

LABOR CONTRACT AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1264**

AND

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



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DEFINITIONS

Actor	An employee who serves in the capacity of another rank or position and is on a current promotional list. Other employees who are not on a current promotional list may occasionally serve in an acting capacity if they were demoted for non-disciplinary reasons from the rank in which the employee will be acting.
Advanced Life Support (ALS)	MICP-level services provided to a patient which exceed those basic services needed to maintain life as outlined by the AFD Medical Director, the Fire Chief, and Alaska State Statute.
Apparatus	A fire department emergency vehicle used for rescue, fire suppression, EMS delivery or other specialized functions.
Automatic Aid	A plan developed between two or more fire departments for immediate joint response on first alarms.
Basic Life Support (BLS)	Medical services provided to a patient which are only those necessary to maintain life as outlined by the AFD Medical Director, the Fire Chief, and Alaska State Statute.
BLS Unit	A patient transport vehicle equipped and staffed to provide Basic Life Support activities.
Catastrophic Disaster	Includes, but is not limited to, urban conflagrations, floods, earthquakes, volcanic events, civil disorders, enemy attack, and long-term major infrastructure failures.
Call Out	Overtime for shift work only, subject to call out rules. Call out does not include other types of overtime, i.e., training, meetings, holdovers, and special projects.
Certification	Documentation indicating demonstrated competence in a particular field, discipline, or specialization.
Company Officer	Someone who provides direction to a crew/company of personnel (Captain, Senior Captain).
Cross Staffing	The condition in which an employee is required to operate or in any way be responsible for responding with an apparatus other than the primary unit to which the employee is assigned.
Desired Minimum Staffing	The number of pre-established assignments determined by the DC of Operations and is not the same as minimum staffing.
Dispatcher	A Dispatcher who has completed their probationary period

Emergency Medical Support Vehicle	(EMSV)An AFD vehicle staffed with at least one AFD MICP primarily used to provide medical support and oversight as well as assist with professional development of EMS providers.
Fire Company	A group of employees: (1) Under the direct supervision of an officer; (2) Trained and equipped to perform assigned tasks; (3) Usually organized and identified as engine companies, ladder companies, rescue companies, squad companies, or multi-functional companies; (4) Operating with one piece of fire apparatus (engine, ladder truck, elevating platform, quint, rescue, squad, ambulance) except where multiple apparatus are assigned that are dispatched and arrive together, continuously operate together, and are managed by a single company officer; (5) Arriving at the incident scene on fire apparatus.
Firefighter/fighter	firefighter: A person of any rank trained and equipped to perform emergency activities. Firefighter: The rank of Firefighter
Full Activation	With respect to disaster staffing, is the temporary emergency change to a 12 on – 12 off or similar schedule.
Hazardous Materials Apparatus	A Fire Apparatus designed and equipped for responding to and Response Apparatus managing emergency incidents involving hazardous materials.
Illness	A condition of sickness or injury.
Immediate Family	Except as defined in Federal, State or Municipal laws, "immediate family" shall mean the employee's spouse, child, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or step-relationship for those family members listed above, person for whom the employee has been appointed as legal guardian, same sex domestic partner as defined by the MOA, or other family members who reside permanently with the employee. Child means the employee's biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, or legal ward.
Investigation	The process to determine the extent and/or validity of an allegation of a rule violation, misconduct, or other wrong doing.
Journey person	A firefighter who has the Journey person certification and/or has promoted to Engineer, Captain, Senior Captain or Safety Officer
Light Duty	Employees who have had an on-the-job injury or on-the-job exposure to a contagious disease who are on worker's comp, and who have been released to work with restrictions by a QHP

are temporarily placed on a 40-hour work schedule or with the approval of the Fire Chief the employee may work a 56-hour schedule.

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) A patient transport vehicle equipped and staffed to provide Advanced Life Support activities.

Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic (MICP)

A person who has been specifically trained for ALS through a recognized course, who is sponsored by the AFD Medical Director, the Fire Chief, and Alaska State Statute. (AKA: Paramedic)

Operational Need Any staffing or operational concern that affects the effective and efficient operation of the fire department.

Position Seniority All time served in rank (excluding acting time).

Preceptor A Company Officer, Paramedic, Dispatcher or other employee directly overseeing the initial on-the-job training, internship, and/or probationary period of another employee.

Qualified Healthcare Professional (QHP) A healthcare provider such as a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or any healthcare professional who meets the definition under AS 23.30.395 or 29 CFR §825.125

Shall Indicates a mandatory requirement.

Sick Leave/Temporary Personal Hardship

Paid absence from work allowed an employee to provide an economic cushion to be used in the event of illness or absence for some medical reason or temporary personal hardship. Sick leave does not accrue separately, like annual leave, on a regular basis; it accumulates through conversion of excess hours of annual leave into sick leave.

Standby (1) A condition in which an employee is expected to remain immediately available for work after regularly scheduled hours, on scheduled days off, or on holidays.

Standby (2) With respect to wildfire deployments, a condition involving offline requirements to remain in a designated area or maintain a designated level of response preparedness during off shift periods.

Supervisor One who has supervisory authority and responsibility over other employees.

Temporary (hire)	Employees of short duration (six months or less) for clerical, training, instruction, processing, programming, or similar work.
Temporary Duty Assignment (TDA)	Employees who are assigned to work special projects/assignments and are placed on a 40-hour work week.
Temporary Shift Accommodation (TSA)	Employees who have had an off-the-job injury, off-the-job exposure to contagious disease, or illness who are unable to work without restrictions as defined by a QHP and who are temporarily placed on a 40-hour work schedule.
Temporary Duty (TDY)	Employees who are temporarily reassigned for a specific number of hours or days without a change in their shift. This does not include daily staffing changes.
Tender	A Fire Apparatus designed primarily for transporting (pickup, transporting, and delivering) water or other fire suppression agent to fire emergency scenes to be applied by other vehicles or pumping equipment.
Type 1 Engine	A Fire Apparatus designed primarily for structural firefighting and equipped for wild land firefighting with a tank capacity of 400 gallons or more, capable of pumping at least 1000 gpm at 150 psi, and with crew seating for at least four.
Type 3 Engine	A Fire Apparatus designed and equipped for structural and wildfire firefighting with a tank capacity of 300 gallons or more, capable of pumping at least 150 gpm at 250 psi, and with crew seating for at least four.
Type 6 Engine	A Fire Apparatus designed and equipped for wildfire firefighting with a tank capacity of 150 gallons or more, capable of pumping at least 30 gpm at 100 psi, and with crew seating for at least two.
Volunteer (1)	A non-career Firefighter or a paid Fire Chief of a fire department staffed by Volunteers who, although may be paid for response and training time, performs firefighting or rescue services of their own free will.
Volunteer (2)	To commit without compulsion or expectation to non-mandatory training or other special activities.
Workday	A twenty-four (24) hour period during which an employee is scheduled to work.
Work Week	A fixed period of 168 hours (7 consecutive 24-hour periods) commencing at 12:00 a.m. on Monday and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday for 5/8 and 4/10 schedules. For other schedules such as Kelly Shift and Dispatch, different start/end days and times maybe used.

ARTICLE 1

PREAMBLE

- 1.1 This Agreement entered into by the Municipality of Anchorage, hereinafter referred to as the “Municipality” and the Anchorage Fire Fighters Union Local 1264, International Association of Fire Fighters, American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, Canadian Labor Congress, hereinafter referred to as the “Union,” has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Municipality and the Union, the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences, the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 2
RECOGNITION

2.1 The Municipality recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for employees in those classifications in the Fire Department listed in this agreement. The Union owns all fire, rescue, EMS, prevention, and fire investigation type work in the Anchorage Fire Service Area. No other department or agency may perform Union work in the Anchorage Fire Service Area except as follows:

- A. In areas of overlapping jurisdictions (Upper Cook Inlet, Chugach State Park, etc.) other State, Federal, and Volunteer agencies (Alaska State Troopers, US Coast Guard, National Guard, Alaska Mountain Rescue Group, etc.) may respond in accordance with their jurisdictional responsibilities, by mutual aid, or upon special request.
- B. In accordance with governmental agreements.
- C. Private Ambulance Services are allowed to operate solely for the provision of scheduled inter-facility (i.e., hospital, clinics, home, airport) patient transfers. Private Ambulance Services will not be assigned or allowed to do any kind of emergency work now being done by the Union.

In the event that private ambulance companies discontinue providing patient transfers, the union will own this work.

- D. In the event of any disaster or disaster declaration.
- E. Under the umbrella of Area-wide EMS, Area-Wide EMS units (Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department, Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department) may respond incidentally to EMS calls in the Municipality of Anchorage. Likewise, Anchorage Fire Department EMS units shall respond as necessary to EMS calls anywhere in the Municipality.
- F. The Anchorage International Airport Department of Public Safety and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Fire (JBER) may continue to operate in their respective present response areas.

G. Telemedicine, medical triage referral services, air compressor service and tire servicing.

- 2.1.1 Recognition of the Union as bargaining agent applies to those employees in those classifications within the Anchorage Fire Service Area performing substantially the same functions and with substantially the same responsibility, regardless of title, but does not restrict the Municipality's prerogative to abolish positions. The Municipality agrees that it will not enter into contracts to perform fire and rescue services outside of the Anchorage Fire Service Area with departments or agencies other than Girdwood Volunteer Fire Department and Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department. Anchorage Fire Department employees shall train and work with volunteers as required. Employees as used in this article, applies to any addition to or expansion of bargaining unit work throughout the Municipality of Anchorage.
- 2.1.2 Subject to paragraph 2.1.4 below, bargaining unit work shall not be assigned to nor performed by Anchorage Fire Service Area non-represented personnel. However, this section shall not prevent such Anchorage Fire Service Area non-represented personnel from assisting in emergencies, nor in performing incidental clerical work during non-routine absence of represented personnel, but it does prohibit all use of such personnel to avoid call-ins or overtime.
- 2.1.3 The Municipality also agrees that it will not lay off any employees who have completed their probationary periods and have regular employee status by contracting or subcontracting out bargaining unit work to persons not covered by this agreement.
- 2.1.4 The Municipality reserves the right to contract with or hire temporary non-bargaining unit persons to provide training and instruction, computer data processing/programming, clerical assistance, or other project or seasonal work on a short-term basis, not to exceed six (6) months. The Municipality shall not contract or hire temporary line operations, inspector, investigator, mechanic, or dispatch positions.
- A. Temporary employees shall be paid the hourly wage rate for the classification in which they are working. Temporary employees are entitled to overtime. Temporary employees are specifically excluded from participation in all other provisions of this agreement.

B. Temporary employees are not IAFF members and are not entitled to representation by the IAFF.

- 2.2 Whenever new job classifications or new types of equipment are introduced which materially or significantly change or modify operations, the Municipality agrees to negotiate with the Union over wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment prior to the institution or implementation of the new job classification or equipment. In the event that negotiations cannot be finalized to the satisfaction of both parties with respect to wages, the issue shall be submitted to the Human Relations Department for its determination. Rates agreed upon or awarded shall be effective as of the date the job classification becomes effective. In the event that negotiations between the parties regarding wages, hours and/or working conditions are not resolved to the satisfaction of either party or either party does not accept the job classification determination of the Human Relations Department, the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accordance with Article seven (7) of this agreement.
- 2.3 The Municipality and the Union recognize that under this Agreement and in personnel matters not covered in this contract, the Municipal Personnel Rules effective at the time of commencement of negotiations shall apply. The Personnel Rules applicable to this bargaining unit shall not be changed for the duration of this Agreement.
- 2.4 Except where otherwise specifically defined, "business days" in this Agreement shall be defined as Monday through Friday, excluding those holidays referenced in Article 13.1 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 3.1 The Municipality shall retain the right to issue rules and regulations governing the internal conduct and administration of the Fire Department. Any right or authority not specifically granted to the Union by this Agreement is vested in the Municipality. This includes, but is not limited to, the selection, promotion, demotion, and discipline of employees.

ARTICLE 4
UNION SECURITY

- 4.1 In case a dispute arises as to whether or not an employee failed to maintain his Union membership in good standing, the Union agrees to save harmless from and indemnify the Municipality for any liability that may arise from any acts of the Municipality which result from its reliance on a representation of facts by the Union including court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Municipality.

ARTICLE 5

CHECK-OFF

- 5.1 Upon written notification by the employee, the Municipality agrees to deduct monthly the dues, assessments, or representation fees of employees covered by this Agreement. The amounts of dues, representation fees, and assessments shall be determined by the Union. In the event of a dispute concerning the amount of dues, representation fees, and assessments scheduled, collected and sent to the Union, the Union shall hold harmless and indemnify the Municipality for any liability arising from the Union's determination of the amount of dues, representation fees, and/or assessments owed by any employee.
- 5.2 The Municipality agrees to deduct, upon written authorization by the employee, or appropriate state agency, non-municipal supplemental insurance premiums, child support payment orders, or student loan garnishments via payroll deduction. The employee will be charged an Administrative Fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) for each deduction per pay period.
- 5.2.1 It is hereby agreed that employees who designate their consent on forms to be prepared by the parties will be allowed to authorize deductions from their wages for contribution into the Union's Political Action Committee (PAC), the IAFF Political Action Committee (FIREPAC), the IAFF Local 1264 Benevolent Fund, the IAFF Local 1264 Charity Fund, the Alaska State Professional Fire Fighters PAC Fund (AKPFFA PAC Fund) and/or any other fund that the union designates with reasonable payroll notification. All such contributions may be revoked or changed at any reasonable time by the employee. There shall be no administrative fees associated with these deductions.
- 5.3 When authorized, deductions from the pay of employees for the bi-weekly pay period shall be remitted for dues and insurance for the month immediately following. It is agreed that, for the purpose of this Article, deductions shall be made from the second payroll check of each month.
- 5.4 All funds collected by the Municipality on behalf of the Union shall be paid to the Union by the fifteenth (15th) of the following month after withholding. These withholdings shall be paid to Anchorage Fire Fighters Union, IAFF Local 1264.

ARTICLE 6

SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 6.1 This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto, and no provision, term, or obligation herein contained shall be affected, modified, altered, or changed in any respect whatsoever by any kind of change in ownership, management or governing entity of either party hereto, or by any change, geographical or otherwise, in the location of business of either party hereto.
- 6.2 The parties understand questions about the application and interpretation of this contract will inevitably arise during the term of the contract. When such occasions arise, it is understood and agreed the Municipality and the Union may enter into letters of agreement in order to establish, clarify and implement understandings with respect to the issues that arise during the course of this contract. It is understood and intended that letters of agreement may affect the contract's application with respect to the rights and responsibilities of the parties to this contract and the employees covered by this contract.

ARTICLE 7

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND BILL OF RIGHTS

- 7.1 For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance shall be defined as a claim by the Union or the Municipality, alleging a violation of this Agreement or of the Personnel Rules incorporated herein by reference.
- 7.1.1 When a dispute arises which becomes a basis for a grievance, the Union and the Municipality shall make every effort possible to informally resolve the dispute.
- 7.1.2 In the event that the dispute cannot be resolved, the grievance will be reduced to writing containing the following information:
- A. Nature of the grievance and the specific circumstances regarding the dispute.
 - B. Remedy requested.
 - C. Article(s) and Section(s) of this Agreement or Personnel Rules claimed to be violated or relied upon; and
 - D. Date of alleged violation(s).
- 7.1.3 Failure of either party to meet any time limits defined in this Article shall result in the resolution of the grievance in favor of the other party, but without precedent. However, nothing in the Article shall prohibit the parties from extending or otherwise modifying the time limits for a particular grievance by mutual agreement.
- 7.2 The grievance procedure shall be as follows:
- 7.2.1 Step One. All grievances must be presented to the Fire Chief or designee in writing within twenty (20) business days of the date the event giving rise to the grievance occurred or was discovered. The timeline to file at Step One will be waived for continuous pay errors that occur each pay period. All grievances filed by the Municipality will be submitted to the Union President or designee in writing within twenty (20) business days of the date the event giving rise to the grievance occurred or was discovered. The Fire Chief or designee must respond, in writing, to the Union within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the grievance with a copy to the Human Resources Director or designee. Similarly, the Union President or designee must respond, in writing, to the Municipality within twenty (20) business days of receipt of the grievance.

