# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between

CITY OF OXNARD and

# OXNARD PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

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# I. Introduction

- A. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to memorialize the wages, employee benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment of employees in the Police Unit (Unit) of representation (regular employees in the classifications of Police Officer I/II, Police Officer III, Police Sergeant, Public Safety Dispatcher I, Public Safety Dispatcher III, Public Safety Dispatcher III, Communications Training Coordinator, Police Service Officer, and Senior Police Service Officer) (Unit employees) which have been negotiated and agreed upon between duly authorized representatives of the City Manager of the City of Oxnard (City) and the Oxnard Peace Officers' Association (OPOA) and which are recommended to the City Council for ratification. This MOU shall be effective July 1, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2027.
- B. The matters presented herein, determined through extensive negotiations between representatives of City and OPOA, are considered equitable to City, OPOA and the affected employees and will be supported by City, OPOA and the affected employees.
- C. The following items, together with those wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment as expressly set forth in previous Memoranda of Understanding between City and the OPOA, which are not changed by this MOU, shall constitute the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment until such matters are changed or otherwise modified which, in no event, shall occur prior to the expiration of this MOU, except as otherwise provided herein. There shall be no change or modification in wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment by City without first meeting and conferring in good faith with the OPOA to the extent required by law.

## D. No Discrimination

There shall be no discrimination by the City in employment conditions or treatment of employees on the basis of membership or non-membership in the Association, or participation in the activities of the Association.

#### E. Dues Checkoff

The Association acknowledges that it bears the sole responsibility for providing the City with a comprehensive list of employees with the dues deductions to be made by the City on behalf of the POA. The POA holds harmless and indemnifies the City from any actions that an employee may take for improper deductions being made when those deductions were made based on the list provided by the POA.

# II. Management Rights and Responsibilities

The sole purpose of this provision is to clarify those rights presently possessed by management so that City and OPOA will have a better and clearer understanding of their respective rights. City reserves, retains, and is vested with, solely and exclusively, all rights of management as provided by law which existed prior to the execution of this MOU. These sole and exclusive rights of management shall include but not be limited to, the following rights:

- A. To manage City generally and to determine issues of policy.
- B. To determine the existence or non-existence of facts which are the basis of a management decision.
- C. To determine the necessity and organization of any service or activity conducted by City and to expand or diminish services.
- D. To determine the nature, manner, means and technology, and extent of services to be provided to the public.
- E. To determine methods of financing City functions and operations.
- F. To determine types of equipment or technology to be used.
- G. To determine and/or change the facilities, methods, technology, means, organizational structure and composition of the work force and allocate and assign work by which to conduct City operations.
- H. To determine and change the number of locations, relocations and types of operations, processes and materials to be used in carrying out all City functions.
- I. To assign work to and schedule employees (including but not limited to temporary light-duty assignments) in accordance with requirements as determined by City.
- J. To lay off employees from duties because of lack of work or lack of funds, or under conditions where continued work would be ineffective or non-productive, pursuant to the Oxnard City Code and City of Oxnard Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- K. To establish and modify productivity and performance standards.
- L. To discharge, suspend, demote, reprimand, withhold salary increases and benefits, or otherwise discipline employees for cause, in accordance with the Oxnard City Code and City of Oxnard Personnel Rules and Regulations, Oxnard Police Department rules and regulations and standard operating procedures in existence at the time of the execution of this MOU and subject to all appeal rights set forth therein.

- M. To determine minimum qualifications, skills, abilities, knowledge, selection procedures and standards, job classifications and to reclassify and promote employees in accordance with this MOU, the Oxnard City Code and City of Oxnard Personnel Rules and Regulations and applicable resolutions.
- N. To establish and modify reasonable employee performance standards and to require compliance therewith.
- O. To maintain order and efficiency in City facilities and operations.
- P. To establish and promulgate and/or modify rules and regulations to maintain order, safety and health in City which do not contravene this MOU.
- Q. To take any and all necessary action to carry out the mission of City in emergencies.

# III. Compensation

# A. Wages

# 1. Range Spread Change

Effective July 1, 2024, the City will decrease the range spread for Police Officer from approximately 56% to 40%.

Effective July 1, 2024, the City will decrease the range spread from Police Sergeant from 51% to 40%.

As a result of the changes, the ranges will be: Police Officer \$89,527 - \$125,338

Police Sergeant \$116,670 - \$163,338

Employees who are at the bottom of the range as of the date of the range adjustment shall have their salary adjusted so that they remain at the minimum of the new range.

# 2. Increase in Salary Range:

The City shall increase the maximum of the salary range for Police Officer, Police Corporal, Police Sergeant, Public Safety Dispatcher I/II (combined into Public Safety Dispatcher), Public Safety Dispatcher III (retitled to Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher), Police Service Officer, and Senior Police Service Officer by 6% on July 1, 2024, by 6% effective July 1, 2025, and by 6% effective July 1, 2026. The minimum of the range will be increased by 5% effective July 1, 2025 and 2026. As a result of these changes, the ranges will be:

# **Police Officer**July 1, 2024 - \$89,527 - \$132,858 Police Corporal July 1, 2024 - \$111,216 - \$150,556

July 1, 2025 - \$94,003 - \$140,829 July 1, 2025 - \$116,776 - \$159,589

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# July 1, 2026 - \$122,615 - \$\$169,164

#### **Police Sergeant**

July 1, 2024 - \$116,670 - \$173,138
July 1, 2025 - \$122,503 - \$183,526
July 1, 2026 - \$128,628 - \$194,538

# **Public Safety Dispatcher**

July 1, 2024 – \$62,418 - \$107,008 July 1, 2025 - \$65,538 - \$113,428 July 1, 2026 - \$68,815 - \$120,234

#### **Supervising Public Safety Dispatcher**

July	1, 2024 –	\$84,583 -	\$125,19	9
July	1, 2025 -	\$88,812 -	\$132,71	1
July	1, 2026 -	\$93,252 -	\$140,67	4

# **Police Services Officer**

July 1, 2024 - \$69,514 - \$115,284 July 1, 2025 - \$72,989 - \$122,201 July 1, 2026 - \$76,639 - \$129,533

# Police Services Officer, Senior

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July 1, 2024 - $88,774 - $126,812
July 1, 2025 - $93,212 - $134,420
July 1, 2026 - $97,873 - $142,486
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# 3. Retention Payment

The City will pay an annual retention payment which will either be placed into the 401(a) or paid as cash to the employee. Employees must make a one-time election to have all payments made to either their 401(a) or received as cash. The payment for each fiscal year is based on the employee having worked the previous 12 months with the City. Employees who are hired into the City shall have the amount paid pro-rated by the number of full months of completed City service prior to payment being issued. The payment will be based on the employee's hourly rate of pay in the pay period that it is paid and shall occur in the first full pay period in July of the corresponding year.

