



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF PASADENA

AND

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL UNION NO. 721

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2027

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ARTICLE 1 **PREAMBLE**

- A. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is entered into by the City of Pasadena (hereinafter referred to as City), and Local 721 of the Service Employees International Union, SEIU, (hereinafter referred to as the Union or SEIU 721).

- B. It is the intent and purpose of this MOU to set forth the understanding of the parties reached as a result of meeting and conferring in good faith regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment between the employees represented by Local 721 of the Service Employees International Union and the City of Pasadena. As used herein, the term "employee" means any person regularly employed by the City and assigned to a classification listed herein.

- C. This MOU sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters set forth herein, and any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, written or oral, regarding any such matters are hereby expressly superseded or terminated in their entirety.

ARTICLE 2 **RECOGNITION**

In accordance with provisions of the Charter of the City of Pasadena, the Meyers–Miliias–Brown Act (MMBA) of the State of California and provisions of Employer–Employee Labor Relations Resolution No. 555, the City recognizes the SEIU Local 721 (SEIU 721) as the exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of meeting and conferring on matters of wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for all of its employees in certain specified classifications as listed in Exhibit I. All other classes not specifically listed are excluded from representation by SEIU 721.

ARTICLE 3 **TERM OF MOU**

The MOU is effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE 4 **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

It is understood and agreed that the City reserves and retains all its inherent exclusive and non–exclusive managerial rights, powers, functions, and authority as follows: The rights of the City include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to: (1) determine the purposes and functions of its departments, commissions, committees and boards; (2) set standards of service; (3) determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; (4) direct its employees; (5) take disciplinary action for cause; (6) relieve its employees from duty because of

lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; (7) maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; (8) determine the methods, means and personnel by which government operations are to be conducted; (9) determine the allocation and content of job classifications; (10) take all necessary actions to carry out its purposes and functions in emergencies; and (11) exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work.

ARTICLE 5 UNION ACTIVITIES

- A. Reasonable Time Off to Meet and Confer – the formally recognized employee organization may select not more than two employee members of such organization to attend scheduled meetings with the Municipal Employee Relations Officer or other management officials on subjects within the scope of representation during regular work hours without loss of compensation.

- B. The Municipal Employee Relations Officer may approve the attendance at such meetings of additional employee representatives with or without loss of compensation. The employee organization shall, whenever practicable, submit the names of all such employee representatives to the Municipal Employee Relations Officer at least two working days in advance of such meetings. Provided, further that:
 - 1. No employee representative shall leave his or her duty or work station or assignment without specific approval of the department head or other authorized City management official.
 - 2. Any such meeting is subject to scheduling by City management in a manner consistent with operating needs and work schedules.
 - 3. Management will endeavor to schedule such meetings during employee’s regular work hours, unless the parties agree to meet outside of the employee’s regular work hours.

- C. Access to Work Locations – Reasonable access to employee work locations shall be granted officers of recognized employee organizations and their officially designated representatives, for the purpose of processing grievances or contacting members of the organization concerning business within the scope of representation. Such officers or representatives shall not enter any work location without the consent of the department head or his/her authorized–representative. Access shall be restricted so as not to interfere with the normal operations of the department or with established safety or security requirements.

Solicitation of membership and activities concerned with the internal management

of an employee organization, such as collecting dues, holding membership meetings, campaigning for office, conducting elections and distributing literature, will not be permitted during working hours.

- D. Use of City Facilities – The Union may, with approval of Human Resources, be granted use of City facilities for meetings to conduct Union business meetings provided the request for such use is made at least two business days prior to such meeting.
- E. The Union agrees that, except as specifically provided by the terms and conditions in the Employer–Employee Resolution or in this MOU, employees shall not be permitted to engage in Union activity during time in which they are being compensated by the City.

ARTICLE 6 USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS

- A. Recognized employee organizations, such as SEIU 721, may use portions of City bulletin boards under the following conditions:
 - 1. All materials must be dated and must identify the organization that published them.
 - 2. The Union shall not knowingly post any false or misleading statement. In addition, no obscene or personal attacks on city management or other persons shall be placed on any bulletin board. In the event such material is posted, the City representative will so inform the Union representative, stating the basis for the objection, and such material shall be removed from the bulletin board immediately.
 - 3. The actual posting of materials will be done by a representative of the recognized employee organization. Unless special arrangements are made, materials posted will be removed 31 days after the posting date by a representative of the recognized employee organization.
 - 4. The City reserves the right to determine where bulletin boards shall be placed and what portion of them are to be allocated to employee organizations' materials.

ARTICLE 7 NON-DISCRIMINATION

The provisions of the MOU shall be applied equally to all employees without discrimination as defined by the laws which protect against discrimination based on protected class status as well as participation in the Union. Examples of

protected classes include but are not limited to: age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, religion and any other protected class as determined by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

ARTICLE 8 NO STRIKE – NO LOCK OUT

The parties to the MOU recognize their mutual responsibility to provide the citizens uninterrupted municipal services. Therefore, for the duration of this MOU the City agrees not to engage in a lock-out of employees and the Union will not engage in, cause, or sanction any strike, curtailment of work, sick out, slow down, restriction of production or service, or interference with the operations of the City, or picketing or patrolling during the term of this MOU.

ARTICLE 9 MODIFICATION CLAUSE

Any agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, waiver, or modification of any of the terms or provisions contained herein shall not in any manner be binding upon the parties hereto unless made and executed in writing by all parties hereto, and if required, approved and implemented by the City Council, provided however, this provision shall not be deemed to preclude mutually agreed upon meet and confer sessions for the purpose of altering, waiving, modifying or amending this MOU.

ARTICLE 10 SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any part of this MOU be rendered or declared illegal or invalid by legislation, decree of court of competent jurisdiction or other established governmental administrative tribunal or board, such invalidation shall not affect the remaining portions of this MOU. The parties agree to meet and confer over the impacts of necessary changes to the MOU.

ARTICLE 11 IMPASSE

In the event that the parties are unable to reach agreement on a successor MOU, either party may request the assistance of Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to facilitate mediation to resolve the impasse. Should the impasse remain unresolved, the union may request the parties' differences be submitted to a fact finding panel by complying with the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA).

ARTICLE 12 SALARY INCREASES

- A. Effective the first full pay period following council adoption of the MOU, all bargaining unit members will receive a one-time Non-PERSable lump sum payment of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).
- B. Effective the first full pay period following council adoption of the MOU all bargaining unit members will receive a base pay increase of 3.00%.
- C. Effective the pay period that includes 1/1/24, all bargaining unit members will receive a base pay increase of 1.0%.
- D. Effective the pay period that includes 7/1/24, all bargaining unit members will receive a base pay increase 3.5%.
- E. Effective the pay period that includes 7/1/25, all bargaining unit members will receive a base pay increase 3.25%.
- F. Effective the pay period that includes 7/1/26, all bargaining unit members will receive a base pay increase 2.75%.

ARTICLE 13 OVERTIME

- A. All authorized actual time over forty (40) hours in any work week, and all authorized actual work performed on holidays shall be compensated at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's hourly straight time rate. The 40 hours shall consist of all authorized actual time worked, and/or authorized paid leave time.
- B. Time worked shall be rounded to the nearest quarter of an hour (7 minutes or less round down; 8 minutes or more round up).
- C. Overtime shall not be paid in addition to regular time or leave time for the same hours of work.
- D. Employees recalled to work unexpectedly outside of their regular shift shall receive pay for a minimum of two (2) hours at one and one-half times the employee's

hourly straight time rate. If an employee is scheduled in advance to work outside of normal work hours or to report early to a regular shift, no minimum payment will be required.

