

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND WAGE SCHEDULE  
BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF MISSOULA  
AND  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL #2  
REPRESENTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED IN THIS AGREEMENT  
CONTAINS AN ARBITRATION PROVISION

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PREAMBLE

THIS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT is made and entered into by the City of Missoula, County of Missoula, State of Montana (hereinafter referred to as the Employer) and the Teamsters Local #2 (hereinafter referred to as the Union). This Collective Bargaining Agreement has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union including the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences and establishment of specific agreement provisions pertaining to salaries, wages, hours and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 1 – RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative pursuant to this agreement for all full-time and part-time Maintenance Technician Assistant (MTA), Maintenance Worker (MW), Arborist Technician Assistant (ATA), and Arborist Worker (AW) employees,, within the City Parks and Recreation Department, but excluding seasonal clerical, temporary and intermittent staff.

ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except as amended, changed or modified by this agreement, the employer has and will continue to retain, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities therefore conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana and the United States and the laws of the City of Missoula. Any management rights not specifically relinquished herein pursuant to the provisions of this agreement shall be retained by the Employer, and it is hereby recognized that the Employer has the authority to exercise and assert any and all management rights not expressly relinquished herein.

Management rights retained by the Employer shall include but not be limited to those management rights established in Montana state law pursuant to Section 39-31-303, M.C.A. and any modifications made thereto, to manage the affairs of the City and direction of the workforce, including but not limited to the following:

Public employees and their representatives shall recognize the prerogatives of public employers to operate and manage their affairs in such areas as, but not limited to:

- (1) direct employees;
- (2) hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees;
- (3) relieve employees from duties because of lack of work or funds or under conditions where continuation of such work is inefficient and non-productive;
- (4) maintain the efficiency of government operations;
- (5) determine the methods, means, job classifications, and personnel by which

- government operations are to be conducted;
- (6) take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the missions of the agency in situations of emergency; and
- (7) establish the methods and processes by which work is performed.

### ARTICLE 3 - UNION SECURITY

All employees are covered by this Agreement and application for membership in the Union shall be in accordance with State and Federal law. The Employer will remain neutral on all Union Business and will direct all questions about the Union membership to the Union.

1) The Employer agrees that all employees herein referred to may be members in good standing of Teamsters Local No. 2, or may become members after the beginning of employment.

2) Employer will remain neutral and will not encourage or discourage Union membership and will direct to the designated Union representative any questions raised by bargaining unit employees regarding Union membership, dues or fees. Employer shall provide the Union written notification of newly hired employees. Such notification shall be made as soon as possible but no later than the third day of employment.

3) In accordance with 39-31-203, MCA, if an employee provides clear and affirmative written authorization to have Union dues deducted and delivered to the treasurer of the exclusive representative, the Employer shall execute delivery of such deductions until and unless the employee revokes such authorization in writing.

4) The Union shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Employer harmless against any claims or suits instituted against the Employer resulting from payroll deduction of Union dues.

### ARTICLE 4 - UNION RIGHTS

1) Non-Discrimination: No employee member of the Union shall be discharged or discriminated against for upholding or asserting rights established pursuant to this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2) Visits by Union Representatives: The Employer agrees that staff representatives of the Union shall be permitted to come on the premises of the City Parks and Recreation Department Office for the purpose of investigating and discussing grievances if the Union representative first obtains a mutually agreeable time with the City of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department Director or his/her designated representative, so long as the visit by the Union representative does not, in any way, interfere with the efficient and normal operation of the City Parks and Recreation Department work.

3) Employee Union Activities: The Employer agrees that one City employee Union steward may investigate and discuss grievances at the City of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department Office at a mutually agreeable time provided that the investigation and discussion does not, in any way, interfere with the efficient and normal operation of the City Parks and Recreation Department.

4) Employee at Bargaining Table: The Employer agrees that two City employees who are seasonal maintenance and/or arborist employees and members of the Union may have leave-with-pay during normally scheduled work hours only, to attend actual negotiating sessions with regard to collective bargaining agreements with the Employer, if the sessions occur during their regular work hours and so long as the presence of the employees at the bargaining table does not require the City to provide a substitute worker at the job site for the employees who are attending collective bargaining negotiation sessions.

5) Copies of Agreement: The Employer shall prepare and make available one (1) copy of this Agreement to the bargaining agent and one (1) copy to the Union employee shop stewards for use by the employees in the bargaining unit.

6) Employer agrees to give one Union steward up to one (1) hour during work hours to go through the contract with all new hires. This union introduction will be scheduled in advance at a time approved by management and when possible during new hire orientation in a group setting.

#### ARTICLE 5 - HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

1) The current assigned duty hours of full-time employees are a forty (40) hour workweek. A work week shall comprise the time period Sunday through Saturday. However, alternate work weeks may be used for individual employees in order to allow flexibility to accommodate weekend and evening shift work scheduling. Employees shall receive a five (5) business day advance notice of any change in work schedule. The work schedule shall be comprised of five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days or four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days. Eight (8) hours of work including two (2) fifteen (15) minute break periods near the middle of each half shift whenever feasible shall constitute a normal day's work, unless a work schedule of four (4) ten (10) hour days is implemented during certain times of the year, in which case ten (10) hours shall constitute a normal day's work.

When employees work four (4) ten (10) hour shifts, breaks shall be extended by five (5) minutes to a total of twenty (20) minutes for each break. Any travel time from and back to a work site that is taken in conjunction with a rest break shall be included as part of the time allocated for the rest break. The workday will normally be interrupted near the middle of the workday to allow for a lunch break without pay. The Employer shall have no obligation to provide any additional paid or unpaid break periods to the Union.