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July 2024 – 4% of base salary
July 2025 – 3% of base salary
July 2026 – 3% of base salary
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# 3. Annual Wage Increase

Beginning in the first full pay period of January 2024 and continuing annually in each subsequent first full pay period of January the City shall increase each unit employee's pay rate by 5% provided such increase does not result in the employee exceeding the maximum salary range for their classification.

# B. Retirement

- 1. Employees hired on or before December 31, 2012 or who are defined as "classic" PERS members hired on or after January 1, 2013:
  - a. For "safety" employees, the City's contract with CalPERS provides for the three percent (3%) at age fifty (50) retirement formula.
  - b. For "miscellaneous" employees, the City's contract with CalPERS provides for the two percent (2%) at age fifty-five (55) retirement formula.

- c. Classic employees shall continue to pay five percent (5.0%) of pensionable compensation towards the required employee retirement contribution to PERS. This shall be paid by employees by payroll deduction. This payment shall be made on a pre-tax basis pursuant to Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - i. The remaining required employee retirement contribution shall be paid by the City. The City shall report to PERS as compensation earnable pursuant to California Government Code section 20636(c)(4) its payment of a portion of employee retirement contributions to PERS, which is four percent (4.0%) of pensionable compensation for safety employees and two percent (2.0%) of pensionable compensation for miscellaneous employees.
- 2. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 who are "new members" as that term is defined in the Public Employee Pension Reform Act ("PEPRA"), Government Code § 7522 et seq.:
  - a. For safety employees, the City's contract with CalPERS provides for the two point seven percent (2.7%) at age fifty-seven (57) retirement formula.
  - b. For miscellaneous employees, the City's contract with CalPERS provides for the two percent (2.0%) at age sixty-two (62) retirement formula for miscellaneous employees.
  - c. Employees shall pay the full "member contribution" to PERS at the rate established by PERS, which is 50% of the normal cost as provided in Government Code Section 7522.30(c), and which in FY2016-17 is 13.75% of pensionable compensation for safety employees and 6.00% of pensionable compensation for miscellaneous employees and which may change from year to year. This shall be paid by employees by payroll deduction. No portion of the member contribution shall be paid by the City. This payment by employees shall be made on a pre-tax basis pursuant to Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

City shall make available to Unit employees a retirement medical savings plan allowing for voluntary individual contributions to a defined contribution medical retirement plan.

3. Effective the first pay period following Council ratification the City will establish a Deferred Compensation 401 (a) plan and will contribute 0.9% of base salary to the plan. The contribution will take effect the first full pay period following the election made by the employee. There will be no retroactivity for those employees who fail to make a timely enrollment.

#### 4. CalPERS Amendment

The City and Union agree, to the extent permitted by CalPERS, that the City will amend its contract with CalPERS to eliminate the enhanced disability retirement provision. Both parties understand that according to

CalPERS this change would only impact newly hired employees after the contract amendment becomes effective.

#### C. Annual Leave

- 1. City shall provide annual leave benefits to Unit employees as follows:
  - a. Full-time regular Unit employees shall accrue annual leave for each biweekly period of service or major fraction thereof based upon years of service as set forth in the following table:

YEARS OF SERVICE	BIWEEKLY ANNUAL LEAVE ACCRUAL	MAXIMUM ANNUAL LEAVE ACCRUAL
Less than 5	10.11	800
5 to 10 years	11.66	920
Greater than 10	13.21	1040
Greater than 15	14.75	1160

- b. (1) If a Unit employee actually works on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Cesar Chavez Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, and/or Christmas Day such employee shall receive, in addition to his or her regular compensation and the annual leave entitlements, premium pay at the rate of one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay for each regularly scheduled shift hour worked.
  - (2) If a Unit employee actually works on Christmas Eve and/or New Year's Eve such employee shall receive, in addition to his or her regular compensation and the annual leave entitlements described below, premium pay at the rate of one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay for one-half of the regularly scheduled shift hours worked.
  - (3) Any unit employee that works a holiday as set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this section that does not fall on an employee's regularly scheduled workday or workhours shall receive premium pay at a rate of two times the employee's regular rate of pay for each overtime hour worked.
  - (4) Employees in an on-call status subject to call back outside of their regular shift when such call back period falls on a holiday shall receive 2.7 hours of pay at the employee's regular rate if they are subject to call back on a holiday listed in Article III(C)(1)(b)(1) and 1.4 hours of pay at the employee's regular rate if they are subject to call back on a holiday listed in Article III(C)(1)(b)(2).

