

**2023 – 2026**  
**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**Board of County Commissioners of the County of Burlington,  
Burlington County Library Commission**

**and**

**Communications Workers of America  
CWA LOCAL 1036  
SUPERVISORS UNIT**



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## **ARTICLE 1 RECOGNITION**

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The Employer recognizes the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all supervisory full-time employees of the County of Burlington for the purposes of negotiations the terms and conditions of their employment. Managerial Executives and Confidential Employees, within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 34:13A-3 et seq. are excluded from this Agreement.

Exhibit A shall include, but is not exhaustive of, the supervisory titles included in this unit, and as amended by Side Letter #2013-01.

The County shall identify to the Union any persons or supervisory positions which it intends to exclude from this unit as confidential or managerial. The parties agree to attempt to resolve any disputes over such designations prior to filing at PERC.

## **ARTICLE 2 GENERAL RULES OF COMPENSATION**

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- A. There shall be established minimum and maximum salaries for each title which shall be set forth in this Agreement as an addendum. This Agreement shall apply to only full-time employees who are employed as of the signing of this Agreement, or thereafter.
- B. "Salary" shall refer to and mean an employee's base pay, exclusive of bonuses, and other financial benefits.
- C. Copies of all resolutions creating and/or abolishing job positions or titles, promulgating pay changes, promotions, or title changes which are covered under the terms of this Agreement, shall be sent to the Union within ten (10) working days following adoption by the Employer. Submission to the Union may be via email to an address designated by the Union.
- D. Promotion / Demotion
  - 1. The promotional adjustment shall be as follows:
    - a. For 35-hour workweek employees, the adjustment shall be the greater of (1) \$2,500 added to base, or (2) the minimum of the new range, or (3) up to 10% of the employee's present salary.
    - b. For 40-hour workweek employees, the adjustment shall be the greater of (1) \$3,000 added to base, or (2) the minimum of the new range, or (3) up to 10% of the employee's present salary.

- c. For 40-hour workweek employees who are promoted to the head of a distinct unit and who have reached the top title in their respective title series (top title used by the County in their dept.) the promotional allowance shall be \$3,400 or the minimum of the new range, or up to 10% of the employee's present salary whichever is greater. The County is obligated to the same notification requirements set forth above. The latter allowance shall apply to Librarians who are assigned to supervise a Library branch. County management retains the sole discretion to establish and eliminate distinct units.
2. Employees who are demoted to a prior title shall be paid what they would have earned had they continuously served in the lower title.
  3. In limited circumstances, for employees promoted prior to the current contract who should be earning equal to or more (based upon similar length of service, time in title or other factors) than employees promoted under the current contract, the County Administrator or Director of Human Resources may make equity adjustments.
- E. An employee who performs work in a higher paid title which is clearly outside of his/her NJ Civil Service Commission job description for more than five (5) consecutive days or after five (5) days in a calendar year shall be entitled to the adjustment in pay provided for in paragraph D of this Article. In no event shall the procedure of upgrading an employee's classification be used in lieu of promoting a duly qualified employee when available. In the event an employee shall work more than five (5) consecutive days, payment shall be retroactive to the first day worked in the higher paid title. In the event of more than five (5) non-consecutive days, higher title pay shall begin on the sixth (6th) day.

### **ARTICLE 3 SALARIES**

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- A. For employees who are hired prior to the signing of this Agreement to be covered by this Agreement an employee shall have maintained continuous full-time employment up to and including the date of full execution by both parties with the exception of those employees who have retired from employment with Burlington County.
- B. The County shall pay all employees by way of direct deposit each payday, and shall furnish employees with a pay stub for each pay period. All employees shall



complete and periodically update, as necessary, direct deposit forms which shall be delivered to the Department of Human Resources/Payroll Unit.

C. **Salary Increases**

1. **General Wage Increases (GWIs)**

a. Effective 1/1/2023, eligible employees will receive the following general wage increases added to base:

- 0 months service to less than 60 months \$2,500
- 60 months service to less than 96 months \$2,750
- 96 months service to less than 144 months \$3,000
- 144 months service to less than 180 months \$3,250
- 180 months and higher \$3,500

b. Effective 1/1/2024, eligible employees will receive the following general wage increases added to base:

- 0 months service to less than 60 months \$1,500
- 60 months service to less than 96 months \$1,750
- 96 months service to less than 144 months \$2,000
- 144 months service to less than 180 months \$2,250
- 180 months and higher \$2,500

c. Effective 1/1/2025 and 1/1/2026, all employees will receive an increase of 2.5% added to base in each year.

d. Part-time employees will receive pro-rated increases based on the increases in paragraphs A, B, and C, above.

e. Minimums will increase by the 0-60 months amount or by across-the-board increases in each respective year of the contract.

f. An employee who begins employment with the County in a title with a stenography, transcribing variant will receive an additional \$1,200 added to their base salary upon successful completion of a NJ Civil Service Commission aptitude test for that variant, if applicable. Any employee already holding such a variant as of January 1, 2023 will receive \$950 added to base, one-time only, in the pay period following that date.

- g. An employee successfully completing a NJ Civil Service Commission aptitude test for bi-lingual variant will receive an additional \$1,800 added to their base salary. Any employee already holding a bi-lingual variant as of January 1, 2023 will receive \$1,550 added to base, one-time only, in the pay period following that date.
2. Retroactive payments shall be pensionable and subject to taxes and other regular deductions. Health benefits contributions shall not be deducted from the retroactive payment. The lump sum off-base payment shall not be subject to pension or health benefits deductions.
3. All retroactive compensation will be issued in a check or checks separate from the employee's regular pay. Chapter 78 health care contributions shall not be calculated or deducted from retroactive pay. All overtime compensation shall be issued separate from an employee's regular pay.
4. Certain employees or departments shall receive salary adjustments as negotiated by the parties.

#### **ARTICLE 4 ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION**

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- A. **Mileage**: Employees shall be reimbursed the IRS rate for mileage driven for conducting County business.
- B. **Training**: For employees in whom the County invests monies for training in excess of \$2,500 in a calendar year, said employees shall remain in County service for 12 months from the date the training is complete or shall repay the County on a pro-rata basis for the costs of the training expended by the County as certified by the Treasurer's Office. This section shall not apply to training paid through State, federal and/or grant funding.

Travel/ training expenses: Once approved, departments shall arrange payments/ send vouchers directly to vendors.

- C. **Certification**: Any full-time employee who is required to be certified or licensed in their present position shall be granted time off in order to take the necessary test if such test is scheduled during the normal workday. In the event that an employee is required to take any training to maintain or acquire a license or certification, the County will reimburse the employee for the full cost only if the employee passes a test which may be required as part of the certification or license. Additionally, any

fee required to maintain the required license or certification will be reimbursed. In the event an employee has had a certification fee reimbursed by the County, the employee will be obligated to remain in County employment for one year thereafter or reimburse the County for the full amount.

The County shall additionally provide a physical biannually to those employees who possess a commercial driver's license and who are required to be certified as physically fit for their present position.

**D. Tuition Reimbursement:**

1. General Policy: Permanent, full-time employees or full-time provisional employees with one year of service will be eligible for tuition reimbursement for courses which are job related provided prior approval is received from the Board of Freeholders after a written request to and recommendation by the Department Head to the Director of Human Resources. An employee seeking to take classes for the following year must declare his or her intention to take classes by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year, to include an estimate number of credits to be pursued.

If prior approval is granted, the employee must submit evidence that he has attained a grade equivalent to a "C" or better. In addition, the employee must agree to remain in County service for a period of six (6) months following completion of each three (3) credits reimbursed. Such period of County service is to be cumulative. If such employee does not remain in the County service for the appropriate length of time, the total amount of tuition paid will be reimbursed to the County by the employee or deducted from the employee's final pay. The amount of reimbursement shall be limited to the equivalent cost of three (3) undergraduate credit hours at Rutgers, the State University per semester, up to nine (9) credits per year.

The County shall reimburse employees within 60 days of receiving the completed submission of all necessary documentation. The County shall allocate up to \$2,500 per year for tuition reimbursement for employees covered by this labor agreement.

For permanent, full time employees, the Board will continue its policy of reimbursing employees for tuition up to the cost of three undergraduate credits at the standard, in-State undergraduate rate at Rutgers, the State University. The maximum annual reimbursement shall be limited to the tuition cost of nine



undergraduate credits. The parameters outlined above shall apply to the programs explained below unless specifically modified.

2. Special Program for courses taken at Rowan College at Burlington County ("RCBC"):

Permanent full time employees or full time employees with one year of full-time service shall be eligible for tuition and standard fees reimbursement at RCBC for courses taken in pursuit of an Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree. Standard fees shall include the General, Student Activity and Technology fees, but shall exclude all other fees or costs such as books, parking, etc. The total reimbursement for fees per course shall not, however, exceed 35% of the cost of course tuition. A laboratory fee for a science course may also be covered subject to approval by the Director of Human Resources.

For the first course taken at RCBC, the employee shall remain in County service for a period of six (6) months after completion of the course. For all additional courses, the employee shall remain in County service for a period of three (3) months after completion of the course. The commitment required for each course taken shall be cumulative. For any and all courses taken above, should an employee fail to meet the required commitment to remain in County service, the employee shall reimburse the County for all tuition, fees and costs of books reimbursements paid by the County on behalf of said employee.

Employees shall be eligible for a maximum of eighteen (18) credits per year and costs of books for courses taken at RCBC in pursuit of a specific degree. The County will not, however, cover the cost of any non-credit, remedial courses.

For employees wishing to take courses at RCBC other than in pursuit of a specific degree, the terms of the special program above shall continue to apply. However, employees shall be eligible for a maximum of twelve credits per year and costs of books.

For employees seeking to earn a bachelor's degree, the degree must be in a field of County government service in order to be approved for tuition reimbursement. All courses taken as electives to the bachelor's degree must be job related. "Job related" for undergraduate elective courses shall be loosely construed.