2) Employees who work in excess of forty (40) hours in the defined work week (including eight hours for holidays) shall receive compensation for the overtime employment at the rate of one

and one-half (1 1/2) times the hourly wage rate at which employed including longevity, but excluding all other special allowances, and fringe benefits. Overtime shall not be paid more than once for the same hours worked. The ninth and tenth hours in a workday scheduled in a work week of four (4) ten (10) hour days shall not be hours for which there is any requirement for or right to receive overtime compensation. Any hours worked in excess of the daily assigned work schedule shall be considered as overtime for purposes of payment under the FLSA. Scheduled overtime shall be implemented pursuant to Exhibit A.

- 3) Employees called back to work on a regularly scheduled day off, as well as employees called back to work on the same date that they have previously worked shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours work and a minimum of three (3) hours pay. Employees called back to work must work three (3) hours if three (3) hours of work is available in order to receive three (3) hours pay for the callback; if there is less than three (3) hours work to perform, the employee may go home after the callback work is completely performed, including the completion of all paperwork and reports, and still receive three (3) hours pay.
- 4) Whenever it becomes necessary to assign holdover and employee(s) to work overtime, the employee(s) involved with the task shall have the first opportunity to stay on the job to complete the task; if the employee(s) is unable to remain at work, the employer shall assign employees according to ability, seniority, and whenever possible on a voluntary basis. Such overtime assignments shall be on a continuous rotating method among those employees at work who are qualified to perform the work, unless there is only one qualified employee at work, in which case that employee may be required to perform the overtime work.

This Article is intended to be construed only as a basis for overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week. In the event there is a cutback in hours of work per day or per week, the cutback shall be handled in accordance with the layoff provisions of this Agreement.

- 5) Overtime, Callback, Call Out, and Standby: Overtime work for which employees are called back to work shall be distributed as equally as possible among employees in each classification, who are qualified to do the work, with the callback overtime work first being offered to those employees qualified to perform the work who are scheduled to work their regularly scheduled shift on the day of the call back. As it becomes necessary to call back employees, the Employer shall use the sign up lists and policy as noted here:

#### Call Out

When demand requires, Managers shall contact employees for callback and callout. Employees are encouraged to sign up to fill overtime, call out, and call back needs to let Managers know they are available and interested.

Employees, who sign up for call out and call back, will be contacted first should a manager determine a need for an employee to address an issue. Employees contacted for callout, call back, overtime and shift extension, shall be contacted or held over on the basis of

knowledge, skill, ability and response time for the task at hand, at the Managers discretion per Article 2 of this agreement. The call out list(s) will be managed in the following order:

1. Signed up voluntarily on the lists
  2. Specific skills, knowledge, ability and experience they may possess to complete the task
  3. \*Per rotating lists of employees—if voluntary call based on rotating lists fails, the Employer will begin contacting in reverse seniority order and require staff to perform duty and/or take steps to perform the work without the Union
  4. Seniority
- \* Management will post the Call Out Lists on a weekly basis and clearly mark which employee is next to be called at the time of posting.

During winter months, a Standby calendar will be created in accordance with the above Call Out procedures. Employees in Standby status will be compensated as follows:

Mid-November through Mid-March, typical snow/ice Standby will be from 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Standby compensation shall be at the rate of \$10.00 for the four (4) hour period.

Mid-March through Mid-November, or for non-ice/snow events, Standby shall be reimbursed at \$10.00 for the first four (4) hours and \$1.25 per hour thereafter, up to a maximum of \$25.00 per day.

The Standby calendar, provided by Management, shall be filled by the collective bargaining unit. Unfilled time slots shall be filled as follows:

- Skill, knowledge, ability for the task
- Reverse seniority
- Per rotating list of employees (beginning with most (or least) senior)

The number of employees, dates, and hours for Standby status shall be determined by the Employer. Employees in Standby status shall carry a phone or other device for immediate contact and shall respond within a reasonable time (approximately thirty (30) minutes). Should an employee reside more than twenty (20) minutes from work, a Manager may need to go onto the next employee on the rotating list to assure appropriate response times based on the situation. An employee may be released from Standby status by the Employer without compensation with at least seventy-two (72) hours notice before the scheduled Standby period begins.

Management retains the right to continue routine maintenance and services for seven (7) day per week operations, as well as the ability to post planned overtime for special projects.

- 6) An employee covered by this agreement may agree to accumulate compensatory time at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) hours per hour of overtime worked in lieu of drawing overtime wages for overtime work, as long as the compensatory time is used within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the compensatory time is earned. (Clarification: Employees may choose compensatory time or overtime or a combination of overtime and compensatory time.) Any compensatory time not used within this time frame shall be assigned time off during the next pay period or will be paid out at the time that the employee is laid off for the season.



All compensatory time must be pre-approved by the department head or designee.

- 7) Compensation shall not be paid more than once for the same hours under any provision of this Article or Agreement. There shall be no pyramiding of overtime premium compensation.

#### ARTICLE 6 - LEGAL HOLIDAYS

- 1) Employees shall be granted a day off with pay for each of the following holidays:

- a. New Year's Day, January 1;
- b. Martin Luther King Day, the third Monday in January;
- c. President's Day (Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays), the third Monday in February;
- d. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- e. Juneteenth – National Freedom Day, June 19;
- f. Independence Day, July 4;
- g. Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
- h. Indigenous People's Day, the second Monday in October;
- i. Veterans' Day, November 11;
- j. Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
- k. Christmas Day, December 25;
- l. State general election day;
- m. Any day declared a state legal holiday for all state and local government political subdivisions by the Governor of the State of Montana; any day declared a legal holiday for all city government employees by the City Council of the City of Missoula.