If the Union's grievance cannot be resolved within the time frames given here, the grievance may proceed to Step Two. In the case of a Municipal grievance filed against the Union, such an action may proceed directly to arbitration as provided for below.

7.2.2 Step Two. In the event the Fire Chief's response is unsatisfactory to the Union, the grievance may, at the option of the Union, be appealed to the Human Resources Director or designee within ten (10) business days of receipt. The Human Resources Director or designee shall respond in writing within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the appeal.

7.2.3 Step Three. If the Human Resources Director or designee's response is unsatisfactory to the Union, it may, at the option of the Union, be submitted to an arbitrator. If the Union's response is unsatisfactory to the Municipality, it may, at the option of the Municipality, be submitted to an arbitrator.

The Union must request arbitration in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Human Resources Director's response, and vice versa. The request for arbitration will be submitted to Human Resources Director and must specify the article of the contract and/or section of the Personnel Rule(s) alleged to have been violated.

7.2.4 If the Union does not request arbitration in writing within the time limits specified in 7.2.3, and if the case involves the termination of a non-probationary employee, the terminated employee shall have an additional ten (10) business days beyond the ten (10) business days specified in 7.2.3 within which to submit a written request to both the Human Resources Director and to the Union for arbitration. For purposes of section 7.2.4 only, the arbitrator's costs shall be borne equally between the Municipality and the Union.

7.3 Arbitration

7.3.1 If the parties are unable to agree on an arbitrator within five (5) business days after the request for arbitration, then they will select an arbitrator by the alternate striking method from a list of seven (7) Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) arbitrators within ten (10) business days after the request for arbitration. First strike shall be determined by a toss of the coin. As an alternative to an FMCS list, the

parties may elect to request a list from the American Arbitration Association and select an arbitrator from that list as above.

7.3.2 Arbitration shall commence on a date chosen by the arbitrator and agreed to by the parties, but in no case later than ninety (90) calendar days after selection of the arbitrator unless otherwise mutually agreed to. Should the selected arbitrator be unavailable within the ninety (90) calendar day period, the parties shall, unless otherwise mutually agreed, select another arbitrator using the method set forth in Section 7.3.1 of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall hear and decide all procedural arbitrability questions.

The arbitrator shall render their decision on the merits, and on any procedural arbitrability questions, within twenty (20) business days of the close of the hearing (unless otherwise agreed to by the parties), except where expedited arbitration has been agreed to by the parties under 7.6.

7.4 The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties. The arbitrator shall not have the authority or jurisdiction to modify, add to, subtract from, or amend this Agreement in any way, and shall only rule on the issues presented in the grievance. As part of the arbitration award, the arbitrator should indicate which party is the losing party. The losing party shall pay all of the expenses and fees of the arbitrator.

7.4.1 In the event the prevailing party must seek enforcement in court of the arbitrator's decision, the expenses of such efforts shall be borne by the losing party.

7.5 Nothing in this Article shall prevent the parties from settling grievances by mutual consent at any time.

7.6 By mutual consent of the parties, the process of expedited arbitration may be used. Expedited arbitration is where the parties, and the selected arbitrator, agree in advance that the hearing will be held within fifteen (15) business days of the selection, that the decision will be rendered within ten (10) business days after the close of the hearing, and that there will be no post-hearing briefs filed.

7.7 Individual rights of employees in the Anchorage Fire Department shall not be violated. To insure this, the following shall represent the Employees' Bill of Rights:

- 7.7.1 If any represented member feels in any way that participation in an investigation meeting/interview could reasonably lead to discipline, that employee will be afforded union representation upon request. Further, an employee shall be entitled to representation by the Union or its designee in any Disciplinary Action or Grievance as set forth in this Agreement. Disciplinary action as used in this section is defined as oral reprimand, written reprimand, suspension without pay, discharge or disciplinary transfer or demotion.
- 7.7.2 An employee shall not suffer any adverse effects as a result of the exercise of their rights under this Agreement.
- 7.7.3 No employee shall suffer a reduction in pay or benefits prior to imposition of discipline.
- 7.7.4 The following provisions shall apply to such investigation meetings/interviews:
- A. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, an investigation shall begin within thirty (30) calendar days after an alleged violation has been reasonably discovered by the Fire Chief or designee. The Union will receive an update on the status of an investigation every thirty (30) calendar days from the initiation of the investigation.
 - B. Investigation meetings/interviews shall be conducted at a reasonable hour and not exceed a reasonable length of time, preferably during the time an employee is on duty.
 - C. An employee shall be compensated as required in Article 11 of this Agreement if the interview occurs during off duty time.
 - D. An employee under investigation and the Union shall be informed by the Municipality in writing of the nature of the investigation and provided a copy of the alleged violation(s) within five (5) calendar days for from the date the Audit/Investigation is initiated or when the Municipality became aware that the employee(s) were potential subjects of the investigation. The complainant shall not be disclosed in the notification unless the Fire Chief reasonably determines that the identity of the complainant will not harm in any way the interests of the Municipality or the complainant.

- E. An employee being interviewed shall be informed that failure to answer questions directly related to the investigation can result in disciplinary action, which may include discharge.
 - F. The interview may be recorded, and if it is, the employee shall have access to the recording. The employee that is being interviewed shall also have the right to bring a recording device and record any and all aspects of the interview and, if they do, the employee shall provide access to the recording to the Municipality. No recording device shall be used by any party unless the Union and the Municipality are made aware of the fact prior to such interview. Employee shall be entitled to a transcribed copy of any notes made by a stenographer, so long as the union or employee pays the costs of transcription and/or copying.
 - G. The Union will be notified in writing of the final outcome of the investigation.
- 7.7.5 Subject to the Municipality's rights to attorney-client communications or attorney work product, the Union or its designee shall have the right to examine all records pertaining to the employee(s) for matters covered by this Article and this Agreement on proper notification in advance to the Municipality, with the written consent of the employee(s) affected. The Municipality shall make available original or copies of the original records for examination by the Union or its designee upon reasonable notice from the Union or its designee.
- 7.7.6 Before any adverse comment, including counseling letters, can be put into an employee's personnel file, or any other Fire Department file maintained on the employee, the employee must be made aware of the comment by having read any documentation containing the adverse comment and signing such documentation. The employee has the right to refuse to sign the comment after reading it, and the fact the employee refused to sign the comment shall be noted in the document. The employee may file a written response to the adverse comment and have it entered into their personnel file. The Municipality must attach the employee's written response to the comment entered into employee's personnel file. All formal disciplinary actions, except oral reprimands, shall be recorded in the employee's Central Personnel file and shall constitute the official record to be utilized in disciplinary actions. All disciplinary actions will, at employee's written request, be removed from an employee's departmental personnel file after one (1) year in accordance with the Personnel Rules.

Upon an employee's written request, counseling letters and oral reprimands shall be removed from an employee's departmental file after one (1) year provided that there have been no subsequent counseling letters or disciplinary actions concerning a similar violation within the year. Oral reprimands and counseling letters shall not be maintained in the employee's Central Personnel file.

7.8 Confidentiality of Information

It is recognized by the parties that in the course of the Union's efforts to represent its members and bargain in good faith, it may legally obtain certain information from the Municipality that could be considered confidential under local, State, or Federal law. The parties agree that the primary consideration in obtaining such material is the furtherance of bargaining and representation positions that may be taken by the Union, and that frivolous and unnecessary dissemination shall constitute a violation of this article. Reasonable usage within the context of lawful Attorney/Client privilege, Duty of Fair Representation issues, and any other Constitutionally protected right shall not constitute a violation of this Article.

ARTICLE 8
WORK ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 The Municipality recognizes the unique working relationship that the employees covered by this Agreement have with the Municipality because of the variety of work shifts. In consideration of this fact, the Municipality commits itself to ensure that these workers enjoy a healthy and sanitary living and working environment. This program shall in no case result in a reduction of physical conditions as they now exist.

- 8.2 Recognizing that Kelly Schedule employees have living quarters provided by the Municipality during their work shift, the following program is specifically provided to cover their circumstances.
 - 8.2.1 All stations shall have dormitory facilities to include institutional standard beds, sanitary mattresses, bed linen, ventilation and lighting.

 - 8.2.2 All stations shall have bathroom facilities available for personnel, properly ventilated and isolated.

 - 8.2.3 All stations, the vehicle maintenance shop, and Dispatch shall have kitchen facilities which shall include the following major appliances: stove, microwave oven, refrigerators, dishwasher, barbecue, coffee maker, and television. Such appliances shall be of a size and capacity to meet the needs and time schedule requirements of on-shift meals.

 - 8.2.4 Stations with four (4) or more people on duty per 24-hour shift will be provided with three (3) refrigerators. The vehicle maintenance shop and Dispatch Center shall have two (2) refrigerators.

 - 8.2.5 The MOA shall annually provide a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be used for replenishing of fitness equipment to necessary stations. The MOA will consult with the fitness committee regarding the fitness equipment.

- 8.3 The Municipality will pay to the Union no later than the 15th day of February each year the sum of twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500) to be increased by five hundred dollars (\$500) annually, as the fair share of the Municipality towards the cost of maintenance,

repair or replacement of the major appliances identified in Section 8.2.3 and 8.2.4. The Union shall keep the appliances in good working condition.

For each additional fire station built, rebuilt, or replaced the Municipality shall equip the station with major appliances with the concurrence of the Union. For kitchen remodels the Municipality will equip the existing fire station with major appliances with the concurrence of the Union.

The amount paid per annum for maintenance, repair, or replacement costs shall be increased by one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per new station added in the calendar year following the opening of the station(s).

The maintenance, repair, purchase, or replacement of the major appliances identified in Section 8.2.3 and 8.2.4 shall be the responsibility of the Union and such appliances shall become the property of the Union.

8.3.1 The Municipality will pay to the Union no later than the 15th day of February of each year the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) as the fair share of the Municipality toward the cost of eating and cooking utensils within the stations, vehicle maintenance shop, and the dispatch center operated by the Anchorage Fire Department. For each additional fire station established, rebuilt, or replaced the Municipality shall initially equip a new station with eating and cooking utensils with the concurrence of the Union. The amount paid per annum for all stations shall be increased by five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) per new station added in the calendar year following the opening of the new station(s).

8.3.2 Should a fire station close, then the amount paid per annum to the Union for appliance maintenance, repair or replacement costs shall be reduced by eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850) per station closed in the calendar year following such closure. For each fire station closed, the amount paid per annum to the Union for eating and cooking utensils shall be reduced by four hundred dollars (\$400) per station closed in the calendar year following such closure.

8.3.3 The Union shall provide accounting reports for monies paid to the Union under 8.3 by February 1 of each year upon request by the Municipality.

8.4 The Municipality shall provide habitable recreation rooms within each fire station operated by the Anchorage Fire Department, including furniture. Furniture provided shall be replaced

when no longer serviceable for its intended use. Prior to the purchase of new or replacement furniture, the Union shall be consulted to obtain input on preference of furniture type.

8.5 The Municipality agrees to provide, at no cost to the employees, either sufficient reserved head bolt heater plug-in parking spaces or heated parking spaces or to pay a parking allowance of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) per shift in lieu thereof for all Kelly Schedule employees and on-duty dispatch employees.

8.6 For other non-Kelly Schedule employees covered under this contract, the following program is provided to cover their circumstances.

8.6.1 All work sites shall have restroom facilities conveniently accessible within the building where located and designated break/lunch areas with furniture suitable for such activity within the building where located.

8.7 All employees shall be entitled to mealtimes. All meals shall be taken during scheduled meal periods uninterrupted except for fire, medical alarms, or other extended operations.

8.7.1 The paid one-hour lunch period shall not be used at the beginning or end of the scheduled workday (shift).

8.7.2 Dispatchers will schedule their paid meal periods up to a duration of one (1) hour as the call volume allows. Off worksite meal periods are allowed when all of the following conditions are met as follows:

- A. When there are at least four dispatchers (including the Lead) on shift, that have been released from training.
- B. Maintains a minimum of three (3) dispatchers in the communication center.
- C. Employees shall carry a Municipal pager or cell phone while away from campus.
- D. Employees shall return to Dispatch within ten (10) minutes of being contacted; and

8.8 The Municipality agrees to furnish all duty wear required and specified by the Fire Chief. The Union recognizes title to all items furnished remains with the Municipality. Such duty wear shall be used for approved activities only. The Union recognizes the decision as to what employees or class of employees shall be uniformed is the sole prerogative of the Fire Chief. The Union recognizes the right of the Municipality to treat employees in the initial probationary status of the several career fields differently from the other employees.

8.8.1 Upon request from the employee with appropriate documentation, the Municipality will reimburse the Fire Investigator for appropriate business attire a maximum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars total per Fire Investigator for the term that they remain in the position.

8.8.2 Any Kelly Schedule employee covered by this Agreement, who is furnished a uniform, will have access to a washer and dryer for purposes of maintaining their uniforms.

8.8.3 The MOA will install and maintain washer/extractors and dryers at each station for the purpose of laundering contaminated personnel protective gear.

8.9 Mechanic Tools

8.9.1 Mechanics and Lead Mechanics shall receive one-hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per month tool allowance.

8.9.2 In order to be eligible for tool replacement the employee must provide a complete inventory of all tools stored at the Anchorage Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Shop no later than December 31st of each year. Additionally, in order to receive the benefits of this article, when tool(s) with a lifetime warranty are available, then an employee must purchase and use tools that have a lifetime free replacement warranty and use the warranty to replace tools. In the event that the tool is not covered by the lifetime warranty, the Employer shall repair or replace a tool that is damaged or worn to the extent they are no longer usable.

The Municipality shall replace brand for brand when practicable, all employee furnished tools including toolboxes that are damaged, stolen or lost in the course of their duties with the exception of those tools not required for the position or are not commonly required of the trade. Damaged equipment becomes the property of the Municipality.

8.10 40-hour Fire Investigator(s) and one (1) other employee assigned by the Fire Chief to assist with fire investigations shall be allowed a take home vehicle if they reside in the Fire Service Area. If they reside outside of the Fire Service Area, they will be allowed to leave the vehicle at an assigned Fire Station.

ARTICLE 9

REHIRING PROCEDURES

9.1 The Union recognizes the Municipality's management right to select those individuals who, in the sole opinion of the Municipality, are the most qualified to fill an existing vacancy. Persons previously covered by this Agreement, who have terminated because of occupational or non-occupational injury, shall receive preferential reemployment.

9.1.1 Occupational Injury Reemployment within Two Years of Termination

Any former employee of the various job classifications covered by this Agreement, or any preceding agreements, who is injured on the job as determined by the Police and Fire Retirement Board or Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and who within two years of their termination date is medically certified to reenter employment and has applied for such, shall be given preferential reemployment under the following guidelines.

9.1.1.1 Rehire to the position formerly held (if not emergency in nature, i.e., not emergency operations related) if such an opening exists, regardless of vacancy factor.

9.1.1.2 Rehire to the rank on the date of termination for injury up to the rank of Fire fighter if such an opening exists and they are qualified to hold the position regardless of vacancy factor. There is no automatic reentry at a level higher than Fire fighter. Fire fighters shall have maintained their certifications.

9.1.1.3 Preferential promotion to the first available position of rank held at the time of injury termination will be granted by the Fire Chief if the position held at time of injury termination was higher than Fire Fighter.

