

AGREEMENT

Between

THE CITY OF VINELAND

A Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey

&

VINELAND SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

An Employee Representative

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This Agreement, dated **December 14, 2006**, by and between the City of Vineland, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “City” and the Vineland Superior Officers Association, herein after referred to as the “Association”.

Article 1 - Recognition

It is the intention of the parties that this Agreement be construed in harmony with New Jersey statutes, New Jersey Department of Personnel (**NJDOP**) rules and regulations, City ordinances and Police Department rules and regulations, but no City ordinance or Police Department rule and regulation shall amend or alter any provision of this Agreement.

The City recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative of those certain employees of the Police Department of the City for the purpose of collective negotiations concerning wages, salaries and other terms and conditions of employment. For the purposes of this Agreement, an employee or employees are those employees in the following titles pursuant to the Certification Docket No. RO-88-35 by the State of New Jersey, Public Employment Relations Commission dated January 13, 1988, as authorized by the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1968, as amended:

All superior officers employed by the City of Vineland Police Department whose titles are included in the Superior Officers Unit, specifically including employees serving in the grades of sergeant and lieutenant, but excluding all managerial employees within the meaning of the Act, all non-police, non-supervisory police officers, all other employees included in any other collective negotiations unit, and all other employees employed by the City of Vineland.

The City acknowledges that the Police Captains have established a new representative bargaining unit, as authorized by the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Certification Docket No. RO-93-89, dated December 28, 1992.

Article 2 - Management Rights

§1. All of the authority, rights and responsibilities possessed by the City are retained by it.

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, it is the right of the City through and by the Director of Public Safety, the Chief of Police and any of their designated representatives to determine the standards of service to be offered by its employees; determine the standards of selection of employment; direct its employees; take disciplinary action; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for any other legitimate reason; maintain the efficiency of its operations; determine the amount of overtime to be worked; determine the methods, means

and personnel by which its operations are to be conducted; determine the content of work assignments; schedule the hours; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work.

- §2. Enforcement Clause. The City shall have the right at all times to enforce rules, regulations, policies or other statements of procedure not inconsistent with this Agreement, notwithstanding the act, whether active or passive, of the City in refraining from doing so at any time or times. The act of the City at any time or times in refraining to enforce its rights under said rules, regulations, policies or other statements of procedure shall not be construed as having created a custom or practice contrary to said rules, regulations, policies or other statements of procedure or as having waived or modified said rules, regulations, policies or other statements of procedure.
- §3. 7K Exemption. As required by law, the City adopted provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) on September 27, 1985. And as such, elected to adopt the 7K exemption provision of the FLSA, specifically, the 171 hour - 28 day cycle portion.

Article 3 - Maintenance of Standards

- §1. With respect to matters not covered by this Agreement, the City will not seek to diminish or impair during the term of this Agreement any benefit, privilege or working condition as provided by law, rule or regulation for employees without prior negotiations with the Association, provided, however, that this Agreement shall be construed consistent with the free exercise of rights reserved to the City by the Management Rights clause of this Agreement.
- §2. Employees shall retain all civil rights under New Jersey State and Federal Law.

Article 4 - Association Representatives and Members

Authorized representatives of the Association, whose names shall be filed in writing with the Director of Public Safety and the Chief of Police, shall be permitted by appointment with the exception of emergencies to visit Police Headquarters or the Office of the Director of Public Safety for the purposes of processing grievances. This right shall be exercised reasonably. Upon entering the premises, the authorized representative shall notify the Shift Commander or, in his/her absence, his/her authorized representative. The Association representative shall not interfere with the normal conduct of the work of the Police Department.

The Association President shall be granted leave with pay of up to three hours to conduct Association business or attend Association related seminars as approved by Chief of Police, which approval shall not be unreasonably denied. Any hours not used in a month may accrue to the next month provided, however, that no more than eight hours shall accrue at any one time.

Article 5 - Check Off

- §1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9e, employees who are Association members may authorize voluntarily and in writing to the proper disbursing officer of the City, to have customary dues deducted from their compensation and paid to the Association.
- §2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.5, employees who choose not to be Association members shall have deducted from their compensation a representation fee in lieu of dues up to 85% of regular membership dues, fees and assessments paid by Association members for services rendered by the Association. Said deduction will commence as soon as practicable after the employee's 60th day of employment in a bargaining unit position. Said monies, together with records of any corrections, shall be transmitted to the Association Office during the month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made.
- §3. A check-off shall commence for each employee who signs a properly dated authorization card, supplied by the Association and approved by the City during the month following the filing of such card with the City.
- §4. If, during the life of this Agreement there shall be any change in the membership dues, the Association shall furnish to the City two month's written notice prior to the effective date of such change.
- §5. The Association **shall** furnish the City with a copy of its "Demand and Return System" which must be established and maintained by the Association in accordance with the law.
- §6. The Association shall indemnify and save the City harmless against all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability which may arise by reason of any action taken in making deductions and remitting the same to the Association pursuant to this Article.
- §7. Any such written authorization may be withdrawn at any time by filing a written notice of such withdrawal with the City's Personnel Office. Withdrawals shall become effective 15 days after such filing.

Article 6 - Bulletin Boards

- §1. The City **shall** furnish suitable bulletin board space in the Locker Room and in the Squad Room to be used exclusively by the Association.
- §2. The Association **shall** limit its postings of notices and bulletins to such bulletin boards.
- §3. The Association **shall** not post material which may be profane, derogatory to any individual, or constitute public election campaign material. All bulletin notices shall be signed by the Association President or designee.
- §4. Any material which the City alleges to be in violation of this Agreement shall be promptly removed by the Association. The matter will then be subject to the grievance procedure for resolution.
- §5. Association bulletin boards shall be maintained in a neat and orderly fashion by the Association President.