- c. Except as provided below, if a Unit employee accrues the maximum level of annual leave, such employee shall no longer be entitled to accrue additional annual leave until such time as his/her accrued annual leave is below the applicable maximum. The maximum leave caps shall be enforced on a pay period by pay period basis. However, a Unit employee shall be allowed to accrue annual leave beyond the maximum level for an additional five biweekly pay periods under the following conditions:
  - (1) The employee must first file with the Police Business Office a request to accrue annual leave above the maximum level for an additional five biweekly pay periods. The employee may submit such a request only on one occasion during any calendar year.
  - (2) During the extended five biweekly pay periods, the employee shall submit a request with his or her supervisor to use sufficient annual leave benefits so as to cause the amount of accrued annual leave to be less than the maximum.
  - (3) The Police Chief or designee shall make every effort to enable the employee to utilize the annual leave benefits in the manner requested or in a manner otherwise acceptable to the employee.
  - (4) If the employee has not been afforded an opportunity to use a sufficient amount of the requested annual leave during the extended five biweekly pay periods so as to cause his or her accrued annual leave to be less than the maximum, he or she shall continue to accrue annual leave benefits until such time as he or she has failed to take advantage of a reasonable opportunity, as initially determined by the Police Chief or designee, to use sufficient annual leave benefits so as to cause his or her accrued annual leave to be less than the maximum.
  - (5) When a unit employee accepts an offer of promotion into a different bargaining unit, the employee shall have the option to redeem their annual leave hours down to 600 hours. Employees who are below 600 hours will not be eligible to redeem any hours. The rate of pay to be used for redemption shall be the rate of pay the employee was earning immediately prior to promotion. The purpose of this redemption it to ensure an employee promoting into the other bargaining unit has the ability to continue to accrue hours before reaching the annual leave accrual cap in the new bargaining unit.

d. A Unit employee may redeem accrued annual leave for cash or roll accrued annual leave into a deferred compensation plan during each calendar year by submitting a written request to the General Accounting Division (Finance/Payroll) during the month of July or December according to the following table. The payment shall be at his/her then current hourly rate of pay including any longevity pay, educational and incentive pay and bi-lingual pay being earned as of the effective date of the payment.

# MAXIMUM ANNUAL LEAVE REDEMPTION HOURS

Greater than 5 40 hours
Greater than 10 80 hours
Greater than 15 120 hours

YEARS OF SERVICE

Any rollover of accrued annual leave into an employee's deferred compensation plan shall be subject to the lower of the redemption limits set forth above or any applicable IRS limits. Compliance with applicable IRS limits is the responsibility of individual employees. However, upon request, the City shall provide requested information to assist the employee. Should employees choose to roll accrued annual leave into a deferred compensation plan under this subsection, they must submit their redemption forms to the City's payroll department no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> or December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- e. If a Unit employee separates from service, the employee shall be paid for accrued annual leave to which the Unit employee is otherwise entitled at his/her then current hourly rate of pay including any longevity pay, educational and incentive pay and bilingual pay being earned as of the effective date of separation from City service.
- f. City may designate, on a work unit basis, specific days which that work unit will be closed for service, and may then require employees assigned to that work unit to use accumulated annual leave hours to receive full pay while absent from work on those days. In the alternative, City may grant the request of any such employee to be reassigned to a different work unit on any such day.
- 2. Sick leave benefits accrued by Unit employees as of February 5, 2000, shall be addressed as follows:
  - a. Such current sick leave accruals may be used to receive a leave of absence with pay for illnesses or injuries of the employee under the same circumstance and with the same limitations as existed prior to January 1, 2000.
  - b. Such current sick leave accruals may be used as donations to a sick leave bank established by City for another City employee.

c. City will redeem fifty percent of such current unused or unredeemed sick leave accruals, not to exceed 600 hours, upon any separation from service to those employees with a minimum of five years of regular full-time service, at time of separation, at his/her then current hourly rate of pay including any longevity pay, educational and incentive pay and bilingual pay being earned as of the effective date of separation from City service.

#### D. Bereavement Leave

The Department Director/ Division Supervising Manager may grant up to three (3) days leave of absence with pay to any eligible employee on the death of any member of the member's immediate family.

Immediate family shall include the following individuals related to the member or the member's spouse by reason of blood line, marriage, adoption or foster care: parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle, spouse, spouse's parents, brother(s), sister(s), child(ren), son(s)-in-law, daughter(s)-in-law, grandchild(ren), great grandchild(ren), registered domestic partner, and any blood relative(s) living in the immediate household.

Immediately upon return from bereavement leave, the department head may require the member to provide some evidence of the death, e.g., a newspaper clipping, obituary notice, funeral card, or other record of death. If such evidence is not provided, the bereavement leave shall be converted to leave without pay.

#### E. Insurance

#### 1. Health Insurance Premiums

The City will provide current active employees with a cafeteria payment as provided below:

The City offers affordable health coverage that meets minimum value standards under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to all eligible members. An eligible member is one who qualifies under the Look Back Measurement Safe Harbor (average of 30 hours per week), as adopted by Resolution and implemented under the City's implementation plan.

Medical - The City has established a two level medical plan whereby the first level may only consist of employees who were employed with the City prior to January 1, 2023. All employees hired on or after January 1, 2023 shall only be eligible for the medical benefits described under level two. Employees were able to select any eligible level during the open enrollment period which commenced in the fall of 2022. During each subsequent open enrollment, employees in level one may elect to be in level two, However, no employees in level two may elect to be in level one.

#### a. Level One

The tier one plan shall have the City contribution frozen at \$1,543 per month for those employees who elect a medical plan provided through the City. \$900 shall be provided to those employees who "waive" health insurance and provide proof of other coverage with a medical plan which does not consist of any plan on the "Covered California" Exchange.

Employees who receive cash back will continue to receive this benefit. Cash back is defined as the difference between the premium for the plan the employee has chosen and the \$1,543 contribution the City makes. It is understood that by remaining in the tier one program that this cash back will diminish as medical insurance premiums increase each year.

Provided that the employee has no changes in plan selection or level of plan, i.e. employee, employee plus one, or family, the employee may remain in the tier one plan. The following changes would prompt removal from tier one and placement into tier two:

- 1. An employee who experiences a change of family circumstances such as a marriage, divorce, birth, child aging out etc., which would change their level of coverage
- 2. An employee who elects to change their insurance carrier, i.e. changing from Kaiser to Blue Shield
- 3. The employee opts to waive coverage or drops coverage due to securing coverage elsewhere.

An employee will not be changed from level one to level two if the change of insurance carrier is due to no fault of their own, i.e. PERS discontinues the insurance carrier, or there is a death in the family.

