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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS

AND

**THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE,
GEORGE MURRAY LODGE
MAPLE HEIGHTS DIVISION**

(POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS)

TERM OF AGREEMENT

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PREAMBLE/PURPOSE

Parties. This Collective Bargaining Agreement is hereby entered into by and between the City of Maple Heights ("Employer") and the Fraternal Order of Police, George Murray Lodge ("FOPGM"), Maple Heights Division.

Purpose. This Agreement is made for the purposes of: (1) continuing and promoting cooperation and harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union, including members of the collective bargaining unit; (2) establishing equitable and peaceful procedures for the resolution of differences between the parties; (3) guaranteeing the timely and effective delivery police protection to the residents of Maple Heights; and (4) providing the definition of the respective rights, responsibilities and duties of the parties to this Agreement. In order to accomplish these purposes, the Employer encourages its employees to openly discuss with their supervisors those work-related problems, which affect the employees' well-being.

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

- 1.01 The Employer hereby recognizes the FOPGM as the exclusive representative for negotiating wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment for a bargaining unit consisting of all full-time employees holding the rank of Police Sergeant and above in the Maple Heights Police Department, excluding the Chief of Police, Police Captains, and all other part-time, seasonal and temporary employees of the Department. All other employees of the Employer are excluded from the bargaining unit.
- 1.02 Whenever the word "employee(s)" is used in this Agreement, it shall refer to the employee(s) in the aforesaid bargaining unit.
- 1.03 The Employer will furnish the FOPGM with a list of all employees in the classifications covered by this Agreement indicating their starting date of employment within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II DUES DEDUCTIONS

- 2.01 During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct regular monthly FOPGM dues from the wages of those employees who have voluntarily signed dues deduction authorization forms permitting such deductions. The FOPGM shall be responsible for separately collecting on its own all initiation fees and assessments levied by it. No new authorization forms will be required from any employees in the Police Department from whom the Employer is currently deducting dues.
- 2.02 The dues so deducted shall be in the amounts established by the FOPGM from time to time in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The FOPGM shall certify to the Employer the amounts due and owing from the employees involved.
- 2.03 The Employer shall deduct dues from the first pay in each calendar month. If an employee has no pay due on that pay date, such amount shall be deducted from the next or subsequent pay.

ARTICLE IV

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

- 4.01 An employee has the right to the presence and advice of a FOPG representative at all disciplinary interrogations.
- 4.02 An employee who is to be questioned as a suspect in any investigation of any criminal charge against him shall be advised of his Miranda rights before any questioning starts.
- 4.03 An employee may request an opportunity to review his personnel file maintained by the Employer and may have a representative of the FOPGM present when reviewing his file. An Employer representative shall be present during any such reviews. A written request by the employee for copies of items included in the file shall be honored at the employee's expense.
- 4.04 Records of disciplinary actions that are more than five (5) years old shall, upon request of the employee, be removed from his personnel file.
- 4.05 Members of the Negotiating Committee shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in collective bargaining meetings with the Employer, if held during a member's regular working hours, without loss of pay provided that the staffing needs of the Police Department are met in the opinion of the Employer.
- 4.06 Designated Department representative to the Fraternal Order of Police, George Murray Lodge, shall be permitted to attend all meetings of said Lodge, without loss of pay, if assigned to work as long as staffing needs are met in the opinion of the employer.
- 4.07 Employees taking a Maple Heights Civil Service test shall be allowed time off without loss of pay, if scheduled to work, for the time involved in taking such examination.
- 4.08 Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights:

Employees subjected to investigation or interrogation with regard to internal or disciplinary matters (i.e., only non-criminal in nature) shall be entitled to the following procedural protections and basic rights:

- A. Law enforcement officers, except when on duty or acting in an official capacity, shall have the right to engage in political activity;
- B. Law enforcement officers shall, if disciplinary action is expected, be notified of the investigation, the nature of the alleged violation, and further, be notified of the outcome of the investigation and the recommendations made to superiors by the investigators;
- C. Questioning of a law enforcement officers should be conducted at reasonable times, preferably while the officer is on duty unless exigent circumstances apply;

- 5.03 It is further agreed that any violation of the above shall be automatic and sufficient grounds for immediate disciplinary action.

ARTICLE VI NON-DISCRIMINATION

- 6.01 The Employer and the FOPGM agree not to discriminate in the administration of this Agreement against any employee(s) on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, genetic history, military status, sex, or handicap.
- 6.02 The FOPGM expressly agrees that membership in the FOPGM is at the option of the employee and that it will not discriminate with respect to representation between members and non-members.
- 6.03. Grievance Procedure Tolling. Where the subject matter of a grievance involves this article and there exists a concurrent collateral administrative action (e.g., OCRC/EEOC allegation, etc.) or court action, including instances where the City has been notified of pending action, the grievance procedure shall be tolled until such time as the collateral action is resolved.

ARTICLE VII PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- 7.01 All newly hired employees will be required to serve a probationary period of eighteen (18) months. During said period, the Employer shall have the sole discretion to discipline or discharge such employee(s) and any such action shall not be appealed through any grievance or appeal procedure contained herein or to any Civil Service Commission.
- 7.02 All newly promoted employees will be required to serve a promotional probationary period of twelve (12) months. During such period, the Employer shall have the sole discretion to demote such employee(s) to his previous position and any such demotion shall not be appealed through any grievance or appeal procedure contained herein or to any Civil Service Commission.
- 7.03 If an employee is discharged or quits while on probation and is later rehired, he shall be considered a new employee and shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 7.01, above.

ARTICLE VIII SENIORITY

- 8.01 Seniority shall be determined by continuous full-time service with the Police Department. Continuous service shall be broken by retirement, resignation or discharge. Seniority shall be adjusted to exclude periods of layoff, disciplinary suspension, leaves of absence without pay or other no-pay status.

ARTICLE IX LAYOFF AND RECALL

- 9.01 It is the intent of the parties, through this article, to establish an objective procedure by which a reduction in force may be accomplished, should the need arise, and supersede the provisions of ORC 124.321 to 124.328, 124.37, OAC 123: 1-41-01 to 123: 1-41-22, and all local rules and regulations of the City of Maple Heights Civil Service Commission

governing work force reductions.

