

# City of Missoula, Montana City Council Committee Agenda Item

Committee:	Public Safety, Health and Operations				
Item:	Paid Parental Leave Policy				
Date:	January 4, 2023				
Sponsor(s):	Angela Simonson, CHRO				
Prepared by:	City Clerk Staff				
Ward(s) Affected:	<ul><li>□ Ward 1</li><li>□ Ward 2</li><li>□ Ward 3</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ Ward 4</li><li>□ Ward 5</li><li>□ Ward 6</li></ul>			
	☐ All Wards	⊠ N/A			

## **Action Required:**

Rescind the action taken by City Council on November 21, 2016 regarding Council Action to approve city policy providing a paid six-week pregnancy medical leave.

## **Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Rescind action taken by City Council on November 21, 2016 establishing a city policy providing a paid six-week pregnancy medical leave. This would be replaced by the attached policy, that would be adopted by Administrative Rule, consistent with other personnel related policies.

### Timeline:

Committee discussion: January 11, 2023 Council action (or sets hearing): January 23, 2023

Public Hearing (if required):

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**Background and Alternatives Explored:** In 2016 Human Resources presented a paid pregnancy-related medical leave policy to Council, which was approved November 21, 2016. It is unclear why such action was taken to Council as personnel policies are normally governed under the Administrative Rule process and allow staff to create and revise as necessary. Staff seeks to revise this policy but needs Council to rescind their 2016 action and allow this policy to be managed like others through the Administrative Rule process. A draft copy of the proposed policy only has been included for review only, not approval from Council.

**Financial Implications:** Departments may carry forward more of a financial liability for accrued leave that staff are now using during FMLA due to birth of a child. Costs associated with shift coverage are primarily occurring under current FMLA policy. There is not a need for a budget amendment.

### Links to external websites: