

# **CITY OF STOCKTON**

## **POLICE MANAGEMENT UNIT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Stockton Police Management Association (SPMA) and representatives of the City of Stockton have met and conferred in good faith regarding wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment of employees employed in the representation unit identified in section 1, have exchanged freely information, opinions and proposals and have endeavored to reach agreement on all matters relating to the employment conditions and employer-employee relations of such employees.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into pursuant to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) (Government Code Sections 3500-3511) and has been jointly prepared by the parties.

This MOU shall be presented to the Stockton City Council as the joint recommendations of the undersigned for salary and employee benefit adjustments for the period commencing July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028. This agreement shall supersede all other existing agreements on these matters set forth herein.

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**Section 1. Recognition**

**1.1 City Recognition**

The City Manager, or any person or organization duly authorized by the City Manager, is the representative of the City of Stockton, hereinafter referred to as the "City" in employer-employee relations as provided in Resolution No. 32,538, adopted by the City Council on August 4, 1975.

**1.2 Association Recognition**

The Stockton Police Management Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association" is the recognized employee organization for the Police Service Management Unit, certified pursuant to Resolution No. 38,738, adopted by the City Council on November 23, 1981.

**1.3 Reopener**

The Association agrees to meet at the City's request for the purpose of meeting and conferring on any changes that would be a mandatory subject of bargaining that may result from any City proposal on organizational, operational, or staffing changes that are a result of efficiency measures during the term of this agreement.

If additional revenue is identified, the parties will meet as soon as practicable to negotiate additional compensation items to be provided to the SPMA employees during the term of this MOU ending on June 30, 2026.

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**SECTION 2. ASSOCIATION RIGHTS**

**2.1 Association Membership Dues and Payroll Deductions**

- (a) In accordance with the Senate Bill (SB) 866, the parties agree to the following process for making, canceling, or changing payroll deductions for Association membership dues deductions.
- (b) As certified in writing by the Association to the City in a manner consistent with the requirement of (SB) 866, the City will deduct the monthly Association membership dues, initiation fees, general assessments, and payments for membership benefits programs sponsored by the Association from the salary or wages of all bargaining unit employees, and pay such amounts to the Association.
  - (1) All employee requests to cancel or change membership dues deductions shall be directed to the Association.
  - (2) The City shall rely upon written notification from the Association for any and all employee requests to cancel or change payroll deductions for membership dues.
  - (3) The Association is responsible to obtain and maintain voluntary written authorization for membership dues deductions.
  - (4) Membership dues deductions shall automatically renew unless written notice is provided by the authorized representative of the Association certifying a change in membership dues.
  - (5) The City shall honor any changes to membership dues deduction amounts provided by the Association.
  - (6) The Association is not required to provide a copy of individual employee authorizations to the City, unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization.
  - (7) Deduction notification will be provided to [payroll@stocktonca.gov](mailto:payroll@stocktonca.gov).
  - (8) Changes and/or cancellations received by the City prior to the 15th of the month will be processed no later than the first pay period of

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the second month. Example: Association notifies the City on January 15th, the deductions will be effective no later than the first full pay period in March. The parties recognize there is a lapse in time due to pay period processing constraints. The City will make every effort to process earlier if possible.

- (c) Hold Harmless Provision. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless against any claims made and/or any suit against the City which may arise as a result of its deductions for membership dues or other programs sponsored by the Association.

**2.2 Use of City Facilities**

The Association shall be allowed by the City department in which it represents employees' use of space on available bulletin boards for communications having to do with official Association business, such as times and places of meetings, provided such use does not interfere with the needs of the department.

Any representative of the Association shall give notice to the department head or their designated representative when contacting department employees on City facilities during the duty period of the employees, provided that solicitation for membership or other internal Association business shall be conducted during the non-duty hours of all employees concerned. Prearrangement for routine contact may be made with the Police Chief and, when made, shall continue until revoked by the Chief.

City buildings and other facilities may be made available for use by City employees or the Association or their representatives in accordance with such administrative procedures as may be established by the City Manager or department heads concerned.

Members of the Association are prohibited from using City equipment and/or time for their own personal use.

**2.3 Advance Notice**

Except in cases of emergency, reasonable advance written notice shall be given to the Association if affected by any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation proposed to be adopted by the City and shall be given the opportunity to negotiate, if requested, with the designated management representatives prior to the adoption.

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In cases of emergency when the foregoing procedure is not practical or in the best public interest, the City may adopt or put into practice immediately such measures as are required. At the earliest practicable date thereafter, the Association shall be provided with the notice described above and be given an opportunity, if requested, to negotiate changes to the content of said notice with the management representative designated by the City Manager.

**2.4 Attendance at Meetings by Employees**

Release Time Related to Meet and Confer. City employees who are official representatives of the Association shall be given reasonable time off with pay, in accordance with MMBA, to attend meetings with City Management representatives where matters within the scope of representation or grievances related to this unit are being considered.

The use of release time for this purpose shall be reasonable and shall not interfere with the performance of City services as determined by the City. Such employee representatives shall request an excused absence, prior to the scheduled meeting whenever possible. Except by mutual agreement, the number of employees excused for release time shall not exceed three (3) per recognized bargaining unit.

**2.5 New Hire Employee Orientation and Information Requirements**

(a) In accordance with Assembly Bill (AB) 119, the City shall provide the Association i) not less than ten (10) days' notice in advance of new hire employee orientation, and ii) within thirty (30) days of hire or by the first pay period of the month following hire a list containing the following information on file from the City's Human Resources database system:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Job title;
- (3) Department;
- (4) Work location;
- (5) Personal cellular telephone numbers, including work and home;
- (6) Personal email addresses as provided by new hire employee; and
- (7) Home address.

The above information shall be updated and provided to the Association at least every one-hundred and twenty (120) days for all bargaining unit members.

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**SECTION 3. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The City and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination of any kind against any employee or applicant for employment because of age (over 40), race, color, religion (creed), national origin (ancestry), military or veterans status, physical and mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, sex (gender based including, pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical conditions), gender identity/expression, political affiliation, legitimate Association activity, or any other protected trait as determined by federal, state, and/or local law.

The Association shall cooperate with the City to achieve the objectives of Equal Employment Opportunity as defined by Federal and State regulations.

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**SECTION 4. PROBATION**

**4.1 Promotional Appointments**

Promotional appointments in this Association, except Deputy Chief of Police, shall be subject to a probationary period of twelve (12) months. The probationary period for Police promotional positions shall not be extended.

**4.2 Probationer Advanced to Higher Rank**

Any promotional probationary Police Management employee who is advanced to a higher classification, or is appointed to the rank of Chief of Police or Deputy Chief of Police, shall receive credit toward their promotional probationary period for the lower rank while serving in the higher probationary or appointive rank.

**4.3 Retention/Rejection of Probationer**

The Director of Human Resources shall notify the appointing authority at least four (4) weeks prior to the termination of any probationary period. At the end of the probationary period, if the service of the probationary employee has been satisfactory to the appointing authority, then the appointing authority shall file with the Director of Human Resources a statement in writing to such effect and stating that the retention of such employee in the service is desired.