Article 7 - Nondiscrimination

- §1. **The City and the Association shall apply the provisions of this Agreement equally to all employees without discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status, familial status, religion, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, disability, liability for service in the United States Armed Forces or any other classification protected by Federal or State law. This shall not apply to grants involving current DWI Grant money.**
- §2. All reference to employees in this Agreement designate both sexes, and wherever the male gender is used it shall be construed to include male and female employees.
- §3. The City **shall** not interfere with the rights of employees to become members of the Association. There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the City or any City representative against any employee because of Association membership or because of any employee activity permissible under the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act of 1968, as amended, or this Agreement.
- §4. The Association recognizes its responsibility as bargaining agent and **shall** represent all employees without discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion.
- §5. Medical records are covered by the Federal Confidentiality Act and can be released pursuant to City Policy.
- §6. Employees of the City agree that they will perform loyal and efficient work and service; that they will use their influence and best endeavors to protect the property of the City and its

interest; that they will cooperate with the City in promoting and advancing the welfare and prosperity of same at all times.

Article 8 - No-Strike Pledge

- §1. The Association nor any member or person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize or support any strike (e.g., the concerted failure to report for duty, or willful absence of any employees from their positions, 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, walkout or other job action against the City. The Association agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.
- §2. In the event of a strike, slowdown, walkout or other job action, it is covenanted and agreed that participation in any such activity by an employee shall be deemed grounds for termination of employment of such employee or employees, subject however to the application of the grievance procedure contained in Article 24.
- §3. The Association will actively discourage its members and will take whatever affirmative steps are necessary to prevent or terminate any strike, work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or other job action against the City by employees.
- §4. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the City 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 Association or its members.

Article 9 - Wages

Wages will be paid in accordance with Exhibit "A" - Wage Schedule.

Article 10 - Pay Period

- §1. **The City shall, in its discretion, pay employees weekly or bi-weekly on the applicable Friday, provided that weekly or bi-weekly pay is instituted for all City employees and 60 days notice is given to employees. Should payday occur on a holiday, paychecks shall be issued on the day preceding the holiday. The 27th pay shall be paid in the same manner as the 53rd pay has been paid in the past.**
- §2. The City shall endeavor to provide as much information on the paychecks that the employees desire within the capabilities of the computerized payroll system. Pay receipts currently specify:
- a. base pay.
 - b. overtime pay.
 - c. other payments, hours and entitlements.
 - d. accrued benefit time.
 - e. deductions.
- §3. The City will provide the Police Department with payroll checks on Thursday after 3:00 p.m. to be released Friday morning for those **employees** on the second and third shift only, unless that day be a holiday and then payment is to be made on the day preceding the holiday. The Police Department must provide a weekly list of the second and third shift **employees** who will be entitled to receive their check at 7:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

Article 11 - Vacations

- §1. All employees shall receive the following annual vacation leave with pay, except as otherwise provided:
- a. 120 hours after three years and up to five years of service.
 - b. 152 hours after five years and up to ten years of service.
 - c. 168 hours after 10 years and up to 15 years of service.
 - d. 192 hours after 15 years and up to 20 years of service.
 - e. 208 hours after 20 years and up to 25 years of service.
 - f. 224 hours after 25 years and up to 30 years of service.
 - g. 240 hours after 30 years of service.
- §2. **Any vacation leave not granted nor taken in the year earned due to pressure of Police Department business, as determined by the Director of Public Safety or designee, shall accumulate to the succeeding year for use in the first quarter only. Said accumulated vacation leave not taken in first quarter of the succeeding year shall be eliminated.**
- §3. An employee's rate of vacation pay shall be based on the employee's regular base rate of pay.

§4. All vacation shall be granted, so far as practicable, in accordance with the desires of the employees. All vacation schedules must be submitted prior to May 1st of each year or 30 days before an anticipated vacation prior to May 1st of that year. Preference for vacation time shall be given to **employees** in order of seniority in time in grade. Anything herein before to the contrary notwithstanding, the Chief of Police or designee shall determine and approve the dates and times of vacation to be taken by the employees and shall determine, in his/her absolute discretion, how many employees hereunder can be off at the same time. Scheduled vacation can be revised and rescheduled by the employee provided there is no conflict with another **employee's** scheduled vacation or with the demands of the Police Department. All vacation requests made by the employee shall be responded to and returned to the employee within five working days.

§5. Vacation pay will be granted to employees terminating employment. The amount of vacation leave to be granted will be the proportional number as accrued during the year of termination.

An employee who terminates employment with the City under this contract must be on the payroll of the City at least 15 days during the month in which he/she terminates to be eligible for credit for the earned and eligible vacation leave for the month.

§6. An employee may choose to split one vacation day each year into two half vacation days.

Article 12 - Holiday Pay

This benefit has been eliminated through negotiations.

Article 13 - Education and Training Incentives

Advanced training and education achievement are considered important factors in the professional development of **employees**. The base salaries in Exhibit "A" shall reflect the successful attainment of college credits or degrees.

Employees must submit a certificate of successful attainment of credits or degrees before any salary adjustments are made. Education increments shall be incorporated in the employee's salary by the City on or about the first day of January or the first day of July following the attainment of approved credits or degrees. Approved college credits or degrees hereunder are those earned under an accredited police science, criminal justice or other police related program.

Article 14 - Travel Allowances

§1. The City **shall** reimburse employees for their necessary travel expenses incurred while on City business consistent with the Travel Policy of the Policy Manual. Employees are expected to work the length of a normal work day while traveling, and no overtime shall be worked unless authorized and pre-approved by the Department Head. Should the Travel Policy adopted on **March 1, 2006** be revised, the benefits granted by it shall not be diminished.