- 9.02 Whenever the Employer determines that a reduction in force (i.e., layoff, job abolishment, furlough, or hour reduction) is necessary, members of the bargaining unit will be laid off or subject to reduction within the affected classification in accordance with their departmental seniority (e.g., last hired, first laid off and/or subject to reduction).
- 9.03 Recall Rights. A member of the bargaining unit who is laid off shall be subject to recall from layoff for a period of three (3) years.
- 9.04 Recall Procedure. A recall from layoff will be based upon departmental seniority (e.g., last laid off, first recalled) within the affected classification.
- 9.05 Notice. In the event of a layoff, the employee to be laid off shall receive a Layoff Notice which contains the following information: (a) the reason for the layoff or displacement; (b) the date the layoff or displacement becomes effective; (c) the employee's seniority date in the job classification, and (d) a statement advising the employee of his/her right to recall and re-employment.
- 9.06 Bumping Rights. Provided that such is provided for in the Rank Contract, an officer residing in a higher classification/rank within the Maple Heights Police Department, who is subject to reduction, may utilize his departmental seniority, if possible, to displace the unit member with the least amount of departmental seniority residing in a lower classification/rank.

ARTICLE X APPLICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE LAW

- 10.01 The parties agree that no section of the civil service laws contained in the Ohio Revised Code Sections 9.44, 124.01 through 124.56, nor any local ordinance of the City of Maple Heights nor Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Maple Heights, pertaining to wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment, shall apply to bargaining unit employees where such matter has been addressed by this agreement.
- 10.02 Notwithstanding the above, Sections 124.388 and 124.57 ORC shall continue to apply to bargaining unit employees.
- 10.03 Exclusive Remedy. Employees covered by this agreement having a dispute with the City relating to the aforesaid terms and conditions of employment must pursue the provisions of this agreement as their sole and exclusive remedy.

ARTICLE XI DISCIPLINE

- 11.01 No employee shall be discharged, suspended, or reduced in pay or position except for just cause. Forms of disciplinary action include the following:
- A. Written warning (documented verbal warning);
 - B. Written reprimand;

- C. Suspension of record or suspension without pay (at the option of the employee, and with the concurrence of the Employer, accumulated vacation or holiday time may be forfeited equal to the length of the suspension without pay, and such record of suspension will be maintained);
- D. Reduction in pay and/or position (i.e., demotion).
- E. Discharge.

11.02 Procedure. Any complaint filed against a non-probationary employee shall be handled within the following guidelines:

1. The initial complaint will be written and forwarded to the Chief's office. Department stationery will be used if by supervisory personnel and citizen complaint form if from a source outside the Department.
2. Complaint will be handled at shift level, if a minor violation, with results being forwarded to the Chief's office. Both the supervisor and officer will sign results showing that the meeting was held. If the employee disagrees with the decision, he may file an appeal to the Chief's office.
3. If the offense is of a major violation, the complaint will be forwarded directly to the Chief's office. The Chief will either investigate the complaint or he may designate another person not connected with the complaint to investigate and forward a report to him. The Chief will review the findings and either proceed with charges or determine that the complaint is unfounded.
4. If the complaint is sustained and charges are recommended, the employee will be notified in writing, of the charges and the complaint, with facts supporting the charges that have been brought against him.
5. Within five (5) days of notification the employee may either admit to charges or deny charges. If the employee denies charges, a hearing date, before the Chief, will be set where employee may have a representative of FOPGM present. All facts or charges are to be presented at this time.
6. The Chief will rule on evidence given during the hearing as to the guilt or innocence of the employee and will give a written response to the employee within ten (10) days of hearing.
7. If the employee is not satisfied with the Chief's decision, then he or she may, within ten (10) days of the Chief's written decision, file a letter of appeal to the Mayor/Safety Director, submitting all relevant information in support of his or her position.
8. The Mayor/Safety Director or his Designee shall hold a hearing to review the evidence and shall give a written decision within ten (10) days of said hearing.

9. If the employee is not satisfied with the decision of the Mayor/Safety Director, then within ten (10) days of that written decision the Union may file a request to submit the matter to arbitration in accordance with the applicable time limits for doing so with the written decision hereunder being treated as a Step 5 response.

ARTICLE XII DUTY HOURS

- 12.01 The normal work week for employees assigned to eight (8) or ten (10) hours shifts shall be forty (40) hours of work per week. Should the Chief, at his sole and exclusive discretion, determine that such action is consistent with the needs of the department, a twelve (12) hour shift schedule may be utilized. In the event that twelve (12) hours shifts are utilized, the parties agree that the work period for employees assigned to those shifts shall consist of eighty-four (84) hours worked during a fourteen (14) day work period. Work weeks for a seven (7) day, one hundred sixty-eight (168) hour work period will start at 12.01 a.m., Sunday to Midnight Saturday, except where different hours are necessary to meet operational requirements. The work period for a fourteen (14) day work period will start at 12.01 a.m., Sunday to Midnight Saturday, fourteen (14) days from the beginning, except where different hours are necessary to meet operational requirements. However, the preceding sentence shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week, and the City reserves the right, as operational needs and conditions require, to establish and change hours of work and schedules of hours. The Chief shall have the authority to set the schedule. During the normal work week or work period, two (2) consecutive days off will be provided, except where emergency or other operational needs and conditions require a different schedule, as determined by the Chief.
- 12.02 Except in the event of a public emergency, employees shall not be required to work more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours without a period of time off of at least eight (8) hours following, and shall not be required to work two consecutive sixteen (16) hour days.
- 12.03 Employees will be permitted to switch duty time as long as such change does not interfere with the operation of the Police Department, is approved of in advance by the Shift Officer, and is between employees of the same rank.

ARTICLE XIII CALL-IN, OVERTIME AND COURT TIME PAY

- 13.01 All employees working more than forty (40) hours during a seven (7) day one-hundred sixty-eight (168) hour period, when approved by the Chief, shall be compensated, at the employee's election, at (a) the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employee's regular rate of pay for all overtime or (b) compensatory time computed at the rate of time and one-half to be taken in the future as approved by the Chief. Said compensatory time shall be recorded in the employee's compensatory time bank and said compensatory time shall be allowed to accumulate to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours. Any employee with a balance in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours will be required to receive payment for the excess balance.

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For purposes of overtime eligibility, compensatory time, vacation time and holiday time shall be considered as hours worked.

- 13.02 Whenever approved by the Chief, employees who are off duty and who are called into work for a time period of less than four (4) hours shall be compensated for four (4) hours at the applicable rate, subject to the election of the method in which compensation is to be received as set forth in paragraph 13.01 above, provided however that where such time abuts the beginning or ending of an employee's shift only actual time worked at the applicable rate shall be paid.
- 13.03 Whenever approved by the Chief, employees who are off duty and who appear in court on behalf of the Employer shall be compensated for a minimum of four (4) hours or the actual time worked, whichever is greater, at the applicable rate. Such compensation is subject to the election of the method in which said compensation is to be received as set forth in paragraph 13.01 above.
- 13.04 Subject to the limitations of 13.03 above, employees who are scheduled for more than one court appearance within a four (4) hour minimum period will be compensated at the rate of four (4) hours pay or the actual time spent, whichever is greater.
- 13.05 Detectives shall be paid four (4) hours of compensatory time as compensation for being on-call.
- 13.06 One time per year an employee may request payment for up to forty (40) hours of compensatory time. Notification of the request for payment must be made to the Finance Department by November 1 of the year the employee requests payment for the compensatory time and the payment shall be made to the employee in December.