During the probationary period, an employee may be rejected at any time by the appointing authority. Any employee rejected during the probationary period following a promotional appointment shall be reinstated to the position from which they were promoted unless charges are filed and they are discharged in the manner provided in the City Charter XXXII, section 9, Civil Service Ordinance and Civil Service Rules.

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**SECTION 5. LAYOFF**

**5.1 Layoff**

Any employee may be laid off by an appointing authority in the event of the abolition of the employee's position by the City Council, or if a shortage of work or funds requires a reduction in personnel.

**5.2 Layoff Scope**

- (a) Layoffs shall be within departments of the City.
- (b) The departments of the City are defined as follows:
  - (1) Administrative Services
  - (2) City Attorney
  - (3) City Auditor
  - (4) City Clerk
  - (5) City Manager
  - (6) Community Development
  - (7) Community Services
  - (8) Economic Development
  - (9) Fire
  - (10) Human Resources
  - (11) Information Technology
  - (12) Municipal Utilities
  - (13) Police
  - (14) Public Works

**5.3 Notice of Layoff**

The City will give advance written notice of at least one (1) pay period to employees who will be laid off.

**5.4 Precedence by Employment Status**

No regular status employee shall be laid off while employees working in an extra help, seasonal, temporary, provisional, or probationary status are retained in the same classification as such regular status employee. The order of layoff among employees not having regular status shall be according to the following categories:

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- (a) Extra help or seasonal
- (b) Provisional
- (c) Temporary
- (d) Probationary

Layoffs shall be by job classification according to continuous service in class, plus all higher classes, except as specified above. For the purpose of this procedure, part-time classes shall be considered as separate from regular full-time classes.

The following provisions shall apply in computing total continuous service:

- (a) Time spent on military leave shall count as service in the event the leave was taken subsequent to entry in the department.
- (b) Time worked in an extra help, seasonal, provisional, temporary, grant, or other limited term status shall not count as service.
- (c) Time worked in a regular or probationary status shall count as service.

If two (2) or more employees have the same seniority, the order of seniority shall be determined by the employees' examination results and ranking on the respective eligibility list upon which the employees were subsequently hired.

### **5.5 Employee Options**

Employees laid off shall have any of the following choices:

- (a) Displacing the employee in the same department and in the same or clearly comparable classification as determined by the Director of Human Resources as having the least seniority in that classification. This option shall be exercised before any other option.
- (b) Taking a voluntary demotion within the department to a classification in which the employee had prior regular status, thus displacing the employee who has the least seniority in that classification. Employees who exercise this option shall be placed on an eligibility list for reinstatement to the higher classification for a period of five (5) years. Ranking on the reinstatement list shall be by the employee's seniority in the higher classification. All employees on the list, who are still employed by the City of Stockton, shall be reinstated to the higher classification before any new promotions can be

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made to that classification.

If the change as listed above requires Civil Service approval, the Association and the City agrees to not object to this change in the duration of the reemployment list.

If the employee is in a probationary status in the higher classification, the probationary status shall resume upon reinstatement with full credit for previous time served in that classification.

**5.6 Health and Welfare Benefits During Layoff**

Regular status employees who are laid off will have an option of maintaining their existing health and welfare benefits for thirty-six (36) months (the thirty-six (36) months runs concurrently with any COBRA benefits) from the date of layoff, provided timely payments of the premiums by the employee are made to the City, according to City regulations, and provided the employee otherwise meets the requirements of Federal and State regulations.

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**SECTION 6. REEMPLOYMENT**

**6.1 Reemployment**

When an employee in the classified service whose performance evaluation conducted by the employing department reflects that the employee is performing duties satisfactorily and whose position is abolished, is laid off due to lack of funds or on an authorized leave of absence and is ready to report for duty when a position is open, the Civil Service Commission shall cause the name of the employee in the appropriate class to be placed on the reemployment list as follows:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) below, the Civil Service Commission shall cause the name of each employee laid off in accordance with these rules to be placed on the reemployment list for the appropriate class for reemployment within two (2) years thereafter when vacancies occur.
- (b) An employee who receives a notice of layoff and exercises the option to demote to a previously held lower classification shall be placed on the reemployment list for the position from which the employee demoted, as provided for in subsection (a), above, and remain on the list either until the employee is appointed to the position or the employee declines appointment to the position. The reemployment rights granted by this subsection are applicable only to employees who demote to a previously held lower classification after receiving a notice of layoff.

The reemployment list for any class shall be established by a Civil Service resolution as needed.

In filling vacancies, eligibles on the reemployment lists take precedence over eligibles on any other list for the same rank in the department for which the lists apply.

An employee who waives reemployment to a full-time position three (3) times shall have their name removed from this reemployment list unless mutually agreed to by the department and employee.

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**SECTION 7. DISCIPLINE**

Disciplinary action, including discharge, suspension, reduction in pay, demotion, or other employment penalty may be taken against any employee for cause.

The appointing authority may discharge, suspend, or demote any employee in the classified service provided the City Charter provisions and the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission and any applicable provisions of law are followed. Such provisions allow the employee suspended, demoted, or discharged to appeal such action. The employee may take any one (1) of the following actions:

- (a) File no appeal.
- (b) File an appeal with the Civil Service Commission within ten (10) working days of written notification of the action. (Such filing will foreclose use of the grievance procedure).
- (c) File a grievance as provided for in section 8.5 within ten (10) working days of written notification of the action.

If the employee fails to do (b) or (c) above within the prescribed time frames, these rights will have been waived.

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**SECTION 8. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

**8.1 Definition**

A grievance is any dispute which involves the interpretation or application of those rules, regulations, and resolutions which have been, or may hereafter be, adopted by the City Council to govern personnel practices and working conditions, including such rules, regulations, and resolutions as may be adopted by either the City Council or the Civil Service Commission to affect Memoranda of Understanding which result from the meeting and conferring process.

**8.2 Filing Deadline**

No grievance involving demotion, suspension, discharge, or other employment penalty will be entertained unless it is filed in writing with the Director of Human Resources within ten (10) working days of the time at which the affected employee received written notification of such action. All other grievances must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the time the employee knew or had reason to know of the facts giving rise to the grievance.

**8.3 Grievance Processing**

- (a) Step 1 - Departmental Review. Any employee claiming to have a grievance may discuss the complaint with such management official in the department where employed as the department head may designate. If the issue is not resolved within the department within ten (10) working days from the day of presentation or if the employee elects to submit the grievance directly to the Association recognized as the representative of that employee's classification, the procedures hereinafter specified may be invoked.
- (b) Step 2 - Director of Human Resources Review. If the employee is not satisfied with the response at Step 1, then the employee may appeal the grievance to the Director of Human Resources within ten (10) working days of the receipt of written response at Step 1. Such appeal must state with particularity; 1) the specific policy, rule, or provision which is alleged to have been violated; 2) the statement of facts comprising the violation; and 3) the requested remedy. The Association may file and process grievance(s) on behalf of the specifically named employee.

