

AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF OCEAN CITY

AND  
OCEAN CITY POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL NO. 61

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this 31st day of \_\_\_\_\_ January \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, by and between the CITY OF OCEAN CITY, County of Cape May, a municipal corporation in the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "City," and LOCAL NO. 61, POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY (P.B.A.), hereinafter referred to as the "Association," represents the complete and final understanding on all bargainable issues between the City and the Association.

WHEREAS, the purpose of mutual understanding and order that a harmonious relationship may exist between the City and the Association to the end a continuous and efficient service will be rendered to and by both parties, for the benefit of both. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I  
ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

A. The City hereby recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive collective negotiating agent and representative for all full time police officers employed in the police department of Ocean City, New Jersey, but excluding the Police Chief, Craft and Clerical employees of said department and all other City employees.

B. "Policeman" or "Police Officer" shall be defined to include the plural as well as the singular and to include males and females, uniformed members and non-uniformed members assigned to plain clothes.

ARTICLE II  
LEGAL REFERENCE

A. Nothing contained herein shall be construed or deny or restrict any policeman such rights as he may have under any other applicable laws and regulations.

B. Provisions of this Agreement should be subject to and subordinate to State Law, but nothing contained herein shall be deemed to subordinate this contract to local ordinances.

ARTICLE III  
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The City hereby retains and reserves unto itself all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the Laws and Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and the United States.

B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties or responsibilities of the City, the adoption of policy, rules, regulations and practices and furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and that only to the extent that specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States and the ordinances of Ocean City,

C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the City of its rights, responsibilities, and authorities under N.J.S.A. 40:1-1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 40A:1-1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 11:1-1 et. seq., or any other national, state, or county law.

ARTICLE IV  
MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

All conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work and general working conditions presently in effect, for police officers shall be maintained at not less than the standards now in effect and the conditions shall be improved wherever specific conditions for improvement are made in this Agreement.



ARTICLE V  
THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS

A. The City recognizes the Association as an affiliate of the State Policemen's Benevolent Association and as such must send a delegate or designee, in the interest of both the City and the Association, to various meetings and functions of the State organization. The Delegate or designee shall be permitted no more than 15 days per year with pay for attendance for official functions of the State P.B.A., with the purpose of same being to foster the purposes and intent of this Agreement and to improve all aspects of police activities. The PBA delegate or assignee shall provide 30 days' notice prior to activities for State PBA meeting. Additional days may be applied for and may be granted at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

1. Functions of the State PBA will be considered on-duty for travel portal to portal to, from and during meetings.
  - a. The PBA shall notify the City of its designated delegate/designee.
  - b. No extra pay shall be afforded the delegate/designee for attendance at meetings.
  - c. The delegate/designee shall be covered by insurance as if on duty.
  - d. If the delegate/designee chooses to partake of social functions after the conclusion of the meeting(s), he/she shall call the police desk and shall be considered off-duty and without City insurance coverage.

B. Upon prior notification to the Chief or his designee, authorized representatives of the Association shall be permitted to visit police headquarters or the office of the Chief of Police, Business Administrator, or the Personnel Director for the purpose of investigating alleged violations of this Agreement. This right shall be exercised reasonably, and said representatives shall not interfere with the normal operations of the police department.

C. During negotiations, the Association representatives so authorized by the Association, not to exceed four (4), shall be excused from their normal duties for such period of negotiations as are reasonable and necessary. Such excused individuals, however, shall be available for duty in the event the need arises.

D. The City agrees to grant time off for convention pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14- 177 and N.J.S.A. 11A:6-10.

E. The City and the Association agree that all hours spent by employees in attending to union business and attending negotiations pursuant to this Article shall be in conformance with current and future FLSA rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI  
RETENTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Members shall retain all civil rights under New Jersey State Law and Federal Law.

ARTICLE VII  
POLICE BILL OF RIGHTS

A. Members of the force hold a unique status as public officers in that the nature of their office and employment involves the exercise of a portion of the police powers of the municipality.

B. Wide-ranging powers and duties given to the Department and its members involve them in all manner of contacts and relationships with the public. Out of these contacts may come questions concerning the actions of the members of the force. These questions may require investigation by superior officers. In an effort to insure that these investigations are conducted in the manner, which is conducive to good order and discipline, the following rules are hereby adopted:

1. The member shall be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation commences. If the informant or complainant is anonymous, then the officer shall be so advised. Sufficient information to reasonably apprise a member of the allegations shall be provided. If it is known that the member of the force is being interrogated as a witness only, he should be so informed at the initial contact. However, if the member is subject to a disciplinary investigation, which may result in suspension or discharge, he shall have the opportunity to obtain representation by the Association before any questioning occurs.

2. The questioning shall be reasonable in length. A reasonable respite shall be allowed. Time shall also be provided for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls, and rest periods as are reasonably necessary.

3. The interview of the member shall not be recorded unless mutually agreed.

4. If a member of the force is under arrest or is likely to be, that is, if he is a suspect or the target of a criminal investigation, he shall be immediately warned of all of his constitutional rights, pursuant to the Constitution of the United States and of the State of New Jersey, and be immediately permitted to consult with counsel of his own choosing prior to any questioning taking place. Reimbursement of counsel costs, if any, will be in accordance with New Jersey Statute.

5. Members covered herein shall only be disciplined for just cause. Members shall be apprised in writing of the reason(s) for such discipline.

6. A member who is the subject of disciplinary investigation may not be required to prepare reports, which may deal with the subject matter of the investigation until after he/she has had reasonably opportunity to consult with his/her own attorney.

7. Members shall not be suspending or suffer any loss of benefits until after said member has had a disciplinary hearing and has been found guilty, except in the cases of severe nature, when the Chief deems the suspension of a member an immediate necessity for the safety of the public or the welfare of the Department. The Chief shall immediately submit a report explaining such action to the Business Administrator and a copy of said report shall be made available to the member upon submission to the Business Administrator.

8. Disciplinary actions shall commence within 45 days of the occurrence as provided in statute and case law, which is the basis for said action. Any material recorded in the personnel file of said officer shall be admissible even though recorded earlier than one (1) year.

a. Suspensions and removal of members and officers; complaints; Limitations on filing; notices of hearings shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-147.

b. Suspensions pending hearing and commencement of hearing shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-149.

9. All police officers shall have access to their individual personnel files upon reasonable notice to the Chief of Police or his designee. No separate personnel file shall be established which is not available for an officer's inspection, and any written material will not be placed in the officer's file until reviewed and initialed by the officer. The officer's initial shall not constitute agreement with the content of said materials.

10. Whenever an officer's personnel file is reviewed either in part or whole by someone outside of the Police Department/City Administration or whenever someone outside of the Police Department/City Administration is given access to the contents of that file, the officer will be notified of such activity by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

ARTICLE VIII  
RETIREMENT

A. Police officers shall have all pension rights available under current or future New Jersey Law.

B. If an officer is killed in the line of duty, the City shall continue to provide in full force and effect all insurance benefits as specified in Sections A, B and C of Article XVI for the officer's spouse until his or her death or remarriage, whichever comes first, and for the officer's children until each reaches his or her 26th birthday,

1. On/after January 1, 1994, if an officer dies while in the employ of the City of Ocean City, the City shall continue to provide in full force and effect all insurance benefits as specified in Sections A, B and C of Article XVI for the officer's spouse and children until each child reaches his/her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday, or in the event that there are no children or the children have already reached their 21st birthday, the surviving spouse's benefits will continue for three (3) years.