§2. Employees will be reimbursed mile for mile for the use of their personal vehicles while on City business at the prevailing IRS rate. A monthly travel log shall be maintained by each employee and submitted no later than 10 days into the following month to his or her Department Director for reimbursement.

Article 15 - Court Time

Any employee who is required to appear during non-working hours in any court of competent jurisdiction including New Jersey State Department Divisional hearings, on City related business as directed by the Chief of Police or designee shall be compensated for total appearance hours in all courts during that 24 hour period the greater of three hours or actual hours spent in all courts, at the overtime rate of pay portal to portal.

Article 16 - Sick Leave

§1. Service Credit for Sick Leave. All employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay as specified hereunder.

- a. Sick leave for purposes herein is defined to mean absence from work of an employee because of personal illness by reason of which such employee is unable to perform the usual duties of his/her position. Sick Leave may be used by employees who are unable to work because of:
 - i. Personal illness or injury.
 - ii. Exposure to contagious disease.
 - iii. Care, for a reasonable period of time of a seriously ill member of the employee's immediate family. "Immediate family" is defined by N.J.A.C.4A: 1-1.3 as employee's spouse, child, legal ward, grandchild, foster child, father, mother, legal guardian, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and other relatives residing in the employee's household. In addition, the City recognizes step-father and step-mother to be part of the immediate family or other near relative.

- iv. Death in the employee's immediate family for a reasonable period of time. The employee is limited to a maximum of **24 hours** in the case of death of the immediate family.

- b. If an employee is incapacitated and unable to work because of an injury sustained in the performance of his/her police duties, as evidenced by a Certificate of a City-designated physician or other doctor acceptable to the City, he/she shall be granted in addition to his/her annual sick leave with pay or any accumulations thereof, leave of absence with pay for a period of 365 days or so much thereof as may be required, as evidenced by Certificate of a City-designated or accepted physician, but not longer than a period of which worker's compensation temporary disability payments are allowed.

If at the end of such 365 day period the employee is unable to return to duty, a Certificate from the City-designated or accepted physician shall be presented, certifying to this fact, and the employee may elect, if he/she so desires, to use all or any part of the sick leave accumulated to supplement compensation payments so that the combined compensation payments and sick leave and allowance will approximate the employee's regular basic wage or salary payment.

During the period in which the full salary or wages of any employee on disability leave is paid by the City, any compensation payments made to or received by or on behalf of such employee shall be deducted from the amount carried on the payroll for such employee or shall be assigned to the City by the insurance carrier or the employee.

Whenever the City-designated physician or physician acceptable to the City shall report in writing that the employee is fit for duty, such disability leave shall terminate and such employee shall forthwith report for duty.

Furthermore, if an employee, during the period of his/her disability is fit to perform "other" light duties, the City may, at its discretion, allow or require such employee to perform these light duties. The employee's ability to perform such light duties shall be determined by a City-designated physician or other physician acceptable to the City.

Employees on job-related disability leave and authorized to return from said leave on light duty are required to report same to the Chief of Police.

- c. Any employee on injury leave resulting from injury while on duty shall continue to accrue sick leave credits while he/she remains on the payroll.

§2. Amount of Sick Leave. An employee shall receive 120 sick leave hours annually, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A:6-1.3, as long as the employee remains actively employed. If the employee is separated from employment, the 120 hours shall be prorated at 10 hours for each full month of employment.

Any sick leave 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 purpose.

§3. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave. If an employee is absent for reasons that entitle him/her to sick leave, the Shift Commander on duty or his/her Commander shall be notified in accordance with the Department's rules and regulations. Failure to so notify his/her Shift Commander may be cause for denial of the use of sick leave for that absence and constitute cause for disciplinary action. Absence without notice for five consecutive days shall constitute a resignation not in good standing.

§4. Verification of Sick Leave. An employee who shall be absent on sick leave for five or more consecutive working days or totaling more than 10 days in one calendar year, may be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness from a physician acceptable to the City. Furthermore, the City may require such an employee to be examined by a City-designated physician at the expense of the City.

- a. In case of a leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a Certificate from the Department of Health shall be required prior to the employee's return to work.
- b. The City may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of his/her return to work, 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 of other employees.

§5. Payment of Accrued Sick Leave at Death. The City will pay upon the death of an active employee an amount equal to 50% of all accrued and unused sick leave pay up to a maximum of \$15,000.00.

Payment shall be made promptly, if funds are available, but not later than one month after the final adoption of the budget of the City for the year succeeding the effective date of death of the employee.

Article 17 - Funeral Leave

§1. **Employees shall receive leave with pay for up to a maximum of 40 hours in the event of the death of the employee's spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, step-mother or step-father.**

§2. **Employees shall receive leave with pay for up to a maximum of 24 hours in the event of the death of the employee's grandfather, grandmother, sister, brother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren or grandparents of the spouse. Should funeral services for the deceased hereunder be held more than 500 miles away from the City of Vineland, then such funeral leave shall be for a maximum of 40 hours.**

§3. To be eligible for funeral leave, the employee must attend the funeral services. At the discretion of the employee, funeral leave shall be contiguous and consecutive to either the date of death or the date of the funeral services, whether the days are working or non-working. Funeral leave requests shall be subject to the approval of the Chief of Police, which shall not be unreasonably denied.

Article 18 - Personal Leave

§1. Each employee shall receive 32 personal leave hours annually to be granted upon five days prior written request of the employee to the Chief of Police or designee with a copy to the immediate supervisor. Said request shall be granted at the discretion of the Chief of Police or designee, so long as the employee's absence will not interfere with the proper conduct of the Department. The five day requirement may be waived in emergency and unusual circumstances. However, the employee shall provide as much written notice as possible in accordance with the procedure outlined above. Personal leave shall not accumulate from year to year.

