

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between the

## **CITY OF CYPRESS**

and the

## **CYPRESS MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
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**ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION**

Section 1. Pursuant to the Provisions of the Employer-Employee Relations Resolution No. 970, as amended, the City of Cypress (hereinafter called the "City" and/or "Employer" interchangeably) has recognized the Cypress Maintenance Employees' Association as the majority representative of the employees in the bargaining unit, which includes employees in the classifications and assignments of Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Specialist, and Mechanic.

Section 2. The City shall recognize the Association as the representative of the employees in the classifications and assignments set forth in Section 1. above for the purpose of meeting its obligation under this Agreement, the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act, Government Code §3500, et. seq., when City Rules, Regulations or laws affecting wages, hours and/or other terms and conditions of employment are amended or changed.

Section 3. Recognizing the above-mentioned body, the City shall conduct open and good faith negotiations between the City and its employees through their Maintenance Employees' Association Representatives.

**ARTICLE II - NONDISCRIMINATION**

Section 1. The City and the Association agree that they shall not discriminate against any employee because of any legally protected classification recognized by state or federal law, including, but not limited to: race, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, political or religious opinions or affiliations. The City and the Association shall reopen any provision of this Agreement for the purpose of complying with any final order of the state or federal agency or court of competent jurisdiction requiring a modification or change in any provision of this Agreement in compliance with state or federal anti-discrimination laws.

Section 2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). To comply with state and federal law, the language below shall apply:

A. The ADA/FEHA requires reasonable accommodations for individuals protected under the ADA/FEHA, and because reasonable accommodations must be determined on an individual, case-by-case basis, exceptions to the provisions of this Agreement may be required for the City to avoid discrimination in the hiring, promotion, granting of permanency, transfer, layoff, reassignment, termination, rehire, rates of pay, job and duty classification, seniority, leaves, fringe benefits, training opportunities, hours of work or other terms and privileges of employment.

B. The City has the legal obligation to meet with the individual employee or applicant to be accommodated before any adjustment is made in working conditions. The Association will not be notified of these proposed accommodations prior to implementation by the City, unless the employee desires such notice.

C. Any accommodation provided to an individual protected by the ADA/FEHA shall not establish a past practice, nor shall it be cited or be used as evidence of a past practice in the grievance, discipline, or other legal procedure.

Section 3. Whenever the masculine gender is used in this Memorandum of Understanding, it shall be understood to include the feminine gender.

## **ARTICLE III - COMPENSATION PLAN**

### **Section 1.** Basic Compensation Plan.

A. All employees covered by this Agreement shall be included under the Basic Compensation Plan. Every position under this Plan shall be assigned a range established by the City Council by resolution. All pay changes shall be at the beginning of the closest start of the pay period, unless there is a special justification as approved by the Personnel Officer. The salary schedule shall consist of six steps (A through F) within each range.

B. The first step, A step, is the minimum rate and is normally the hiring rate for the class. An employee may be assigned, upon appointment, to other than the normal entering salary step upon the recommendation of the department head and the approval of the City Manager or his designee when it is decided that such action is in the best interest of the City.

C. The second step, B step, is a merit adjustment which may be given at the end of six months of employment, subject to the recommendation of the department head and approval of the City Manager or his designee.

D. The third (C step), fourth (D step), fifth (E step), and sixth (F step) steps are merit adjustments to encourage an employee to improve his work and to recognize seniority and increased skill on the job. Employees are normally eligible for these adjustments at any time after the completion of one year of service at the preceding step. Each adjustment shall be made only if recommended by the department head and approved by the City Manager or his designee.

E. The Maintenance Worker classification includes a seventh (G step), eighth (H step) and ninth (I step). Advancement to the H and I steps shall be earned on performance standards. Performance standards must be maintained at each annual evaluation thereafter to remain at the H or I step.

F. All rates shown are in full payment for services rendered and covers full payment for the number of hours now being regularly performed in each class.

G. The comprehensive wage and salary plan, as outlined herein, is based on a 40-hour workweek for all employees covered by this Agreement.

**Section 2.** Initial Compensation. All new employees appointed to a position in the competitive service shall be paid a salary or wage within the established range for the position's class. The initial employment shall generally be at the minimum rate for the class. However, the appointing power may, with approval of the City Manager or his designee, when circumstances warrant it, appoint at other than the minimum step.

### **Section 3.** Evaluation Date Shall be Established as Follows:

A. Employees appointed, promoted or reinstated on or between the first and the fifteenth day of the month inclusive shall, for the purpose of eligibility for consideration of future compensation increases, have the first day of that same month as their evaluation date.

B. Employees appointed, promoted or reinstated on or between the sixteenth and the last day of the month inclusive shall, for the purpose of eligibility for consideration of future compensation increases, have the first day of the month immediately following, as their evaluation date.



C. Evaluation dates shall change upon promotion or reclassification. Evaluations dates shall not change following demotions or transfers.

Section 4. Advancement Within Salary Range.

A. In order to properly compensate an employee, advancement in salary shall be based on merit.

B. Advancements in salary shall not be automatic, but shall depend upon increased service value of the employee to the City.

C. The department head and/or the employee's immediate supervisor shall be responsible to evaluate employees fairly in an unbiased fashion for the determination of job performance. Advancement shall be made only upon recommendation of the department head with approval of the City Manager or his designee.

D. Employees beginning at A step must be reviewed for performance advancement prior to the completion of six months of service from the date of appointment. Thereafter, an employee must be reviewed at least once every twelve months from the effective date of his last performance step increase, special performance advancement or promotion. Nothing contained herein shall restrict the department head from denying the increase after evaluation, nor shall it prevent him from recommending a special performance advancement in salary at any time when unusual or outstanding achievement has been demonstrated.

E. It shall be the responsibility of each supervisor to establish realistic achievement levels for each step increase within a salary range. Achievement levels may be formal or informal and shall be reviewed by the department head for the purpose of maintaining uniformity of standards throughout the department.

Section 5. Salary Increases Following Promotion. When an employee in the City is promoted to a position with a higher salary range, such employee shall automatically be entitled to the lowest step in the higher salary range that would represent a salary increase of approximately 5% over the base salary received immediately prior to promotion (e.g. approximately 5% means 4.5% or higher).

Section 6. Salary Decreases Following Demotion. In the case of a demotion of an employee in the department to a class with a lower maximum salary, such employee shall be assigned to the appropriate salary step in the new class as recommended by the department head and approved by the City Manager. The employee shall retain his previous anniversary date.

Section 7. Salary Following Transfers. In the case of the transfer of any employee from one position to another in the same class to which the same salary range is applicable, the employee shall remain at the same step and shall retain his same anniversary date.

Section 8. Adjustment of Salary Ranges. When a salary range for a given classification is revised upward or downward, the positions and within the affected classification shall have their existing salary adjusted to the same relative step in the new salary range and their evaluation date shall not be changed.

Section 9. Salary and Benefits on Suspension. During suspension from City service for disciplinary cause, an employee shall forfeit all rights, privileges and salary, except he shall not forfeit his medical health plan, dental insurance plan, vision insurance plan, retirement plan, disability insurance or life insurance plans. Should such suspension be later modified or revoked, the employee shall be entitled to receive payment to compensate for loss of income and benefits during the period of suspension.