C. Retirement Health Benefits

1. An officer who retires on or after April 27, 1988, or dies while in the employ of the City with 25 or more years of service with the City of Ocean City, shall receive health benefit coverage (medical/major medical) for the retiree and his/her family, which shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Health and Welfare Article XVI, Section E (State Health Benefits Plan).

2. An officer who retires on or after March 13, 1990, or dies while in the employ of the City with 25 or more years of service with the City of Ocean City, shall receive prescription benefits with a one-third (1/3) co-pay for the retiree and his/her family.

3. An officer who retires on or after January 1, 1994, or dies while in the employ of the City with 25 or more years of service with the City of Ocean City, shall receive an eye care plan for the retiree and his/her family. Coverage shall be one-third (1/3) co-pay with a maximum yearly benefit of \$500 for the retiree and/or his/her family. The total yearly benefit in the first year of retirement will not exceed \$500 for active and retired status.

4. An officer who dies while in the employ of the City or retires on or after January 1, 2012, under the New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System with at least twenty-five (25) years of service in the pension and with at least twenty (20) years of full-time service with the City shall be eligible to enroll in the City's current retiree plan and receive the current benefit package, up to and including family coverage, that is being offered by the City, to retirees, for which retired officers covered by this section of the Agreement shall pay ten percent (10%) of the annual health care premium costs and the City shall pay the remaining ninety percent (90%) of the annual health care premium costs, until he/she reaches eligibility for full retirement at age 65 or later as determined by the Social Security Administration. At that time, the City's plan will become the secondary plan and per paragraph 6 below. The above benefit will be extended to any employee released

from employment because of a certified permanent disability occurred as a direct result of his/her employ with the City in the line of duty. In all cases, on an annual basis, an employee will be required to sign a certification setting forth, under the penalty of perjury, that he/she or his/her spouse is neither eligible to participate in nor has available to him/her an alternate health benefits program. Further, the employee's level of coverage (i.e., single, husband/wife, family, etc.) shall be no greater than the employee's actual level of coverage at time of retirement.

a. An officer who retires on/after January 1,1992, and dies while retired prior to reaching the age of 65, the City shall continue the health benefit coverage entitlement for the retired officer's spouse until his/her death or remarriage and for the retired officer's children until each reaches his/her 21st birthday.

b. This coverage shall be effective as long as the City is self-insured or is not contractually prohibited by an insurance carrier. In the case of the latter, the City shall pay the surviving spouse an amount equal to the premium for active officer medical/major medical benefits.

5. Leaves of absence without pay shall not count toward service time, and time served prior to a resignation shall be lost.

6. When a member and/or his/her spouse become eligible for Medicare/Medicaid, the City's health plan shall remain in effect as secondary provider. The City's maximum liability as secondary provider shall be \$20,000 annually per covered individual under this provision. This provision is applicable to officers who retire on/after January 1,1992.

7. If an employee retires due to accidental disability, and that employee is granted Accidental Disability Retirement Benefits from the Police and Firemen Retirement System, all medical benefits shall be continued until the death of the employee, spouse, and children to age 24 26. This provision is applicable to officers who retire on/after January 1,1990.

a. The employee is entitled to enroll in COBRA during his /her appeal if not granted the accidental disability' retirement. If the appeal extends beyond the eighteen (18) months COBRA entitlement, the employee shall be eligible to continue the COBRA benefits for an additional period of eighteen (18) months, if not illegal, and if approved by the city's insurance carrier, and if it does not jeopardize the integrity of the health benefit plan.

8. It is understood and agreed that health care coverage for retirees is not retroactive and will only apply to individuals who retire after the above dates and who conform to any restrictions noted above. \*See Addendum A, as amended.

9. Upon written request, retirees shall receive descriptions of their health benefits annually.

ARTICLE IX  
EXTRACONTRACT AGREEMENT

The City agrees not to enter into any agreements or contracts with the Association members who are covered hereunder, individually or collectively, which in anyway conflicts with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE X  
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A. Leaves of absence, without pay, may be granted by the City for emergency situations, or other valid reasons, by the Department Head and approved by the appointing authority in accordance with current New Jersey Department of Personnel rules.

B. Periods of absence shall not exceed six (6) months at any one time. Such leaves may be renewed for an additional six (6) months by the appointing authority with approval by the governing body. No further renewal or extension may be granted except upon request by the appointing authority and written approval by the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

C. Leaves of absence shall be requested by officers in writing at least 30 days (if possible) prior to commencement, except for maternity leave, which requires at least 90 days (if possible) prior to starting the leave.

D. The City shall pay all health benefits not to exceed six (6) months; thereafter, if additional leave is granted and taken, the officer may elect to retain said benefits, and if so, she/he shall reimburse the City for the cost incurred.

E. Medical Leave of Absence - The City retains the right to place an officer on a medical leave of absence for any one of the following reasons:

1. Whenever the officer's physical or mental condition adversely affects his/her ability to continue to provide effective job performance.

2. The physical or mental condition would impair the officer's health if permitted to continue working.

3. The process to determine whether an officer is physically/mentally capable to continue work or return to work is:

a. The City's physician and the officer's physician agree to the officer's capabilities, or

b. Should a disagreement be found in the physicians' opinions, the City requests a third impartial examination. The expense of such examination shall be borne equally by the employee and the City. The results of the examination shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of mental/physical capacity to return to or continue working.

F. Pregnancy - Disability Leave. An employee may request and be granted disability leave due to pregnancy under the same terms and conditions as all other leaves without pay.

G. Child care leave may be granted under the same terms and conditions as all other leaves without pay.

H. A permanent employee shall be granted a leave without pay to fill an elective public office for the term of the office.



1. Education Leave

1. The appointing authority, with the approval of the governing body, may grant education leave without pay for the purpose of obtaining training that is of direct value to the local government.
  2. Education leave will not be deducted from an employee's seniority.
2. A leave of absence that is approved for a specific purpose, and is used for another purpose, may be considered an abuse and constitute cause for disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XI  
WORK WEEK AND OVERTIME

A. The normal workweek for all members of the unit shall consist of an average forty-two (42) hours per week on a yearly basis. Employees covered by this agreement shall be paid for one hundred four (104) hours at the per diem rate in addition to regular salary, and schooling and longevity, if applicable, and holidays. The method of payment is that the one hundred four (104) hours shall be included in the base wages.

All members covered by this Agreement shall, in addition to their base pay which includes longevity and schooling, if applicable, and compensation for the one hundred four (104) hours and compensation for the forty-eight (48) holiday hours, be paid at one-and-one half (1 ½) times their straight hourly rate. All overtime over and above the forty-two (42) hour workweek shall be computed by dividing a week's pay by forty-two (42) hours. Said overtime payment shall be provided from the City's annual budgeted overtime fund and shall be equitably distributed. When this fund is exhausted, overtime shall be taken as compensatory time and one-and one-half (1 ½) times the number of hours worked.