§2. New employees and employees in their final year of service shall earn eight personal leave hours every three months provided the employee is on the payroll for at least 60 consecutive days between each three month period as follows:

- a. January 1 and March 31.
- b. April 1 and June 30.
- c. July 1 and September 30.
- d. October 1 and December 31.

§3. At least eight personal leave hours will be given priority consideration for scheduling as requested by the employee. An employee may use personal leave in four hour increments only twice per year.

§4. If an employee takes more leave than earned, the value of the leave will be withheld from the last paycheck. If the deficiency exceeds the last paycheck, the City will seek reimbursement for the deficient amount.

Article 19 - Leave of Absence and Military Leave

§1. Leave of Absence. Any employee desiring leave without pay for personal reasons shall make a request in writing to the Director of Public Safety not less than two weeks in advance of the date for which such leave is desired, except in the event of an emergency, stating the

reasons for the leave and the time requested. Leaves may be granted or denied at the discretion of the City and shall not be unreasonably or arbitrarily denied.

Employees may not be gainfully employed during the period of such leave. Falsification of the reason for leave or failure to return promptly at the expiration of a leave shall be considered reason for summary discharge. Leave shall be granted or denied in writing.

§2. Military Leave. Leave shall be granted to employees to fulfill the special military requirements of regular annual active duty for training with any reserve unit of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard or Air Force. The employee shall be paid his/her regular pay during the period of his/her military training.

The existing Federal and State statutes with regard to leave for military service in their present state or as they may be amended will be observed by the parties hereto. The benefits under these applicable statute shall be provided for all employees.

§3. Family Leave Act. Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), employees who have been employed for at least 12 months and worked at least 1,250 hours, are eligible to receive an unpaid leave of absence for a period not to exceed 12 weeks during a 12 month period. Leave may be taken only for the following reasons:

- a. Employee's own serious health condition.
- b. The birth or adoption of a child.
- c. To care for a child, spouse or parent with a serious health condition.

Eligible employees must provide prior notice to the Department Head if requesting a leave of absence under this Act. Management has a right to request that an employee provide a certification issued by a licensed health care provider in order to verify necessity of leave.

Article 20 - Clothing Allowance / Maintenance

§1. The City **shall** pay any employee assigned to a non-uniformed position **\$350.00** per year as a clothing allowance/maintenance. If such employee works for less than one full year, then such amount shall be prorated for the period assigned. Clothing allowances shall be paid once annually in the first payroll period of December.

§2. **Effective January 1, 2007, uniform maintenance allowances for employees required to wear uniforms have been eliminated through negotiations.** Employees **shall** maintain their uniforms in good and clean condition.

Article 21 - Overtime

§1. Overtime is work performed in excess of eight hours per day or in excess of 40 hours per week.

Overtime is hours when employees are called in for specific duty assignments from an off-duty day or from between work shifts. Payment for overtime hours shall be at straight time and one-half and shall be computed retroactively to the regular termination time of the shift. Furthermore, no overtime shall be worked nor shall overtime be payable unless said overtime has been specifically authorized by the Chief of Police, the Division Commander, or in his/her absence the Shift Commander, prior to it being worked.

Overtime will be calculated and rounded in 15 minute increments.

§2. Employees, when called in for a specific duty assignment from an off-duty day or from between workshifts, shall be entitled to be paid a minimum of three hours overtime at straight time and one-half as set forth above.

Article 22 - Retirement

§1. Employees retiring either on the regular pension or disability shall be paid for all accumulated vacation.

§2. In case of death of an employee, there shall be paid to his/her widow, beneficiary or estate, the amount due for all accumulated and unused vacation time.

§3. At retirement, the City **shall** pay each employee 50% of all accrued and unused sick leave up to a maximum amount as specified for the following years:

2006	\$17,500
2007	\$17,500
2008	\$15,000
2009	\$15,000

This supplemental compensation payment shall be computed at the rate of one-half (½) accumulated unused sick **hours** multiplied by the eligible employee's **hourly** rate of pay which is based upon the average annual base compensation received during the last year of his/her employment, prior to the effective date of his/her retirement, provided however, that no such lump sum supplemental compensation payment shall exceed the amounts as specified above.

§4. Payment shall be made promptly if funds are available, but no later than one month after the final adoption of the budget of the City for the year succeeding the effective date of retirement of the employee.

Employee may expect to receive payment of supplemental compensation for sick leave as indicated above in the year in which he/she retires if he/she notifies the City in January preceding the fiscal budget year which begins July of that same year. Payment will be computed in accordance with Ordinance No. 90-74 of the City and paid in accordance with said original Ordinance No. 1005 and the amendments thereto, including Ordinance No. 90-74, if advance notice is not provided as above stated.

Article 23 - Health Benefits

§1. The City shall assume the full cost of health insurance for all employees, and their eligible family members, who are currently enrolled in the traditional (Patriot X) plan or the HMO (Patriot V) plan and who have been employed with the City on or before January 1, 2002. Said employees would also be free to transfer from the Patriot V to the Patriot X plan at no additional cost to them. The benefits are more specifically provided for and explained in a brochure available to employees.

The City shall assume the full cost of health insurance for employees hired new to the City after January 1, 2002, and their eligible family members, who enroll in the HMO (Patriot V) plan. However, said new hires who elect to enroll in the traditional (Patriot X) plan at any point in time shall pay the difference between the Patriot V and Patriot X premiums.