ARTICLE XIV HOLIDAYS

- 14.01 Depending on the hours of the shift to which they are assigned, all employees shall receive annually eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hours of pay, for each of the following paid holidays:

New Year's Eve	Election Day – Floating Holiday (eff. 1/1/19)
New Year's Day	Veteran's Day– Floating Holiday (eff. 1/1/19)
Thanksgiving Day	Martin Luther King Day
Christmas Eve	Good Friday
Christmas Day	Memorial Day
Employee's Birthday (eff. 1/1/19)	June Paid Holiday

One (1) Floating Holidays
Labor Day

Independence Day
Juneteenth-Floating Holiday (eff. 1/1/24)

- 14.02 Depending on the hours of the shift to which they are assigned, the pay due for a holiday will be equivalent to working eight (8), ten (10), or twelve (12) hours pay except for those holidays named in 14.07 of this section.
- 14.03 In lieu of holidays off, employees will be entitled to one-hundred twelve (112) hours and one (1) June paid holiday (8, 10, or 12 hours depending on shift assigned) each year. The duty days off are at the discretion of the employee, subject to prior approval of the Chief. At the employee's option, he may take an additional duty day off in lieu of the day's pay for the June paid holiday. The date to be taken shall be at the discretion of the employee subject to prior approval from the Chief.
- 14.04 Thirty-six hours (36) of the above days may be taken by the employee at his discretion, provided the employee gives fourteen (14) days prior written notice of desire to use one of these holidays. These thirty-six (36) hours may not include Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, Independence Day, New Year's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Departmental Functions. During the month of December, only one (1) of these holidays may be taken with written approval of the Chief.
- 14.05 Employees who are on the City payroll as of June 1 of each calendar year shall be eligible to earn the June Paid Holiday. Employees who have worked six (6) full calendar months of each calendar year shall be eligible to earn the first Floating Holiday each calendar year. Employees who do not work the entire twelve (12) months of the calendar year will not be entitled to receive both the June Paid Holiday and the first Floating Holiday for that calendar year. The June Paid Holiday shall be 8, 10, or 12 hours pay, depending on shift assigned, paid on the first payday in June.
- 14.06 Effective January 1, 2008, employees may be paid for up to forty (40) hours of unused holidays at the end of each calendar year. The employee will be required to complete a "Holiday Buy-Back" form, sign, date and return said form to the Department of Human Resources no later than the last Monday in November of each year so the holidays can be paid on the first pay check in December. "Holiday Buy-Back" forms will be available on January 1, 2008.
- 14.07 When an employee is required to work (i.e., when shift commences on the holiday) on New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, they shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular rate of pay in addition to any other holiday benefit.

ARTICLE XV

VACATIONS

- 15.01 Each employee shall earn and be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the following schedule, depending on the hours of the shift to which they are assigned:

<u>Months/Years of Employment</u>	<u>Hours of Vacation</u> Per 8/10/12 hour shift
A. One (1) to three (3) full calendar months of service by January 1	16/20/24
B. Four (4) to six (6) full calendar months of service by January 1	32/32/36
C. Seven (7) to nine (9) full calendar months of service by January 1	48/48/48
D. Ten (10) to twelve (12) full calendar months of service by January 1	64/68/72
E. One (1) to five (5) full years of service by January 1	80/82/84
F. After six (6) full years of service by January 1	120/120/120
G. After twelve (12) full years of service by January 1	160/164/168
H. After eighteen (18) full years of service by January 1	200/202/204
I. Twenty-five (25) or more full years of service by January 1	240/240/240

15.02 Employees eligible for vacation as specified above shall be eligible for one-half (1/2) the vacation allowance during the anniversary of their 6th, 12th, 18th and 25th years of service, respectively.

15.03 Vacation time is earned based on time worked in the current year. It is eligible to be taken on or after January 1st of the succeeding year. It shall be taken at a time approved by the Chief. There is no accumulation of vacation time from year to year. Failure of an employee to use his vacation time within the calendar year constitutes a forfeiture by the employee of his right to use that vacation time.

15.04 Any employee who quits, is terminated or retires and has unused vacation time shall receive such vacation time provided he gives prior written notice of at least ten (10) working days to the Chief.

15.05 Any newly hired employee of the Employer who has accumulated and earned vacation time from being employed by the State of Ohio or any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio and who has become employed by the Employer within ten (10) years from his termination from such other public employer shall be allowed to transfer not more than

three (3) years credit to his accumulated vacation time with the Employer. For an employee to do so, he must provide the Human Resources Department with written certification from his prior employer concerning the exact periods of such employment.

- 15.06 An employee who has completed twenty-five (25) years of continuous, full-time service with the Employer shall have the option, upon written request to the Chief of Police, to be paid in cash for up to eighty (80) hours of accrued vacation time during any calendar year. Eligibility for such payment begins in the calendar year in which the employee completes the required twenty-five (25) years of service.

ARTICLE XVI SICK LEAVE

- 16.01 Sick leave shall be defined as an absence necessitated by personal illness or injury, including pregnancy, to the employee.
- 16.02 All full-time employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of four and six tenths (4.6) hours for each eighty (80) hours of completed service per pay period. For purposes of this section, completed service shall only include hours actually worked, vacations, holidays, and other authorized leave with pay. There shall be no limit to the number of sick leave hours an employee may accumulate.
- 16.03 An employee who is to be absent on sick leave shall notify his supervisor of such absence and the reason therefore at least one (1) hour before the start of his work shift each day he is to be absent.
- 16.04 Sick leave may be used at the rate of one (1) sick leave hour for each hour of regularly scheduled work from which an employee is absent, up to the maximum number of accrued sick leave hours remaining to that employee's credit. Sick leave may not be transferred from one employee to another.
- 16.05 Before an absence may be charged against accumulated sick leave, the Employer may require such proof of illness, injury or death as may be satisfactory to him, or may require the employee to be examined by a physician designated and paid by the Employer. In any event, the employee absent for three (3) consecutive work days must supply a physician's report to be eligible for paid sick leave, unless waived by the Chief.
- 16.06 If an employee fails to submit adequate proof of illness, injury or death upon request, or in the event that upon such proof as is submitted or upon the report of a medical examination, the Employer finds there is not satisfactory evidence of illness, injury or death sufficient to justify the employee's absence, such leave may be considered an unauthorized leave and shall be without pay.
- 16.07 Any abuse of sick leave or the patterned use of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for progressive discipline. In addition, if an employee is suspected of abusing his sick leave benefits, the Chief shall have the right to request a doctor's slip for each day of absence before approving sick leave pay.