B. Overtime shall be compensated, unless otherwise provided for, at the present rate and method of compensation on the following basis:

1. 0-15 minutes no compensation
2. 16-30 minutes .5 hours of compensation
3. 31-60 minutes 1 hour of compensation
4. Thereafter, all overtime will be administered in .5-hour segments.

C. If a member is called to duty on his day off, he should be paid for all hours worked and shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours at the present rate and method of compensation. N.J.S.A. 34:15 et. seq. (Worker's Compensation) applies to an employee en route to or from a "call-in" in the same way it applies to travel to or from a regular work shift.

D. If a member is recalled to duty, he/she shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours at the present rate and method of compensation. Overtime contiguous with front or backside of shift shall not be eligible for compensation under this paragraph.

E. All police personnel on emergency call must report back within thirty (30) minutes after notification is received by such personnel. A written report may be requested of any police officer by the Chief, or his designee, if said police officer fails to report back on emergency call within thirty (30) minutes, whether or not personally notified.

F. To the extent feasible and in conformity with divisional requirements, overtime assignments should be distributed as fairly and equitably as possible.

G. The existing practice of fifty-two (52) hours per year as compensatory time provided for Detectives to provide on-call coverage shall be maintained during the term of this Agreement.

H. It is acknowledged that the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall apply to the City on April 15, 1986 and that the United States Department of Labor is to promulgate regulations governing such application prior to that date. The City reserves the right to establish rules and regulations concerning the monitoring of and compensation for overtime in order to comply with such regulations and to comply with FLSA generally.

It is acknowledged that pursuant to Section 7(k) of FLSA, the City may elect a work period between 7 and 28 days. Such an election would not affect the work schedule or the pay period of the employees, and is made solely for the purpose of the calculations required by FLSA. In the event of such an election or any amendment thereto, the work schedule in force at that time shall continue, unaltered by said election.

Changes in work periods under Section 7(k) shall not be made arbitrarily or capriciously by the City.

The City will not attempt to recoup payments made prior to April 15, 1986 and any future date. Neither will the City unilaterally reduce regular pay or fringe benefits in an attempt to nullify the legislative applications of overtime compensation.

The City reserves the right to credit any payments made pursuant to this Agreement other than payments made as compensation for "hours worked" as defined in FLSA, against any overtime obligation incurred under FLSA.

I. In the event of transfer or reassignment, Officer(s) so affected shall be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance, except in emergent situations.

ARTICLE XII  
VACATIONS

A. Annual vacations shall be granted as follows:

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| 1. From date of hire to the end of first year - month.               | Eight (8) hours for each |
| 2. Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) through fifth (5 <sup>th</sup> ) year - | 96 hours.                |
| 3. Sixth(6 <sup>th</sup> ) through tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> ) year -  | 144hours.                |
| 4. Eleventh (11 <sup>th</sup> ) through 15 <sup>th</sup> year        | 176 hours.               |
| 5. Sixteenth (16 <sup>th</sup> ) through 20 <sup>th</sup> -          | 216 hours.               |
| 6. Twenty-first (21 <sup>st</sup> ) year to date of retirement -     | 240 hours.               |

B. Two (2) members on the same squad shall be permitted to take vacation leave at the same time subject to approval by the Chief, Vacations from July 1 through Labor Day shall be limited to five (5) working days and selection of days based upon seniority. For personnel assigned to work the 12-hour shift, vacations during this period of time will be limited to three (3) working days.

C. If a member is not able to take his vacation or any part thereof during a calendar year because of the pressure of municipal business and the needs of the Division, such vacation period not granted shall accumulate and shall be granted during the next succeeding calendar year. Otherwise, vacations shall not accumulate beyond the calendar year.

D. If a member becomes sufficiently ill so as to require inpatient hospitalization while he/she is on vacation, he/she may charge such period of illness and post-hospital recuperation against sick leave at his/her option. Said member must submit proof of hospitalization and a physician's certificate certifying as to the need for post-hospital recuperation.

E. Members shall not be recalled on their vacation days, except in emergencies. In those emergency situations, members shall be paid the overtime rate and shall not lose vacation credit for the day called in.

F. At the sole discretion of the Chief, vacation days may be split initially into two (2) time segments per calendar year. The initial choice of the time of the year when vacations are to be taken by various members, subject to the approval of the Chief, shall be determined on the seniority basis amongst the ranks, and within each rank, dependent on the number of years of continuous departmental service, except for members assigned to special units in which case seniority for purposes of selecting vacation days shall be determined on the number of years of continuous service within that special unit, regardless of departmental service. Those members electing to split their vacations shall choose the first segment of their vacation in accordance with the above stated criteria. The second segment of vacation time shall be chosen, with the approval of the Chief, after all members have made their initial vacation choices.

ARTICLE XIII  
HOLIDAYS

- A. Each employee shall be entitled to 14 holidays, which are compensated as follows:
- | <u>Paid (8 hours per day)</u> | <u>Compensatory Time (8 hours per day)</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|
| New Year's Day                | Martin Luther King's Birthday              |
| Memorial Day                  | Lincoln's Birthday                         |
| Independence Day              | Washington's Birthday                      |
| Labor Day                     | Good Friday                                |
| Thanksgiving Day              | Columbus Day                               |
| Christmas Day                 | Election Day (Primary)                     |
|                               | Election Day (General)                     |
|                               | Veterans Day                               |

1. Effective January 1, 2006, each employee shall be entitled to sixty-four (64) hours of Holiday compensatory time at the rate of sixteen (16) hours per quarter.

2. Effective January 1, 2006, each employee shall be entitled to forty-eight (48) hours of paid Holiday time rolled into base pay.

B. In addition, whenever the majority of City employees are granted a day off in observance of a federal, state, or local holiday or by proclamation of the Mayor, with the exception of particular emergency situations, the members of the Police Department shall receive equal time off.

C. Compensatory days off may be taken with the permission of the Chief, or his designee.

D. At the option of the employee, she/he may elect to be compensated for up to eight (8) days of the above listed holidays instead of receiving compensatory time provided the Chief of Police is notified, in writing, by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the prior year. This compensation shall be determined by using the salary in effect when the days were earned. Payment shall be made during the first month of the succeeding calendar year.

ARTICLE XIV  
INJURY LEAVE

If a member is incapacitated and unable to work because of a job-related injury, he/she shall be entitled to injury leave with full pay during the period in which he/she is unable to perform his/her duties up to a period of one year as mutually certified by the member's own doctor and the City's doctor. The wages are to be offset by the amount of workmen's compensation wage payments pursuant to Chapter XV of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

If, however, during the period of disability, the City's doctor releases the member to work modified duty with restrictions, and if the City's Police Department has work within those restrictions for which the member is qualified, the member is required to work the modified duty for the Police Department.

