

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE**

**and**

**NEW PROVIDENCE PBA LOCAL NUMBER 132**

**(SERGEANT)**

**JANUARY 1, 2023 through DECEMBER 31, 2026**

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THIS AGREEMENT, made as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 between the BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE, in the County of Union, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, with offices at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as "Borough" or "Employer", and:

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, New Providence Local Number 132, hereinafter referred to as "PBA";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties have carried on collective negotiations for the purpose of developing a contract covering wages and certain other conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree with each other in respect to the employees of the Employer, recognized as being represented by the PBA as follows.

**ARTICLE I**

**RECOGNITION**

The employer hereby recognizes the aforementioned PBA as the exclusive representative for all Sergeants in its Police Department in New Providence, New Jersey, but excluding probationary employees, Patrolman, Lieutenants, Captains, and the Chief of Police and all other employees.

## ARTICLE II

### MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Borough, except as modified by this Agreement, retains and reserves all powers, rights, authorities, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the Laws and Constitutions of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. To the executive management and administrative control of the Borough government and its properties and of the facilities and of the activities of its employees.
2. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment or assignment and to promote and transfer employees.
3. To suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action for good and just cause, according to law.

B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Borough, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof and the use of judgment and discretion in connection with the implementation thereof shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitutions and Laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

C. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to deny or restrict the Borough of its powers, rights, authorities, duties and responsibilities under R.S. 40 or any other national, state, county, or local laws ordinances.

**ARTICLE III**  
**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**Section 1:**

To provide for the expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances, it is understood by the parties that this procedure shall be the sole method for the resolution of complaints of members of the PBA. The procedure shall be as follows:

**Step 1.** A Sergeant with a grievance or the PBA shall file a written grievance with the grievant's supervisor within ten (10) days of the circumstances giving rise to the grievance. If the Sergeant chooses to discuss the grievance orally with the immediate supervisor prior to that date, he or she can do so, but this has no impact on the time-frame within which a written grievance must be filed. A meeting on the written grievance shall be held within 7 days of the filing of the written grievance between the immediate supervisor, the aggrieved party, and the PBA's designated representative. A decision thereon shall be rendered in writing by the immediate supervisor within 7 days after such meeting.

**Step 2.** If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Step 1, or if no written decision has been rendered within 7 days after the presentation of the grievance at Step 1, the matter may be referred by the PBA or the aggrieved party by a submission, in writing, to the Chief of Police within 7 days of its disposition at Step 1. A meeting on the grievance shall be held between the grievant and the Chief of Police within 10 days of the referral of the written grievance to the Chief of Police, at which a representative of the PBA must be present. Said meeting shall not be public unless the parties so agree in writing. The Chief of Police shall render a written decision within 10 days of the date of the meeting.

**Step 3.** If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Step 2, or if no written decision has been rendered within 10 days after the presentation of that grievance at Step 2, the matter may be referred by the grievant or PBA to the Borough Administrator within 7 days of its disposition at Step 2. Such referral shall be in writing and shall incorporate all documentation pertaining to the grievance introduced at Steps 1 and 2. The written submission shall be made to the Borough Administrator. A meeting on the grievance shall be held between the PBA, the grievant and the Borough Administrator within 15 days of the receipt of the grievance by the Borough Administrator, at which meeting the parties may be represented. Said meeting shall not be public unless the parties so agree in writing. The Borough Administrator shall render a final written decision within 30 days of the date of the meeting.

**Step 4. — Arbitration.**

(a) If the Grievance is not settled through Step 3 and the grievance alleges a violation of this Agreement, either party may refer the matter to the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission for appointment of an arbitrator within 14 days after the determination by the Borough Administrator. An arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the Rules of the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission.

(b) However, no arbitration hearing shall be scheduled sooner than thirty (30) days after the final decision of the Borough Administrator. In the event the aggrieved elects to pursue his appellate rights in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-150, the arbitration hearing shall be canceled, and the matter withdrawn from arbitration.

(c) The arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and restricted to the application of the facts presented to him involved in the grievance. The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, modify, detract from or alter, in any way, the provisions of the



Agreement or any amendment or supplement thereto. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

(d) The costs for services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Borough and the Association. Any other expenses, including, but not limited to, the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the party incurring same.

**Section 2:**

The time limits specified in the grievance procedure shall be construed as maximum and may only be extended upon mutual agreement between the parties, which must be in writing. The term "days" shall be defined as calendar days in this Article.

**Section 3:**

(a) The PBA or aggrieved party can skip Step 1 and file the written grievance directly with the Chief at Step 2 only when the grievance cannot be effectively ruled upon by the immediate supervisor due to that supervisor's level of managerial decision-making. Upon receipt of the grievance by the Chief, however, if the Chief believes that the immediate supervisor can effectively rule upon the grievance, he shall send the grievance back to Step 1 and notify the PBA and aggrieved party that he has done so. Otherwise, the Chief shall proceed on the grievance in accordance with the Step 2 procedures. If necessary, the Chief of Police shall refer the grievance back to Step 1 within 7 days and shall notify the PBA in writing of same. When this occurs, the Step 1 time limits shall apply from the date that the grievance was referred back to Step 1.