The Director of Human Resources shall have twenty (20) working days in

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which to investigate the issues and respond to the appeal. No grievance, except for the resolution of compensation complaints, may be processed under the following two (2) paragraphs which has not first been filed and investigated in accordance with this paragraph unless the Director of Human Resources fails to respond within the time limit.

- (c) Step 3 - City Manager Review. Within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the Step 2 response, the grievance may be appealed to the City Manager or their designee. Such referral shall be in writing, detailing the specific issues involved in the referral together with a statement of the resolution desired. The City Manager shall designate a personal representative who shall not be the Director of Human Resources to investigate the merits of the complaint, to meet with the complainant, and if the complainant is not the Association, to meet also with the officials of the Association, and to settle the grievance or to make recommendations to the City Manager. A written response to the appeal will be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of appeal.
- (d) Step 4 - Arbitration. If the grievant or the Association is dissatisfied with the response at Step 3, or if the City Manager fails to respond within the time limit, the matter may, within ten (10) working days, be referred to an arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, or if the parties are unable to mutually agree, from a list of seven (7) arbitrators provided by the State Conciliation Service. The arbitrator shall be chosen by the alternative strike method, with first choice being determined by lot. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and of a court reporter shall be shared equally by both parties. Each party, however, shall bear the cost of its own presentation, including preparation and post hearing briefs, if any.
- (e) Effect of Decision. Decisions of arbitrators on matters properly before them shall be final and binding on the parties hereto except as provided otherwise herein.

#### **8.4 Scope of Arbitration**

No arbitrator shall entertain, hear, decide, or make recommendations on any dispute unless such dispute involves a position in a unit represented by the Association and unless such dispute falls within the definition of a grievance as set forth in section 8.1.

Proposals to add to or change this MOU or written agreements or addenda

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supplementary hereto shall not be arbitrable and no proposal to modify, amend, or terminate this -MOU, nor any matter or subject arising out of or in connection with such proposal, may be referred to arbitration under this section. No arbitrator selected pursuant to this section shall have the power to amend or modify this MOU or written agreements or addenda supplementary hereto or to establish any new terms or conditions of employment.

No change in this MOU or interpretations thereof (except interpretations resulting from arbitration proceedings hereunder) will be recognized unless agreed to by the City Manager and the Association.

**8.5 Other Provisions**

If the Director of Human Resources, in pursuance of the procedures outlined above, or the City Manager, in pursuance of the provisions outlined above, resolve a grievance which involves suspension or discharge, they may agree to payment for lost time or to reinstatement with or without payment for lost time, but in the event the dispute is referred to arbitration and the arbitrator finds that the City had cause to take the action complained of, the arbitrator may not substitute their judgment for the judgment of management, and if they find that the City had such right, they may not order reinstatement and may not assess any penalty upon the City.

All complaints involving or concerning the payment of compensation shall be initially filed in writing with the City Manager. Only complaints, which allege the employee is not being compensated in accordance with the provisions of this MOU, shall be considered as grievances. Any other matters of compensation are to be resolved in the meeting and conferring process and if not detailed in the MOU which results from such meeting and conferring process shall be deemed withdrawn until the meeting and conferring process is next open for such decision. No adjustment shall be retroactive for more than thirty (30) days from the date upon which the complaint was filed.

The provisions of this section shall not abridge any right to which an employee may be administered in a manner that would abrogate any power which, under the City Charter, may be within the sole province and discretion of the Civil Service Commission.

All grievances of employees represented by the Association shall be processed under this section. If the City Charter requires that differing options be available to the employee, no action under paragraph (d) of subsection 8.3 above shall be

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taken unless it is determined that the employee is not availing themselves of such option.

No action under paragraph (d) of subsection 8.3 above shall be taken if action on the complaint or grievance has been taken by the Civil Service Commission, or if the complaint or grievance is pending before the Civil Service Commission.

If any award by an arbitrator requires action by the City Council or the Civil Service Commission before it can be placed in effect, the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources will recommend to the City Council or the Civil Service Commission, as appropriate, that it follow such award.

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**SECTION 9. LEAVES**

**9.1 Vacation**

- (a) Vacation Allowance. All employees in this unit shall accrue vacation leave with pay in accordance with the following schedule (employees shall accrue vacation leave on a per pay period basis):

Less than 1½ years continuous employment.....	120 hours/year
After 1½ years up to 7 1/2 years.....	148 hours/year
After 7½ years up to 15 years.....	188 hours/year
After 15 years up to 25 years.....	229 hours/year

Seven (7) additional hours for each completed year of service in excess of twenty-five (25) years.

- (b) Vacation Carryover Allowance. Effective July 1, 2012, the following maximum vacation accruals shall take effect. Employees reaching the maximum hours provided here shall stop accruing additional vacation hours until they are below the caps listed here. No vacation hours may be added to sick leave balances without exception.

For employees who on July 1, 2012, have vacation balances that exceed their maximum shall have until June 30, 2013, to use sufficient vacation to get under the maximum allowed. If an employee does not reduce their balance below the maximum by June 30, 2013, they shall retain their existing earned vacation, but shall not earn any additional vacation until they are under the maximum vacation accrual allowed.

The maximum number of vacation hours that employees on a forty (40) - hour workweek shall accrue is as follows:

Under 1.5 years	200 hours
1.5 – 7.5 years	320 hours
7.5 – 15 years	360 hours
15 – 25 years	400 hours
25 years	408 hours
26 years	416 hours
27 years	424 hours
28 years plus	7 hours each additional year

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Employees reaching the maximum hours provided here shall stop accruing additional vacation hours until they are below the caps listed here. No vacation hours may be added to sick leave balances without exception.

- (c) Vacation Allowance for Separated Employees. An eligible employee separating from City service for any reason who has unused vacation time shall be paid for such vacation time up to the effective date of the last day of employment with the City. Payment for unused vacation hours shall be made at the final rate of pay. Payment for the unused vacation hours shall be paid post separation date at no later than the second regularly scheduled pay period pay date following separation.
- (d) Vacation Sellback. Effective for fiscal year 2025/2026 only, an employee may elect to receive cash payment for up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours of their accumulated vacation balance after the use of a vacation of forty (40) hours or more. Employees must maintain a minimum of forty (40) hours. The employee must elect the amount of cash out by December 31, 2025, for a payment window of January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. The cash out election is irrevocable, and the City will follow IRS regulations regarding cash payment of leave.

**9.2 Sick Leave**

- (a) Accrual. All employees, except provisional, temporary, and part-time employees, shall accrue sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours for each full month of service. All employees, except provisional, temporary, and part-time employees, working less than a full month shall accrue sick leave while off duty on authorized sick leave; provided, however, an employee shall not accrue sick leave during any leave or leaves of absence without pay granted to the employee.
- (b) Usage. Employees are entitled to sick leave pay for those days which the employee would normally have worked, to a maximum of sick leave hours accrued.

An employee may use sick leave for preventive medical, dental, optical care, illness, injury, or exposure to contagious disease, which incapacitates them from performing their duties. This includes disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery therefrom.

