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197, by and between the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, hereinafter referred to as the City, and POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, Elizabeth Local No.4, a branch of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as PBA or the Association.

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

- 1. The City hereby recognizes the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Elizabeth Local 4, as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning salaries, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for all full-time uniformed Police Department employees of the City of Elizabeth, but excluding the Director, Chief, Deputy Chiefs, Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, meter maids, school crossing guards, police matrons, and all"civilian" employees such as office and clerical personnel, electrical repairmen, auto mechanics, or employees on assignment from other Departments.
- 2. Unless otherwise indicated, the terms "policemen," "policeman," "employee" or "employees" when used in this Agreement shall refer to all persons represented by PBA in the above-defined unit.

ARTICLE II - ASSOCIATION SECURITY (MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP)

Employees covered by this Agreement at the time it is executed and who are members of the Association at that time shall be members for the duration of this Agreement and the City will not honor revocations from any employee covered by this provision, except as provided herein.

Employees not members of the Association and who desire membership shall confirm their desire to join for the duration of this Agreement by initiating their Association application form and dues deduction authorization forms.

All deductions under this Article shall be subject to revocation by the employees who executed such assignments, upon giving at least thirty (30) days written notice, immediately prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, to assignees and the City Controller. The City Controller and the City Treasurer shall thereafter cease withholding any moneys whatever under such assignments.

Assignees shall have no right or interest whatsoever in any money authorized withheld until such money is actually paid over to them. Money checked off shall be remitted by the 1st and 15th of each month, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. Once payment is made the City or any of its officers and employees shall be released from all liability to the employee-assignors and to the assignees under such assignments.

If any provision in this contract is deemed to be invalid under any applicable statutes or laws, said invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining provisions of this contract.

ARTICLE III - ASSOCIATION BUSINESS LEAVE

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- 1. Meetings between representatives of the City and of the PBA, Local 4, for the negotiation of terms of the Agreement or the handling of grievances as prescribed herein shall be scheduled during non-working time of affected employees, except by mutual agreement between the Director and/or the Business Administrator and the PBA representative.
- 2. Leave of absence with pay to attend and serve as delegates to conventions of the Association may be five (5) unit employees during a calendar year, with the extent of the leave limited to five (5) days per delegate. Application for leave shall be made in writing to the Director of Police or his designee not less than two (2) weeks in advance.
- 3. (a) The President of the PBA shall have a permanent day shift schedule so as to insure his immediate availability and attention to the problems which may arise from time to time in the conduct of Police Department business.
- (b) The State Delegate of the PBA should be given sufficient time off to conduct official PBA business.
- 4. An employee who fails to return to work promptly upon the expiration of authorized leave without reasonable notice satisfactory to his superior shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Departmental rules and regulations.
- An absence of an employee from duty, including and absence for a single day or part of a day, except as provided by the terms of this Agreement,

that is not authorized by a specific grant of leave of absence under these provisions shall be deemed to be an absence without leave. Any such absence may subject the offender to disciplinary action. Any employee who absents, himself for five (5) consecutive working days without leave shall be deemed to have resigned, unless such absence is held justifiable by the Director, subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE IV - BULLETIN BOARDS

The Association shall have the use of an enclosed and locked bulletin board in Police Headquarters for the posting of notices relating to meetings and official business of the PBA only. No notice shall be posted until it has been submitted to the Director.

ARTICLE V - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND ARBITRATION

In the event that any difference or dispute should arise between the City and the P.B.A. or its members employed by the City, over the application and interpretation of the terms of this Agreement, an earnest effort shall be made to settle such differences immediately and in the following manner, provided the grievance is filed in writing within ten (10) calendar days of its occurrence or employee's knowledge thereof:

- STEP 1. Between the aggrieved employee and his immediate superior. If no satisfactory agreement is reached within three (3) days, then (however, if the magnitude or urgency of the problem require it, the President of the PBA or his designee may take the problem directly to the Director or the Police Chief.)
- STEP 2. between the aggrieved employee and the next officer in the chain of command, through and including the Director; the President of the PBA or his designee shall be present and participate, if requested to do so by the agrieved employee. In addition, the aggrieved employee may also have one or two other members of the PBA present at such meeting, if he so chooses, provided they are not directly involved in said hearing, then
- STEP 3. the matter may be referred to the Civil Service Commission.