(b) The failure of the Borough to timely issue a decision at any step of the procedure shall constitute a denial of the grievance at that step and shall give the PBA or grievant the right

to move to the next step of the procedure, although only the PBA may move the grievance to arbitration.

(c) If the grievant or PBA fails to comply with any of the time limits set forth herein, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned and the PBA shall be precluded from submitting the matter to arbitration. No Arbitrator shall have any authority whatsoever to rule upon the merits of a grievance if he finds that the grievance has been abandoned in accordance with these procedures.

**Section 4:**

An employee may be represented by himself or, at his option, by a PBA representative at any stage of this grievance procedure. The PBA shall have the right to be present at all grievance hearings. Only the PBA may refer a grievance to arbitration.

## ARTICLE IV

### SALARIES

A. Salaries shall be adjusted in accordance with the salary guide which is attached hereto as Schedule A. The salary guide reflects the adjustments of increments, steps and other adjustments as agreed by the parties. Schedule A also reflect the establishment of a salary differential between the maximum base rate paid to a patrol officer and the base rate paid to a Sergeant.

In addition to the above wage increases, the Borough incorporated 48 hours of pay into base salary for all members of the bargaining unit effective January 1, 2013. This will result in an additional across-the-board increase of 2.31% effective January 1, 2013 [48 hours divided by 2,080 hours]. This increase is incorporated in Schedule A.

B. Sergeants assigned as Investigators in the Detective Bureau shall receive an annual additional salary of \$3,000.00 for performing such duties which shall be included with and be a part of the base rate of compensation for all purposes.

C. Based on the assignment of 4 officers to the Detective Bureau, Investigators are assigned to serve on-call for a period of 13 weeks during the year. When staffing shortfalls require that less than 4 Investigators are assigned to the Detective Bureau, those remaining may be required to serve additional time on-call. Investigators who serve additional full weeks on call shall be paid \$100 per week for that additional time with the last overtime payment of the year. This provision shall not apply to the voluntary trading or switching of on-call responsibilities, nor shall this provision be binding on the Borough in the event of a reorganization of police department personnel or be considered a past practice.

D. Sergeants assigned as Traffic Officers shall receive an additional annual salary of \$1,500.00 for performing such duties which shall be included with and be a part of the base rate of compensation for all purposes.

**ARTICLE V**

**LONGEVITY**

All covered employees hired prior to January 1, 1998 currently receiving payment under this Article shall continue to receive an annual payment of \$2,400 which shall not be used in calculating any wage increase and shall be paid in equal payments throughout the calendar year and included in the employee's regular pay check. Employees hired after January 1, 1998 have not been and are not eligible for longevity.

## ARTICLE VI

### WORK SCHEDULE, HOURS OF WORK, COURT TIME AND OVERTIME

**A. Work Schedule:**

1. Patrol Division employees shall work four (4) consecutive days on duty, twelve (12) hours each in duration, followed by four (4) consecutive days off duty. All other employees shall work schedules of times and duration in accordance with pre-existing practices.

2. It is expressly agreed that the 4 - 4 work schedule for Patrol Division employees set forth in Paragraph A above may be retracted by the Borough and be replaced by the work schedule that was in effect immediately prior to its implementation, should the Borough determine that the manpower needs of the Police Department, by reason of lay off or attrition only, fall below the levels necessary to operate the 4 - 4 schedule. If the Borough intends to retract and replace the 4 - 4 schedule as aforesaid, it shall provide the PBA with sixty (60) days' notice of such intent together with written reasons for the intended action. If the PBA has any concerns or doubts regarding the Borough's contentions concerning its ability to maintain the current schedule, nothing stated herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver by the PBA of its rights to utilize whatever legal means it would otherwise have pursuant to law to raise its concerns or doubts.

3. The parties have agreed that Detectives' hourly rate of pay shall be based upon 2,080 hours of work per year.

**B. Court Appearances:**

1. Any police officer who is required to appear before any Court, Grand Jury, Administrative Tribunal, Civil Court, on behalf of the Borough, County of Union, or State, for purposes of being available to give testimony regarding matters in connection with and growing

out of job connected duties, will be paid at the rate of time and one-half when such appearances are required on the employee's normally scheduled off-duty time.

2. Such payment as described in Section B1 above shall be reduced by the amount of any payment the employee receives from or on behalf of the party requiring the employee's appearance and testimony in Civil Court appearance matters. The employee shall indicate the amount of any payment received from the party requiring his testimony on his voucher requesting a Civil Court payment from the Borough. A copy of the subpoena received by the employee shall also be attached to the voucher.

**C. Overtime Pay:**

Officers shall receive overtime for 8 hours at the rate of 1.5 times the officer's current hourly rate if they are scheduled to work on a holiday. An officer can elect cash or compensatory time for these hours. Officers will be entitled to twelve (12) paid holidays in a calendar year. In the event the Borough does not set a schedule for twelve (12) holidays, officers shall be entitled to additional floating holidays so that total holidays equals twelve (12). Floating holidays shall be submitted to the Borough no later than March 1.

1. Except for Detective Bureau Investigators, any employee:
  - i. Who is required to work beyond his normal scheduled quitting time, or;
  - ii. Who is required to work on his normally scheduled day off, or;
  - iii. Who is required to report to work after completion of his regular shift and prior to the start of his next regularly scheduled shift, shall be compensated in time or money at the discretion of the officer at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for all hours worked that are not included in the employee's normally scheduled shifts. Payment at the rate of time and one-half shall

not apply to any such hours voluntarily worked by the employee for the benefit of another employee or for their mutual benefit.