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- (c) Family Sick Leave. Employees may utilize fifty percent (50%) of their annual accrued sick leave to attend to cases of illness or injury in the employee's immediate family, except in instances where the employee is on approved Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or California Family Rights Act (CFRA) leave.

For the purpose of this section, immediate family is defined as the employee's parents, spouse, registered domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, stepchild, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, legal dependent, grandparent, grandchild, and "designated person." For the purposes of paid sick leave, a "designated person" means a "person identified by the employee at the time the employee requests paid sick leave." An employee may select one (1) person as a "designated person" in a twelve (12) month period.

- (d) Procedures for Requesting and Approving Sick Leave. When the requirement for sick leave is known to the employee in advance of their absence, the employee shall request authorization for such sick leave from the department head prior to such absence. In all other instances, the employee shall notify their supervisor as promptly as possible of their absence.

Before an employee may be paid for the use of accrued sick leave, they shall complete and submit to their department head a signed statement, on a prescribed form, stating the dates and hours of absence, the exact reason, and such other information as is necessary for their request to be evaluated. If an employee does not return to work prior to the preparation of the payroll, other arrangements may be made with the approval of the department head.

- (e) Doctor's Certificate or Other Proof. If an employee's illness results in an absence from work for more than three (3) consecutive days, then a doctor's certificate or other reasonable proof of illness will be required by the department head.

The Police Chief may make such sick leave usage reviews and may require such physician's documentation as they deem necessary to ensure proper use of the sick leave benefit. In addition, the City may monitor and control the appropriate use of sick leave by employees and if reasonable cause is articulated, can limit use of sick leave and require additional verification.

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- (f) Use of Sick Leave while on Vacation. An employee who is injured or who becomes ill while on vacation may be paid for sick leave in lieu of vacation provided that the employee:
- (1) was hospitalized during the period for which sick leave is claimed, or
  - (2) received medical treatment or diagnosis and presents a statement indicating disabling illness or injury signed by a physician covering the period for which sick leave is claimed.
- (g) Payment for Unused Sick Leave. Effective February 17, 2012, all sick leave shall have no cash value upon separation of employment and employees shall not be allowed to cash out unused sick leave. Employees may be eligible to convert unused sick leave for California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) service credit at retirement based on the PERS contract provisions applicable to their employment.
- (h) CalPERS Service Credit for Unused Sick Leave. Employees shall be eligible for CalPERS service credit for any unused sick leave at retirement not otherwise compensated for in (i) below. Employees hired after the City amends its CalPERS contract to eliminate service credit for unused sick leave shall not be eligible for this service credit.
- (i) Sick Leave Retention Benefit. After subtracting the equivalent of one full year of service credit (2080 hours), which may be applied to CALPERS service credit, any balance remaining upon separation shall be paid as follows to employees who have remained in City service until the dates specified:
- (1) Separation prior to July 1, 2014, no payment of unused sick leave at separation shall occur for separating employees before this date;
  - (2) Separation between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, payment of unused sick leave which the employee held on February 16, 2012, shall be paid at thirty-five percent (35%) of its cash value to separating employees between these dates; and
  - (3) Separation after July 1, 2015, payment of unused sick leave which the employee held on February 16, 2012, shall be paid at fifty percent (50%) of its cash value to separating employees after this date.

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- (4) Service credit for unused sick leave shall be in accordance with PERS regulations.

**9.3 Other Leaves With Pay**

- (a) Bereavement Leave. In the event of a death in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall, upon request, be granted up to three (3) days bereavement leave with pay without charge to the employee's accumulated sick leave or vacation leave. The employee shall, upon request, be granted an additional three (3) days bereavement leave which shall be charged against the employee's accumulated sick leave or annual leave. For the purposes of this section, immediate family is defined as the employee's parents, spouse, registered domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, stepchild, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, and grandchild.

In the event of the death of a person not immediately related to an employee as defined above, the employee's department head may grant up to three (3) days bereavement leave upon request which shall be charged against the employee's accumulated sick leave or annual leave.

- (b) Court Appearance. Upon approval by the department head, an employee, other than a provisional, part-time, or temporary employee, shall be permitted authorized absence from duty for appearance in court because of jury service, in obedience to subpoena or by direction of proper authority, in accordance with the following provisions:

Said absence from duty will be compensated for actual hours the employee serves on the jury or testifies as a witness in a criminal case, other than a defendant, including necessary travel time. As a condition of receiving such full pay, the employee must remit to the City, through the employee's department head, within fifteen (15) days after receipt all fees received except those specifically allowed for mileage and expenses. Jury duty or witness duty appearances shall be considered in terms of actual hours spent from arrival time until the time released from Court. If an employee is not due to appear for jury duty or as a witness until afternoon court session, they will be expected to work their usual morning schedule. If an employee is required to appear for morning court session and is released before noon and not required to return to court in the afternoon, they shall work the remainder of their usual afternoon schedule.

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Said absence from duty will be without pay when the employee appears in private litigation to which the City of Stockton is not a party.

Any fees allowed, except for reimbursement of expenses incurred, shall be remitted to the City Treasurer through the employee's department.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, attendance in court in connection with an employee's official duties or on behalf of the City of Stockton in connection with a case in which the City of Stockton is not a party, together with travel time necessarily involved, shall not be considered absent from duty within the meaning of this section.

- (c) Court Appearance Pay while in Off Duty Status. When an employee is required by proper authority to appear in court during off-duty hours, said employee shall receive compensation of three (3) hours at time and one-half (1-1/2) or actual time worked at the appropriate rate, whichever is greater.
- (d) Military Leave. An employee of the City who is a member of the National Guard or Naval Militia or a member of Reserve Corps or Force of the Federal Military, Naval or Marine Service and is ordered to duty shall be granted leave with pay while engaged therein, provided the leave does not exceed thirty (30) calendar days in any calendar year.

All regular status employees in the service of the City shall be allowed leave of absence without pay for the duration of a national emergency who have been inducted into the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or any other branch of the Military Service of the United States or the State of California. Said employees shall be reinstated in the service, except as hereinafter stated, providing they are physically fit as shown by a medical examination by the City Physician or other physician appointed to make a medical examination.

In the case of a probationary employee having served their minimum probationary period of twelve (12) months at the time of induction, it shall be optional with the department head and the City Manager to grant regular status to said employee before induction.

All probationary employees inducted into the Military Service not having served the minimum probationary period of twelve (12) months, or having

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served the minimum probationary period of twelve (12) months but not having received regular status shall be allowed leave of absence without pay for the duration of a national emergency, but said employees shall be placed at the head of the eligible list for such position in the order of their seniority of employment and when appointed to a vacant position, they must be physically fit as above specified and shall serve the balance of their probationary period before attaining the status of a regular employee.

Two (2) or more regular status employees granted military leave of absence without pay from the same position shall be reemployed according to their seniority of employment providing they are physically fit as above specified.

- (e) Management Time Leave. The City shall provide forty (40) hours of paid-management time leave each fiscal year. The management time leave of forty (40) hours may not carry over from fiscal year to fiscal year, be used for sell-back purposes, or paid for any unused management leave upon separation of City employment.