The provisions of this Agreement will govern the terms and conditions of employment of employees assigned to accommodated duty, except as may be modified by the mutual agreement of the parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE XV  
SICK LEAVE/TERMINAL LEAVE

A. Service Credit for Sick Leave

1. All employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay as presently in effect and as specified hereunder.

B. Amount of Sick Leave

1. During the first year of employment only, police officers shall be entitled to and accrue 10 hours sick time per month. Thereafter, sick leave shall be added each year as of January 1<sup>st</sup> at the rate of 120 hours per year per police officer, in anticipation of continued employment for the full year.

2. Any amount of sick leave allowance not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year, to be used if and when needed for sick leave.

C. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave

1. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him/her to sick leave, the Department shall be notified prior to the employee's starting time, in accordance with Department rules and regulations.

a. Failure to so notify the Department may be cause of denial of the use of sick leave for that absence and may constitute cause for disciplinary action.

b. Absence without notice for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation not in good standing

D. Verification of Sick Leave

1. The City may require proof of illness of an employee on sick leave, after the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) instance or on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) consecutive day off or whenever such a requirement appears reasonable and warranted under the circumstances to prevent a continued pattern of abuse of sick leave by an employee. Verified abuse of sick leave may be cause for disciplinary action.

2. The Association further acknowledges that the City, through the Police Chief or his designee, may adopt sick leave and verification policies provided that the policies do not constitute an egregious invasion of the employee's privacy. The application of the policy shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

3. In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the City doctor shall be required prior to the employee's return to work.

4. The City may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his return to duty, to be examined, at the expense of the City, by a physician designated by the City. Such examination shall establish whether the employee is capable of performing his/her normal duties and that his/her return will not jeopardize the health or safety of other employees.

E. Terminal Leave

If a member retires without using his/her accumulated sick leave, he/she shall be compensated for terminal leave as provided herein,

1. Criteria for payment of \$22,500: Hours Needed: 1,200 hours
2. Criteria for payment in addition to \$22,500: Hours Needed: 1,208 hrs. & above  
Compensation: \$12.50 per hour
3. Effective January 1, 1999, an officer who is not eligible for a payment of \$22,500 shall be remunerated for his/her accumulated sick hours at the rate of \$100.00 per each eight hours.
4. If an officer dies prior to retirement and is entitled to terminal leave pay, any remuneration due shall be paid to the officer's estate upon providing undisputed legal right to inherit and subject to limitation as stated above. The City solicitor will assist with required forms.
5. Employees hired after March 20, 2012 shall have their terminal leave capped at \$7,500.00 under Article XV, Paragraph E.



ARTICLE XVI  
INSURANCE, HEALTH AND WELFARE

A. The City shall continue to provide a comprehensive base health benefit program equal to the State Health Benefits Direct 15 Plan including hospitalization, medical treatment, surgical fees, office visits, and major medical coverage as follows: 70% of the first \$4,000, and 100% thereafter. Additionally, effective January 1, 2016, the co-payment for emergency room visits will increase from \$25.00 to \$100.00 per visit.

1. It is agreed that upon reasonable request by either party, good faith discussions will occur to consider all aspects of cost containment pertaining to health benefits, including but not limited to plans, plan design, employee contributions, or changes in statutory provisions related to health care. It is agreed that either or both parties may use and have present professionals. It is further agreed that there shall be no changes, revisions, and/or modifications to the terms of this contract unless by mutual written consent and approval by the Governing Body and the respective members of the majority representative.

Effective the first of the month after mutual signing of the contract and ratification, dental coverage for the member and their family at a maximum of \$1,500 annually, and orthodontics at a maximum lifetime benefit of \$3,000, with employees responsible for a fifty (50%) percent co-payment. Family includes dependent children up to a maximum age of the end of their 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

2. Health Care Contributions shall be pursuant to P.L. 2011. C.78.

B. The City shall provide, at its cost, a prescription drug plan for the individual member and his/her family with the following co-pays:

Generic	\$3.00
Brand Name	\$10.00
Mail Order:	
Generic:	\$5.00
Brand Name:	\$15.00

The co-pay for active officers and their families is ineligible for reimbursement through the major medical part of the health plan.

C. The City shall provide an eye care plan for the officer and his/her family. Coverage shall be one-third (1/3) co-pay with a maximum yearly benefit of \$500 for the member and/or his/her family, which can include laser eye surgery for the member and/or their family. Family includes dependent children up to a maximum age of the end of their 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

D. The City shall defend and indemnify all Department personnel from any and all suits or actions arising out of or pertaining to work-related incidents or from the performance of any functions as law enforcement officers of the State of New Jersey.

E. The City shall provide legal advice and counsel to each member pursuant to present State Statutes (particularly N.J.S.A. 40A:14-155) and whenever a member or counsel of his choice on

his behalf shall request reimbursement or repayment of reasonable legal fees as required under the foregoing Statute, the City shall promptly decide upon such request.

F. The City shall provide a \$25,000 life insurance policy on the life of each member with the member to designate the beneficiary thereof. Upon separation of service, the member, at his/her option and cost, may convert said life insurance on an individual basis.

I. If the City desires to change any of the present active or retiree plans or carriers, the benefits in any new plan shall be the same or better than the plan presently in effect. The City shall notify the Association three months in advance or as soon as possible.

J. If an officer suffers on-duty death, the City will pay up to \$10,000 for funeral expenses upon presentation of verified bills/invoices.

K. Accommodating Restrictions

The City's "Policy for Handling Requests for Accommodation" (Policy Number 2.33, attached as Addendum B) will be utilized for handling employee requests for light duty, limited duty, and medical restrictions, temporary and ongoing disabilities.

ARTICLE XVII  
EXCHANGE OF DAYS OFF

The Chief or his designee shall grant any reasonable request of any member of the Department to exchange hours, tours of duty or days off. Such request shall be granted on a uniform basis with standard rules and regulations applying to all members who make this request, provided, however, that such exchange of days off shall not result in the City incurring overtime liability under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

It is understood and agreed that hours worked in exchange shall be excluded by the City in the calculation of the hours for which an employee is entitled to overtime compensation under the FLSA.

ARTICLE XVIII  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

A. The City shall provide the following annual clothing allowance for the maintenance and replacement of clothing used for work for all employees hired between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Employees hired between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year shall receive \$500. Thereafter, they shall be entitled to the full yearly clothing allowance - \$1,400 paid on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>. NOTE: Amounts shall be reported to the Internal Revenue Service based upon applicable law.

1. All new hires after January 1, 1992, are entitled to the officer clothing allowance on or after their date of hire.

B. All uniforms damaged while on duty shall be replaced by the City, after inspection by the Chief or his designee.

C. All personal items that are damaged, destroyed, or lost while on duty, which are not covered by insurance, shall be replaced by the City, after inspection and certification by the Chief or his designee. The City's liability shall not be more than \$300 per incident.

D. The dress code shall be at the Chief's discretion. Members shall be permitted to remove hats while in Headquarters or Patrol Cars. The member shall wear a short sleeve shirt (no tie) during the summer season. If needed, a lightweight jacket may also be worn (no tie). Normally, the member shall wear a long sleeve shirt and mock turtleneck (no tie) during the winter season. The dress blouse is no longer utilized for patrol operations.