#### b. Level Two

Employees who begin their employment with the City after January 1, 2023, or employees who began their employment prior to January 1, 2023 and who elect to be in the level two during open enrollment or who make any changes to their health care plan including a change in coverage level i.e., employee, employee plus one, family and/or a change in carrier will be placed into the level two medical plan. The specifics of this plan are as follows:

Single, Single plus one, and Family Plan – City contribution change is effective the first full pay period in January of the year specified

2025 – City contribution will increase by 5% to \$1,956 per month

2026 – City contribution will increase by 5% to \$\$2,054 per month

2027 – City contribution will increase by 5% to \$2,157 per month

Effective the 2023 benefit plan year, employees who elect to receive medical insurance through the City will not receive any cash back from the City's

contribution if such contribution is in excess of the plan premium.

Employees who show proof of other qualifying coverage, which does not include any plans contained in "Covered California", shall receive \$500/month for waiving coverage.

#### c. Additional Provisions

The City shall contribute the amount required under California Government Code section 22892 towards the payment of premiums under City's health insurance plan on behalf of each Unit employee and, to the extent required by law, each eligible retiree.

To the extent legally possible all deductions for insurance premiums will not be taxable in accordance with Section 125 of Internal Revenue Service regulations. Any monies not used by Unit employees to pay for City and/or OPOA-sponsored insurance programs shall be paid to Unit employees biweekly.

Cafeteria Plan monies shall be subject to applicable State and federal taxes, but shall not be considered wages for retirement purposes or retirement calculations.

Cash received pursuant to the Cafeteria Plan shall be included in an employee's regular rate of pay for purposes of calculating overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 USC § 201, et seq.). However, cash received pursuant to the Cafeteria Plan shall not be included in an employee's regular rate of pay for purposes of calculating overtime under this MOU ("Contract Overtime").

The City agrees that all benefits allowed by law shall be extended to the domestic partner of a Unit employee.

# 2. Life Insurance

City shall continue to pay one hundred percent of the current premium for employee only coverage under the existing level of benefits for life insurance for Unit employees.

#### 3. Dental Insurance

City shall continue to provide one or more family dental insurance plans. Unit employees must be enrolled in a dental insurance program provided by City. Unit employees shall be eligible to enroll in the Delta Dental, Golden West Dental & Vision, or other dental programs offered by City.

# 4. Long-Term Disability Insurance

City shall continue to pay six dollars biweekly for an OPOA-administered long-

term disability (LTD) insurance plan for Unit employees. OPOA shall hold City harmless on any issue related to the LTD insurance plan.

# F. Physical Fitness

#### 1. Benefit

- a. The City shall provide OPOA with \$50,000 annually to be utilized by OPOA toward the payment of membership fees for a physical fitness program available to Unit employees at qualified health clubs previously approved by the City Manager. The Union agrees to submit an annual statement detailing the specific use of the funds including: amount, equipment, facility, and employee. Should the City not receive the statement by June 30 of each year then the Union will forfeit the amount for the following fiscal year.
- b. Any of these funds not utilized for Unit employees enrolled in health clubs during the term of this MOU may be utilized for the purchase of equipment to be placed in the designated physical fitness area at the Public Safety Building subject to approval by the Police Chief.
- c. City agrees that other physical fitness programs at other local facilities may be made available for use by Unit employees, subject to approval by the City Manager after submittal to the City Manager by OPOA of a proposed agreement between OPOA and a facility. Such additional program shall be subject to the same terms and conditions, and shall be charged to the Unit employee dollar maximum specified in subparagraph III.E.1.a.
- d. The payment of this sum by City is contingent upon each Unit employee executing a formal waiver releasing City and OPOA from any liability for any injuries or other claims for damages resulting from participation in the program.
- e. OPOA shall perform all acts necessary to cause to be provided to City access to the relevant records of the health clubs for the purpose of evaluating the overall performance of Unit employees who participate in the program; provided, however, that in affording access to City, the individual identity of each participant shall remain anonymous.

#### 2. Performance Standards

City and OPOA agree to implement a Physical Fitness and Wellness Program (Program) to be developed by a committee comprised of representatives of the Police Department and OPOA. City and OPOA shall make every effort to develop this Program as soon as possible. Sworn Unit employees hired after July 1, 1998, shall adhere to this Program as a condition of continued employment for the first ten years of employment as a sworn officer. For all other Unit employees, participation in the Program shall be on a voluntary basis.

# G. Bilingual Pay

### 1. Bilingual Program

City shall maintain its current Bilingual Program which shall include the following minimum requirements for receipt of compensation under this program:

- a. Consideration of the need for these bilingual skills to provide services to the community in the course of carrying out usual job duties;
- b. In understanding and sensitivity to cultural aspects associated with effectively communicating with diverse populations; and
- c. A specified testing process to determine competency.

# 2. Compensation

A regular full-time employee who qualifies under the Bilingual Program shall receive bilingual pay at the rate of:

- a. One hundred twenty-five dollars biweekly for Spanish language ability.
- b. Sixty-two dollars and fifty cents biweekly for bilingual services in a designated language other than English or Spanish.

#### IV. Hours of Work

The 3/12 patrol schedule will remain in effect through June 30, 2024. The patrol schedule can only be amended thereafter through mutual agreement or through the collective bargaining process.

# V. Resignation and Reinstatement

# A. Advanced Notice

A Unit employee may resign from City service at any time. A Unit employee resigning from City service, however, shall give a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice to his/her supervisor in order to enable the City to make proper provisions for filling his/her position, unless a shorter notice period is mutually agreed to by the City and the employee.

## B. Forfeiture of Privileges

Except as provided below, upon resignation, the Unit employee shall forfeit all seniority and employment privileges allowed by this MOU and other applicable City policies. Any person resigning may, at the discretion of the City Manager, be reinstated in accordance with Section C below.