**9.4 Workers' Compensation Leave**

Whenever any member of this unit is disabled, whether temporarily or permanently, by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of their duties, they shall become entitled, regardless of their period of service with the City, to a leave of absence while so disabled without loss of salary, in lieu of temporary disability payment, if any, which would be payable for the period of such disability but not exceeding one (1) year, or until such earlier date as they are retired on permanent disability pension.

If injury is claimed to be job related, or a recurrence of a previous job-related sickness or injury, it must be verified with a written physician's statement, otherwise disability leave will not be allowed. Any absence not approved will be charged to sick leave if verification is not received.

- (a) Forms and Procedures. Workers' Compensation processing shall be consistent with City procedures and in accordance with state workers' compensation regulations. An employee who sustains a work-related injury or illness shall immediately inform their supervisor no matter how minor an on-the-job injury may appear. An employee who sustains a work-related injury or illness is required to seek medical care at facilities designated by the City, unless they have filed a pre-designation of personal physician prior to sustaining the work-related injury or illness. The City shall furnish the

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Association the appropriate form for distribution. For a list of City designated medical care facilities and/or physicians, please contact Human Resources.

**9.5 Leaves of Absence**

Employees shall not be entitled to leaves of absence as a matter of right, but only in accordance with the provisions of law and the City of Stockton Municipal Code. Unless otherwise provided, the granting of a leave of absence also grants the employee the right to return to a position in the same classification or equivalent classification as the employee held at the time the leave was granted.

The granting of any leave of absence shall be based on the presumption that the employee intends to return to work upon the expiration of the leave.

All approval authority over leaves of absence exercised by the department head under this section shall be subject to review by the City Manager, whose ruling shall be final. Employees on authorized leaves of absence without pay shall not be entitled to payment by the City of the premiums for their health and dental insurance, except as provided hereinafter.

The entitlement to City payment of premium shall end on the last day of the month in which the employee was paid except those employees on an authorized leave of absence may continue enrollment in the City health and dental insurance plan by prepayment of the monthly premium during the authorized leave of absence.

Authorized absence without pay which exceeds thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, except military leave, shall not be included in determining salary adjustment rights, based on length of employment. Periods of time during which an employee is required to be absent from their position by reason of an injury or illness for which they are entitled to and currently receiving Workers' Compensation benefits shall be included in computing length of service for the purpose of determining that employee's salary adjustments.

**9.6 Leave of Absence Without Pay**

- (a) Purpose and Length. Only employees occupying regular status positions on a permanent basis are eligible for leaves of absence without pay, under the provisions of this section.

An appointing authority may grant leave of absence without pay for personal reasons, up to a maximum of twelve (12) months, with the approval of the

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Director of Human Resources.

Leaves of absence without pay on account of illness or injury, which are not job incurred, may be granted for a maximum period of twelve (12) months with the approval of the Director of Human Resources. This includes disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery therefrom.

Such a leave will be granted only after all accrued sick leave have been used and shall be substantiated by a physician's statement.

- (b) Application for and Approval of Leaves of Absence Without Pay. In order to receive leave without pay, an employee must submit a request on the prescribed form to the department head and the City Manager, describing the reasons for the request and all other information required for the department head, or their representative, to evaluate the request. Leaves without pay may be canceled by the department at any time.

**9.7 Absence Without Official Leave (AWOL)**

- (a) Refusal of Leave or Failure to Return After Leave. Failure to report for duty or failure to report for duty after a leave of absence request has been disapproved, revoked, or canceled by the department or City Manager, or at the expiration of a leave, shall be considered an absence without leave.
- (b) Voluntary Resignation. Any employee in this bargaining unit absent without leave for two (2) or more consecutive scheduled days or absent an aggregate of sixteen (16) hours in any calendar month without a satisfactory explanation as approved by the Director of Human Resources shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned from the City of Stockton except if the absence is due to a verified illness or injury.

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**SECTION 10. DAYS AND HOURS OF WORK**

**10.1 Workweek**

The normal workweek for Police Unit employees is defined as either the traditional workweek consisting of eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week; the alternate 9/80 work schedule consisting of nine (9) hour workdays Monday through Thursday, an eight (8) hour work day on Friday with every other Friday off; or the 4/10 schedule consisting of ten (10) hour work days. Where operational requirements of a department require deviations from the present schedule, the Police Chief and/or City Manager may institute alternate work schedules, consistent with provisions of the State Law.

SPMA will meet and confer with the City on any proposed changes in work schedule.

**10.2 Meal Periods**

Phase shift employees normally receive a one-half (½) hour meal with pay each day.

Other Police Service Management Unit employees will normally receive a one (1) hour meal period without pay.

**10.3 Work Furloughs**

The existing furlough hours will be placed in a furlough bank. The furlough bank may be carried over from one fiscal year to the next. There shall be no cash value provided for any furlough hours.

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**SECTION 11. OVERTIME**

**11.1 Eligibility**

Police Management employees shall not be eligible for overtime for extra hours worked to perform duties of their assigned positions with the following exceptions:

- (a) When assigned to cover the shift of another employee in a comparable position.
- (b) When assigned to work due to an emergency situation as required by their department.
- (c) When assigned to work on special projects, events, and/or critical incidents as required by the department.
- (d) For any hours worked as a result of exceptions (a) through (c), extra hours shall only be compensated at overtime rates if that employee works more than forty (40) hours within the same workweek. It is understood that, notwithstanding the additional compensation provided under this section, all employees in the bargaining unit are Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exempt.
- (e) For the purposes of subsection (d), furlough hours taken, holiday hours taken, observed holidays when the City is closed, bereavement leave, jury duty leave, vacation leave, management time leave, and sick leave, shall be considered as time worked. Other time taken as compensated time off not specifically identified above shall not be considered as time worked.

**11.2 Authorization**

The Chief of Police must personally approve any overtime pay for Police Management Unit employees.

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**SECTION 12. HOLIDAYS**

**12.1 Holidays Observed by the City**

- (a) Effective upon the first full pay period following ratification for this MOU by SPMA and approval by the City Council on its regular agenda in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, employees shall receive the following holidays on full pay for any one (1) holiday, unless otherwise provided in this section. The City observes the following holidays on the dates indicated:

- (1) New Year's Day ..... (January 1)
- (2) Martin Luther King's Birthday .....(Third Monday in January)
- (3) Lincoln's Birthday ..... (Second Monday in February)
- (4) Washington's Birthday.....(Third Monday in February)
- (5) Cesar Chavez' Day..(March 31 - Floating for Non-Patrol Lieutenants)
- (6) Memorial Day ..... (Last Monday in May)
- (7) Independence Day .....(July 4)
- (8) Labor Day ..... (First Monday in September)
- (9) Columbus Day.....(Second Monday in October)
- (10) Veteran's Day..... (November 11)
- (11) Thanksgiving..... (Fourth Thursday in November)
- (12) Day following Thanksgiving..... (Fourth Friday in November)
- (13) Christmas Day..... (December 25)
- (14) Birthday Holiday

- (b) Birthday Holiday Leave. For positions that observe holidays, the department head, with due consideration for the wishes of the employee, may authorize the birthday holiday to be taken within sixty (60) calendar days, beginning on the day of the employee's birthday.
- (c) For positions that observe holidays, the floating holiday must be used by December 31 of each year and does not carry forward into the subsequent year. There is no cash value for any unused floating holiday hours. Employees have not earned and cannot use the floating holiday until the actual holiday occurs (March 31).
- (d) For employees on a Monday through Friday workweek or a 9/80 work schedule, if holidays fall on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed. If holidays fall on Saturday, the proceeding Friday shall be observed.