1. Should an officer be selected by the Chief for a special event requiring a dress blouse, the City will provide it to the officer at its own cost and expense for the duration of the detail.

E. The City shall provide at its own cost and expense a complete initial uniform for newly employed members of the department and shall include:

One (1) baseball cap	One (1) winter hat
One (1) tie	One (1) tie tac
Three (3) pairs of pants	Three (3) summer shirts
Three (3) winter shirts	One (1) holster (Leather)
One (1) handcuff case (Leather)	One (1) PR-24 holder
One (1) radio holder (Leather)	One (1) Leather duty belt and metal buckle
One (1) rain hat cover	One (1) regulation winter coat
One (1) PR-24 baton	One (1) pair of handcuffs & keys
One (1) metal badge	One (1) metal hat badge
One (1) metal nametag	One (1) double magazine holder (Leather)
One (1) set of collar brass	One (1) holster (Nylon)
One (1) holster (Nylon)	One (1) handcuff case (Nylon)
One (1) OC Spray holder (Nylon)	One (1) canister of OC spray
One (1) OC spray holder (Leather)	One (1) radio holder (Nylon)
One (1) double magazine holder (Nylon)	One (1) Nylon duty belt and plastic buckle
One (1) portable radio with hand-held mike and charging unit	
One (1) regulation reversible raincoat with orange reflectorized lining	
One (1) multi-use out coat	
One (1) duty handgun with 3 magazines	One (1) gas mask and case
One (1) blouse dress coat	

F. In the event that the City originates any change in the present uniform or any part thereof, or requires as a result of promotion, a new uniform, then the cost due each member, as a result of that change, shall be borne by the City and shall not be considered as part of the yearly clothing allowance.

ARTICLE XIX  
TIME OFF

A. Members shall be granted time off without deduction from pay or time owed for the following requests:

1. Death in the immediate family - four (4) working days unless death occurs within 24 hours prior to the start of a five (5) day shift, in which case a fifth day shall be granted.

2. Serious illness (including childbirth) in the immediate family of the police officer shall not exceed three (3) working days. Serious illness shall be any instance in which such member of the immediate family is either hospitalized or incapacitated while at home.

3. Immediate family shall consist of spouse, child, stepchild, mother, father, brother, sister, stepmother, stepfather, guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchildren, grandparents, spouse's grandparents, sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

4. Personal Day - an officer may receive personal time per calendar year to attend to his/her personal business.

a. A personal day may be taken at any other time providing there is no scheduling conflict. A scheduling conflict shall mean any time the City would have to compensate someone at time and one-half to give the officer the day off. The employee must provide forty-eight (48) hours' notice except in cases of emergency as approved by the Chief of Police such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

b. A personal day will be granted upon recommendation of the shift commander and approval of the Chief.

c. An officer shall be entitled to two (2) personal days per calendar year.

5. Any time off granted under this Article shall not be deducted from any other time or benefits owed to the police officer.

B. In addition to the above, time off from duty may be granted at the sole discretion of the Chief for exceptional circumstances.

ARTICLE XX  
MILITARY LEAVE

Military leave shall be granted pursuant to State and Federal Statutes and Regulations.

ARTICLE XXI  
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, an equitable solution to the problems which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment under this Agreement.

B. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member(s) of the Department.

C. The term "grievance" as used herein means any controversy arising over the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and any controversy arising out of policies and administrative decisions affecting the terms and conditions of employment. A "grievance" may be raised by an individual, the Association on behalf of the individual, or a group of individuals, or the City.

D. The following constitutes the sole and exclusive method for resolving grievances between the parties covered by this Agreement, and shall be followed in its entirety unless any step is waived by mutual consent:

Step One:

The aggrieved or the Association shall institute action under the provisions hereof within 60 calendar days after the event giving rise to the grievance has occurred, and an earnest effort shall be made to settle the differences between the aggrieved employee and his immediate supervisor or Police Chief for the purpose of resolving the matter informally. Failure to act within said 60 calendar days shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance.

Step Two:

If no agreement can be reached orally within five (5) calendar days after the initial discussion with his supervisor, the employee or the Association may present the grievance in writing within five (5) calendar days thereafter to the Police Chief, or his designated representative. The written grievance at this step shall contain the relevant facts and a summary of the preceding oral discussion, the applicable section of the contract violated and the remedy requested by the grievant. The Police Chief or his designated representative will answer the grievance in writing within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of this written grievance.

Step Three:

If the Association wishes to appeal the decision of the Police Chief or his designated representative, such appeal shall be presented in writing to the Business Administrator or his designated representative within ten (10) calendar days thereafter. This presentation shall include copies of all previous correspondence relating to the matter in dispute. The Business Administrator or his designated representative shall respond, in writing, to the grievance within 20 calendar days of the submission.

Step Four:



If the grievance is not settled through Steps One, Two and Three, either the City or the Association shall have the right to submit the dispute to arbitration within 30 calendar days from receipt of the City's response pursuant to Step Three of this section pursuant to the rules and Regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission. The costs for the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the City and the Association. Any other expenses, including but not limited to the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the parties incurring same.

E.

1. The parties direct the arbitrator to decide, as a preliminary question, whether the arbitrator has jurisdiction to hear and decide the matter in dispute.

2. The arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey, and shall be restricted to the application of the facts presented to the arbitrator involved in the grievance. The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, modify, detract from, alter in any way the provisions of this Agreement or any amendment, or supplement thereto. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding,

F. The designated Association representatives shall be permitted as members of the grievance committee to confer with employees and the City on specific grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth herein during work hours of employees, without the loss of pay, provided the conduct of said business shall not diminish the effectiveness of the Ocean City Police Department or require the recall of off-duty employees.

G. The time limits expressed herein shall be strictly adhered to. If any grievance has not been initiated within the time limits specified, then the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned. If any grievance is not processed to the next succeeding step in the grievance procedure within the time limits prescribed thereunder, then the disposition of the grievance at the last preceding step shall be deemed to be conclusive. If a decision is not rendered within the time limits prescribed for decision at any step in the grievance procedure, then the grievance shall be deemed to have been denied. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to extend or contract the time limits provided for processing the grievance at any step in the grievance procedure.

H. In the event the aggrieved elects to pursue remedies available through the New Jersey Department of Personnel, the grievance shall be cancelled and the matter withdrawn from this procedure. It is agreed between the parties that no arbitration hearing shall be held until the expiration of at least 30 calendar days after the decision rendered by the Business Administrator or designated representative on the grievance. In the event the grievant pursues his/her remedies through the New Jersey Department of Personnel, the arbitration hearing, if any, shall be cancelled and the filing fees and expenses incurred thereby shall be paid by the grievant.

ARTICLE XXII  
QUALIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT

A. All standards presently in effect for entrance to the position of Police Officer shall be maintained at not less than the present standards, unless otherwise required by New Jersey or Federal law.

B. The City further agrees that it will not require Association members to perform on a regular basis duties other than that ordinarily required of a law enforcement officer in the State of New Jersey.

ARTICLE XXIII  
COMMENDATIONS

Two (2) days compensatory time off shall be granted to a police officer who has received a commendation from the Mayor of the City.