2. Detective Bureau Investigators shall be paid overtime as follows:

a. Any Detective Bureau Investigator called into work to perform non-detective or non-juvenile duties shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2%) his regular hourly rate of pay. Said compensation may be in either compensatory time off or in money at the individual officer's discretion.

b. Any Detective Bureau Investigator required to appear in Court, before a Grand Jury, called into work early or held beyond his regular shift shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1.5%) his regular hourly rate of pay. Said compensation shall be at the discretion of the officer to be paid in either compensatory time or money. In either instance, the officer shall follow the procedures established by department policy for documenting the accrual of this time.

3. Any employee who is ordered into work during the employee's regularly scheduled day or time off, shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours call-in pay or the actual hours spent, whichever is greater, regardless of the actual time spent. Said call-in shall not apply to time which may run contiguous with either commencement or conclusion of the employee's regular work shift. Said pay shall be in accordance with the overtime provisions as set forth hereinabove. The employee shall be free to leave once the specific purpose for which the recall took place is completed. Employees ordered in to work for crossing guards or court appearances will continue to receive a minimum of two (2) hours call-in pay or the actual hours spent, whichever is greater, regardless of the actual time spent.



4. Due to the number of hours worked on the 4 - 4 work schedule, each Sergeant shall receive an additional one hundred and forty-four (144) hours of compensatory time off per year. This shall be called schedule adjustment compensatory time and shall be administered in the same manner as all other compensatory time off. Said time shall be accrued at the rate of twelve (12) hours per month, commencing in January and running through December of each year. Each employee working the 4 - 4 schedule shall receive the twelve (12) hours per month on the first day of each respective month.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, effective January 1, 2013, schedule adjustment compensatory time shall be reduced for each patrol division Sergeant to 96 hours of compensatory time off per year, accrued at the rate of eight (8) hours per month. Each employee working the 4 - 4 schedule shall receive the eight (8) hours per month on the first day of each respective month. The parties have agreed that the Sergeants' hourly rate of pay shall be based upon 2,080 hours of work per year.

6. Effective January 1, 2013, officers shall be given the opportunity to receive payment for their scheduled adjustment compensatory time as set forth in this paragraph. On or before October 1 of the preceding year, the officer shall provide written documentation to the Borough indicating that in lieu of receiving the scheduled adjustment compensatory time for the following calendar year, he/she elects to be compensated at his/her base rate of pay for either: (1) the full 96 hours, or (2) for 48 of the 96 hours of scheduled adjustment compensatory time. If this election is made by the officer, the option shall be payable in two payments: (1) January 15th, and (2) July 15<sup>th</sup>. Absent written documentation to the Borough of this election on or before October 1, the scheduled adjustment compensatory time hours shall be dispensed with as set forth in this Article.

**D. Administration of Compensatory Time and FLSA Time**

1. "Banked" accumulated time shall be limited to 440 hours. For all employees hired after January 1, 2020, the amount of banked accumulated time is limited to 220 hours. All additional time earned shall be utilized as time off in accordance with this Agreement during the year in which earned. Subject to Borough budgetary restrictions, officers may cash in up to 100 hours of compensation time (at straight time two times per year. The first cash-in shall be paid in the last pay period in April and the second in the last pay period of October. To be eligible for the first cash-in, the officer must notify the Borough in writing by March 15 of his desire to cash in and the number of hours. To be eligible for the second cash in, the officer must notify the Borough in writing by September 15 of his desire to cash in and the number of hours.

2. Upon retirement, all accumulated time shall be utilized as time off in terminal leave.

3. Up to 24 hours of compensatory time shall be utilized each year as training time. The scheduling and utilization of such time shall be reasonably established by the Chief in blocks of not less than 4 hours each. However, the Chief shall make a reasonable effort to schedule such time in blocks of 6 or 8 hours each. Officers attending required or mandated training on their scheduled days off shall be paid in compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half for all hours of training in excess of the 24 hours provided for in this section.

4. Officers attending approved elective training on their days off shall be paid in compensatory time at the rate of straight time with a maximum of 32 hours per year. Elective training shall not include attendance at undergraduate or graduate courses given by a college or university.

E. Due to the physical demands of specific types of police training, when attending training as an instructor or student, regardless of whether that training is agency mandated or requested by the officer, the employee shall not be required to return to their day shift when attending the following training:

1. Firearms (requalification or specialized)
2. Active Shooter (practical)
3. UCERT or SWAT
4. Defensive Tactics
5. Bicycle Patrol
6. Emergency Vehicle Operation (EVOC)

The above-referenced training must be documented as full day (7 or more hours) trainings for this provision to take effect. All other types of training or shift adjustments shall follow the established training matrix and this section does not apply to training that is provided in a classroom or virtual setting.

**ARTICLE VII**

**SICK LEAVE AND BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

**A. Service Credit for Sick Leave**

1. All employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay based on their aggregate years of service.

2. Sick leave shall be administered in accordance with applicable law and may be used by employees when they are unable to perform their work by reason of bona fide medical reasons, bona fide personal illness, accident or exposure to contagious disease.