9.1.2 Occupational Injury Reemployment in Excess of Two Years but Not More Than Seven Years of Termination Date

Any former employee of the job classifications covered by this Agreement, or any preceding agreements, who was injured on-the-job as determined by the Police and Fire Retirement Board or PERS and who in excess of two years of his termination

date is medically certified to reenter employment, shall be given preferential reemployment under the following guidelines:

9.1.2.1 Rehire as outlined in 9.1.1.1.

9.1.2.2 Rehire as outlined in 9.1.1.2 after passing required testing for the position to be held.

9.1.2.3 No preferential promotion to the next available position will be afforded to a returning employee after two or more years separation from service. However, the employee may compete in the next available promotional exam for the position held at the time of occupational injury termination if that is their desire. If the employee has a passing score in both written and practical portions of the exam, then the employee becomes eligible for the first available position at their rank at time of occupational injury.

- 9.1.3 A. Any former employee, vested in the Police and Fire Retirement Plan or PERS, of the job classifications covered by this Agreement, or any preceding agreements, who within four (4) years of termination and who terminated due to non-occupational injury or illness as determined by the Police and Fire Retirement Board or PERS will be granted preferential reemployment rights as above under 9.1.1.1 and 9.1.1.2 after laid off employees and occupational injury applicants. Employees reemployed from non-occupational disability must compete for placement on promotional lists in accordance with the promotional procedures of the Department. Such reemployment rights shall be conditioned on medical certification of the person's physical or mental ability to perform the job for which they are applying and their passing all required testing and obtaining all required certifications for the position to be held as required by the job description. Such preferential reemployment rights shall be predicated on the existence of an open position.
- B. Any former employee who had been terminated due to non-occupational illness or injury and has not vested in a retirement system (PERS or Police and Fire Retirement) will be entitled to consideration for rehire under the Municipality's Personnel Rules.

9.1.4 This provision is applicable to former Anchorage Fire Department employees who separated in good standing with a break of service of more than thirty (30) days and no more than one (1) year. Rehire eligibility under this section is not intended to modify or change a former employee's preferential rehire rights which may exist because of occupational or non-occupational injury, or layoff rights as set out elsewhere in the existing collective bargaining agreement between the parties.

9.1.4.1 Kelly Shift Positions. An employee who terminated in good standing may apply to the Fire Chief by submitting a municipal employment application, any other required application materials, and a letter indicating an interest in applying as a rehire candidate. Individuals that successfully meet minimum qualifications and pass all testing requirements and selection criteria which includes, but is not limited to: criminal background check, acceptable driving record, medical and audio examination, interview, and drug screening, may be rehired up to and including the level of Fire fighter at the salary step in which they left, with the advance written approval of the Fire Chief. An employee rehired under this provision shall serve a one hundred eighty (180) day probationary period and shall not be eligible for promotion until successful completion of probation. Employees still on New Hire probation at time of termination will be required to serve a three hundred sixty-five (365) day probation and shall pass all testing requirements and selection criteria which includes, but is not limited to: criminal background check, acceptable driving record, medical and audio examination, interview, and drug screen.

9.1.4.2 All individuals covered by this section must be fully qualified for the positions sought.

9.1.4.3 Non-Kelly Shift Positions. During a recruitment opening, an employee who separated in good standing may apply for rehire for the position held prior to termination, by submitting a Municipal Application, any other required application materials, and a letter stating an interest in rehire in a position previously held. If the individual successfully meets the minimum qualifications and passes all testing requirements and selection criteria, they may be rehired with the advance written approval of the Fire Chief. The employee shall serve the normal probationary period established for the job class in which rehired.

9.1.4.4 A decision by the Fire Chief to re-employ a former employee under this section rather than transferring, promoting, or demoting an existing employee is not subject to the grievance or arbitration provisions of this Agreement if there is no current promotional list.

ARTICLE 10

HOURS

- 10.1 The regular work schedule for employees of the Operations Division shall be approximately fifty-six (56) hours per week on alternating shifts (known as the Kelly Schedule). Shift duration shall be twenty-four (24) hours beginning at 0900 hours and ending at 0900 hours of the next day, unless mutually agreed. This shall mean a typical work schedule of one (1) on, one (1) off, one (1) on, one (1) off, one (1) on, four (4) off, on a continuous basis.

These provisions shall not apply to Kelly Schedule employees undergoing the basic training program.

- 10.2 The regular work schedule for fire administrative staff, fire maintenance, and fire prevention shall be 40 hours per week. Employees in these work units may be allowed to work any other alternate work schedule with the approval of the Fire Chief.

Kelly shift employees who are on a temporary duty assignment (40hour work week) may be allowed to work any other alternate work schedule with the approval of the Fire Chief.

Employees who are on light duty or a temporary shift accommodation will work a 40hour work week (5/8s). With the appropriate documentation from their treating physician, employees may be allowed to work an alternate 40hour work schedule. At the request of the Fire Chief and along with appropriate documentation from the treating physician employees may work a 56-hour Kelly schedule.

Under no circumstances shall employees placed on a temporary duty assignment, light duty assignment, or temporary shift accommodation (40hour work week) suffer a reduction in regular pay (including FLSA) or benefits. The employees' regular hours will be converted to a 40hour schedule for the purposes of time keeping; however, when working overtime related to the 56-hour schedule overtime shall be paid at the 56-hour rate. When working overtime related to the 40hour work they shall be paid at double the 56hour factored rate.

- 10.3 The regular work schedule for Fire Investigators shall be 40 hours when working a five day a week schedule or alternate work schedule or 56 hours if working a Kelly schedule.

- 10.4 Within the dispatch section, employees will normally work either Day, Swing or Night Work Schedule. Other alternate work schedules or work weeks may be approved with mutual agreement.

The workweek schedule for A shift consists of the following:

Work week 1: Three (3) consecutive days of twelve (12) hour shifts each, followed by four (4) consecutive days off.

Work week 2: Four (4) consecutive days of any combination of three (3) twelve (12) hour shifts followed by three (3) consecutive days off.

The workweek schedule for B shift consists of the following:

Work week 1: Four (4) consecutive days of twelve (12) hour shifts followed by four (4) consecutive days off.

Work week 2: Three (3) consecutive days of twelve (12) hour shifts each, followed by three (3) consecutive days off.

Dispatchers on a Swing Shift Schedule shall receive a shift differential of three percent (3%).

Dispatchers on the Night Work Schedule shall receive a shift differential of six percent (6%).

A shift differential premium shall not be paid for the hours not worked for any reason.

Overtime pay, when applicable, shall be calculated based upon the factored rate of pay for the shift during which the overtime is worked.

- 10.5 At no time shall two (2) probationary dispatchers be assigned to the same shift without approval of the Fire Chief. If a vacancy occurs that necessitates shift reassignment to facilitate training, the department may reassign the non-probationary dispatcher(s) with the least seniority.
- 10.6 In the event of a catastrophic disaster, the Anchorage Fire Department may declare full activation and may temporarily change to twelve (12) hours on, twelve (12) hours off rotation for disaster staffing. Overtime will be paid in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

10.7 Employees who volunteer for a temporary duty assignment will receive a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours' notice prior to changing shifts, unless notice is waived by the employee. Employees shall suffer no loss in pay.

ARTICLE 11

OVERTIME

- 11.1 Overtime call list procedures shall be designed by the union and administered by the department. The parties agree the intent of this language is to continue the current procedure for administering overtime until such time the union proposes a change. The Union will notify the Municipality in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of any change unless mutually agreed upon. All employees covered by this Agreement shall be compensated at time-and-one-half of their factored hourly rate when extended beyond their regular shift or called back to work outside their regular shift.
- 11.1.1 Kelly Schedule employees shall be paid at one and one-half (1-1/2) times their factored hourly rate for all hours worked in excess of that authorized under the Fair Labor Standards Act for the Fire Department's designated cycle. For the purpose of calculating overtime compensation, time paid under the other provisions of this labor agreement as holiday pay, annual leave, sick leave, administrative leave (does not include worker's compensation or jury administrative leave), blood donation leave, military leave, voting leave and funeral leave authorized and used during the cycle shall not be considered as part of the hours to be worked before an employee becomes eligible for FLSA cycle overtime compensation.
- 11.1.2 40 hour and Dispatch employees shall be compensated at time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of their regularly scheduled shift.
- 11.1.3 An employee who believes an error has occurred in an overtime call back shall notify a Battalion Chief or their Supervisor within five (5) calendar days. If the error is a substantiated overtime claim the employee harmed shall be allowed to work the equivalent number of hours of overtime at time and one-half as a resolution. Once the claim is substantiated the overtime must be scheduled by a Battalion Chief or their Supervisor and mutually agreed upon by the employee.
- 11.1.4 In order to reduce and/or eliminate taking companies out of service, when staffing falls below minimums as defined in this Agreement after the shift starts (i.e. an employee leaves during the shift) overtime calls may be issued simultaneously to all eligible employees in order to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible.

11.2 If the extension of work or call-back occurs into an employee's approved leave time, such compensation shall be at double their factored hourly rate. Employees who are called back while on leave shall notify a Battalion Chief or their Supervisor of that condition before accepting the overtime. Any employee subpoenaed as a witness while on scheduled and approved leave who is a witness as a direct result of performance of duties or "Good Samaritan" obligations shall be compensated at double their factored hourly rate for hours required.

11.3 Standby and Call Out Pay

11.3.1 Standby Pay

In cases where it is found necessary to have employees remain available for work in a standby status after regularly scheduled hours, on scheduled days off, or on holidays, they shall receive two (2) hours' pay at the employee's straight time factored rate of pay for each day of such duty. No employee shall be in standby status unless scheduled for such by the MOA. Time spent in standby status does not count as hours worked for the purposes of computing eligibility for overtime pay.

11.3.2 Call Out pay

1. When a Kelly Shift employee or a Dispatcher is called back to work to a worksite to perform additional work, they shall be compensated for actual hours worked at time and one-half their factored rate of pay with a minimum guarantee of four (4) hours straight time at their factored rate of pay. There shall be no minimum guarantee of hours for extension of work schedules.
2. When 40-hour employees are called on the phone to resolve a work-related issue(s) after they have completed their scheduled shift and prior to the start of their next scheduled shift they will be compensated at one and one-half their factored rate of pay with a minimum guarantee of one (1) hour of overtime. Multiple phone calls within one (1) hour of the first phone call will not be eligible for another minimum guarantee.

11.4 Holdover Pay

11.4.1 Holdover Pay accrues to all employees who are required by management to remain on duty at the end of their normal shift. Employees shall be compensated in tenths of an

hour based on six (6) minute increments until properly relieved by their supervisor. Holdover pay shall not accrue to voluntary holdover.

11.4.2 Holdover Pay shall be computed at time and one-half of the employee's factored hourly rate.

11.4.3 Employees reporting late for duty shall have their pay docked in tenths of an hour based on six (6) minute increments. Pay shall be docked at the employee's factored hourly rate. Administrative and disciplinary remedies for the handling of lateness are not affected by this provision.

11.4.4 The minimum call-back requirements shall not apply to Holdover Pay.

11.5 Minimum pay for mandatory off duty training shall be two (2) hours at time and one-half.

11.6 Employees subpoenaed as a witness as a direct result of performance of duties that must appear in court on their scheduled day(s) off shall be compensated at time and one-half of their factored hourly rate for those hours required as certified by the Clerk of the Court. Employees who must appear during their approved leave time shall be compensated at double their factored hourly rate.

11.7 Call out for overtime shall be done rank-for-rank except when

11.7.1 Due to time considerations involved, employees not residing in the Anchorage Fire Service Area may not be offered emergency callout work.

11.7.2 Fire Fighters certified as a Municipality of Anchorage Paramedic may be used as actors even when rank for rank would otherwise prohibit the practice for the sole purpose of providing promotional acting hours as required by this agreement.

11.7.3 If call out cannot be filled within the same rank, any qualified employee may be offered the overtime.

11.8 Deployments

Off-duty employees for deployments will be selected from a volunteer deployment list. Employees voluntarily deployed for a deployment will be paid overtime at their regular 56-hour factored rate for hours actually worked on the days they would otherwise be off duty. For the hours they would otherwise be on duty, they will be paid their regular straight pay.

The Municipality will have the discretion to supplement the deployment with employees of varying levels of experience and certification.

11.9 Temporary Duty Assignment

An employee placed on Temporary Duty Assignment who is converted to a 40hour schedule shall be paid at the employee's 56 hour factored rate when working overtime related to the 56-hour schedule. When working overtime related to the 40hour work they shall be paid at double the 56hour factored rate.

11.10 Compensatory Time

40-hour employees (Dispatchers are excluded) may elect to receive compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay. Compensatory time will accrue at a rate of one and one-half for each hour of overtime worked. Compensatory time provisions will apply in accordance with current law.

An employee may accumulate a maximum of forty (40) compensatory hours. The Municipality retains the right to deny the employees request to use compensatory time. An employee's compensatory time off must be exhausted before the employee may use annual or sick leave. The use of compensatory time does not count towards the required annual leave use requirement. Compensatory time has to be used and can only be cashed out at termination.

11.11 Travel Time

Employees traveling on behalf of the Municipality will be compensated in accordance with Municipal Policy and Procedure and Fair Labor Standards Act.

ARTICLE 12
TOUR TRADES

Employees covered by this agreement shall be allowed to trade tours at no cost to the Municipality. Tour trades may be used to cover any regular workday other than those within the scheduled leave period, even if the employee cancels their leave. The reasons for requesting a tour trade are of no concern to the department. However, if the Municipality determines there is a conflict with the departments' interest it may be denied. Personalities shall not be a factor in approval or disapproval of tour trades. Employees shall be considered equally competent with other employees who are equally qualified, as described herein. Firefighters will be allowed to work tour trades after being qualified to work independently; however, they shall not be eligible to have tour trades off until probation is complete. Tour trades off will be allowed in extenuating circumstances.

12.1 There shall be no limit applied to the number of tour trades an employee may take, so long as they do not exceed a net deficiency of greater than fifteen (15) shifts within a calendar year, leave transfers for tour trade will not be considered in the net deficient. The department assumes no obligation to assure replacement of traded time and will incur no costs that would otherwise be generated by the tour trade. Repayment of all tour trades will be the responsibility of the employees involved. In lieu of paying back an unscheduled tour trade owed, an employee may opt to transfer the applicable amount of leave from their annual leave account to the owed employee's leave account; however, any leave transfers must be within one year of the trade. Tour Trades shall only be paid back hour for hour. Any transferred leave from an employee's leave account shall count towards the annual requirement to use seventy-two (72) hours of leave. Neither the Municipality nor the Union have a responsibility to track or administer tour trades and have no obligation to reimburse or otherwise settle tour trade disputes between employees.

Any employee engaging in a tour trade is responsible to obtain missed required training on the employee's regularly scheduled shift, as directed by the supervisor, or by the Training Center. The department may require that special duty employees trade with employees who have the qualifications, or acting qualifications, necessary to the assignment to be held.

12.2 Employees of Dispatch and the Vehicle Maintenance Shop are allowed to trade tours.

12.3 No employee may work a tour trade on their own shift.

- 12.4 The employee working a tour trade must be qualified for the position in which the employee is working.
- 12.4.1 Senior Captains and Captains may trade partial shifts of up to eight (8) hours with Battalion Chief approval.
- 12.5 A tour trader working out of rank should be prepared when reporting for duty to work at any , higher rank, for which they are adequately qualified. The employee may receive acting pay for which they are eligible for any position worked. An actor trading with a higher ranked employee is not eligible for acting pay (working out of class).
- 12.6 Cancellation requests must be approved by both employees involved in the trade.
- 12.7 Employees may trade whole or partial shifts. Tour trades require documentation on the electronic staffing system.
- 12.8 An employee may arrange for a partial tour trade of less than one hour at the beginning of their shift, called a holdover trade. The company officer (or the Battalion Chief for company officers) must be notified immediately.
- 12.9 . Employees found in violation of the provisions of the Tour trade policy shall be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to that policy.
- 12.10 Employees who call in sick for a tour trade scheduled to be worked shall be charged up to twenty-four (24) hours (hour for hour) of leave from their leave account.
- 12.11 If a full or partial tour trade will result in an employee arriving late at their next station assignment, it will be the employee's responsibility to make arrangements for a holdover trade or early relief.
- 12.12 Employees may use tour trades in conjunction with annual leave, however, no combination of leave and tour trades shall exceed a total of 15 consecutive shifts (30 for dispatchers and the Vehicle Maintenance Shop). Employees that reach the maximum consecutive shifts off

will return for six (6) full shifts prior to taking leave or tour trades unless approved by appropriate supervisor or as required by law.