- 1) Employees who are normally scheduled to work the holiday will be paid at straight time and will have eight (8) hours put in their personal leave bank. Holiday leave scheduled at a time other than the holiday requires mutual agreement between the affected employee and the department head or designee. If mutual agreement cannot be met, the affected employee may choose to be paid eight (8) hours of holiday pay, provided the employee worked eight (8) hours; otherwise, the pay will be consistent with the number of hours the employee worked.
- 2) An employee shall be eligible for holiday pay if the employee is on the active payroll of the City and if the employee is in a pay status on his/her last regularly scheduled working day immediately before the holiday or his first regularly scheduled working day immediately after the holiday provided the day is not the employee's original hire date. If the employee is not on active payroll, he/she will not be eligible for holiday pay. Part-time employees shall be granted holidays on a prorated basis provided they normally work at least twenty (20) hours per work week.
- 3) Paid sick leave or paid vacation leave taken over a legal holiday will not be charged against the employee's accumulated sick or vacation leave for the legal holiday.
- 4) Employees eligible for holiday pay shall receive eight (8) hours pay at their regular straight

hourly rate of pay. This applies during four (4) day, ten (10) hour work week schedules. In order for an employee to receive ten (10) hours of pay for a legal holiday day off during a four (4) day, ten (10) hour work schedule, two (2) hours shall be deducted from accumulated vacation time in addition to the eight (8) hours of legal holiday pay.

However, at the employee’s option in lieu of allocating the ninth and tenth hours of pay to accumulated vacation or compensatory time, the employee may choose: (a) that the ninth and tenth hour of a four-day, ten-hour work schedule work day that is on a legal holiday be processed as leave without pay time, or (b) request to management, five (5) business days in advance of the holiday week to change their schedule for the holiday week to a five (5) day, eight (8) hour workweek.

ARTICLE 7 – VACATIONS

- 1) Pursuant to Montana State law, each seasonal full-time employee covered by this agreement shall earn annual vacation leave credits from the first day of employment. For calculating vacation leave credit, 2,080 hours (52 weeks x 40 hours) shall equal one (1) year. Vacation leave credits earned shall be credited at the end of each payroll period. However, employees are not entitled to any vacation leave with pay until they have been continuously employed for a period of 6 calendar months.

For the purpose of determining years of employment under this section, an employee eligible to earn vacation credits under 2-18-611, M.C.A. must be credited with one (1) year of employment for each period of 2,080 hours of service following the date of employment; an employee must be credited with eighty (80) hours of service for each biweekly pay period in which he/she is in a pay status or on an authorized leave of absence without pay, regardless of the number of hours of service in the pay period.

- 2) An employee may maintain (warehouse) but not accrue annual vacation leave credits while in a leave without pay status.
- 3) Vacation leave credits are earned at a yearly rate calculated in accordance with the following schedule, which applies to the total years of an employee's employment with the City whether the employment is continuous or not. A working day equals eight (8) hours for the purpose of accumulating vacation leave credits.

<u>Years of Employment</u>	<u>Working Days Credit</u>	<u>Working Hours Credit</u>
1 day through 10 years	15	120
10 years through 15 years	18	144
15 years through 20 years	21	168
20 years on up	24	192

4) Accumulation of Vacation Leave:

- a.) Pursuant to Montana State law, annual vacation leave may be accumulated to a total not to exceed two (2) times the maximum number of days earned annually as of the end of the first pay period of the next calendar year. The amount of vacation leave that exceeds the maximum amount which may be accumulated is the excess vacation leave. Excess vacation leave must be used within ninety (90) days of the end of the calendar year. However, excess vacation leave is not forfeited if a reasonable request to take excess leave is made in writing and denied within ninety (90) calendar days from the last day of the calendar year in which the excess was accrued. In the event that the employee requests use of excess vacation leave within the ninety (90) day grace period and that request is denied, the employee shall be given the opportunity to use the excess vacation leave before the end of the calendar year in which the use of excess vacation leave was requested. The balance of excess leave remaining after the end of the calendar year in which a reasonable request was made shall be forfeited, effective on the first day of the subsequent calendar year.
- b.) However, if an employee transfers to another department or agency of the City, there shall be no cash compensation paid for unused vacation leave. In such a transfer, the receiving department or City agency assumes liability for vacation credits transferred with the employee.

5) Scheduling Vacation Time shall take place as follows:

- a.) For high demand vacation periods, an annual calendar shall be posted on or before the first week of June. Due to snow removal mandates, the high demand period is defined as November 15th to March 14th. Employees will have sixty (60) days from the date of the annual calendar being released, to record their vacation request. Vacation requests for the high demand period that are received following the sixty (60) day recording period will be handled on a “first come, first served” basis.
- b.) For vacation request outside of the high demand vacation periods, an employee may make application directly to the division manager on a “first come, first served” basis. Vacation requests may be made up to fifteen (15) months in advance of the requested vacation date.
- c.) The following Seniority shall apply to both “a” and “b” above: If more than one (1) employee requests a particular period of time for his/her vacation and if, in the opinion of the Employer, only one (1) employee can be released during this period of time the most senior employee shall be provided the time off. Such seniority rights on establishing a vacation date would be honored should there be a conflicting date; therefore, an employee’s choice of first vacation shall have precedent over a more senior employee’s

second vacation selection and a second vacation selection priority over a senior employee's third vacation selection.

- 6) Other: It shall be unlawful for an employer to terminate or separate an employee from his employment in an attempt to circumvent the provisions of this Article.