Section 10. Salary Increases.

A. Salary increases for all represented classes will be implemented at the beginning of the pay period as follows and as reflected in Exhibit "A" attached hereto:

- Effective July 5, 2024, a 6% range adjustment.
- Effective July 4, 2025, based upon the May CPI-U for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, a minimum 3% to a maximum 4% range adjustment.
- Effective July 3, 2026, based upon the May CPI-U for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, a minimum 3% to a maximum 4% range adjustment.

Section 11. Payroll Schedule and Direct Deposit.

The City's payroll is based on a bi-weekly pay schedule with the pay day occurring every other Friday following the end of a pay period. All employees are required to participate in the City's direct deposit payroll program.

**ARTICLE IV - HOURS OF WORK**

Section 1. Standard Workweek. The standard workweek shall be 40 hours. However, all employees of the department shall be subject to be called for service at any time to meet any and all emergencies or unusual conditions which, in the opinion of the department head or designee, may require such service from any of said employees.

**ARTICLE V - OVERTIME COMPENSATION**

Section 1. Definition.

A. Overtime work for regular and probationary employees shall be defined as any hours worked beyond 40 hours in a 7-day Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) workweek. Leave time, with the exception of sick leave, will be counted toward that calculation.

B. Time worked in excess of the normal workweek due to changes in days off or shifts shall not be considered as overtime unless the employee works more than 40 hours in a 7-day FLSA workweek. Shift changes shall not be made to avoid the payment of overtime.

Section 2. Compensation. Authorized overtime shall be compensated for at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular rate of pay or by accruing compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) hours for each hour of overtime worked. All paid leaves will be counted as time worked, with the exception of sick leave.

Section 3. Use of Compensatory Time. Employees shall be permitted to accumulate a maximum of 80 hours of compensatory time with the following provisions: the employee will provide two working days advance notice; requests shall be for a minimum of eight hours per day and a maximum of 24 hours per three days. Exceptions may be granted in special cases where it has been determined by the Maintenance Superintendent that there will be no adverse effect on productivity. This determination shall be at the sole discretion of the Maintenance Superintendent. All accumulated compensatory time shall be paid off in December of each year, unless the employee files a written request with Human Resources Office to have up to 80 hours of accumulated compensatory time carried over to the following payroll year.

Section 4. Overtime Reporting. In order for an employee to earn compensation for overtime, he must receive prior supervisor or department head approval. Overtime worked to meet an emergency situation does not require advance approval, but shall be certified by the department head before being credited to the employee's record.

Section 5. Authorization. It is the policy of the City to avoid the necessity for overtime work. However, when overtime work is necessary and consistent with the efficient operation of the City, such overtime shall be authorized, but shall be kept at a minimum.

## **ARTICLE VI - SPECIAL PAY PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Callback. Employees shall be paid for time worked when called back or out to duty for other than a normal shift or workday assignment and departing from the work premises as follows: Employees called back or out to work as defined above shall be paid one and one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay for each hour worked on callback. Callback time shall commence from the time the employee reports to the department offices. This pay must comply with overtime rules, Article V, Section 1, regarding exclusion of sick leave during a workweek.

### Section 2. Stand-by.

A. Any responses to calls during the stand-by period shall be compensated in accordance with the callback special pay provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, Article VI, Section 1.

B. Employees assigned to stand-by status for a 7-day assignment shall be compensated at a rate of \$425 per assignment for all duties within the scope of Maintenance Operations. Effective July 4, 2025, the rate will increase to \$450 per assignment.

Section 3. Training Time. When an employee is sent to a training program at the request of the City, the employee shall be paid for actual hours attending the training (typically nine hours) and such hours of pay shall be credited towards the computation of overtime. The department shall also pay such reasonable expenses as may be incurred by the employee in traveling to and from the training course as well as for meals and lodging. The department head may request receipts for meals and lodging, as well as transportation, and for the purchase of any materials required by the training course. Reimbursement for lodging shall apply to training courses which require overnight lodging.

### Section 4. Uniforms, Uniform Allowance and Safety Equipment.

A. All designated employees will be provided with appropriate uniforms and laundering of same as determined by the City's Personnel Officer.

B. Employees shall be allowed to wear appropriate uniform short pants as determined by the City's Personnel Officer. Such permission shall be at the sole discretion of the Maintenance Superintendent. The City shall provide uniform short pants to those employees designated by the Maintenance Superintendent as being eligible to wear said short pants.

C. The value of uniform allowance shall be reported to CalPERS as "PERSable Compensation" on behalf of all Classic members in the unit. The value reported is based upon the contract with the uniform vendor used by the City. The current uniform rental costs are as follows:

Maintenance Employee Uniforms (12 sets per week)			
Description	Unit Price	Weekly Cost	Per Month
Shirts	\$ 0.22	\$ 2.64	\$ 11.44
Pants	\$ 0.28	\$ 3.36	\$ 14.56
Shorts	\$ 0.25	\$ 3.00	\$ 13.00
	\$ 0.75	\$ 9.00	\$ 39.00
<b>\$18.00 is reported to CalPERS per pay period</b>			

The amount reported to CalPERS is subject to change, based upon changes to the vendor's contract and/or pricing and the actual usage of uniforms.

D. Each calendar year, employees will receive a voucher for up to \$250 to purchase safety shoes/boots from one of the City's contracted vendors. Effective January 1, 2025, the amount of the voucher will increase to a maximum of \$275 per calendar year. In the event of extreme work-related wear, with approval from the Maintenance Superintendent, an employee may receive up to an additional \$100 towards the purchase of a replacement pair of safety shoes/boots. An employee will reimburse the City for the full cost of safety shoes/boots if they were purchased within 60 days of separation from the City. Human Resources will verify this information and if necessary, the cost will be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

E. Instead of receiving a voucher, employees have the option of purchasing safety shoes/boots from an independent vendor or repairing shoes/boots they already own and receiving reimbursement for the amount specified in Section 4D. The Maintenance Superintendent must certify, in writing, to Human Resources, that the safety shoes/boots are satisfactory for the job being performed prior to the employee receiving reimbursement.

F. To be eligible for reimbursement for repairs, the employee must submit the safety shoes/boots for inspection by the Maintenance Superintendent before and after the repair work. All requests for reimbursement for safety shoes/boots or for repairs must be accompanied by a receipt initialed by the Maintenance Superintendent.

G. The City shall continue to provide other safety equipment as deemed necessary.

H. The City, at the request of the association, shall supply a new jacket to each employee covered by this Agreement every other fiscal year. The jackets will be ordered in the early summer and the jacket should be issued by the early fall. Each employee is responsible for maintaining their own jacket. An employee may continue to use their previous jacket should they wish to do so. However, the employee must consider the environment and the City's image in use of the previous jacket. The City may require the employee to use the new jacket to maintain the City's image. Employees shall return their jacket to the City upon termination from City service.

Section 5. Commercial Driver License. All employees covered by this MOU, shall possess and maintain a California Commercial Driver License (Class A or B). New employees will have six months from the date of employment to obtain a Class A or B license.