3. Graduate School:

For employees seeking to earn a graduate degree or pursuing job-related graduate courses, permanent full time employees or full-time employees with one year of service will be eligible for tuition reimbursement for courses which are job related provided prior approval is received from the Board of Freeholders after a written request to and recommendation by the Department Head to the Director of Human Resources. "Job related" for graduate school courses shall be strictly construed.

If prior approval is granted, the employee must submit evidence that he has attained a grade equivalent to a "B" or better. In addition, the employee must agree to remain in County service for a period of six (6) months following completion of each three (3) credits reimbursed. Such period of County service is to be cumulative. If such employee does not remain in the County service for the appropriate length of time, the total amount of tuition paid will be reimbursed to the County by the employee or deducted from the employee's final pay. The amount of (tuition only) reimbursement shall be limited to the equivalent cost of nine (9) credits per year at the Rutgers University Graduate School in-State tuition rate.

4. Technical or Trade School programs:

For employees wishing to enroll in a program at a technical or trade school in pursuit of a certification or other approved course of study, the County shall cover the cost of tuition at the BCC rate per credit for courses successfully completed up to a maximum of 18 credits per year. For the purposes of determining the value of a credit, fifteen hours of class time shall be equal to one credit. General, required fees may be reimbursed subject to the approval of the Director of Human Resources, but may not exceed 25% of the cost of tuition per course. Employees shall continue to work in County service for a period of three months per three credit course after the initial six month commitment for the first course.

- E. **First Responder Stipend:** For Highway Department First Responders who are called in for State of Emergency duties (but not ordinary snowfall), such employee shall receive a \$100 stipend per workday for such duties. To receive the stipend, it is understood the employee must work at least five (5) hours outside his/her normally scheduled work hours. The stipend shall be paid within the pay period following the event.

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## ARTICLE 5 WORK CLOTHING



A. **Uniform Allowance:**

Effective upon the signing of this contract, in each year of this contract, eligible employees covered by this Agreement who are required by the County to wear special clothing and/or uniforms shall receive an annual clothing maintenance allowance. A clothing allowance will be combined with the boot allowance for a total of \$475 for years 2023 and 2024, and a total of \$500 in 2025 and 2026 and thereafter, which shall be afforded to medium blue-collar titles, to the Health Department, to the Buildings and Grounds Department and to the Information Technology Department. This combined allowance may be used for annual purchase of any combination of eligible apparel or boots up to the maximum allowance. Eligible employees shall be defined as those titles presently listed in Appendix B or other titles as may be agreed to by the County and the Union. The method for providing this allowance shall be as outlined below.

The employee's uniform allowance shall be used to cover any base charges for clothing item purchase. Any additional costs for embroidery related to identifying the individual as a supervisor or safety striping/material required for work clothing shall not be deducted from the employee's uniform allowance.

The clothing allowance shall be issued prior to April 1 of each year of this Agreement.

B. **General Principles:**

This article on uniforms shall apply to all employees represented by CWA for whom the County supplies uniforms, garments or work clothing (hereafter collectively "clothing"). Subject to the areas that are negotiable between the County and the union, the County reserves its right to determine the quantities, qualities, styles, colors, uses, features, etc., of any and all clothing supplied by the County to the workforce. However, in the event the County decides to materially change the type of required clothing, the County shall meet with the union 30 days prior to the effective date of change to address the potential impact of such change.

For employees whose clothing is furnished by way of non-sustaining revenues (such as grant or trust fund programs), such clothing will only be provided to the extent such non-sustaining revenue funds are available or as permitted under the terms of the grant or trust. However, if such funds are unavailable, the County agrees to reopen negotiations with the union.

C. **Work Attire and Returns:**

For all employees required to wear clothing by the County, such employees must wear the clothing during all working hours unless excused by the department head or his/her designee, or on account of a valid medical excuse of limited duration. Aside from coming and going to work, clothing furnished by the County should not

be worn other than during normal working hours (or approved overtime). [For a medical excuse to be valid, an employee must submit a signed report from a physician explaining the medical condition underlying the request and the anticipated duration of the medical condition. Requests may be granted if the essential functions of the employee's position can be accomplished without the uniform and/or mandatory PPE/ safety equipment is not needed for the period of the request.]

Public Safety Center: Annually, the County shall provide at least five shirts with County emblems to Supervisory Operators.

Any garments that bear a County logo or that have a County emblem or other County identification affixed must be returned to the County at the time new clothing is furnished to the employee (or the current clothing is worn out). In the case of an employee whose employment is terminated for any reason, all such clothing must be returned to the County prior to receiving the last paycheck. The employee's last paycheck shall be withheld for a period of up to 30 days until the clothing is returned. Thereafter, the matter will be referred to the Legal Department.

**D. Provision of Clothing:**

Each year, the County's Purchasing Division shall make arrangements for the purchase of acceptable clothing for departments heads who, shall in turn, designate clothing articles for eligible employees to select by way of an Order Form. Employees eligible to receive a clothing allowance shall select articles of clothing up to the amount of their approved clothing allowance, subject to final approval by the department head. Employees may choose to set aside a portion of their approved clothing allowance for reimbursement of dry cleaning expenses. Receipts for such expenses shall be submitted to the department head or designee on May 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year of the agreement.

For employees eligible to receive a clothing maintenance allowance, said allowance shall be utilized to purchase articles of clothing on or around May 1<sup>st</sup> (for Fall/Winter clothing) and November 1<sup>st</sup> (for Spring/Summer clothing) of each year of this agreement and shall be pro-rated based upon the amount of time the employee worked the preceding year. Paid sick, vacation and personal time shall be considered time worked as well as all unpaid time totaling 12 days or less in a calendar year. All periods of service interrupted for more than 12 total days due to W days, unpaid leaves of absence and suspensions, shall not be counted as time worked.

New employees shall receive clothing and boot allowances within thirty (30) days of hire.

E. **Categories of Clothing:**

For the purposes of this Article, there shall be two categories of employees for whom clothing shall be furnished. The categories are Medium Blue Collar and Heavy Blue Collar. Heavy Blue Collar shall be limited to employees assigned to specific jobs whereby rental clothing is more feasible than take-home clothing. Employees holding supervisory titles may be required to wear, at management's discretion, clothing that identifies their status as supervisors.

For new titles created during the course of the contract for which the County desires to supply uniforms, the County and the union shall meet to discuss the appropriate category to which to assign the titles.

Personal Protective Equipment as required by OSHA or PEOSH shall continue to be supplied in accordance with County policy as recommended by County Risk Management and approved by the County Administrator or the Director of Human Resources.

F. **Work Boots:**

To those titled employees presently receiving an allowance for work boot only, the County shall provide a \$200 boot allowance which shall be combined with the uniform allowance as provided for in paragraph A, above. The type of boots shall be at the sole discretion of the County. If an individual presents a doctor's note indicating that he is not medically able to wear said boot, the County at its sole discretion may substitute footwear.

## **ARTICLE 6 WORK SCHEDULE**

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Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to alter the existing work schedules that supervisors may be presently working.

"Working day" is defined as Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

- A. Notwithstanding the work schedules listed below, provisions may be made for flexible schedules for employees in various Departments of the County, subject to the approval of the Department Head and affected employees.
- B. Offices and facilities shall be open to the public as determined by the County. Employees may be scheduled as follows:

1. Non-shift Forty (40) Hour Employees: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM with one (1) hour lunch or 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with a one half (½) hour lunch in accordance with Departmental policy.
  2. Notwithstanding the schedules as listed above in this paragraph, nothing set forth herein is intended to alter or change departmental/agency schedules which exist at the execution of this agreement.
  3. The Employer may approve "summer hours" between the months of May to September. Such change in schedule shall be effective when summer hours are approved for subordinates (to insure supervision) and with mutual agreement of the parties at least five (5) days in advance.
- C. Breaks: All employees shall receive two ten (10) minute breaks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- D. For the efficiency of service or the good of the public, the County may change the work schedules of employees. Prior to the changing of any work schedule the Department Head must first solicit volunteers. Should the needs of the County/Department not be met after the solicitation of volunteers, the County with notice of not less than (10) working days, shall assign such employees based on inverse seniority. The conditions as set forth above shall be subject to the grievance procedures. Weekly work hours shall not be increased or decreased without the prior consent of the employee representative, except in cases of emergency.
- E. Where there is more than one (1) work shift per day, employees within a given classification will be given preference of shifts in accordance with their seniority, except in cases of emergency.

## **ARTICLE 7 HOLIDAYS**

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- A. The following paid holidays will be observed:
1. January 1, known as New Year's Day
  2. Third Monday in January known as Martin Luther King's Birthday
  3. February 12, known as Lincoln's Birthday
  4. President's Day
  5. Good Friday



6. Last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day
7. Juneteenth, Third Friday in June
8. July 4, known as Independence Day
9. First Monday in September, known as Labor Day
10. Second Monday in October, known as Columbus Day
11. General Election Day
12. November 11, known as Veterans Day
13. Fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day
14. Friday after Thanksgiving Day
15. December 25, known as Christmas Day

- B. For employees who work a standard County business workweek, (Monday through Friday) holidays which fall on Saturday shall be observed on the prior Friday, and those which fall on Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday. An employee must be in pay status the entire day before and the entire day after a holiday in order to be paid for the holiday, unless the employee provides a medical certification excusing the employee for the day(s) at issue. This language shall not effectuate any change to employees whose regular workweek includes Saturdays or Sundays.
- C. During the calendar year, employees who have previously taken a sick day before or after a holiday or the day of the holiday shall be required to provide a doctor's note for any further such absences for the remainder of the calendar year. Should the employee fail to provide the required doctor's note he shall not receive holiday pay or earn said holiday.
- D. For departments which operate more than five (5) days per week, holidays need not be given to employees on the specific day on which the holiday falls. One (1) day off in lieu of the holiday will be scheduled for an employee within the calendar year or thirty (30) days after the recognized holiday, whichever is later. If the day off cannot be scheduled for an employee within the calendar year or thirty (30) days after the recognized holiday, whichever is later, the employee shall be compensated at the straight time rate for the number of hours allocated to that day off.
- E. Holiday Pay
1. Employees at Public Safety Services and any other mutually agreed upon employees who are scheduled to work a holiday, shall be scheduled another day off in its place unless said Holiday is Thanksgiving or Christmas Day, in which case the employee shall receive one half (1/2) day compensatory time in addition to another scheduled day off.