#### ARTICLE 8 - SICK LEAVE

- 1) Pursuant to Montana State law, each seasonal full-time employee shall earn sick leave credits from the first day of employment. For calculating sick leave credits, 2,080 hours (52 weeks x 40 hours) shall equal one (1) year. Sick leave credits shall be credited at the end of each pay period. Sick leave credits shall be earned at the rate of twelve (12) working days for each year of service without restriction as to the number of working days that may be accumulated. A working day equals eight (8) hours for the purpose of accumulating sick leave credits. Employees are not entitled to be paid sick leave until they have been continuously employed ninety (90) days.
- 2) Pursuant to Montana State law, an employee may not accrue sick leave credits while in a leave-without-pay status.
- 3) Pursuant to Montana State law, an employee who terminates employment with the City is entitled to a lump-sum payment equal to one-fourth of the pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave. The pay attributed to the accumulated sick leave shall be computed on the basis of the employee's salary or wage at the time he/she terminates his/her employment with the City. Accrual of sick leave credits for calculating the lump-sum payment provided for in this subsection begins July 1, 1971. The payment therefore shall be the responsibility of the City wherein the sick leave accrues. However, no employee forfeits any sick leave rights or benefits he had accrued prior to July 1, 1971. However, where an employee transfers between departments or agencies within the City government, he/she shall not be entitled to a lump-sum payment. In such a transfer, the receiving department or agency shall assume the liability for the accrued sick leave credits earned after July 1, 1971, and transferred with the employee.
- 4) Whenever the City Human Resources Office or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department has reason to believe that an individual employee might be abusing sick leave, they may request the employee claiming or using sick leave to substantiate this claim or use in the same manner required by the City personnel policy for employees. In all other instances, the City retains the right to require the employee to substantiate their claim or use of sick leave any time the employee is sick more than three (3) consecutive work days, whether or not the City suspects an abuse of sick leave.
- 5) Parks and Recreation Department employees may use accumulated sick leave after the state law qualifying time period for, (a) their own personal illnesses; (b) a serious affliction of one of the

employee's immediate family, who is a member of the employee's household, and the employee's actual presence is necessary to care for the sick individual; (c) attendance at a funeral of one of the employee's immediate family for up to five (5) days, if necessary, and has prior approval from the Parks and Recreation Director. The immediate family shall mean the employee's spouse and any member of the employee's household or any parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, corresponding in-law, or any similarly placed step-relatives approved by Department Head or his/her designee.

- 6) An employee who receives a lump-sum payment pursuant to this Article and who is again employed by the City shall not be credited with any sick leave for which the employee has previously been compensated as part of termination pay.
- 7) Abuse of sick leave is cause for dismissal and forfeiture of the lump-sum payments provided for in this section. Abuse of sick leave includes but is not limited to misrepresentation of the actual reason for charging an absence to sick leave, which may also constitute and be just cause for both dismissal and forfeiture of the lump-sum termination payment. Absences improperly charged to sick leave may, at the Employer's (City's) discretion, be charged to available compensatory time or leave without pay. Sick leave abuse may result in an employee's dismissal and forfeiture of the lump-sum termination payment.
- 8) Any Parks and Recreation Department employee intending to make proper use of approved sick leave shall notify the Parks and Recreation Department Director or his/her designated representative as soon as possible either prior to the commencement of each day's work shift or immediately at the start of a scheduled work shift of the employee's need to make use of sick leave.

#### ARTICLE 9 - OTHER LEAVES

The City agrees to provide union members all of the added leaves provided under Administrative Rule #4 Human Resource Policy Manual. Such leaves include Military Leave, Jury Duty Leave, Public Office Leave, Volunteer Leave, Paid Paternal Leave, Family and Medical Leave, Dontate Leave, and Leave Without Pay. The City will agree to meet and confer should any such leaves during the term of this contract be removed or edited in a manner that removes a benefit for the employee.

#### ARTICLE 10 – SENIORITY

For the purpose of this agreement, seniority means an employee's length of service as a seasonal employee with the Parks and Recreation Department and shall be computed from the date the employee began seasonal service in the department.

*Determination of Seniority for Same Day Hires.* In the event that two (2) or more employees are hired on the same date, seniority ranking shall be determined by the date received of written application for the position, with the employee with the earliest application date being deemed the most senior, with the

provision that if that still results in a tie, then and only then, will the tie be resolved by a coin toss between the two employees, witnessed by the Employer.

A *probationary period* for new hires shall be six (6) months in length from the date of hire. The six (6) month period is measured by time worked. Any leave without pay or layoff will not count toward the period. A newly hired probationary employee may be dismissed at any time during probation if the employee's performance does not satisfactorily meet the required standards of their position. The employee will be given an oral or written communication outlining the cause(s) for probationary dismissal. A probationary period may be extended for up to three (3) months.

