

AGREEMENT
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 and
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 REPRESENTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT EMPLOYEES
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THIS AGREEMENT is between the City of Sedro-Woolley, Washington (“City”) and the Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild, Representing the Police Department Support Employees, (“Guild”).

ARTICLE 1. RECOGNITION, GUILD MEMBERSHIP AND PAYROLL DEDUCTION

1.1 Recognition - The City recognizes the Guild as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the Police Support employees of the City performing work within the Sedro-Woolley Police Department, excluding any employee serving in an exempt capacity per Chapter 41.56 RCW for the Sedro-Woolley Police Department.

1.2 Membership - All employees covered by this Agreement may become members of the Guild.

1.3 Dues Deduction - The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee who has so authorized it, the regular monthly dues or costs uniformly required by the Guild. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Guild on behalf of the employee involved. Written authorization to deduct dues or service charge shall be made by the employee on a form prescribed by the City. Requests for changes in deduction of dues may not exceed two (2) per year.

1.4 Revocation – An employee’s request to revoke authorization for payroll deductions for monthly dues or costs must be in writing and submitted to the Guild. After the City receives confirmation from the Guild that the employee has revoked authorization, the City shall end the deduction no later than the second payroll after receipt of the confirmation.

1.5 Unless due to the employer's negligence, the Guild agrees to hold the City harmless from claims, causes or complaints arising out of this Article.

ARTICLE 2. GUILD RIGHTS

2.1 Discrimination - The City shall not interfere with the rights of employees to become members of the Guild, and there shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion by the City or City representative against an employee because of Guild membership or because of employee activity in an official capacity on behalf of the Guild.

2.2 Guild Activity - No Guild member or officer shall conduct any Guild business on City time, and no Guild meeting will be held on City time, except with the permission of the Chief or designee.

2.3 The Employer agrees that any employee serving as a Guild representative or on a negotiating committee, shall be allowed to conduct Guild business with the Employer during working hours without loss of pay.

2.4 Strikes - The Guild agrees there shall be no strikes, slowdowns, stoppage of work or interference with the efficient management of the Police Department during the life of this Agreement.

2.5 Should any job action occur, employees shall be required to cross an established picket line to perform emergency activities. The City agrees to meet with the Guild to establish temporary procedures during non-emergency situations.

2.6 A Guild bulletin board will be provided for official Guild business only. The Guild shall not post any materials which are obscene, defamatory or impair the operations of the Police Department, Fire Department, or the City.

ARTICLE 3. PROBATION PERIOD, LAYOFF, RECALL AND JOB VACANCIES

3.1 Probation Period - A new employee shall be subject to a one (1) year probation period as established by the Sedro-Woolley Civil Service Commission, commencing with the employee's most recent date of hire. During this period, the employee is working on a trial basis, subject to dismissal at any time at the sole discretion of the Chief or designee. The City shall not discharge or otherwise discipline an employee for protected Guild activity as or otherwise discipline an employee for protected Guild activity as provided by law. The employee discharged during his or her probation period has no recourse through a grievance procedure.

3.2 Layoff - The City recognizes the principle of seniority. Seniority means that period from the employee's most recent first day of compensated work in a position covered by this agreement.

3.2.1 An employee's seniority can be broken so that no prior period of employment is counted. The employee's seniority shall cease upon:

- Justifiable discharge;
- Voluntary quit;
- Failure of the employee to return to work after expiration of a temporary disability leave;
- Leaving the bargaining unit to accept a position with the City outside of the bargaining unit;
- Failure of the employee to notify the City of his willingness to return to work upon recall from an indefinite layoff within seven (7) calendar days

after receipt of written notice from the City at his last known address appearing on the City's records; and

- Layoff (a reduction - in - force) exceeding twelve (12) months.

3.3 In layoff, recall, and filling permanent job vacancies the City shall consider an employee's length of continuous service in a position covered by this contract and the employee's ability to perform the duties required in the job. In applying this provision it is the intent to provide qualified employees with opportunities for promotion and the City with efficient operations.

3.3.1 In case of a layoff, the employee with the shortest length of continuous service with the department, shall be laid off first. However, the City may layoff by classification rather than seniority if the employee with the greater seniority is not qualified to perform the duties of the employee with less seniority. The City shall provide two (2) weeks written notice to an employee prior to layoff.

3.4 In the case of recall, those employees laid off last shall be recalled first. An employee on layoff must keep both the City and the Guild informed of the address and telephone number where he or she may be contacted.

3.4.1 When the City is unable to contact an employee who is on layoff for recall, the City shall notify the Guild in writing. If neither the Guild nor the City are able to contact the employee within seven (7) calendar days from the time the Guild is notified, the City's obligation to recall the employee shall cease. The City shall have no obligation to recall an employee after he has been on continuous layoff for a period of one (1) year. Should an employee not return to work within seven (7) calendar days after recall the City shall have no further obligation to the employee to recall.