- 16.08 Fitness for Duty Examinations. The Chief may require an employee who has been absent due to personal illness or injury, prior to and as a condition of his return to duty, to be examined, by a physician designated and paid for by the Employer, to establish that he is physically able to perform his normal duties or that his return to duty will not jeopardize the health and safety of other employees. Additionally, if the Employer has a reasonable basis for believing that an employee is no longer mentally or physically capable of performing the essential functions of his position, or poses a danger to himself or others, the Employer may order an examination by an appropriately qualified medical professional, at the Employer's expense. Upon receipt of the medical professional's opinion on fitness for duty, the Employer, the Union, and the employee will meet to discuss possible alternatives and/or accommodations. If no alternative or accommodation is mutually agreeable, then the employee will be placed on sick leave (concurrent with family medical leave), other paid leave, and then a disability separation initiated.
- 16.09 An employee who transfers from this department to another department of the Employer shall be allowed to transfer his accumulated sick leave to the new department. However, sick leave earned elsewhere shall not be transferable to the City of Maple Heights.
- 16.10 A newly hired employee of the Employer who has accumulated sick leave earned from being employed by the State of Ohio, a State university, or any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio and who has become employed by the Employer within ten (10) years from his termination from such other public employer shall be allowed to transfer said accumulation not to exceed thirty (30) days to his sick leave accumulation with the Employer, providing that such sick leave accumulation shall be limited to the existing maximum accruable amount in effect at the time of transfer in this Agreement. In order to do so, he must submit a certification of such time by his previous employer to the Director of Human Resources.
- 16.11 At the time of death, resignation, or retirement from active service with the Employer, employees having a minimum of five (5) years of continuous service with the Employer may elect to be paid in cash for one-third of the value of their accrued but unused sick leave credit; employees having twenty-five (25) years and over of continuous service for pension purposes may elect to be paid in cash for forty percent (40%) of the value of their accrued but unused sick leave credit. Such payment shall be made only once to an employee.
- 16.12 Sick leave with pay may be granted upon the recommendation of the Chief for the following reasons: (1) sickness of the employee himself; (2) injury to the employee himself; (3) emergency medical, dental or optical treatment of the employee; and (4) serious sickness or emergency medical treatment of a member of the employee's immediate family living in the employee's household, or dependent children under the age of eighteen (18) years of age not living in the employee's household. The maximum sick leave which may be granted under this paragraph for family illness may be no more than five (5) working days for employees who have been with the Employer more than twelve (12) months. The Chief shall require a certificate of the attending physician before authorizing payment to any employee under this provision. Falsification of either a written, signed statement or a physician's certificate shall be grounds for disciplinary action including dismissal. In special cases when the Chief deems that more than five (5) work days are

necessary, he shall submit such recommendation in writing to the Mayor for his or her approval prior to granting such sick leave.

- 16.13 All employees who are absent from work for three (3) consecutive work days due to sickness shall be required to provide the City with a doctor's slip indicating the reason for absence and substantiating the employee's ability to return to regular duty. An employee who fails to provide such a slip shall forfeit his sick leave pay for that period.
- 16.14 Employees covered under this contract completing one (1) calendar year with no sick leave absences shall be entitled to twelve (12) hours of compensatory time.

ARTICLE XVII POLICE OFFICER SICK LEAVE BANK

17.01 The Fraternal Order of Police – George Murray Lodge – Maple Heights Division (Patrol Officers and Detectives) offers its eligible bargaining unit employees access to a Sick Leave Bank to enable bargaining unit support of one another due to serious illness or injury beyond the control of the bargaining unit employee. An eligible bargaining unit employee will be granted up to a maximum of two hundred and forty (240) hours (thirty (30) work days) of sick leave hours from the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank, provided the requested number of hours are in the bank at the time of the bargaining unit employee's request.

17.02 Employee Eligibility

A bargaining unit employee shall be eligible to make a request for sick leave hours from the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave bank, provided he/she meets the following criteria:

- A. A bargaining unit employee has been diagnosed with a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform his or her job functions.
- B. The bargaining unit employee has completed one (1) full year (twelve {12} months) of continuous employment with the Maple Heights Police Department.
- C. The bargaining unit employee has used all accrued sick, vacation and holiday time.
- D. The bargaining unit employee has contributed at least twenty-four (24) sick leave hours to the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank.
- E. The diagnosed life-threatening or catastrophic illness or disabling condition is not a result of a work-related illness, injury or accident.
- F. The bargaining unit employee has not been disciplined for abuse of time or sick leave during the last three (3) calendar years.

17.03 Definitions

Serious Health Condition: A diagnosed condition or illness that affects a bargaining unit employee's health to the extent that he or she must be absent from work "on a recurring basis or for more than five (5) work days for treatment or recovery".

Reduced Work Schedule: A reduction in the number of hours a permanent full-time or part-time employee is regularly scheduled to work each work day or work week.

Short-term Conditions: Conditions for which treatment and recovery are very brief, such as minor illnesses that last only a few days and surgical procedures that do not require hospitalization and have only a brief recovery period are not serious health conditions and are not eligible under this policy.

17.04 Employee Donations Of Sick Leave Hours To Sick Leave Bank

- A. All bargaining unit employees are eligible to make donations of their accumulated sick leave hours to the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank. Bargaining unit employees electing to donate sick leave hours will be required to complete a POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK DONATION FORM and attach a copy of their most current paycheck stub which verifies their accrued sick leave balance. The completed form, signed and dated by the bargaining unit employee, with required attachment shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police for processing. The deduction of sick leave will appear on the next scheduled paycheck.
- B. Eligible bargaining unit employees will be required to maintain a balance of at least two hundred and forty (240) hours of sick leave, should the bargaining unit employee be faced with personal illness, injury or non-job-related accident requiring the use of sick leave.

17.05 Procedure For Making A Request For Sick Leave Hours

Once a bargaining unit employee has been diagnosed with serious health condition requiring use of sick leave on a long-term, intermittent or reduced work schedule, the employee shall complete a POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE HOURS form. The completed form, signed and dated by the bargaining unit employee, with required attachments shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police (or his/her designee) for approval. The attending physician shall forward a written report to the Employer. This initial report must include the following information:

- A. Nature and degree of the serious health condition or illness that affects a bargaining unit employee's health to the extent that he or she must be absent from work "on a recurring basis or for more than five (5) work days for treatment or recovery."
- B. Physician name and medical facility.
- C. Prescribed treatment, therapy or recovery period requiring the employee to be absent from work on a long-term, intermittent or reduced work schedule.
- D. Preliminary estimate of the date/time when the employee may return to work either on a reduced work schedule, alternative duty basis, or to regular unrestricted duty.

