intended to comply with § 66.0509, Wis. Stats., and does not apply to sworn law enforcement officers, fire fighters and employees whose wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment are governed by a collective bargaining agreement under the Municipal Employment Relations Act or by Wis. Stat. § 62.13(5). In addition, employment disputes that are covered by state or federal statutes and administrative enforcement mechanisms are not covered by this Policy.

This Policy does not create a contract of employment. City employees are employed at-will and may resign or may be terminated with or without reason, subject to applicable law.

A. Definitions

“Termination” means a separation from employment by the City for disciplinary or quality of performance reasons. “Termination” does not include layoff, failure to be recalled from layoff, furlough or reduction in workforce, job transfer, non-disciplinary demotion, reduction or position elimination based on failure to meet qualifications, resignation, voluntary quit, abandonment, retirement, nonrenewal of contract, death, separation as a result of physical or mental inability to perform the essential functions of the job, action taken pursuant to an ordinance created under § 19.59(1m), Stats., or the end or completion of temporary employment, seasonal employment, contract employment, or assignment.

“Employee discipline” means an employment action which results in disciplinary suspension, without pay, disciplinary termination, or disciplinary demotion. “Employee discipline” does not include oral reprimands or warnings, written reprimands or warnings, performance improvement plans, performance evaluations or reviews, documentation of employee acts or omissions, administrative leave or suspension with pay, non-disciplinary wage, benefit or salary adjustments, changes in assignment, action taken pursuant to an ordinance created under § 19.59(1m), Stats., or other non-material employment actions.

“Employee” shall not include employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement addressing employee discipline, termination and workplace safety, statutorily appointed individuals identified specifically in statute as serving at the pleasure of an appointing authority, elected officials, independent contractors, and those employees or officials whose employment status is regulated by the charter ordinance or individual contract.

“Workplace safety” shall be narrowly construed and not construed to include basic conditions of employment unrelated to physical health and safety. “Workplace Safety” means conditions of employment related to the physical health and safety of employees, as long as such conditions are not enforceable under state or federal law, and includes safety of the physical work environment, the safe operation of workplace equipment and tools, provision of protective equipment, training and warning requirements, workplace violence and accident risk. “Workplace safety” does not include conditions of employment unrelated to physical health and safety

matters, including, but not limited to, hours, overtime, sick, family or medical leave, work schedules, breaks, termination, vacation, performance reviews, and compensation.

B. Process

1. Written Grievance Submission. The employee must file a Grievance within seven (7) calendar days of the termination, employee discipline or actual or reasonable knowledge of the workplace safety issue. The Grievance must be in writing and must be filed with the Mayor. The Grievance shall contain:
 - a. a clear and concise statement of the relevant facts and dates;
 - b. the identities of people with material knowledge;
 - c. relevant documentation;
 - d. steps taken to informally resolve the dispute and the results of those discussions;
 - e. rationale supporting the Grievance; and,
 - f. the remedy that should be issued.

A Grievance alleging a workplace safety issue shall also identify the workplace rules allegedly violated, if applicable.
2. Administrative Response. The Mayor shall review the grievance and provide Grievant with a written response within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written Grievance. The written response shall contain a statement of the basis for the decision to sustain or deny the Grievance, and, if denied, the deadline for the Grievant to appeal the Grievance to an Impartial Hearing Officer.
3. Impartial Hearing. The Mayor's decision shall be final unless the Grievant files a written appeal requesting a hearing before an Impartial Hearing Officer. The written appeal shall be filed with the Clerk within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Administrative Response. The hearing shall take place within a reasonable time, but in no case more than twenty-eight (28) calendar days from the filing of the written appeal. The Impartial Hearing Officer shall file a written decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the close of the hearing.
4. Appeal for Review. The non-prevailing party may file a written request for review by the Common Council within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Impartial Hearing Officer's written response.
5. Decision of the Governmental Body. The Common Council shall issue its written decision on the Grievance within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receipt of the appeal.
6. Time Deadlines. No grievance shall be advanced if not filed or appealed within the System's time deadlines. The parties may mutually agree to extend any time deadline, which extension shall not be precedential.
7. Meetings/Hearings. Any meeting or hearing held under this System shall be during off-duty hours unless specifically agreed to by the City.