Section 6. Assignment Pay. Employees in the classification of Maintenance Workers who are assigned to Street Sweeping duties shall be compensated at 2.5% above their current salary.

Section 7. Certification Pay. Employees in assignments required to possess a Collection System Maintenance Grade 1 and/or Grade 2 Certification shall receive \$75 per month.

Section 8. Cell Phone Allowance. Effective with the pay period beginning July 5, 2024, each member will receive a \$50 per month cell phone allowance. The allowance is intended to compensate members for the use of their personal cell phone while working out in the field. Members will not be eligible for the allowance during a leave of absence that extends beyond 30 calendar days or during a light duty assignment which does not require the majority of the work performed offsite.

## **ARTICLE VII - HOLIDAYS**

### **Section 1.** Recognized Holidays.

A. For pay purposes, the following holidays are recognized as municipal holidays for regular employees: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday following Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day. Employees shall earn 8 hours for each holiday. Employees must use other forms of accrued leave to make up the difference between holiday hours earned and those required to be used when working an alternative work schedule.

B. Beginning the first pay period of the payroll year current employees shall be credited with one floating holiday (9 working hours). Employees hired after the beginning of the payroll year, but before September 1 of the payroll year, will be credited with one floating holiday. The floating holiday may be taken subject to approval of the department head after consideration of the department workload and other staffing considerations such as, but not limited to, leave schedules of other employees already approved, sick leave and position vacancies. The floating holiday must be taken as paid time off in the payroll year of crediting. There shall be no cash payment for unused floating holiday hours.

C. If a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off, the holiday leave may be used during the payroll year. There shall be no carryover of unused holiday.

D. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be considered the holiday. When a holiday, falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be considered the holiday.

E. Religious holidays requested off shall be done so in writing to the department head. If approved, such time shall be charged against vacation, compensatory time, personal leave, holiday or floating holiday.

### **Section 2.** Employees Required to Work on Holidays.

A. For any hours worked on a holiday, the employee will be compensated at time and one-half (1-1/2). The employee will receive payment at his regular straight time hourly rate for hours worked and accumulate compensatory time at a rate of one-half for every hour worked. For example, if an employee works nine hours on a holiday, he will be paid nine hours of straight time and accumulate four and one-half (4-1/2) hours of compensatory time.

B. When an employee eligible for holiday pay, who is required to work on a day designated as a holiday under the provisions of the Personnel Rules, becomes ill and is unable to report for work on that day, the employee shall be paid at the straight time rate for the sick leave hours scheduled to work on said day, and the holiday hours will remain in their leave bank for use during the payroll year.

Section 3. Holidays Falling During Approved Leaves of Absence Without Pay. Any employee on an approved leave of absence without pay, having the holiday fall during the period of such leave of absence without pay, shall be eligible for such holiday pay only in those instances where said employee has worked either the day before or the day immediately following said holiday.

Section 4. Holiday Closure. If City facilities are closed during the holidays (generally the week between Christmas and New Year's Day), it is expected that all non-essential maintenance employees will be off work and use accrued leave. However, employees may request to work during this period and will be accommodated if sufficient work is available. Employees who wish to work during the closure period must annually notify Public Works management by October 1.

## **ARTICLE VIII - PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

### Section 1. Regular Appointments Following Probationary Period.

A. The original appointment of every employee, other than those whose appointment is exempt, shall be tentative and subject to a probationary period of 12 months of service.

B. The promotional appointment of every regular employee shall be tentative and subject to a probationary period of six months.

C. The Personnel Officer shall notify the department head and the probationer concerned, two weeks prior to the termination of the probationary period.

D. If the service of the probationary employee has been satisfactory, the department head shall file with Human Resources a statement, in writing, to such effect stating that the retention of such employee in the service is desired. No actions changing an employee's status from probationary to regular shall be made or become effective until approved by the Personnel Officer.

Section 2. Objective of Probationary Period. The probationary period shall be regarded as a part of the testing process and shall be utilized for closely observing the employee's work, for securing the most effective adjustment of a new employee to his position, and for rejecting any probationary employee whose performance does not meet the required standards of work.

### Section 3. Employee Performance Reports.

A. Each probationary employee shall have his performance evaluated at the end of each three months of service or at a more frequent interval when deemed necessary by the appointing power. Regular employees shall have their performance evaluated annually or at more frequent intervals when deemed necessary by the appointing power. Such evaluations shall be reported in writing and in a form approved by the Personnel Officer.

B. An employee's performance evaluation shall be filed with Human Resources and made a part of the employee's personnel records, with one copy retained by the department, and one copy given to the employee.

### Section 4. Rejection of a Probationary Employee.

A. During the probationary period, an employee may be suspended, demoted or rejected any time by the department head, with approval of the City Manager, without cause and without right of appeal. Notification of rejection, in writing, shall be served on the probationary employee and a copy filed with Human Resources.

B. An exception will be applied where the probationary employee's job termination or dismissal is based on charges of misconduct which stigmatizes his reputation or seriously impairs his opportunity to earn a living, or which might seriously damage his standing and association in the community. Where there is such a deprivation of a "liberty interest", the employee shall be given pre-disciplinary procedural due process as defined in the Personnel Rules. Prior to the disciplinary action becoming final, the employee must be notified of his right to the appeal procedures as outlined in the Personnel Rules.

**ARTICLE IX - VACATION**

Section 1. Eligibility. All regular, full-time employees, having completed a minimum of six months continuous service with the City; and annually, thereafter, shall be eligible for a paid vacation at his then current rate of pay.

Section 2. Vacation Accrual.

A. Each regular full-time and probationary employee shall accrue vacation leave by the following formula:

<u>Hours/Month</u>	<u>Year of Employment</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
1. 6.6670	1st year	(80 hours).
2. 7.3334	2nd year	(88 hours).
3. 8.0000	3rd year	(96 hours).
4. 8.6667	4th year	(104 hours).
5. 9.3334	5th year	(112 hours).
6. 10.0000	6th year	(120 hours).
7. 10.6667	7th year	(128 hours).
8. 11.3334	8th year	(136 hours).
9. 12.0000	9th year	(144 hours).
10. 12.6667	10th year	(152 hours).
11. 13.3334	11th year	(160 hours), and each month thereafter.

Section 3. Anniversary Date.

A. Employees hired on or between the first and fifteenth day of the month shall have the first day of that same month as their anniversary date.

B. Employees hired on or between the sixteenth and the last day of the month shall have the first day of the following month as their anniversary date.

Section 4. Maximum Accrual.

A. An employee may accumulate unused vacation to a maximum of the amount accrued in the 24 months immediately preceding the employee's anniversary date of employment. Vacation shall cease accruing subsequent to reaching said maximum with further accrual occurring only upon the vacation balance falling below the maximum accumulation.

B. For purposes of this Article, the term "anniversary date of employment" is the date an employee began accruing vacation with the City.

Section 5. Use of Vacation.

A. The time at which an employee's vacation is to occur shall be determined by the department head with due regard for the wishes of the employee and particular regard for the needs of the service. To provide for flexibility the department can waive advanced notice requirements for requesting vacation leave if the needs of the service permits the absence of employee.