ARTICLE 13
HOLIDAYS

13.1 Holidays shall be observed as follows:

2 Personal Holidays	New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day	President's Day (3rd Monday in Feb.)
Seward's Day	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Veteran's Day	Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Friday	Christmas Day

13.1.1 Effective January 1 of each calendar year, non-Kelly and non-dispatch schedule employees shall receive sixteen (16) hours of non-cashable annual leave for the two personal holidays.

13.2 The Municipality shall pay to each employee working on a Kelly Schedule, on the first paycheck in December, an amount equal to the employee's straight time rate of compensation for one-hundred sixty-nine (169) hours for all holidays observed in that calendar year. Should an employee terminate during the course of the calendar year, the amount paid shall be thirteen (13) hours for each holiday observed between January 1st and the date of termination. In addition, all regularly scheduled hours worked on a holiday shall be compensated at the employee's factored rate of pay.

13.2.1 Firefighters undergoing training (Academy) will not be eligible for holiday hours toward the holiday check. Holiday hour accrual shall start upon shift assignment (completion of the Academy).

13.2.1.1 Firefighters undergoing training (Academy), will receive time and one-half for any hours worked on holidays recognized in this agreement.

13.2.2 Employees who are placed on a temporary duty assignment, light duty assignment or temporary shift accommodation changing from a Kelly Schedule to a 40-hour work schedule, shall have holidays off. Employees will be eligible to receive the annual holiday payout excluding any LWOP.

- 13.3 For Dispatch employees, holidays recognized in paragraph 13.1 of this Agreement shall be compensated in the following manner:
The first paycheck in December the Municipality shall pay each employee working a 40-hour schedule, an amount equal to the employee's factored rate for one hundred and four (104) hours. Holiday pay shall not be included in any calculation of overtime pay. Should an employee terminate during the course of the calendar year, the amount paid shall be eight (8) hours for each holiday observed between January 1 and the date of termination.
- 13.4 In the event the Municipality declares any additional holidays other than those listed above, these employees shall be eligible for such additional holidays.
- 13.5 Employees shall forfeit their right to payment for any holiday if they are not in paid status for their entire shift on the last regular workday preceding such holiday and on the next regular workday following such holiday.

ARTICLE 14

LEAVE

14.1 Annual Leave

Leave shall accrue as follows:

Kelly Schedule Employees

Months	Hours per Pay Period
0-60 months	14 hrs. per pay period
61-120 months	16 hrs. per pay period
121 + months	18 hrs. per pay period

40-Hour and Dispatch Employees

Months	Hours Per Pay Period
0-60 months	10 hrs. per pay period
61-120 months	12 hrs. per pay period
121-180 months	13 hrs. per pay period
181-240 months	14 hrs. per pay period
241+ months	15 hrs. per pay period

14.1.1 Annual Leave Accrual Limits, Sick Leave Conversion and Cash-in shall be as follows:

- A. Accrued and unused leave may be carried over from one year to the next for the purpose of accumulating an Annual Leave Account, or reserve; however, as of the last full pay period in December an employee may not have more than 480 hours leave to their credit for 40-hour and Dispatch employees and 672 hours leave to their credit for Kelly Schedule employees. Excess hours beyond these amounts may be placed in a cashable sick leave account, converted or cashed-in in accordance with the Municipal Personnel Rules. Tour trade leave transfers between employees shall be submitted no later than December 1 to be included in the annual leave accrual limits.
- B. Hours of annual leave in excess of 480 hours for 40-hour and 672 hours for Kelly Schedule employees accrued as of the last full pay period of any calendar year, unless converted to cashable sick leave, shall be paid to the employee or deposited into other eligible accounts, such as but not limited to 401K and

457plans, and/or applicable MERP. Payment shall be paid to the employee in the next pay period following the last full pay period in December. The employee's factored rate of pay as of the last day in the last full pay period of December will be utilized for the leave cash-in rate.

14.1.2 All employees shall be required to take vacation leave. For all regular full-time employees, at least eighty (80) hours of leave (seventy-two [72] hours in the case of Kelly Schedule employees) must be taken each year by December 31, with the exception that this limitation shall not apply to new employees until after the second December 31 following their date of hire. Employees who fail to take the requisite hours of paid time off shall be considered to have forfeited those hours (up to 80 or 72) as if they had been taken, and they shall be subtracted from the employee's leave balance at the end of the year unless the failure to take leave was due to the failure of the Department to grant a timely request for leave pursuant to the Department's leave policy.

14.1.3 However, if leave choice is bypassed in the annual scheduling, the employee will not receive other leave choices that year unless available.

14.1.4 New hires may take the following annual leave:

Three (3) shifts for Kelly shift employees after nine (9) months from date of hire

Seven (7) shifts for Dispatch employees after six (6) months from date of hire

Eighty hours (80) for 40-hour employees after three (3) months from date of hire

14.1.5 Additional annual leave may be granted on a first-requested basis.

14.1.6 Trading of pre-scheduled annual leave will be allowed by employees of equal rank.

14.1.7 If, in the opinion of the respective Supervisor, it becomes necessary to cancel or significantly adjust or revise the annual leave schedule, the Supervisor shall so inform the Fire Chief in writing. The reason(s) must be in sufficient detail to permit the Fire Chief to make necessary decisions relative to the situation.

- 14.1.8 Scheduled annual leave is not guaranteed until that leave period is approved by the appropriate Chief but may be canceled due to staffing requirements. Employees must be given thirty (30) day notice if leave is to be canceled. If leave is canceled, every effort will be made to reschedule leave acceptable to the employee.
- 14.1.9 Scheduled leave will normally be approved at least thirty (30) days in advance but not more than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of scheduled leave. Special circumstances may warrant approval more than 60 days prior to the first day of scheduled leave at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The Municipality agrees that it will honor the advanced scheduling of leave to the maximum extent possible. The Union recognizes that the delivery of emergency services to the public must be of paramount consideration in the administration of this Article.
- 14.2 Leave accrues during periods of paid leave. Leave does not accrue during periods of unpaid time off; in such cases, accrual shall be prorated for the affected pay period.
- 14.3 The Municipality shall schedule, within Municipal policies, before December 1st of each year, annual leave for the following year. For Kelly Schedule employees, the Municipality shall guarantee nine (9) shifts, six (6) of them being consecutive work shifts. For dispatch employees, the Municipality shall guarantee fourteen (14) consecutive shifts for their primary leave pick. For 40-hour employees, the Municipality shall guarantee two (2) selections of ten (10) consecutive workdays per year for each such employee. Exceptions to this paragraph may be granted when mutually agreed to between the employee and their Supervisor.
- 14.3.1 All annual leave shall be scheduled by the Fire Department and taken in increments of one-tenth (1/10) hour. All annual leave shall be deducted from the employee's paid leave account.
- 14.3.2 The completed Annual Leave schedule will be submitted to the appropriate Supervisor no later than December 1st.
- 14.4 Annual Leave Selection
- Annual leave selection procedures shall be designed and governed by the union and administered by the department. The parties agree the intent of this language is to continue the current procedure for granting leave until such time the union proposes a change.
- 14.4.1 56-hour Annual Leave Selection.

Each shift may have a minimum of one (1) Senior Captain, two (2) Captains, two (2) Engineers, two (2) Firefighter EMT's and two (2) Firefighter Paramedics on leave. This will remain in effect until a ratio of one employee off on leave for every ten employees of the affected rank is exceeded. For every employee of the affected rank over the one in ten ratio, an additional employee of that rank can be off for three shifts. This will continue until the next base ten (10) number (i.e., 20, 30, 40, 50...) is reached, and then the amount of employees off at one time throughout the year will increase by one. See the example below:

30 FF = 3 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year
31 FF = 3 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year and a 4th off for 1 cycle.
32 FF = 3 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year and a 4th off for 2 cycles.
33 FF = 3 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year and a 4th off for 3 cycles.
34 FF = 3 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year and a 4th off for 4 cycles.
35 FF = 3 Firefighters “ “ “ “ 4th off for 5 cycles.
36 FF = 3 Firefighters “ “ “ “ 4th off for 6 cycles.
37 FF = 3 Firefighters “ “ “ “ 4th off for 7 cycles.
38 FF = 3 Firefighters” “ “ “ 4th off for 8 cycles.
39 FF = 3 Firefighters” “ “ “ 4th off for 9 cycles.
40 FF = 4 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year
41 FF = 4 Firefighters allowed off throughout the year and a 5th off for 1 cycle.
Etc...

14.4.2 40-hour Annual Leave Selection

40-hour employees shall pick leave according to a uniform procedure that is administered by their supervisor. Two (2) inspectors or two (2) administrative staff will be allowed leave at the same time.

14.4.3 Dispatcher Annual Leave Selection

- A. Only one (1) Lead Dispatcher can be on leave at a time across all shifts.
- B. Only two Dispatchers, only one of which may be a Lead Dispatcher, may be on leave per calendar day; one (1) on day shift and one (1) on night shift (as represented on the shift schedule).

- C. Additional leave may be granted depending on available staffing.
- D. Leave selection each year will be bid quarterly.

14.5 Worker's Compensation

14.5.1 Injury Leave

An employee covered under this agreement that is injured in the course of their duties and who receives Worker's Compensation benefits shall be on injury leave as follows:

- A. The employee shall make a complete report of the injury to the Alaska Department of Labor through the Fire Chief; and
- B. The employee shall cooperate with the director of Human Resources or designee to prepare and submit all forms and relevant information related to the employee's injury that the director may request; and
- C. The employee shall cooperate fully with the Municipality's Worker's Compensation insurance carrier so long as the employee's Worker's Compensation claim has not been contested; and
- D. The employee does not use annual leave at any time.

14.5.2 Injury leave will continue from the date of injury until medically certified to return to work in the position previously held or on which they first engage in any occupation for wage or profit other than alternate duties for the Municipality with the exception of being a paid IAFF board member; or

Up to the date which the employee is declared by a QHP to be permanently disabled or until certified as permanently disabled by the Anchorage Police and Fire Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement purposes; or

For one year following the date of original injury, however, the time the employee spends performing alternate duties shall not be included in calculating the one (1) year period; or

Up to the date on which the employee no longer receives disability benefits or is declared to be medically stable and no further temporary disability benefits are payable under AS 23.30, Workers' Compensation.

- 14.5.3 Once the employee has exhausted their injury leave, the employee will not be terminated for forty-five days.
- 14.5.4 While an employee is on injury leave, health and life insurance coverage shall be continued. An employee shall receive worker's compensation administrative leave for the first three days of time away from the job as a result of the injury, as measured from the date on which the workers' compensation is premised. Kelly Schedule employees shall receive a maximum of 39 hours and 40-hour employees a maximum of 24 hours of worker's compensation administrative leave.
- 14.5.5 The Municipality shall supplement workers' compensation payments to the extent that the injured employee receives no more than ninety percent (90%) of factored pay, with longevity, for up to a cumulative three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period, beginning on the date of original injury. The employee may work intermittently after the date of the original injury performing regular duties, alternate duties or light duties, but in no event shall the supplement workers' compensation payments be paid beyond two (2) years from the date of the original injury and shall not exceed a cumulative three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period.
- 14.5.6 If the employee fails to return to work following proper notice of the termination of injury leave and further absence from work is not authorized by the Fire Chief or designee, the Fire Chief in consultation with the Human Resources Director may terminate the employee.
- 14.5.7 Light Duty

An employee who is unable to fully perform the duties of their job classification because of medical reasons may be returned to work in a light duty status, when the

QHP certifies that the employee can be returned to light duty and identifies the appropriate limitations for such duty.

Light duty may not exceed one year from the date of disability (employee is released to work with restrictions), however, the Fire Chief may extend this time period. The employee shall provide the department with an updated QHP's status report on no more than a bi-weekly basis should the Fire Chief deem it necessary. Employees on light duty shall not suffer a reduction of pay or benefits.

Employees released to light duty are encouraged to schedule injury related QHP appointments during off duty hours. If the employee is unable to schedule the injury related QHP's appointments on a day off, the employee shall be released from work and allowed reasonable time to attend the appointment. The employee shall be required to provide documentation that the QHP's appointment was attended and was due to the occupational injury/illness. If documentation is not provided, the employee will be required to utilize paid or unpaid leave.

14.5.8 Medical Appointments.

An employee who has been medically certified to return to work in the position previously held but is required to attend appointments as a result of the injury is encouraged to schedule QHP's appointments during off hours. If an employee is unable to schedule injury leave related medical appointments during non-work hours, the employee shall be released from work for no more than four (4) hours per week, including travel time, for one year from the date an employee has been medically certified to return to work in the position previously held. The employee shall not be charged leave for those four (4) hours per week. The employee shall return to work for the remainder of the shift following the medical appointment.

14.6 Sick/Temporary Personal Hardship Leave

14.6.1 Any employee unable to report for duty at the regularly scheduled time due to illness or temporary personal hardship, off-the-job injury, off-the-job exposure to contagious disease, or illness or death in the employee's immediate family will be placed on sick

leave in accordance with this article. QHP or dental appointments shall be included as cause for sick leave. An employee who is absent shall inform their immediate supervisor of the fact and reason therefore as soon as possible, and failure to do so within a reasonable time may be cause for disciplinary action. Compensation for sick leave shall be made when leave is used. Advance compensation for sick leave shall not be made unless approved in advance by the Fire Chief or designee.

56-hour employees shall use sick leave for the first 30 calendar days before being eligible for a Temporary Shift Accommodation (TSA) and 40-hour employees shall use sick leave for the first 40 work hours before being eligible for a TSA. After taking the first 30 days or 40 work hours of sick leave employees will be eligible for TSA with appropriate documentation from their attending QHP.

14.6.1.1 Where employees are off duty as a result of a non-occupational injury for a period of more than one month, the injured employee shall submit to their HSO a written status report from the QHP indicating the probable duration of the disability. Should this prognosis change, or the Fire Chief deems it necessary to receive a report on no more than a bi-weekly basis, the employee shall provide the department with an updated status report.

14.6.1.2 If an employee fails to return to work within one (1) year after the date of the original injury, the Fire Chief in consultation with the Human Resources Director may terminate the employee's employment unless employee is eligible under other provisions of this Agreement or applicable laws. Temporary Shift Accommodations shall not exceed a one (1) year period.

14.6.2 Sick leave used for a serious health condition of the employee or for the serious health condition of the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent shall be considered under family leave.

14.6.3 Sick leave may be taken in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour. Illness exceeding three (3) consecutive working days for 40 hour or dispatch personnel, or two consecutive shifts for Kelly Schedule employees, shall require a QHP's certificate to be submitted to their immediate supervisor at the beginning of the employee's first day back from sick leave, certifying that the employee was ill, verifying the extent of illness, and the employee's inability to perform their normal employment duties before the employee will receive paid leave time.

14.6.4 Sick Leave/Temporary Personal Hardship Leave Abuse

If an employee is suspected of abusing sick leave/temporary personal hardship leave, the supervisor may, with the concurrence of a Deputy Chief, place the employee on Notice of Suspected Sick Leave/Temporary Personal Hardship Leave Abuse. While on Notice of Suspected Sick Leave Abuse, the employee must provide for each absence certification from a treating physician verifying that the employee was ill and unable to perform employment duties in order to receive sick leave pay. If an employee is found through investigation to have abused sick leave/temporary personal hardship leave, the employee is subject to disciplinary action.