ARTICLE XXIV  
PATROL CARS AND EQUIPMENT

Patrol cars shall be an American model with the standard police package as outlined in the New Jersey State bid. The vehicles shall be equipped with a permanently mounted spotlight that can be aimed, and all emergency equipment mandated by the State of New Jersey. In addition, the vehicles shall be equipped with permanently mounted shot guns located inside the passenger compartment, cages and riot helmet.

ARTICLE XXV  
WAGES

- A. Effective January 1, 2019, the 2018 Officer's Wage Guide shall be increased by 2.0%.
- B. Effective January 1, 2020, the 2019 Officer's Wage Guide shall be increased by 1.75%.
- C. Effective January 1, 2021, the 2020 Officer's Wage Guide shall be increased by 1.75%.
- D. Effective January 1, 2022, the 2021 Officer's Wage Guide shall be increased by 2.0%.
- E. In each year of this contract, each Officer who has not reached the maximum step of the salary guide will advance to the next step of the guide.

**SUPERIOR OFFICER "BASE"**

	2.0%	1.75%	1.75%	2.0%	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Sgt	\$102,680	\$104,734	\$106,566	\$108,431	\$110,600
Lt	\$112,948	\$115,207	\$117,223	\$119,274	\$121,660
Capt	\$124,243	\$126,728	\$128,946	\$131,202	\$133,826

**OFFICER HIRED PRIOR TO 1/1/2019 "BASE"**

<u>Year</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
1	\$44,113	\$44,995	\$45,783	\$46,584	\$47,516
2	\$49,583	\$50,575	\$51,460	\$52,360	\$53,407
3	\$55,054	\$56,155	\$57,138	\$58,138	\$59,300
4	\$60,523	\$61,733	\$62,814	\$63,913	\$65,191
5	\$65,994	\$67,314	\$68,492	\$69,690	\$71,084
6	\$71,465	\$72,894	\$74,170	\$75,468	\$76,977
7	\$76,935	\$78,474	\$79,847	\$81,244	\$82,869
8	\$82,405	\$84,053	\$85,524	\$87,021	\$88,761
9	\$87,875	\$89,633	\$91,201	\$92,797	\$94,653
10	\$93,346	\$95,213	\$96,879	\$98,575	\$100,546

**OFFICER HIRED AFTER 1/1/2019 "BASE"**

	1.75%	1.75%	2.0%	
<u>Year</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>

1	\$40,000	\$40,700	\$41,412	\$42,240
2	\$45,019	\$45,807	\$46,608	\$47,541
3	\$50,038	\$50,914	\$51,805	\$52,841
4	\$55,057	\$56,020	\$57,001	\$58,141
5	\$60,076	\$61,127	\$62,197	\$63,441
6	\$65,095	\$66,234	\$67,393	\$68,741
7	\$70,114	\$71,341	\$72,589	\$74,041
8	\$75,133	\$76,448	\$77,786	\$79,341
9	\$80,152	\$81,555	\$82,982	\$84,642
10	\$85,171	\$86,661	\$88,178	\$89,942
11	\$90,190	\$91,768	\$93,374	\$95,242
12	\$95,213	\$96,879	\$98,575	\$100,546

F. In the event a member is officially designated to work out of title, he/she shall be compensated at the following additional rates:

- Acting Sgt. (desk): \$15.00 per normal workday from day one. Acting Sgt. (boardwalk)  
\$15.00 per normal workday from day one.
- Acting FTO: \$15.00 per normal workday from day one.
- Acting Lieutenant: Paid at the higher rate of pay, provided the vacancy was not caused by vacations, but must work in higher title for 30 consecutive days. He/she shall then receive the additional compensation retroactive to the first day of work in the higher title.
- Acting Captain: Paid at the higher rate of pay, provided the vacancy was not caused by vacations, but must work in higher title for 30 consecutive days. He/she shall then receive the additional compensation retroactive to the first day of work in the higher title.

G. In computing any salary for a given member during the duration of this contract and any extensions thereto, the City shall first add to the base pay of that year the percentage increase provided by this Agreement, and then add to that figure the applicable longevity increase percentage, pursuant to Article XXVI - Longevity. Such computations for longevity must be made as promptly as possible and shall be retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

H. Effective January 1, 1981, increments will be tied to merit for new employees or those promoted after January 1, 1981, as per the following:

"The parties agree that the present employees eligible for increments as of 12/31/80 will continue to automatically progress towards maximum, in classification, based on years of service in the Department. For all new employees hired after January 1, 1981 or promoted after January 1, 1981, increments will be based on a merit and performance system established by the parties in conformance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel rules and regulations. It is understood that in case this section is found to be illegal and in non-compliance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel rules and regulations on this matter, negotiations shall commence between the parties to the extent allowed by law to

conform the contractual provisions herein to the New Jersey Department of Personnel rules and regulations."

I. An officer who is assigned to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator shall receive his/her normal contractual salary plus \$7,500 per annum.

J. All Patrol Officers, who are assigned the 7PM to 7AM shift shall receive a shift differential of \$12.00 per shift for every shift scheduled.

ARTICLE XXVI  
LONGEVITY

A. All members shall receive longevity pay, which shall be computed in the following manner:

*After the completion of the 5 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 9 <sup>th</sup> year of service	2%
At the beginning of the 10 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 14 <sup>th</sup> year of service	5%
At the beginning of the 15 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 19 <sup>th</sup> year of service	8%
At the beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> year of service	10%
At the beginning of the 24 <sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter	12%

\*Longevity for new members hired after January 1, 2002, but prior to January 1, 2009, shall be computed for the first step as 6-9 years of service at 2%.

B. Officers employed in the department as of December 31, 2008, shall retain the existing benefit. Those hired on or after January 1, 2009 shall be entitled to Longevity pay in accordance with the following schedule:

a. After completion of the 6 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the 9 <sup>th</sup> year of service:	\$1,528.
b. At the beginning of the 10 <sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 14 <sup>th</sup> year of service:	\$3,820.
c. At the beginning of the 15 <sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 19 <sup>th</sup> year of service:	\$6,113.
d. At the beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> year of service:	\$7,641.
e. At the beginning of the 24 <sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter:	12%, but not to exceed \$10,000.

C. Officers hired on or after March 20, 2012, shall be entitled to Longevity pay in accordance with the following schedule:

a. At the beginning of the 10 <sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 14 <sup>th</sup> year of service:	\$3,820
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- b. At the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 19<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$6,113
- c. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service through the completion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service: \$7,641
- d. At the beginning of the 24<sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter: 12%-not to exceed \$10,000

D. Superior Officers hired after January 1, 2009, shall have the same conversion formula with the following schedules:

1. Sergeants

- a. After completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of service through the 9<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$1,681
- b. At the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 14<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$4,203.
- c. At the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 19<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$6,724.
- d. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service: \$8,405
- e. At the beginning of the 24<sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter: 12%-not to exceed \$11,500

2. Lieutenants

- a. After completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of service through the 9<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$1,849.
- b. At the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 14<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$4,623.
- c. At the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 19<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$7,397.
- d. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service: \$9,246.
- e. At the beginning of the 24<sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter: 12%- not to exceed \$12,500.