- 1) An employee must work at least 960 hours, including regular hours and approved paid leave hours in a season, to be credited with a season of seniority as well as a year for longevity calculation purposes, regardless of the employee's scheduled season. Hours worked in excess of 960 in a season do not accumulate toward seniority.
- 2) A "temporary promotion" is defined as a promotion to a position outside of this bargaining unit due to a position vacancy within the Parks and Recreation Department. A bargaining unit member temporarily promoted to such a position may continue to earn bargaining unit seniority for up to six (6) continuous months. Any time served in this temporary capacity outside of this bargaining unit after six (6) continuous months shall not be allowed to count toward earned bargaining unit seniority. In the event the employee receives the temporary position on a regular assignment without having returned to the bargaining unit, bargaining unit seniority earned shall be frozen retroactive to the original date of the promotion to the temporary position.
- 3) "Interim" promotions and/or transfers within bargaining unit positions will be considered trial periods and up to three months of a trial period shall be recognized toward fulfillment of an employee's six (6) month probationary period under the following circumstances. *(NOTE: The following information is provided to guide the implementation of the Trial Period (first adopted in FY15). A trial period may be up to six (6) months and may be extended. During a trial period the employee will not lose their position (unless actions or inactions per policy or law require discipline). An employee who is not successful during their trial period will return to their original or a similar position. Up to three (3) months of a successful trial period will be recognized toward fulfillment of the standard six (6) month probationary period if that trial period was completed for the same position the employee is ultimately selected to fill permanently. For example, Maintenance Worker is selected as interim Maintenance Technician Assistant (MTA) for Conservation Lands and then later, when the permanent position is filled, that same employee is selected for the permanent position of MTA for Conservation Lands. This policy does not remove or reduce management's right to extend a probationary period by an additional 3 months when appropriate.)*
- 4) To be absent from the job due to involuntary active military leave will not affect seniority with respect to the time the employee was normally scheduled to work. Such time spent in military service will count towards seniority;

## ARTICLE 11 – LAYOFFS

- 1) If due to shortage of work or funds during a period of seasonal employment or change in the organization, it becomes necessary to lay off any employees, the department head will determine the number of employees to be laid off based on: (1) the skills and abilities required to maintain the essential services of the department; and (2) seniority. Recall shall be in order of last off, first on, except in the situation where all employees are being reinstated, in which case employees will be reinstated according to their seasonal schedules prior to the layoff.
- 2) This procedure does not apply to the normal seasonal nature of the work performed by members of the bargaining unit in which members are laid off at the completion of the season and recalled based on funding availability and position requirements.
- 3) Any regular status seasonal employee who has completed his/her probationary period with the City shall be considered as an in-house applicant for the purpose of applying for City positions that may be advertised during the seasonal employee's term of layoff.
- 4) Each seasonal employee shall receive a letter or a copy of their status form which shall include the employee's projected lay-off date assuming there are no lay-offs due to budget reduction, emergencies and/or weather conditions. If the actual lay-off date is later than the projected lay-off date that was stated in their letter or on their status form, the employee will have the option of accepting or rejecting the additional work and shall receive no less than 5 working days advanced notice of the new effective date of the lay-off.

## ARTICLE 12 - SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE

- 1) Each employee shall be considered as a probationary employee for his/her first six (6) months of continuous employment service, after which his/her seniority shall date back to his/her date of hire. There shall be no seniority among probationary employees and they may be laid off, discharged, or otherwise terminated at the sole discretion of the City and shall not be able to use the grievance and arbitration procedure set forth herein.
- 2) The Employer will initiate workplace investigations and notify the employee within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of the incident, or within ten (10) working days of the Director and/or the Operations Manager learning of the incident. Disciplinary action will be administered in accordance with Administrative Rule #4 Human Resource Policy Manual. Parties may mutually agree to extend the time period.

- 3) Each employee must comply with all safety regulations and/or utilize any safety equipment provided to employees, or disciplinary action may be imposed for failing to obey safety regulations and/or failure to utilize safety equipment.

### ARTICLE 13 – DISCRIMINATION

The Employer agrees not to discriminate against any employee for his or her activity in behalf of, or membership in, the Union.

The Union recognizes its responsibility as the exclusive bargaining agent and agrees to represent all employees in the unit without discrimination.

The City of Missoula is dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination and has zero tolerance for workplace discrimination. No individual shall be discriminated against with regard to compensation, terms, conditions, or other privileges of employment because of race, ancestry, color, mental or physical disability, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital or familial status, socio-economic status, criminal conviction history, creed, vaccination status, physical condition, genetic information, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression except where these criteria are a reasonable bona fide occupational qualifications. The Union shall share equally with the Employer the responsibility for applying this provision of the Agreement.

### ARTICLE 14 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

A grievance shall be defined as any dispute involving the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of the express provisions of this Agreement. Grievances or disputes, which may arise, shall be settled in the manner set forth herein. If the time limits set forth herein are not adhered to by either one of the parties, the grievance shall be settled in favor of the party that is not in default of the time limits. Any extensions of time limits shall be upon mutual agreement and in writing. A request for a time extension will not be unreasonably withheld.

Step 1. Within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of the grievance an employee with a grievance shall discuss their grievance with their immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor shall have ten (10) working days to respond to the grievance.

Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved informally at step 1, a formal grievance shall be presented in writing within ten (10) working days from receipt of the step 1 response to the Department Head or his/her designee. The Department Head or designee shall have ten (10) working days from receipt of the grievance to respond in writing.

Step 3. If the grievance is not settled satisfactorily at Step 2, the grievance shall, within ten (10) working days be submitted in writing, through the Union to the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. The



written grievance shall set forth the nature of the grievance, the facts on which it is based, the provision of the Agreement allegedly violated, and the relief requested. The Mayor shall, within ten (10) working days after the receipt of the grievance respond to the grievance in writing. By mutual agreement of both parties, a grievance meeting shall be held in order to resolve the grievance.

Step 4. If the matter is not resolved at this point, within ten (10) working days either party may request a conciliation meeting to be held with the parties involved as a final attempt to resolve the dispute prior to proceeding to arbitration. If for whatever reason a conciliation does not take place within ten (10) working days following a receipt of this written request, either party to this agreement may unilaterally call for arbitration proceedings as called for in Step 5 of the grievance procedure.