- E. The bargaining unit employee is permitted to return to work on a reduced work schedule or on an alternative duty basis, the physician must define the bargaining unit employee's capabilities, specify any work-related restrictions, and the anticipated time the employee will be on a reduced work schedule or alternative duty.
- F. Anticipated date of return to work without restriction.

17.06 Approval Of Requests For Sick Leave Hours From The Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank:

A Police Officer Sick Leave Bank Review Board consisting of two (2) members of the Patrol Officer/Detective bargaining unit, one (1) member of the Police Sergeant/Lieutenant bargaining unit, the Chief of Police (or his/her designee) and the Director of Human Resources shall convene to review all Request for Sick Leave Hours made by eligible bargaining unit employees. The Review Board shall approve those requests that meet the following criteria:

- A. The REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE HOURS form is complete, signed and dated by the employee and includes all required documents as described in the Procedure for Making a Request for Sick Leave Hours, numbers one (1) through six (6).
- B. The employee has been diagnosed with a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform his or her job functions.
- C. The employee has provided all required documents and has met all criteria as outlined in 17.02 and 17.05 above.
- D. The bargaining unit employee has used all accrued sick, vacation and holiday time.
- E. The bargaining unit employee has contributed at least twenty-four (24) sick leave hours to the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank.

17.07 The Finance Director will provide a monthly report of sick leave donations (Donor Employee Name, Social Security Number, number of hours donated and date of transaction to transfer hours to the Sick Leave Bank), to the Police Officer Sick Leave Bank Review Board and a monthly report of hours granted to bargaining unit employees (Recipient Employee Name, Social Security Number, number of hours granted up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours and date of transaction to transfer hours to the bargaining unit employee's sick leave accrual) upon approval of the Police Officer Sick Leave Bank Review Board.

17.08 The Maple Heights Police Department shall have the right, at any time during this process, to request medical evaluation of the employee's serious health condition or illness from his or her attending physician. In addition, the City shall have the right, at its expense, to require the employee to be examined by a physician of its own choosing for medical verification and/or a functional capacity examination.

17.09: The Fraternal Order of Police – George Murray Lodge - Maple Heights Division (Sgt./Lt.) is committed to a strong return-to-work program. Therefore, every effort will be made to develop a reduced work schedule or alternative duty assignment for bargaining unit employees covered under this article.

17.10 Failure to comply with any of these procedural requirements may result in the termination of Police Officer Sick Leave Bank benefits.

17.11 For approval of Sick Leave requiring absences from work, the bargaining unit employee MUST also meet the requirements of, follow the procedures and submit the required City of Maple Heights ABSENCE REPORT as required by this Agreement and City of Maple Heights policy.

17.12 Samples of required forms are included Exhibit “B.”

ARTICLE XVIII ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

18.01 An employee shall be granted three (3) paid days off if the employee is required to use deadly force in the line of duty.

ARTICLE XIX FUNERAL LEAVE

19.01 An employee shall be granted time off with pay (not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave) for the purpose of attending the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family. The employee shall be entitled to a maximum of up to three (3) work days for each death in his or her immediate family.

19.02 Immediate family, for purposes of this section, is defined as spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, parent or grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, step-father, step-mother, step-sister, step-brother, step-son, step-daughter, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, and uncle.

19.03 In addition, an employee shall be entitled to one (1) work day off with pay (not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave) for the purpose of attending the funeral services of family members not included in the preceding sentence. For the purposes of this section, the term family members shall mean blood relatives of the employee plus the brothers and sisters of the employee's spouse.

19.04 If the death of an immediate family member occurs while the employee is on duty, he or she shall be granted the balance of the tour of duty off with pay and it shall not be deducted from either sick leave or funeral leave. Such grant shall be subject to the approval of the O.I.C. and shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE XX EXAMINATION LEAVE

20.01 Employees taking Maple Heights Civil Service examinations shall be allowed time off, with pay, for the time involved in taking such examination.

20.02 Employees taking non-Maple Heights Civil Service examinations shall request vacation leave, or use of compensatory time, in order to remain in pay status, for the time involved in taking such examinations.

ARTICLE XXI JURY DUTY LEAVE

21.01 Any employee who is called for jury duty, either federal, county or municipal, shall be paid his or her regular salary, less any compensation received from such court for jury duty, as provided for in the Ohio Revised Code, provided said employee actually performs such jury duty on his regularly assigned work day.

ARTICLE XXII MILITARY TRAINING DUTY PAY

22.01 While on leave of absence from their respective duties with the Employer because of field training or active duty in the military service, employees who are members of the Ohio National Guard, Ohio State Guard, Ohio State Naval Militia or members of other reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be entitled to Military Training Duty Pay.

22.02 Military Training Duty Pay shall consist of the difference between the employee's pay and his military salary for the leave of absence period. The above described employees shall be entitled to such pay, if their military salary during the leave of absence period is less than their City pay would have been for such period. In determining an employee's military pay, allowance for travel, food and housing, bonus, hazard pay, and separation pay shall not be considered, but any other compensation or allowance of whatever nature, including longevity pay, shall be considered.

22.03 An employee wishing to claim Military Training Duty Pay shall submit a copy of his military order to active duty for training in addition to a statement of his military pay received for each such period, prior to receiving Military Training Duty Pay from the City. Military Training Duty Pay shall be paid for a maximum of thirty-one (31) calendar days, annually.

ARTICLE XXIII LONGEVITY

23.01 The Employer shall pay employees, in accordance with the following longevity schedule for their years of full-time continuous service to the Employer:

After 5 years of Service	2% of the individual Officer's annual base rate
After 10 years of Service	3% of the individual Officer's annual base rate
After 15 years of Service	3.5% of the individual Officer's annual base rate
After 20 years of Service	4% of the individual Officer's annual base rate
After 25 years of Service	4.5% of the individual Officer's annual base rate

23.02 Longevity will be calculated on an hourly basis and will be included in each payroll check issued to cover overtime incurred under the FLSA in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

ARTICLE XXIV UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

24.01 Employees shall receive one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) upon date of hire and the following amounts per year thereafter:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
\$1,800.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,000.00

This allowance shall be paid in cash in the month of February of each year. Employees who do not work the full calendar year shall receive a pro-rated uniform allowance for that year. In the event that an employee retires or resigns after receiving his uniform allowance payment, pro-ration shall be made from the employee’s final payout.

ARTICLE XXV BULLETPROOF VEST ALLOWANCE

25.01 Effective January 1, 2024, all employees shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for the purchase of a bulletproof vest every three (3) years. Reimbursement shall be for the exact cost of the vest, up to a maximum of one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00). The choice of manufacturer, style of vest, etc., will be at the option of the employee, except that any employee who accepts funds pursuant to this article must wear the vest on road patrol duty or refund such funds to the Employer.