ARTICLE 4. HOURS OF WORK, OVERTIME AND PREMIUM PAY

4.1 Hours of Work - A regular shift shall be eight (8) consecutive hours in any day. The Work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive shifts of eight (8) hours for a total of forty (40) hours.

4.1.1 Meal and Rest Periods – Employees will take one thirty (30) minute unpaid meal period for each workday that is at least five (5) hours in duration. Meal periods will be taken at times authorized by a supervisor. Employees will take intermittent paid rest periods equivalent to ten (10) minutes for each four (4) hours worked. Meal and rest periods are subject to interruption due to the nature of the work and are not accrued or cashed out if missed.

4.2 Scheduling - The establishment of work schedules and starting times is vested solely within the purview of the Employer and may be changed to meet the needs of effective law enforcement, provided prior notice of seven (7) calendar days is given, except where precluded by an emergency or beyond department control.

4.3 Split Shifts - There shall be no scheduling of split shifts except in case of extreme emergency. Shifts will return to the established schedule when the emergency ceases to exist.

4.4 Overtime - Time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one (1) week shall be paid at one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay, including any premium or longevity pay. The regular straight time hourly rate of pay shall be determined by dividing the employee's regular monthly salary by one hundred seventy three and one-third (173.33) hours. . For the purposes of overtime calculation, time worked shall include sick leave, vacation leave, holiday hours and compensatory time.

4.4.1 For those employees whose work week is five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour shifts, the sixth (6th) consecutive shift within a seven (7) day work period shall be paid at the rate of one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay; additional consecutive shifts shall be paid at two (2) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay until a work shift is scheduled off by the Police Chief or designee. Such scheduled day off shall require a twelve (12) hour notice to the employee.

4.4.2 The Employer shall not change scheduled shifts without notice being given to the employee per Article 4.2 for the purpose of avoiding overtime payment.

4.5 Emergency Call Back - If an employee of the Police Department is contacted to respond to an emergency the employee shall respond immediately.

4.5.1 Employees called back to duty between shifts (at least two (2) hours before beginning or after ending a scheduled shift) shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours at their regular straight time hourly rate of pay. Overtime shall be calculated in fifteen (15) minute increments for each hour or fraction of an hour spent, rounding down for increments of 7 minutes or less and rounding up for increments of 8 minutes or more. This shall also apply if an employee is scheduled for a shift and sent home due to a schedule change.

4.5.2 If an employee is called in on a regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall be paid one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times their regular straight time hourly rate of pay, calculated in fifteen (15) minute increments for each hour or fraction of an hour spent, rounding down for increments of 7 minutes or less and rounding up for increments of 8 minutes or more. Employees shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours at their regular straight time hourly rate of pay.

4.5.3 Callback work required by the Employer that does not involve reporting in person (for example, more than de minimis phone calls and emails) shall be paid in fifteen (15) minute increments for each hour or fraction of an hour spent. Remote work does not constitute a "shift" for any reason.

4.6 Court Time - Court time and time required for conferences and/or consultations in preparation for court proceedings outside of the employee's regularly scheduled shift shall

be paid at one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee’s regular straight time hourly rate of pay. When an employee is called for court on a regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall be paid for a minimum of four (4) hours at the employee’s regular straight time hourly rate of pay, or one-and-one-half (1-1/2) times the employee’s regular straight time hourly rate of pay for the actual time spent, whichever is greater. This provision applies to court time in an employee’s official capacity.

4.7 Shift Differential – If a shift is created outside current work hours, employees will receive \$.45 (forty-five cents) per hour in addition to their straight-time hourly rate of pay. Current work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

4.8 Compensatory Time - In lieu of paid overtime, an employee may choose to accrue compensatory time off to be utilized upon the request of the employee subject to scheduling by the Police Chief or designee. Compensatory time may be accumulated for up to sixty (60) hours. Each December 31 all compensatory time on the books shall be automatically cashed out and paid to the employee. Compensatory time shall be converted at the appropriate rate prior to placement in the Compensatory time bank. (Example: One (1) hour overtime at time and one half (1-1/2) equals one and one half (1-1/2) hours added to the Compensatory Bank.) An employee shall be paid for accrued compensatory time upon resignation or termination.

If, in the City’s sole discretion, it determines that there is a significant impact on the City’s overtime budget caused by the use of Compensatory Time, the City may revert to the contract language in place during the 2020-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement. 30 days’ notice of intent to revert shall be provided by the City.

4.9 Shift Trade - The City and the Guild agree that the changing or trading of shifts amongst employees is an acceptable practice, as long as such trade does not place an employee in an overtime situation (except when the change was clearly and already an overtime situation), is approved by the Chief or designee, within a like classification, and voluntary. Shift trades are subject to supervisory approval.

ARTICLE 5. WAGES

5.1 The classifications of work and wage scales for employees covered by this Labor agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix “A” of this Agreement and is incorporated by reference.

ARTICLE 6. HOLIDAYS

6.1 Holidays for non-shift employees - Non-shift employees shall receive the following holidays off with eight (8) hours compensation at their regular straight-time hourly rate of pay.