B. An employee who has completed five years or more of continuous service and who has taken 40 cumulative hours of vacation in his/her current anniversary year may elect to be paid for up to a maximum of 80 hours of accrued vacation in the following calendar year. Request for payment shall be

made in writing to Human Resources by December 15 of the prior calendar year for the requested payment in the subsequent December's special payroll. For example, if an employee submits a payout request of 80 hours prior to December 15, 2024 and is deemed eligible to receive a payout, the employee will be paid for 80 hours in December 2025 (if accrued vacation at that time is equal to or exceeds 80 hours).

Section 6. Vacation Payment at Termination.

A. Employees terminating employment shall be paid in a lump sum for all accrued vacation leave.

B. When termination is caused by the death of the employee, said payment for unused vacation shall be paid to the beneficiary designated by the employee. Such designation shall be in writing, signed by the employee and filed with Human Resources. In the event an employee has not designated a beneficiary, the payment shall be made to the estate of the employee.

Section 7. Vacation Earned During Leave of Absence. No vacation leave shall be earned during any leave of absence without pay for each 30-day period of such leave.

Section 8. Vacation - Miscellaneous. Employees shall not work for the City during their vacation and, thereby, receive double compensation from the City.

**ARTICLE X - LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Section 1. Authorized Leave of Absence Without Pay.

A. Excluding leave which may fall under the Federal Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), upon recommendation from the department head, with approval of the City Manager, a regular employee may be granted a leave of absence without pay in cases of emergency or where such absence would not be contrary to the best interest of the City, for a period not to exceed one year. Approval of such leave shall be in writing and a copy filed with Human Resources.

B. At the expiration of the approved leave, within a reasonable period of time, after notice to return to duty, the employee shall be reinstated to the position held at the time leave was granted. Failure on the part of the employee on leave to report promptly at such leave's expiration, within a reasonable time after notice to return to duty, shall be cause of discharge.

C. During any authorized leave of absence without pay, an employee shall not be eligible to accumulate or receive fringe benefits except as specifically provided for in this Agreement. The City shall contribute to an employee's medical health plan, dental insurance plan, disability insurance plan, life insurance plan and retirement plan for the first 30 days of an employee's authorized leave of absence. Thereafter, the City shall not have any obligation to contribute to an employee's medical health plan, dental insurance plan, disability insurance plan, life insurance plan and retirement plan. Employees on unpaid leave of absence do not accrue vacation or sick leave and are not eligible for any other paid leave.

Section 2. Bereavement Leave. Regular and probationary full-time employees may be granted a paid bereavement leave of absence by reason of the death or critical illness where death appears imminent in the immediate family which shall be restricted and limited to father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, domestic partner, child, grandmother, grandfather, mother-in-law, or father-in-law. Upon approval of said paid leave, the employee shall be allowed a maximum of 40 hours.



### Section 3. Military Leave of Absence.

A. Military leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of state and federal law. All employees entitled to military leave shall give the department head an opportunity within the limits of military regulations, to determine when such leave shall be taken. Whenever possible, the employee involved shall notify the department head of such leave request 10 working days in advance of the beginning date of such leave.

B. In addition to the provisions of state and federal law, the City shall continue to provide to said employee the current health benefits (medical, dental, disability and life insurance, and retirement, if applicable) for the first six months of military leave. During said period, the employee shall be required to pay to the City the same co-payments as required of other employees in the bargaining unit. After the first six months of military leave, the employee may continue said health benefits at his cost.

### Section 4. Pregnancy Disability Leave of Absence.

A. An employee who is disabled due to pregnancy shall be granted a pregnancy disability leave of absence for a maximum period of four months provided that a lesser period may be granted upon the request of the employee.

B. Disabilities arising out of pregnancy shall be treated the same as other temporary disabilities in terms of eligibility for, or entitlement to, sick leave with or without pay, extended sick leave, or accumulated sick leave benefits.

C. Employees are encouraged to report pregnancy. Where the nature of the duties performed are hazardous or burdensome, the employee may be required to submit medical evidence as to fitness for the performance of duties of the position.

D. Regular full-time and probationary employees shall be placed on medical leave when the employee's physician states that medical disability would interfere with the performance of the duties of the position or continuing work would be hazardous. Should disagreement arise between the department head and the employee's physician as to the hazardous nature of the job or the ability of the employee to perform the job, a physician representing the City will resolve the conflict. The decision will be binding upon all the parties.

E. Following childbirth and upon release from medical treatment for the disability resulting from the pregnancy, the employee must submit a medical statement of fitness to perform the duties of the position to Human Resources. Upon expiration of an approved pregnancy disability leave of absence, the employee shall be reinstated in the position held at the time leave was granted.

### Section 5. Family Leave. The City shall comply with State and Federal Family Leave Laws.

Section 6. Unauthorized Leave of Absence. Unauthorized leave of absence shall be considered as days, or portions of days, not worked which are normal working days and will cause the deduction from the employee's pay of an amount equivalent to the time absent. Employees taking unauthorized leaves of absence may be subject to disciplinary action, to and including termination of employment.

## **ARTICLE XI - JURY DUTY**

### Section 1. Compensation for Jury Duty.

A. Regular or probationary employees required to report for jury duty shall be granted leave of

absence for such purpose, upon presentation of a jury notice to the department head. Said employees shall receive full payment for the time served on jury duty, provided the employee remits any fees received for such jury service, excluding payment for mileage, to the Finance Department. Compensation for mileage, subsistence or similar auxiliary allowances shall not be considered as a fee and shall be retained by the employee.

B. If the sum of the employee's jury duty responsibilities is less than a full workday, the employee shall contact his supervisor as to the feasibility of returning to work that day.

C. The employee shall not receive regular pay for work and pay for jury service which shall be in excess of 8 hours pay in any one day.

## **ARTICLE XII - TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AND APPOINTMENT**

Section 1. In special circumstances, when in the best interest of the City, the City Manager or his designee may approve a temporary assignment of a probationary or regular employee to a higher-level classification.

Section 2. The City may work employees in a temporary assignment for up to 10 consecutive working days without additional compensation.

Section 3. Temporary assignments shall not be compensated at increased compensation where the temporary assignment is a replacement of an employee on vacation leave.

Section 4. An employee shall receive temporary assignment pay at the lowest step in the higher classification salary range that would represent a salary increase of at least five percent (5%) above the employee's regular salary, for work performed within the scope and responsibilities of the higher classification on the eleventh (11th) consecutive day out of class, and for each consecutive day thereafter an employee works out of class.

Section 5. During the 10 consecutive working day eligibility period before an employee is entitled to receive temporary assignment pay, an employee may only be absent from work for 18 cumulative hours. Any absence in excess of 18 hours shall break consecutiveness and cause an employee to be ineligible to receive temporary assignment pay. Should an employee be absent in excess of 18 hours, the 10 consecutive day eligibility period shall begin the day after the employee returns to work.

Section 6. Should an employee who has served 10 consecutive days in a temporary assignment in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 - 5 above, be assigned to that same assignment and position within a two-year period, he will receive temporary assignment pay from the first day of the subsequent temporary assignment.

Section 7. A temporary assignment shall not exceed one year.