§2. The City shall provide a generic prescription plan for employees and their eligible family members. A federally approved generic equivalent, if available, will be dispensed for name brand unless an employee's physician specifically requires name brand. An employee who receives name brand when generic is available shall pay the cost difference between the name brand and generic, except if the attending physician specifies no substitute for name brand. This cost will not be applied to the employee's deductible. The co-pays are as follows:

<u>Name brand, including mail-order</u>	<u>Generic, including mail-order</u>
2006 \$10.00	2006 \$ 5.00
2007 \$20.00	2007 \$10.00
2008 \$25.00	2008 \$15.00
2009 \$25.00	2009 \$15.00

§3. An employee who retires with at least 25 years of creditable service in the New Jersey Police and Firemen's Retirement System shall receive the same prescription coverage as active employees, which may change from time to time, until said employee:

- a. Obtains employment having prescription coverage comparable to active employees. However, retired employees may re-enroll in the City prescription program given to active employees should said employment cease; or
- b. Becomes eligible for a federal or state subsidized prescription program, such as Medicare.

§4. Employees and their eligible family members shall receive a basic dental care plan and choose from among a customary Delta 50/50 Dental Plan, Delta-Flagship Health Systems, Inc. or Delta Preferred Provider Option, **or their successors.**

§5. Employees on approved Leave of Absence, pursuant to regulations of the State Health Benefit Program, are responsible for payment of said health benefits premiums in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Article 24 - Grievances

§1. Should any grievance arise with respect to the meaning, application or interpretation of the terms of this Agreement, such grievance shall be submitted to the following procedure:

Step 1: The employee shall submit his/her grievance in writing within three days after its occurrence or employee's reasonable knowledge thereof, in duplicate, to the Association Representative, who in turn shall forthwith file one copy with the Shift Commander on whose shift such grievance arose, and said Association Representative shall forthwith attempt to settle the matter of the grievance with said Shift Commander. Failure to file his/her grievance in writing as aforesaid shall bar the employee from any right to proceed further with any grievance.

If the grievance is filed in writing as herein above provided, and the matter taken up between the Association Representative and the Shift Commander fails to produce an amicable settlement of the matter, the grievance shall then proceed to Step 2.

Step 2: If no adjustment has been reached at Step 1, then within five days after Step 1, the Association Representative shall take the matter up with the Chief of Police and every effort shall be made to reach a mutually satisfactory solution.

Step 3: If no solution can be reached, the Association Representative shall refer the matter to the Association President within five days immediately following the disposition of the grievance at Step 2, who shall take the matter up with the Director of Public Safety in an endeavor to adjust it amicably. Failure of the Director of Public Safety to resolve the matter within 30 working days shall constitute a denial of the grievance.

Step 4: In the event the grievance is not resolved at Step 3, either party may refer the matter to impartial binding arbitration.

Any party wishing to remove a grievance to arbitration shall notify the Public Employment Relations Commission that they are moving a grievance to arbitration and request that a list of arbitrators be furnished to the employee and the employer. If the City and the Association cannot mutually arrive at a satisfactory arbitrator within 30 working days after receipt of the list from the Public Employment Relations Commission, the Commission shall select an arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall hear the matter on the evidence and within the meaning of this Agreement and applicable **NJDOP** rules and regulations, and render his/her award in writing, which shall be final and binding. The cost of the arbitrator's fee shall be shared equally by the City and the Association. Any representative or officer of the Association required in the grievance procedure to settle disputes on any arbitration shall be released from work without loss of pay for such purpose and any witness reasonably required shall be made available during working hours without loss of pay for the purpose of disposing of any grievance or arbitration matter.

§2. The City and the Association mutually agree that grievance matters shall proceed to arbitration only if submitted by the City or the Association.

Article 25 - Extracontractual Agreements

The City **shall** not enter into any other agreement with **employees**, individually or collectively, which in any way would conflict with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Article 26 - Severability

In the event that any provision of this Agreement between the parties shall be held by operation of law or by a court or administrative agency of competent and final jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of such Agreement shall not be affected thereby, but shall be continued in full force and effect.

It is further agreed that in the event any provision is finally declared to be invalid or unenforceable, the parties shall meet within 30 days of written notice by either party to the other to negotiate concerning the modification or revision of such clause or clauses.

Article 27 - Conclusion of Collective Negotiations

The City and the Association agree that this Agreement is the entire agreement, terminates all prior agreements or understandings, and concludes all collective negotiations during its term. Neither party will during the term of this Agreement seek to unilaterally modify its terms through legislation or other means which may be available to them. The parties acknowledge that, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, they have fully negotiated with respect to the terms and conditions of employment and have settled them for the term of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Article 28 - Workweek

- §1. All **employees** shall work a 40 hour workweek. For the purposes of this Agreement, workweek is defined as the seven day period commencing Sunday and ending Saturday. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed to guarantee any **employee** any number of consecutive days off during any work week.
- §2. The current scheduling practice at the Department is in compliance with the 40 hour workweek provision as negotiated and such schedule does not result in any claim for overtime unless work is performed beyond the normal schedule and as provided in Article 21.

Article 29 - Fair Labor Standards Act

The City complies with the FLSA and regulations promulgated thereunder. The City will take appropriate action to ensure such compliance consistent with this Agreement including, but not limited to:

1. The exercising of any election or option available to it under the FLSA or regulations;

2. The awarding of compensatory time in lieu of monetary compensation and overtime;
3. Establishing procedures to monitor and control hours worked and overtime;
4. The crediting of any overtime payments made pursuant to this Agreement against any overtime obligation incurred under the FLSA;
5. Establishing such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the FLSA.

Article 30 - Shift Differential

Effective January 1, 2007, this benefit has been eliminated through negotiations.

Article 31 - Jury Duty

Pursuant to City policy, employees shall be granted leave with pay for time required to attend jury duty that is scheduled during working hours. Afternoon shift employees shall be excused from their shift immediately after jury duty. Night shift employees shall be excused from their shift immediately preceding jury duty.

Article 32 - Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective **January 1, 2006**, except as otherwise specified, and shall continue in full force and effect to and including **December 31, 2009**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers the day and year first above written.