New Year’s Day

1st day of January

Martin Luther King's Birthday	3rd Monday of January
President's Day	3rd Monday of February
Memorial Day	Last Monday of May
Juneteenth	June 19 th or as recognized.
Independence Day	4th of July
Labor Day	1st Monday of September
Veteran's Day	11th day of November
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday of November
Day Following Thanksgiving	Day following Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	25th of December
Additional Christmas Holiday	2023: 22nd; 2024: 24th

Floating Holiday to be taken at employee's discretion and approval of the chief of Police or designee.

6.1.1 If a holiday occurs while an employee is on vacation or sick leave, the holiday shall not be charged to such vacation or sick leave.

6.1.2 If the date of any of the fore-referenced holidays should be changed, the new date shall be deemed a holiday, and a holiday falling on Sunday shall be observed the following Monday. A holiday falling on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday. Any day or portion thereof designated as a holiday by the Employer shall be recognized as a holiday under this Article.

6.1.3 Employees required to work on a holiday shall be paid at two (2) times their regular straight time hourly rate of pay for all hours worked.

6.1.4 Should an employee terminate prior to completing the current year of service, the floating holiday shall be paid on a pro-rated basis.

6.1.5 When a paid holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled work day, the employee will be paid eight (8) hours of holiday pay. If the regularly scheduled work day is greater than eight (8) hours, the employee may be required to use either vacation or compensatory time earned to make up for the additional time the employee was scheduled to work in excess of the eight (8) hours of holiday pay. In lieu of using other accrued leave, the employee may have the option of working additional hours during the same pay period as the scheduled holiday. When a paid holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, the employee will be credited with eight (8) hours of holiday paid leave which may be used at a later date.

ARTICLE 7. VACATIONS

7.1.1 Employees in the bargaining unit shall accrue vacation in accordance with the following schedule. Vacation leave is accrued but may not be taken until the employee has completed six (6) months of continuous service.

Beginning Year	Hours Per Month	Hours Per Year
0 through 4	8.0	96
5 through 9	10.0	120
10 through 14	13.36	160
15 th year	14.0	168
16 th year	14.64	176
17 th year	15.36	184
18 th year	16.0	192
19 th year	16.64	200
20 th year	17.33	208
21 st year	18.0	216
22 nd year	18.66	224
23 rd year	19.33	232
24 th year	20	240
25 th year	20.66	248

7.1.2 An employee must use vacation leave in hourly increments. Vacations shall be scheduled in advance and shall be approved by the Police Chief or designee. Vacations shall be scheduled so that it does not disrupt the normal operations of the Employer. Departmental seniority shall prevail if conflicts arise in vacation scheduling.

7.1.3 Earned vacation shall be allowed to accrue eighty (80) hours over the previous year's allotment, but in no case will an employee be allowed to cash out vacation accrued over two hundred eighty (280) hours.

7.1.4 Utilization of accrued vacation for an emergency nature shall be approved on a case by case basis.

7.1.6 If an employee is unable to schedule or use vacation due to staffing, court hearings or other work-related issues, the Chief may extend the maximum accrual of vacation for the employee for a period of up to 3 months. Employee must be below their maximum accrual at the end of the three-month period.

ARTICLE 8 SICK LEAVE

8.1 Employees shall accrue Washington State Sick Leave (WSSL) at the rate of one hour of WSSL for every forty (40) hours worked. Hours worked means actual working time and does not include paid and unpaid leave. Employees shall accrue an additional amount of City Sick Leave (CSL) that brings their total monthly accrual to eight (8) hours per month of consecutive and continuous full-time employment.

The maximum CSL accrual is one thousand four hundred forty (1,440) hours. A maximum of forty (40) hours of WSSL may be carried over from one calendar year to the next. Any WSSL in excess of forty (40) hours at the end of a calendar year will be converted to City Sick Leave (CSL) and allowed to be carried over, subject to the CSL maximum.

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Accrual of WSSL begins on an employee's first day of work, however, WSSL may not be used until the individual has been employed for ninety (90) calendar days.

Upon the death or retirement of an employee, such employee or their beneficiary shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the then accrued and unused sick leave in cash in addition to the last regular paycheck due such employee.

8.1.2 Employees may use vacation or other earned compensatory time to supplement sick leave if the employee has used all of the employee's accrued sick leave.

8.1.3 Employees may use accumulated WSSL and CSL for:

- The employee's own illness, injury or health condition; to accommodate the need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a health condition; or preventive medical care.
- The employee's care for a family member with illness, injury or health condition; care for family member who needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment; care for family member who needs preventive medical care. Family members include an employee's child (whether biological, adoptive, foster, step-child, or child for whom employee stands in loco parentis, is a legal guardian for, or is a de facto parent and regardless of age or dependency status); parent (whether biological, adoptive, de facto, step-parent, legal guardian or person who stood in loco parentis to employee when employee was a child); spouse or registered domestic partner; grandparent; grandchild; or sibling.
- An absence due to closure of the City by order of public official for any health-related reason, or where employee's child's school or day care is closed for such a reason.
- Absences covered by the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Stalking leave law.
- Employees may not use sick leave to work for a secondary employer. It is the intent of this limitation to allow the use of sick leave for uses consistent with this section, other than for the purpose of working for another employer.