Step 5. Any dispute that has not been resolved by the above grievance procedure may be submitted to arbitration by the aggrieved party, providing it is submitted within ten (10) working days after the conciliation meeting. The aggrieved party shall notify the other party in writing of the matter to be arbitrated and the contract provisions allegedly violated. Within ten (10) working days the parties shall request a list of five (5) qualified names from the Montana State Board of Personnel Appeals. The Union and the Employer shall each strike two (2) names in alternate order, and the remaining shall be the arbitrator. The Union shall strike the first name. In cases where an employee is the aggrieved party, authorization to submit the grievance to arbitration must come from the Union. Decisions of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. Costs incurred for the arbitrator shall be borne equally by both parties. Authority of the arbitrator is limited to matters of interpretation or application of the express provisions of this Agreement that directly pertain to the issue(s) submitted in writing for arbitration. The arbitrator shall consider and decide only the specific issues submitted in writing, and shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, amend, or modify any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

If a grievance is not presented within the time limits set forth above, it shall be considered waived. A time limit in each step may be extended by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union.

Employer grievances shall be filed with the Union representative at Step 2 of the procedure.

#### ARTICLE 15 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 1) The Employer agrees to provide each employee with OSHA applicable industry standard personal protective equipment based on position and work assigned.
- 2) The Employer will provide the following work-related and logoed clothing items for each employee as noted below:

Upon hire: Five (5) t-shirts, one (1) cap, one (1) hat, and choice of one (1) vest, hoody, or jacket and a cold weather coat.

- 3) In addition, an annual clothing reimbursement up to the amount of \$500.00 shall be provided each employee for the purpose of purchasing the following items:

NOTE: To assure reimbursement, each purchase must be pre-approved by the employee's manager. Cost of shipping and handling fees shown on the receipt will be approved for reimbursement. If administrative staff has concerns or questions about reimbursement or documentation submitted, they shall consult with management, who will address the concern with the member

- (1) Pre-approved or group purchase cold weather garments such as, overalls, next to skin long/warm under garments
- (2) Pre-approved closed toe work boots or shoes
- (3) Pre-approved contribution toward prescription safety glasses
- (4) Pre-approved or group purchase pants (Items that will be approved include denim jeans, Carhartt's and other pre-approved types and styles.)
- (5) Pre-approved upgrades to Department issued safety items and PPE, as long as such upgrade meets OSHA and Department requirements, are pre-approved, and are not also being paid through medical flex plan, health plan, or other City funds.
- (6) Pre-approved additional or upgraded logo shirts, jackets, hats, and caps.

All outdoor wear, items worn above the waist and visible to the public at any time, must have an approved, visible Parks & Recreation logo in an approved location. Items provided to the employee upon hire shall have a logo provided by the employer, at the employer's cost. Outerwear worn above the waist purchased by the employee with or without clothing reimbursement shall have logo. Items requiring a logo shall be turned in to Employer to be logoed with bulk order on a quarterly basis. Reimbursement for logo wear will be processed upon approval and receipt of the item. Employees should use discretion when wearing logo wear outside of the workday. Logo wear shall be returned to the Department upon termination of employment.

Employees will receive their clothing allowance on a prorated basis per months remaining in the fiscal year, but will not receive less than \$100.00 as long as employee is assigned to work on or before June 20 of any fiscal year.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, a member requesting a pre-approved purchase order will have to sign an authorization allowing the City of Missoula to withdraw from the employee's paycheck, any amount that is spent by the employee on items that causes an employee's individual annual clothing allowance monetary amount, as authorized in the collective bargaining agreement, to be exceeded by that individual employee for that period of time.

- 4) Neither City tools nor City property shall be used for the purpose of working on or cleaning an employee's private motor vehicle or anyone else's private motor vehicle or for any other private projects.

- 5) City tools, City Parks' maintenance equipment and City vehicles shall not be used by Parks and Recreation Department employees for any personal, private use.
- 6) CDL (Commercial Driver's Licenses) requirements: Individuals filling the positions of Arborist Technician Assistant (ATA) and Arborist Worker (AW), are required to obtain and maintain a valid Montana issued, Class B Commercial Drivers' License (CDL). A newly hired ATA or AW shall have a maximum of ninety (90) days to obtain the required CDL at a one-time cost to the employer. Employees must maintain local, state and federal regulations required per the CDL license. The Employer will reimburse employees in the noted positions up to the City-Provider negotiated rate for a CDL physical once every two years plus the difference between their MT Class D and the required Commercial Driver's License upon renewal and submittal of a receipt. Additional Montana issued, Class B Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) may be required at Management discretion.

The City will pay an additional fifty cents (\$.50) per hour as long as CDL is required, maintained and valid, plus the reimbursable costs noted above, excluding additional certification pay, such pay is built into the base wage for those positions requiring a CDL.

- A. The City will continue to offer training for any areas deemed appropriate by the department, however training in an area that requires current certification does not guarantee certification pay in that area. Arborist Workers required to obtain and maintain a International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or Electrical Hazards Awareness Program (EHAP) certification listed below, excluding CDL, shall be eligible to receive certification pay. Certifications must be authorized and in writing for an employee to be eligible to receive pay. The following certifications are eligible for twenty (\$20.00) per person per month, not to exceed sixty dollars (\$60.00) per month, but does not include certification pay for pre-requisite certifications, such as CPR, First Aid (this is not an all-inclusive list) necessary to obtain the final certification. Required certification shall be confirmed in writing and will be in the following areas: Pesticide/Herbicide Applicators
- B. Certified Play Ground Safety Inspection Certification
- C. Back Flow Prevention Inspection Certification
- D. Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP)
- E. International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

Certification pay for certification not required as per job description may be paid by employer if approved by management based on need or benefit to the employer.