3. Use of sick leave will be administered in accordance with applicable law and may be used to care for an ill or injured spouse, domestic partner (as defined on N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq.), child or parent.

4. The Borough will convert its current policy of concurrent use of sick leave and FMLA to discretionary use by the employee as follows:

All officers shall have the option to use FMLA/FLA concurrently with sick leave and on the job injury/illness leave for an FMLA/FLA qualifying event. If the officer chooses not to use such leave time concurrently with FMLA/FLA, he/she shall sign a waiver as annexed as Schedule C and provide same to the Borough on the third day of absence when the illness/injury otherwise becomes a qualifying event. Applicable legal requirements concerning notice of FMLA qualifying event shall be maintained.

**B. Amount of Sick Leave**

1. Sick leave with pay shall accrue to any full time employee on the basis of one (1) working day (that is, a period of eight (8) hours) per month during the first calendar year of employment after initial appointment and fifteen (15) working days in every calendar year thereafter. The fifteen (15) working days of Sick Leave shall be put into the employee's sick leave bank effective January 1 of each calendar 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 such purposes.

**C. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave**

1. An employee that seeks to be absent as a result of reasons that entitle him to sick leave must notify the Police desk of the absence at least one half (1/2) hour prior to his scheduled reporting time. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

**D. Verification of Sick Leave**

1. Any employee that works 12-hour shifts and that is absent on sick leave in excess of 36 consecutive working hours shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the basis for the sick leave. Any employee that works 10-hour shifts and that is absent on sick leave in excess of 30 consecutive working hours shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the basis for the sick leave. Any employee that works 8-hour shifts that is absent on sick leave in excess of 24 consecutive working hours shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the basis for the sick leave.

(a) An employee who has been absent on sick leave for periods totaling ten (10) days in one calendar year, consisting of periods of less than five (5) days, shall submit acceptable medical evidence for any additional sick leave in that year.

(b) In addition, the appointing authority may require proof of illness of any employee on sick leave whenever such requirement appears reasonable. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

2. In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

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

**E. Job Connected Illness or Injury**

1. Any employee who sustains job connected illness or injury, shall be maintained at full pay, less any weekly workman's compensation benefits he may receive, until such time as the employee shall either return to work, apply for and/or receive pension, and/or be certified by the employer's physician as able to return to work, but only up to a maximum period of three (3) years. In order to extend beyond two years, however, the employee must provide the Borough with documentation from his/her personal physician which demonstrates that the employee is likely to recover and return to work within six (6) months. In such a case, the Borough will grant the employee a six (6) month extension. The employee may apply for another six (6) month extension

provided that the employee provides the Borough with the appropriate documentation as set forth above. In no event shall the Borough grant an extension beyond three (3) years. There shall be no deductions made from the employee's sick leave benefits during this period.

2. It is understood that the employer shall have the right to require such employee to report to a physician of the employer's choosing for examination to determine the employee's fitness for return to duty.

**F. Exhaustion of Sick Leave**

The parties have agreed upon a program for donated sick leave, which is annexed hereto as Schedule C.

**G. Bereavement Leave**

Officers shall be entitled to one (1) week of bereavement leave based upon the normal work schedule of that officer in the event of death of immediate family members which shall include spouse, domestic partner as defined in N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1, et seq., child or step child, grandchild, parent, step parent, grandparent, sibling, parent-in-law, child-in-law and legal guardian.

Officers shall be entitled to one (1) day of bereavement leave to attend the funeral services in the event of death of aunt/uncle/niece/nephew.

## ARTICLE VIII

### TERMINAL LEAVE

The parties agree to a terminal leave program which will provide a maximum benefit value of \$17,000 for officers hired prior to January 1, 2011. Officers hired on or after January 1, 2011 will have a maximum benefit of \$15,000, consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-10.4. For officers hired on or after January 1, 2020 the maximum benefit is \$12,000.00. Officers have the option to elect lump sum payment of entitlement under this Article in lieu of remaining on the books with payment to be made within 30 days of separation. Officers hired on or after January 1, 2011 may not be paid terminal leave for accumulated sick time. Any accumulated sick leave due under this Article for officers hired on or after January 1, 2011 shall be paid within 30 days after their effective retirement date from PFRS, consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-10.4.

Entitlement to the maximum terminal leave or any part thereof shall be based upon the number of accumulated unused sick days at the time of retirement. Employees with 100 or fewer accumulated sick leave days at the time of retirement shall be entitled to paid terminal leave based upon those unused sick days at the ratio of 1 for 4 days to the maximum dollar amount set forth above. For those employees with more than 100 accumulated and unused sick days at the time of retirement, the ratio shall be paid terminal leave based on 1 day for 3 days of unused sick leave. Employees must retire under PFRS to be eligible for terminal leave payment, and eligible employees may elect to remain on the payroll until their terminal leave entitlement is paid, or receive a lump sum payment of entitlement under this Article in lieu of remaining on the books with payment to be made within 30 days of separation. If the payout of terminal leave results in an employee being on the payroll in a new calendar year, there shall be no entitlement to any



additional paid time off for items such as vacation, personal days, sick days, holidays and the like as a result of remaining on the payroll into a new calendar year.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION**

There shall be no discrimination, interference or coercion by the employer or any of its agents against the employees represented by the PBA because of membership or activity in the PBA. The PBA or any of its agents shall not intimidate or coerce employees into membership. Neither the employer nor the P.B.A shall discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, color, age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or other characteristic protected by state or federal law.