8.1.4 For the purposes of section 8.1.3 family member shall include: dependents recognized for Federal Income Tax purposes and allowed by IRS, and persons who reside in the same home who have reciprocal and natural and/or moral duties to and do provide support for one another. The term does not include persons sharing the same general house when the living style is primarily that of a dormitory or commune.

8.1.5 SICK LEAVE DURING VACATION - When a condition listed under Section 8.1.3 arises while the employee is on vacation leave, the employee shall be granted accrued

CSL, provided the employee notifies the employer immediately, and a physician's certificate shall be furnished upon the Employer's request.

8.2 Employees are required to notify the Chief or designee a minimum of one (1) hour prior to his/her shift beginning. If the employee uses CSL sick leave for two (2) or more consecutive shifts the employee may be required to advise the Police Chief of the nature of his or her illness or injury and may be required to provide a written statement from the treating physician to the Police Chief. An employee proven to misuse CSL sick leave privileges shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action which may include termination.

8.3 If an employee separates from the City and is rehired within twelve (12) months, any WSSL balance that existed at the time of separation will be reinstated, provided that if the rehire occurs in the following calendar year, reinstatement of the balance will be limited to forty (40) hours.

8.4 Washington Family and Medical Leave – Eligible employees are covered by Washington's Family and Medical Leave Program, RCW 50A.04. Premiums for benefits are established by law. Employees will pay the identified employee's share of premiums through payroll deduction. The Employer will pay the employer's share of premiums.

8.5 The City maintains a shared leave program. Members of the bargaining unit are eligible to participate in accordance with the policy.

ARTICLE 9. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE/OTHER LEAVES

9.1.1 When death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family, the employee shall be granted the necessary time off, not to exceed three (3) consecutive days, for making arrangements and attending the funeral. In special circumstances and where travel distances require additional time, the Chief or designee may grant an additional two (2) days off.

9.1.2 Members of an employee's immediate family are limited to the employee's spouse, sons, daughters, mother, father, brothers, sisters, step-children and step-parents, grandparents, grandchildren, or like relatives of the employee's spouse, and persons who reside in the same home, who have reciprocal and natural and/or moral duties to and do provide support for one another.

9.1.3 The employee shall notify and make arrangements with the Employer for any requested bereavement leave.

9.2 OTHER LEAVES - Leave without pay or benefits may be granted to employees who have exhausted sick leave, annual vacation and industrial insurance (where applicable), for the following reasons:

1. Serious illness exceeding thirty (30) calendar days.

2. Serious illness in the immediate family.
3. Non-work related accident or illness requiring an absence from work.
4. Occupational injury and/or accident or illness.

- 9.2.1 Requests for leave without pay or benefits must be in writing.
- 9.2.2 Leave may only be granted for the period of disability and shall not exceed one (1) year unless otherwise specified.
- 9.2.3 Management's decision may be appealed to a labor-management committee which shall be comprised of five members as follows: Two members of the Guild appointed by the Guild, Two members appointed by the Mayor or designee, and One member selected by the other four. The committee must be empaneled within five (5) working days from the employee's written appeal and render a decision within another five (5) working days. The decision of the committee is final and not subject to grievance.

ARTICLE 10. JURY DUTY

10.1 An employee called for jury duty shall be compensated at his or her regular straight time rate for the actual hours lost from work, excluding reimbursement by the court for mileage, meals and jury fees.

ARTICLE 11. HEALTH AND WELFARE

11.1 For the term of this Agreement, employee and dependent health and welfare coverage will be provided through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Health First 250 Medical Plan, Washington Dental Service Plan F and the AWC \$0 Copay Vision Service Plan. For the term of this Agreement, the employee shall contribute to the cost of these insurance premiums through payroll deduction as follows:

Employer will pay 90% and employee will pay 10% of the employee's premium.

These employee's contribution to insurance premiums shall be paid through the City's IRC section 125 plan. The employee may opt out of spouse and family coverage by not paying the employee share of the monthly premium.

11.2 Regardless of any other provision of this agreement, in the event an employee dies as a result of an on-duty incident, including but not limited to a motor vehicle collision or an assault upon the employee, the estate of the employee shall be paid out 100% of all of the employee's outstanding vacation and city sick leave balances.

ARTICLE 12. UNIFORM ALLOWANCE/EQUIPMENT

12.1 All uniforms and protective clothing required to be worn by an employee shall be purchased by the City. The Equipment and Uniform items covered by this agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix “B” of this Agreement and is incorporated by reference.

12.1.1 Employees shall be held accountable for all such items issued to the employee by the City. Items which become worn out, lost, or destroyed as a direct result of the proper performance of the employee’s duties, or as result of an occurrence, shall be replaced by the City. If said items become lost or mutilated as a result of an employee’s willful negligence or intentional act, they shall be replaced by the employee.