3. Captains

- a. After completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of service through the 9<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$2,034.
- b. At the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 14<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$5,085.
- c. At the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 19<sup>th</sup> year of service: \$8,136.
- d. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service through completion of the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service: \$10,170.
- e. At the beginning of the 24<sup>th</sup> year of service and thereafter: 12%- not to exceed \$14,000.

E. All police officers appointed from January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> shall receive the longevity retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year appointed. All members appointed from July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> shall receive their longevity pay, which shall be computed from the January 1<sup>st</sup> next following the date of their appointment.

F. All employees hired after January 1, 2019 (1/1/19) shall not be eligible for longevity.

XXVII  
PROBATIONARY PERIOD

New members shall serve a probationary period of 12 months. During said probationary period, members shall be paid as if they were qualified first-step Police Officer. For purposes of seniority and longevity, the original date of hire should be used.

ARTICLE XXVIII  
COURT OR AGENCY APPEARANCES

- A. If a member is required to appear in any court or agency hearing, including Municipal Court, the member shall be guaranteed two (2) hours at time and one-half (1 ½) pay for any hours outside of his/her normal duty schedule and for all hours thereafter. The two (2) hour minimum shall not apply to court time contiguous with front or back side of employee's work shift on duty days.
- B. If a member is working his/her normal duty and is required to appear in any Court or agency as cited above, he/she will only receive their normal pay. If, however, he/she is required to work beyond their normal duty hours, or is required to report in advance of said duty hours, the provision of Paragraph A will apply.
- C. Pursuant to any rule or regulation of the Department, or to any reasonable directive of the Chief of Police, the officer shall either wear his/her uniform, if applicable or appropriate plain clothes attire.
- D. It is acknowledged that provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall apply to the City on April 15, 1986, and that the United States Department of Labor is to promulgate regulations governing such application prior to that date. The City reserves the right to establish rules and regulations concerning the monitoring of and compensation for hours worked as Court or Agency appearances in order to comply with such regulations and to comply with FLSA generally. The City will not attempt to recoup-payments made prior to April 15, 1986, and any future date. Neither will the City unilaterally reduce the regular pay or fringe benefits in an attempt to nullify the legislative application of overtime compensation. The City reserves the right to credit any payments made pursuant to this Article against any overtime obligation incurred under FLSA.

ARTICLE XXIX  
MANPOWER

The employer will comport with Title 40 with respect to the use of temporary officers.

ARTICLE XXX  
SCHOOLING

A. Any police officer taking courses to obtain either a Bachelor's or Master's degree in any field from any accredited college shall be entitled to apply for reimbursement from the college tuition and books account under the provisions of A.2 and A.2a of this Article.

Any police officer having or obtaining either a Bachelor's or a Master's degree in any field from any accredited college shall receive an increase in his/her salary equal to 50% of the annual, negotiated payment for an equivalent degree in criminal justice and/or law enforcement under Section 8.2 and B.3 of this Article.

1. Members shall submit a copy of an official transcript or certified grade report from their respective college to the Chief of Police not later than 30 calendar days after successful completion of the course.

2. The City shall fund a college tuition and books account in the amount of \$7,500.00 per year.

a. The maximum amount of money available yearly to any authorized applicant shall not exceed \$500. In the event that a balance is left in the college fund on October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, those applicants whose remuneration was less than the cost of his/her tuition and books, shall have the opportunity to apply for additional funds to cover the shortfall. Upon proof of expenditures by the applicant(s), additional funds requested shall be equitably distributed as determined by the Police Chief or his/her designee, and the President of the PBA, or designee.

b. It is understood and agreed by the parties that the college fund shall have a zero (0) balance on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

3. Payment to the member shall be made on the second pay period following submission of an official transcript or certified grade report and receipts to the Chief of Police.

4. During the initial year of hire, an employee who enters the force with a college degree, shall receive remuneration for that degree in the amounts specified in section B of this Article. Payment shall be effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

B. In addition to his/her salary, each member shall receive an additional \$25.00 per year for each police-related college credit acquired up to a maximum of \$900.00, unless a two or four year degree is acquired. Members shall submit a copy of an official transcript from their respective college to the Chief of Police and the PBA representative in order to take advantage of this section. No credits earned through any correspondence course or in Basic Training, at Sea Girt shall qualify for payment under this Section.

1. When a member earns a two-year degree in any police science curriculum, he/she shall receive an increase in his/her salary of \$1,400.00.

2. When a member earns a four-year degree in any police science curriculum, he/she shall receive an increase in his/her salary of \$2,400.

3. When a member earns a Master's Degree in any police science curriculum, he/she shall receive an increase in his/her salary of \$2,900.
  4. All courses to be submitted for approval by a member must be turned in prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year for payment of said credits.
  5. The monetary amount of payment acquired by a member through this Section shall be paid to the member in equal amounts on the regular paydays of the Department, within a reasonable time after said courses have been submitted for approval.
- C. The Department will establish and maintain a regular program of in-service training courses for the benefit of all members.
1. When the Chief receives notice of availability of police training schools, the Chief shall post a notice advising all members of the availability of said schools or seminars.
- D. The City shall reimburse all members for meals, gasoline and tolls while attending department required police schools, courts or administrative agencies, but not for Ocean City Municipal Court. The City will reimburse invoices for meals: \$8.00 for lunch and \$14.00 for dinner.
- E. In the event a member is not able to use a City vehicle to attend a police school or Court, he/she shall be compensated at \$.255 per mile, plus tolls.
- F. Opportunity to attend schools shall not be arbitrarily, capriciously, or discriminatorily denied.
- G. A police officer who is or becomes a certified EMT shall receive a payment of \$750.
1. Recertification shall be the sole responsibility of the employee.
  2. The cost of initial EMT certification and EMT recertification(s) shall be borne by the City.
  3. If an employee fails recertification, he/she shall have the right to re-enroll in the recertification course an additional two times. However, continuation of and payment of the stipend shall be dependent upon successful completion of the course.

ARTICLE XXXI  
MISCELLANEOUS

- A. There shall be meetings between the Business Administrator, the Director of Personnel, the Chief of Police, and the Association Committee at least on a quarterly basis, as needed, to discuss new matters (i.e. Cafeteria Plan).
- B. Employees covered by this Agreement shall give reasonable notice to the Chief of Police of any outside business or employment by said employees.
- C. Members shall receive a one-hour meal period for each shift and two (2) 20- minute coffee breaks for each shift. However, Police officers shall be subject to duty.
- D. The City shall permit the Association to supply a soda machine at Police Headquarters with profits going to the Association.
- E. The City shall supply a locker for each member for his own use.
- F. Hand guns shall, if defective, be promptly replaced by the City.
- G. Physicals - In recognition of the physical and mental stress placed upon police officers in the performance of their duties, the City agrees to provide physicals for active officers during the year of the individual's 30, 35, 40, 45 and bi-annually thereafter (birth years). The officers shall have the right to choose his/her own physician to perform this examination. Officers between the ages of 30 and 45 shall not have to wait more than two years for their initial exam. In the event that an Officer avails him/herself to the City's physical examination option, the results shall be forwarded to the City's Medical Director.  
This examination shall include, but not be limited to a complete blood profile, an EKG, and any other tests normally considered to be part of a routine examination. The maximum cost to the City of a single physical examination under this option shall not exceed \$225.00.
- H. It is recognized that Squads 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall work a 12-hour shift.
- I. The Police Division shall maintain in effect current promotional lists through adopted Department of Personnel procedures.
- J. For the purpose of seniority, an Officer's previous standing on promotional lists shall constitute seniority over other employees hired or promoted on the same date.
- K. The parties shall, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement, form a committee to meet and negotiate the adoption of a military-style tattoo policy for new and active members. The parties shall memorialize said policy in writing.