**ARTICLE X**

**SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS**

A. In the event that any federal or state legislation, government regulation or court decision causes invalidation of any article or section of this Agreement, all other articles and sections not so invalidated shall remain in full force and effect.

B. Except as may be otherwise provided for within this Agreement, the failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement or otherwise exercise one's rights pursuant thereto shall not be deemed as waiver thereof.

## ARTICLE XI

### OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

If any person, organization or agency desires the services of a police officer during his off duty hours, and the performance of such services are approved in advance by the appropriate Borough official, the police officer shall be paid through the Borough with appropriate deductions for taxes made there from, it being understood that such payment shall be remitted by said person, organization or agency directly to the Borough on behalf of the officer. It is further understood that such compensation received by the police officer shall not be considered as salary or wages from the Borough and shall not affect the police officer pension entitlement. Any police officer who engaged in other off duty activities for compensation which are not approved by the Borough as aforesaid, shall not be eligible or entitled to receive payment in this manner.

The rate of compensation for outside employment (escrow jobs) is set by the Mayor and Council. Effective January 1, 2020 that rate shall be the overtime rate paid to patrol officers at maximum rounded up to the nearest dollar, and this rate shall apply to all police officers performing such escrow job regardless of rank or salary level.

The rate of compensation will be increased by \$15.00 per hour for all escrow/road jobs paged out within the four (4) hours of the start time and overnight jobs from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. If a daytime escrow job runs past 7 p.m., the officer will start receiving \$15 extra per hour for any hours worked after 7 p.m. All other hours are subject to the normal overtime rate.

**ARTICLE XII**

**PERSONAL LEAVE TIME**

Each current member shall be entitled to 40 hours of personal leave per year. Those persons hired on or after January 1, 1998 shall be entitled to 24 hours of personal leave per year. In the event a member shall have unused personal leave days from the previous calendar year, the hours shall be automatically added to his or her vacation in the succeeding calendar year and schedule in accordance with Article XIX.

## ARTICLE XIII

### INSURANCE

**A. Medical Coverage**

The Borough shall provide each employee the following healthcare insurance with dependent coverage:

1. State Health Benefits Program (“SHBP”) NJ Direct 15 - Appended as schedule C

**B. Dental Insurance**

1. Delta Dental PPO plus Premier — As appended in Schedule C

**C. Optical Insurance**

1. VSP — Option 1 — As appended in Schedule C

**D.** The Borough reserves the right to change insurance carriers so long as substantially similar benefits are provided, subject to review by the PBA.

**E.** The Borough has established an opt out program in accordance with NJSA 40A:17.1 (PL 2010 Chapter 2) for employees who opt out of any health insurance coverage offered by the Borough. Beginning January 1, 2020 the opt-out program expires for any officer not enrolled in the opt-out program. Once an officer opts back into Borough provided health coverage the opt-out program expires for that officer.

**F.** The Borough agrees to cooperate with the PBA and Teamsters in the collective effort to control Health Insurance costs. Upon notice from the PBA the Borough Administrator agrees to convene a meeting with representatives of the PBA and the Teamsters to review current Health Insurance costs and consider modifications to plan benefits to reduce the cost of the plan. Upon agreement of plan modifications among the unions and management, with concurrence of the Borough Council, the Borough Administrator shall execute plan changes on a Borough-wide

basis at the next available renewal. It is understood that the renewal of current health insurance plan occurs on July 1st. To ensure adequate time to review the renewal, this meeting should occur upon receipt of the renewal proposal. The Borough Administrator shall notify the PBA upon receipt of the renewal proposal.

For 2019 the provisions of this Article XIII will remain in place. Effective January 1, 2020, the Borough will provide insurance benefits to all eligible officers and their eligible dependents through the State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP). Direct 15 Dental coverage will continue to be provided through Delta Dental until July 2021 at which time the PBA, the Teamsters and the Borough will evaluate coverage through SHBP compared to Delta Dental and select the more cost-effective satisfactory option. Vision coverage will continue to be provided through VSP-Option 1. Officers who select a less expensive plan through SHBP will receive payment for one half the savings between Direct 15 and their selected plan. Also effective January 1, 2020, the contract will be deemed amended to incorporate these provisions as replacements for Sections A and B to eliminate Section F.

## ARTICLE XIV

### NO STRIKE PLEDGE

A. The PBA covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement neither the PBA nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike (i.e., the concerted failure to report for duty or willful absence of any employee from his position or stoppage of work or abstinence, in whole or in part, from the full, faithful, and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment), work stoppage, slowdown, sick-out, or walk-out, against the Borough. The PBA agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

B. In the event of a strike, slowdown, work stoppage, sick-out, or walk-out, it is covenanted and agreed that participation in any such activities by any employee covered under the terms of this Agreement may be deemed grounds for disciplinary action up to and including discharge of such employee or employees. All employees who continue full performance of their duties during such strike, slowdown, work stoppage, sick out, or walk-out shall receive full pay and all benefits provided in this Agreement.