2. If an employee is not scheduled to work on a holiday, but is required to do so, such employee shall be compensated at the rate of one and one half (1 ½) times the employee's rate, in addition to which such employee shall receive straight time for the holiday.

## **ARTICLE 8 OVERTIME**

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### **A. General Rules**

1. Overtime refers to any time worked beyond the normal workweek and is to be earned only when an employee is ordered to work by the Department Head. Such orders shall be given only when unusual circumstances arise. If an employee works overtime, he or she shall be entitled to elect compensatory time off or pay equal to one and one half (1 ½) times the number of overtime hours worked so long as it is consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act.
2. Supervisory personnel shall be eligible for overtime in emergency situations at the request of the Department Head, and for scheduled overtime at the request of the Department Head to include, routine or other administrative functions.
3. No overtime shall be authorized or approved unless the individual making the application has in fact worked his/her designated position beyond their normal workweek of forty (40) hours. Sick Leave shall not be considered "time worked" except in a time of emergency or snow removal. Personal leave, Holiday and Vacation time shall be considered "time worked" if properly scheduled and approved. Compensatory time shall be considered time worked for the purposes of calculating overtime unless said overtime was worked on a day in which compensatory time was used.
4. If Compensatory time cannot be scheduled by the Department Head by December 31 of the calendar year or thirty (30) days after the date on which the overtime was worked, whichever is later, the employee shall be compensated at the overtime rate for such time. Compensatory time shall not accumulate from year to year.
5. If an employee elects to be compensated with overtime pay in lieu of compensatory time off, he shall immediately notify the Department Head, following the period in which overtime hours are worked.

6. Where the nature of the work requires the availability of personnel at times other than standard working hours, a call roster shall be established by the Employer (Department Head). Such roster will be prepared based on seniority within the appropriate section of each Department. The roster shall be available at all times for review by the employee, Union or local representative. In the event that an employee shall decline to work overtime when afforded the opportunity, such employee's name shall be placed at the end of the seniority roster for purposes of future overtime. Said employee shall have only one right of refusal. When an employee is called for a job assignment only the time actually worked on the assignment need be counted as hours worked.

**B. Call-In**

Employees called in to a work location shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours of straight time or time and a half (1½) for time worked, whichever is greater.

**C. Phone**

Employees required to carry a phone for the purpose of being available to respond in off duty hours shall receive one (1) hour pay or time off for every eight (8) hours on phone call duty except the maximum amount of the aggregate of cash and/or the cash value of compensatory time earned in a calendar year under this provisions shall not exceed \$6,500 in 2023 and shall increase annually by the contractually negotiated raises. This amount may be exceeded with approval of the Department Head based on operational need. and in the case of Highway Department Duty Supervisors, the cap shall not exceed \$7,500. Employees who are eligible for compensation under this provision shall be obligated to carry cell phones and respond to cell phone pages for the entire calendar year.

**D. Emergency/Snow Removal**

1. Employees who are required to work by reason of an emergency as declared by the Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders or designee or as required for snow removal shall be paid at the rate of one and one half (1 ½) times for all hours worked beyond forty (40) for the normal workweek. During such period no employee shall work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours. When such employee has worked sixteen (16) consecutive hours, he shall be given eight (8) hours off. If any of those eight (8) hours fall within the employee's normal work schedule, he shall be paid for such time off up to a maximum of four (4) hours pay. The employee may use accumulated compensatory time to supplement time off with pay up to a total of eight (8) hours. During such emergencies no employee shall refuse to work overtime unless he has been

granted a pre-approved vacation, sick or personal day. All employees failing to work during this emergency by reason of sickness shall be required to produce a doctor's certificate. Employee affidavits may be accepted at the supervisor's discretion.

2. Upon submission of a doctor's note stating working long periods of time would aggravate an existing condition, employees with ongoing physical limitations shall be exempted from emergency overtime requirements.

**E. Meal Allowance**

Employees who fulfill the requirements of paragraph D above and have worked two (2) hours beyond the normal work day shall receive the following cash allowance for meals provided the employee signs a form of receipt for such payment. Meal allowance shall be paid within 30 days from storm/event end. The County shall not deduct taxes from this allowance unless required by the IRS to do so.

Breakfast	\$8.00	Dinner	\$20.00
Lunch	\$10.00	Midnight Snack	\$8.00

- Breakfast: the two hour period prior to the start of the normal workday (applies seven days/week)
- Dinner: the two hour period after the end of the normal workday (applies seven days/week)
- Midnight snack: for work performed on any day of the week from 12:00 AM to 2:00 AM (applies 7 days/week)
- Lunch: on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: the two hour period in the middle of the ordinary workday when lunch is customarily taken (applies 2 days/week plus holidays).
- In the event that someone works a double shift for whatever reason, they will be entitled to the same amount of time for meal and coffee breaks as on their regularly scheduled shifts.

**F. Failure to Respond**

1. Any employee who refuses to work overtime (1) beyond the first right of refusal, (2) during a declared emergency or (3) during snow removal procedures shall be disciplined for Neglect of Duty with such refusal noted in the employee's personnel file. All employees deemed essential shall furnish their department with a telephone number where they can be reached. This shall be deemed a continuing responsibility on the part of the employee. unless an employee has been excused from responding after hours due to a prescheduled vacation,

approved sick leave or bona fide emergency, an employee who fails to answer a phone call to the designated telephone number or to call back within one hour may be deemed as having failed to respond, unless a justification is supplied and accepted.

- G. The County shall issue all applicable reimbursements for meals, mileage, etc., through the Department of Human Resources/Payroll unit. The County will not deduct taxes from reimbursements unless required by the IRS to do so.

H. **Highway Duty Supervisor**

1. Schedules will be posted on a quarterly basis at least 30 days in advance, for the entire quarter (for example, January-March will be posted by December 1).
2. Supervisors will bid based on seniority for their preferred week of duty coverage. All Supervisors must bid on at least 1 week during the quarter and all weeks must be filled. Any unfilled weeks will be offered on a voluntary basis prior to assigning it to the least senior Supervisor on a rotating basis.
3. A schedule will be posted after all weeks are filled. Supervisors may swap weeks after the schedule is posted. A Supervisor may waive Duty Supervisor one quarter during the calendar year.
4. Coverage on the following holidays must be rotated so that an employee is not scheduled for coverage again until all other employees cover that holiday: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Memorial Day.
5. Duty Supervisor standby compensation shall be twenty-four (24) hours for each weekly rotation.

**ARTICLE 9 SENIORITY/JOB POSTING**

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- A. Seniority is defined as an employee's total length of service with the Employer, commencing with his permanent date of appointment.
- B. In the event of dispute concerning the seniority of two (2) or more employees hired on the same date, preference shall be given in alphabetical order of the employee's

last name. If permanent employee status is not affected, seniority shall be computed from the hiring date.

- C. The Employer shall maintain an accurate, up-to-date seniority roster with each employee's date of permanent employment, classification and pay rate. Such records shall be available to the Representative upon request.
- D. Where openings in non-entry level positions occur, the openings will be posted on the bulletin boards, together with the basic job duties, shifts and wage rates of such jobs. Copies of all postings shall be forwarded to the Union.

Notices shall remain posted for six (6) working days before filling the jobs, during which time any employee or his/her shop steward desiring such job may present his/her bid in writing. If, in management's sole discretion, a job needs to be filled and the six (6) day posting requirement inhibits timely filling of the position, the posting requirement shall be waived. The employee representative will be notified of this decision.

## **ARTICLE 10 BENEFITS**

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### **A. Health Benefits**

Family Hospital, Surgical and Major Medical or other medical benefits shall be available for all full-time employees on the first of the month following sixty (60) days of service pursuant to the following provisions:

1. Health Insurance Plan Offerings. Eligible employees shall be given the option of coverage for themselves and their dependents through one of the four contributory, comprehensive County-funded medical, optical and prescription plans which are described below. The specific copays, deductibles, coinsurances, limits, and other terms of each plan shall not be altered except through agreement of the parties. The four plans to be offered are as follows:

a. Plan 1: The County shall continue to offer the health insurance plan which is known as Plan 1 ("Current Plan"). The specific copays, deductibles, coinsurances, limits, and other terms of the Current Plan shall not be altered except through agreement of the parties. Under the Current Plan, doctor's visits to a specialist or to a primary care doctor, or to any other doctor or such provider in the network shall have a copay charge of \$20. Additionally, visits to the emergency room will have the following co-pay: \$50.00. The annual deductible



for using out-of-network providers shall be \$400 for single coverage and \$600 for family coverage with a 20% co-insurance contribution.

b. **Plan 2**, which shall be known as the “Modified Version” or “PPO2” shall be modeled after the Current Plan (Plan 1) but shall have the following co-payments and co-insurance requirements: for primary care physician visits, \$20; for specialist visits, \$35; for Emergency Room (ER) visits, \$100 (which shall not be waived upon admission); for use of Out-of-Network (OON) facilities and service providers, a fifty percent (50%) co-insurance contribution; additionally, pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), wellness exams and preventative care as determined by the United States Secretary of Health shall be furnished at no charge to the employee and his/her eligible dependents within the PPO network.

c. **Plan 3**, which shall be known as the “High Deductible Health Plan” (“HDHP”), shall be modeled after the Current Plan but shall have a \$1,500 single/ \$3,000 multi-party deductible which shall be paid by the employee before the plan begins to cover eligible expenses, along with the following co-payments and co-insurance: for primary care physician visits, \$20; for specialist visits, \$35; for Emergency Room (ER) visits, \$100 (which shall not be waived upon admission); for use of Out-of-Network (OON) facilities and service providers, a twenty percent (20%) co-insurance contribution; additionally, pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), wellness exams and preventative care as determined by the United States Secretary of Health shall be furnished at no charge to the employee and his/her eligible dependents within the PPO network.