## **ARTICLE XIII - SICK LEAVE**

Section 1. General Sick Leave Provisions.

A. Sick leave shall be used for the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventative care for, an employee, or as authorized by the Personnel Officer under the provisions of the Federal Family Medical Leave Act and/or the California Family Rights Act, or California Labor Code Section 233 (use of sick leave).

B. The employee may use up to 48 hours of sick leave per year for the following purposes:

1. For the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition, or preventative care for, any of the employee's family members: child of any age or dependency status; parent; parent-in-law; spouse; registered domestic partner; grandparent; grandchild; sibling; or designated person.

2. For the employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking: (a) to obtain or attempt to obtain a temporary restraining order or other court assistance to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of the employee or his or her child; or (b) to obtain medical attention or psychological counseling; services from a shelter; program or crisis center; or participate in safety planning or other actions to increase safety.

Section 2. Eligibility. All employees covered by this Agreement shall be eligible to accrue sick leave.

Section 3. Accrual. Sick leave shall be accrued at the rate of 8 hours per calendar month for each calendar month that an employee has worked regularly scheduled hours and/or has been on authorized leave which provides for full pay, for at least 15 calendar days in that month.

Section 4. Accumulation and Payment Plan.

A. Accrued sick leave may be accumulated without limit, except that payment of accumulated sick leave shall be granted by the City Manager on an annual basis to all permanent employees who have a minimum of 120 hours of accumulated sick leave on record on December 1st, and opt to receive payment at a rate of fifty percent (50%) of current salary for one-half (1/2) of their annual unused sick leave.

B. Payment of accumulated sick leave shall be granted by the City Manager on an annual basis to all employees covered by this Agreement who have a minimum of 240 hours of accumulated sick leave on record on December 1st at a rate of one hundred percent (100%) of current salary for one-half (1/2) of their annual unused sick leave.

C. Employees wishing to opt for payments stated in Section 4. (A) and (B) above, must notify Human Resources in writing by December 15 for payment in the subsequent December's special payroll. For example, if an employee submits a payout request for the maximum of 48 hours prior to December 15, 2024, payment will be issued in December 2025 (if eligible). The maximum number of hours eligible for payout in December 2025 will be based on the sick leave hours used in the 2025 payroll year and may be less than the maximum requested. The sick leave hours for which the employee receives payment shall be deducted from his or her sick leave record with the remaining one-half (1/2) of the annual accumulated sick leave being continued as a credit to the employee's sick leave account.

D. In accordance with the annual conversion policy set forth in Section 4. (A), (B) and (C) above, an employee shall have the option of depositing their sick leave payment in a City deferred compensation program instead of receiving payment in cash. All deposits made into the deferred compensation program shall be made in accordance with any and all regulations governing the deferred compensation program.

E. Upon death, retirement, separation or termination of an employee covered by this Agreement, with a minimum of 60 days or 480 hours of sick leave accumulation, said employee is entitled to receive fifty percent (50%) compensation for that accumulated sick leave.

F. Upon death, retirement, separation or termination of an employee covered by this Agreement, with a minimum of five years of service and with between 240 hours and 480 hours of sick leave accumulation, said employee is entitled to receive payment for the difference between that amount of sick

leave and 240 hours at fifty percent (50%) compensation.

G. In accordance with the payment plan set forth in Section 4. (E) and (F) above, upon separation, termination or retirement of an employee covered by this Agreement, said employee shall have the option of depositing their sick leave payment in a City deferred compensation program, instead of receiving payment in cash. All deposits made into the deferred compensation program shall be made in accordance with any and all regulations governing the deferred compensation program.

Section 5. Use.

A. Sick leave may be requested and used as approved by the department head or the City Manager. Payment for approved sick leave shall be authorized until the employee's accumulated total of sick leave hours has been exhausted and at such time the employee shall receive no further payment for sick leave. An employee shall have his accumulated sick leave balance reduced by an amount equal to the number of hours of sick leave for which he receives payment.

B. Sick leave shall not be granted for disability arising from any sickness or injury purposely self-inflicted or caused by an employee's own willful misconduct.

C. Vacation leave may be used for sick leave purposes when sick leave is exhausted, if, (1) the employee has a certified illness and has been off work for 10 or more working days, and (2) the employee does not have a record of sick leave abuse.

Section 6. Sick Leave During Vacation. An employee who becomes ill while on vacation may have such period of illness charged to his accumulated sick leave provided that immediately upon return to duty, the employee submits to his department head a written request for sick leave and a written statement signed by his physician describing the nature and dates of illness, and the department head recommends and the City Manager approves granting of such sick leave. The employee may request an extension of vacation due to illness, subject to the approval of the department head and City Manager.

Section 7. Extended Sick Leave.

A. In the event of an employee's continuing illness which results in depletion of sick leave accumulation, the employee may request, in writing, to his department head and City Manager, a leave of absence without pay for the purpose of recovering from an illness, provided:

1. The employee has used all of his accumulated sick leave.
2. The employee presents to his department head for referral to and consideration by the City Manager, a written explanation of the employee's illness and an estimate of the time needed for recovery signed by the employee's physician.
3. Prior to resuming his duties, the employee may be required to take a medical examination at City expense and provide a medical release to return to work from the employee's physician as prescribed by the City Manager. The employment record and the results of such examination shall be considered by the City Manager in determining the employee's fitness to return to work.
4. The maximum period of such leave shall be three calendar months. If the employee desires an extension, he shall follow, prior to the termination of his initial leave, the procedure described in subparagraph (2) above.

Section 8. Related Leave Chargeable to Sick Leave.

A. An employee may be granted time off with pay for the conduct of personal business up to a maximum of 18 hours per payroll year. Sick leave utilization studies conducted by the City shall not include personal leave charged to sick leave. Employees who have exhausted 18 hours of personal leave and need to care for sick dependent children may use vacation leave and City will waive any advanced notice requirement for vacation leave. Employee must still notify supervisor as to absence.

B. Such granting of time off with pay shall be subject to the discretion of the department head and City Manager or his designee. When any such time is authorized, it shall be charged against the employee's accumulated sick leave account.

Section 9. On-the-job Injury. For all regular employees covered by this Agreement, when an employee is disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of his duties for the City, he shall become entitled, regardless of his period of service with the City, to leave of absence for the period of such disability, but not exceeding one year, or until such earlier date as he is retired on permanent disability pension. Employees in this bargaining unit are eligible for up to four months of salary continuation in lieu of temporary disability payments. During the first five working days of such disability, the City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the salary. Thereafter, the employee shall receive eighty percent (80%) of salary. Any payments made pursuant to this Section shall not be charged to sick leave; provided, however, no sick leave or vacation benefits shall accrue during the period of such disability.

Section 10. Off-the-job Injury. An employee injured outside of his service with the City may apply for benefits under the disability insurance plan provided by the City.

**ARTICLE XIV - FRINGE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1. Administration. The City reserves the right to select the insurance carrier or administer any fringe benefit programs that now exist or may exist in the future during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 2. Selection and Funding. In the administration of the fringe benefit programs, the City shall have the right to select any insurance carrier or other method of providing coverage to fund the benefits included under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, provided that the benefits of the employees shall be no less than those in existence as of implementation of this Agreement.