ARTICLE XXVI RETIREMENT BADGE

26.01 Officers who retire after twenty-five (25) years of service or at the Chief’s discretion shall receive a “Retirement Badge” and be allowed to purchase their duty weapon for one dollar (\$1.00).

ARTICLE XXVII INSURANCE

27.01 The Employer will provide all employees a high deductible health insurance plan, eligible for a Healthcare Savings Account (HSA), with benefit levels and deductible amounts as set forth below, which benefit levels shall not be decreased during the term of the Agreement. This coverage shall be provided on either a single-coverage basis or a family-coverage basis, whichever the employee elects.

	<u>In Network</u>	<u>Non Network</u>
Calendar Year Deductible	See plan	See plan
	See plan	See plan
Coinsurance	100%	60%
Out-of-pocket Maximum	See plan	See plan
	See plan	See plan
PCP/Specialist	Deductible-100%	60%
Inpatient Hospital	Deductible-100%	60%
Diagnostic Lab & X-ray	Deductible-100%	60%
Outpatient Surgery	Deductible-100%	60%
Preventive Office Visits	100%	60%
Emergency Room		100% after deductible

Urgent Care	Deductible-100%	60%
Prescription Drug Coverage	Rx Covered under Major Med: 100% after deductible	
	Covers up to 30 day supply for specialty drugs	
	90 day supply all other drugs	

The City shall fully pay the premium cost of the insurance plan. Employees will make monthly contributions into their HSA accounts to be applied to their HSA plan annual deductible amount (“deductible contributions”) and the City will contribute into the employee’s HSA account the remaining monthly amount necessary to fully fund the annual deductible for each employee’s HSA plan.

The employees shall make monthly deductible contributions of \$150 for single plan coverage (\$1,800 per year) and \$300 for family plan coverage (\$3,600 per year) into their HSA account. The City shall contribute into the employee’s HSA account the remaining monthly amount necessary to fully fund the annual deductible for each employee’s HSA plan.

Half of the employee’s monthly contribution toward the deductible will be deducted in each of the first two pays each month.

The City shall advance funds into an employee’s HSA account to be used towards satisfying the employee’s annual HSA deductible should the employee be faced with a healthcare crisis which requires the employee to pay more than the amount currently available in the employee’s HSA account to meet the required annual deductible. The City shall not advance more than the respective annual deductible amounts for single and family HSA plans. However, if an employee shall leave employment before using the advanced funds then the employee shall refund the unused, advanced funds to the City.

- 27.02 It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Human Resources Department of any additions or deletions to be made to his contract coverage within thirty (30) days of such occurrence.
- 27.03 For the duration of this Agreement the Employer will provide at the employee's option dental coverage in the form of the Guardian Dental Plan with deductible, with Usual and Customary Rate Fee Schedule. This coverage shall be provided on either the single-coverage basis or the family-coverage basis, whichever the employee elects. The benefit year is January 1 through December 31. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Human Resources Department of any additions or deletions to be made to his contract coverage within thirty (30) days of such occurrence.
- 27.04 For the duration of this Agreement the Employer will provide at the employee's option vision care coverage in the form of the Guardian Vision Plan with Usual and Customary Rate Fee Schedule. This coverage shall be provided on either the single-coverage basis or the family-coverage basis, whichever the employee elects. It is the employee's responsibility to notify the Human Resources Department of any additions or deletions to be made to his contract coverage within thirty (30) days of such occurrence.

- 27.05 At the Employer's discretion, equivalent coverage with alternate health, dental and vision care providers may be substituted the current plans as provided in 27.01, 27.03, and 27.04 above.
- 27.06 After one (1) year of continuous full-time service with the Employer, employees shall be covered by a twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) term life insurance policy at the Employer's expense.
- 27.07 All employee contributions are pre-taxed contributions and subject to Section 125.
- 27.08 Employees shall be permitted to opt out of, and waive the coverage provided by, the City's medical, dental and vision insurance and receive a monthly payment of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for opting out. However, in order to receive the monthly opt out payment, the Employee must opt out of, and waive, at a minimum, medical insurance coverage. Employees who opt out of, and waive medical insurance coverage, may still participate in the dental and/or vision insurance plans. Employees wishing to opt out and waive coverage must notify the Finance Director of their intent, in writing, by the 10th day of the month for which waiver of coverage is sought. Once the employee opts out the employee is not eligible to be covered by the City provided medical, dental and vision insurance plan until the annual renewal period is open or the employee becomes eligible due to a qualifying event whereby the employee loses their other medical insurance.
- 27.09 Health Care Committee. A health care committee will be created for the purposes of monitoring and supporting the wellness program, and for reviewing usage, studying cost containment programs and options for health plan coverage (medical, hospitalization, dental, eye-care and prescription), and recommending changes to the plan and benefit levels. Once created, the Union agrees to participate in the committee.

The committee shall consist of one (1) representative from each of the bargaining units having members receiving coverage from the City, one (1) non-bargaining unit employee, and either three (3) or four (4) representatives of the Employer whichever is necessary to allow for an odd number of voting representatives. The health care committee shall have the authority to recommend alterations to the plan and benefit levels and/or recommend adjustments to coverage levels through majority vote. The committee's authority will vest and begin with the 2022 plan year.

Specifically, the committee may recommend any of the following options:

- A. To keep the same plan and/or benefit levels and pass on any cost increase above the levels set forth in Section 27.01 of this article to the participating employees; or
- B. To change the plan and/or alter the benefit levels to reduce or minimize the cost increase to be passed on to participating employees; or
- C. To change the plan and/or alter the benefit levels so that there is no increase in the cost of the plan or a reduction in plan cost.

Recommendations of the committee shall not result in costs to participating employees exceeding the maximum permitted by the ACA. A valid recommended option of the committee (A, B or C above) will be implemented by the City. Recommendations of the committee, and Employer actions to carry out those recommendations, are final and binding on all parties involved and shall not be subject to the grievance procedure or any other avenue of appeal. If, however, the committee fails to submit a valid recommendation by forty (40) days prior to plan renewal for the following plan year, the City may unilaterally select and implement one of the options (A, B or C above).

ARTICLE XXVIII LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28.01 In the interest of sound labor/management relations, unless mutually agreed otherwise, once each calendar quarter and on a mutually agreeable day and time, the Mayor and/or Police Chief shall meet with not more than three (3) representatives of the bargaining unit to discuss issues of mutual Labor/Management interest.