Further, the County will contribute the following sums toward a Health Savings Account (HSA) to partially offset the cost of the deductible: on or after January 15 -- \$250 single/ \$500 multi-party; May 15 -- \$250 single/ \$500 multi-party; and if the employee and his/her eligible dependents participate in wellness screenings and preventative care in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Secretary of Health and/or the third party administrator, on September 15, an additional \$250 single/ \$500 multi-party. In order to participate in the HDHP/HSA, an employee must not be enrolled in (or a dependent on) any other healthcare plan.

d. **Plan 4**, which shall be known as the “Premiere Choice Plan,” shall be modeled after the Current Plan but shall offer a three (3) tiered network for hospital facilities along with the following co-payments and co-insurance requirements: for primary care physician visits, \$20; for specialist visits, \$35; for Emergency Room (ER) visits, \$100 (which shall not be waived upon admission).

Within Tier 1, there shall be no deductible or coinsurance. Within Tier 2, there shall be a deductible of \$500 single/ \$1,250 multiparty plus a fifty percent (50%) co-insurance for use of Tier 2 providers. Within Tier 3, which shall apply to out-of-network facilities and providers, there shall be a \$2,000 single/ \$4,500 multiparty deductible (which shall be inclusive of any Tier 2 deductible), plus a fifty percent (50%) coinsurance.

Notwithstanding the tiers outlined above, employees and/or their eligible dependents can visit any hospital without penalty for bona-fide Emergency Room treatment; additionally, pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), wellness exams and preventative care as determined by the United States Secretary of Health shall be furnished at no charge to the employee and his/her eligible dependents within the PPO network.

e. All four plans offered shall have the same network unless a change in network occurs due to a change of third-party administrators after a public bidding process. Each of the four plans shall be offered to eligible employees through the duration of the contract term and shall continue to be offered without alteration, unless agreed otherwise, during the time that a successor contract is being negotiated between the parties. Employees shall select a health care plan during the Winter Open Enrollment period and must participate in the chosen plan for the entire calendar (plan) year. The County will continue to use its best efforts to offer a broad network for Plans 1, 2 and 3 [as Plan 4 has a tiered network] unless the parties negotiate newer plans with limited or exclusive provider networks.

f. The County shall make copies of Summary Plan Descriptions ("SPDs") for each of the four plans available to all employees through the BurlCo Portal (County Intranet), and to the union during open enrollment periods, and shall forward any changes in the SPDs to the union at the time such are made. The SPDs with regard to specific copays, deductibles, coinsurances, limits, and other terms of each plan shall not be altered except through agreement of the parties.

g. A copy of the Current Plan shall be provided to each employee. In the case of a husband and wife working for the County, the employee with the earliest hire date shall be listed for coverage and the other spouse will not have separate coverage. If, for any reason, the subscriber has his/her coverage terminated, the spouse shall be added immediately. The children dependents of the employee shall be covered until an age specified by law. Employees must

submit a copy of their Federal 1040 tax form and information from the school that demonstrates that the child is still a dependent and still in school. Pursuant to the Affordable Care Act, children dependents who are not eligible for health benefits through an employer may remain covered until the end of the month in which they reach the age of 26. Employees shall certify that no employer or other coverage is available to the adult dependent.

2. Prescription Program. All prescription medications must be processed through a pharmaceutical clinical case management program through the third-party administrator (TPA) or pharmaceutical benefits manager (PBM). As a pre-condition to using the prescription benefits plan, all employees must sign a HIPAA compliant release enabling the health benefits third-party administrator to share protected health information (PHI) with the prescription benefits TPA or PBM. During the life of this contract, prescriptions shall have the following retail copays:

<u>Prescription</u>	<u>Brand Preferred</u>	<u>Brand Non-</u>
<u>Generic</u>		<u>Preferred</u>
\$0.00	\$30.00	\$45.00

After the first 90 days a prescription has been filled, all maintenance medications (with the exception of insulin for diabetics) must be filled via Mail Order (examples of maintenance medications include high blood pressure, cholesterol, kidney and heart medications, etc.). Mail Order medications for a 90 day supply shall cost one-and-a-half times (1.5x) the applicable retail co-pay indicated above.

The County and Union negotiated agreements regarding cost containment measures for prescription drugs, including quantity limits, duration and other issues. These agreements are incorporated herein.

3. During the term of this Agreement, there shall be no change in the Health Benefits paid for by the Employer on behalf of the employees as shown above. However, this shall not prevent the Employer from substituting new and equivalent or more beneficial plans for the ones set forth herein. However, whenever the Employer determines that it may be in its interest to change the health care provider or administrator, the County shall give the union at least 30 days advance notice, along with a copy of the proposed contract. In the event that a change in the health care provider or administrator results in a change in panel providers (network), all employees will be given advance notice of the

change and will be notified of where they can obtain a copy of the list of new health care providers.

4. The County will extend to a maximum of ninety (90) days within a rolling 12-month period the health insurance coverage of eligible employees and their covered dependents upon exhaustion of such employee's accumulated sick leave and who are granted approved sick leave without pay, with the County paying the cost in accordance with Paragraph A above.

In those instances where the leave of absence (or an extension of such leave) without pay is for a period of more than ninety (90) days, the employee's coverage shall be terminated effective the first of the month following the ninetieth day. Said employee shall then be eligible for coverage under the COBRA regulations. Upon returning to work, coverage will be reinstated effective the first of the month following the date of return, provided completed enrollment forms are returned to the Benefits Office within the required timeframe.

5. Female covered dependents from age 14 thru the termination of plan coverage shall be eligible to receive an annual HPV screening through the Burlington County Health Department at no cost.

**B. Dental**

1. The Employer shall pay for and provide an 80/20 family dental plan for preventive, diagnostic and basic benefits.
2. The family program of dental care shall include orthodontics for children only and prosthodontics. Employees eligibility shall be determined in accordance with Paragraph A. (Health Benefits).
  - a. The maximum payable by the carrier for services other than orthodontic benefits is two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per eligible patient in any calendar year.
  - b. Orthodontic benefits are subject to a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) maximum per person per lifetime which is separate from the maximum mentioned above.
3. Effective 1/1/07, employees shall contribute the following amounts for dental coverage (to be deducted from bi-weekly paychecks):



- \$5.00 (single)
- \$10.00 (husband/wife or parent/child)
- \$15.00 (parent/children, family)

Payroll deductions shall be made twice per month for a total of 24 deductions per year. Employees may elect to have the deductions taken from pre-tax wages upon signing a Sec. 125 authorization form through the Employee Benefits office.

4. The children dependents of the employee shall be covered until the end of the month in which they reach the age of 19, or if the dependent (as evidenced by being claimed on the employee's Federal income tax), is in school as a full-time student, until the end of the month in which they reach the age 23.

**C. Vision Care Program**

Effective January 1, 2003 employees shall be offered participation in the Vision Care Plan.

**D. Life Insurance**

At the beginning of each enrollment period, permanent employees shall have the option to enroll in a contributory life insurance plan under which the Employer shall provide a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) life policy, premiums for the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of which shall be paid by the Employer. Premiums for the remaining four thousand dollars (\$4,000) coverage shall be paid by the employee through the payroll deduction plan.

**E. Disability Plan**

All employees in the bargaining unit will be covered by the New Jersey State Temporary Disability Plan. A copy of the plan is to be provided to each employee. It is understood that this Plan or a plan with equivalent benefits requires the employee to make a contribution of at least fifty percent (50%) of the cost.

**F. Mileage**

For use of privately owned vehicles driven for conducting County business, employees shall be reimbursed the IRS rate for mileage.

**G. Election to Discontinue Health Benefits**

Effective on January 1, 2000, any employee who has health benefit coverage provided to them or any dependents by another employer may elect to discontinue County provided health benefits in accordance with the following:



1. Any employee who elects to discontinue health benefit coverage must fill out and return to the county a County provided "Health Benefits Discontinuance" form prior to December 10 of the preceding year. The form will have spaces to indicate whether the employee is electing to discontinue the basic medical plan, the prescription plan, or both.
2. In the event an employee elects to discontinue coverage, the County provided coverage will discontinue effective January 1 of the following year and will be discontinued for the duration of that calendar year except as provided in G.3, below.
3. In the event that an employee who has chosen to have County provided health benefits discontinued because of other employer provided health care, and the person whose employer provided that coverage loses that coverage, then the county employee shall immediately be re-instated in the County health benefits program. Loss of coverage must be due to some significant life event, such a divorce, death, loss of job, etc.
4. Any employee who elects to have County provided health benefits discontinued will be paid a "health care discontinuance stipend" as follows:
  - a. The County shall furnish an annual stipend for opting out of the County's health benefits plan (medical and Rx – so long as employee furnishes proof of other coverage) in the amount of \$750 payable in November of each year of the contract. An employee who experiences a catastrophic life event wherein other, available coverage is lost shall be automatically reenrolled in the County's plan.
  - b. In the event that an employee must be re-instated in the County health benefits program, in accordance with G.3, above, the employee will not be given a health care discontinuance stipend for that portion of the month that they are in the County health benefits program.

#### H. **IRS Section 125**

The County will continue to provide the opportunity for employees to set aside a portion of their pre-tax salary into an IRS Section 125 account to be utilized for health benefit and dependent care expenses.

#### I. **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

The County shall guarantee a traditional EAP (at no cost or co-pay) for employees. All information discussed or generated by the EAP shall be confidential, unless the employee is sent by the County for a mandatory work assignment, and then any medical information will remain confidential as per law.