Section 3. Changes. If, during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, any change of insurance carrier or method of funding for any benefit provided hereunder occurs, the City shall notify the Association prior to any change of insurance carrier or method of funding the coverage.

**ARTICLE XV - HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL, DISABILITY AND VISION INSURANCE**

Section 1. Health Insurance Plan.

A. For the employees covered by the terms of this Agreement, the City and the employees shall contribute the sums listed below per month per employee toward health insurance:

**MEDICAL RATE PROVISIONS AND SCHEDULE**

**Flexible Benefit Plan:** The City shall maintain a benefit plan which will allow employees to utilize pre-tax dollars for health contributions (medical, dental, and life insurance contributions) and will provide additional

contributions above the "PERS Health Coverage" for health insurance as noted below.

**PERS Health Coverage:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 22892, the City shall continue to pay the minimum monthly payment to PERS for all employees and retirees choosing the PERS Health Plan, and shall pay any adjustment to this amount pursuant to PERS law. An employee and retiree may choose any plan offered by PERS that said employee or retiree is eligible to receive.

Employees eligible for this plan may choose, depending on their family status (single, one dependent or more), any medical plan offered by PERS (as eligible) and the following monthly City maximum contribution and employee minimum contribution benefit shall apply:

The following monthly City maximum contribution and employee minimum contribution benefit shall apply for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

<b>Status</b>	<b>*City Maximum</b>	<b>*Employee Minimum</b>
Employee Only	\$1,450.00	\$ 0
Employee + 1	\$1,450.00	\$ 5
Employee + Family	\$1,450.00	\$10

The following monthly City maximum contribution and employee minimum contribution benefit shall apply for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025:

<b>Status</b>	<b>*City Maximum</b>	<b>*Employee Minimum</b>
Employee Only	\$1,600.00	\$ 0
Employee + 1	\$1,600.00	\$ 5
Employee + Family	\$1,600.00	\$10

The following monthly City maximum contribution and employee minimum contribution benefit shall apply for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

<b>Status</b>	<b>*City Maximum</b>	<b>*Employee Minimum</b>
Employee Only	\$1,650.00	\$ 0
Employee + 1	\$1,650.00	\$ 5
Employee + Family	\$1,650.00	\$10

The following monthly City maximum contribution and employee minimum contribution benefit shall apply for the period January 1, 2027 through the end of the contract term:

<b>Status</b>	<b>*City Maximum</b>	<b>*Employee Minimum</b>
Employee Only	\$1,700.00	\$ 0
Employee + 1	\$1,700.00	\$ 5
Employee + Family	\$1,700.00	\$10

\* The City will only pay up to the maximum contribution (City Maximum) or the premium of the health plan selected by the employee, whichever is lower. The employee must pay either the cost of the premium not covered by the City Maximum or the minimum contribution (Employee Minimum) as stated above, whichever is higher.

**PERS Health Plan Deletion:** An employee cannot be enrolled in the PERS health plan if a spouse is enrolled in the same agency or enrolled in an agency with PERS health, unless the employee (or the spouse) is enrolled without being covered as a family member. Additionally, an employee may choose to not be enrolled in the PERS health plan. If an employee chooses to delete the health plan coverage, the City, after determining that group health coverage is provided to the employee (by their spouse or other coverage), shall pay a cash allowance of \$300 per month. [The same concept is applied to Dental at \$5 per month]. To be eligible for this "deletion" payment, the employee must provide proof, as determined by the Personnel Officer that comparable medical insurance is in full force and effect. In the event the employee loses eligibility (with documentation) then the employee may re-enroll in the plan pursuant to the PERS health plan rules.

B. The City will contribute \$75 per month for each employee into a Retiree Health Savings Plan. Effective January 2025, the City contribution will increase to \$125 per month.

#### Section 2. Dental Insurance Plan.

A. The City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's premium to a dental insurance plan.

B. Payment for dependent coverage in the dental insurance plan shall be the responsibility of the employee.

C. The City will pick up the cost of rate increases that occur within the Dental Plan for the duration of the current MOU contract, through 6/30/27.

Section 3. Vision Plan. The City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's and dependent's premium to a vision insurance plan.

A. The City will pick up the cost of rate increases that occur within the Vision Plan for the duration of the current MOU contract, through 6/30/27.

Section 4. Life Insurance Plan. The City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for a term life insurance policy for each eligible employee which shall be based upon a formula of one times the employee's annual salary rounded up to the nearest thousand dollars up to a maximum City paid coverage of \$50,000 (i.e. an employee who earns \$40,100 would receive \$41,000).

A. The City will pick up the cost of rate increases that occur within the Life Insurance Plan for the duration of the current MOU contract, through 6/30/27.

Section 5. Disability Insurance Plan. The City shall provide a long-term disability insurance plan for all employees covered by this agreement. The City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium for the employee's long-term disability insurance plan. Modifications to the plan shall be made only after the City has met and consulted with the Association.

## **ARTICLE XVI - RETIREMENT**

Section 1. The City shall continue to make contributions for regular "Classic" employees (i.e. those who do not meet the definition of "New Member" under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform

Act (PEPRA)) to the PERS plan known as two percent (2%) at fifty-five (55). Publications relating to employee benefits and rights shall be posted in the Employees' lounges when received by the City.

Section 2. The City shall pay the Employer Paid Member Contribution (EPMC) to their retirement plan subject to *Section 3*, and place it in the employees' individual accounts.

Section 3. "Classic" employees hired prior to July 1, 2018 shall contribute 3% of the EPMC and the City will pay the remaining 4%.

Section 4. "Classic" employees hired after July 1, 2018 shall pay the full 7% of the EPMC.

The EPMC is not reported to CalPERS as special compensation.

Section 5. The City's PERS contract shall provide the Survivor's Continuance Benefit to employees.

Section 6. The City's PERS contract shall provide for the 1959 Survivor's Benefit (Level 3). The City shall make the employees' contribution in the amount of \$2.00 per month.

Section 7. The City's PERS contract shall provide for single highest year when calculating retirement benefits for employees hired prior to January 1, 2013.

Section 8. Employees hired after January 1, 2013 who meet the definition of New Members under PEPRA are subject to all laws, statutes, rules and regulations of PEPRA. New members are generally, but not exclusively, those employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 who are not already CalPERS members, or those employees who were CalPERS members as a result of employment for another CalPERS agency, but then had a 6-month break in service before starting to work for the City.

Section 9. In the event the City and its employees are required to participate in the Federal Social Security program, the employee contribution designated by law to be the responsibility of the employee, and the City shall not be obligated to pay or "pick up" any portion thereof.

## **ARTICLE XVII - EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Section 1. Tuition Reimbursement. Employees who meet the requirements of the plan and who secure at least a passing grade ("C"), shall receive up to \$1,200 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) reimbursement for the cost of tuition, fees and books to attend accredited colleges taking courses pursuant to the employee's training and education programs. Coursework eligible for reimbursement shall include courses taken in pursuit of a college degree, including general education courses, a job-related certificate program, vocational courses, or courses that are job-related or for career enhancement.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - SAFETY AND HEALTH**

Section 1. The City and the employees of the City agree to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, which relate to health and safety.