- E. In lieu of receiving payment for overtime, unit members may request in advance to accrue compensatory time off at the rate of time and a half of each hour worked, subject to a maximum accrual of 80 hours. The department has the discretion to grant the accrual of comp time or to pay the overtime. However, requests to accrue comp time will only be denied if it is unduly disruptive to the department to grant the accrual.

The time during which an employee may use accrued compensatory time off is subject to approval by management with due regard for the wishes of the employee and the need to provide service. However, an employee wishing to use his/her accrued compensatory time off shall provide the City with reasonable notice of such request. Reasonable notice is defined as at least ten calendar days. If reasonable notice is provided, the employee's request may not be denied unless it is unduly disruptive to the department to grant the request. A request to use compensatory time off without reasonable notice may still be granted within the discretion of the supervisor or manager responsible for considering the request.

Employees may request to cash out accrued compensatory time off at the employee's regular rate of pay at any time. All unused compensatory time off shall be cashed out annually at the employee's regular rate of pay in the last complete pay period of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 14 BILINGUAL PAY

Employees may be eligible to receive bilingual pay of \$75 per month under guidelines established in the Bilingual Incentive Program provisions of the Manual of Personnel Rules, Practices and Procedures.

The parties agree that to the extent permitted by law, bilingual pay is special compensation and shall be reported to CalPERS as such pursuant to Title 2 CCR Section 571(a)(4) Special Assignment Pay as bilingual premium.

ARTICLE 15 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Sick Leave

Sick Leave may be granted for: personal illness or injury; absences for medical, dental, and/or vision care appointments; or to attend to an immediate family member as defined by California Labor Code section 233 (child, parent, parent in-law, spouse or registered domestic partner, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent) or any family member who is a member of the employee's household who is ill/injured and needs care as permitted by that law. Forty hours of sick leave may be used per fiscal year to care for immediate family.

1. Sick Leave Use

- a. Every employee who is unable to report to work at his usual time shall either call, or have someone call, his/her supervisor before the time he/she is scheduled to report for work to explain an absence. If a supervisor doesn't answer at the time of the call, a contact phone number shall be left as part of the message regarding the absence.
- b. Department heads shall have the authority to approve sick leave use for all employees.
- c. Employees requesting to use sick leave for four days or longer shall submit a signed verification of the need for absence due to illness/injury or the need to care for a family member. The verification must be provided by the personal physician, osteopath, chiropractor, or Christian Science practitioner attending to the employee or family member, and presented to the employee's supervisor before returning to work.
- d. A unit member who while on vacation becomes ill/injured and who

provides a doctor's verification of illness/injury prior to returning to work that verifies that leave time for injury or illness in excess of three days was required, may request that the vacation time be substituted with sick leave. Such requests are subject to approval by the Department Head.

2. Sick Leave Provisions

- a. Employees are eligible to accrue on a pay period basis, up to 80 hours of sick leave per year (3.08 hours per pay period) up to a maximum of 1200 hours.
- b. At the time of retirement from the City of Pasadena, employees may elect to convert up to 1200 hours of accumulated sick leave to CalPERS retirement service credit pursuant to Government Code Section 20965.
- c. For separation of employment other than retirement, sick leave accrual has no cash value to the employee.

B. Bereavement

Regular full-time employees absent for leave due to bereavement of an immediate family member may receive regular compensation for a maximum of 24 hours. Employees may be granted 16 additional hours using their own leave accruals from vacation, floating holiday, and/or compensatory time off accrual bank.

"Immediate family member" is defined as any individual related by blood or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. Under special circumstances, the department head may approve bereavement leave upon the death of other than immediate family members as herein defined. Bereavement leave is provided separate from the sick leave provision.

C. Workers' Compensation Leave

1. The City will comply with the workers' compensation laws of the State of California.
2. In addition to the benefits provided under the law, for workers' compensation claims which have been accepted by the City, the City will supplement workers' compensation temporary disability payments to provide salary continuance in an amount equal to 90% of the employee's

base pay not to exceed ten months annual (less any required state and/or federal taxes). Claims that have been denied are not eligible for this benefit.

3. Supplemental payments will begin from the date of accepted injury and will continue for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) months. Employees who may return to work with work restrictions and who are offered modified/light duty which is consistent with the employee's work restrictions, as determined by his/her treating physician or workers' compensation physician will discontinue receiving supplemental payments.
4. If an employee returns to work or is able to return to work in a modified/light duty capacity and has not received the full ten (10) months of supplemental payments and subsequently needs to be off work again for the same workplace injury/illness, the employee will be eligible for supplemental payments not to exceed a cumulative total of ten (10) months for the same injury/illness.

D. Military Leave

1. Military leave of absence will be granted and paid in accordance with the law.
2. Notwithstanding the above, the City Manager may authorize a salary subsidy and/or benefits continuation for employees who are involuntarily called to active duty.

E. Jury Leave

1. If a unit member is required to be absent from work to report for jury duty, the employee will notify their supervisor of the absence as soon as possible, including, a phone message the night before if the employee finds out via a phone recording that he/she must report the next day.
2. There will be no reduction in pay for a unit member that is required to be absent from work for jury duty. Jury duty includes time in court awaiting assignment or release. In those cases in which the employee is released by the court with four or more hours remaining on his/her shift, the employee will report for duty and work the balance of the shift; for this the employee will receive a full day's pay, and shall pay to the City any amount received from the court for the jury duty, excluding mileage.
3. In those cases in which the employee is not released by the court with four or more hours remaining on his/her shift, the employee need not return to

work. The employee shall receive the full day’s pay, and shall pay to the City any amount received from the court for jury duty, excluding mileage.

5. Employees will submit proof of jury service to his/her supervisor.

ARTICLE 16 VACATION

A. Vacations provided in this section shall be taken within the time limits provided herein except when, for the efficient administration of the City, the City Manager determines that vacation leave of absence cannot be scheduled. In such event, the City Manager may authorize pay in lieu of vacation, or he/she may allow accumulation of vacation above the maximum.

1. Vacation Accrual and Maximum

Years of continuous service	Hours accrued per pay period	Annual Accrual	Vacation Maximum Accrual
Hire date to completion of five years	3.08	80 hours	240 hours
Six years – completion of 10 years	4.62	120 hours	240 hours
11 years	4.92	128 hours	320 hours
12 years	5.23	136 hours	320 hours
13 years	5.54	144 hours	320 hours
14 years	5.85	152 hours	320 hours
15 years	6.15	160 hours	320 hours

2. Request to use vacation

- a. Two (2) unit employees shall be allowed to schedule vacation at any one time. However, the Department may grant requests for more than two unit members to be off at one time if operationally possible.
- b. Employees will be permitted to request vacation in December of each year for the upcoming twelve months during the December reservation process. The December reservation process will be based on seniority; employees with the highest seniority will submit their vacation selection forms first and the process will continue in order of seniority. Before submitting a vacation request, each employee will be allowed to know what vacation days are available

to be granted based on the vacation calendar of granted vacations maintained current by Management. The Department will distribute vacation selection forms by mid-November. Employees may reserve time for vacation by submitting the vacation selection form by the 2nd Friday in December.