## ARTICLE 11 ANNUAL VACATION

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Full-time employees in the County service shall be entitled to the following annual vacation with pay subject to scheduling approval by the Department Head. Part-time employees shall be entitled to a prorated amount of vacation leave time based on their regular weekly hours divided by 35. For example, if a part-time employee is scheduled for 20 hours per week, they would receive  $20/35 = 57\%$  of leave time entitlement.

An employee may elect to use up to two (2) vacation days in cases of emergency with less than 24 hours' notice provided that all PL has been exhausted. Emergency is defined as an event which could not be anticipated and over which an employee has no control. The request shall not be unreasonably denied. An employee's request may be denied if such request would interfere with proper functioning of the department.

- A. New employees shall receive one (1) working day for the initial month of employment if they begin work on the 1st through the 8th day of the calendar month. Employees who begin work on the 9th through the 23rd day of the month shall receive one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) working day for the month. Employees who begin work after the 23rd day of the month shall not receive any paid vacation for that month. All such time shall be credited on the first day of the following month.
- B. After the initial month of employment and up to the end of the first calendar year, employees shall receive one (1) working day credited the first day of the next month for each month of service. Thereafter, employees shall receive paid vacation days as follows:

1 year and up to 5 years	12 days
after 5 and up to 12 years	15 days
after 12 and up to 20 years	20 days
after 20 years and over	25 days

Years worked as a provisional full-time employee prior to January 1, 1989 shall not be included within the computation of years of service as set forth in this paragraph.

- C. Additional days based upon years of service are credited on January 1 in the calendar year of the employee's anniversary.

- D. When in any calendar year the vacation, or part thereof is not granted by reason of necessity of work, that part of the vacation period not granted shall accumulate to the next succeeding calendar year only.
- E. All vacation leave is to be taken only as credited. Although each employee is credited with his/her vacation time at the beginning of the calendar year, vacation time is earned on a pro-rated basis. The amount of time earned shall be pro-rated to calculate time owed to the County should an employee leave the County service for any reason. When the employee leaves the County service and at the end of each calendar year, deductions will be made from an employee's pay if more vacation has been taken than has been earned. Notwithstanding the conditions as stated above, deductions for overdrawn vacation leave shall occur upon an employee's return to work from a leave of absence in accordance with existing County policy.
- F. Any employee who is laid off, due to a reduction in force, discharge, retired or separated from the service of the Employer for any reason prior to taking his vacation, shall be compensated in money for any earned unused vacation time.

## **ARTICLE 12 PERSONAL LEAVE**

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- A. Each employee shall be eligible for three (3) personal leave days with pay for personal business with no accumulation of such leave from year to year. New employees in the County service shall be accorded one (1) personal leave day for each four (4) months of service in the first calendar year of employment. Part-time employees shall be entitled to a prorated amount of personal leave time based on their regular weekly hours divided by 35. For example, if a part-time employee is scheduled for 20 hours per week, they would receive  $20/35 = 57\%$  of leave time entitlement.
- B. An employee shall give no less than twenty-four (24) hours advance notice of his intent to take a personal leave day. Such intent shall not be denied unless that leave would substantially interfere with the proper functioning of the Department.
- C. Personal days may be used in cases of an emergency with less than 24 hours notification; however, such denial shall not be grievable. "Emergency" is defined as an event which could not be anticipated and over which an employee has no control.

- D. In the event of retirement or termination, deductions will be made from the final pay of the employee for used but unearned personal leave time.
- E. Deductions for overdrawn personal leave shall occur upon an employee's return to work from a leave of absence in accordance with existing County policy.

### **ARTICLE 13 SICK LEAVE**

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Full-time employees in the County service shall be entitled to sick leave with pay in accordance with the following schedule. Part-time employees shall be entitled to a prorated amount of vacation leave time based on their regular weekly hours divided by 35. For example, if a part-time employee is scheduled for 20 hours per week, they would receive  $20/35 = 57\%$  of leave time entitlement.

- A. New employees shall receive one (1) working day for the initial month of employment if they begin work on the 1st through the 8th day of the calendar month. Employees who begin work on the 9th through the 23rd day of the month shall receive one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) working day for that month. Employees who begin work after the 23rd day of the month shall not receive any paid sick leave for that month. All such time shall be credited on the first day of the following month.
- B. After the initial month of employment and up to the end of the first calendar year, employees shall receive one (1) working day credited the first day of the next month for each month of service. Thereafter, employees shall receive fifteen (15) sick days for each year of service.
- C. Sick leave may be taken as credited. Although each employee is credited with fifteen (15) sick days after the first calendar year, sick time is earned at one and one-quarter ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) days per month for purposes of computing time owed to the County in the event an employee should leave prior to the completion of that calendar year and, having used all credited sick time. When the employee leaves the County service and at the end of each calendar year, deductions will be made from an employee's pay if more sick leave has been taken than has been earned. Notwithstanding the conditions as stated above, deductions for overdrawn sick leave shall occur upon an employee's return to work from a leave of absence in accordance with existing County policy.
- D. An employee who exhausts all accumulated paid sick days in any one (1) year shall not be credited with additional paid sick leave days until the beginning of the next calendar year.

- E. Paid sick days shall not accrue during a leave of absence without pay.
- F. Sick leave is defined to mean absence of an employee from duty because of personal illness by reason of which the employee is unable to perform the usual duties of his position, or exposure to contagious disease. Sick leave may also be requested for the following reasons:
  - 1. Up to ten (10) working days of emergency attendance upon a member of his immediate family with a serious health condition and requiring the presence of such employee.
    - a. Immediate family means an employee's spouse, child, legal ward, grandchild, foster child, father, mother, legal guardian, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and other relative residing in the employee's household. For good cause the definition of immediate family may be expanded upon by the approval of the Department Head or designee.
    - b. Serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:
      - i. Any period of incapacity or treatment in connection with or resulting from inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility;
      - ii. Any period of incapacity requiring absence from work, school, or other regular daily activities, for more than three calendar days, that also involves continuing treatment by a health care provider; or
      - iii. Continuing treatment by a health care provider for a chronic or long-term health condition that is incurable or so serious that, if not treated, would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three calendar days; or for prenatal care.
      - iv. Employee must produce proof of illness upon first day of return to work.



2. Employees shall notify the employer about scheduled doctors' appointments and shall be permitted to use sick time for such appointments (to include reasonable travel time to and from.)
- G. If an employee is absent for five (5) consecutive working days (35 or 40 hours) for any of the reasons set forth in the above rule, the appointing authority shall require acceptable medical evidence on the form prescribed, which shall include a statement that the employee has been cleared to return to work, full duty (or light duty as permitted by departmental policy).
  - H. If it is reasonably suspected that the employee is abusing the sick leave privilege, the Department Head, through the Human Resources Office, may require the employee seeking leave to submit proof of illness. If the sick leave is not approved, the employee will suffer loss of pay for such time.
  - I. An employee who does not expect to report for work because of personal illness for any of the reasons included in the definition of sick leave as set forth above shall notify his immediate supervisor, by telephone or personal message, prior to the normal starting time, or he shall suffer loss of pay.
  - J. Sick days shall accumulate.
  - K. Employees who have exhausted their sick leave benefit and who wish to substitute vacation, personal leave or any other compensable time shall make such request to the Department Head who may approve such request based upon merit.
  - L. An employee shall not be reimbursed for accumulated sick leave when leaving the County service except for retirement, as provided for in Article 17.

#### **ARTICLE 14 FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

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- A. Family Leave as set forth in 29 U.S.C., Section 2601 et seq., N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 4A:6-1.21 or any amendments thereto shall be available to all employees covered under this Agreement pursuant to the terms of that Act and/or regulations.

An employee seeking a leave of absence shall file a request for such by submitting a County "Leave Request Form" to his/ her department head or the department

head's designee. The "Certification of Healthcare Provider" form shall be filed directly with the Department of Human Resources.

- B. An employee may use accrued leave time (for example, sick, vacation, personal) for pregnancy-disability purposes but shall not be required to exhaust accrued leave before taking a leave without pay. However, the employee must exhaust all accrued sick leave to be eligible for New Jersey Temporary Disability Plan.
- C. The amount of sick leave, vacation and personal leave credit shall be reduced if an employee is on an approved leave of absence without pay, suspended without pay for a greater length than five (5) total days within any calendar year or if they are absent without pay or approval and/or terminated.
- D. Employees shall be eligible for Paid Family Leave (Family Leave Insurance) in accordance with NJ law.
- E. Employees must use all earned sick time during an approved FMLA/NJFLA absence. Should an employee's earned sick time not be sufficient to reach the commencement of State disability, the employee shall be permitted to use up to five (5) additional days of credited sick time. The County shall continue its current practice of allowing employees to elect to use earned vacation or personal time as a substitute for any unpaid period of leave.

#### **ARTICLE 15 OTHER LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

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- A. A permanent full-time employee holding a position in the classified service who is temporarily either mentally or physically incapacitated to perform his duties or who desires to engage in a course of study that will increase his usefulness on his return to the service, or who for any reason considered good by the appointing authority and the Board desires to secure leave from his regular duties may, with the approval of the appointing authority and the Board be granted special leave of absence without pay for a period not exceeding six (6) months. Any employee requesting special leave without pay shall submit his request in writing stating the reason why in his opinion the request should be granted, the date when he desires the leave to begin, and the probable date of his return to duty.
- B. The amount of sick leave, vacation and personal leave credit shall be reduced if an employee is on an approved leave of absence without pay, suspended without pay

for a greater length than five (5) total days within any calendar year or if they are absent without pay or approval and/or terminated.

- C. Deductions for overdrawn personal, sick or vacation leave shall occur upon an employee's return to work from a leave of absence in accordance with existing County policy.
- D. **Bereavement**. Employees shall be entitled to utilize paid bereavement leave of up to three (3) working days for the death of an immediate family member, which shall not exceed fifteen (15) total bereavement days in a calendar year. "Immediate family" shall be defined per the sick leave article of this Agreement. The definition of "immediate family" may be expanded by County Administrator with approval of Human Resources. If bereavement leave is exhausted, an employee may utilize sick, holiday, comp, personal and vacation time in that order.