12.1.2 All equipment issued by the City to each employee shall remain the property of the City.

12.1.3 For advisory purposes only a four (4) person board comprised of two (2) members selected by the Guild and two (2) members selected by the Employer shall be established for the purpose of recommending new equipment acquisition and recommended guidelines and regulations governing uniforms worn by employees.

12.1.4 The employer shall pay for the cleaning of two (2) uniform shirts and two (2) uniform pants per week for Code Enforcement Officer and Records Clerk. Additional cleaning of uniform items and clothing worn in the line of duty may be approved by the Police Chief or designee on an individual basis.

12.1.5 The employer shall pay for repair or replacement of employee’s personal property reasonable and necessarily worn or carried by an employee, when such property is stolen, damaged, or destroyed as a direct result of the employee’s performance of his official duties. Payment shall not be approved if the willful negligence or wrongful conduct of the employee was a contributing factor to the loss.

12.2 Unsafe Vehicles. No employee of the police department will be required to drive an unsafe vehicle. If in the judgment of the employee, or the City a vehicle is deemed to be unsafe, the City agrees to the following: As soon as is practical, so as not to endanger the safety of the employee or the public the vehicle in question will be inspected by a qualified mechanic. The vehicle will be repaired, adjusted or removed from service, as needed. The City and the Guild agree that mileage alone shall not be a determining factor in a vehicle being safe or unsafe.

ARTICLE 13. ACCIDENT OR INJURY REPORT

13.0 It is the responsibility of the employee to report all injuries, regardless of severity, to the officer in charge, who shall write a report during the shift, and file it with the Chief immediately.

ARTICLE 14. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

14.0 Employees are prohibited from engaging in outside employment or being involved in a business activity which would adversely affect, hinder or impair the employee's performance or effectiveness as an employee or the ability of the Police Department from performing its duties as determined by the Chief. The employee shall report to the Chief in writing all outside employment or business activities.

ARTICLE 15. DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

15.1 Disciplinary actions shall be imposed upon an employee for just cause. Disciplinary actions will normally be progressive in nature, but the level of discipline administered may depend upon a number of factors. Disciplinary actions may include the following:

- a. Verbal reprimand
- b. Written reprimand
- c. Suspension without pay/forfeiture of accumulated leave
- d. Demotion
- e. Discharge

15.1.1 An employee shall sign all items of a disciplinary nature placed in their personnel file. Employees may request copies of all items placed in their personnel file.

15.2 An employee wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision or other matter under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission waives the right to take the same issue through the grievance procedure of the labor agreement.

ARTICLE 16. GRIEVANCE

16.1 A grievance means a dispute or disagreement raised by an employee of the bargaining unit against the City. Grievances shall be limited to those disputes or disagreements involving the interpretation and application of the provisions of this agreement. It is specifically understood that matters governed by Civil Service rules and regulations shall not be considered grievances and subject to the grievance procedures within the agreement.

16.2 Grievances shall be processed and settled in the following manner:

STEP 1. The employee, group of employees, and/or Guild representative, who have an alleged grievance shall present the grievance to the employee's immediate supervisor within ten (10) business days of its occurrence or the date the employee should have reasonably known of its occurrence or the grievance shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. The supervisor shall only attempt to resolve grievances within their immediate control and shall notify the Chief of all grievances filed. If the immediate supervisor cannot resolve the grievance or if it is outside his or her control then he or she shall submit in writing his or her decision

to the employee within ten (10) business days. If not resolved, the grievance shall proceed to STEP 2.

STEP 2. If the grievance was not resolved in STEP 1, the Guild shall submit the grievance in writing to the Police Chief within ten (10) business days. The written statement shall include the section(s) of the agreement allegedly violated, the facts as known, and the remedy sought. The Chief shall notify the Guild of his/her response in writing within ten (10) business days.

STEP 3. If the grievance was not resolved in STEP 2, the Guild may refer the grievance in writing together with all other pertinent material to the City Administrator within ten (10) business days. The City Administrator shall notify the Guild in writing of the decision of the City within ten (10) business days.

STEP 4. The Guild may appeal an adverse decision of the City Administrator to a neutral arbitrator. In the event that the parties cannot agree on a neutral arbitrator within ten (10) business days, they shall petition the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a list of eleven (11) arbitrators. The parties shall alternatively strike names until one (1) name remains on the list. The order of striking of names shall be determined by a coin toss. The remaining name shall serve as the impartial arbitrator who shall conduct a hearing and issue a decision which shall be final and binding upon all parties to the dispute. The arbitrator may only render a decision on issues addressed within this Agreement and shall have no power to add to, subtract from, alter, amend or change any provision of this Agreement.

16.3 Each party shall bear the expense of presenting its own case, including attorneys' fees. The expenses of an impartial arbitrator shall be born equally by the City and the Guild.

16.4 At any step of the grievance procedure, time limits may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. The parties may also mutually agree in writing to waive a grievance to any step in the grievance procedure.