3. Upon reaching the maximum accrual, employees will cease earning vacation until use of vacation brings the accrual below the maximum.
4. The Department shall inform all employees who submit a vacation request whether their request will be granted by December 31st. In the event that the Department cannot accommodate all vacation requests, seniority within each classification will be used to make the final decision. The Department will process all first choice vacations (with conflicts decided by seniority), then process all second choice vacations. Once the Department informs the employee that their vacation request is granted, the Department may not cancel the request unless in the event of an emergency.
5. The Department will make every reasonable effort to accommodate vacation requests which are submitted after the reservation period. Employees should submit any requests as soon as possible but no later than 3 working days prior to the request time. Vacation requests submitted after the reservation period will be considered on a “first come, first serve” basis, and not based on seniority. The Department shall inform all employees who submit a vacation request whether their request will be granted as soon as possible but no later than 3 working days after the request was submitted.

B. Termination

Unused Vacation - Any employee who separates from employment, shall be allowed regular compensation for unused vacation accumulation as of the last actual work day. Payment for accumulated vacation will be processed with an employee’s final paycheck.

ARTICLE 17 **HOLIDAYS**

- A. Effective upon agreement by all bargaining units the following days shall be observed as 8 hour holidays January 1; the third Monday in January;; the third Monday in February; March 31, the last Monday in May; June 19; July 4; the first Monday in September; November 11; the fourth Thursday in November; the day following the fourth Thursday in November; December 25; and every day appointed by the City Council for a public feast, Thanksgiving or holiday.

- B. Unit employees receive eight (8) hours of floating holiday per calendar year. Floating holiday hours will be added to each employees floating holiday bank with the first pay period in January. Use of floating holiday hours is subject to supervisor approval. Floating holiday hours are capped at twenty-four (24) hours.
- C. If any of the foregoing holidays falls upon a Saturday, the preceding Friday is the holiday in lieu thereof. If any of the foregoing holidays falls upon Sunday, the Monday following is the holiday in lieu thereof. If the employee is required to work on that Monday or Friday, the employee will be paid per paragraph D below. If, because the particular holiday is one the employee is not required to work, the employee will receive 8 hours of holiday pay for that Monday or Friday per paragraph D below.
- D. Every regular full-time employee shall be allowed a paid leave of absence of 8 hours for each holiday.
 - 1. If the particular holiday is one the employee is required to work, (i.e., eight(8)of the twelve (12) holidays above with the following four (4) as days on which employees do not need to work unless specifically requested: January 1, , the first Monday in September, the fourth Thursday in November, and December 25) the employee will receive time and one-half for all hours worked on the holiday, in addition to 8-hours holiday pay at the straight time rate.
 - 2. If any holiday falls on an employee’s day off, he/she shall be compensated with 8 hours pay at the straight time rate.

ARTICLE 18 REST PERIODS

- A. Every employee shall be provided two 15-minute rest periods per day for each period of not less than three or more than four hours. Employees may leave the job site for a rest period providing that the total time away from the job does not exceed 15 minutes.
- B. The time at which such rest periods are taken shall be determined by the department head who will schedule absence from duty so that service to the public is not impaired.
- C. Rest periods or coffee breaks may not be accumulated or added to a lunch hour, vacation or to other forms of leave.

ARTICLE 19 CLEAN UP TIME

Fifteen minutes at the end of the employee's shift shall be provided for purposes of clean-up to those employees whose jobs necessitate such clean up time. Should employees need additional time for clean-up, or time beyond the end of his/her shift, supervisor approval is required in advance to authorize the additional time worked.

ARTICLE 20 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Life Insurance

The City will provide life insurance coverage in the amount of \$50,000 for each employee.

B. Dental Care Program

The City will contribute 100% of the premium for the employee-only dental care coverage as provided by the City of Pasadena. For employees who cover a dependent, the City will contribute up to an additional \$75.84 per month for the dental plan premium.

C. Health Insurance/Employee Option Benefit Fund

1. The City of Pasadena participates in the CalPERS Medical program (per the Public Employee Medical and Hospital Care Act – “PEMHCA”). For employees enrolled in a CalPERS medical plan, the City contributes the required statutory minimum (per Government Code section 22892) toward the medical premium which is part of the EOBF allowance.

2. The Employee Option Benefit Fund (EOBF) allowance is used to offset health premium costs and includes the PEMHCA minimum.

3. Effective January 1, 2023, the EOBF allowance for employees enrolled in a medical plan offered through the City is:

Tier 1:	Employee Only	\$1,081.85
Tier 2:	Employee +1	\$1,476.58
Tier 3:	Employee +2	\$1,919.56

4. Increases to each tier (employee only, EE+1, EE+2) will only occur when the premium for the CalPERS LA Region for Blue Shield Access+ or Kaiser exceed the current allowance. The allowance in each tier will equal the lower of the LA Region Blue Shield Access+ or Kaiser premium but shall not be lowered below the 2014 allowance. The allowance includes the PEMHCA minimum.

New employees hired by the City on or after January 1, 2015, will receive an EOBFF allowance (including the statutory minimum) that equals the premium of Blue Shield Access+ or Kaiser (LA Region) whichever is lower for the tier in which they enroll (employee only, employee+1 employee+2).

5. Employees who were in the unit as of December 31, 2013 who elect to opt out of medical coverage offered by the City because they have provided proof of other group medical coverage will receive an EOBFF opt out allowance of \$962.85 per month which will be designated to the employee's deferred compensation account. Employees may elect to have 65% of the EOBFF Opt Out allowance paid as cash in lieu of depositing the total allowance to a deferred compensation account offered by the City.
6. Effective January 1, 2014, new employees electing to opt out of medical coverage offered by the City because they have provided proof of other group medical coverage will receive an EOBFF opt out allowance of \$400 per month which will be designated to the employee's deferred compensation account. These employees may elect to have 65% of the EOBFF Opt Out allowance paid as cash in lieu of depositing deferring the total allowance to a deferred compensation account offered by the City.

D. Short Term Disability Plan

1. The City will provide a Short Term Disability (STD) Plan. The plan includes the following provisions:
 - a. Thirty (30) calendar day elimination period. Disability payments begin on the 31st day.
 - b. Payments shall not exceed 50% of the employee's salary up to \$1,730 per week.
 - c. Maximum duration is twenty-two weeks (154 days).
 - d. The premium will be paid by the City. The benefit is taxable to the employee.

E. Long Term Disability Insurance

1. The City will provide a long-term disability (LTD) plan. The Plan will provide for disability payments to employees under, at least, the following basic provisions:

- a. Disability payments will commence on the 181st calendar day of the illness or injury.
 - b. Payments shall not exceed a total of 50% of the employee's salary up to a maximum of \$1000 per month and will be coordinated with deductible benefits as provided under the LTD plan.
 - c. The maximum benefit period for an individual whose disability begins before age 60 is to age 65.
 - d. The maximum benefit period for an individual whose disability begins at age 60 or older will be five years.
 - e. The City will pay 100% of the monthly premium for the LTD Plan provided by the City of Pasadena.
2. In addition to the basic LTD plan provided by the City, the employee may elect to enroll in a supplemental LTD plan at his/her cost, which provides supplemental LTD payments equal to 60% of the employee's salary, coordinated with deductible benefits. Effective January 1, 2016, employees may elect to enroll in a supplemental LTD plan at his/her cost, which provides supplemental LTD payments equal to 66 2/3% of the employee's salary, coordinated with deductible benefits.