City of Vineland

Vineland Superior Officers Association

By:

By:

Mayor

President

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

Secretary

Negotiating Committee:

Negotiating Committee:

Exhibit "A" - Wage Schedule

Wage Increase:

2006 3.5%
2007 3.5%
2008 3.5%
2009 3.25%

Grade Multiplier:

0-1 years 0%
2-5 years 1%
6-8 years 2%
9+ years 3.5%

Sergeant:**Lieutenant:**

2006	2007	2008	2009	2006	2007	2008	2009
78,453	82,449	85,335	88,108	83,773	87,955	91,033	93,992
79,238	83,273	86,188	88,989	84,611	88,835	91,943	94,932
80,022	84,098	87,042	89,870	85,448	89,714	92,854	95,872
81,199	85,335	88,322	91,192	86,705	91,033	94,219	97,282

A 27 step wage schedule based on approved accredited college credits earned shall be created. An employee with zero credits shall be placed on step 1. An employee with between one and five credits shall be placed on step 2, which shall have the value of five credits earned (\$62.50). An employee with between six and 10 credits shall be placed on step 3, which shall have the value of 10 credits earned (\$125.00). This formula shall be extrapolated up to step 25. An employee with a masters degree shall be placed on step 26, and an employee with a doctorate degree shall be placed on step 27.

After all employees are initially placed on the wage schedule, movement from one step to another shall not occur until an employee has reached the five credit increment of the succeeding step. For example, an employee with 48 credits shall initially be placed on step 11. Should that employee earn additional credits for a total of 51, the employee shall remain on step 11, and may advance to step 12 upon earning at least 55 credits.

1. 0 credits	Salary	10. 45 credits	+ \$562.50	19. 90 credits	+ \$1,125.00
2. 5 credits	+ \$62.50	11. 50 credits	+ \$625.00	20. 95 credits	+ \$1,187.50
3. 10 credits	+ \$125.00	12. 55 credits	+ \$687.50	21. 100 credits	+ \$1,250.00
4. 15 credits	+ \$187.50	13. 60 credits	+ \$750.00	22. 105 credits	+ \$1,312.50
5. 20 credits	+ \$250.00	14. 65 credits	+ \$812.50	23. 110 credits	+ \$1,375.00
6. 25 credits	+ \$312.50	15. 70 credits	+ \$875.00	24. 115 credits	+ \$1,437.50
7. 30 credits	+ \$375.00	16. 75 credits	+ \$937.50	25. 120 credits	+ \$1,500.00
8. 35 credits	+ \$437.50	17. 80 credits	+ \$1,000.00	26. Masters	+ \$2,000.00
9. 40 credits	+ \$500.00	18. 85 credits	+ \$1,062.50	27. Doctorate	+ \$2,750.00

	2006	2007	2008	2009		2006	2007	2008	2009
	Sergeant - 0 to 1 Years in Grade					Sergeant - 2 to 5 Years in Grade			
1	78,453.00	82,449.00	85,335.00	88,108.00	1	79,238.00	83,273.00	86,188.00	88,989.00
2	78,515.50	82,511.50	85,397.50	88,170.50	2	79,300.50	83,335.50	86,250.50	89,051.50
3	78,578.00	82,574.00	85,460.00	88,233.00	3	79,363.00	83,398.00	86,313.00	89,114.00
4	78,640.50	82,636.50	85,522.50	88,295.50	4	79,425.50	83,460.50	86,375.50	89,176.50
5	78,703.00	82,699.00	85,585.00	88,358.00	5	79,488.00	83,523.00	86,438.00	89,239.00
6	78,765.50	82,761.50	85,647.50	88,420.50	6	79,550.50	83,585.50	86,500.50	89,301.50
7	78,828.00	82,824.00	85,710.00	88,483.00	7	79,613.00	83,648.00	86,563.00	89,364.00
8	78,890.50	82,886.50	85,772.50	88,545.50	8	79,675.50	83,710.50	86,625.50	89,426.50
9	78,953.00	82,949.00	85,835.00	88,608.00	9	79,738.00	83,773.00	86,688.00	89,489.00
10	79,015.50	83,011.50	85,897.50	88,670.50	10	79,800.50	83,835.50	86,750.50	89,551.50
11	79,078.00	83,074.00	85,960.00	88,733.00	11	79,863.00	83,898.00	86,813.00	89,614.00
12	79,140.50	83,136.50	86,022.50	88,795.50	12	79,925.50	83,960.50	86,875.50	89,676.50

13	79,203.00	83,199.00	86,085.00	88,858.00	13	79,988.00	84,023.00	86,938.00	89,739.00
14	79,265.50	83,261.50	86,147.50	88,920.50	14	80,050.50	84,085.50	87,000.50	89,801.50
15	79,328.00	83,324.00	86,210.00	88,983.00	15	80,113.00	84,148.00	87,063.00	89,864.00
16	79,390.50	83,386.50	86,272.50	89,045.50	16	80,175.50	84,210.50	87,125.50	89,926.50
17	79,453.00	83,449.00	86,335.00	89,108.00	17	80,238.00	84,273.00	87,188.00	89,989.00
18	79,515.50	83,511.50	86,397.50	89,170.50	18	80,300.50	84,335.50	87,250.50	90,051.50
19	79,578.00	83,574.00	86,460.00	89,233.00	19	80,363.00	84,398.00	87,313.00	90,114.00
20	79,640.50	83,636.50	86,522.50	89,295.50	20	80,425.50	84,460.50	87,375.50	90,176.50
21	79,703.00	83,699.00	86,585.00	89,358.00	21	80,488.00	84,523.00	87,438.00	90,239.00
22	79,765.50	83,761.50	86,647.50	89,420.50	22	80,550.50	84,585.50	87,500.50	90,301.50
23	79,828.00	83,824.00	86,710.00	89,483.00	23	80,613.00	84,648.00	87,563.00	90,364.00
24	79,890.50	83,886.50	86,772.50	89,545.50	24	80,675.50	84,710.50	87,625.50	90,426.50
25	79,953.00	83,949.00	86,835.00	89,608.00	25	80,738.00	84,773.00	87,688.00	90,489.00
26	80,453.00	84,449.00	87,335.00	90,108.00	26	81,238.00	85,273.00	88,188.00	90,989.00
27	81,203.00	85,199.00	88,085.00	90,858.00	27	81,988.00	86,023.00	88,938.00	91,739.00