C. The PBA will actively discourage any strike, slowdown, work stoppage, sick-out, or walk-out and, consistent with the rights of its members, issue a statement, in writing, describing such strike, slowdown, work stoppage, sick-out, or walk-out as illegal and invalid.

D. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Borough in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have in law or in equity for injunction or damages or both in the event of such breach by the PBA or its members.



**ARTICLE XV**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

A. Disputes involving the discipline of employees covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the appeal procedures set forth in applicable statutes, regulations and ordinances such as N.J.S.A. 40A:14-147 et seq.

B. Failure to qualify with side arms may result in disciplinary action. The Borough shall provide an in-service training program for firearms proficiency.

C. Disputes involving minor disciplinary matters not governed by the appeal procedures referred to in paragraph A above will be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in Article III of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XVI**

**RETENTION OF BENEFITS**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all rights, privileges, and benefits which the officers are presently enjoying shall be maintained and continued by the Employer during the term of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XVII

### POLICE EQUIPMENT

A. It shall be the responsibility of each police officer to immediately report any defective vehicles to his immediate supervisor.

B. Each police officer shall utilize reasonable care and be fully responsible for equipment assigned to him.

C. The parties agree to create the Police Equipment Safety Committee. The Committee shall be made up of the Police Chief, a command level officer designated by the Police Chief, and two Patrolmen selected by the PBA.

D. The Committee shall meet Quarterly, at a date and time determined by the Police Chief or designee, to discuss any safety issues raised by any member of the Committee that pertain to police equipment. At these meetings, the Committee shall attempt to reach agreement on how the safety issue being discussed should be handled or resolved. Issues to be raised at any meeting of the Committee should be described in writing to all members of the Committee at least 7 days in advance of the Committee meeting.

E. If any member of the Committee advises the other members of the Committee in writing that there is an urgent need to meet in advance of the Quarterly meeting to discuss any safety issues that pertain to police equipment, the Chief shall arrange for a meeting of the Committee as soon as practicable following such written notice. Notwithstanding, the Committee shall not be required to meet less than 30 days prior to the most recent Committee meeting.

F. Following discussion of any safety issue during a meeting of the Committee, the member of the Committee that initially raised the issue shall, taking into account the discussions that occurred at the Committee meeting, submit a comprehensive written recommendation to the

rest of the Committee as to how the issue should be resolved. This written recommendation must fully describe the following:

1. Provide a comprehensive description of the safety issue that was raised and the police equipment involved;
2. Set forth the various options discussed at the meeting for resolving the issues and the pros and cons of each option;
3. Take into account the economic concerns of the Borough, if any, in resolving the safety issue;
4. Provide a comprehensive recommendation for remediating the safety issue; and
5. Explain, in detail, why any other potential resolutions of the issue that were discussed by the Committee are less appropriate than the recommendation made by the member.

G. Notwithstanding anything set forth in this Article, however, the Police Chief or his designee ultimately retains the sole discretion as to how any issue covered by this Article shall be resolved. The Chief's Decision on such issues shall not be subject to the parties' Grievance Procedure.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### FULLY BARGAINED PROVISIONS

A. During the course of collective negotiations, each party has been free to propose and negotiate with regard to all appropriate subjects which it might have desired to place before the other for consideration. This Agreement incorporates all rights and obligations assumed by each party and granted through its terms by each to the other as a result of the negotiating process, and it is specifically recognized that since both parties hereto are desirous of stabilizing their relationship by an executed document for a specific duration, for that duration, neither side shall be obligated to enter into further negotiations regarding any matter not specifically designated by clear and express language within this Agreement.

B. 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, 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 of contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement, except as may be otherwise determined by the Public Employment Relations Commission.

**ARTICLE XIX**

**VACATIONS**

A. Sergeants shall receive vacations as outlined herein:

B. Sergeants who have less than five years of service shall be entitled to 96 hours of vacation on January 1st until the calendar year in which they reach 5 years of continuous service with the Department.

C. The chart below shows the number of hours of vacation that the employee will be credited on January 1 of the calendar year in which they will reach the number of years of continuous service shown in the first column:

<b>Continuous Service with the Department</b>	<b>Vacation Time</b>
1-4 years	104 hours
5-9 years	120 hours
10-14 years	136 hours
15-20 years	160 hours
20+ years	200 hours

D. Vacations will normally be taken in full weeks, subject to a schedule approved by the Chief.

E. Up to five (5) days of vacation may be carried from year to year, except where an employee loses his vacation time by reason of being required to work during said period. In such cases, said employee shall be granted the unused vacation time at a subsequent period, or equivalent payment or compensation shall be made upon certification of the appropriate department head and approval of the Borough Council.

F. Seniority shall be determined within squads to which members are assigned, first by rank, and then by length of service within the department.