ARTICLE VI - WORKWEEK

1. It is agreed that the normal workweek for unit employees performing police department duties shall be eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days a week, Monday through Sunday, for an average total of forty (40) hours per week.

- On the declaration of an official emergency, as defined by N.J.R.S.
 40:47-12.12, the provision above shall not apply.
- 3. Work schedules shall be at the discretion of the Director. Every effort will be made by the Director to provide shift workers with a day tour every third week, provided there is no interference with efficient operation of the Department.

ARTICLE VII - EXTRA TIME

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- 1. Whenever an employee voluntarily works in excess of his regularly assigned workweek or work schedule in non-emergency detail as provided for in Article VI, in addition to any other benefits to which he may be entitled, he shall receive extra time in money for such work at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate which he received for his regularly assigned duty in accordance with the City Ordinance. In the event of an official emergency, overtime will be compulsory and non-compensable.
- 2. (a) Whenever extra-time work paid in money is required, it shall be rotated amongst employees who choose to be on the roster. Men designated as "limited duty" for medical reasons shall not be included on this list. If an employee refuses an assignment to work extra-time, he shall be considered as having worked such extra-time assignment for the purpose of maintaining a proper order of rotation for future assignments.
- (b) When an employee has finished his tour of duty, and is called back for a purpose such as, but not limited to court appearance required in connection with official police duties but excluding civil suits, he shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours straight time. If the time actually spent on the callback is three (3) hours or more, it is agreed that travel time shall not be paid for.

ARTICLE VIII - HOLIDAYS

1. An employee not required to work shall nevertheless receive wages based upon eight (8) hours straight time hourly rate of pay, for each of the following holidays:

New Year's Day Lincoln's Birthday Washington's Birthday Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Election Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

provided that he is on the job and available for work his last full schedule workday before and his first full scheduled workday after the holiday, even though in different workweeks, except in case of verified illness or injury.

- 2. In the interest of efficient operation, the Department employees may be released even though scheduled to work on the holiday, or day celebrated as the holiday, provided notice of one (1) week is given. And provided further, the employee shall be required to take time off only if he has in excess of ten (10) days due him.
- 3. When an employee works on any of the above holidays, or if the holiday falls within the employee's vacation period, he is credited with eight (8) hours of time off to be awarded at a future date to be determined by his commanding officer. Holiday time shall be credited on the first working day of each month unless otherwise decided by mutual agreement of the employee and his commanding officer.
- 4. Extra holidays declared to be such by the President, Governor, or Mayor shall be granted to the employees as additional compensatory time off.
- 5. Time off taken by an employee covered by this Agreement shall be deducted on an hour for hour basis.

ARTICLE IX - LONGEVITY

1. All full time permanent employees of the Police Department in the classified service of Civil Service, and covered by this Agreement, shall be entitled to longevity pay in accordance with the schedule contained in this Article. Longevity pay shall be applied on the basis of the employee's anniversary date of employment, as follows—if the employee's anniversary falls between January 1 and June 30, he shall be entitled to adjusted longevity pay retroactive to January 1; if the employee's anniversary date falls between July 1 and December 31, he shall be entitled to adjusted longevity

pay retroactive to July 1. Longevity pay, in the case of salary increases, will be credited retroactively to the January 1st preceding the execution date of this contract and will accordingly be computed on the new base salary. If an employee receives an adjustment in his salary due to promotion during the calendar year, longevity pay will not be changed until the following January 1st; as of the following January 1st, the longevity pay will be computed on the new base salary.

ARTICLE X - CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

- 1. All employees of the Police Department covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to a clothing allowance of \$175.00 for the year 1971, payable the second pay period of April.
- 2. All employees of the Police Department covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to a clothing allowance of \$150.00 for the year 1972, payable the second pay period of April.
- 3. Employees shall be responsible for proper maintenance of all clothing purchased. Clothing shall not be used by the employee except during the performance of assigned Departmental duties. Upon inspection by his commanding officer, if any employee's clothing or equipment is judged to be in need of replacement, he shall be obligated to replace it.
- 4. There shall be no change in uniform or uniform specifications during the Contract period unless the City and the PBA agree to such change in writing.