Sergeant - 6 to 8 Years in Grade

1	80,022.00	84,098.00	87,042.00	89,870.00
2	80,084.50	84,160.50	87,104.50	89,932.50
3	80,147.00	84,223.00	87,167.00	89,995.00
4	80,209.50	84,285.50	87,229.50	90,057.50
5	80,272.00	84,348.00	87,292.00	90,120.00
6	80,334.50	84,410.50	87,354.50	90,182.50
7	80,397.00	84,473.00	87,417.00	90,245.00
8	80,459.50	84,535.50	87,479.50	90,307.50
9	80,522.00	84,598.00	87,542.00	90,370.00
10	80,584.50	84,660.50	87,604.50	90,432.50
11	80,647.00	84,723.00	87,667.00	90,495.00
12	80,709.50	84,785.50	87,729.50	90,557.50
13	80,772.00	84,848.00	87,792.00	90,620.00
14	80,834.50	84,910.50	87,854.50	90,682.50
15	80,897.00	84,973.00	87,917.00	90,745.00
16	80,959.50	85,035.50	87,979.50	90,807.50
17	81,022.00	85,098.00	88,042.00	90,870.00
18	81,084.50	85,160.50	88,104.50	90,932.50
19	81,147.00	85,223.00	88,167.00	90,995.00
20	81,209.50	85,285.50	88,229.50	91,057.50
21	81,272.00	85,348.00	88,292.00	91,120.00
22	81,334.50	85,410.50	88,354.50	91,182.50
23	81,397.00	85,473.00	88,417.00	91,245.00
24	81,459.50	85,535.50	88,479.50	91,307.50
25	81,522.00	85,598.00	88,542.00	91,370.00
26	82,022.00	86,098.00	89,042.00	91,870.00
27	82,772.00	86,848.00	89,792.00	92,620.00

Sergeant - 9+ Years in Grade

1	81,199.00	85,335.00	88,322.00	91,192.00
2	81,261.50	85,397.50	88,384.50	91,254.50
3	81,324.00	85,460.00	88,447.00	91,317.00
4	81,386.50	85,522.50	88,509.50	91,379.50
5	81,449.00	85,585.00	88,572.00	91,442.00
6	81,511.50	85,647.50	88,634.50	91,504.50
7	81,574.00	85,710.00	88,697.00	91,567.00
8	81,636.50	85,772.50	88,759.50	91,629.50
9	81,699.00	85,835.00	88,822.00	91,692.00
10	81,761.50	85,897.50	88,884.50	91,754.50
11	81,824.00	85,960.00	8,947.00	91,817.00
12	81,886.50	86,022.50	89,009.50	91,879.50
13	81,949.00	86,085.00	89,072.00	91,942.00
14	82,011.50	86,147.50	89,134.50	92,004.50
15	82,074.00	86,210.00	89,197.00	92,067.00
16	82,136.50	86,272.50	89,259.50	92,129.50
17	82,199.00	86,335.00	89,322.00	92,192.00
18	82,261.50	86,397.50	89,384.50	92,254.50
19	82,324.00	86,460.00	89,447.00	92,317.00
20	82,386.50	86,522.50	89,509.50	92,379.50
21	82,449.00	86,585.00	89,572.00	92,442.00
22	82,511.50	86,647.50	89,634.50	92,504.50
23	82,574.00	86,710.00	89,697.00	92,567.00
24	82,636.50	86,772.50	89,759.50	92,629.50
25	82,699.00	86,835.00	89,822.00	92,692.00
26	83,199.00	87,335.00	90,322.00	93,192.00
27	83,949.00	88,085.00	91,072.00	93,942.00

2006 2007 2008 2009

Lieutenant - 0 to 1 Years in Grade

1	83,773.00	87,955.00	91,033.00	93,992.00
2	83,835.50	88,017.50	91,095.50	94,054.50
3	83,898.00	88,080.00	91,158.00	94,117.00
4	83,960.50	88,142.50	91,220.50	94,179.50
5	84,023.00	88,205.00	91,283.00	94,242.00
6	84,085.50	88,267.50	91,345.50	94,304.50
7	84,148.00	88,330.00	91,408.00	94,367.00
8	84,210.50	88,392.50	91,470.50	94,429.50
9	84,273.00	88,455.00	91,533.00	94,492.00
10	84,335.50	88,517.50	91,595.50	94,554.50
11	84,398.00	88,580.00	91,658.00	94,617.00
12	84,460.50	88,642.50	91,720.50	94,679.50

2006 2007 2008 2009

Lieutenant - 2 to 5 Years in Grade

1	84,611.00	88,835.00	91,943.00	94,932.00
2	84,673.50	88,897.50	92,005.50	94,994.50
3	84,736.00	88,960.00	92,068.00	95,057.00
4	84,798.50	89,022.50	92,130.50	95,119.50
5	84,861.00	89,085.00	92,193.00	95,182.00
6	84,923.50	89,147.50	92,255.50	95,244.50
7	84,986.00	89,210.00	92,318.00	95,307.00
8	85,048.50	89,272.50	92,380.50	95,369.50
9	85,111.00	89,335.00	92,443.00	95,432.00
10	85,173.50	89,397.50	92,505.50	95,494.50
11	85,236.00	89,460.00	92,568.00	95,557.00
12	85,298.50	89,522.50	92,630.50	95,619.50