**ARTICLE XX**

**PROVISIONS FOR REPRESENTATION FEE IN LIEU  
OF DUES FROM NON MEMBERS OF THE PBA**

A. Any permanent employee in the bargaining unit on the effective date of this Agreement who does not join in the Union within thirty (30) days of initial employment within the unit and any permanent employee previously employed within the unit who does not join within ten (10) days of re-entry into employment within the unit, shall pay a Representation Fee to the Union by automatic payroll deduction provided the employee has furnished written authorization for deduction of said representation fee in accordance with applicable law. The Representation Fee shall be in an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular Union Membership dues, fees, and assessments as certified to the employer by the Union. The Union may revise its certification of the amount of the Representation Fee at any time to reflect changes in the regular Union membership dues, fees and assessments. The Union entitlement to the Representation Fee shall continue beyond the termination date of this Agreement so long as the Union remains the majority representative of the employees in the unit, provided that no modification is made in this provision by a successor Agreement between the Union and the Employer.

B. The Union agrees that it will indemnify and save harmless the Borough against any and all actions, claims, demands, losses or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) in any matter resulting from action taken by the Borough at the request of the Union under this Article.



C. In the event that an employee, otherwise eligible for membership in the bargaining unit, is, for any reason, denied, said membership by the bargaining unit, said employee shall not be subject to the payment of the Representation Fee provided for herein.

**ARTICLE XXI**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY**

Employees shall be entitled to a holiday to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., but only if such additional holiday is granted by the Borough to other Borough employees outside this bargaining unit.

## **ARTICLE XXII**

### **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

In the event a permanent employee desires to improve his skills through further education, the Borough will provide the same Education Assistance to members of the PBA and SOA as are provided for all other Borough employees per the Borough SOP. The current policy, adopted by the Borough pursuant to Resolution 2015-061, is appended to this agreement. The Borough retains its right to change the policy provided such change only applies to officers who matriculate on or after the date the PBA ratifies this MOA (said date being September 20, 2019).

**ARTICLE XXIII**

**SENIORITY**

Seniority for police officers shall be determined by length of service in a rank and then length of service in the Department. In the event it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees, lay-off shall be by seniority with the least senior member being first laid off. Recall from lay-off shall be in inverse order, and the Municipality shall not hire any additional employees while there are permanent members on lay-off status and eligible for recall.

Employees' rights for recall shall be two (2) years from date of lay-off and shall be forfeited if recall to work is refused, and/or the employee fails to advise the Municipality of his latest address to which such notification, by certified or regular would be sent.

**ARTICLE XXIV**

**DURATION**

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026, and from year to year subject to written notice from either party to the other of the desire to change or amend this Agreement. To be effective, such written notice must be received by the other party by no later than August 30 of the last year of this Agreement (or of any renewal year). If timely written notice is given, successor negotiations shall commence no later than September 13 of the year in question. The foregoing notification and commencement dates are derived from Public Employment Relations Commission Regulation Section 19:16-2.1 and the adoption by the Public Employment Relations Commission of February 10<sup>th</sup> required budget submission date for municipalities such as the Borough. In the event of any change in the PERC statute or regulations, this Article shall be deemed to have been amended to conform to such change:

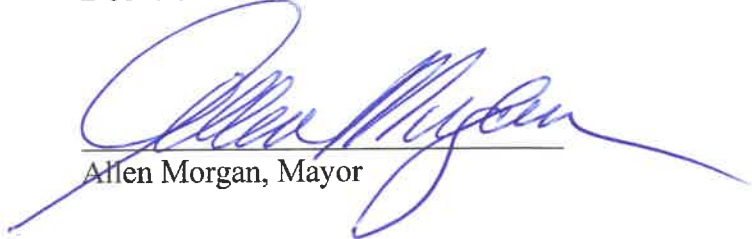
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BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE

  
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Allen Morgan, Mayor

NEW JERSEY STATE PBA  
NEW PROVIDENCE LOCAL #132

  
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PBA President *Nicholas Guerriero*

**SCHEDULE A**  
**SERGEANT SALARY GUIDE**

			<u>1/1/2023</u>	<u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>1/1/2025</u>	<u>1/1/2026</u>
Differential	Sergeant		\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
			\$141,468.20	\$144,604.91	\$147,820.03	\$151,115.53

**SCHEDULE B**  
**DONATED LEAVE GUIDELINES**

**I. Purpose**

A. The intent of this program is to permit full time, sworn, New Providence Police Department employees to donate earned sick time and/or vacation time on a voluntary basis to another full time, sworn, New Providence Police Department employee who is suffering from a catastrophic health condition or injury and/or prolonged illness or injury which compels their prolonged absence from work.

B. An employee who is to be a recipient of donated time must first exhaust all of his/her own accumulated sick, vacation, personal and compensatory time. The employee must also produce a doctor's certification at the onset of the illness or injury to substantiate the nature of the illness or injury, and to specify the length of time that the employee will probably be absent from work. An employee who utilizes donated leave time will be treated as a Borough employee on a leave of absence with pay and will not be subject to a diminishment of wages and benefits.

C. The donation of sick, personal, compensatory and/or vacation time must be initiated by the employee through the Chief of Police. The request must be on the forms provided by the Borough and must be made prior to the exhaustion of all accumulated sick, vacation, personal and compensatory time. Upon approval by the Recipient/ Donor Committee members, all police department employees, as described above are eligible to donate time on a voluntary basis.

**II. Eligibility**

A. Recipient

A New Providence Police Department employee shall be eligible to receive donated sick, personal, compensatory and/or vacation leave from other police department employees if the employee meets all the following criteria:

1. Must have completed one-year continuous service with the New Providence Police Department.

2. Must be suffering from a catastrophic health condition or injury and/or prolonged illness or injury that necessitates the employee's prolonged absence from work for which the employee has no availability of paid leave.