## **ARTICLE XIX - LAYOFF PROCEDURES**

Section 1. Policy.

A. Whenever there shall be need for layoff, employees within the class(es) of position(s) involved shall be terminated in the following order: emergency, provisional, temporary, probationary, regular. The



order of layoff of regular employees shall be based upon recommendation of the department head. The department head shall take into consideration such things as tenure and job performance. Regular employees, subsequently laid off, shall be given a minimum of one month's notice, and written notice of the reasons for such action. The City will discuss with the Association the impact of the layoff and alternatives available. Regular employees in good standing (those deemed to have produced satisfactory service) shall be placed on appropriate employment lists and will have precedence for employment over persons whose names appear on employment lists for the same class of position.

B. An employee may be terminated by the department head when deemed necessary or convenient as a result of substantial changes in duties or organization, abolition of position, shortages of work funds, or completion of work for which employment was made. Such termination shall not be subject to appeal.

## **ARTICLE XX - REINSTATEMENT**

### **Section 1. Policy.**

A. Regular employees who have been laid off shall be entitled to reinstatement to positions in the same class where such positions are to be refilled during the period of their eligibility on the layoff employment list. Any employees so reinstated shall retain all benefits accrued in prior service with the City. During such layoff, no benefits shall accrue and the anniversary date shall be adjusted, if such layoff time exceeds 30 consecutive days.

B. Any regular employee who has resigned from the City's service in good standing may, upon written request and approval of the department head and City Manager, be considered for reinstatement to a position in the same or similar class in the classified service within two years of such termination. Such reinstatement shall be made without benefit of additional examination and may take precedence over employment lists, but in no way shall it be mandatory for the department head to reappoint a former employee should he desire not to do so. Appointment shall otherwise be made in the manner as for original employment.

C. Upon reinstatement, any employee so appointed shall be considered a new appointee and shall have no vested interest in or be entitled to any benefits accrued during any previous employment with the City.

## **ARTICLE XXI - TRANSFER, PROMOTION AND DEMOTION**

### **Section 1. Transfer.**

A. An employee may be transferred at any time from one position to another position in the same or comparable class having the same salary range and reasonably similar qualifications. Transfer involving a change from one department to another will require consent of both department heads unless the City Manager orders the transfer. Transfers shall not be used to effectuate a promotion, demotion, advancement or reduction, each of which may be accomplished only as provided in this Agreement. No person may be transferred to a position for which he does not possess the minimum qualifications. Transfers shall be accomplished, when practicable, with consideration of the City's Affirmative Action Plan. The City Manager may require a transferring employee to serve a new probationary period.

B. For purposes of this Agreement, a transfer shall not include the reassignment of personnel within the internal operation of the department as may be made from time to time by the department head.

Section 2. Promotion.

A. Insofar as practicable and consistent with the best interests of the service, all vacancies in the competitive service shall be filled by promotion from within the competitive service, after a promotional examination has been given and a promotional list established. To be eligible to compete in a promotional examination, an employee must have City experience in a lower classification in the same occupational field performing work that is sufficiently preparatory for the work of the promotional classification. The City Manager shall determine the appropriate positions from which employees may be drawn to compete in a promotional examination.

B. If, in the opinion of the department head, a vacancy in the department could be filled better by an open, competitive examination, then the department head may instruct the Personnel Officer to call for applications for the vacancy and arrange for an open, competitive examination and for the preparation and certification of an employment list. Regular employees who meet the requirements of the position will be considered eligible to compete in the open, competitive examination.

C. Promotion shall be accomplished insofar as practicable and consistent with the best interests of the service, with consideration for the City's Affirmative Action Plan.

Section 3. Demotion.

A. The department head, with approval of the City Manager, may demote an employee for any of the following reasons or conditions:

1. An employee whose ability to perform his required duties falls below acceptable standards.
2. For disciplinary reasons set forth in Chapter 11.03 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City of Cypress.
3. When the need for a position which an employee fills no longer exists.
4. When an employee requests such demotion and has the consent of the prospective supervising official.
5. For any other reasonable grounds as approved by the City Manager.

B. No employee shall be demoted to a classification for which he does not possess the minimum qualifications. Written notice shall be given an employee at least three working days before the effective date of the demotion and complete information regarding such change shall be reported to the Personnel Officer.

**ARTICLE XXII - EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Section 1. Dues Deductions. The City shall deduct twice monthly the amount of Association regular and periodic dues and insurance premiums as may be specified by the Association.

Section 2. Indemnification. The Association agrees to hold the City harmless and indemnify the City against any claims, causes of actions, or lawsuits arising out of the deductions or transmittal of such funds to the Association, except the intentional failure of the City to transmit to the Association monies deducted from the employee's salary pursuant to this Article.

Section 3. Union Training. One member of the Association Board will be granted one day of paid time (up to 9 hours) per year to attend seminars or training relevant to employee-employer relations, grievance representation, and other Association/Union business. The board member will provide at least 30 days' advance written notice to City management, specifying the date, time and location of the seminar or training and will be accommodated if there is adequate staffing available as determined by the Maintenance Superintendent.

## **ARTICLE XXIII- NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT**

### Section 1. Prohibited Conduct.

A. The Association, its officers, agents, representatives and/or members agree that during the term of this Agreement, they will not cause or condone any strike, walkout, slowdown, sickout or any other job action by withholding or refusing to perform services.

B. The City agrees that it shall not lock out its employees during the term of this Agreement. The term "lockout" is hereby defined so as not to include the discharge, suspension, termination, layoff, failure to recall, or failure to return to work of employees of the City in the exercise of its rights as set forth in any of the provisions of this Agreement or applicable ordinance or law.

C. Any employee who participates in any conduct prohibited in Section A above may be subject to termination by the City.

D. In addition to any other lawful remedies or disciplinary actions available to the City, if the Association fails to perform all responsibilities listed below in Section 2, "Association Responsibility", in good faith, the City may suspend any and all of the rights, privileges, accorded to the Association under this Memorandum of Understanding, including, but not limited to, suspension of recognition of the Association, grievance procedures, right of access, check off, the use of the City's bulletin boards and facilities.

### Section 2. Association Responsibility.

A. In the event that the Association, its officers, agents, representatives, or members engage in any of the conduct prohibited in Section A, "Prohibited Conduct", the Association or its duly authorized representatives shall immediately instruct any persons engaging in such conduct that their conduct is in violation of this Memorandum of Understanding and unlawful, and they should immediately cease engaging in conduct prohibited in Section A, "Prohibited Conduct", and return to work.

B. If the Association performs all of the responsibilities set forth in Section A herein, its officers, agents and representatives shall not be liable for damages for prohibited conduct performed by employees who are covered by this Agreement in violation of Section A "Prohibited Conduct".

## **ARTICLE XXIV – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 1. The Grievance Procedure is defined in the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

## **ARTICLE XXV – NO SMOKING POLICY**

Section 1. Pursuant to California Government Code §7596 through §7597, employees shall not smoke any tobacco product inside a public building, or in an outdoor area within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of a public building, or in a passenger vehicle, as defined by Vehicle Code § 465, owned by the state.