#### C. Reinstatement

Any Unit employee who has resigned from City service may apply for reinstatement within one (1) year by means of a written request. If, in his/her sole discretion, the City Manager determines that the reinstatement request should be granted, the applicant may be reemployed in the same job classification as occupied upon resignation if there is a vacancy in that classification. The Unit employee will have his or her seniority rights related to leave accruals and longevity pay reinstated and shall not be required to serve a new probationary period, but shall have no other rights, privileges or benefits accrued by him/her during his/her previous employment. This section will not apply to reinstatement after military service.

#### VI. OPOA Business

OPOA shall be authorized to utilize a maximum of 600 hours per year of paid release time from duty for the conduct of usual and normal OPOA activities relating to the employer-employee relationship. Time spent in labor negotiations shall not be included in this 600-hour allocation.

#### A. Normal OPOA activities are defined as:

- Meeting with external vendors on benefits which are of interest to OPOA
- Meeting with legal counsel
- Meeting with elected officials
- Meeting with City staff
- Other activities may be approved by the Chief of Police if the Chief believes that it is in the best interests of the City to approve such time.

OPOA shall maintain complete, accurate and current records of release time so utilized and shall submit a monthly record to the Police Chief or his/her designee. No member shall utilize release time for OPOA activities without prior authorization of the Police Chief or designee and the OPOA President. Time will be declined if the activity requires long distance travel outside of Ventura County, unless the Chief of Police believes there is a shared interest between the City and the OPOA for such travel to occur.

If an OPOA member uses release time under this paragraph to receive training and such training is creditable by Police Officer Standards and Training (e.g., Advance Officer Training), City may claim credit for such training.

# VII. Standby

City shall provide standby pay for those employees subject to call back after regularly scheduled work hours in the amount of \$4.00 per hour.

#### VIII. Contributions to Retiree Medical Trust Fund

City shall continue to contribute to a Retiree Medical Trust Fund maintained by OPOA on behalf of Unit employees to provide for medical insurance subsidies after retirement an amount equal to four percent (4.0%) of total annual compensation for all Unit employees,

including base wage and all items of remuneration that increase when base wages increase. The projected payroll information upon which the contributions for each calendar year will be computed shall be determined by the beginning of that year. Until June 30, 2010, the payments to the Trust based upon that calculation shall continue to be made each pay period. Commencing August 1, 2010, and every three (3) months thereafter, the payments shall be made on a calendar quarterly basis. For example, the August 1, 2010 payment shall encompass the calendar quarter of July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. The components to be used in making these calculations are set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

# IX. Training Officer Assignment Pay

Police Officers, Police Corporals, Police Sergeants, Public Safety Dispatchers, and Public Service Officers who are assigned to the Field Training Officer Program or a Communications Training Officer Program shall receive assignment pay in the amount of \$125 per pay period. Those employees who are actively engaged in training for a minimum of 50% of their work days during the pay period, shall receive \$200 in said pay period. FTO Sergeants will receive \$200 per pay period when they are performing duties directly related to the FTO collateral assignment for a minimum of 50% of their work days during the pay period.

# X. Plain Clothes Pay

The City agrees to provide "plain clothes" pay of \$13.46 per pay period for employees who are required to purchase non-uniformed clothing. This clause is intended to codify long term existing practice of providing this amount to all employees who are not required to wear a uniform. Except with respect to "new members" as defined in Government Code section 7522.04(f), the City is legally obligated pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (2 CCR § 571) to report this amount as pensionable income as "Uniform Allowance".

# XI. Temporary Upgrade Pay

# 1. Conditions for Receipt

A Unit employee who is temporarily required to serve in a regular authorized position that is occupied or in an extended leave of absence in a classification with a higher salary range (higher classification) than such employee currently serves in shall be compensated higher base wages in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- a) To be eligible for higher base wages, the Unit employee must first serve in the higher classification for more than forty (40) consecutive hours. The change in pay/salary related to the assignment shall be effective the first day of the new pay period following such appointment, once the Unit employee has performed such duties for at least forty hours (40) in any one calendar year.
- b) The Unit employee must assume the majority of duties and responsibilities of the higher classification.
- c) The Unit employee shall then continue to receive the additional pay for the

duration of the assignment. The Unit employee shall not receive any other benefit assigned to the higher classification that they are not already receiving.

d) The employee in the temporary assignment does not assume the full responsibility of said assignment and will not be evaluated on their performance in the assignment. As such the employee's time worked in the higher classification shall not be counted toward the completion of probationary requirements in the higher classification.

#### 2. Conditions for Non-Authorization

Temporary upgrade pay is not authorized, for example, if the organization of a division is such that each Unit employee carries on his/her usual job duties during the temporary absence of a division manager, without the direction which the division manager would provide on a longer term basis.

#### 3. Limits on Temporary Upgrade

A Unit employee satisfying these terms and conditions shall be compensated (after serving in the classification for more than forty (40) consecutive hours) such that his/her base wages are equal to the greater of: a) the minimum base wages established for the higher classification for each completed work shift served in the higher classification; or b) five percent (5%) above the employee's base wages. However, in no event shall the employee receive base wages greater than the base wages for the maximum step for the higher classification, or more than ten percent (10%) above the employee's current base wages. The assignment shall not exceed more than 960 hours in a fiscal year.

# XII. Promotional Appointment

The Police Chief shall not make promotions from an existing eligibility list when there are no vacant positions for the classification in question prior to the original expiration date of the list.

#### A. Salary Upon Promotion

The beginning base wage for promotions shall be at least five percent (5%) greater than the member's rate of pay prior to promotion, or, shall place the member at the bottom of the range of the position into which the member is promoted if five percent (5%) does not place the member into the range of the promotional position. The City's offer for promotional increases shall not exceed 10% and will be based on the candidate's qualifications and experience as compared to other City employees in the same classification.

# XIII. City of Oxnard Employee Thrift Plan

City shall enable Unit employees to participate in the City of Oxnard Employee Thrift Plan. However, any deposits by employees into the City of Oxnard Employee Thrift Plan must be made consistent with applicable state and federal law and the City makes no representations as to the ability of employees to make contributions to the City of Oxnard Employee Thrift Plan on a tax-deferred basis.