3. Must produce acceptable medical verification from a physician or other licensed health care provider. The medical verification must indicate the nature, severity and anticipated

duration of the disability resulting from the serious or prolonged health condition or injury involved.

4. Exhausted all accrued paid leave time including compensatory time, sick leave, personal and vacation leave.

**B. Donor**

An employee to be eligible to donate leave to another employee must meet the following criteria:

1. Must donate whole days.
2. Must have at least 15 days of accrued sick leave remaining to his/her credit following any donations.
3. Must not have solicited nor accepted anything of value for the donation.

**III. Recipient/Donor Committee**

A. A Recipient/Donor Committee shall review every request for donated sick leave. The Recipient/Donor Committee members must approve, by majority, the eligibility of any employee before he/she can participate in the program. Decisions and approvals regarding eligibility will be made on a case-by case basis. The committee shall consist of the following personnel:

1. Chief of Police
2. Captain
3. Borough Nurse
4. Two PBA Members

B. An appeals process, through the grievance procedure, shall be available to any requester who disagrees with the committee 's decision.

**IV. Procedures**

A. Any employee may request to participate as a recipient in this program by contacting the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police will require medical documentation concerning the nature, severity and anticipated duration of the medical emergency involved. The Chief of Police shall document the request, on forms provided by the Borough, and then shall arrange for a meeting of the Recipient/Donor Committee without delay.



B. If approved by the Recipient/Donor Committee, the Chief of Police will then post on employee bulletin boards or communicate by other appropriate means, the name(s) of eligible employee(s) who will have exhausted all earned paid leave time by a designated date. The posting will be done only with the recipients consent. If the employee is unable to consent, the employee's family may consent on behalf of the employee. Notice shall be provided to all appropriate majority representatives.

C. Full time, sworn employees may donate within the prescribed limitation only whole days of sick leave, compensatory time, vacation leave, or a combination thereof.

D. The donor and the recipient (or family representative) will fill out the required forms. No one shall directly or indirectly intimidate, threaten or coerce, or attempt to intimidate or coerce any other employee for the purpose of interfering with any right which such employee may have with respect to contributing, receiving or using unpaid leave under this program. The above shall include promising to confer or conferring any benefit (such as appointment, promotion or compensation). An affidavit to this effect shall be signed by the donor. Any employee who engages in the above prohibited conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action.

E. The donor's leave time will be reduced by the number of days donated with regard to that donor's respective bank.

F. Any time donated to the recipient will be kept confidential and not disclosed to the recipient or any other individuals requesting this information. This provision will not include any individuals who facilitate this program.

G. The eligible recipient's leave time will be credited with the donated time indicating the donor may receive days from more than one donor. Records shall be maintained by The Borough's Personnel Office showing the donor's name, number and type of days donated.

H. The eligible recipient may receive 180 donated days from the date the recipient (employee) exhausts all available accrued sick, vacation, personal and compensatory time.

I. Nothing in this policy eliminates the ability of the officer requesting donated leave to request additional paid leave from Borough Council.

J. If the employees prolonged absence extends beyond the expiration of the 180 day donated leave time, the employee may make application for an additional 80 days to a maximum 260 days donated leave time.

K. Should an employee return to work, or otherwise terminate the use of leave with donated time remaining, that time will be returned to the donor(s) on a prorated basis in days. Any pro-ration that would amount to less than one day per donor will be rounded up to one day per donor.

L. The recipient employee, while using donated leave, will continue to earn sick, personal, compensatory and/or vacation leave. If the earned sick leave is unused when the

employee returns to work, all such earned time shall be retained by the recipient employee and credited to the employee's accrued sick time leave.

M. If the recipient retires, he/she will not be granted supplemental compensation for any unused sick days, which he/she received through the donated sick leave program.

N. Once the sick and/or vacation leave has been donated, it may not be revoked by the donor.

O. Donations may not be used on a retroactive basis.

**SCHEDULE C**  
**FMLA/FLA AGREEMENT**

The following terms and conditions are agreed to between \_\_\_\_\_  
[Insert Employee Name]  
("Employee") and the Borough of New Providence ("Borough") regarding the following:

1. Employee has requested to use his/her accrued contractual leave time for an event that is covered by the Federal Family Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") and/or the New Jersey Family Leave Act ("FLA").
2. The Borough has timely notified Employee that the event is covered by the FMLA and/or the FLA and of his/her rights under said Acts.
3. Despite his/her right to designate his/her leave as FMLA and/or FLA leave, Employee has elected not to do so and instead use his/her accrued contractual leave time for all or part of the leave.
4. The Borough shall not count the leave time covered under this Agreement against Employee's FMLA/FLA leave availability unless Employee elects to do so in writing.

**EMPLOYEE**

**FOR THE BOROUGH**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name:

## Certification

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached document(s) are true electronic copies of the executed collective negotiations agreement(s) and the included summary is an accurate assessment of the collective bargaining agreement for the term beginning 1/1/2023 thru 12/31/2026.

Employer: Borough of New Providence

County: Union

Date: 12/7/2023

Name: Wendi Barry  
Print Name

Title: Borough Clerk

*Wendi Barry*  
Signature