F. Boot Allowance:

Employees who are required by Management to wear safety shoes/boots in carrying out their job duties, shall receive an annual (in February) allowance of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the cost of purchasing such boots. Such safety shoes/boots must meet safety standards as determined by Management. Employees required to wear safety shoes/boots shall purchase such shoes/boots within 90 days from hiring and may be reimbursed for the purchase of the shoes/boots up to an amount of \$250, with proof of purchase.

ARTICLE 21 RETIREMENT

- A. Retirement benefits shall be provided as currently specified under the City of Pasadena's contract with Public Employees' Retirement System.
- B. Unit members employed by the City of Pasadena on or before December 31, 2012 and employees hired on or after January 1, 2013 who have less than a six month break in CalPERS covered service or are members of an agency with reciprocity from

another public retirement system (i.e., those members defined as classic members by CalPERS), are provided the following retirement benefits:

1. Miscellaneous 2.5% @ 55 benefit formula.
 2. Final compensation based upon the highest annual average compensation earnable during the 36 months of employment immediately preceding the effective date of his/her retirement or some other period designated by the retiring employee.
 3. Employees pay the 8% employee/member contribution on a pre-tax basis. The City has adopted a resolution per IRS Code section 414(h)(2) to ensure that the payment of the member contribution will be made pre-tax.
- C. Unit members hired on or after January 1, 2013 who are “new members” as defined in the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013, are provided the following retirement benefits:
1. Miscellaneous 2% @ 62 benefit formula with a three year (36 month) final compensation period.
 2. Final compensation based upon the highest annual average compensation earnable during the 36 months of employment immediately preceding the effective date of his/her retirement or some other period designated by the retiring employee.
 3. Employees will pay one-half of the total normal cost.
- D. The City contracts for the following optional benefits which apply to all miscellaneous employees:
1. 1959 Survivor Benefit Level 4 (Section 21574)
 2. Pre-Retirement Option 2W Death Benefit (Section 21548)
 3. Pre-Retirement Death Benefits to Continue After Remarriage of Survivor (Section 21551)
 4. \$500 Retired Death Benefit (Section 21620)
 5. 2% Annual Cost of Living Allowance Increase (Section 21329)
 6. Unused Sick Leave Credit (Section 20965)
 7. Military Service Credit (Section 21024)

ARTICLE 22 REIMBURSEMENTS

- A. Tuition Reimbursement

1. Regular employees pursuing an Associate of Arts degree or higher in a job-related field at an accredited college or university in a career field existing in the City of Pasadena, shall be eligible for tuition reimbursement of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per fiscal year. In addition, Management shall have the discretion to approve reimbursement for job-related coursework not associated with a degree program. Upon presentation of receipts and grade cards, employees will be reimbursed for the actual costs of tuition, books, lab fees, or other student expenses. Parking fees are not reimbursable under this provision.
2. Eligibility for tuition reimbursement shall be in accordance with the City of Pasadena's Manual of Personnel and Administrative Rules.

B. Uniforms

1. Uniforms shall be provided to employees consistent with the conditions specified in the City's uniform vendor contract. Uniformed employees shall present themselves on each working day dressed in the approved uniform. The City will report the value of provided uniforms to CalPERS as \$200 per year for unit members employed on or before December 31, 2012. The parties agree that to the extent permitted by law, this is special compensation and shall be reported as such pursuant to Title 2, CCR 571(a)(5) Uniforms.
2. Rules and regulations for wearing of uniforms shall be set by the operating departments.

C. Wellness Reimbursement Program

1. The City shall reimburse unit employees up to \$300 per fiscal year for the cost of membership for themselves for a gym, health club, the purchase of home gym equipment (with receipt of purchase within the same fiscal year), monthly fees for at home workout/fitness monthly subscription software applications with submission of proof of payment history within the same fiscal year, or for participation in a weight loss, smoking cessation, diabetes prevention, or other qualified wellness program as determined by the Director of Human Resources.
2. Reimbursement requests will be accepted between June 1 and June 30 of each year and reimbursements will be issued in July. To be eligible for gym or health club reimbursement, unit members must submit proof of membership and payment. Reimbursement for wellness programs is

contingent upon proof or payment and program completion. Wellness program reimbursement will not exceed \$300 per year per member.

ARTICLE 23 SAFETY VESTS AND RAIN GEAR

The City shall provide and replace safety vests, work jackets with reflector markings and rain gear which includes rain boots. Employee shall be responsible for proper care and maintenance of their safety vests, work jackets and rain gear, and shall reimburse the City for any lost or stolen items which have been assigned to the employee.

ARTICLE 24 PRIDESHARE II

Unit members must participate in the PrideShare II program as identified in the City's Personnel Manual of Policies and Procedures. Solo drivers are required to pay \$35 per month (\$17.50 per pay period). Non-Solo drivers have benefits provided per the policy.

ARTICLE 25 SALARY ADMINISTRATION

A. Probationary Period

The probationary period for employees hired into unit classification is twelve months.

B. Advancement Through Salary Range

A. Employees hired at step 1 are eligible for advancement to step two after successful completion of one year of service.

B. Movement to additional steps (3-6) shall be based on satisfactory job performance and shall be reviewed annually. Employees not at the top salary step who are ineligible for an annual merit/step increase due to an overall needs improvement rating on their performance evaluation will be evaluated every six months. Upon receipt of an overall satisfactory performance evaluation, the employee will receive a one-step increase.

C. Salary Upon Promotion

Unit employees promoted from Solid Waste Truck Operator I to Solid Waste Truck Operator II will be promoted to the lowest step of the salary range that provides at least a 5% base pay increase. In no event shall an employee be placed on a salary step higher than the top step of the Solid Waste Truck Operator II salary range.

Notwithstanding the prior paragraph, if an employee in the assignment of Solid

Waste Truck Operator I is temporarily assigned as a Solid Waste Truck Operator II at the time he/she is promoted to Solid Waste Truck Operator II, he/she will remain at the step he/she was at in the temporary assignment upon promotion.

D. Temporary Assignment

When a Solid Waste Truck Operator I is temporarily assigned as a Solid Waste Truck Operator II, the following shall govern:

1. To be considered for temporary assignment, a Solid Waste Truck Operator I must possess a valid Class B operator's license, be currently on an active Solid Waste Truck Operator II eligibility list or be deemed qualified as a driver by the department, based upon completion of appropriate training and satisfactory evaluation of performance.
2. Upon temporary assignment as a Solid Waste Truck Operator II, the employee will receive 5% of base salary as temporary assignment pay. The parties agree that to the extent permitted by law, temporary assignment pay is special compensation and shall be reported to CalPERS as such pursuant to Title 2 CCR Section 571(a)(3) Premium Pay as Temporary Upgrade Pay.

ARTICLE 26 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND DUES

A. Dues Deduction

Each month, the City shall send to the Union a list of all employees in the bargaining unit including: each employee's first name, middle initial, last name; employee identification number; residential address; worksite address and specific work location (if different from worksite address); work and personal email address (if available); personal cell phone number (if available); employee hire date; employee job classification; employment status (ex: active, unpaid leave of absence, etc.); work status (ex: full time, part time, hourly, seasonal, etc.); annual base salary amount; base salary earned per pay period; hourly rate; salary step (if applicable). This information shall be sent in Excel format to dues@seiu721.org within five (5) business days of the first payday each month.