16.5 Failure to process the grievance to the next step within the established time limits shall constitute a resolution of the grievance based on Management's last response.

16.6 Business days are Monday-Friday exclusive of holidays. Service of grievances and responses may be by email.

ARTICLE 17. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

17.1 The Guild recognizes the prerogative of the City to operate and manage the municipal services in the most efficient, effective manner.

17.2 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to establish reasonable rules and policies for the operation of its business. The City agrees to appraise the Guild of all such rules and policies and changes thereto as they are adopted or amended.

17.3 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to establish methods and means of providing municipal services, to increase, diminish or change municipal equipment, including the introduction of new, improved or automated methods or equipment.

17.4 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to assign employees to specific jobs within the bargaining unit in accordance with their job classification or title.

17.5 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to recruit, hire, promote, transfer, appoint, and assign employees; and to lay off employees for lack of work or funds.

17.6 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to determine staffing levels.

17.7 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to determine physical and mental performance standards.

17.8 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to control the City Budget.

17.9 The Guild recognizes the exclusive right of the City to take action in the event of an emergency as defined in the City Code.

ARTICLE 18 . MATTERS COVERED AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT

18.1 The parties agree that this document contains the complete agreement on all bargainable issues. The following appendices are incorporated herein as if set forth fully within this agreement.

- A. Wages
- B. Uniforms and Equipment
- C. Investigation Standards
- D. Drug and Alcohol Policy

ARTICLE 19. SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

19.1 Should any provision of this Agreement or the application of such provision be render or declared invalid by a court of final jurisdiction or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, the remaining parts or portions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 20. DURATION

20.1 This Agreement is effective January 1, 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2024, and shall remain in effect during the course of negotiations

on a successor Labor Agreement. The parties shall attempt to commence negotiations on proposed amendments to this Agreement which would become effective following the expiration of this Agreement, by no later than July 1, 2024.

Dated this 11th day of January 2023

SIGNED:

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Sedro-Woolley Public Safety Guild

City of Sedro-Woolley

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APPENDIX “A”
to the
AGREEMENT
By and Between
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON
and
SEDRO-WOOLLEY PUBLIC SAFETY GUILD
REPRESENTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT EMPLOYEES
January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024

THIS APPENDIX is supplemental to the AGREEMENT by and between the CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON, (“Employer”), and SEDRO-WOOLLEY PUBLIC SAFETY GUILD, (“Guild”).

A.1 Effective January 1, 2023 the monthly rates of pay shall be increased by 5.5% above 2022 base wages as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	STEP A	STEP B	STEP C	STEP D	STEP E
	00-12M	13-24M	25-36M	37-48M	49+M
Records Supervisor	4,735	4,972	5,220	5,482	5,756
Records Clerk	4,228	4,440	4,662	4,894	5,140
Code Enforcement Officer	4,651	4,883	5,228	5,383	5,652

A.1.1 The step rates identified in section A.1 shall become effective on the employee’s anniversary date.

A.2 Effective January 1, 2024, the base wages in effect on December 31, 2023 shall be increased by 100% of the CPI-U, Seattle Tacoma Bellevue, October 2022-October 2023, with a maximum of 5%. If the CPI-U exceeds 8%, bargaining unit members shall be eligible for a one-time inflationary bonus of \$1000.00 payable the first paycheck in January of 2024.

A. 3 Bargaining unit members shall be entitled to one-time inflationary compensation in the amount of \$3,500, payable on the first paycheck of 2023.

A.4 Longevity. In addition to the rates of pay identified in Section A. each employee who is qualified shall receive longevity pay based on the following years of service:

<u>YEARS-OF SERVICE</u>	<u>MONTHLY LONGEVITY</u>
Beginning 5 th	\$25.00 per month
Beginning 6 th	\$30.00 per month

Beginning 7 th	\$35.00 per month
Beginning 8 th	\$40.00 per month
Beginning 9 th	\$45.00 per month
Beginning 10 th	\$50.00 per month
Beginning 11 th	\$55.00 per month
Beginning 12 th	\$60.00 per month
Beginning 13 th	\$65.00 per month
Beginning 14 th	\$70.00 per month
Beginning 15 th	\$75.00 per month
Beginning 16 th	\$80.00 per month
Beginning 17 th	\$85.00 per month
Beginning 18 th	\$90.00 per month
Beginning 19 th	\$95.00 per month
Beginning 20 th	\$100.00 per month
Beginning 21 st	\$105.00 per month
Beginning 22 nd	\$110.00 per month
Beginning 23 rd	115.00 per month
Beginning 24 th	\$120.00 per month
Beginning 25 th	\$125.00 per month

A.5 Minimums. It is understood that this Agreement represents minimums with respect to wages and other conditions of employment and does not prevent the Employer from allowing merit increases or affecting more favorable benefits and working conditions.

A.6.1 Employees shall be eligible for reimbursement for meals and incidentals during work related travel involving at the rate established by the US General Services Administration (GSA) for Seattle/King County rate.

Receipts shall be submitted to the City Finance Department in order to receive reimbursement.