14.6.5 Sick leave does not accrue separately, like annual leave, on a regular basis; it accumulates through conversion of excess hours of annual leave into sick leave as of last full pay period of each calendar year.

14.6.6 56-hour employees may convert one hundred and twelve (112) hours of excess annual leave each year into a separate sick leave account. 40-hour employees may convert eighty (80) hours.

14.6.7 When an employee does not have a sick leave account, or has zero hours left in the account, any hours taken off as "sick leave" will be deducted from their annual leave balance instead.

14.6.8 Employees who are unable to work due to a significant medical life event for themselves or family members may be eligible for leave donations after they have exhausted their own leave accounts. Leave donations are not retro-active and must be requested in advance with the approval of the Fire Chief.

14.7 Unauthorized Absences

Any employee who is absent from duty without prior authorization shall report the reason to the Fire Chief or designee as soon as possible. Unauthorized or unreported absences shall be reported as absence without pay and may be cause for disciplinary action. There shall be no accrual of annual leave for any unauthorized absence during the pay period in which an employee has unauthorized leave.

14.8 Bereavement Leave

Bereavement Leave will be in accordance with the personnel rules.

14.9 Military Leave

14.9.1 In all cases a regular employee who is a member of a Guard/Reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be granted provisions and entitlements in accordance with Federal and State Legislation. Compliance with the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) is mandatory.

14.9.2 Employees who are members of the Guard/Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be granted a leave of absence, referred to herein as Military Leave, with pay for the purpose of attending duly ordered military duty. The Military Leave shall not exceed 432 working hours for 56-hour Kelly schedule employees, 216 working hours for Dispatch employees, and 120 working hours for 40-hour employees per calendar year.

14.9.2.1 Employees who are members of the Guard/Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States may be granted a maximum of an additional seventy-two (72) hours of Military Leave with pay in excess of the time allowed for in this section, if such leave does not incur an overtime expense.

14.9.2.2 Employees who are members of the Guard/Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States may be granted additional Military Leave for specialized training with the approval of the Fire Chief.

14.9.2.3 Employees on Military Leave with pay shall be paid their factored rate of pay. Employees shall report military base pay received and have this amount deducted from their regular pay.

14.9.3 Employees who are members of the Guard/Reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States and are called into active military service (not training) shall be entitled to factored pay not to exceed thirty (30) days per calendar year. If there is an overlap between a calendar year, employees are not entitled to an additional 30 days unless they receive new orders starting a new period of activation. The thirty days will

count toward the year in which the deployment occurs (i.e., December 15th deployment provides coverage until January 14th of the following year).

- 14.9.4 An employee performing military duty, training or otherwise, can elect to take and shall be granted any combination of annual leave, military leave of absence without pay, or tour trades. Use of accrued or earned leave will not be required prior to allowing leave without pay.
- 14.9.5 The employee shall be required to submit a copy of military orders or statements from the appropriate military commander as evidence of military duty. The employee should attach orders or statements to the Request for Leave form upon submitting his/her request for military leave, however orders or statements may be provided at the completion of the military duty.
- 14.9.6 The leave granted under this section shall not be deemed a part of any leave granted or authorized by any other provisions of MOA ordinances or this labor contract agreement. For the purpose of determining longevity pay or salary advancement, the status of the employee shall be considered as though not interrupted by periods of military service. A military leave of absence with pay will not affect an employee's annual leave accrual.

14.10 Court Leave

Employees called for jury duty shall be treated as being on approved court leave without loss of leave or factored pay. Service in court, when subpoenaed as a witness, shall be treated the same as court leave.

An employee shall provide the Fire Chief or designee, with a copy of a notice of call for jury duty immediately upon receipt by the employee. When excused or released from jury duty for the day, the employee shall return to work immediately.

Shift employees, both 56-hour and dispatch, picked as a juror and actually seated on a jury trial, shall be placed on jury administrative leave (administrative leave that will cover the employee's actual scheduled hours) for the duration of the trial. Under no circumstances shall employees placed on jury administrative leave for a trial suffer a reduction in pay or benefits.

For 56-hour employees called to serve Grand Jury duty on the day they are coming off shift, the employee will be placed on jury administrative leave at 9:00pm. For 56hour employees called to serve Grand Jury duty on the day they are coming on shift will be treated as court leave and shall return to work after being excused or released for the day.

14.11 Union Leave Bank

The Municipality will maintain a Union Leave Bank to be managed by the Union. The account will be funded automatically by the Municipality in the amount of ten (10) hours of annual leave from each Kelly Shift employees and seven (7) hours of annual leave for each 40 hour and Dispatch. Annual leave will be deducted from every union member no later than February 28th of each year. There is no maximum accrual to this non cashable account. Granting of union leave will only require approval of the union. The Municipality will incur no additional cost as the result of union leave usage except for processing leave transfers and union tour trade leave transfers. The Union agrees to save harmless from and indemnify the Municipality for any liability that may arise from the Union's us of Union leave.

14.12 Leave Balance Conversion and Use Upon Schedule Change:

A. Whenever an employee changes (i.e. promotion, demotion, transfer) from a Kelly Schedule to a forty (40) hour schedule or vice versa, the employee's leave balances shall be adjusted by the following formulas:

1. Kelly Schedule to 40-hour schedule:

- a. Factored hourly rate (56 hours) x [current leave bank balance in hours] = dollar value
- b. [Dollar value] / [40-hour factored hourly rate] = new leave bank balance in hours.

2. Moving from 40-hour schedule:

- a. Factored hourly rate (40 hours) x [current leave bank balance in hours] = dollar value
- b. [Dollar value] / [56-hour factored hourly rate] = new leave bank balance in hours.

B. Whenever an employee is placed on a temporary duty assignment, light duty assignment, or temporary shift accommodation changing from a Kelly Schedule to a 40-hour work schedule the employees leave accrual will remain the same.

- C. Leave for the purposes of this section includes annual and sick leave, and any other leave identified in this section.

ARTICLE 15

BENEFITS

15.1 Health Care – Effective January 1, 2016, the Union has assumed sole responsibility for providing medical, dental and vision coverage for Union members and their dependents and has released the City from any and all liability for providing such health care benefits for active members and their dependents.

15.2 Employer and Employee Contributions

A. The Municipality's contribution for 2021 to each employee's monthly health-care premium will remain two thousand five hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,590.00) to the health care trust joined by the Association.

B. Effective January 1, for the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 the Municipality shall increase the employee's monthly contribution to the Union Plan, not to exceed the lessor of:

a. The Urban Alaska CPI for Medical available August for the preceding full year, or

b. Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per month increase from the prior year's contribution.

C. The Association will provide the Municipality with actuarial documentation of the health plan in which the Association is enrolled no later than October 1st of the preceding year.

D. Under no circumstances shall the eligible employee contribution either directly or indirectly result in tax or penalty liability for the Municipality associated with the "Cadillac Tax" or similar laws or regulations.

E. Health care reform and reopening of health care negotiations. Should state or federal legislation mandate change in cost, premiums, care coverage, taxes or penalties, the parties agree to reopen negotiations.

15.2.1 The Municipality will provide Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for each employee.

15.2.2 The following voluntary benefits will be available for employees to purchase or contribute towards:

Up to \$200,000 of additional Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment through a post-tax payroll deduction in increments of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)

Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of Dependent Life Insurance

Short-term Disability coverage will be through post-tax payroll deductions. Employees may select the level of coverage from the available options offered. Coverage and premium rates will be determined by the insurance carrier.

Eligible Employees may participate in the MOA's 401(k) and 457 savings plan subject to the provisions of the plans. Municipal contributions are not required.

Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) Eligible bargaining unit employees will be eligible to participate in the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan of the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters Employee Benefit Trust (MERP) through payroll deductions.

The Municipality makes no representations regarding the tax consequences of contributions to the MERP, and takes no responsibility for administering, overseeing or managing the MERP other than making the contributions set forth below. The Municipality's role is ministerial, and it shall have no fiscal or fiduciary responsibility for the MERP. All reporting requirements and responsibilities to the MERP shall be the sole responsibility of the IAFF. The IAFF will defend against and hold the Municipality harmless from any liability that may arise out of the MERP.

Employee Contributions:

The Municipality shall facilitate these payroll deductions per employee to the MERP, which shall be processed through pre-tax payroll deductions. These reductions in gross pay are authorized by this Agreement and no further action is needed by the individual bargaining unit employees to authorize such deductions. Any increase in the mandatory MERP contribution amount approved by the WSCFF Employee Benefit Trust Board during the term of this Agreement shall be passed through automatically to each eligible employee and shall not be the responsibility of the Municipality. These increased contribution amount will be processed through pre-tax payroll deductions.

Municipal Contributions:

- a. For the remainder of calendar year 2021 the Municipality will only make an employer contribution of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month only for bargaining unit employees eligible for Alaska PERS Tier IV retirement benefits.
- b. Effective January 1, 2022, the Municipality will only make an employer contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month only for bargaining unit employees eligible for Alaska PERS Tier IV retirement benefits.
- c. Effective January 1, 2023, the Municipality will only make an employer contribution of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per month only for bargaining unit employees eligible for Alaska PERS Tier IV retirement benefits.
- d. Effective January 1, 2024, the Municipality will only make an employer contribution of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month only for bargaining unit employees eligible for Alaska PERS Tier IV retirement benefits.

e. Effective January 1, 2025, the Municipality will only make an employer contribution of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per month only for bargaining unit employees eligible for Alaska PERS Tier IV retirement benefits.

f. Bargaining unit employees eligible for other Alaska PERS Tiers retirement benefits or eligible for other retirement systems shall not be eligible for any employer contribution by the Municipality. In addition, this contribution shall not be included in any FLSA calculation.

15.2.3 The MOA paid long-term disability coverage in the amount equal to sixty percent (60%) of the employee's annual salary up to a maximum of six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$6250.00) per month, will be provided.

15.3 Each eligible employee will pay by means of payroll deduction a monthly \$5.00 administrative fee to the MOA. The fee will be split equally between the first two (2) pay periods in each month.

ARTICLE 16

SAFETY

- 16.1 The AFD occupational Safety and Health Committee (Safety Committee) is composed of at least three (3) Union appointed members and three (3) Administration appointed employees, one of which is the HSO, to advise the Fire Chief on safety, health and wellness related matters. It shall be the duty of the joint safety committee to advise the Fire Chief in striving for the Department to meet all applicable State and Federal requirements and NFPA Standards.
- 16.1.1 Physical Fitness Committee. This committee is a subset of the Safety Committee and conducts a comprehensive review of Department policies with respect to fitness required for ongoing performance of the job plus duty time and equipment available for fitness training.
- 16.1.2 Behavioral Wellness Committee. This committee is a subset of the Safety Committee and identifies prevention strategies related to behavior health risk factors and promotes activities that support the mental health and wellness of employees. The committee will be comprised of an equal number of members from the Municipality and the Union.
- 16.2 The Fire Chief shall appoint a Health and Safety Officer (HSO), whose additional duty will be the implementation, coordination, and scheduling of safety meetings. Union appointed members of the Safety Committee attending such meetings shall be paid at their factored rate of pay for the actual time spent in the meeting. The Fire Department may decline on-duty attendance of safety committee members if such attendance causes overtime.
- 16.3 Regular meetings of the Safety Committee shall be held at least once every 3 months and shall be permitted to hold special meetings when necessary. Complete written minutes of subjects discussed those in attendance, time, date, and place of meetings shall be maintained by the HSO. Written minutes of each meeting shall be retained and shall be made available to all members.
- 16.4 The Municipality agrees to furnish, at no cost to the employee, where the nature of the assigned duties dictates, special protective equipment and clothing that the Fire Chief determines to be necessary to the health and welfare of Department employees, and which meet all applicable State and Federal requirements including a Personal Protective

Equipment (PPE) bag for the purpose of inter-station transport of personal protective equipment. This item should be cleanable, sealable, and of suitable durability for its intended use. The Municipality shall retain ownership of these items. Employees are responsible for using all special protective equipment and clothing provided as needed for the performance of their assigned duties. The Municipality shall strive to meet NFPA standards with respect to such protective equipment and clothing. The Safety Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of recommending what protective equipment and clothing is necessary for the safety and welfare of the Department employees. The Fire Chief shall retain the right to accept or reject the committee's recommendation. The Municipality shall make a reasonable effort to size and fit clothing to enhance and insure safety to its intended users.

16.4.1 The Municipality shall install and maintain OSHA/NIOSH compliant diesel extraction devices in all worksites where vehicles are operated indoors.

16.4.2 All employees covered by this contract shall receive, at no cost to the employee, an annual physical exam, an annual hearing exam, and a cardiac stress test if required by the vendor. A cardiac stress test may be requested by the employee at no cost, but it will be conducted off-duty. The medical files will remain with the vendor and will remain confidential.

16.4.2.1 The Municipality will receive an "acceptable", "pending" or "not acceptable" determination from the medical vendor.

16.5 Staffing

The Municipality and the International Association of Fire Fighters agree that it is in the best interest of all parties to meet the staffing standards of NFPA 1710. All parties agree to continue to work to achieve Anchorage Assembly approval to secure the financial support for four (4) person Fire Companies.

16.5.1 Operations employees may work two (2) shifts, or a substantial portion of two (2) shifts, consecutively (any combination of regular shifts, overtime shifts or tour trades). Any Operations employee who works two (2) shifts, or a substantial portion of two (2) shifts, consecutively, must have at least 12 hours off prior to and after the two (2) shifts.

16.5.2 No dispatcher may work more than Eighteen (18) hours consecutively. Any dispatcher who works Eighteen (18) hours consecutively must have at least eight (8) hours off prior to and after the Eighteen (18) hours.

16.5.3 To ensure the safety of the public and employees of this Fire Department, minimum staffing shall be as follows:

It is the intent of the Anchorage Fire Department to maintain a minimum employment of five (5) Dispatchers per shift. There will be at least one (1) Lead Dispatcher on duty at all times.

Every FIRE COMPANY, when staffed, shall be staffed by a minimum of three (3) firefighters, one (1) of which will be a Company Officer, and one (1) of which will be a Fire Apparatus Engineer.

Every TILLER STYLE LADDER TRUCK, when staffed, shall be staffed by a minimum of four (4) firefighters one (1) of which will be a Company Officer and two (2) of which will be Fire Apparatus Engineers. This will count toward the minimum of five (5) four-person staffed fire apparatus on each shift.

For every individual MICU/BLS or two (2) EMS Support Vehicle that are closed for seven (7) consecutive days or greater, two (2) four-person staffed fire apparatus will be added to each shift not to exceed five (5) four-person staffed fire apparatus on each shift. The length of the closure may be extended by mutual agreement of the Municipality and IAFF. Once the MICU/BLS or EMS Support Vehicles are back in services the four-person staffed fire apparatuses are again reduced.

All Firefighters will be assigned to a schedule that will be based on alternating Fire Apparatus and MICU/BLS unit rotations in which an employee is scheduled to work three (3) consecutive shifts on a Fire Apparatus followed by three (3) consecutive shifts on a MICU/BLS unit or what is referred to a 1:1 rotation. This schedule is accomplished through Assignment Templates. Assignment Templates are schedules that exist in AFD's staffing software into which an employee is placed. Each line-operations employee occupies one Assignment Template. Anytime a position or schedule movement occurs, the Firefighter will be placed into the new Assignment Template rotation.

Firefighters will not be required to work on a MICU/BLS unit in excess of the 1:1 rotation except:

Debit Days:

Debit Days are defined as any time an employee is moved from their schedule assignment on a Fire Apparatus to a MICU/BLS unit. Only one (1) Debit Day can be used per Fire Apparatus cycle unless the employee volunteers to work additional shifts in the same cycle. Firefighters volunteering to work beyond the Debit Day limit must email their respective Battalion Chief. This email/agreement can be withdrawn at any time with at least a 9-day notification prior to the shift. A voluntary additional shift will only be counted as a Debit Day when the MOA would be required to use a Debit Day to meet minimum staffing. A Debit Day is categorized at the time of the move from a Fire Apparatus to a MICU/BLS unit and the decision will not be revisited.