Each pay period, the Union shall provide the employer with an "authorized deduction report" which includes bargaining unit members who have authorized the deduction of Union dues, COPE amounts and other deductions and the deduction amounts.

The City shall make the dues and other applicable deductions from the employees' paychecks and remit such itemized deductions to the Union via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) within five (5) business days of each payday. The City shall also provide the breakdown of each amount remitted (i.e. Dues, COPE, Supplementary Benefits, etc.) in Excel format to dues@seiu721.org within five (5) business days each payday.

B. Committee on Political Education (COPE)

Employees may make voluntary contributions to the Union's registered political action committees. The employer shall make the deduction of the voluntary contributions in the same manner as the dues deduction process.

Every pay period the Union will notify the employer with a list of employees and the appropriate deduction amount on the "authorized deduction report" of the employees who have signed an authorization for the COPE deduction.

Employees may discontinue voluntary political deductions by providing notice of cancellation to the Union and the Union shall transmit such notice of cancellation to the City by the next pay period cycle.

C. Indemnification

Service Employees International Union Local 721 shall indemnify and hold the Employer, its officers and employees, harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, or any other action arising from the provisions herein.

ARTICLE 27 DISCIPLINE

- A. The City may take disciplinary action for just cause.
- B. Disciplinary actions, which shall include only oral and written reprimand, suspension, demotion and termination, will be consistently applied.
- C. When an employee is scheduled for a meeting at which disciplinary action may result, the employee will be notified of his/her rights to representation. If disciplinary action is determined to be appropriate, the employee will be notified of the discipline in writing (except oral reprimands) and will be advised that appeal procedures may be made through the Grievance Procedure. Employee shall receive written disciplinary actions upon request.
- D. Appeals of disciplinary actions will be filed beginning at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure. Appeals must be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days following

receipt of an oral or written reprimand, or notice of disciplinary action.

- E. Oral reprimands will not be appealed beyond the Step 2 level of the Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE 28 **GRIEVANCE**

A. Definition

- 1. Grievance - A dispute between an employee(s) or the Union and the City regarding an interpretation or application of the MOU or of the rules and regulations governing conditions of employment.
- 2. Performance evaluations can be appealed to the Superintendent and then to the Administrator. The determination of the Public Works Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Administrator shall be final.
- 3. Employee - A bargaining unit member.

B. Objectives

- 1. To resolve or settle an employee's grievance fairly, expeditiously and amicably.
- 2. To provide an orderly procedure for the presentation of a grievance and for successive steps of appeal as the employee may consider warranted.
- 3. To comply with applicable state and federal laws, the City Charter and the Salary Resolution.

C. Guidelines

- 1. An employee may file a grievance without jeopardizing the employee's employment. The Union may also file a grievance.
- 2. Allegations of unlawful discrimination shall not be processed through the grievance procedure. The employee may submit such allegations through the Human Resources Department utilizing the Discrimination Complaint Procedure, or through the appropriate state or federal agencies.
- 3. An employee may select one of the following methods of representation.

The employee may:

- a. Be self-represented
 - b. Be represented by another person
 - c. Be represented by a Union Representative
4. Once a grievance is presented and formal notification has been given to the department that the employee will be represented by another person in the grievance proceedings, then that representative shall be governed by this MOU.

The representative shall be entitled to:

- a. Reasonable access to the employee's work location. If it becomes necessary for an employee/union representative who works for the City to leave his/her place of work to go to another work location to investigate a grievance, he/she shall obtain authorization from his immediate supervisor before leaving the job. Such a request shall not be unreasonably denied.
 - b. Notification of the time and place of the grievance proceedings and the opportunity to be present at such proceedings.
 - c. A copy of any written decisions or communications to the employee concerning the grievance proceedings.
5. A grievance may be discussed and processed on City time, except that no overtime or additional compensation shall be allowed if the proceedings extend beyond the employee's or the representative's workday or workweek. The employee and his representative shall cooperate with the City in such a manner that there will be a minimum of interference with the operations of the City's work.
6. A grievance involving a discharge or layoff due to a reduction in force shall be filed at Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure within fourteen (14) days of the notification of discharge or layoff.
7. An earnest and sincere effort shall be made by all parties to cooperate in the prompt resolution of a grievance in an amicable manner. The time limits may be extended when mutually agreed upon in writing between the appropriate parties. If the employee, including through his/her representative or the Union fails to proceed with the grievance within any of the time limits specified herein, the grievance shall be considered settled on

the basis of the last decision rendered.

8. This is the sole and exclusive method for resolving grievances.

D. Grievance Procedure

1. Step 1

- a. The employee or the Union shall orally present the grievance to the immediate supervisor within fourteen (14) calendar days following the event or events upon which the grievance is based. If the employee elects to be represented, upon notification to the immediate supervisor, the employee may be assisted by a representative in presenting the grievance.
- b. The immediate supervisor shall make whatever investigation deemed necessary and may arrange a meeting with the employee to discuss the grievance and, if possible, resolve it. In any event, the supervisor shall give an answer to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days following the oral presentation of the grievance. If the employee has requested to be represented, the representative shall be given the opportunity to attend the meeting, and shall be informed of the immediate supervisor's decision on the grievance.
- c. If the employee is not satisfied with the decision of the immediate supervisor, appeal to Step 2 can be made in writing. The written grievance must contain a complete statement of the complaint, the facts upon which it is based, the Union or the employee's reasons for the appeal and the specific areas of disagreement, and the remedy being requested. The grievance form shall be signed and dated by the employee or the Union.

2. Step 2

- a. If the employee or the Union desires to appeal his/her grievance to Step 2, the employee or the Union shall submit the grievance in writing as indicated above on a grievance form the department head, within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of the immediate supervisor's decision at Step 1. The Union may file a grievance on the employee's behalf by completing the grievance form and submitting it to the department head or Human Resources within fourteen (14) calendar days of the step one decision.

- b. The department head and the Director of Human Resources, or their designated representatives, shall attempt to resolve the grievance and shall arrange a meeting with the employee(s) and his/her appropriate representative or the Union. A decision, in writing, shall be given to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days following the receipt of the written appeal or conclusion of the appeal meeting whichever is later.
 - c. If the written response is not provided within fourteen (14) workdays of the step 2 meeting than the grievant or the Union may appeal to step 3 unless the reason the response has not been provided is because information has been requested from the grievant or Union has not been provided. In that situation, the response is not due until after the decision maker is provided with the requested information.
 - d. If the employee is not satisfied with the Step 2 decision, upon indicating areas of specific disagreement, appeal of the grievance to Arbitration for resolution may be made. However, oral reprimands shall not be subject to appeal beyond the Step 2 level.
3. Step 3 (Optional Advisory Arbitration)
- a. If the grievance has been properly processed and is not satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the employee may appeal the grievance to Arbitration. The appeal shall be in writing; shall be signed by the employee, or by the appropriate representative of the City; shall be submitted to the other party within fourteen (14) calendar days of the written decision at Step 2; and shall indicate if the employee is requesting Advisory Arbitration or a Step 4 meeting with the City Manager or his/her designee.
 - b. Within fourteen (14) calendar days following the meeting to prepare the issue(s) statement, the parties shall either select an arbitrator by mutual agreement or request Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) to submit a list of seven (7) persons qualified to act as arbitrators.
 - c. If the parties utilize PERB, within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of the list of arbitrators, the parties shall meet to select the arbitrators.
 - d. The parties shall alternately strike one name from the list of

arbitrators (the right to strike the first name to be determined by flipping a coin) until one (1) name remains, and that person shall be the arbitrators.