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For employees in the Police Department on a ten (10) hour shift schedule, holidays that fall on Saturday or Sunday shall be observed on Saturday or Sunday respectively.

In order to receive holiday pay the employee must be in a paid status the day before and the day after the holiday.

**12.2 Holiday Compensation**

- (a) Captains. Captains shall receive a five percent (5%) holiday in lieu add pay. This additional compensation is for employees who are normally required to work on an approved holiday because they work in positions that require scheduled staffing without regard to holidays.

When the Police Department administrative offices are closed on a regularly scheduled work day, Captains shall use the appropriate number of hours from their personal leave time to take the day off. However, at the sole discretion of the Chief or designee, Captains may be scheduled to work on a day when the Police Department administrative offices are closed. In the event a Captain is scheduled to work on a day when the Police Department administrative offices are closed, they will not be required to use vacation leave and will be paid for actual hours worked at straight time.

- (b) Non-Patrol Lieutenants. Non-Patrol Lieutenants who are not assigned to the traditional 10-plan Field Operations/Patrol shift schedule and observe City Holidays shall be entitled to take each holiday off with full pay for any one (1) holiday listed in section 12.1 above. Floating holiday must be used by December 31 of each year and does not carry forward into the subsequent year. There is no cash value for any unused floating holiday hours. Employees have not earned and cannot use the floating holiday hours until the actual holiday occurs (March 31).
- (c) Patrol Assignments. Police Lieutenants assigned to the traditional 10-plan Field Operations/Patrol shift schedule shall receive a five percent (5%) holiday in lieu add pay. If Police Lieutenants work on a holiday, actual hours worked will be paid at time and one half (1½) for the work shift.

These members who are permitted to take a holiday off that falls on a regularly scheduled work day shall use appropriate leave hours equivalent to the number of hours of their scheduled shift.

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**SECTION 13. COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES OTHER THAN BASE SALARY**

**13.1 Retirement Contribution Supplement**

- (a) Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). For classic members, the City shall contribute an amount equal to nine percent (9%) of the employee's current base salary and other compensation as qualified by State law toward PERS benefits. Such amounts will be applied to the employee's individual account in accordance with Government Code section 20691.
- (b) PERS Contribution. Classic members shall continue to pay nine percent (9%) toward the employer contribution of PERS. This section shall not be construed to permit employees to receive a "double" EPMC benefit, as employees already receive the EPMC benefit pursuant to section 13.1(d).

Effective July 1, 2016, all employees (regardless of status under the PEPRRA) shall pay an additional three percent (3%) toward the employer contribution of PERS. For example, classic members will pay a total of twelve percent (12%) (nine percent (9%) plus three percent (3%)). The parties recognize that this contribution satisfies the provision of California Government Code 20516.5(b).

- (c) As soon as practicable, the City will modify its contract with CalPERS to provide for a twelve percent (12%) additional member contribution over and above normal contribution for classic members and a three percent (3%) additional member contribution over and above normal contribution for PEPRRA members. Upon completion of the contract amendment process (including employee vote), the additional payment in section 13.1(b) shall cease.
- (d) Employer Paid Member Contribution Converted to Pay Rate During the Final Compensation Period. The City will make application to PERS to provide California Government Code Section 20692 (Employer Paid Member Contributions Converted to Pay Rate during the Final Compensation Period) as an additional PERS benefit, to be effective upon adoption by the Stockton City Council and the PERS Administration Board. At the beginning of employee's last year of employment, the employee will pay their employees' nine percent (9%) benefit cost through an automatic payroll deduction. The City will increase the base salary for those

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employees by the same nine percent (9%) for the last twelve (12) months of employment. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code 414H(2), whereby employee contributions shall be tax deferred (not subject to taxation until time of constructive receipt) will be concurrently implemented with PERS California Government Code Section 20692.

- (e) Military Service Credit. The City will provide military service credit pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 21024, formerly Section 20930.3 at the employee's expense.
- (f) Credit for Unused Sick Leave. The City will provide PERS California Government Code Section 20965 (Credit for Unused Sick Leave) as added PERS benefits.
- (g) Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits. The City provides PERS California Government Code Section 21574 (Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits) as an additional retirement benefit, to be effective upon adoption by the Stockton City Council and the added PERS Administrative Board.
- (h) Service Retirement Plan Formula for Employees Hired on or before July 1, 2012. The City's service retirement contract with PERS for safety members of this unit hired on or before July 1, 2012, is 3% @ age 50.
- (i) Service Retirement Plan Formula for Unit Employees Hired on or after August 16, 2013. The City contracted with PERS to provide a new second tier retirement program for persons hired on or after August 16, 2013, and employees hired after that date will receive only those optional benefits as provided for in that tier. Such employees shall pay nine percent (9%) of the employees' current base salary towards the employee's contribution towards PERS and any other compensation as qualified by state law towards PERS retirement benefits through a payroll deduction.
- (j) PERS Benefits for Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013.
  - (1) Employees with Reciprocity. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, who had service under another CalPERS agency or public retirement system with reciprocity prior to January 1, 2013, and a break in service of less than six (6) months and are considered classic employees by PERS AB340, shall be subject to the PERS pension formula of 3% @ 50 with only the optional pension enhancements and the other provisions of the retirement tier they

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were hired under. Employees shall pay the employee's statutory employee's contribution for these benefits of nine percent (9%).

- (2) Employees without Reciprocity. Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, shall be subject to the AB340 PERS pension formula of 2.7% @ 57 with only the optional pension enhancements and the other provisions of the retirement tier they were hired under. Employees shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the City's normal cost rate for the 2.7% @ 57 as determined by CalPERS.

**13.2 Uniform Allowance**

Employees in this unit shall receive as annual compensation, a uniform allowance in the amount of one thousand and two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).

One-half (1/2) of the annual value of uniform allowance shall be paid to eligible employees during the months of April and October.

**13.3 Mileage Reimbursement for Private Vehicle Use**

For authorized use of a private vehicle, an employee in this unit will be reimbursed for actual mileage at the current rate established for other employees.

**13.4 Police Vehicles**

Members of SPMA shall be assigned a police vehicle due to the need for emergency response and command status at all times. This vehicle shall be taken home at night, with the manager maintaining radio contact and monitoring radio traffic until parked. The take-home radius shall be the same distance as the alternative work site radius (sixty (60) miles for out-of-town training) measured from the central point of the City.