13	84,523.00	88,705.00	91,783.00	94,742.00
14	84,585.50	88,767.50	91,845.50	94,804.50
15	84,648.00	88,830.00	91,908.00	94,867.00
16	84,710.50	88,892.50	91,970.50	94,929.50
17	84,773.00	88,955.00	92,033.00	94,992.00
18	84,835.50	89,017.50	92,095.50	95,054.50
19	84,898.00	89,080.00	92,158.00	95,117.00
20	84,960.50	89,142.50	92,220.50	95,179.50
21	85,023.00	89,205.00	92,283.00	95,242.00
22	85,085.50	89,267.50	92,345.50	95,304.50
23	85,148.00	89,330.00	92,408.00	95,367.00
24	85,210.50	89,392.50	92,470.50	95,429.50
25	85,273.00	89,455.00	92,533.00	95,492.00
26	85,773.00	89,955.00	93,033.00	95,992.00
27	86,523.00	90,705.00	93,783.00	96,742.00

Lieutenant - 6 to 8 Years in Grade

1	85,448.00	89,714.00	92,854.00	95,872.00
2	85,510.50	89,776.50	92,916.50	95,934.50
3	85,573.00	89,839.00	92,979.00	95,997.00
4	85,635.50	89,901.50	93,041.50	96,059.50
5	85,698.00	89,964.00	93,104.00	96,122.00
6	85,760.50	90,026.50	93,166.50	96,184.50
7	85,823.00	90,089.00	93,229.00	96,247.00
8	85,885.50	90,151.50	93,291.50	96,309.50
9	85,948.00	90,214.00	93,354.00	96,372.00
10	86,010.50	90,276.50	93,416.50	96,434.50
11	86,073.00	90,339.00	93,479.00	96,497.00
12	86,135.50	90,401.50	93,541.50	96,559.50
13	86,198.00	90,464.00	93,604.00	96,622.00
14	86,260.50	90,526.50	93,666.50	96,684.50
15	86,323.00	90,589.00	93,729.00	96,747.00
16	86,385.50	90,651.50	93,791.50	96,809.50
17	86,448.00	90,714.00	93,854.00	96,872.00
18	86,510.50	90,776.50	93,916.50	96,934.50
19	86,573.00	90,839.00	93,979.00	96,997.00
20	86,635.50	90,901.50	94,041.50	97,059.50
21	86,698.00	90,964.00	94,104.00	97,122.00
22	86,760.50	91,026.50	94,166.50	97,184.50
23	86,823.00	91,089.00	94,229.00	97,247.00
24	86,885.50	91,151.50	94,291.50	97,309.50
25	86,948.00	91,214.00	94,354.00	97,372.00
26	87,448.00	91,714.00	94,854.00	97,872.00
27	88,198.00	92,464.00	95,604.00	98,622.00

13	85,361.00	89,585.00	92,693.00	95,682.00
14	85,423.50	89,647.50	92,755.50	95,744.50
15	85,486.00	89,710.00	92,818.00	95,807.00
16	85,548.50	89,772.50	92,880.50	95,869.50
17	85,611.00	89,835.00	92,943.00	95,932.00
18	85,673.50	89,897.50	93,005.50	95,994.50
19	85,736.00	89,960.00	93,068.00	96,057.00
20	85,798.50	90,022.50	93,130.50	96,119.50
21	85,861.00	90,085.00	93,193.00	96,182.00
22	85,923.50	90,147.50	93,255.50	96,244.50
23	85,986.00	90,210.00	93,318.00	96,307.00
24	86,048.50	90,272.50	93,380.50	96,369.50
25	86,111.00	90,335.00	93,443.00	96,432.00
26	86,611.00	90,835.00	93,943.00	96,932.00
27	87,361.00	91,585.00	94,693.00	97,682.00

Lieutenant - 9+ Years in Grade

1	86,705.00	91,033.00	94,219.00	97,282.00
2	86,767.50	91,095.50	94,281.50	97,344.50
3	86,830.00	91,158.00	94,344.00	97,407.00
4	86,892.50	91,220.50	94,406.50	97,469.50
5	86,955.00	91,283.00	94,469.00	97,532.00
6	87,017.50	91,345.50	94,531.50	97,594.50
7	87,080.00	91,408.00	94,594.00	97,657.00
8	87,142.50	91,470.50	94,656.50	97,719.50
9	87,205.00	91,533.00	94,719.00	97,782.00
10	87,267.50	91,595.50	94,781.50	97,844.50
11	87,330.00	91,658.00	94,844.00	97,907.00
12	87,392.50	91,720.50	94,906.50	97,969.50
13	87,455.00	91,783.00	94,969.00	98,032.00
14	87,517.50	91,845.50	95,031.50	98,094.50
15	87,580.00	91,908.00	95,094.00	98,157.00
16	87,642.50	91,970.50	95,156.50	98,219.50
17	87,705.00	92,033.00	95,219.00	98,282.00
18	87,767.50	92,095.50	95,281.50	98,344.50
19	87,830.00	92,158.00	95,344.00	98,407.00
20	87,892.50	92,220.50	95,406.50	98,469.50
21	87,955.00	92,283.00	95,469.00	98,532.00
22	88,017.50	92,345.50	95,531.50	98,594.50
23	88,080.00	92,408.00	95,594.00	98,657.00
24	88,142.50	92,470.50	95,656.50	98,719.50
25	88,205.00	92,533.00	95,719.00	98,782.00
26	88,705.00	93,033.00	96,219.00	99,282.00
27	89,455.00	93,783.00	96,969.00	100,032.00