ARTICLE XI - INSURANCE AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The employer agrees to continue to maintain in full force and effect all insurance coverage now provided by the employer and covering employees of the employer, and, specifically, its employees who are members of the bargaining

unit covered by this agreement.

In all civil and criminal actions brought in the Court of the State of New Jersey in which an employee or employees are named defendants, the City hereby agrees to furnish all necessary legal advice and representation in the the defense of the charges and allegations brought in the legal action, and shall undertake to defend the employee or employees against said allegations and charges, so long as the employee in question was acting within the performance of his official duty. In the event of a judgment against the employee, the City agrees to pay for said judgment, so long as the employee in question was acting within the performance of his official duty. The City reserves the right to determine and designate the insurance carrier to be employed, and, where appropriate, the conduct of the defense and other matters incidental to the services and protection herein provided, including the choice of attorney as may be appropriate.

It is specifically understood between the parties to this agreement that a judgment commonly known as punitive damages which may be recovered against an employee or employees is specifically exempt from the requirement of payment by the employer, and the employee or employees shall be responsible individually for the payment of any punitive damages which may be recovered against them.

It is understood that at the present time a committee of police officers is meeting with the Director of Police and the City Attorney for the purpose of arriving at a mutually agreeable program for the implementation of N.J.SA 40:11-19, and specifically as it refers to not only civil protection as enumerated herein, but as to protection and defense of criminal and quasi criminal charges against policemen. Until such time as a mutually agreeable program is concluded, the parties hereto agree to abide by and enforce the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:11-19, in criminal and quasi criminal matters.

It is further agreed between the parties to include in this clause the detailed and mutually agreeable program as alluded hereto above when same is concluded, and the parties agree that when the representatives of the employees and the City of Elizabeth have agreed to said program, this clause shall be reopened for the pumpose of incorporating in this agreement the program in its written form.

The reopening agreement as contained herein is limited strictly and solely to this clause of the contract.

ARTICLE XII - VACATION

1. Effective January 1st, 1971 employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to vacation leave with pay according to the following schedule:

| 0 | to | less | than | 1: year of continuous service |
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| | | | | 1 day per month of service prior |
| | | | • | to Abril 1 of each year |

Upon completion of twenty-five (25) years of continuous service, the employee shall receive five (5) extra days of vacation for that anniversary year only.

In computing vacation eligibility, the employee must have completed his lst, 5th, and 15th years of continuous service as of April 1, the starting date of the vacation period.

- 2. Vacations shall normally begin on Monday.
- 3. Vacation time must be used in the vacation year in which it is earned. However, one year's accumulation may be carried into the next succeeding year. Should circumstances warrant, this provision may be waived by the Business Administrator and the Director.
- 4. The vacation period shall be from the first day of April through the 31st day of March of the following year.
- 5. Vacations shall be scheduled by the Director. Vacation periods may be split if necessary for Departmental efficiency. Where the efficiency of the Department is not jeopardized, every effort shall be made to give at least two weeks vacation during the ten prime summer weeks commencing during the last week of June and ending during the first week of September, it being the intent of the parties to approximate as closely as possible in this provision the summer recess of the children in the Elizabeth school system.

6. Any employee of the Department, covered by this Agreement, who is entitled to vacation leave at the time of retirement, shall receive the earned vacation which has not been taken, effective thirty (30) days prior to the dage of retirement. It is understood and agreed that the retiring employee must give sufficient notice of retirement to enable him to use up accrued time off, or such time will be forfeited. In the event that an employee is entitled to vacation leave at the time of his death, his widow or his estate shall receive the earned vacation pay on the same basis as an employee who is retiring.

The widow or estate shall also receive earned pay for any accrued time that is owed to the employee as a result of accumulated, non-compensated overtime.

ARTICLE XIII - LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

Any covered employee desiring leave without pay for personal reasons, up to a maximum period of ninety (90) days, shall make a request in writing to the Director not less than two (2) weeks in advance of the date for which such leave is desired, except in the event of an emergency, stating the reason for the leave and the time requested. Leaves may be granted or denied at the discretion of the Director. Extensions of such leaves may be granted providing that at least two weeks prior to the date on which the initial and subsequent leave, would terminate the employee requests said extension of the Director. Falsification of the reason for leave, or failure to return promptly at the expiration of a leave, shall be considered reason for summary discharge. Leaves shall be granted or denied in writing. At the request of the Director, returning employee may be required to undergo a physical examination by the