Note on CDL:

- Individuals holding a CDL, NOT REQUIRED per job description will receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month at Management discretion, depending on need or benefit of the employer.

- Individuals REQUIRED to hold a CDL per job description will receive fifty cents (\$.50) per hour added to their base wage. The CDL must be valid. Failure to hold a valid CDL will result in a loss of fifty (\$.50) to the base wage, until the CDL is once again valid and thus allowing the employee to perform the CDL work.
- 8) The city agrees to pay a minimum of two (2) hours of study or prep time for any certification, including CDL, that requires testing. This time will be allotted during the employee's regular work schedule and at the discretion of management, the City through the Parks and Recreation Operations Associate Director or Department Director, reserves the right to determine which staff shall acquire which certification.
  - 9) Employees assigned by management to work a regular schedule of Saturday and/or Sunday shifts will receive an additional two dollars (\$2.00) per hour, for the assigned hours worked on Saturday and/or Sunday. This does not apply to observed holidays in Article 6 of this agreement.
  - 10) Job descriptions for all positions shall be available in the Human Resources Department. The Union shall be provided with a copy of the job descriptions for positions covered by this agreement. The development of such job descriptions shall be the exclusive purview of the Employer, however the Union and the affected employee shall be notified of any changes in such job descriptions as soon as reasonably possible.

#### ARTICLE 16 – SAFETY

Union employees shall assist the City Parks and Recreation Department Director or their designee in conducting Department safety meetings. At least one safety meeting shall be conducted each calendar quarter of each calendar year. Additional safety meetings may be scheduled by the director as safety issues warrant. Such meetings shall take place during the employee's normal working hours with no reduction in pay or benefits.

The Employer shall furnish a place of employment which is safe for employees therein and shall furnish and use and require the use of such safety devices and safeguards and shall adopt and use such practices, means, methods, operations and processes, as are reasonably adequate to render the place of employment safe and shall do every other thing reasonably necessary to protect the life and safety of employees.

No person shall remove, displace, damage, destroy, carry off or refuse to use any safety device or safeguards and shall adopt and use such practices, means, methods, operations, and processes, as are reasonably adequate to render the place of employment safe and shall do every other thing reasonably necessary to protect the life and safety of employees.

Employees shall notify the supervisor of any safety hazards incident to their employment.

ARTICLE 17 - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

- 1) The Union agrees that there shall be no concerted activities, such as work interruptions, slowdowns, work stoppages or strikes by the Parks and Recreation Department employees covered by this Agreement during the term of this Agreement. In the event of any unauthorized or illegal work interruptions, slowdowns, work stoppages or strikes by the Parks and Recreation Department employees covered by this Agreement, the Union agrees that it will join with the Employer in requiring its members to return to work immediately.
  
- 2) The Employer agrees that it will not lock out any employee during the term of this Agreement as a result of a labor dispute with the Union provided that the employees covered by this Agreement do not engage in any unauthorized or illegal work interruptions, slowdowns, work stoppages or strikes by the Parks and Recreation Department employees covered by this Agreement during the term of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18 - LIFE, HEALTH, AND DENTAL INSURANCE

For eligible employees, the Employer agrees to contribute toward the cost of the self-insured benefit plan premium. Eligibility for health insurance coverage is determined by the City's Health Plan Document.

Seasonal staff who are regularly scheduled to work 20 hours or more per week for a seven (7) months term or greater during their active term of service, will be eligible for health insurance coverages with applicable City contribution per the Health Insurance Summary Plan Document.

**Staff Working 1560 Hours or More**

If a seasonal employee works 1560 hours or more during their season and remains an active employee during layoff, per Affordable Care Act (ACA) they will remain enrolled on the City's health plan and continue to receive the city's full monthly contribution during the scheduled layoff period. Premiums for spouse/partner and/or children will remain the employee's responsibility and will be paid during active term of employment.

**Staff Working Less than 1560 Hours**

If a seasonal employee is not expected to work 1560 hours or more during their season, they may elect to continue coverage at their expense (pay both the city contribution and any amount due by the employee) during the scheduled layoff period. Such election must occur at the time of hire or recall so that all premiums due can be taken in advance, from payroll deduction.

Employees may waive such coverage one year and elect coverage the next year at the time of recall. Should an employee who is expected to work less than 1560 hours in a season actually work 1560 or more, the employee will receive the city's full monthly contribution as stated above and any layoff

premiums paid for the future layoff period will be refunded to the employee.

Should an employee who elected continued coverage and paid for such coverage terminate employment prior to the next recall, any premiums paid for months they are no longer considered an employee will be refunded.

Any employee who works less than 1560 hours in a season that does not elect layoff coverage at time of hire or recall will lose coverage during layoff, but be eligible for COBRA. If such an employee had coverage during their last active period of employment, they will not be required to serve another waiting period for coverage at time of recall.

**Waiving Coverage/Coverage Changes**

Any employee who waives insurance offered during their last active period of employment who chooses to elect coverage at time of recall will serve a waiting period of 30 calendar days per the City Health Plan Document.

All seasonal staff will have the opportunity to change their elections, like any other staff, during the annual Open Enrollment period and per policy any time during the year, they have a mid-year qualifying event such as birth, marriage, divorce or change in employment status for self or spouse/partner.

The Employer agrees to work with the Union on premium and benefit issues through the Employee Benefit Committee (EBC). In the event that a premium contribution adjustment or benefit restructuring is deemed necessary and adopted by the City Council, the Union will agree to the changes.