#### **ARTICLE 16 MILITARY LEAVE**

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The existing statutes with regard to leave for military service in their present state or as they may be amended will be observed by the parties hereto. The benefits under these applicable statutes shall be provided for any eligible employee in this bargaining unit.

#### **ARTICLE 17 JURY DUTY**

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If an employee is called to serve on a jury, the time will not be deducted from his vacation time if his jury check is turned over to the County Treasurer's Office for the number of days absent from his employ. This time must be reported on the daily report forms.

For employees who serve on jury duty on Lincoln's birthday, department heads shall schedule an alternative day off. The Department must schedule said day within 60 days and notify the employee with no less than 48 hours notice.

#### **ARTICLE 18 RETIREMENT**

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- A. Each employee who has been granted sick leave shall be entitled upon retirement to receive a lump sum payment as supplemental compensation for each full day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave which is credited to him on the effective date of his retirement.

1. The amount of the supplemental compensation payment shall be computed at the rate of one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of eligible employee's daily rate of pay for each day of earned and unused accumulated sick leave based upon the average annual compensation received during the last year of his employment prior to the effective date of his retirement. Lump sum supplemental compensation payment shall be made in compliance with N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.
  2. Employees should provide at least six (6) months advance notice of anticipated retirement to his/her Department Head to ensure timely payment of leave time benefits. Payment of terminal sick leave shall be issued the same time as payment for unused vacation days, compensatory time, and other eligible leave time. In emergent or unusual circumstances, such notice may be waived.
- B. Consistent with ch.78, P.L. 2011, all employees who have retired effective January 1, 1993 all employees who have retired or who shall retire with twenty-five (25) years or more of credited service to Burlington County shall be covered by a comprehensive, County self-funded, medical plan subject to the provisions of Article IX, Benefits paragraph A (1). Prior to being eligible for the benefits as listed in paragraphs B and C, all retirees who are sixty-five (65) years or older must be carriers of Medicare A & B. Any leaves of absence without pay that, collectively, are in excess of twelve months shall not count toward the twenty-five years needed for health benefits to be paid for by the county in retirement, provided, however, that any FMLA leave, any military leave and or any workers' compensation leave shall count toward the twenty-five years.
- C. The County shall continue its current practice of payment of full coverage for the first ninety (90) days following the date of retirement regardless of the number of years of service. If an employee has taken a leave of absence in the twelve months preceding retirement, the employee shall have coverage for the difference between the amount of leave previously taken and the 90 days heretofore described.
- D. Should an employee retire with 25 years of service to Burlington County and receive health care benefits the County upon the death of the retiree shall continue to offer the surviving spouse the opportunity to remain in the County health care plan at the prevailing cost to the retiree.

## **ARTICLE 19 PERSONNEL FILE**

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- A. All employees shall have the right to see all documents in their personnel file.
- B. An employee shall be permitted to have a copy of any documents in his/her file.
- C. Employees shall be given copies of all disciplinary matters, evaluation or work performance documents placed in their file at the time the document is so placed. Prior to placement of a document the employee shall first be given the opportunity to initial same. Such initialing shall not indicate anything other than the employee's review of the document. The employee shall be given the opportunity to indicate they have read and accepted the contents of the document. Upon written release from an employee, a Union Representative may see and copy documents in the employee's file.
- D. Employees shall have the right to respond in writing to anything placed in their file.
- E. Employees may request of the Department Head that records of counseling sessions contained in any personnel file be removed after twelve (12) months provided there has been no recurrence of the same or similar nature. A Department Head's refusal to remove said documents shall not be subject to the formal grievance procedure.

## **ARTICLE 20 WORKERS' COMPENSATION, SAFETY & HEALTH**

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- A. When an employee is injured on duty, he shall notify his Department Head immediately so that a Departmental report may be prepared. The employee and his immediate supervisor are also required to prepare an accident report. The employee will be placed on a leave of absence without pay unless he desires to use his accumulated time during this period of disability. If it is determined by the Employer that the injury is work related, the employee shall then be entitled to Workers' Compensation.

If he is on leave of absence without pay, he shall be entitled to his Workers' Compensation check without loss of any accumulated time.

If the employee has opted to use his accumulated time, he shall receive his normal pay with appropriate charges against accumulated time up to the point a final determination is made concerning whether the employee is found to be entitled. The employee's personnel records shall then be modified, if necessary to reflect the



employee's entitlement to Workers' Compensation benefits with the balance of his salary, if any, to be paid by County payroll check.

If accumulated time is completely used up before Workers' Compensation benefits terminate, the employee shall thereafter receive only his Workers' Compensation benefits.

Credit for sick and vacation leave shall continue to accrue to an employee's benefit during a leave of absence without pay for an injury for which the employee is entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits. However, credit for said leave shall be actually added to an employee's account only upon his return to work.

The County agrees to permit employees county time to attend doctor's appointments and physical therapy, however, such appointments shall have been approved by the department head and shall be at the beginning or end of a work day or whenever practicable. The failure to permit these employees time off shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

- B. The County shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions, and shall provide employees with OSHA equipment once every two (2) years, as necessary, and with any additional wearing apparel, tools or devices reasonably necessary in order to insure their safety and health.
  
- C. The County and the Union shall each designate a safety committee member from each complex to include: Westampton Complex, Hainesport Complex, Institutions at Pemberton, and Non-judicial employees in the main County Complex. It shall be their joint responsibility to investigate and correct unsafe and unhealthful conditions. They shall meet periodically, as necessary, to review conditions in general and to make recommendations to either or both parties when appropriate. The safety committee member representing the Union shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to visit work locations throughout the County's facilities where employees covered by this Agreement perform their duties for the purpose of investigating safety and health conditions during working hours with no loss in pay for periods not to exceed one (1) hour per day, unless additional time is authorized by the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 21 EQUAL TREATMENT**

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The County agrees that there will be no discrimination or favoritism practiced upon or shown employees for any reasons of sex, age, nationality, race, religion, marital status, political status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, national origin, color, handicap, Union membership, Union activities, or the exercise of any concerted rights or activities. For the purposes of this Agreement, he shall be a generic term referring to any employee regardless of their sex. Said usage is not intended to be discriminatory or sexually based.

## **ARTICLE 22 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

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- A. The County retains the right in accordance with applicable laws and regulations directly and by way of delegation to designated personnel:
1. To direct all operations of the County.
  2. To direct all employees of the County.
  3. To hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees in positions within the County, and to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees.
  4. To maintain the efficiency of the government operations entrusted to it.
  5. To determine the methods, means, and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted.
  6. To determine the number and kind of job classifications, titles and positions.
  7. To contract work including but not limited to professional and other specialized services.
  8. To take whatever action may be necessary to comply with State and Federal Law and Regulations.
- B. It is the intention of the parties hereto that all matters affecting the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment for the employees covered hereby, which are not specifically governed by this Agreement, remain within the discretion of the County until the expiration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 23 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE UNION**

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- A. Designated agents of the Union shall be allowed reasonable time off from their normal employment duties, without loss of pay, to engage in Union activity provided that such activity shall not substantially interfere with or interrupt the normal operations of the County. It is understood that all Union activity, of whatever kind or nature, shall take place only within the parameters of pre-arranged schedules, and at the locations listed therein, mutually agreed to by the Union and the County.
- B. The union shall be granted an aggregate of two (2) paid and two (2) unpaid days leave time during each calendar year of the agreement which may be delegated to any one or more union representatives for the specific purpose of conducting union business. Use of such days shall be at the sole discretion of the union provided the union gives two (2) weeks written notice. If less than two (2) weeks written notice is given, the leave time may be denied. Such denial shall not be arbitrarily or capriciously appealed.
- C. The Union will continue to have the right to place items on existing employee bulletin boards. Materials found posted on areas other than bulletin boards shall be removed.
- D. Union stewards shall be the last to be involuntarily transferred from one work location to another or from one shift to another so long as it does not conflict with any State or Federal Rules, Regulations, or Laws.
- E. Work location shall be defined as one building, facility or complex.
- F. The Union President, or other authorized representative will have access to the premises under the jurisdiction of the County and its offices during working hours provided such access does not interfere with the orderly operations of the Employer. Said representative will notify the appropriate County official of his/her presence.
- G. The Union shall have the right to meet with newly hired employees, without charge to the pay or leave time of the employees, for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes within thirty (30) days from the date of hire, during new employee orientations, or at individual or group meetings if the employer does not conduct new employee orientations within 30 days of date of hire.

- H. Upon reasonable notice and approval of the appropriate County Official the Union may hold meetings on County premises during the lunch hour.
- I. The Union may distribute literature to members of the Bargaining Unit on County premises, so long as it is not disruptive of County business.
- J. The use of the County mail delivery service shall be limited to those offices, which currently occupy or which may occupy in the future a County owned or leased facility.
- K. The County shall transmit via email to the Union a monthly report of all negotiations unit employees and noting separations (resignations, retirements, terminations). This report will include name, home address, title, department, worksite location, work telephone numbers, and any home or cellular telephone numbers on file with the Employer, date of hire, work email address and any personal email address the Employer may have on file. Membership status reports for a given month shall be delivered to the Union on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the succeeding month.
- L. For contract negotiations, the union shall be permitted to bring up to six (6) bargaining unit employees, without loss of pay or time, to comprehensive bargaining sessions:

M. **Credit Union.**

1. **Eligibility:** Effective at the signing of this contract, all members of CWA Local 1036 shall be eligible to participate in a credit union sponsored and approved by CWA Local 1036 subject to all terms and conditions established by CWA Local 1036 for such participation. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require any employee to become a participant in said credit union.
2. **Amount of Deduction:** CWA Local 1036 will notify the Employer in writing as to the authorized credit union and procedure for deduction. Such deduction shall be made after written approval has been received from the employee.
3. **Deduction and Transmission of Fee:** Deductions shall be made by the County within a reasonable time and in accordance with the procedures as set forth and authorized by the Credit Union, CWA Local 1036 and the employee.
4. **County Held Harmless:** CWA Local 1036 hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold Burlington County, the Burlington Board of Chosen



Freeholders and Library Commission harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings brought by an employee in the negotiating unit which arises from deductions made by the County in accordance with this provision. The County shall not be liable to CWA Local 1036 or any employee for any retroactive or past due credit union deduction for an employee who was identified by the Employer as excluded or confidential or in good faith was mistakenly or inadvertently omitted from credit union deductions.