- e. The arbitrator shall hold a hearing on the issue or issues submitted. The arbitrator shall not hear witnesses without the presence of both parties. He/She shall render a written opinion within 30 calendar days following the closing of the hearing unless the period has been mutually extended in writing. The opinion shall be advisory only, shall not be binding on either party, and shall be limited to the issue, or issues, presented to the arbitrator. The opinion shall be sent to the City Manager or designee with a copy to the employee.
 - f. Within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of the advisory opinion, the City Manager shall advise the employee by letter whether or not he/she intends to take any further action regarding the issue, or issues, referred to in the arbitrator's advisory opinion. A copy of the City Manager or designee's letter will be sent to the employee and the Union. If the matter involves discipline, the employee will be advised of his/her right to appeal the decision of the City Manager or designee in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure section 1094.5.
 - g. Each of the parties involved shall contribute equally to the cost of facilities, fees and expenses of the arbitrator. The service of a court reporter and transcripts, which shall be determined in advance of the hearing, shall be paid by the party receiving such service, or shared equally by both parties receiving the service. If the arbitrator requires a court reporter and transcripts, the cost shall be shared equally by both parties.
4. Step 4 Meeting with City Manager or his/her Designee
- a. If the non-disciplinary grievance has been properly processed and is not satisfactorily resolved at Step 2, the employee may skip Step 3 and elect to request a Step 4 meeting with the City Manager or his/her designee. If the Union proceeds to Step 4, the option of Advisory Arbitration is waived, regardless of the outcome of Step 4. If a Union elects Step 3, that will be the final step in the grievance process. The meeting shall not be an evidentiary hearing, and the decision of the City Manager or his/her designee shall be final. The appeal shall be in writing; shall be signed by the employee, or by the appropriate representative of the City; shall be submitted to the

other party within fourteen (14) calendar days of the written decision at Step 2; and shall indicate the employee is waiving Advisory Arbitration and is requesting a Step 4 meeting with the City Manager or his/her designee.

- b. The City Manager or his/her designee, shall attempt to resolve the grievance and shall arrange a meeting with the employee(s) and his/her appropriate representative or the Union. A decision, in writing, shall be given to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days following the receipt of the written appeal or conclusion of the appeal meeting whichever is later.

ARTICLE 29 LAYOFF

A. Definition

Layoff is defined as any involuntary separation because the City eliminates a job without prejudice to the incumbent.

B. Authority

The City Manager shall have the authority to eliminate positions within any department because of curtailment of funds, reduction in force due to technological or operational changes, or elimination or modification of any activity or service.

C. Policy

1. The City will make every effort to accommodate those employees who may be subject to layoff through the process of normal attrition. In the event of the reduction of the work force, existing vacancies shall be used to the maximum extent possible to relocate affected employees, regardless of departmental jurisdiction.
2. Individuals will be laid off based upon seniority in the bargaining unit.
3. The layoff priority of employment categories shall be as follows:
 - a. Temporary or provisional employees.
 - b. Probationary, regular, full-time employees.
 - c. Permanent, regular, full-time employees
4. Departments which anticipate a possible reduction in staff because of the acquisition of new equipment, change in procedures, or for any other

reason, shall notify the Human Resources Department and the affected employee as soon as possible in order that appropriate procedures may be initiated.

5. Employees for whom a layoff appears imminent shall be placed upon a retention list for that class.
6. All vacancies within that class shall be filled from the retention list prior to using the regular eligible or rehire lists. The conditions applying to this list shall be as follows:
 - a. If qualified, employees shall have a right to a demotion to another classification in their own department if a vacancy exists.
 - b. Employees who are subject to layoff may be considered by other departments as follows:
 - 1) The employee is physically able to perform the required duties.
 - 2) The position is not one of greater supervisory responsibility and is compensated at a rate equal to or less than the employee's present rate.
 - 3) The employee meets the minimum qualifications and physical standards of the position.
7. Employees transferred to a new position in the same class shall receive the same salary step and retain the same anniversary date as in their previous position.
8. Employees who, in order to avoid being laid off, accept voluntary demotion shall be compensated in the established salary range of the class into which they transfer at the step nearest to, but not greater than, that received in their former classification. The employee's rate of pay shall be changed at the time that the reassignment is made or new duties and responsibilities are assumed and the employee shall retain the previous employment date for purposes of step advancement.
9. Employees who accept voluntary demotion (if offered) shall be eligible at any time for reappointment to their previous classification on the basis of seniority when openings occur in the department (in the classification from which they were laid off) where the layoff occurred. Rejection of a

reappointment offer shall terminate eligibility for future consideration.

10. Employees who are subject to impending layoff may not be transferred to a vacant position with a higher salary range except through participation in the normal examination and selection procedures, as established by the Human Resources Department.
11. Employees who cannot be placed, and must be laid off, shall have their names placed on a reemployment list and shall be eligible as follows:
 - a. To compete in promotional examinations for which they are qualified for a period of 12 months.
 - b. To hold reemployment rights for a period of 12 months and be eligible for any vacancies which may occur during this period in the classification held by the employee in the department where the layoff occurred, provided that the employee is able to perform the duties of the job.
 - c. Employees who are laid off will be given the following considerations with regard to their other accumulated benefits:
 - 1) Employees will not continue to accumulate any longevity-based benefit during the period that they are laid off, but will retain any benefits accumulated to the date of layoff. Employee retirement benefits cease at the time of, and will not be paid during a layoff period.
 - 2) The employee may remain in a layoff status for a maximum of 12 months. If the employee is recalled during this time, reinstatement will be made and all rights and benefits will be restored as a regular employee from the date of his/her first appointment within the period of the most recent continuous service, with an appropriate adjustment for the time that was not actually worked on the job.
 - 3) Laid-off employees who are not recalled within the 12-month period will be completely separated from the City.
 - d. Employees laid off and given an opportunity to return to a job for which they are qualified shall be allowed a maximum of 14 calendar days after such notification to make themselves available. If an employee refuses such an opportunity to reemployment, the employee will be removed from the reemployment list.

12. Employees who: (a) may be transferred, (b) accept a voluntary demotion, (c) are reemployed by the City, shall meet the job requirements of the class into which they are placed.
13. Questions on seniority status, which affect retention and are influenced by previous reclassification actions, shall be adjudicated by the Director of Human Resources.
14. The terms and conditions of this layoff policy will not be used as a substitute for disciplinary action against any employee.

D. Procedure

1. Notice: Each affected employee shall receive written notice from the appointing authority, specifying the exact date when layoff is to be effective; and at least two (2) weeks notice shall be given.
 - a. The commencing date of the reemployment rights of the employee shall start from the effective date of layoff.
2. Recall List: The Personnel Department will automatically establish a recall list for a period of 12 months.
 - a. All departments where classifications exist which are on the recall list, will be notified of the employee's availability.
 - b. Individuals on the recall list will be appointed to vacancies for which they qualify in the department from which they were laid off, so long as any person in that class is on such a list, before any other names on any other eligible lists - promotional or open competitive - are used.