ARTICLE XIV - FUNERAL LEAVE

A regular full time employee who is excused from work because of death in his immediate family, as defined below, shall be paid his regular rate of pay for the scheduled working hours missed during the first seventy-two (72) hours following the death. Not more than eight (8) hours per day of twenty-four (24) hours for any period will be paid under the provisions of this section. Time off with pay as provided in this section is intended to be used for the

purpose of handling necessary arrangements and attendance at the funeral of the deceased member of the immediate family. Immediate family is defined to mean parents, children, spouse, brother or sister, father-in-law and mother-in-law, as well as grandmother or grandfather. Special cases will be referred to the Director.

ARTICLE XV - SENIORITY

Seniority is defined to mean the accumulated length of continuous service with the Department, computed from the last date of hire. An employee's length of service shall not be reduced by time lost due to authorized leave of absence or absence for bona fide illness or injury certified by a physician not in excess of one (1) year. Seniority shall be lost and employment terminated if any of the following occur:

- (a) discharge
- (b) resignation
- (c) failure to return promptly upon expiration of authorized leave
- (d) absence for five (5) consecutive working days without leave or notice
- (e) absence for illness or injury for more than one (1) continuous: year

ARTICLE XVI - BAN ON STRIKES

It is recognized that the prevention of crime, the preservation of law and order, and protection of life and property is the responsibility of members of the Police Department, and it is further recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the Police Department is of paramount importance to the citizens of the community; therefore, there shall be no interference with such operation.

Adequate procedures having been provided for the equitable settlement of grievances arising out of this Agreement, parties hereto agree that there shall not be and that the Association, its officers, members, agents, or principals will not engage in, encourage, sanction, or suggest, strikes, slow-downs, mass resignations, mass absenteeism, or other suspension of or interference with normal work performance.

The Director shall have the right to discipline, up to and including

discharge, any employee in violation of this Article.

ARTICLE XVII - FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT

- 1. Employees, regardless of regular assignment, may be reassigned to perform any duty related to their profession as police officers, including any duties connected with: (a) prevention and detection of crime (b) enforcement of laws and ordinances, (c) protection of life and property, (d) arrest of violators of the law, (e) direction of traffic (f) regulation on non-criminal behavior of the Citizenry (g) preservation of the peace.
- 2. An exception to specific duties can be made where employees are on the medical "limited duty" list and cannot perform said duties.
- 3. Employees appointed to act in a higher title for more than a short duration shall be paid for such work at the higher rate of pay, but the employee's longevity shall be based on his pay in his permanent position.

This provision will be at the discretion of the Police Director.

ARTICLE XVIII - RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Director may establish and enforce binding rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Police Department and maintenance of discipline, provided such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Copies shall be furnished to the Association. It is understood that application of this Agreement shall not in any way hamper enforcement of the Departmental rules and regulations.

It is understood that employees shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Department, and order of directives issued by the Director or his designee, from time to time. Employees shall promptly and efficiently execute the instructions and orders of superior officers. If an employee or employees believe a rule, regulation, instruction or order of an officer or other superior is unreasonable or unjust, the employee or employees shall comply with the rule, regulation, order or instructions as a grievance which shall be handled in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth in Article V of this contract.

In the event that an employee or employees shall refuse to comply with a rule or regulation, or shall refuse to execute promptly and efficiently an

instruction or order of a superior officer, appropriate action shall be within the province of the superior officer within the framework of Department rules and regulations, subject only to the right of employees to file a grievance.

ARTICLE XIX - INJURY LEAVE

- 1. Whenever an employee shall be injured, ill, or disabled from any cause, except in connection with outside employment, so as to be physically unfit for duty during the period of such disability, the City may grant a leave of absence with pay up to a maximum period of one (1) year commencing from the date of such injury, illness or disability.
- Any payments from temporary disability insurance or Workmen's Compensation insurance received by the employee shall be credited toward the pay referred to above.
- 3. Injury illness or disability must be evidenced by a certificate of a physician designated by the department to examine the employee.
- 4. Whenever a civil suit is instituted in connection with his employment, the employee must notify the Director immediately upon institution of such suit.