Section 2. Employees shall not smoke or use tobacco products at any time in a City vehicle.

Section 3. Employees shall not smoke or use tobacco products at any time in public view of City Hall, the Community Center or the Senior Center.

Section 4. Violation of this Article may result in appropriate disciplinary action.

## **ARTICLE XXVI – WORKSITE ACCESS**

Section 1. Union representatives shall have the right to use the City’s break room at the Corporation Yard for Union meetings during the employees’ lunch break. The Union shall provide a written request five business days prior to the date requested.

## **ARTICLE XXVII - ENTIRE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Section 1. It is the intent of the parties hereto that the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall supersede all prior agreements and memoranda of agreement, or memoranda of understanding, or contrary salary and/or personnel resolutions or administrative codes, provisions of the City, oral and written, expressed or implied, between the parties, and shall govern the entire relationship, and shall be the sole source of any and all rights which may be asserted hereunder. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to conflict with Federal or State Law.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, there exists within the City certain personnel rules and regulations. To the extent that this Agreement does not specifically contradict these personnel rules and regulations or departmental rules and regulations or City ordinances, they shall continue subject to being changed by the City in accordance with the exercise of City rights under this Agreement and applicable State Law.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII - WAIVER OF BARGAINING DURING TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT**

Section 1. Except where required by the terms of this Agreement, during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties mutually agree that they will not seek to negotiate or bargain with regard to wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment, whether or not covered by this Memorandum of Understanding or in the negotiations leading thereto, and irrespective of whether or not such matters were discussed or were even within the contemplation of the parties hereto during the negotiations leading to this Memorandum of Understanding. Regardless of the waiver contained in this Article, the parties may, however, by mutual agreement, in writing, agree to meet and confer about any matter during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 2. During the term of this Agreement (FY 2024 - 2027), the MEA agrees to review any mandated revisions to the “Alcohol and Controlled Substance Prevention Program Policy and Testing Program.”

Section 3. During the term of this Agreement (FY 2024 – 2027), the MEA agrees to review any proposed changes to the City Personnel Rules and Regulations.

## **ARTICLE XXIX - CITY RIGHTS**

Section 1. The City reserves, retains and is vested with, solely and exclusively, all rights of management which have not been expressly abridged by specific provision of this Memorandum of Understanding or by Law to manage the City, as such rights existed prior to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding. The sole and exclusive rights of management, as they are not abridged

by this Agreement or by Law, shall include, but not be limited to, the following rights:

- A. To manage the City generally and to determine the issues of policy.
- B. To determine the existence or non-existence of facts which are the basis of the management decision.
- C. To determine the necessity and organization of any service or activity conducted by the City and expand or diminish service.
- D. To determine the nature, manner, means, and technology and extent of services to be provided to the public.
- E. Methods of financing.
- F. Types of equipment or technology to be used.
- G. To determine and/or change the facilities, methods, technology, means and size of the work force by which the City operations are to be conducted.
- H. To determine and change the number of locations, relocations and types of operations, processes, and materials to be used in carrying out all City functions including, but not limited to, the right to contract for or sub-contract any work or operation.
- I. To assign work to and schedule employees in accordance with requirements as determined by the City, and to establish and change work schedules and assignments.
- J. To relieve employees from duties for lack of work or similar non-disciplinary reasons.
- K. To establish and modify productivity and performance programs and standards.
- L. To discharge, suspend, demote or otherwise discipline employees for proper cause in accordance with the provisions and procedures set forth in departmental disciplinary procedures.
- M. To determine job classification and to reclassify employees.
- N. To hire, transfer, promote and demote employees for non-disciplinary reasons in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.
- O. To determine policies, procedures and the standards for selection, training and promotion of employees.
- P. To establish employee performance standards including, but not limited to, quality and quantity standards; and to require compliance therewith.
- Q. To maintain order and efficiency in its facilities and operations.
- R. To establish and promulgate and/or modify rules and regulations to maintain order and safety in the City which are not in contravention with this Agreement.
- S. To take any and all necessary action to carry out the mission of the City in emergencies.

Section 2. Except in emergencies, or where the City is required to make changes in its operations because of the requirements of Law, whenever the contemplated exercise of management's rights shall impact on a significant number of employees of the bargaining unit, the City agrees to meet and confer in good faith with representatives of the Association regarding the impact of the contemplated exercise of such rights prior to exercising such rights unless the matter of the exercise of such rights is provided for in this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **ARTICLE XXX- EMERGENCY WAIVER PROVISION**

Section 1. In the event of circumstances beyond the control of the City, such as acts of God, fire, flood, insurrection, civil disorder, national emergency, or similar circumstances, provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding or the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City, which restrict the City's ability to respond to these emergencies, shall be suspended for the duration of such emergency. After the emergency is over, the Association shall have the right to meet and confer with the City regarding the impact on employees of the suspension of these provisions in the Memorandum of Understanding and any Personnel Rules and Regulations.

**ARTICLE XXXI - SEPARABILITY**

Section 1. Should any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding be found to be inoperative, void, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**ARTICLE XXXII - TERM OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Section 1. The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall commence at 12:00 A.M. July 1, 2024, and shall continue in full force and effect until 11:59 P.M. June 30, 2027.

**ARTICLE XXXIII - RATIFICATION AND EXECUTION**

Section 1. The City and the Association acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be in full force and effect until ratified by the Association and adopted by the City Council of the City of Cypress. Subject to the foregoing, this Memorandum of Understanding is hereby executed by the authorized representatives of the City and the Association.

**CITY OF CYPRESS**

**CYPRESS MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**

By: [Signature] Date: 6/6/24  
Matt Burton, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

By: [Signature] Date: 6-6-24  
Thaddeus Sawyer, President

By: [Signature] Date: 6/6/24  
Regina Nguyen, Human Resources Manager

By: [Signature] Date: 6-7-24  
Thomas Murray, Union Representative

By: [Signature] Date: 6/6/24  
Gilbert Gomez, Union Representative

By: [Signature] Date: 6/7/24  
Michael Grijalva, Business Representative

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**Maintenance Employees' Association  
Effective 7/5/24**

Regular F/Time Classifications	SALARY RANGES (Per Month/Hour)									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
Maintenance Specialist	\$5,286 30.4962	\$5,551 32.0250	\$5,827 33.6173	\$6,118 35.2962	\$6,423 37.0558	\$6,748 38.9308				
Mechanic	\$5,033 29.0365	\$5,286 30.4962	\$5,551 32.0250	\$5,827 33.6173	\$6,118 35.2962	\$6,423 37.0558				
Maintenance Worker	\$4,138 23.8731	\$4,348 25.0846	\$4,570 26.3654	\$4,797 27.6750	\$5,033 29.0365	\$5,286 30.4962	\$5,551 32.0250	\$5,827 33.6173	\$6,118 35.2962	

Effective July 4, 2025, based upon the May CPI-U for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, a minimum 3% to a maximum 4% range adjustment.

Effective July 3, 2026, based upon the May CPI-U for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, a minimum 3% to a maximum 4% range adjustment.