#### XIV. Uniforms

The Oxnard Police Department shall provide to each Unit member the following uniform pieces on an annual basis:

2 short sleeve uniform shirts

1 long sleeve uniform shirt

2 pairs of pants

In addition, the Oxnard Police Department shall provide the following equipment to newly assigned motorcycle officers, consistent with Cal. Gov't Code § 50081.1:

Riding boots; Riding breeches; Leather jacket; Leather gloves; Safety helmet; and Protective glasses

Unit members shall be responsible for the purchase of their own footwear.

Except with respect to "new members" as defined in Government Code section 7522.04(f), the City is legally obligated pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (2 CCR § 571) to report to CalPERS as pensionable compensation the value of the uniform pieces provided to each Unit member on an annual basis as set forth in this section. It is agreed that the value of such items is \$450 per year for safety employees, and either \$200 or \$450 for non-safety depending on the classification and the uniform requirements of the department.

# XV. Comprehensive MOU

During the term of this MOU, City and OPOA shall continue to make every effort to develop a comprehensive memorandum of understanding covering all wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment of employees represented by OPOA. The intent and purpose of this process is to develop a comprehensive MOU not to modify existing or previously negotiated memoranda of understanding.

#### XVI. Tuition Reimbursement

#### A. Amount or Reimbursement/Conditions

City shall pay up to one hundred percent (100%) of the costs of tuition, registration fees, laboratory fees, and books to a maximum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars per employee per City fiscal year for work-related courses presented by accredited academic institutions, subject to the following conditions:

Only full time Unit employees shall be eligible for reimbursement.

Courses that qualify for this reimbursement are those that directly relate to the employee's duties with City or that directly relate to and are part of a planned course of study being actively pursued for promotion within City service, that are presented by an accredited high school, college, university or other accredited

institution, and that are satisfactorily completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Certificate and vocational courses shall be reimbursable under this section.

Courses that do not qualify for this benefit are those taken to bring unsatisfactory job performance up to an acceptable level, those duplicating in service training or other training the employee has already received, and those for which the employee received reimbursement from any other source.

There shall be no obligation for City to reschedule the work hours of any employee to facilitate attendance at any course of study.

To receive reimbursement, the Unit employee must file a claim, with the Human Resources Department, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a passing grade as described in subsections (a) and (b) above. City shall reimburse the Unit employee within forty-five (45) days of the submission of the approved claim.

# B. Limits on City's Obligations

City assumes no obligations other than those expressly provided for in this Article, nor does City assume any liability that might relate to an employee's voluntarily pursuing course work which may entitle him/her to reimbursement under this Article.

# XVII. Personnel Rules and Regulations

- A. During the term of this MOU, City and OPOA shall meet and confer in good faith with regard to modification of the City of Oxnard Personnel Rules and Regulations, provided, however, that City may not implement any changes with regard to these Personnel Rules and Regulations during the term of this MOU without the concurrence of OPOA unless those changes apply to all City employees uniformly.
- B. Any changes made by City regarding the "rule of three" for appointments or promotions are subject to the meet and confer process described above and shall not be effective as such changes apply to Unit employees until following the expiration of this MOU.

# XVIII. Lateral Transfer Program

The Lateral Transfer Program is currently set forth in Oxnard Police Department Policy Manual Section 1003 (Policy). The contents of that Policy, as presently stated, are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.

#### XIX. Mandated Overtime

# A. Anticipated Overtime

1. The following procedure addresses City's need to mandate overtime work with reference to anticipated overtime needs. Whenever the Police Chief or designee identifies a need for overtime staffing, Police Chief will seek Unit employee volunteers in the following order:

- a. Volunteers within the specific work unit
- b. Volunteer part-time employees
- c. Volunteers from other work units
- 2. Once the above process has been exhausted and the overtime staffing needs have not been met, overtime work will be mandated for employees within the specific work unit according to an employee's availability, seniority, current overtime commitment and equity.
- 3. Each division of the unit can formulate an overtime policy that is consistent with this MOU. Those divisions that do not contain sworn officers, but do require the use of officer overtime, will limit the use to not more than 25% of the division's overtime commitment.
- 4. When an employee has agreed to work an overtime shift and if the employee is notified that the shift is cancelled with less than 24 hours prior to the start of the shift, the City shall pay the employee two hours of pay at time and one half.

# B. Emergency Overtime

As a general rule, mandated overtime is a prerogative the Police Chief may exercise during emergency circumstances. An emergency is defined as a situation that is out of the norm requiring immediate staffing to insure the public safety and minimum staffing or in preparation of events requiring additional resources. Emergency circumstances are usually temporary in nature and of short duration. Should an emergency require prolonged attention, Police Chief shall seek other reasonable alternatives to overtime work as soon as practical.

# XX. Rights of Nonsworn Employees Represented by OPOA in Disciplinary Matters

Nonsworn employees represented by OPOA have the following rights in investigations which either City or the nonsworn employee believe could lead to punitive action, such as action which may lead to discharge, demotion, suspension, reduction in salary, transfer for purpose of punishment or written reprimand.

- A. Any interview shall be conducted at a reasonable hour, preferably at a time when the employee is on duty, or during the normal waking hours for the employee, unless the seriousness of the investigation requires otherwise. If such interview does occur during off duty time of the employee being interviewed, the employee shall be compensated for such off-duty time in accordance with the regular Police Department procedures, and the employee shall not be released from employment for any work missed.
- B. The employee under investigation shall be informed prior to such interview of the rank, name and command of the employee in charge of the interview, the interviewing employees, and all other persons to be present during the interview. All questions directed to the employee interviewed shall be asked by and through no more than two persons at one time.
- C. The employee under investigation shall be informed of the nature of the investigation prior to any interview.