28.02 The party requesting such meeting shall furnish the agenda to the other party at least five (5) calendar days in advance of the scheduled meetings. The agenda, if provided by the FOPGM, shall include the names of the bargaining unit representatives who will be attending. The purpose of such meeting shall be to:

- A. Discuss the Administration of this Agreement;
- B. Notify the FOPGM of departmental policy and procedure changes made by the Chief of Police which affect the bargaining unit, including modifications to existing departmental rules and regulations;
- C. Discuss grievances that have not been processed beyond the final step of the grievance procedure when such discussions are mutually agreed to by the parties;
- D. Disseminate general information of interest to the parties;
- E. Discuss ways to increase productivity and improvement of efficiency; and
- F. To consider and discuss health and safety matters relating to Employees working conditions.

28.03 It is further agreed that should special labor/management meetings be requested and mutually agreed upon, they shall be scheduled as soon after the request as is practical.

ARTICLE XXIX LINE OF DUTY INJURY LEAVE

29.01 Line of duty injury leave is intended to recognize the unusual exposure to dangerous situations experienced by members of the Police Department. If a member of the Police Department suffers a serious injury as a result of a duty-related accident, the employee shall be placed on Line-of-Duty Injury Leave.

- 29.02 For the purposes of this article, the term "injury" shall include physical injury and/or disease, gunshot wounds, stabbings and other acts of violence by a third party which cause personal physical damage resulting in extended hospitalization and/or recuperative periods. Injuries resulting from vehicular accidents shall be eligible for coverage under this article provided that the employee is not guilty of negligence. Serious communicable diseases contracted by employees are also eligible for consideration as an injury, provided that the employee can prove that such disease was contracted as a direct result of the performance of his or her duties as defined in this section and article.
- 29.03 When an employee is injured while in the performance of authorized duties, the employee, the immediate supervisor, and the Chief of Police (or his/her designee) shall immediately file the required reports with the Human Resources Department.
- 29.04 The attending physician shall forward a written report to the Employer. This initial report must include the following information:
- A. Nature and degree of disability.
 - B. Physician name and medical facility.
 - C. Preliminary estimate of the date/time when the employee may return to work either on an alternative duty basis, or to regular unrestricted duty.
 - D. If the employee is permitted to return to work on an alternative duty basis, the physician must define the employee's capabilities, specify any work-related restrictions, and the anticipated time the employee will be on alternative duty.
 - E. Anticipated date of return to work without restriction.
- 29.05 If the injury results in time lost from work, the employee will be placed on Line-of-Duty Injury Leave beginning with the date of injury and continuing for a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days; the employee shall be paid his regular salary during the period of injury leave. Such Line-of-Duty Injury Leave shall not reduce the employee's accumulated sick leave credit.
- 29.06 The City of Maple Heights is committed to a strong return-to-work program. Therefore every effort to develop alternative duty for all injured employees will be made within any physician-imposed work restrictions.
- 29.07 Employees are required to accept alternative duty assignments when alternative work is available and the attending physician releases the employee to perform the work.
- 29.08 The City shall have the right, at any time during this process to request a medical evaluation or verification of the employee's illness or injury from his/her attending physician. In addition, the City shall have the right, at City expense, to require the employee to be seen by a physician of its own choosing for medical verification and/or a functional capacity (Fitness for Duty) examination.

- 29.09 Failure to comply with any of these procedural requirements may result in the termination of Line-of-Duty Injury Leave benefits.
- 29.10 The Employer recognizes the possibility that, due to the extent of an employee's line-of-duty injury or illness, a correct diagnosis of the extent of injury or illness may not be made immediately; in that event, the employee will be placed on sick leave for up to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, provided that such correct diagnosis is made within twelve (12) calendar months from the date of original line-of-duty injury or illness.
- 29.11 After the initial report is filed by the attending physician requiring the employee to remain on Line-of-Duty Injury Leave for more than one hundred eighty (180) days, the injured employee is responsible for filing status reports relating to the injury to the Chief of Police and the Director of Human Resources every forty-five (45) business days (defined as Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) after the injury for the duration of lost time. These reports must include the following information:
- A. Nature and degree of disability.
 - B. Physician name and medical facility.
 - C. Preliminary estimate of the date/time when the employee may return to work either on an alternative duty basis, and/or when the employee will be able to return to full-time work.
 - D. If the employee is permitted to return to work on an alternative duty basis, the physician must clearly define the employee's capabilities, specify any work-related restrictions, and an estimate of the date/time the employee will be working on an alternative duty basis.
 - E. Anticipated date of return to work without restriction.
- 29.12 In cases of injury/illness where the employee is physically unable to comply with the above requirements, the Human Resources Department will work with the employee and the Chief of Police (or his/her designee) to obtain the required paperwork or information.
- 29.13 At the time that a work-related illness or injury becomes permanent and it is certain the employee will be unable to return to work, the Human Resources Department will assist the employee or employee's designate with medical disability retirement arrangements.
- 29.14 Should an employee disagree with any decisions made by the City concerning Line-of-Duty Injury Leave, the employee has the right to make a written appeal to a Line-of-Duty Injury Review Board (Review Board) consisting of the Mayor (or his designee), the Chief of Police, one (1) member of the Civil Service Commission and two (2) representatives of the Union.
- 29.15 The Review Board will set a date and time to hear the employee's appeal. The Review Board will issue a written decision within five (5) working days of the date of the Appeal

Hearing. Based upon the decision of the Board, required adjustments will be made for that employee.

ARTICLE XXX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

30.01 These procedures are intended to provide a system for the fair, expeditious and orderly adjustment of grievances of employees of the Department. Procedures are to be liberally construed to avoid dismissal of a grievance on technical grounds and a reasonable effort shall be made to resolve a grievance as quickly as possible, considering the grievance and authority of the management representative.

30.02 A grievance is a dispute regarding the interpretation or application of a signed labor agreement.

30.03 Representation, Class - A grievance may be brought by one or more aggrieved employees who may be represented by a person(s) of their choice. A grievance that affects all employees or all employees of one rank or grade, or concerns interpretation and/or application of the terms of a valid labor agreement, may also be brought by the Union, and shall be initially submitted to the Chief of Police.

30.04 Time limitations

A. To be considered valid, a grievance shall be initiated within thirty (30) calendar days of the employee's knowledge of cause. All further action, by employee or Employer, shall occur within the next ten (10) working days of those involved, unless otherwise stated. Failure of management to act within the time limits shall be cause for the employee to submit the grievance to the next higher step. Failure of the employee to act within the time limits shall be cause to consider the grievance void. Time limits, except for originating a grievance, may be mutually waived, in writing, by the employee and Management representative.

B. A grievance may be referred to the superior next highest in the chain of command, should an immediate superior be predictably absent from duty for at least ten (10) consecutive days, unless the time limits are waived.

1. Management representative shall include persons in acting capacities.

2. Intermediate supervision shall include an employee's shift or unit supervisor.

3. Superior Officers shall act on grievances, which are within their realm of responsibility, making timely response.

C. A copy of a written grievance, and response, which resolves same at Step Two (2) or Step Three (3) shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police.