5. Legal Requirements: Provisions in this clause are further conditioned upon all other requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

- N. Advance notice of any decision to contract out work that bargaining unit members perform when that contracting would result in the layoff of any bargaining unit member will be given as follows: At the same time that the County sends to the NJ Civil Service Commission (NJCSC) the package that NJCSC requires be sent to it prior to a layoff, a copy will be given to the Union. Upon request, the County will meet with the Union to discuss ways to avoid the layoff by maximizing current employees' productivity or work quality.

#### **ARTICLE 24 UNION DUES**

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- A. The County agrees to deduct twice monthly from the base pay of each employee, who furnishes a written authorization for such deduction in a form acceptable to the County, the amount of monthly Union Dues. Dues shall be per month or such amount as may be certified by the CWA to the County at least thirty (30) days prior to the month in which the deduction of Union Dues is to be made. Deduction of Union Dues made pursuant hereto shall be remitted by the Employer to the following address: CWA Dues, P.O. Box 79176, Baltimore, MD, 21279-0176. , by the tenth (10th) calendar day after such deductions are made, together with a list of employees from whose pay such deductions were made. A copy of such list shall also be delivered to CWA 1036 via email or regular mail to 1 Lower Ferry Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628.
- B. The CWA agrees to indemnify and hold the County harmless against any, and all claims, suits, orders of judgments brought or issued against the County with regard to the dues check-off, except for any claims that result from negligent or improper acts of Employer or its agent or servants.

1. Dues deduction may only be stopped if the employee so requests. Any such request must be in writing and submitted to the County. Dues shall be halted beginning with July 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the request to halt dues.
  2. The County will immediately supply the Union a copy of any request to halt dues.
  3. If, during the life of this Agreement, there shall be any change in the rate of membership dues, the Union shall furnish to the County written notice prior to the effective date of such change, and shall furnish the County a certified copy of the Resolution, indicating dues changes and the effective date of such changes.
- C. The Union shall notify the County of any change in representation fees in lieu of dues deductions. The County agrees to process any duly authorized representation fees via payroll deduction.

## **ARTICLE 25 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

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### **A. Definitions**

1. "Grievance" is defined as:
    - a. A claimed breach, misinterpretation or improper application of the terms of this Agreement, or
    - b. A claimed violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of rules or regulations, existing policy, agreements, administrative decisions, or laws applicable to the Department, to include minor disciplinary actions. Counseling shall not be grievable.
  2. "Working Day" is defined as: Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays.
- B. Any grievance or dispute, which arises between an employee and Employer, shall be processed and settled in strict accordance with the time limits set out herein. It is understood that all of the time limits, unless otherwise expressed, refer to working days and not calendar days.

C. **Procedures**<sup>1</sup>

Within ten (10) days of the date of the grievance or the date in which the grievant should reasonably have known of its occurrence an employee with a potential grievance must orally present and discuss his/her complaint with their immediate supervisor on an informal basis prior to filing a formal Step 1 grievance, whenever time permits. A Union Steward may be present at such discussions.

1. **INFORMAL STEP:** Whenever practical, an employee who believes that he or she might have a grievance, shall meet with his/her supervisor or other appropriate management representative in an attempt to informally resolve the grievance.
2. **STEP 1:** A grievance must be filed initially within fifteen (15) working days from the date or any date on which the act, which is the subject of the grievance, occurred, or fifteen (15) working days from the date on which the grievant should reasonably have known of its occurrence. The grievant shall prepare his/her grievance in writing on forms approved by each party and submit same to the Department Head who shall schedule, hear and determine the grievance within ten (10) working days after receiving it. The decision of the Department Head shall be made in writing, and in triplicate and copies thereof, together with copies of the grievance, shall be served upon the grievant, the Union representatives and the Director of Human Resources or Clerk/Administrator of the Board of Freeholders within said ten (10) working day period.
3. **STEP 2:** Upon receipt of an adverse determination by the Department Head, the grievant or Union representative shall have a period of days ten (10) days to appeal such determination to the Director of Human Resources, Clerk/Administrator of the Board or designee who shall schedule, hear and determine the grievance within fifteen (15) working after receiving it. The Director of Human Resources, Clerk/Administrator or designee shall hear the grievance de novo and issue a decision in writing and in triplicate and copies thereof, together with copies of the grievance and previous decision, shall be

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<sup>1</sup> Variations to the grievance procedure: The grievance procedure to be followed by employees of the Library Commission shall be the same as that contained in the contract except that in Steps 1 and 2, "Library Director" shall replace "Department Head" and "Library Commission Representative" shall replace "County Administrator/Board Clerk or designee."

served upon the grievant, the Union representative and the Director of Human Resources or Clerk/Administrator within said fifteen (15) working day period.

4. STEP 3: Upon receipt of an adverse determination of the Director of Human Resources, Clerk/Administrator or designee, the Union shall have thirty (30) working days to appeal such determination to arbitration pursuant to the rules of the Public Employee Relations Commission.

D. **General Rules**

1. A failure to schedule, hear and determine the grievance at any step by the person designated to do so shall cause the matter to proceed immediately to the next step. Said grievance shall be deemed pending in the next step without the necessity of a formal written appeal.
2. Under no circumstances shall the County have the right to appeal a grievance adjudicated favorably to the employee, except when a determination is issued by PERC or NJ Civil Service Commission.
3. At all steps in the grievance procedure, the grievant shall have the right to be represented by the Union and only the Union.
4. If the grievant alleges acts by or against the person designated to schedule, hear and decide grievances, the grievance shall be filed with, heard by and determined at the next highest step in the grievance procedure.
5. A group or class grievance may be filed by a member of the affected group or class, or by a representative of the Union, however, any such grievance shall clearly delineate the group or class involved, and shall, where practicable, list the names and the titles of the individual employees involved.
6. Extensions of time limits may be obtained only by the written consent of the grievant or representative and person designated to hear and determine the grievance.
7. If a grievant accepts a resolution that is not in conflict with this Agreement it shall be final and binding upon the parties.
8. A grievance settlement at Steps 1-2 shall not be precedent setting, however, they may be introduced as evidence in arbitration.



9. Unjustifiable failure to appear at a Step 1 hearing constitutes a waiver of an employee's right to take the grievance to the next step of the grievance procedure.

10. Such grievance shall include date of the alleged grievable occurrence, nature of the grievance, pertinent contractual articles allegedly violated and the remedy sought. Failure to submit the required information is grounds for a denial of the grievance.

11. The County agrees to provide employees with at least five (5) working days' notice of a hearing. Charges for a minor disciplinary hearing must be submitted within six months. Charges for a major disciplinary hearing must be submitted within one year. The one-year limitation shall commence when the department head either knew or reasonably should have known of the violation.

12. After a grievance has been filed, a Department Head or Designee may only contact the shop steward or staff representative for clarification of the grievance and not the grievant. A Designee shall not be a member of the bargaining unit. The County Department Head or Human Resources Office will send the union copies of all grievances not filed by staff representatives of the Local.

## **ARTICLE 26 DISCIPLINE**

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### **A. General Rules**

1. Discipline and discharge shall only be for just cause.
2. Discipline shall be progressive in nature and corrective in intent.
3. The degree of discipline administered by the Employer in a particular case must be reasonably related to (a) the seriousness of the employee's proven offense and (b) the record of the employee and his/her service with the County.
4. Grievances of minor disciplinary actions (five (5) day suspensions or less) shall be filed directly at Step 2.

5. No discipline, which results in loss of pay, shall be imposed prior to the employee having a hearing unless there is an imminent threat to health and safety.

6. Should an employee receive a suspension as a matter of disciplinary action, such days of suspension shall not coincide with a holiday except where a suspension is for six (6) days or more.

7. Provisional employees with more than four (4) months of service must be issued an approved notice of major disciplinary action.

At the time the Department Head issues an approved notice of major disciplinary action including termination, to a provisional employee with more than four (4) months of service, the Department Head shall provide the employee a review of the action, if the employee desires such a review, and said review is requested by the Union, within five (5) days of issuance of the discipline.

Such review will be conducted by the Department Head within five (5) working days of the request. The employee may choose to be represented by the Union, present witnesses or other relevant evidence related to his or her discipline.

The Union shall retain the right to proceed directly to arbitration for any major discipline or termination of a provisional employee.

Unless there is an imminent threat to health or safety, such notice of all major discipline including termination shall become effective five (5) days from issuance to the provisional employee.

8. The County agrees to provide employees and the Union with at least five working days' notice of a hearing. Charges for a minor disciplinary hearing must be submitted within six months. Charges for a major disciplinary hearing must be submitted within one year. The one-year limitation shall commence when the department head either knew or reasonably should have known of the violation.

9. An employee whose test results produce a positive reading for illegal drug use shall be subject to progressive discipline ranging from a suspension to termination taking into account the seriousness of the offense and prior disciplinary history. Any employee receiving a suspension shall also be required

to attend inpatient or outpatient treatment as decided by a licensed healthcare professional.

**B. Absence Without Leave**

Any unauthorized absence of an employee from duty shall be an absence without leave and is cause for disciplinary action.