Extensions of shifts, late runs, Tour trades, and shifts that are less than twelve (12) hours are not counted as Debit Days. Any line-operations employees shall have the right to work additional shifts on the MICU/BLS units.

If the Municipality makes a decision to change an employee's Assignment Template, then an employee that works more than three (3) consecutive shifts on a MICU/BLS unit shall have the additional shifts beyond the regular three (3) consecutive shifts on a MICU/BLS unit counted as Debit Days until they return to three (3) consecutive shifts on a Fire Apparatus. However, no additional Debit Days shall be incurred for employee-initiated and volunteer assignment changes such as mutual trades and bid awards. Changes in Assignment Templates for a Firefighter must be approved by the Deputy Chief of Operations or designee.

For the remainder of 2021, FF/EMT's and ARP's may be required to work six (6) Debit Days in a calendar year on the MICU/BLS units. FF/PM's may be required to work nine (9) Debit Days in a calendar year on the MICU/BLS units.

Effective January 1, 2022, FF/EMT's and FF/PM's may be required to work six (6) Debit Days in a calendar year on the MICU/BLS units. ARP's may be required to work three (3) Debit Days in a calendar year on the MICU/BLS units.

Every EMS Support Vehicle will be staffed with a Firefighter Paramedic III (PM III) or an Advanced Rank Paramedic (ARP) and will be an ALS unit. The EMS Support Vehicle is considered a Fire Apparatus.

Every TENDER, when staffed, shall be staffed by at least one (1) Fire Apparatus Engineer.

Every TYPE 6 BRUSH ENGINE, when staffed, shall be staffed by at least two (2) firefighters (with at least one (1) being a Journeyman firefighter).

Every MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (MICU), when staffed, shall be staffed by at least two (2) employees of the Fire fighter rank, one (1) of which must be a Municipality of Anchorage Certified Paramedic.

Every BASIC LIFE SUPPORT UNIT (BLS), when staffed, shall be staffed by at least two (2) employees of the Fire fighter rank with at least EMT Certification.

The MICU/BLS unit may be staffed by employees above the rank of Fire fighter on a voluntary basis.

Any reserve apparatus activated for whatever reason shall be staffed according to the requirements specified above.

16.5.4 Cross Staffing

Cross staffing will be accomplished by whole companies only. When ferrying apparatus, the entire company will travel together. Additional cross-staffing may be allowed by mutual agreement of the Union and the Municipality, however, any cross staffed company that exceeds 360 runs per calendar year will be fully staffed. No apparatus will be cross staffed in lieu of closure. Any closed company that is returned to service will be fully staffed in its original configuration. In emergency situations, employees may not refuse to cross-staff. Crews shall not cross staff to Type 1 Engines, Trucks, BLS transport units, ALS transport units, or Water Tenders.

16.6 The Municipality agrees all apparatus, personal equipment, ladders, and other equipment carried on the apparatus or used in the stations shall comply with applicable State and Federal requirements.

16.7 Drug Testing will adhere to AMC 3.30.190-1910 and 1912, Part 19, Rule 19.

16.8 Physical Performance Assessment (PPA).

Annually, Kelly Schedule employees shall successfully complete the Fire Department PPA in conjunction with the occupational medical physical examination.

Failure to successfully complete the Fire Department PPA, as outlined in the Fire Department's PPA policy, will result in being removed from duty and placed on the employee's annual leave

Employees who fail the PPA and are not placed on workers compensation will be assigned as follows:

Employees who do not successfully complete the Fire Department PPA after sixty (60) days of their own annual leave will be administratively separated from their position. Employees facing an administrative separation may utilize other provisions within this Agreement for consideration of other positions.

ARTICLE 17

POSITION CHANGES AND PROBATION

17.1 Promotion is the advancement of an employee from a position having a lower salary grade to a higher salary grade. Promotions for or placement in positions covered by this contract, other than those listed in other sections of this Article shall be in accordance with Municipal Personnel Rules as defined in this Agreement.

17.1.1 Promotion Eligibility Lists are for the positions of Lead Fire Dispatcher, Safety Officer, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Fire Captain, and Senior Fire Captain. The lists shall remain in effect for a two (2) year period. If there is a need to supplement the list with additional applicants, the department may test in accordance with this article. Supplemental testing components will not be diminished. The supplemental applicants will be placed on the supplemental promotion eligibility list in descending order below the current eligible applicants. The supplemental promotional eligibility list will be in effect for the remainder of the original two (2) year period.

17.1.2

- A. The testing process shall be announced at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to testing. Any additional testing to create supplemental lists shall require a thirty (30) calendar day notice. For supplemental testing, any changes in the testing process shall require at least a ninety (90) calendar day notification. Tests shall be job related and may include written, oral, and/or other methods of performance ratings and/or tests. The Department shall publish the general subject matter and testing policy and procedure, this shall not be changed during the announcement period.
- B. In order to participate in testing employees must apply during the active recruitment period and meet the minimum qualifications as stated on the vacancy announcement. Employees who meet the minimum qualifications, or have any discipline, or convictions that might otherwise eliminate them from consideration during the life of the list, may apply and are eligible to participate in testing. In this case, employees will have their eligibility date for promotion adjusted according to the appropriate timeframe meeting the minimum qualifications or as to such time that the discipline or convictions have reached an acceptable date.
- C. Promotions from these lists shall be in descending order.

D. Employees on the promotional eligible list who obtain any discipline or conviction shall have their eligibility date adjusted according.

E. Employees who have had an occupational injury (and are receiving worker's compensation benefits related to the injury) and who apply and qualify for promotion testing during the application period shall be eligible to participate in the testing process once the employee has been released to full duty by the treating physician.

1. The employee must complete any testing phases during the regularly scheduled testing period that are not limited by the employee's restrictions (as outlined by the treating physician).
2. The employee must complete any remaining testing phases within thirty (30) days of being released to full duty.
3. When the employee has completed all testing phases (as outlined above) the employee shall be placed on the promotional eligible list at the appropriate rank. If there have been promotions from the eligible list, and the employee's scores would rank them higher than the employees who have been promoted, the employee will be listed as the next individual on the list to be promoted.
4. The additional testing time for employees who have had an occupational injury (and are receiving worker's compensation benefits related to that injury) is limited to the first year of the eligible promotional list.

17.1.3 The positions of Fire Dispatcher, Fire Fighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Fire Logistics Technician, and Fire Training Specialist shall be posted for a minimum of seven (7) business days. Employees who successfully complete all portions of the testing process shall be afforded a Chief's interview if one is conducted as part of the testing process.

17.2 Transfer is the lateral movement from one position to another position in the same class, a different class, a parallel class at the same range, or at the same pay range without a break in service. Temporary employees cannot be transferred to a regular position.

- 17.2.1 Employees with three (3) years of regular employment with the Fire Department shall be eligible to transfer to another vacant position that the department elects to fill. The employee must meet the position qualifications, pass all required testing when normally schedule by the department, and complete all pre-hire requirements required of the position. Employees shall be subject to any applicable promotional or other eligibility lists.
- 17.2.2 Employees in a probationary period are not eligible to transfer.
- 17.2.3 Requests to transfer back to the position from which the employee originally transferred will only be approved after two (2) years from initial date of transfer.
- 17.2.4 The Fire Chief or designee may reduce the length of service conditions where, in his/her opinion, extenuating circumstances warrant such reduction.
- 17.2.5 Employees shall complete the probationary period as required by the position.
- 17.2.6 Employees shall transfer into the position they are seeking at the entry level. However, the pay rate shall be above the probationary and/or entry level rate of pay.
- 17.3 Demotion is the movement of an employee to a position having a salary grade lower than the salary grade of the position in which the employee is employed.
- 17.3.1 Employees must meet the minimum qualifications of the lower grade position, pass all required testing when normally schedule by the department, and complete all pre-hire requirements required of the position. Employees shall be subject to any applicable promotional or other eligibility lists with the exception of employees who have previously held the demoted position.
- 17.3.2 Employees who have not previously completed the probationary period in the lower classification shall be required to complete the probationary period as required by the position.
- 17.3.3 Positions with promotional eligibility lists identified in Section 17.1.1.
- Employee(s) who have been demoted due to a downward reclassification shall be placed on the top of the applicable promotional eligibility and the subsequent

promotional eligibility list by position seniority from the date of the downward reclassification of the previous position.

Employee(s) shall be paid at the pay grade of the downward reclassified position.

17.4 Union Test Representative

For promotional testing, a representative of the Union will be allowed to observe the administration and grading of those exams where such exams are not prepared and graded by a validated testing agency, excluding the Fire Chief's interview. Where a validated testing agency grades an exam, a copy of the scores shall be furnished to the Union. When the Union intends to send a representative to observe the testing process, the representative shall be of equal or greater rank to the position being tested. If there are no union representatives of equal or greater rank available, then the Union President or any executive board member may observe. The Human Resource Department will oversee all Non-Represented promotional processes.

17.5 Probationary Periods

17.5.1 The initial probationary period for all employees shall be one hundred eighty (180) days with the exception of Fire Dispatcher, Fire Fighter, Fire Inspector, and Fire Investigator. The probationary period for Fire Dispatcher, Fire Inspector, and Fire Investigator will be three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

The probationary period for Firefighter shall be four hundred fifty (450) days from date of hire; in addition, Firefighters must obtain the AFD Journeyman Firefighter Certification no later than forty-eight (48) months from date of hire as a condition of continued employment.

17.5.2 The probationary period for promotional, transferred, or disciplinary demoted employees shall be one hundred eighty (180) days except when promoting to Fire Dispatcher, Firefighter, Fire Inspector, and Fire Investigator the probationary period for these positions shall be as listed above in section 17.5.1. In the event an employee does not successfully complete the probationary period, the employees may be returned to their previously held position, if available, or to a vacant position at the same or lower range for which they qualify.

17.5.3 Probation Extensions

Employees on probation who are out for more than thirty (30) calendar days for one hundred eighty (180) day probation periods or sixty (60) calendar days for three hundred sixty-five (365) day probation periods for sick, annual leave, etc may have their probationary period adjusted for the time they were out.

Employees shall not be eligible for any step pay increases that might normally be due until they successfully complete their probationary period.

17.6 Performance Evaluations

17.6.1 Performance evaluations will be conducted prior to the completion of the probationary period.

17.6.2 Annual performance evaluations are not required; however, they may be conducted at the Fire Chief's prerogative.

17.7 Firefighter with Paramedic License

- A. Employees will be required to work as a MICP II for a minimum of one (1) year.
- B. The requirements in this Section do not preclude promotion into another classification.

Employees requesting to drop their MICP II/III (after meeting the above requirements) to EMT will submit a written request to the Fire Chief for consideration. The timeframe for consideration to drop MICP II/III to EMT will depend on operational and staffing needs but shall be granted no later than one (1) year from the date of request.

ARTICLE 18

DUTIES

- 18.1 The Municipality agrees that employees of the Fire Department shall not be required to perform work normally performed by employees of another union or another Municipal department except where immediate danger to life and property exists. This shall not be interpreted to prevent employees from voluntarily doing ordinary building maintenance or yard work in and about the Fire Stations and other Fire Department facilities such as, but not limited to, gardening work, exchange of light bulbs, minor repair work, or minor interior painting. A refusal by an employee to perform such work shall not cause any prejudice. The Municipality agrees that no employee of the Fire Department will be required under any circumstances to perform law enforcement duties (except for duties within the Fire Prevention division), or duties in connection with riot control or crowd dispersal.
- 18.1.1 Employees shall be responsible for snow removal from fire station sidewalks and from immediately in front of apparatus doors if the Municipality does not contract out for such services. The Municipality shall provide the appropriate snow removal equipment for their use.
- 18.2 The Municipality agrees that employees of the Fire Department covered by this Agreement may not be assigned to other departments of the Municipality with the exception of light duty and temporary shift accommodations. Assignment from one division to another within the Fire Department shall be the responsibility of the Chief of the Fire Department, however, such assignments shall have the approval of the employee(s) so assigned and such assignment may be appealed through the grievance procedure. The Municipality shall notify the Union in a timely manner of such assignment(s) and its duration prior to implementation. It is understood that it is not the intention of the Municipality to utilize this provision to circumvent the holdover or call-out provisions, and such assignments when made, shall be only on an incidental and temporary basis.
- 18.3 Firefighters shall be responsible for washing, cleaning, and maintaining primary responding emergency units. Vehicles assigned to the Fire Chief and the Chief of Operations shall be considered primary response vehicles.

ARTICLE 19

REVOCATION/LIMITATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE

- 19.1 No employee may be deprived of pay or seniority based on the revocation of driver's license for a violation or violations of the law committed while carrying out the orders of superior in the course of employment.

- 19.2 When an employees' driver's license has been suspended, canceled, or revoked they shall report this loss of their license prior to the beginning of their next scheduled shift to the Fire Chief.

ARTICLE 20

PERSONNEL REDUCTION

20.1 In the Anchorage Fire Department when it is necessary to eliminate positions in the work force for whatever reason, the following procedures are set forth.

20.2 For the purposes of this Article, classification shall be defined as those job titles listed in Article 27 of this contract and any subsequently created classifications which fall under the jurisdiction of the contract in accordance with Article 2.

20.2.1 Rank, class, and classification shall have the same meaning for the purposes of Article 20.

20.2.2 An employee who receives a layoff notice or a bumping notice will be allowed, if qualified, to exercise one (1) of two (2) options according to the procedure described in section 20.5. Employees who cannot exercise any of these options will be laid off.

20.3 Options A and B, described in section 20.5, are based on position seniority.

20.3.1 Seniority for placement in the class assumed after the demotion/bumping takes place shall be cumulative and shall be defined as the time served in the classification just previous to this personnel action, plus time previously served in the classification demoted or bumped to. This means that employees being affected shall retain credit for service in the classification laid off or bumped from when calculating their seniority in the new classification.

EXAMPLE: A Captain whose position is being abolished may bump to Engineer providing they have been an Engineer previously, and their prior time served as Engineer will be combined with their time served as Captain to derive his position seniority for establishing their placement on the Engineer's seniority list.

For employees who have elected the retire/rehire option and have been rehired into the ranks of Engineer, Captain, Senior Captain, or Safety Officer, their Municipal Department and specific position seniority date will be the date of rehire. In addition, they will have seniority in the Firefighter rank effective the date of their rehire.

20.3.2 When abolishment of a position will result in a layoff notice, the first employee selected within each classification shall be that of the least senior person in that

classification. This means that the employee with the least position seniority in the affected class shall be the first employee to receive notice of layoff. This same principle will apply to demotions or bumping which result from abolishment of positions.

20.4 A layoff notice shall be issued to the affected employee(s) along with a list of options at least (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of the layoff.

20.4.1 An employee receiving either a layoff or a bumping notice shall have five (5) calendar days in which to decide which option to exercise, and to notify the Fire Chief or Designee of their decision. Within the first three (3) calendar days of the five (5) calendar day period, the employee shall be responsible for reviewing the options list for accuracy and notifying Fire Administration in writing of any discrepancies or errors in the list; a written receipt will be issued to the employee.

20.5 Options

20.5.1 When a Fire Department employee receives notice of layoff or bumping notice as a result of the layoff procedure, they shall have the following options:

- A. Bump another employee in the same classification who has the least position seniority.
- B. Bump the least senior employee in a classification previously held (not currently held) with the Fire Department provided the employee exercising this option has more position seniority. Previously held shall not include light duty assignments, temporary duty assignments, temporary or permanent acting assignment, sub-fill assignment, auxiliary status, volunteer status, or trainee status in the Fire Fighter's academy prior to graduation.
- C. Notwithstanding any other agreement, "classification previously held," as used herein, shall mean actually having worked in the classification in a full-time, permanent basis.