- D. The interview shall be for a reasonable period taking into consideration the gravity and complexity of the issue being investigated. The employee interviewed shall be allowed to attend to his/her own personal physical necessities.
- E. The employee being interviewed shall not be subjected to offensive language or threatened with punitive action, except that an employee refusing to respond to questions or report for an interview shall be informed that failure to answer questions directly related to the investigation or not reporting for an interview may result in punitive action. No promise of reward shall be made as an inducement for an employee to answer any question.
- F. City shall not cause the employee interviewed to be subjected to visits by the press or news media without his/her express consent nor shall his/her home address or photograph be given to the press or news media without his/her express consent.
- G. The complete interview of an employee may be recorded. If a tape recording is made of the interview, the employee shall have access to the tape if any further proceedings are contemplated or prior to any further interview at a subsequent time. The employee shall be entitled to a transcribed copy of any notes made by a stenographer or to any reports or complaints made by investigators or other persons, except those which are deemed by the Police Department to be confidential. No notes or reports which are deemed to be confidential may be entered in the employee's personnel file. The employee being interviewed shall have the right to bring his/her own recording device and record any and all aspects of the interview.
- H. If prior to or during the interview of an employee the Police Department deems that the employee may be charged with criminal offenses, he/she shall be immediately informed of his/her constitutional rights.
- I. Upon filing of a formal written statement of charges, or whenever an interview focuses on matters which are likely to result in punitive action against any employee, that employee, at his/her request, shall have the right to be represented by a representative of his/her choice who may be present at all times during such interview. The representative shall not be a person subject to the same investigation. The representative shall not be required to disclose, nor be subject to any punitive action for refusing to disclose, any information received from the employee under investigation for noncriminal matters.
- J. Written reprimands will be removed from an employee's personnel file five years from the date the appeal process has been completed provided no further disciplinary action has occurred in the intervening years. Should additional punitive action be imposed that is not later set aside by an administrative appeal or Court action, then the written reprimand will become part of the employee's permanent record.
- K. No employee shall be loaned or temporarily assigned to a location or duty assignment if an employee of his/her program would not normally be sent to that location or would not normally be given that duty assignment under similar circumstances.
- L. No employee shall be subjected to punitive action, or denied promotion, or be

threatened with any such treatment, because of the lawful exercise of the rights granted under this MOU section, or the exercise of any rights under any existing administrative grievance procedure. No punitive action, nor denial of promotion on grounds other than merit, shall be undertaken by the Police Department without providing the employee with an opportunity for administrative appeal.

- M. No employee shall have any comment adverse to his/her interest entered in his/her personnel file, or any other file used for any personnel purposes by City, without the employee having first read and signed the instrument containing the adverse comment indicating he/she is aware of such comment, except that such entry may be made if after reading such instrument the employee refuses to sign it. Should an employee refuse to sign, that fact shall be noted on that document and signed or initialed by such employee.
- N. An employee shall have thirty days within which to file a written response to any adverse comment entered in his/her personnel file. Such written response shall be attached to, and shall accompany, the adverse comment.
- O. No employee shall be compelled to submit to a polygraph examination against his/her will. No disciplinary action or other recrimination shall be taken against an employee refusing to submit to a polygraph examination, nor shall any comment be entered anywhere in the investigator's notes or anywhere else that the employee refused to take a polygraph examination, nor shall any testimony or evidence be admissible at a subsequent hearing, trial, or proceeding, judicial or administrative, to the effect that the employee refused to take a polygraph examination.
- P. No employee shall be required or requested for purposes of job assignment or other personnel action to disclose any item of his/her property, income, assets, source of income, debts or personal or domestic expenditures (including those of any member of his/her family or household) unless such information is obtained or required under State law or proper legal procedure, tends to indicate a conflict of interest with respect to the performance of his/her official duties, or is necessary for City to ascertain the desirability of assigning the employee to a specialized unit in which there is a strong possibility that bribes or other improper inducements may be offered.
- Q. No employee shall have his/her locker, or other space for storage that may be assigned to him/her searched except in his/her presence, or with his/her consent, or unless a valid search warrant has been obtained or where he/she has been notified that search will be conducted. This section shall apply to lockers or other space for storage that are owned or leased by City.

# XXI. Reserve Officer Deployment

A. Level One reserve officers have completed a certified police reserve officer academy and have successfully completed the field training program of the Police Department. These Level One reserve officers may be assigned to ride as a second officer with a regular sworn officer, and perform special assignments or details. The deployment of Level One reserve officers will be limited to:

- 1. Festivals
- 2. Football games
- 3. Investigations (follow-up type contacts by telephone and/or in person).
- 4. Bike detail, consistent with Police Department policy.
- 5. Stake-out assignments with direct supervision of a regular sworn officer.
- 6. Station detail (teleserve, juvenile detention)
- 7. Emergency situations (earthquake, riot)
- 8. Special assignments or details under the supervision of a regular sworn officer or supervisor.
- 9. Taking reports of priority 3 burglaries, thefts or vandalism, or automobile accidents.
- B. Watch Commanders and supervisors shall not use Level One reserve officers to staff overtime positions that are used to insure minimum staffing. Level One reserve officers shall not be assigned as one- and two-officer, general-duty patrol or beat units.
- C. Level One reserve officers shall not be used as follows:
  - 1. Routinely and without direct supervision of a regular sworn officer, interview or interrogate suspects.
  - 2. Act as primary investigating officer for the purpose of prosecution or file cases with prosecutors, except when assisting officers or detectives with follow-up investigations.
  - 3. Take active enforcement action inconsistent with his/her immediate assignments, except to report such incidents to his/her supervising officer or to communications.
  - 4. Replace regular sworn officers in overtime assignments except those assignments where exclusively regular sworn officers have been routinely used and unless regular sworn personnel have been afforded the opportunity to decline the overtime work.

## XXII. Non-Tobacco Use Policy

- A. All Unit employees hired as of September 13, 2003 shall be required to sign a "Statement of Acceptance" to refrain from using tobacco products as a term and condition of employment.
- B. All Unit employees represented by OPOA prior to the ratification date of September 13, 2003 shall refrain from using tobacco products while on-duty or on City premises. For the purposes of this section, the term "on-duty" shall be interpreted to mean the hours the employee is working. These hours will be inclusive of breaks and lunch periods, irrespective of whether the employee is compensated for breaks and/or lunch periods.
- C. Violation of the Non-Tobacco Use Policy shall provide basis for City to initiate progressive disciplinary action, if subsequent violations occur within one year of a prior offense.
- D. This Section XXIII will not be implemented until applicable to all sworn peace officers employed by City.