**ARTICLE 27 NO STRIKES**

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For the duration of this Agreement, the Union, its officers, agents, representatives, and members shall not in any way directly or indirectly authorize, cause, assist, encourage, participate in, ratify or condone any strike, sit-in, slowdown, cessation or stoppage of work, boycott, or other interference with or interruption of work at any of the operations of the County. Inciting or inducing any such activity shall constitute cause for suspension or discharge under this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 28 DONATED SICK LEAVE PROGRAM**

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The County and Union negotiated a Donated Sick Leave Program which shall be established by County policy. The Program shall be incorporated into this contract upon approval from the State Civil Service Commission.

**ARTICLE 29 SAVING CLAUSE**

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In the event any Article, Section or Portion of this agreement should be held invalid and unenforceable by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall apply only to the specific Article, Section or Portion thereof specifically specified in the Court's decision; and upon issuance of such confer on the invalidated Article, Section or Portion thereof.

**ARTICLE 30 COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

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The County and the Union acknowledge this to be their complete Agreement and that this Agreement incorporates the entire understanding by the parties on all negotiable issues whether or not discussed.

**ARTICLE 31 EFFECTIVE DATES OF AGREEMENT**

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**A. Duration and Effect**

This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of signing herein by all of the parties hereto, and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2026. It is agreed to and understood by and between the parties hereto, that, unless specifically referred to as being retroactive all terms and provisions of this Agreement are not retroactive to January 1, 2023, and shall assume full force and effect beginning only on the date of the signing of this Agreement and continuing thereon to expiration of this Agreement.

**B. Renewal**

This Agreement shall automatically renew itself on January 1, 2027 and continue from that point, on a year to year basis, unless one or more of the parties hereto shall notify the other parties hereto in writing, at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to the scheduled expiration date of this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations for a new Agreement shall begin not later than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled expiration date of this Agreement.

The parties agree to commence negotiations for a successor Agreement to take effect January 1, 2027 no later than May 15, 2026.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives, respectively, attested by their Clerk and secretaries and their seals to be hereby affixed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON


  
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Felicia Hopson  
County Commission Director

  
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Eve Cullinan, County Administrator

BURLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY  
COMMISSION

  
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Jonathan Chebra, Chair

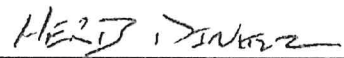
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OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

  
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President, CWA Local 1036

  
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Billie Scanza,  
Staff Representative

  
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**EXHIBIT A: SUPERVISORY TITLES**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Range</b>
Assistant Environmental Health Coordinator	35
Assistant Supervising Heating & Air Cond. Mechanic	21
Assistant Nutrition Program Coordinator (WIC)	30
Assistant Supervisor Traffic Maintenance	19
Assistant Supervising Bridge Repairer	21
Assistant Supervising Mechanic	21
Assistant Traffic Engineer	34
Assistant Veterans Service Officer	14
Chief Forensic Chemist	34
Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist	35
Coordinator Community Health Services	36
Coordinator of Maintenance Services	27
Coordinator of Long Term Care	33
Director Health Education	34
District Recycling Coordinator	27
Fiscal Officer	35
General Supervisor Parks	30
Geographic Information Systems Specialist 1	32
Hazardous Waste Operations Supervisor	30
Investment Specialist	34
Management Specialist/ Supervising Library Asst.	28
Manager Animal Control Facility	32
Nutrition Program Coordinator	29
Principal Accountant	30
Principal Technician MIS	50
Records Manager	29
Records Support Technician 4	28
Road Repairer 3	21
Supervising Administrative Analyst	32
Supervising Animal Attendant	21
Supervising Bridge Repairer	28
Supervising Computer Operator	22
Supervising Data Control Clerk	13

Supervising Dietician	28
Supervising Employment Specialist	26
Supervising Engineering Aide	31
Supervising Environmental Health Specialist	33
Supervising Field Representative, Disease Prev.	34
Supervising Groundskeeper	20
Supervising Heating & Air Conditioning Mechanic	25
Supervising Juvenile Detention Officer	23
Supervising Maintenance Repairer	24
Supervising Mechanic	28
Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator	30A
Supervising Road Inspector	28
Supervising Substance Abuse Counselor	30
Supervising Weighmaster	23
Supervising Youth Group Worker	31
Supervisor Emergency Telecommunications	33
Supervisor Mosquito Extermination	28
Supervisor Traffic Maintenance	22 ?28
Supervisor Roads	28
Supervisor Trees	28
Systems Analyst	35

**LIBRARY DEPT TITLES**

*Titles are designated as either 35-hour or 37.5 hour workweeks*

Management Specialist/ Supervising Library Asst.	28
Librarian 4	33
Supervising Librarian/ Systems Analyst	31

## **EXHIBIT B: WORK CLOTHING**

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### Medium Blue Collar:

- Assistant Supervising Bridge Repairer
- Road Repairer 3
- Supervising Bridge Repairer
- Supervisor Mosquito Extermination
- Supervisor Roads
- Supervisor Trees

### Heavy Blue Collar:

- Assistant Supervising Mechanic
- Supervising Mechanic



**EXHIBIT C, Part 1: SALARY RANGES FOR 2023 – 2024**

January 1, 2023			January 1, 2024		
Range	Minimum	Maximum	Range	Minimum	Maximum
2	32,885	49,642	2	34,385	51,142
3	33,609	51,412	3	35,109	52,912
4	34,332	53,268	4	35,832	54,768
4A	35,000	53,268	4A	36,500	54,768
5	35,055	55,222	5	36,555	56,722
6	35,778	56,862	6	37,278	58,362
7	36,502	58,565	7	38,002	60,065
7A	38,000	58,565	7A	39,500	60,065
8	37,225	60,337	8	38,725	61,837
9	37,946	62,181	9	39,446	63,681
10	38,671	64,099	10	40,171	65,599
11	39,394	65,345	11	40,894	66,845
11A	44,126	65,345	11A	45,626	66,845
12	40,116	66,623	12	41,616	68,123
12A	44,126	66,623	12A	45,626	68,123
13	40,841	67,933	13	42,341	69,433
14	41,563	69,276	14	43,063	70,776
14A	46,295	69,276	14A	47,795	70,776
15	42,286	70,652	15	43,786	72,152
15A	45,000	70,652	15A	46,500	72,152
16	43,010	72,063	16	44,510	73,563
17	43,733	73,507	17	45,233	75,007
17A	52,295	73,507	17A	53,795	75,007
18	44,457	74,693	18	45,957	76,193
19	45,179	75,900	19	46,679	77,400
20	45,902	77,135	20	47,402	78,635
20A	49,500	77,135	20A	51,000	78,635
21	46,626	78,394	21	48,126	79,894
22	47,349	79,675	22	48,849	81,175
23	48,072	80,983	23	49,572	82,483
24	48,795	82,319	24	50,295	83,819
25	49,518	83,678	25	51,018	85,178
26	50,258	85,071	26	51,758	86,571
27	51,512	86,485	27	53,012	87,985
27A	55,000	86,485	27A	56,500	87,985
28	52,858	87,929	28	54,358	89,429
29	54,209	89,404	29	55,709	90,904
30	55,565	90,904	30	57,065	92,404
30A	60,000	90,904	30A	61,500	92,404
31	56,916	92,439	31	58,416	93,939
32	58,271	94,003	32	59,771	95,503
33	59,622	95,599	33	61,122	97,099
34	60,978	97,226	34	62,478	98,726
35	62,330	98,885	35	63,830	100,385
36	63,685	114,291	36	65,185	115,791

**EXHIBIT C, Part 2: SALARY RANGES FOR 2025 – 2026**

January 1, 2025			January 1, 2026		
Range	Minimum	Maximum	Range	Minimum	Maximum
2	35,245	52,421	2	36,126	53,731
3	35,987	54,235	3	36,886	55,591
4	36,728	56,137	4	37,646	57,541
4A	37,412	56,137	4A	38,348	57,541
5	37,469	58,140	5	38,406	59,594
6	38,210	59,821	6	39,165	61,317
7	38,952	61,567	7	39,926	63,106
7A	40,488	61,567	7A	41,500	63,106
8	39,693	63,383	8	40,685	64,967
9	40,432	65,273	9	41,443	66,905
10	41,175	67,239	10	42,205	68,920
11	41,916	68,516	11	42,964	70,229
11A	46,767	68,516	11A	47,936	70,229
12	42,656	69,826	12	43,723	71,572
12A	46,767	68,516	12A	47,936	70,229
13	43,400	71,169	13	44,485	72,948
14	44,140	72,545	14	45,243	74,359
14A	48,990	72,545	14A	49,970	74,359
15	44,881	73,956	15	46,003	75,805
15A	47,663	73,956	15A	48,854	75,805
16	45,623	75,402	16	46,763	77,287
17	46,364	76,882	17	47,523	78,804
17A	55,140	76,882	17A	56,243	78,804
18	47,106	78,098	18	48,284	80,050
19	47,846	79,335	19	49,042	81,318
20	48,587	80,601	20	49,802	82,616
20A	52,275	80,601	20A	53,582	82,616
21	49,329	81,891	21	50,562	83,939
22	50,070	83,204	22	51,322	85,284
23	50,811	84,545	23	52,082	86,659
24	51,552	85,914	24	52,841	88,062
25	52,293	87,307	25	53,601	89,490
26	53,052	88,735	26	54,378	90,954
27	54,337	90,185	27	55,696	92,439
27A	57,913	90,185	27A	59,360	92,439
28	55,717	91,665	28	57,110	93,956
29	57,102	93,177	29	58,529	95,506
30	58,492	94,714	30	59,954	97,082
30A	63,038	94,714	30A	64,613	97,082
31	59,876	96,287	31	61,373	98,695
32	61,265	97,891	32	62,797	100,338
33	62,650	99,526	33	64,216	102,015
34	64,040	101,194	34	65,641	103,724
35	65,426	102,895	35	67,061	105,467
36	66,815	118,686	36	68,485	121,653

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