20.5.2 When bumping rights are exercised, compensation shall be at the pay grade for the classification assumed after the bumping procedure has taken place. The Municipality, however, is not prohibited from disciplining the employee for any violations of rules and regulations.

20.5.3 Bumping driven by Article 20 shall not result in an employee being placed into a classification from which they have been removed for disciplinary reasons.

20.6 In addressing ties for position seniority to determine who will be affected first, the succession shall be as follows:

20.6.1 First, the promotional list from which the affected employees were promoted shall be consulted. The employee with the highest standing on the promotional list shall be the last affected.

20.6.2 In the event the appropriate promotional list is not available, the tie shall be broken based solely upon Department seniority, with the least senior employee being affected first.

NOTE: Defer to the highest level. If promotional lists are available for all employees affected by a tie breaker, they shall be used.

20.7 Department seniority shall mean seniority within the Fire Department and shall be computed from the last date of hire to a full-time position, to include all time served with the Municipality. Full time status does not include temporary, auxiliary, or volunteer service.

20.7.1 Department seniority shall in no way affect the employee's overall Municipal seniority for the purposes of leave accrual, longevity or fringe benefits. When an employee returns from layoff status their seniority will be bridged. Bridged means that seniority date will be adjusted to exclude the period of time laid off. The period of layoff shall be from the date of termination to the date the employee actually reports for duty.

20.7.2 The employee with the longest term of service in the Fire Department shall be number one on the seniority list, and all other employees shall likewise be listed according to length of service with the Fire Department. Seniority lists will be made available to the Union upon request.

20.7.3 Tie breaking in questions of Department seniority shall be determined by:

1. Overall entrance score.

2. If the entrance score is not available, by written score only.
3. Lottery to be conducted by the Union.

NOTE: Defer to the highest level. If overall entrance scores are available for all employees affected by a tie breaker, they shall be used.

20.8 Bumping

- 20.8.1 If a vacancy exists in a class into which an employee would be eligible to bump, that employee will be placed in the vacancy rather than displacing another employee in that class. This means that vacancies shall be treated as the lowest "seniority" position and will be filled by bumping employees prior to anyone bumping anyone in an occupied position. If there are multiple classifications into which the employee can bump (whether filled or vacant), an employee can choose the classification into which they will bump.
- 20.8.2 Vacancy factors shall have no bearing on the provisions of this Article. No employee bumped or laid off may be denied reinstatement to their former classification if a vacancy exists in their classification.
- 20.8.3 Special duty pay such as dive team pay, etc., shall continue to be applied to the bumped employee's wages, so long as the Department has continued use for the employee's special service and the employee maintains proper certification. Merit anniversary date will be the date of demotion (or bumping) to the new position.
- 20.8.4 In order to retain bumping rights, employees must maintain all required certifications for the classification.

20.9 Recall Rights

- 20.9.1 When an employee is laid off, elects to bump in lieu of layoff, or demotes in lieu of layoff, that employee has recall rights back to a position in the classification they previously held.
- 20.9.2 Recall to positions in a previously held classification shall progress in reverse order of the layoff procedure.

- 20.9.3 When a non-laid off employee returns to a position in a classification from which they were displaced, their seniority within the class will be adjusted to reflect that they were never displaced.
- 20.9.4 When an approved position vacancy exists, the vacancy may not be filled until the employee(s) on the recall list have been offered the opportunity to return to their former classification.
- 20.9.5 Employees retain recall rights for a term of three (3) years or until such time as they decline the offer to return to their prior classification if the offer occurs prior to the expiration of three (3) years. If the employee declines the recall, they lose their entitlement and must compete for vacancies in the future as provided under this Agreement and in the Personnel Rules.
- 20.9.6 Recall Procedures
- 20.9.7 Employees must provide a current mailing address to the Municipality so that they may be notified of recall. If an employee fails to provide a current mailing address, they will forfeit their recall rights.
- 20.9.8 Recall notice will be sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. The laid off employee will have five (5) calendar days from the date of receipt at the employee's current mailing address on file with the Municipality to accept or decline the recall offer in writing.
- 20.9.9 Upon acceptance, the employee shall have up to thirty (30) calendar days to report to duty. Except in the case of a Departmental emergency, an employee may not report for duty until at least two weeks after the notice is mailed.
- 20.9.10 Among employees with rehire rights due to occupational or non-occupational injuries, and laid off employees who have recall rights, the following order of preference will be followed:
- A. Occupational injuries
 - B. Laid off
 - C. Non-occupational injuries

20.10 If an employee receives a layoff notice due to bumping by a more senior employee that fact will be noted. Employees will be notified of their options. If there are no options of bumping or demotion in lieu of layoff available, the employee will be laid off from the Municipality.

20.10.1 Employees who are laid off will go through the normal termination process. Questions regarding retirement, health insurance and related benefit entitlements shall be directed to Benefits.

20.11 Each division shall be defined as determined by the Fire Chief. The division definitions shall not be changed by the Municipality within three (3) months of layoff.

20.12 For the purpose of this Article, if any time period ends on a Municipal recognized holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, the next business day shall be the required response day.

ARTICLE 21

DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

- 21.1 The Municipality agrees not to discharge, discipline, or discriminate in any way against the employees for union membership, lawful union activities, previous membership in the IAFF, or any other reason prohibited by Municipal, State, or Federal law. Whenever the masculine form of a word is used herein, the feminine form shall also be meant to apply, and singular usage shall also be meant to apply to the plural usage of these words.

ARTICLE 22
SERVICE OUT OF RANK

22.1 Rank for rank provisions will apply where overtime is involved. Employees assuming the duties and responsibilities of a higher rank (working out of class) shall be compensated at ten (10) percent for all time actually served, including reasonable preparation and travel time.

22.1.1 For employees assuming duties and responsibilities in a lower rank or acting assignment at the lower rank the pay shall be at the employee's factored rate of pay.

22.1.2 Employees shall have the right to refuse acting assignments at a lower rank.

Exception: Any ARP who receives the MICP 7% pay enhancement shall not have the right to refuse acting down to a MICU. Each ARP shall be required to act down for no more than six (6) shifts per calendar year.

Beginning January 1, 2022, any ARP who received the MICP 7% pay enhancement shall not have the right to refuse acting down to a MICU. Each ARP shall be required to act down for no more than three (3) shifts per calendar year.

22.2 The Fire Department shall assign only qualified personnel to acting assignments. Only employees achieving placement on promotional lists, employees who have been demoted from the position for non-disciplinary reasons. Employees shall be assigned to act in the following order for positions that are filled by promotional lists:

A. First, from on-duty actors on the promotional list.

Actors will be given an equal opportunity to act on a rotational basis, as follows:

There shall be no net difference greater than two hundred sixteen (216) hours between actors on the same shift. Except those employees may fall out of parity with the two hundred sixteen (216) hours when they are on more than one (1) promotional list or when they are on an extended absence.

Actors who transfer to a different shift shall have their hours transferred to the new shift.

Actors may not decline acting assignments if doing so will cause overtime. The requirement of equal opportunity for acting time, however, will not apply to actors who refuse acting time. They shall continue to receive the same rotational opportunity to receive future acting assignments as other actors.

- 22.3 The Fire Department shall assign only qualified personnel to acting assignments. Only employees who have been an AFD Dispatcher for a minimum of three (3) years and who have completed Lead Dispatcher training are eligible to fill Lead Dispatcher acting assignments. When there are three (3) or more Dispatchers on-duty and the Lead Dispatcher is absent, employees shall be assigned to act as the Lead Dispatcher in the following order:
- A. First, from on-duty actors on the promotional list. On-duty actors may not decline acting assignments.
 - B. Second, in the event there is not an eligible Dispatcher from the Lead Dispatcher promotional list, then all qualified dispatchers will rotate through this assignment. All qualified dispatchers will be listed in order by reverse seniority, meaning the least senior qualified on-duty Dispatcher shall be required to act. An employee who is required to act rotates to the bottom of the list.
- 22.4 Employees acting in a non-represented or executive position shall be compensated at five (5%) of their factored rate of pay for all hour worked in the acting position. Acting in a non-represented or executive position that exceeds one hundred and eighty (180) consecutive days will be compensated at ten percent (10%) of their factored rate of pay for all hour worked in the acting position.
- 22.5 The Department shall call off-duty employees under the provisions of this labor agreement whenever the on-duty platoon has inadequate personnel to meet the requirements of this agreement.

ARTICLE 23

PAY ENHANCEMENTS AND PREMIUM PAY

23.1 Education

23.1.1 Employees hired prior to January 1, 2016, who possess a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) will receive an eight percent (8%) education pay enhancement. Probationary employees hired prior to January 1, 2016, are eligible for this educational pay enhancement after successful completion of probation.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2016, who possess a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) with a major related to Anchorage Fire Department operations as determined by the Fire Chief, will receive a five hundred dollars (\$500) monthly education pay enhancement. Probationary employees hired on or after January 1, 2016, are eligible for this educational pay enhancement after successful completion of probation.

23.1.2 Employees hired prior to January 1, 2016, who possess an Associate of Arts or Associate in Applied Science degree from an accredited institution as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) in only Fire Science, Fire Administration, Para Medicine or Survival and Rescue will receive a four percent (4%) education pay enhancement. Probationary employees hired prior to January 1, 2016, are eligible for this educational pay enhancement after successful completion of probation.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2016, who possess an Associate of Arts or Associate in Applied Science degree from an accredited institution as recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) in only Fire Science, Fire Administration, Para Medicine or Survival and Rescue will receive a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) monthly education pay enhancement. Probationary employees hired on or after January 1, 2016, are eligible for this educational pay enhancement after successful completion of probation.

- 23.1.3 Employees shall only be eligible to receive one (1) post-secondary education enhancement.
- 23.1.4 The Municipality agrees to pay for tuition (based on tuition rates for the State of Alaska University system) and any applicable lab fees for college or university classes for Baccalaureate, Associate of Arts, or Associate in Applied Science degree per semester or quarter hours for job related courses or courses taken as part of a job-related degree program up to a maximum of five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$5250.00) per calendar year. Employees must obtain a passing grade of C or higher in the course as defined by the college or university in order to be reimbursed by the Municipality. Courses to be considered for reimbursement must be submitted within ninety (90) calendar days from the completion date of the course and will be reimbursed within ninety (90) calendar days if timely submitted.

Employees will only be eligible for tuition reimbursement for one Baccalaureate and one Associate of Arts or Associate in Applied Science degree(s).

- 23.1.5 When an employee is approved by the Fire Chief to attend voluntary training and/or educational opportunities (i.e., National Fire Academy, Paramedic School, shadowing), and the scheduled training and/or education occurs during normal working hours, participation will be considered regular time. If the scheduled training and/or education occur during a time that is different from the employee's work schedule, an alternate schedule may be arranged. Training and/or education opportunities are not eligible for overtime pay and employees may be placed on a temporary duty assignment (TDA).

23.2 Pay Enhancements and Premium Pays

- 23.2.1 All employees of the Fire Department who complete technical training and maintain any required certification and/or departmental standards listed below shall receive the following special pay differential per course completed:

A. Peer Fitness Trainers shall receive one (1) percent pay enhancement.

- B. Employees will only be eligible to receive one (1) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) pay enhancement based on the classification as follows:

		EMT 2	EMT 3	MICP 1	MICP 2	MICP 3
Firefighter/EMT		2%	3%			
Firefighter/Paramedic				7%	14%	21%
Engineer		2%	3%	7%		
Captain		2%	3%	7%		
Senior Captain		2%	3%	7%		
Safety Officer		2%	3%	7%		
Fire Training Specialist				7%		

- C. When working on a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) or a Basic Life Support Unit (BLS), employees assigned to the unit shall receive an 8% premium pay based on the employee's hourly factored rate of pay. Advance Ranked Paramedics (ARPs) shall receive 21% premium pay only when working on a MICU based on the employee's hourly factored rate of pay.

When ARPs or PM IIIs are working on the EMS Support Vehicle, the employee shall receive 8% premium pay based on the employee's hourly factored rate of pay.

Employees who work on a MICU or BLS are only eligible for one MICU pay premium.

23.3 Special Duty Pay Enhancement

The Fire Department shall publish the requirements and qualifications for all special teams and special duty assignments. Eligibility for such duties and assignments shall be available to all qualified members and open positions shall be filled fairly and equitably and not in a capricious or arbitrary manner. The Fire Chief or designee will determine the size, composition, and membership. Team members shall be required to provide a one (1) year commitment to the team and removal must be requested ninety (90) days in advance, except in the case of a promotion or with the Fire Chief's approval.

A. Special Teams

Certified employees of a Specialty Emergency Response Team shall receive the following special pay enhancement:

1. Team shift leader's six percent (6%).
2. Employees assigned to a team four percent (4%).

B. Special Duty Assignments

1. Certified air resource technicians assigned to maintenance and repair shall receive a three percent (3%) special pay enhancement.
2. Certified specialty repair technicians shall receive a one percent (1%) special pay enhancement for assignments as followed:
 - A. When assigned to repair fire suppression turnout gear or apparatus salvage and protective covers.
 - B. When assigned to repair small apparatus power tools and hoses.

23.3.1 In order to be eligible to receive any pay enhancement recognized in this Agreement, employees must maintain their proficiency in accordance with Department standards. Recertification courses shall be provided by the Department at least yearly at no cost to the employee. The Municipality shall provide sufficient on-duty training hours annually to maintain all certifications and licensures required as a condition of employment or to maintain incentives under this agreement. Employees who do not avail themselves of Department training must recertify on their own time and expense.

23.3.2 Employees failing to maintain their technical training certification as provided for in this agreement will have their special duty incentive pay withdrawn.

23.4 Employees who are assigned to the Training Center to instruct courses on a Temporary Duty Assignment (TDA) for at least one week shall receive a four percent (4%) special duty premium pay based on their converted 40 hour factored rate of pay for all hours worked performing the assigned duties.

ARTICLE 24

MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- 24.1 The Municipality shall provide the Union with current copies of the Personnel Rules and Regulations, all Policy and Procedures, all published memos, promotional lists, and any other documents or information normally sent to the stations and required for correct operational procedures. Such documentation shall be provided in electronic form at the same time as it is dispersed to the stations and shall include any updates or changes subsequently produced. The Human Resources Department shall submit to the Union an approved copy of an updated/changed Position Description that affects bargaining unit positions. The Union agrees to provide the Municipality with current copies of the International and Local Union's Constitution and Bylaws, and any changes thereto as well as the Local's newsletters of a non-confidential nature.
- 24.1.1 The Union President or their designee may use the Municipal mail system or computer system in order to disseminate official union information within the Fire Department that is not of political nature. In the event information requires dissemination outside the Fire Department, it shall be referred to the Municipality's Employee Relations Director for approval.
- 24.2 The parties agree they will meet and confer in good faith at reasonable times and places concerning this Agreement, and its interpretation or any other matter of mutual concern to the Union and the Municipality. The parties further agree that either party may request, in writing delivered to the other, that the parties confer within 14 days after the date of delivery of the request, which request shall specify the matter to be discussed. An inexcusable refusal to meet and confer in response to such request shall be a violation of this Agreement. There shall be no obligation on the part of either party to reopen, modify, amend or otherwise alter the terminology or interpretation of this Agreement or to make any other agreement as a result of such conferences nor shall the requirement for such conferences alter the rights or obligations of the parties under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25

SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

25.1 The parties have negotiated and entered into this Agreement with the mutual belief and intent that all of its terms are lawful and valid. The parties agree to interpret and apply the terms of this Agreement in a way which does not violate applicable law, if possible. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the Municipal Employee Relations Board, where it has jurisdiction, to be invalid for any cause, the invalid provision shall be deemed to be null, and void and the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. The parties hereto agree that within thirty (30) calendar days after a provision has been declared invalid, they will commence negotiations with regard to such invalid provision and any other provisions of this Agreement which are affected by the invalidation. In the event that the parties do not reach agreement on contract amendments with regard to such invalidated provision, the parties shall continue to abide by all other terms of this Agreement as though the invalid provision did not exist.