**ARTICLE 19 - WAGE SCALES**

The classifications and wage rates for employees covered by this Agreement are listed below:

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>
Maintenance Technician Assistant	\$24.58	\$25.56	\$26.59	\$27.65
Arborist Technician Assistant*				
Maintenance Worker	\$21.37	\$22.23	\$23.12	\$24.04
Arborist Worker*				
Longevity /hour (see matrix in addendum)	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08
*CDL Required; receives an additional \$0.50/hour				

**Hazard Pay:** Additional \$3 per hour for unhousted encampment cleanup operations, pre-planned and coordinated by Management.

ARTICLE 20 - PROVISIONS TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT

In the event the term of this contract expires without the parties reaching agreement on an amended collective bargaining agreement, all of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the intervening period until an amended collective bargaining agreement is agreed to by the parties.

It is mutually understood and agreed that the Union shall have the right to engage in concerted activities after the expiration of the effective date of this Agreement, and that the Employer shall have the right to lock out any employee after the expiration of the effective date of this Agreement. Further, it is recognized that if the employees go on strike after the expiration of this Agreement, the Employer has the right to hire replacements for any striking employees. The Union's right to engage in concerted activities shall be limited to activities that pertain to hours, wages, or conditions of employment involving the employees covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 21 - SEVERABILITY OR SAVINGS PROVISION

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or other provision of this Agreement is ever declared by a court of record to be unlawful, unenforceable, or not in accordance with applicable federal or state laws, all other sections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, and other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 - AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE AS IS FOR ITS DURATION

The City and the Union may mutually agree to open the contract for any item in the Articles within the Collective Bargaining agreement during the term of the agreement. Unless there has been mutual agreement to open an Article the City and the Union expressly waive and relinquish the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated during the term of this Agreement to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter whether referred to or covered in this Agreement or not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though each subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both the Employer or the Union at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement and even though such subjects or matter was proposed and later withdrawn.

ARTICLE 23 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

The terms of this Agreement is for four years, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date that it desires to modify or terminate this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties of this Agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2024.

FOR THE UNION

FOR THE CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Sharbono, Teamsters Local 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Claire Trimble  
Legislative Services Director/City Clerk

(City Seal)



ADDENDUM A

Full Years	FY24		FY25		FY26		FY27	
	MTA/ATA	MW/AW	MTA/ATA	MW/AW	MTA/ATA	MW/AW	MTA/ATA	MW/AW
0	\$24.58	\$21.37	\$25.56	\$22.23	\$26.59	\$23.12	\$27.65	\$24.04
1	\$24.64	\$21.43	\$25.63	\$22.30	\$26.66	\$23.19	\$27.73	\$24.12
2	\$24.70	\$21.49	\$25.70	\$22.37	\$26.73	\$23.26	\$27.81	\$24.20
3	\$24.76	\$21.55	\$25.77	\$22.44	\$26.80	\$23.33	\$27.89	\$24.28
4	\$24.82	\$21.61	\$25.84	\$22.51	\$26.87	\$23.40	\$27.97	\$24.36
5	\$24.88	\$21.67	\$25.91	\$22.58	\$26.94	\$23.47	\$28.05	\$24.44
6	\$24.94	\$21.73	\$25.98	\$22.65	\$27.01	\$23.54	\$28.13	\$24.52
7	\$25.00	\$21.79	\$26.05	\$22.72	\$27.08	\$23.61	\$28.21	\$24.60
8	\$25.06	\$21.85	\$26.12	\$22.79	\$27.15	\$23.68	\$28.29	\$24.68
9	\$25.12	\$21.91	\$26.19	\$22.86	\$27.22	\$23.75	\$28.37	\$24.76
10	\$25.18	\$21.97	\$26.26	\$22.93	\$27.29	\$23.82	\$28.45	\$24.84
11	\$25.24	\$22.03	\$26.33	\$23.00	\$27.36	\$23.89	\$28.53	\$24.92
12	\$25.30	\$22.09	\$26.40	\$23.07	\$27.43	\$23.96	\$28.61	\$25.00
13	\$25.36	\$22.15	\$26.47	\$23.14	\$27.50	\$24.03	\$28.69	\$25.08
14	\$25.42	\$22.21	\$26.54	\$23.21	\$27.57	\$24.10	\$28.77	\$25.16
15	\$25.48	\$22.27	\$26.61	\$23.28	\$27.64	\$24.17	\$28.85	\$25.24
16	\$25.54	\$22.33	\$26.68	\$23.35	\$27.71	\$24.24	\$28.93	\$25.32
17	\$25.60	\$22.39	\$26.75	\$23.42	\$27.78	\$24.31	\$29.01	\$25.40
18	\$25.66	\$22.45	\$26.82	\$23.49	\$27.85	\$24.38	\$29.09	\$25.48
19	\$25.72	\$22.51	\$26.89	\$23.56	\$27.92	\$24.45	\$29.17	\$25.56
20	\$25.78	\$22.57	\$26.96	\$23.63	\$27.99	\$24.52	\$29.25	\$25.64
21	\$25.84	\$22.63	\$27.03	\$23.70	\$28.06	\$24.59	\$29.33	\$25.72
22	\$25.90	\$22.69	\$27.10	\$23.77	\$28.13	\$24.66	\$29.41	\$25.80
23	\$25.96	\$22.75	\$27.17	\$23.84	\$28.20	\$24.73	\$29.49	\$25.88
24	\$26.02	\$22.81	\$27.24	\$23.91	\$28.27	\$24.80	\$29.57	\$25.96
25	\$26.08	\$22.87	\$27.31	\$23.98	\$28.34	\$24.87	\$29.65	\$26.04