#### XXIII. Labor Management Committee

- A. City and OPOA shall establish an OPOA/Police Management Committee (Committee) consisting of up to four representatives of OPOA and an equal number of representatives of Police Department management. The purpose of the Committee shall be to examine internal Police Department operations as they affect employees' working conditions and other matters of mutual concern.
- B. The Committee's operating procedures, including frequency and scheduling of meetings, shall be determined by the Committee members.
- C. Agreements reached by the Committee members regarding internal Police Department operations shall be reduced to writing and be binding on City and OPOA. In the absence of agreement, City and OPOA shall be governed by law.

### XXIV. Additional Provisions

#### A. Promotional Process

City and OPOA agree that if City and OPOA are involved in judicial or grievance proceedings relating to the issues of work schedules or the promotional selection process, neither City nor OPOA shall in any way refer to the terms "schedule" or "selection procedures" that are set forth in paragraphs I and M of the "Management Rights" provision to assert or imply that the other party has conceded or surrendered any lawful rights which either City or OPOA believes it possessed prior to the inclusion of the "Management Rights" provision in the MOU.

# B. Eligibility List Duration

The normal duration of an eligible list for any position/classification in the Unit will be twelve months. The eligible list for any position/classification in the Unit may be extended by City for a maximum of six months upon implementation of a hiring freeze for that position/classification. The frozen list only will be used to fill vacancies that occurred during its initial twelve month effective time frame. Any vacancy occurring subsequent to that twelve month period shall be filled from the ensuing eligible list even if the list is created after the vacancies occur.

# C. Disciplinary Action Appeals

The Disciplinary Action Appeals Procedure applicable to Unit employees shall be as follows:

# 1. Definition of Disciplinary Action

A "Disciplinary Action" is any suspension, demotion, discharge or restriction of access to overtime of regular non-probationary Unit employees taken for punitive reasons.

# 2. Opportunity to Respond and Appeal

Within five calendar days of receipt of an intent to impose disciplinary action, a Unit employee shall be accorded a prompt opportunity to respond orally or in writing to the person proposing the disciplinary action and to the charges constituting the bases for the action.

#### 3. Advisory Arbitration

- a. Within ten calendar days of the receipt of a notice imposing a disciplinary action, a Unit employee may file a request for advisory arbitration with the Human Resources Director or his/her designee to appeal the disciplinary action.
- b. The Human Resources Director and Unit employee, or their designated representatives, shall agree on an advisory arbitrator. If they are not able to agree on an arbitrator within a reasonable time, either the Human Resources Director or the Unit employee may request the State Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a list of seven arbitrators who have had experience in public sector employee relations. The Human Resources Director and Unit employee or their designated representatives shall select the arbitrator by alternately striking names from a list until one name remains. The identity of the first person striking the first name shall be determined by a coin flip or other random means. Unless agreement is reached on the name of a specific arbitrator, the last name remaining on the list shall become the advisory arbitrator.

- c. The arbitrator so selected shall conduct a hearing as expeditiously as possible at a time and place convenient to the Human Resources Director and Unit employee or their designated representatives.
- d. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the arbitrator shall submit findings and an advisory recommendation to the City Manager, the Human Resources Director and Unit employee.

Within forty-five calendar days of the receipt of the written findings, conclusions and advisory recommendation, the City Manager shall determine whether or not to adopt the recommendation of the arbitrator. If the City Manager does not adopt the advisory recommendation of the arbitrator and the City Manager's decision is to impose discipline that has a greater negative financial impact on the Unit employee than the advisory recommendation, then the City Manager shall have reviewed the entire evidentiary record of the arbitration proceedings before imposing such new and more severe discipline.

- e. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne by City.
- f. The time limits expressed herein may be modified by mutual written agreement of the Human Resources Director and Unit employee, or their designee(s).

#### D. Grievance Procedure

During the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to meet and confer over developing a grievance procedure applicable to Unit members.

A grievance must be initiated by the OPOA or an employee within 30 days from the date the grievant knew or reasonably should have known of the final event giving rise to the grievance. Furthermore, an employee shall be entitled to receive back pay on any grievance for a period of one year prior to the filing of the grievance.

# E. Multi-Agency Dispatch Center

No change in any existing term and condition of employment within the lawful scope of representation of OPOA may occur as a result of that process unless if City desires to develop a multi-agency dispatch center, City shall meet and confer in good faith with OPOA, mutually agreed by City and OPOA.

# F. Employee Selection—Acting Assignments

- 1. If a certified eligible list exists, the Police Chief may select from the top three candidates on the list.
- 2. If a certified eligible list does not exist, the Police Chief may select from the top three most senior qualified employees who declare an interest in the

assignment.

# G. Collection of Overpayment

When an employee is overpaid, the City will collect the overpayment no more quickly than the same number of pay periods that the overpayment occurred. The City may not unilaterally collect the overpayment without the employee's consent. Employees may discuss with Human Resources a more extended repayment plan, however if no agreement is reached, then, subject to the foregoing sentence, the initial payment plan length will proceed.

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	This MOU shall be in full force and effect from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.		
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# EXHIBIT "A"

Ingredients, in addition to salary, to be utilized in calculating the payment to the Retiree Medical Trust Fund in accordance with Article IX

# **REGULAR HOURS**

Total wages

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY (as listed in Article X)

LONGEVITY PAY (as listed in Article IX)

MEDICARE EMPLOYER

PERS MISC – ER

PERS MISC (PERS+) – EE

PERS PLUS 7% EE

PERS PLUS 7% ER

PERS PLUS 9% EE

PERS PLUS 9% ER POLICE

PERS POLICE – EE

PERS POLICE – ER

SAFETY PROGRAM

UNEMP INS – CITY

UNFUNDED MEDICAL

VACATION/SICK PAYOUT

WORKERS COMPENSATION

assignment.

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