ARTICLE 26

STATION AND SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS

26.1 Operational Needs

In keeping with the mission of the fire department, operational needs shall be of paramount consideration. When any such assignments are necessary or where special issues or problems arise that may not be addressed herein, the Union President or designee will be consulted prior to any changes being made in the operational need's requirements of this department.

26.1.1 The minimum staffing requirements, for specialty teams, shall be determined by the Deputy Chief of Operations. Operational needs may be used by the Department to maintain the minimum staffing requirements of a specialty team. When minimum staffing requirements are satisfied, seniority shall be the determinant used to award bids.

26.2 Station and shift assignments will be done fairly, consistently, and equitably. When shift or station reassignments are necessary, they shall be done on a voluntary basis, and if no volunteers are available the employee with the least position seniority that is available meeting the posted operational needs shall be reassigned.

26.3 The Fire Chief may make reassignments in the case of irreconcilable differences or based on progressive discipline problems where the employee will have a work improvement plan and be moved to a different station, shift, or other work location to be given the opportunity to be successful.

26.4 Pre-bids

26.4.1 Up to six prioritized bids will be held for any employee. If multiple vacancies exist simultaneously that will create or result in forced moves there will be an attempt to contact the employee to determine their choice. If the employee cannot be contacted, the stated priority shall be the determinant.

26.4.2 Dispatch employees shall re-bid their shifts annually prior to leave picks.

26.5 Filling Vacancies

26.5.1 When a vacancy occurs the employee having seniority in rank who bid for the vacancy that meets the posted operational needs shall be appointed. The successful bidder shall be notified of the new assignment, and the reporting date.

26.5.2 Only those pre-bid requests that predate the vacancy will be considered. Those submitted on the day of the vacancy or thereafter will only be considered after the five-day vacancy announcement, if required, as specified below.

26.5.3 A vacancy will be considered to occur on the date that the personnel action is effective (promotion, retirement, transfer, etc.).

26.5.4 All subsequent vacancies created by voluntary personnel reassignments that can be filled with pre-existing bids will be considered to have occurred on the same day.

26.5.5 If no pre-bid for a vacancy is on file, the position shall be advertised for a minimum of five calendar days. Of the bids that are received during the five-day vacancy announcement, the employee having the most seniority in rank that meets the posted operational needs shall be appointed. If no bids are submitted during the five-day announcement, the unassigned available employee with the least seniority in rank on shift (if any) shall be reassigned.

If there are no unassigned employees in rank on shift, the least senior employee available will be reassigned.

26.6 Battalion Chiefs shall have discretion in assigning probationary Firefighters. Permanently assigned employees may be temporarily reassigned to accommodate the probationary assignment and their preceptor, if applicable.

26.7 Assigning Actors

Actors may be reassigned as evenly as possible amongst the three shifts. Where an inequity between shifts exists in available acting assignments, mandatory transfers may be made. In such a case volunteers will be solicited first and then the least senior (departmental) persons by shift will be transferred.

26.8 Assignment Rights

Under no circumstances shall an employee be forcibly reassigned more than once during any six-month period. Any employee forcibly moved will have preferential bidding rights to previously held position, unless superseded by another operational need, disciplinary move, or irreconcilable differences. The employee's previously held position will be held open until the employee is able to return or is voluntarily reassigned elsewhere.

26.8.1 For the purposes of this article, the DC of Operations will consider four-person Fire Companies when setting staffing priorities.

26.9 Any employee refused a permanent assignment shall have the opportunity to request in writing a response as to the nature of the denied request. This shall include employees displaced by any operational need requirements.

26.10 Operational needs notwithstanding, nothing shall prohibit temporary, voluntary reassignments to accommodate special projects or temporary needs, however upon completion of a project, employees who were displaced shall be returned to their permanent assignment.

26.11 Probation and Promotions

26.11.1 New-hire employees on probation (promoted employees excluded) may submit pre-bids but will not be assigned or considered for permanent assignment until their probation is completed. Similarly, employees on promotional lists may submit bids for future positions but will not be considered until actually promoted.

26.11.2 Paramedics that have completed their probation but remain in internship may be awarded permanent assignments, but their reassignment date may be postponed until completion of their internship.

26.12 Mutual Transfers

Trading of assignments will be allowed. If either mutually traded assignment becomes vacant within 365 days, both assignments shall be posted for bidding. The 365 days begins when all parties have approved the mutual transfer in writing and at least one of the mutual-trade employees has begun the traded assignment.

26.13 Conflict Resolution

Where special issues or problems arise that may not be addressed herein, such issues shall be submitted to the union president or designee for resolution.

ARTICLE 27
CLASSIFICATIONS & WAGES

27.1 Classifications

A. 40-hour work week classifications in effect:

Grade	Classification
11	Fire Administrative Services Associate
11	Fire Payroll Specialist
23	Fire Logistics Technician
23	Fire Dispatcher
24	Fire Lead Dispatcher
27	Fire Mechanic
28	Fire Lead Mechanic
29	Fire Training Specialist
29	Fire Training Multimedia Video Producer
30	Fire Inspector
30	Fire Investigator

B. 56-hour (Kelly Schedule) classifications:

Grade	Classification
25	Firefighter
27	Fire Apparatus Engineer
29	Fire Captain
31	Senior Fire Captain
31	Safety Officer

27.2 Wages

27.21

Employees who received Performance Incentive Pay (PIP) in 2016 who promote will advance to the same step in the new pay grade. Example: Grade 27, step 3, who promotes to grade 29 will be placed at a step 3 in the new pay grade.

27.2.2

The 2021 salary schedule shall remain in effect through the end of 2021 as follows:

Salary schedule for 40-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3
GRD11	30.55	32.09	33.05
GRD23	36.79	38.64	39.79
GRD24	42.58	43.87	
GRD27	45.07	47.32	48.74
GRD28	48.74	51.2	52.74
GRD29	45.61	47.91	49.34
GRD30	46.53	48.86	50.34

Salary schedule for 56-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
GRD25	19.78	21.8	28.29	30.27	31.18	32.1
GRD27	33.29	34.28	35.31			
GRD29	36.61	37.72	38.85			
GRD31	40.28	41.49	42.74			

27.2.3

Effective the first full pay period of January 2022, a one and two-tenths percent (1.2%) wage increase shall be applied as follows:

Salary schedule for 40-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3
GRD11	\$30.92	\$32.48	\$33.45
GRD23	\$37.23	\$39.10	\$40.27
GRD24	\$43.09	\$44.40	
GRD27	\$45.61	\$47.89	\$49.32
GRD28	\$49.32	\$51.81	\$53.37
GRD29	\$46.16	\$48.48	\$49.93
GRD30	\$47.09	\$49.45	\$50.94

Salary schedule for 56-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
GRD25	\$20.02	\$22.06	\$28.63	\$30.63	\$31.55	\$32.49
GRD27	\$33.69	\$34.69	\$35.73			
GRD29	\$37.05	\$38.17	\$39.32			
GRD31	\$40.76	\$41.99	\$43.25			

27.2.4

Effective the first full pay period of January 2023, a one and two-tenths (1.2%) percent wage increase shall be applied as follows:

Salary schedule for 40-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3
GRD11	\$31.29	\$32.87	\$33.85
GRD23	\$37.68	\$39.57	\$40.75
GRD24	\$43.61	\$44.93	
GRD27	\$46.16	\$48.46	\$49.91
GRD28	\$49.91	\$52.43	\$54.01
GRD29	\$46.71	\$49.06	\$50.53
GRD30	\$47.66	\$50.04	\$51.55

Salary schedule for 56-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
GRD25	\$20.26	\$22.32	\$28.97	\$31.00	\$31.93	\$32.88
GRD27	\$34.09	\$35.11	\$36.16			
GRD29	\$37.49	\$38.63	\$39.79			
GRD31	\$41.25	\$42.49	\$43.77			

27.2.5

Effective the first full pay period of January 2024, a one and four-tenths percent (1.4%) wage increase shall be applied as follows:

Salary schedule for 40-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3
GRD11	\$31.73	\$33.33	\$34.32
GRD23	\$38.21	\$40.12	\$41.32
GRD24	\$44.22	\$45.56	
GRD27	\$46.81	\$49.14	\$50.61
GRD28	\$50.61	\$53.16	\$54.77
GRD29	\$47.36	\$49.75	\$51.24
GRD30	\$48.33	\$50.74	\$52.27

Salary schedule for 56-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
GRD25	\$20.54	\$22.63	\$29.38	\$31.43	\$32.38	\$33.34
GRD27	\$34.57	\$35.60	\$36.67			
GRD29	\$38.01	\$39.17	\$40.35			
GRD31	\$41.83	\$43.08	\$44.38			

27.2.6

Effective the first full pay period of January 2025, a one and five-tenths percent (1.5%) wage increase shall be applied as follows:

Salary schedule for 40-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3
GRD11	\$32.21	\$33.83	\$34.83
GRD23	\$38.78	\$40.72	\$41.94
GRD24	\$44.88	\$46.24	
GRD27	\$47.51	\$49.88	\$51.37
GRD28	\$51.37	\$53.96	\$55.59
GRD29	\$48.07	\$50.50	\$52.01
GRD30	\$49.05	\$51.50	\$53.05

Salary schedule for 56-hour work week:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
GRD25	\$20.85	\$22.97	\$29.82	\$31.90	\$32.87	\$33.84
GRD27	\$35.09	\$36.13	\$37.22			
GRD29	\$38.58	\$39.76	\$40.96			
GRD31	\$42.46	\$43.73	\$45.05			

27.3 Allocated Hours. Rates of pay established by this contract shall be paid on an allocated basis for the 56-hour Kelly shift employees.

- 27.4 Length of Service.
- A. Length of service shall be measured in accordance with AMC 3.30.127B.
 - B. Longevity pay shall continue to be paid to qualifying employees in accordance with AMC 3.30.127C.
 - C. Service Recognition shall not apply to Union employees.
- 27.5 Pay Enhancement. Pay Enhancement means a percentage to be applied to the base rate of pay for longevity, education, certification, license, special team assignments, and performance step pay.
- 27.6 Factored rate of pay means the base rate of pay plus the base rate of pay multiplied by the sum of pay enhancement percentages.
- 27.7 Travel Premium. After reporting for duty at their assigned work site, any employee who is ordered to report to a different work site shall be paid travel premium in accordance with Municipality Operating Policy and Procedure 76-1. Any subsequent travel during the same shift/day shall be compensated in the same manner.
- 27.8 Employees overpaid by the Municipality will be given a thirty (30) day notice when the overpayment occurred more than ninety (90) days prior to any wage garnishment. The garnishment may not exceed \$200 (two hundred dollars) per pay period unless the employee agrees.

Any pay errors penalties as listed in Article 27.8 due to the SAP system configuration requirements for the changes and additions in the MICU Premium Pay section of this agreement, shall be waived until July 31, 2019.

An error in pay is defined as a discrepancy between the timecard submitted and actual hours paid for the pay cycle. Errors in pay will be corrected by the Municipality by the next full pay cycle after the error in pay is verified and confirmed by Central Payroll. Central Payroll shall complete its verification within a reasonable time after the requested correction is submitted, not to exceed the next full pay cycle once all documentation is submitted. If the Municipality fails to correct confirmed errors in pay by that next full pay cycle, then the employee shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day after the next full pay cycle during which the error in pay remains uncorrected. After review of the error in pay documentation by Central

Payroll, if there is a disagreement on whether an error in pay actually occurred the grievance procedure shall be utilized for resolution and the employee shall not be eligible for additional compensation as stated above.

When changes in contract language require software configuration, then the fifty (\$50.00) per day fee as described above shall be waved as follows:

- A. The Municipality will have ninety (90) calendar days to make major software configuration changes due to contract language changes agreed to by the parties and retro pay to the employees as required.
- B. The Municipality will have sixty (60) calendar days to make minor software configuration changes like wage increases due to contract language changes agreed to by the parties and retro pay to the employees as required.

27.9 Employees in the Firefighter classification shall advance through wage steps once they have completed all the required training and have obtained the required certifications. However, employees shall not be eligible to advance through the wage steps prior to the following time frames:

- Step 1 – Date of Hire
- Step 2 – Completion of Phase I of the Academy
- Step 3 – Completion of Phase II of the Academy
- Step 4 – four hundred fifty (450) days from date of hire
- Step 5 – First year of Merit Anniversary Date as defined by the Personnel Rules
- Step 6 – Second year after Merit Anniversary Date as defined by the Personnel Rules

While in the academy Firefighters will have their salary converted to a 40-hour rate and 40-hour leave accrual. Upon completion of Phase II of the new hire academy, Fire fighters will be converted to a 56-hour schedule.

ARTICLE 28

DURATION OF AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE PAGE

- 28.1 This Agreement is effective after ratification by the Association Members and approval of the Assembly as required by Anchorage Municipal Code. This Agreement shall expire at midnight June 30, 2025.
- 28.2 The Municipality and the Union agree to meet and confer no later than October 2022 for the sole purpose of discussions pertaining to possible changes to the EMSV position as well as possible changes pertaining to how Actors are utilized.
- 28.3 No later than June 1, 2023, the parties will meet and confer to reassess the use and number of Debit Days.
- 28.4 Either party shall give at least one hundred and eighty days (180) days written notice to the other prior to June 30, 2025, of its desire that the Agreement shall be renegotiated.
- 28.5 Upon expiration of this Agreement, the wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment established herein shall not be changed except in the manner provided by law for resolving collective bargaining impasses or by mutual agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

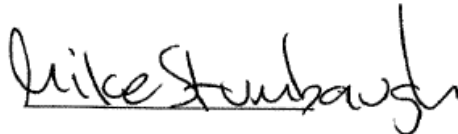
Pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.70.130 D, each and every collective bargaining contract, agreement, modification, written interpretation, or other change, alteration or amendment, no matter how denominated, shall include a summary of requirements and remedial provisions, and the certification under oath or affirmation by each duly authorized representative signing on behalf of a party. The undersigned duly authorized representatives, on behalf of the parties to this agreement, hereby affirm and certify as follows:

- A. This agreement complies with Anchorage Municipal Code section 3.70.130.
- B. Section 3.70.130 requires Assembly approval of all modifications and amendments, no matter how denominated.
- C. Absent Assembly approval as required by section 3.70.130, any modification or amendment, no matter how denominated, shall be deemed null and void, and any payments made shall be recoverable by the Municipality.
- D. Absent Assembly approval as required by section 3.70.130, written clarifications and interpretations within the definition of "administrative letter" are invalid.
- E. Section 3.70.010 prohibits the use of administrative letters to vary the explicit terms of a labor agreement.
- F. Intentional actions in violation of section 3.70.130 are subject to fines and penalties under section 1.45.010.
- G. Remedial actions: In the event the provisions of section 3.70.130 are violated by administrative action, any labor agreement, agreement, modification, written interpretation, or other change, alteration or amendment, no matter how denominated, shall be null and void with no force or effect.



Municipality of Anchorage

Human Resources Director



IAFF Local 1264, AFL-CIO

IAFF Local 1264 Union President

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Agreement was ratified by a majority vote of the members of the Anchorage Assembly, at a properly called meeting on the 7th day of December 2021.

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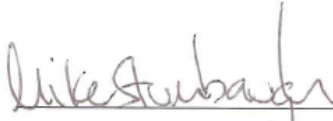
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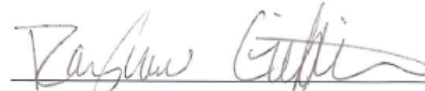
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ATTEST:



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I certify that the foregoing Agreement was ratified by a majority vote of the members of the Anchorage Assembly, at a properly called meeting on the day of 10/18 2021.

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DATED: 10/19/2021
BY: Mike Stumbaugh
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