ARTICLE 30 **WORK HOURS**

- A. Work schedules are defined as an employee's regularly assigned hours of the day and days per week. Changes in normal work schedules shall not be made arbitrarily, but rather to meet the operational needs of the department or for other legitimate reasons. Whenever possible, at least ten (10) calendar days' notice will be provided to employees affected by a change in the normal work schedule.
- B. The normal workweek is Monday 12:00 a.m. through Sunday 11:59 p.m.

ARTICLE 31 STANDBY STATUS

Employees may be required by the department to be on standby during off duty hours for the purpose of responding to City or public emergency situations arising at times other than during normal working hours. Employees who volunteer for standby status will be placed on such standby status, if qualified, before non-volunteers.

ARTICLE 32 REQUIREMENT OF CLASS B LICENSE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTORS

As a condition of continued employment, all Solid Waste Collectors must obtain a Class B California Driver's License. The cost of obtaining a Class B license, as well as the cost of subsequent renewals, will be borne by the City.

ARTICLE 33 CONTRACTING OUT

If the City proposes to contract out bargaining unit work, the City shall notify the Union, in writing, after a Request for Proposal is approved and received by the City. Upon written request from the Union, the City shall meet with the Union to negotiate the impact on employees of any proposed contracting out prior to contracting out any bargaining unit work. Further, during the term of the 2023 – 2027 MOU, the City will not layoff employees resulting from its contracting out decision.

ARTICLE 34 ROUTE ASSIGNMENTS

Management retains the right to assign employees to routes which become permanently or temporarily vacant or to fill positions based on staffing needs. However, such assignment of routes shall not be made arbitrarily, or for reasons unrelated to merit. Rather, Management agrees to consider a number of factors in assigning routes, including but not limited to, seniority in classification, performance evaluations, attendance, vehicular accidents, and knowledge of the various routes.

ARTICLE 35 LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- A. During the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to convene a Joint Labor-Management Committee, for the purpose of discussing issues impacting employees in this bargaining unit.
- B. The Committee shall meet at the request of either party, during regular working hours. The Committee shall consist of an equivalent number of Union and Management representatives. Human Resources or the union staff representative may participate in the meetings if requested by either party. Union representatives

shall be designated by the Union from among bargaining unit employees. Management representatives shall be designated by the Director of Public Works.

- C. Upon agreement, the parties can use the assistance of a Federal or State mediator in their discussions at the labor-management committee meetings.
- D. The parties agree that the Committee may make advisory recommendations to Management for consideration.

ARTICLE 36 DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

- A. It is the responsibility of the City, the Union, and employees to maintain a safe, healthy and protective work environment. Therefore, employees shall not report for work under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or possess alcohol or illegal substances while at work, as such conduct is likely to result in reduced productivity, an unsafe work environment, poor morale, and a danger and liability to employees and the City.
- B. "Under the influence of drugs or alcohol" means the use of alcohol or any illegal substance, or misuse of a prescribed drug in a manner and to a degree that causes impairment in the employee's work performance or the ability to use City property or City equipment safely. The parties agree to take all necessary steps to fulfill these responsibilities and minimize potential dangers.
- C. The parties to this MOU attach as Exhibit II an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy to further delineate the purpose, policy, application and responsibilities of the parties to promote a drug free work environment.


SIGNATURE PAGE

The parties hereto have caused their duly-authorized representatives to execute this MOU effective July 31, 2023.

CITY OF PASADENA


SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
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EXHIBIT I

SALARY SCHEDULE

Effective July 31, 2023

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR I	\$22.1643	\$22.9873	\$23.8410	\$24.7264	\$25.6446	\$26.3307
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR II	\$26.6153	\$27.6037	\$28.6289	\$29.6921	\$30.7947	\$31.6185

Effective January 1, 2024

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR I	\$22.3859	\$23.2172	\$24.0794	\$24.9737	\$25.9010	\$26.5940
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR II	\$26.8815	\$27.8797	\$28.9152	\$29.9890	\$31.1026	\$31.9347

Effective July 1, 2024

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR I	\$23.1694	\$24.0298	\$24.9222	\$25.8478	\$26.8075	\$27.5248
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR II	\$27.8224	\$28.8555	\$29.9272	\$31.0386	\$32.1912	\$33.0524

Effective June 30, 2025

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR I	\$23.9224	\$24.8108	\$25.7322	\$26.6879	\$27.6787	\$28.4194
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR II	\$28.7266	\$29.7933	\$30.8998	\$32.0474	\$33.2374	\$34.1266

Effective June 29, 2026

Classification	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR I	\$24.5803	\$25.4931	\$26.4398	\$27.4218	\$28.4399	\$29.2009
SOLID WASTE TRUCK OPERATOR II	\$29.5166	\$30.6126	\$31.7495	\$32.9287	\$34.1514	\$35.0651

**EXHIBIT II
ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE POLICY**

**City of Pasadena and SEIU
ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE POLICY**

A. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure that unit members who perform their job do so free of the effect of alcohol or any substances (whether illegal or not), and to ensure that employees are in a condition to perform their duties safely and efficiently, in the interests of their fellow workers and the public as well as themselves.

B. POLICY

It is the City's policy that employees shall not be under the influence of or in possession of alcohol or drugs while on City property, at work locations, while on duty, or before reporting for duty; shall not utilize such substances when they have a reasonable expectation of call in for duty; shall not possess, provide or sell illegal drugs to any other employees or to any person while on or off duty; nor have their ability to work impaired as a result of the use of alcohol or any drugs or substances.

While use of medically prescribed medications and drugs is not per se a violation of this policy, the employee must notify his/her supervisor, before beginning work, when taking medications or drugs (including the possible effects of taking such medication and drugs) which could foreseeably interfere with the safe and effective performance of duties or operation of equipment. In the event there is a question regarding an employee's ability to safely and effectively perform assigned duties while using such medications or drugs, clearance from a qualified physician may be required.

If the City has a reasonable suspicion that an employee may have alcohol or drugs on City property, the City may search, without employee consent, all areas and property in which the City maintains control or joint control with the employee, such as desks, file cabinets, City vehicles, etc. Otherwise the City may notify the appropriate law enforcement agency that an employee may have illegal drugs in his or her possession or in an area not jointly or fully controlled by the City, such as lockers assigned exclusively for the employee's personal use.

Employees reasonably believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs (the use of alcohol or any illegal substance or use of a prescribed drug in a manner and to a degree that causes any impairment in the employee's work performance or the ability to use City property or equipment safely) shall be prevented from engaging in further work and may as

addressed below in this policy, be ordered to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test and shall, for safety purposes be provided transportation from the work site, whether that is to a drug and/or alcohol test or if no test is administered, to the employees' residence or other similar location.

The City has established a voluntary Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to assist those employees who voluntarily seek help from alcohol or drug problems. Employees should contact their supervisors or the Human Resources Department for additional information.

Employees who voluntarily seek treatment for alcohol consumption, abuse, or alcoholism or substance abuse requiring an absence from work may, with department head approval, be allowed to use earned sick leave and/or vacation during such absence. The employee is also entitled to use Family and Medical Care Leave/California Family Rights Act Leave in accordance with the law.

C. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all employees of the City of Pasadena. This policy applies to alcohol and to all substances, drugs, or medications, legal or illegal, which could impair an employee's ability to effectively and safely perform the functions of the job.

D. EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

An employee must:

1. Refrain from the use of, or possession of, illegal drugs, substances, or narcotics while on duty or off duty;
2. Not report to work while his/her ability to perform job duties is impaired due to off duty alcohol or drug (whether illegal or legal)use;
3. Not possess or use alcohol during working hours, when there is a reasonable expectation of being called to duty, when on breaks, during meal periods or at anytime while on City property;
4. Not possess or use illegal drugs or substances or prescription drugs without a prescription.
5. Not directly or through a third party sell or provide illegal drugs or substances to any person, including any employee, while either employee or both employees are on duty or off duty;
6. Submit immediately to a urine, breath or blood test, or other test as deemed

appropriate, when ordered by a supervisor or manager;

7. Notify his/her supervisor, before beginning work, when having consumed alcohol or when taking any medications or drugs, prescription or non-prescription, which may interfere with the safe and effective performance of duties or operation of equipment;
8. Provide within 24 hours of request bona fide verification of a current valid prescription for any potentially impairing drug or medication identified when a drug screen/test is positive. The prescription must be in the employee's name; and
9. Report to the supervisor or take other appropriate action when it is believed other employees may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol or engaging in illegal drug related activities.
10. Employees who believe they may have an alcohol or drug usage problem are urged to voluntarily seek confidential assistance from the Employee Assistance Program or other resources available in the community. The City will be equally firm in identifying and disciplining those who continue to be substance abusers and do not seek help.

E. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GUIDELINES

1. Managers and supervisors are responsible for reasonable enforcement of this policy, and for the administration of discipline as deemed appropriate, consistent with the Discipline Section (B-XV). Managers and supervisors will be provided training regarding their responsibilities.
2. Managers and supervisors may request and, if necessary, subsequently order that an employee submit to a drug and/or alcohol test when a manager or supervisor has a reasonable suspicion that an employee is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on the job or subject to being called. "Reasonable suspicion" is a belief based on objective facts sufficient to lead a reasonably prudent person to suspect that an employee is under the influence of drugs or alcohol so that the employee's ability to perform the functions of the job is impaired or so that the employee's ability to perform his/her job safely is reduced.

For example, any of the following, alone or in combination, may constitute reasonable suspicion:

- a. Slurred speech;
- b. Odor of an alcoholic beverage on breath;
- c. Unsteady walking and movement;

- d. An accident involving the employee and/or equipment or property where the cause may be symptomatic of suspected use;
 - e. Physical altercation;
 - f. Verbal altercation;
 - g. Unusual behavior where the cause may be symptomatic of suspected use;
 - h. Possession of alcohol or drugs; or
 - i. Information obtained from a reliable person with personal knowledge. The supervisor shall make reasonable attempts to verify or corroborate such information prior to requesting or ordering an employee to submit to a drug test.
3. If the manager or supervisor reasonably believes that an employee is under the influence, and wants to talk to the employee before sending him/her to a test, the employee shall be advised of his/her right to representation. Upon the employee's request for representation, any interrogation or testing shall cease until representation is present, unless representation is not immediately available. However, if based on the reasonable suspicion, the manager or supervisor wants to send the employee to the test without interrogating the employee, he/she may do so.
 4. Any manager or supervisor requesting or ordering an employee to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test shall document in writing the facts constituting reasonable suspicion that the employee in question is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. When possible, the supervisor shall seek the opinion of a person such as a police officer who is trained to recognize persons under the influence prior to ordering an employee to submit to a drug test.
 5. Any manager or supervisor encountering an employee who refuses an order to submit to a drug and/or alcohol analysis shall remind the employee that failure to comply is insubordination and will result in disciplinary action. Where there is reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the manager or supervisor shall, for safety purposes, provide the employee transportation from the work site to the collection facility to submit to the test.
 6. Managers and supervisors shall not physically search the person or employees, nor shall they search the personal possession(s) of employees without the consent of the employee.
 7. Managers and supervisors shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when they have reasonable suspicion to believe that an employee may have illegal drugs in his or her possession, or when the supervisor is unable to reasonably control a situation where the employee poses a potential liability to himself/herself, or others.

F. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PROCEDURE

The urine, breath, blood, or other appropriate test (as determined by the lab) may test for any substances which could impair an employee's ability to effectively and safely perform the functions of his/her job, including, but not limited to, prescription medications, alcohol, heroin, cocaine, morphine and its derivatives, PCP, methadone, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana and other cannabinoids. Any positive drug test must be confirmed by a reliable test. The confirming test must be at the same or better level of accuracy as a Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) test. Employees who are being tested shall have the right to request a sample split for analysis by an independent laboratory.

G. RESULTS OF DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL ANALYSIS

1. A positive result with confirmation from a drug and/or alcohol analysis may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. However, consideration may be given to postpone, reduce or cancel pending disciplinary action when an employee voluntarily obtains treatment for a substance abuse problem. All relevant facts will be taken into consideration in determining if discipline is appropriate and if so, at what level.
2. If the drug screen is positive, the employee must provide within 24 hours of request bona fide verification of a valid current prescription for the drug identified in the drug screen. The prescription must be in the employee's name. If the employee does not provide acceptable verification of a valid prescription, or if the prescription is not in the employee's name, or if the employee has not previously notified his or her supervisor, the employee will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.
3. If an alcohol or drug test is positive for alcohol or drugs, the City shall immediately conduct an investigation to gather all facts. Any decision to discipline or discharge will be made at the earliest possible time and shall be carried out in conformance with applicable discipline procedures.
4. Any employee who tests positive for drugs and/or alcohol is subject to follow-up random testing over the 12 month period following the positive test. There will be at least two random follow-up tests during the 12 month period.

H. CONFIDENTIALITY

Laboratory reports or test results shall not appear in an employee's general personnel

folder. Information of this nature will be contained in a separate confidential medical folder that will be securely kept under the control of the Director of Human Resources. The reports or test results may be disclosed to City management on a strictly need-to-know basis and to the tested employee upon request. Disclosures, without patient consent, may also occur when: (1) information is compelled by law or by judicial or administrative process; (2) the information has been placed at issue in a formal dispute between the employer and employee; (3) the information is to be used in administering an employee benefit plan; (4) the information is needed by medical personnel for the diagnosis or treatment of the patient who is unable to authorize disclosure.

**SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION LOCAL 721 (SEIU 721)
AND
THE CITY OF PASADENA
REGARDING NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATIONS**

The City of Pasadena shall provide the Union written notice to the Worksite Organizer (WSO) and to membership@seiu721.org of all new employee orientations, no matter how few participants, and whether in person or online, at least ten (10) business days prior to the event.

Representatives of Union shall be permitted to make a presentation of up to twenty (20) minutes, and present written materials, during a portion of the orientation for which attendance by the new hires is mandatory. No representative of management shall be present during the Union's presentation. Release time shall be granted for stewards to participate in the new employee orientations. "New hires" shall be defined to include any employee new to SEIU 721, including, but not limited to, through accretion or promotion/demotion.

This side letter agreement supersedes and existing MOU language and/or practice. Violations of this side letter are grievable, including arbitration.

FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA



Steve Mermell, City Manager

Date: 4/25/19

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL
UNION, LOCAL UNION NO. 721



Jody Klipple, SEIU Local 721

Date: 4/10/19