**13.5 Communication Devices**

Members of SPMA shall be provided a communication device that will work as a cell phone, connect to the internet, and have the ability for two-way and group electronic communication with other Police Management, the communication center, and other emergency management personnel throughout the City in an appropriately encrypted manner.

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**13.6 Certificate Incentive Pay**

- (a) The City shall pay six percent (6%) of the top step in rank for employees who attain a Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Supervisory Certificate.
- (b) The City shall pay an additional five percent (5%) for a total of eleven percent (11%) of top salary step in rank for employees who attain a P.O.S.T. Management Certificate or higher, upon completion of two (2) continuous years of service in rank and upon completion of a management course.

**13.7 Longevity Increment Pay**

- (a) Effective July 1, 2012, the longevity increment shall be effective the first pay period following the anniversary date of hire of the employee as follows:
  - (1) The City shall pay three-quarters of one percent (.75%) of top salary step in rank for longevity pay, upon completion of twelve (12) years of continuous service as a public safety member of the Stockton Police Department.
  - (2) The City shall pay an additional one and three-quarters percent (1.75%) for a total of two and one-half percent (2.5%), upon completion of eighteen (18) years of continuous service as a public safety member of the Stockton Police Department.
  - (3) The City shall pay an additional two percent (2%) for a total of four and one-half percent (4.5%), upon completion of twenty-four (24) years of continuous service as a public safety member of the Stockton Police Department.
  - (4) Members of the bargaining unit promoting from the Stockton Police Officers' Association (SPOA) bargaining unit will be placed at the level of longevity appropriate to their years of service.
  - (5) For the limited purpose of defining continuous service under this section of the MOU, continuous service shall include leaves without pay for less than one (1) year as long as the public safety officer did not withdraw their contribution from PERS.

**13.8 CalPERS Reportability**

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The City makes no representation as to whether any of the compensation or payments in this MOU are subject to CalPERS service credit or pensionable income. Any determination by CalPERS to not fully credit the compensation and/or service time provided under this MOU is outside of the City's control.

**SECTION 14. INSURANCE PLANS**

**14.0 Reopener Clause for Health Insurance**

The Association agrees at the City's request to meet and confer on any changes that are within the mandatory scope of bargaining in any City proposals related to its City sponsored medical plans that may be related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

**14.1 Health Insurance and Related Benefits**

- (a) Health and Welfare Benefits. Employees in this bargaining unit shall have a choice of enrolling themselves and their eligible dependents in any City sponsored health plan that the City shall offer to regular status employees. Each plan shall offer an employee only, employee plus one (1) and employee plus two (2) or more dependents coverage. The City shall offer two (2) or more medical plans to regular status employees.
- (b) Eligibility. Employees shall become eligible for medical, dental, and vision insurance on the first day of the month following date of hire. An eligible employee and eligible dependent may be enrolled in a City offered medical plan either as a subscriber in a City offered medical plan or, as the dependent spouse/registered domestic partner or another eligible City employee, but not both. If an employee is also eligible to cover their dependent child, the child will be allowed to enroll as a dependent on only one (1) employee plan (i.e., an employee and their dependent cannot be covered by more than one (1) City-offered health plan).
- (c) City Contribution Toward the Cost of Insurance Programs.
  - (1) The City shall contribute the following:
    - a. Up to \$936.10 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee-only medical/dental/vision plan coverage.

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- b. Up to \$1,698.55 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus one (1) dependent medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
  - c. Up to \$2,263.20 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus two (2) or more dependents medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
- (2) Effective January 1, 2027, the City contributes the following:
- a. Up to \$973.54 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee-only medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
  - b. Up to \$1,766.49 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus one (1) dependent medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
  - c. Up to \$2,353.73 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus two (2) or more dependents medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
- (3) Effective January 1, 2028, the City contributes the following:
- a. Up to \$993.01 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee-only medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
  - b. Up to \$1,801.82 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus one (1) dependent medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
  - c. Up to \$2,400.80 per month toward the cost of the monthly premium for employee plus two (2) or more dependents medical/dental/vision plan coverage.
- (4) These contributions are based on full-time employment. Insurance plan premiums that exceed the City's monthly contribution shall be paid by the employee through payroll deductions. The City shall maintain its IRS 125 Plan to allow for employee contributions for medical, vision, and dental to be pre-tax premium conversion.

- (d) Plan Rules. Employees may insure themselves and their eligible

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dependents under the medical, vision, and dental plans provided by the City, in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable to the selected Plan.

Benefits in the Plan shall be in accordance with the Plan document.

- (e) The City will keep SPMA informed as to changes to actuarial methods employed by its actuary which materially affect the rates, and permit the opportunity for SPMA to discuss such changes. SPMA will meet and confer with the City mid-term regarding further plan changes.
- (f) If legally permissible, the City agrees to make Medicare contributions for employees hired in 1985 to 1986 who are not currently covered by Medicare, provided that such payments shall be on a going forward basis only, and such unit members shall be required to pay the employee matching contribution to Medicare. To the extent legally permissible, Unit members may contribute to Medicare to purchase credit retroactively provided such unit members do so at their own expense, including both the employee and employer share. The City entered into a Section 218 Medicare-Only Agreement with the Social Security Administration for this purpose, with an effective date of August 1, 2014.

**14.2 Life Insurance**

Each employee in this unit will receive group life insurance coverage paid for by the City of Stockton equal to a value of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). In addition, employees shall have the opportunity to purchase additional voluntary life insurance through their Association or through the City's IRS 125 Plan vendor.

**14.3 Long Term Disability Insurance**

The City will contribute the existing premium amount (currently twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$24.50) per month) for each employee in this unit to purchase long term disability benefits through their association.

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**SECTION 15. SALARY PLAN**

**15.1 Salary**

(a) **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**

Effective the first full pay period following ratification by the City Council in open session, or the pay period including June 28, 2026 (whichever is later), employees will receive a two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase to base pay.

Effective the first full pay period including June 27, 2027, employees will receive a two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase to base pay.

**15.2 Market Adjustments**

(a) Effective the first full pay period following ratification by the City Council in open session, or June 28, 2026, (whichever is later), all classifications in the bargaining unit will receive a two percent (2%) Market Adjustment increase to base pay.

(b) Effective the pay period of June 27, 2027, all classifications will receive a two percent (2%) Market Adjustment increase to base pay.

**15.3 Salary Equivalents**

Any monthly, daily, or hourly rate of pay may be converted into any equivalent rate of pay or to any other time bases only when in the judgment of the City Manager, such a conversion is advisable. In determining equivalent amounts on different time bases the City shall provide tables or regulations for the calculation of payment for service of less than full-time, and for use in converting monthly salaries to hourly rates, as well as for calculating hourly rates.

**15.4 Salary Step After Military Leave**

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All employees who have been granted military leave, upon their return to the City service, are entitled to the automatic salary advancements within the range scale of the established wage schedule of their classifications for the period they were in the military service.