ARTICLE XX - SICK LEAVE

The present sick leave plan pertaining to non-occupational injuries and illness shall continue in effect for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXI - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

It is agreed that nothing herein shall in any way prohibit the Director from discharging or otherwise disciplining any employee, regardless of his seniority, for just cause subject to Civil Service rules and regulations.

Grounds for summary discharge shall include, but not be limited to, drunkenness on the job, dishonesty, careless use or abuse of City property, insubordination, negligence in the performance of duties, and incompetence.

In the event that a discharged employee feels that he has been unjustly dealt with, said employee or the Association, with permission of the employee, shall have the right to file a grievance, which must be in writing, within ten (10) calendar days from the time of discharge. Said complaint will be

treated as a grievance, subject to the grievance and arbitration proceedings herein provided. If no complaint is filed within the time specified, then said discharge shall be deemed to be absolute.

ARTICLE XXII - MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

It is recognized that the management of the Police Department, the control of its properties and the maintenance of order and efficiency, are solely responsibilities of the City. Accordingly, the City (Police Director) retains the following rights, except as specifically provided in this Agreement, including, but not limited to selection and direction of the forces: to hire, suspend or discharge for cause; to make reasonable and binding rules which shall not be inconsistent with this Agreement; to assign, promote, demote, or transfer; to determine the amount of overtime to be worked; to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; to decide on the number and location of facilities; to determine the work to be performed, amount of supervision necessary, equipment, methods, schedules, together with the selection, procurement, designment, engineering and the control of equipment and materials; and to purchase services of others, contract or otherwise.

ARTICLE XXIII - WAGES

The wage rates for covered employees shall be as set forth in Appendix A, attached hereto.

ARTICLE XXIV - ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM

The payment of any wage, salary or other financial benefit as provided for herein is specifically subject to, and conditioned upon, the provisions herein being approved and in conformity with the requirement and guidelines as established by those agencies created as a result of President Richard M. Nixon's Economic Stabilization Program. It is specifically intended that no provision contained herein shall be in violation of any requirement or guideline imposed as a result of the Economic Stabilization Program of the President of the United States.

ARTICLE XXV - APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

All wages and other financial benefits accruing to employees covered by this Agreement shall be specifically subject to the appropriation of

adequate and necessary funds therefor by the Elizabeth City Council in its annual municipal budget or as otherwise allowed by law.

ARTICLE XXVI - EMBODIMENT OF AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the sole and complete agreement between the parties, and embodies all the terms and conditions governing the employment of employees in the unit. The parties acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to present and discuss proposals on any subject which is (or may be) subject to collective bargaining.

ARTICLE XXVII - TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 1. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 1971, through and including the 31st day of December, 1972. If either party wishes to terminate, amend, or otherwise modify the terms and conditions set forth herein at the time of expiration, he must notify the other party in writing not less than sixty (60) days prior to such expiration date.
- 2. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on a day-to-day basis during collective negotiations between the parties extending beyond the date of expiration set forth herein, unless and until either party serves the other with written notice of termination, by registered mail, in which event the agreement shall terminate five (5) days following receipt of such notice.

APPENDIX "A"

Section I.

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule for the year 1971:

PATROLMEN

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| _ | | | Base Salary | | | | | | |
| Beginning - 1st | year of | employment | \$ 9,775.00 | | | | | | |
| 2nd | l year of | employment | 9,975.00 | | | | | | |
| 3rd | l year of | employment | 10,175.00 | | | | | | |
| 4tl | year of | employment | 10,375.00 | | | | | | |
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PATROLMEN - Assigned Detective

(Plainclothesmen)

\$10,625.00 - Minimum

PATROLMEN - Assigned Detective

(Detective)

\$10,875.00 - Maximum

Section II

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule for the year 1972:

PATROLMEN

| | | Base Salary |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning - | · 1st year of employment | \$10,500.00 |
| | 2nd year of employment | 10,700.00 |
| | 3rd year of employment | 10,900.00 |
| | 4th year of employment | 11,100.00 |

PATROLMEN - Assigned Detective (Plainclothesmen)

\$11,350.00 - Minimum

PATROLMEN - Assigned Detective

(Detective)

\$11,600.00 - Maximum

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their names to be signed on this 8th day of March 1972.

THE CITY OF ELIZABETH POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (New Jersey)

By: Mulaulannamical Michael Simmal ATTEST:

CITY OF ELIZABETH APPROVED

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