A.6.2 If I.R.S. regulations require it, the amount of the per diem shall be reported as income to the employee. If not required by the I.R.S. regulations, such per diem amounts will not be reported as employee income. If meal(s) are included in the conference or training event, that amount will be deducted from the per diem at the GSA rate established for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

A.7 The City will reimburse up to \$30.00 per month per participating employee toward the cost of fees for the use of a health club or for participation in physical fitness/exercise classes, *provided*, that to be eligible for this reimbursement, the employee must provide documentation of actual participation at least eight (8) times per month. The balance of the program cost will be paid by the employee who voluntarily participates in the program.

A.8 Training Staff. Upon the development of a written training program establishing standards and timelines, staff assigned as Training Staff shall receive an additional one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per month. This additional amount shall be paid only

during the three (3) months the employee serves as a Trainer. The City shall pro rate pay for partial months served.

A.9 Bilingual Premium. Employees certified as bilingual in Spanish based upon a test to be identified by the Employer shall receive a premium of fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00) per month once certified. The employer may also award bilingual premium for other languages, including sign language, as deemed appropriate. No employee will be required to interpret without being paid a bilingual premium.

A.10 Evidence Technician Specialty Pay. The employees assigned and serving as the Evidence Technician shall receive specialty pay in the amount of two percent (2%) of the employee's base wage per month.

A.11 Social Media Specialty Pay. Employees assigned and serving in a Social Media specialty shall receive specialty pay in the amount of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the employee's base wage per month.

APPENDIX “B”
to the
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CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON
and

SEDRO-WOOLLEY PUBLIC SAFETY GUILD
(Representing the Police Department Support Employees)
January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024

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UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

B.1 It shall be the City’s responsibility to provide the Code Enforcement Officer on an “as needed” basis all or part of the following uniform and equipment:

Number Issued	Item
1	Badge (Shirt)
3	Uniform shirts
3	Uniform Pants
1	Utility jacket
1	Coveralls
1	Pair of gloves
1	Set Rain Gear
1	Name Tag
1	Pair of safety Boots (not to exceed \$225)
1	Ballistic Vest

B.2 It shall be the City’s responsibility to provide the Records Clerks on an “as needed” basis all or part of the following uniform and equipment:

Number Issued	Item
3	Uniform shirts
3	Uniform Pants

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

1.0 Purpose and Intent - The City and the Guild recognize that they have a mutual obligation to ensure a safe and healthy work environment. This policy is instituted to assure that the work place be free of employees whose job performance may be impaired by the abuse of alcohol or other drugs.

The City recognizes that alcohol and other drug abuse are treatable illnesses and to the extent possible, the employer’s response to these illnesses should be to encourage treatment and rehabilitation. The employee and the Guild recognize that consumption of alcohol or other drugs to the point that employees are unable to perform their jobs safely and effectively will not be tolerated.

The City and the Guild recognize that when an employee places himself or herself in a situation in which the employee’s job performance is impaired by alcohol or other drugs that it is the responsibility of the parties to prevent endangerment of the employee, fellow employees, and/or the public.

The City recognizes the employee’s concerns for their personal privacy and therefore agrees that discovery testing for alcohol and other drugs may be used only in cases in which there are questions of impaired job performance, reasonable suspicion of abuse is evidenced, or if an accident involving property damage to city property or serious physical injuries occurs while on duty. However, the City may use pre-employment discovery testing in any case.

The City and the Guild recognize that the use of a substance abuse treatment program does not replace normal disciplinary procedures for unsatisfactory job performance.

1.1 Definitions:

1.1.1 Reasonable Suspicion - means specific, articulable observations by a supervisory employee concerning their work performance, appearance, behavior, or speech of the employee.

1.1.2 Impaired - means that an employee has a detectable level of alcohol or drugs in the employee's blood or urine or a noticeable or perceptible impairment of the employee's mental or physical faculties.

1.1.3 Prohibited Drugs - means all forms of narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, or other controlled substances as defined by Chapter 69.50.;101 RCW, whose sale, purchase, transfer, use, or possession is prohibited or restricted by law.

1.1.4 Over The-Counter Drugs - means those drugs that are generally available without a prescription from a medical doctor and are limited to those drugs which are capable of impairing the judgment of an employee to safely perform his or her duties.

1.1.5 Prescription Drugs - means those drugs which are used in the course of medical treatment and have been prescribed and authorized for use by a licensed medical practitioner/physician or dentist.

1.1.6 Discovery Testing - means any testing done prior to employment or as a result of reasonable suspicion as defined by this policy. Testing includes blood and urine screening for alcohol or other drugs. After July 1992, a conditional job offer must be made prior to the drug test.