**15.5 Salary Step When Salary Range is Increased**

Whenever the monthly schedule of compensation for a class is revised, each incumbent in a position to which the revised schedule applies shall be entitled to the step in the revised range which corresponds to the employee's step held in the previous range, unless otherwise specifically provided by the City Manager.

**15.6 Salary Step After Promotion or Demotion**

When an employee is promoted from a position in one rank to a position in a higher rank and at the time of promotion is receiving a salary equal to, or greater than, the minimum rate for the higher rank, that employee shall be entitled to a step in the salary range of the higher rank which is at least five percent (5%) above the employee's current base salary, except that the next step shall not exceed the maximum salary of the higher rank. Add pays are not included in the calculation of base salary for purposes of this section. When an employee is promoted into another bargaining unit, the new bargaining unit's salary on promotion rules shall apply.

For employees promoting from the Police Sergeant classification into the Police Lieutenant classification, the minimum salary step placement for the promotion shall be step 4. Effective September 1, 2025, all Police Lieutenants who are not already at Step 4 will be moved to Step 4 of the salary schedule.

When an employee is demoted, whether such demotion is voluntary or otherwise, that employee's compensation shall be adjusted to the salary prescribed for the rank to which demoted.

**15.7 Salary on Reinstatement**

If a former employee is reinstated in the same position previously held or to one carrying a similar salary range, their salary shall not be higher than their salary at the time of their separation unless there has been an increase within the salary range.

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**15.8 Acting Pay**

Any employee who is assigned, in writing, to work in a higher paid classification and who performs a majority of the duties of that higher position, shall receive the rate of pay in a step of the higher classification which would have been received if the employee had been promoted into that classification.

**15.9 Special Assignment Pay**

The City Manager may approve additional compensation in an amount up to but not to exceed ninety percent (90%) of the department head's salary when an employee is assigned, in writing, by the department head and with the approval of the City Manager, to perform additional duties and responsibilities for the duration of the special assignment.

**15.10 Management Incentive Pay – Special Assignment Differential**

Effective July 1, 2014, due to the unique nature of their job, non-patrol Lieutenants who are not assigned to the traditional 10-plan Field Operations/Patrol shift schedule, and are assigned to schedules that regularly observe holidays off shall receive a Management Incentive Pay/"Special Assignment" differential equal to five percent (5%) of the employee's current base pay.

While not all-inclusive, examples of these Lieutenant assignments where Management Incentive Pay would apply include non-patrol positions with the Professional Standards Section Commander, Chief of Staff to the Office of Chief of Police, Traffic Section Commander, Strategic Operations Section Commander, Crimes versus Person/Property Section Commander, Special Investigations Section Commander, Personnel Section Commander, Training Section Commander, Ceasefire Section Commander, and Research and Development Commander.

**15.11 Salary Step Advancement**

Unit members will be required to serve six (6) months at each applicable salary step before advancing to the next step.

**15.12 Additional Steps**

The salary ranges for all classifications is set forth in the City's Salary Schedule.

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Effective the first full pay period following ratification by the City Council in open session, the City shall add three additional steps at two and a half percent (2.5%) each step. Progression in the additional steps will require one year of paid status within the step prior, (i.e. progression to Step 7 requires 1 year of service in Step 6 and progression to Step 8 requires 1 year of service in Step 7).

Step 8 Acceleration: Following ratification and adoption of this agreement, bargaining unit members who have been at Step 6 for more than 1 year shall progress as follows:

- Bargaining unit members who have been at Step 6 for two years or more will be eligible to progress to Step 8;
- Bargaining unit members who have been at Step 6 for more than one (1) year, but less than two (2) years of service (at Step 6), shall immediately advance to Step 7 but shall receive credit for all prior service time accrued at Step 6 towards progression to Step 8. For example, a member who has 18 months of service at Step 6 shall be moved to Step 7 and then shall be moved to Step 8 after six additional months of service.
- Once advanced to Step 8, members shall thereafter progress to Step 9 upon completion of one (1) year of paid service in Step 8, consistent with the standard progression schedule.

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**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

In the event that any provisions of this MOU are declared by the court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, that provision of the MOU shall be null and void but such nullification shall not affect any other provisions of this MOU, all of which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 17. PRACTICES AND EXISTING MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**

Continuance of working conditions and practices not specifically authorized by ordinance or by resolution of the City Council is not guaranteed by this MOU.

**SECTION 18. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, this MOU fully and completely incorporates the understanding of the parties hereto and constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the parties on any and all matters subject to meeting and conferring. Neither party shall, during the term of this MOU, demand any change therein nor shall either party be required to negotiate with respect to any matter; provided that nothing herein shall prohibit the parties from changing the terms of this MOU by mutual agreement.

**SECTION 19. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

Upon its adoption by the Stockton City Council, this MOU shall be effective as of the date of execution unless otherwise indicated herein, and shall remain in full force and effect up to and including the 30th day of June 2028.

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**SECTION 20. MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONS**

- (a) It is recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of City services is of paramount importance. Therefore, the Association and each employee represented thereby agrees to not cause, authorize, engage in, encourage, or sanction a work stoppage, slowdown, refusal of overtime work, refusal to operate designated equipment (provided such equipment is safe and sound), or picketing other than informational picketing, against the City or the individual or concerted failure to report for duty or abstinence from the full and faithful performance of the duties of employment, including compliance with the request of another labor organization or bargaining unit to engage in such activity in an attempt to induce a change in wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) An employee shall not be entitled to any wages or City paid benefits whatsoever if the City Council, by majority vote, determines to its satisfaction, that the employee is, or has, engaged in any activity prohibited by subsection (a) of this section. The City may take other action that it deems appropriate.
- (c) If the City Council, by majority vote, determines to its satisfaction, that subsection (a) of this section has been violated by the Association, the City may take such remedial action as it deems appropriate.
- (d) The Association recognizes the duty and obligation of its representatives and members to comply with the provisions toward inducing all employees in this unit to fully and faithfully perform their duties. In the event of any activity prohibited by subsection (a) hereinabove, the Association agrees to take supererogatory steps necessary to assure compliance with this MOU.

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**SECTION 21. BANKRUPTCY**

Stockton Police Management Association (hereinafter “SPMA”), which is defined for the purposes of this section as including without limitation SPMA, bargaining unit members, officials, attorneys, and affiliates, agrees that this MOU shall supersede the terms of all prior MOU , side letters, and any other agreements between the parties as to the subjects covered herein. SPMA further agrees that it has entered into this agreement voluntarily, and that it shall file no claims in the City’s bankruptcy case based upon the terms of any agreements that precede this MOU, or based upon the negotiated terms of this agreement. Nothing herein shall limit claims based up violation of this agreement.

SPMA further agrees that it will not oppose the City’s eligibility for chapter 9 relief. SPMA agrees to support any plan of adjustment the provisions of which, as to SPMA, are consistent with this MOU.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** this Memorandum of Understanding was ratified by a membership vote of the Association on \_\_\_\_\_, and by an affirmative vote of the Stockton City Council on \_\_\_\_\_. The parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**Stockton Police Management Association      City of Stockton**

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