ARTICLE XXXII  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City agrees that it will not establish new work rules or regulations, modify, or amend existing rules governing wages, hours or working conditions without prior consultation with the Association.

ARTICLE XXXIII  
DUES CHECKOFF AND REPRESENTATION FEE

A. Dues Checkoff

The City agrees, in accordance with State Statutes, that upon receipt of signed authorization cards from the employees, to deduct from the employee's wages the annual dues, as prescribed by Local #61 in equal installments bi-weekly, and to forward said amount to the financial Secretary of the P.B.A. Local #61 on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day after the second pay period of each month,

B. Representation Fee

1. If a full-time police officer does not become a member of the Association during any membership year, which is covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, said officer may opt to pay a Representation Fee to the Association for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita cost of service, rendered by the Association as majority representative. The Association shall provide the City with a signed Agency Shop Fee Voluntary Checkoff and Continuation Form signed by the consenting non-member before the City withholds any agency fees on behalf of that non-member. The signed Agency Fee Voluntary Checkoff and Continuation Form shall expressly provide that the non-member is voluntarily and affirmatively consenting to have agency shop fees deducted from his/her pay and forwarded to the Association by the City. The signed Agency Fee Voluntary Checkoff and Continuation Form shall further provide that the non-member agrees to pay agency fees notwithstanding his/her Constitutional right not to pay such fees pursuant to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*, 585 U.S. \_\_\_ (2018).

2. Prior to the beginning of each membership year, the Association will notify the City in writing of the amount of the regular membership dues, initiation fees, and assessments charged by the Association to its own members for that membership year. The representation fee to be paid by non-members will be determined by the Association in accordance with State law and the agreement of the Association and the non-member.

3. In order to adequately offset the per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as majority representative, the representation fee should be equal in amount to the regular membership dues, initiation fees, and assessments, charged by the Association to its own members. Therefore, the representation fee may be set up to eight-five (85%) percent of that amount as the maximum currently allowed by law. If the law is changed in this regard, the amount of the representation fee automatically will be increased to the maximum allowed, with said increase to become effective as of the beginning of the Association membership year immediately following the effective date of the change provided the non-member provides the City with a signed authorization agreeing to the higher amount.

4. a. Once during each year covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, the Association will submit to the City a list of those employees who have not become Association members for the then current membership year. The City will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with paragraph b. below and provided the non-member has signed the Agency Fee Voluntary

Checkoff and Continuation Form described in Section B.1. above, the full amount of the representation fee provided by State law or the amount agreed to between the Association and the non-member as reflected in the signed Agency Fee Voluntary Checkoff and Continuation Form and promptly will transmit the amounts so deducted to the Association.

b. The City will deduct the representation fee in equal installments, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list during the remainder of the membership year in question. The deduction will begin with the first paycheck paid: receives said notice.

F. On or about the last day of each month, beginning with the month this Agreement becomes effective, the City will submit to the Association, a list of all employees who began their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding 30-day period. The list will include names, job titles, and dates of employment for all such employees.

G. The Association hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the City of Ocean City, New Jersey of any claim, suit or action of any nature whatsoever which may be brought at law or in equity or before any administrative agency with regard to, or arising from, the deduction from salaries of any police officer for payment of a Representation Fee, under the provision of this Article.

ARTICLE XXXIV  
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

It is acknowledged that commencing on April 15, 1986, the City will be required to comply with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The City reserves the right to take appropriate action to ensure such compliance, including:

1. Exercising any election or option available to is under FLSA or the regulations provided that change in work periods under Section 7(k) shall not be made arbitrarily or capriciously by the City.
2. Awarding compensatory time in lieu of monetary compensation for FLSA overtime.
3. Establishing procedures to monitor and control hours worked and overtime.
4. Crediting any payment made pursuant to this Agreement, other than payments made as compensation for "hours worked" as defined in FLSA, against any overtime obligation incurred under FLSA provided that the City will not attempt to recoup payments made prior to April 15, 1986 and any future date. Neither will the City unilaterally reduce regular pay or fringe benefits in an attempt to nullify the legislative application of overtime compensation.
5. Establishing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of FLSA.
6. Compensating an employee upon termination of employment for unused FLSA compensatory time at a rate of compensation not less than:
  - a. The average regular rate received by such employee during the last three (3) years of employment; or
  - b. The final required rate received by such employee, whichever is higher.
7. Refraining from discrimination against an employee because he/she asserted coverage under the overtime provisions of FLSA.
8. Providing procedure under which an employee can use FLSA compensatory time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of the compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the department.

ARTICLE XXXV  
SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement of any employee, member or group of employees or members, is held to be invalid by operation of law by any Court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, then such provisions and application shall be deemed inoperative; however, all other provisions and applications contained herein shall continue in full force and effect, and shall now be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XXXVI  
FULLY BARGAINED PROVISION

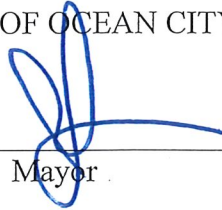
This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties on all bargainable issues, which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the term of this Agreement and except as stated herein, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXVII  
DURATION

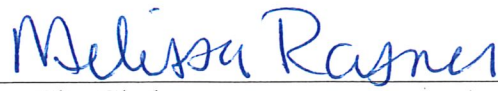
This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect up to and including December 31, 2022. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the parties have executed a successor agreement, Negotiations for a successor agreement shall be in accordance with the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hand and seals at the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, on this 31st day of January, 2019.


CITY OF OCEAN CITY,

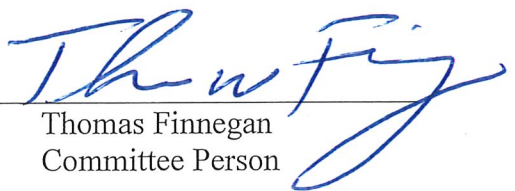
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Mayor

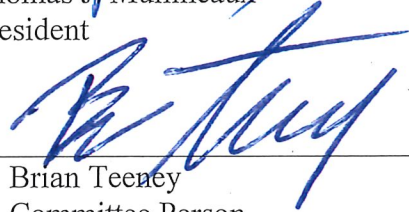
By:   
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George Savastano  
Business Administrator

By:   
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Melissa Ragner  
City Clerk

OCEAN CITY POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL No. 61

By:   
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Thomas J. Mullineaux  
President

By:   
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Thomas Finnegan  
Committee Person

By:   
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Brian Teeney  
Committee Person