C. Hearing

1. Selection of Hearing Officer. Following receipt of the Appeal for Review, the City shall select an Impartial Hearing Officer, who shall not be a City employee.
2. Representation. The Grievant shall have the right to representation during the Grievance Procedure at the Grievant's expense. The representative shall not be a material witness to the dispute.
3. Nature of the Hearing. The Impartial Hearing Examiner will determine the scope of the hearing based upon the nature of the Grievance so as to provide the Grievant with an appropriate level of procedural due process. Thus:
 - a. The hearing may consist of testimony (not under oath) from witnesses with the opportunity for questioning by all parties and the Impartial Hearing Examiner, informal presentation by the City and the Grievant, or submission on paper record. The Impartial Hearing Examiner shall advise the parties of the manner in which the hearing will be held within seven (7) calendar days of appointment;
 - b. The Grievant shall have the burden of proof;
 - c. The hearing shall not be subject to the rules of evidence; however, depending on the nature of the hearing, a material fact may not be supported solely by hearsay evidence;
 - d. The parties are not entitled to discovery; and,
 - e. The Impartial Hearing Examiner may compel witnesses as permitted under §788.06(2), Stats.
4. Record of Proceedings. The Impartial Hearing Officer shall conduct the proceedings and make a record of the proceedings. Following the issuance of the decision, the record shall be provided to the Clerk or their designee for preservation for a period of at least seven (7) years. The record shall consist of the Grievance, the Administrative Response, a recording (written or audio) of any testimony or statements from the parties and witnesses, and any documents received into the record by the Impartial Hearing Examiner.
5. Hearing Costs. Costs involved in the hearing, included any fees charged by the Impartial Hearing Examiner, shall be borne by the City with the exception that the City is not responsible for any costs incurred by the Grievant for representation or consultation and production of evidence at the Impartial Hearing (including fees to compel witnesses and photocopying expenses).
6. Written Decision. After the close of the hearing, the Impartial Hearing Officer shall issue a written decision. The Impartial Hearing Office shall uphold the Administrative Decision unless the Grievant has proven that the Administrative Decision was arbitrary or capricious, which means an action which is so unreasonable as to be without rational basis.

7. Powers of the Hearing Officer. The Impartial Hearing Officer shall have the power to issue a Written Response to the Grievance as set forth on Paragraph 6. The Impartial Hearing Officer shall have no power to issue any remedy, but the Impartial Hearing Officer may recommend a remedy. Remedial authority shall be subject to the determination and approval of the Common Council, and shall be addressed by the Common Council in the event the Grievance is sustained.

D. Appeal

1. Written Appeal. The Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and contain a statement explaining the reasons for the appeal and a copy of the Grievance, the City's response to the Grievance, the record of the hearing as defined in paragraph C.4., above, and the Impartial Hearing Officer's Written Decision. The Notice of Appeal may not include information that was not presented at the hearing. The request shall be filed with the Clerk and with a copy to the prevailing party.
2. Review. The Common Council shall review the materials submitted under paragraph D.1. and the Impartial Hearing Officer's decision may be reversed or modified if the decision was:
 1. In excess of the City's statutory authority or jurisdiction;
 2. Based upon improper application or interpretation of City policies or handbook provisions;
 3. Unsupported by relevant evidence to support the conclusion or is otherwise erroneous;
 4. Arbitrary and capricious;
 5. The result of an inappropriate application of the standard of review by the Impartial Hearing Officer; or,
 6. In contravention of public policy considerations.

In the event the Common Council sustains the Grievance, the Common Council shall determine an appropriate remedy for the Grievant.

In the event the Common Council does not sustain the Impartial Hearing Officer's decision, the Common Council may render a new decision and remedy, or request the Impartial Hearing Officer to take further evidence and issue a revised decision and recommendation.

Any review by the Common Council shall be subject to Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, in particular its review and deliberation shall be in closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(a), Stats. The Common Council vote on the grievance shall be in open session.

3. Decision. All decisions of the Common Council involving the Grievance shall be by simple majority vote of those members present and voting, reduced to writing and filed with the Clerk within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the final decision. A copy of the final decision shall be delivered to the Grievant. The Common Council's decision is final and is not subject to appeal.