1.2 Procedure - Reporting for work under the influence of alcohol or other drug, or the use, sale or possession by an employee of alcohol, a prohibited drug, a drug not medically authorized, or other drug that impairs job performance or poses a hazard to the safety and welfare of the employee, fellow employees, or the public is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disciplinary action, which may include termination. It is the goal of this policy to prevent and rehabilitate, rather than terminate the employment of workers who are abusing alcohol or other drugs. Therefore the following procedure shall be followed:

1.2.1 Each employee shall report the use of medically authorized drugs or other substances which can impair job performance to his or her immediate supervisor and provide proper written medical authorization from a physician to work while using the authorized drugs. It is the employee's responsibility to determine from the physician whether the prescribed drug would impair his or her job performance. Failure to report the use of such drugs or other substances, or failure to provide proper evidence of medical authorization, may result in disciplinary action. Cannabis remains a prohibited drug under section 1.1.3 of this policy regardless of medical authorization.

1.2.2 If there is reasonable cause to believe that an employee's job performance may be impaired by alcohol or other drugs, the employee's supervisor shall question the employee with regard to the behavior. The supervisor shall directly observe the employee's behavior and document in writing the behavior on the Impaired Behavior Report form. Indications of impaired behavior include but are not limited to the following: staggering or irregular gait, the odor of alcohol on the breath, slurred speech, dilated or constricted pupils, inattentiveness, listlessness, hyperactivity, performance problems, illogical speech and thought processes, poor judgment, or unusual or abnormal behavior.

1.2.3 When possible, a second managerial employee shall also observe and document the employee's behavior to verify that there is a reasonable suspicion that alcohol or other drug consumption may be involved. The supervisor or appropriate manager shall determine whether the employee's behavior is impaired to the point of being unable to perform his or her duties effectively and safely. The employee shall be relieved of this or her duties and placed on a suspension with pay status until a clear determination can be made by the appropriate manager as to the abuse or non-abuse of alcohol or other drugs. Under no circumstance will an employee be allowed to operate equipment or drive a motor vehicle when it reasonable appears that his or her ability has been impaired.

1.2.4 If it is concluded that there is a reasonable suspicion that alcohol or other drug consumption is involved, the supervisor or appropriate manager shall have a drug or alcohol test administered. The employee must sign the Performance Impairment Exam Consent form before testing may be conducted. Failure of an employee to take the test(s) shall result in the employee's immediate termination. The City may also have the employee undergo a physical examination at City expense at the time that the drug or alcohol test is administered. The test(s) must be conducted within a reasonable time period after the observation of the problem behavior.

1.2.5 If the test is negative, the employee shall be counseled by the physician and returned to work, if appropriate to the medical diagnosis, with no loss of pay or benefits. Where appropriated, a signed physician's release may be required by the City before the employee returns to work. Time lost due to an illness will be charged to sick leave. If the behavior that led to the initial investigation is not due to substance abuse but continues to hinder job performance, the City may require the employee to undergo further medical evaluation.

1.2.6 In cases in which immediate termination is not warranted, the employee will be placed in an unpaid rehabilitation leave status. The employee shall be evaluated and a recommended appropriate treatment shall then be arranged. Where appropriate, the employee shall be referred to a treatment program agreed upon by the Guild and the City. Once the inpatient part of the program has been completed, the employee may be re-employed only with a written release from the treating or primary physician. When prescribed by a physician or a rehabilitation program, drug testing may be included as a part of that treatment program. An employee who is returned to work as provided for under this procedure who fails to comply with any of the terms of an agreed upon treatment or return-to-work agreement may be terminated.

1.2.7 If the test is positive, the employee may request a second test be performed on the same urine or blood specimen. The results of the second test will be conclusive. If the test is positive the employee may be terminated, depending upon the circumstances of the situation. Circumstances warranting an immediate termination includes incidents in which the employee's impairment resulted in loss of life, serious injury to self or others, the serious loss or damage of property, or an incident of parallel magnitude.

1.2.8 An employee who is the subject of an investigation related to substance abuse may have a Guild representative or other employee present during the investigative procedures outlined above. Disciplinary actions taken by the City under this procedure shall be subject to the grievance procedure of the respective Labor agreement or established policy.

1.2.9 The City shall utilize both urine and blood tests for verification. The "enzyme-immunoassay" (EMIT) and "gas chromatography-mass spectrophotometry" (GC-MS) test method shall be used in a laboratory agreed upon by the Guild and the City. The City shall pay for the costs of all tests. Medical examinations carried out under this procedure when not completely covered by Health & Welfare benefits shall be the responsibility of the employee. The City shall maintain confidentiality of test results to the extent possible.

1.2.10 Once an employee completes rehabilitation and follow-up care and no re-occurring incidents have taken place for two years the record of treatment and positive test results will be retired to a "closed" medical record and the employee will be given a fresh start with a clean administrative record.

1.2.11 The Guild and the City shall work cooperatively to facilitate the resolution of problems that arise under the administration of this policy. When appropriate, the employee, the Guild and the City shall enter into joint agreements that establish the form of rehabilitation and the conditions that will be imposed for the return of an employee to the work place.

1.3 Right of Appeal - Each employee has the right to challenge the results of drug testing per Civil Service Rules, or appropriate grievance procedures as outlined in the Guild contract.

1.4 Conflict With Other Laws - This policy shall not supersede or waive an employee's federal or constitutional rights.