D. At Step Three (3) and forward, Management may interview any, and all, parties to the grievance.

30.05 Written grievances shall contain:

- A. Nature of the grievance.
- B. Facts upon which the grievance was filed.
- C. Remedy desired.
- D. Signature of employee.
- E. Date grievance submitted.

30.06 Written response to a grievance shall contain:

- A. A decision.
- B. Facts upon which the decision was made.
- C. Appropriate remedial action taken or recommended, if any.
- D. Signature of person rendering decision.
- E. Date of response.

30.07 A written, unresolved grievance, forwarded beyond Step Two, may contain additional relevant information.

30.08 Procedural Steps

STEP ONE: An aggrieved employee shall discuss the matter with his immediate superior who shall make an oral, official response.

STEP TWO: If the grievance is not resolved at Step One, the employee shall submit a written grievance to his immediate superior. The immediate superior shall give a written response to the employee within ten (10) working days.

STEP THREE: If the grievance is unresolved at Step Two, all relevant information, including the written grievance, and response, shall be submitted to the next highest ranking superior within the employee's chain of command. A written response shall be given to the employee within ten (10) working days.

STEP FOUR: If the grievance is unresolved at Step Three, all relevant information, including the written grievance, with response, shall be submitted to the Chief of Police. Prior to making a determination, the Chief shall hold a meeting with all involved parties relating to the Grievance. The Chief shall give a written response to the Employee within ten (10) working days.

STEP FIVE: If the grievance is not resolved at Step Four, the employee may within ten (10) working days of the Chief's response appeal the grievance to the Mayor, submitting all relevant information. Prior to making a determination, the Mayor or his Designee shall hold a meeting with all involved parties relating to the grievance. The

Mayor shall give a written response to the employee within ten (10) days of said meeting.

- 30.09 If the employee is not satisfied with the disposition in Step Five, he or she may proceed to arbitration pursuant to Article XXVII of this Agreement.
- 30.10 Employees involved in a grievance, and their representatives, shall be permitted to attend meetings and hearings during regularly scheduled work hours without loss of pay, unless circumstances arise necessitating return to work. For purposes of this section, there shall be a maximum of three (3) employees or representatives permitted to attend such meetings during regularly scheduled work hours without loss of pay.

ARTICLE XXXI ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 31.01 If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled in Step 5, the Union may submit the grievance to Final and Binding Arbitration by submitting a letter of intent to the Mayor within five (5) calendar days of the date of the answer at Step 4, and by submitting a joint request to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) for a list of fifteen (15) Ohio Resident arbitrators within ten (10) days of the date of the letter of intent, with a copy of such request delivered to the Employer. In the event the letter of intent or the referral to arbitration is not submitted within the time limits prescribed, the grievance shall be considered resolved based upon the Step 4 reply.
- 31.02 Selection of the Arbitrator (FMCS)/American Arbitration Association (AAA). Once the panel of arbitrators is submitted to the parties, each party shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the mailing date in which to strike any name to which it objects, number the remaining names to indicate the order of preference, and return the list to the FMCS. Each party shall have the right to reject two (2) panels of arbitrators. All procedures relative to the hearing shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FMCS/AAA. The party rejecting the list shall bear the costs of obtaining a new list from FMCS/AAA. If both parties reject the list, the cost of obtaining a new list will be split equally.
- 31.03 Authority of the Arbitrator. The arbitrator shall limit the decision strictly to the interpretation, application, or enforcement of those specific articles and/or sections of the Agreement in question. The arbitrator's decision shall be consistent with applicable law. The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, modify, change, or alter any provision of this Agreement, nor add to, subtract from, or modify the language therein in arriving at his determination on any issue presented that is properly within the limitations expressed herein. The arbitrator shall have the ability to modify the level of the discipline imposed upon finding that the employee has not engaged in any of the charged conduct. Upon a finding that by the preponderance of the evidence an employee has engaged in any portion of the charged conduct, the arbitrator shall not have the ability to mitigate the level of discipline imposed by the employer. The arbitrator is expressly confined to the precise issue submitted for arbitration and has no authority to determine any other issues not so submitted, or to submit observation or declarations of opinion which are not directly essential in reaching a decision on the issue.

The arbitrator cannot recommend any right or relief on an alleged grievance occurring at any time other than during the contract period in which such right originated or to make any award based on rights arising under any previous Agreement, grievance, or practices. The arbitrator shall not establish any new or different wage rates not negotiated as part of this Agreement. In the event of a monetary award, the arbitrator shall limit retroactive settlement to the date the grievance was presented to the Employer at Step 1 of the grievance procedure.

- 31.04 Any such arbitration hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS)/AAA.
- 31.05 The parties shall be equally responsible for fees charged by the arbitrator(s).
- 31.06 Provided that management is advised in advance, in order to address scheduling needs, a maximum of three (3) representatives or employees shall be paid his normal wages while attending meetings or hearings during scheduled work hours.
- 31.07 The decision of the arbitrator may, at the discretion of the Employer or FOPGM be appealed through the civil court system.

ARTICLE XXXII SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

- 32.01 The Employer and the "FOPGM" recognize the importance of a Substance Abuse Policy and hereby agree that such a policy, when completed, shall be included as an addendum to this Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Employer and the "FOPGM" further agree to meet as soon as possible to negotiate said Substance Abuse Policy.

ARTICLE XXXIII RANK DIFFERENTIAL

- 33.01 Employees assigned to the Detective Bureau shall receive a five percent (5%) pay differential, based upon the regular rate of their normal rank, during said assignment.
- 33.02 There shall be a twelve percent (12%) differential in base pay between the rank of Patrol Officer Class I and Police Sergeant.
- 33.03 There shall be a twelve percent (12%) differential in base pay between the rank of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant.
- 33.04 An employee serving as Executive Police Lieutenant shall receive a five percent (5%) pay differential above the regular Police Lieutenant pay rate.

ARTICLE XXXIV WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION PAY

- 34.01 Employees in the rank of Police Sergeant or Lieutenant will be eligible for pay at the next higher classification only when they receive a temporary appointment by written order of the Chief of Police.

34.02 A lower ranking officer who is required to act in a higher rank on a temporary basis shall be entitled to receive the applicable pay rate of the higher rank commencing on the first day in service at the higher rank.

ARTICLE XXXV WAGES

35.01 Employer shall pay the entire pension contribution to the Police and Fire Disability Pension Fund in accordance with state law.

35.02 Wage Rates. Regular wage rates shall remain unchanged for the duration of this Agreement.

35.03 The regular hourly and annual rate schedules for all employees, by job classification, is set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, which reflect the following annual percentage increases in base pay:

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
8.5% equity increase +	3.5%	3.5%
3.5% annual increase		

ARTICLE XXXVI PATROL SHIFT SUPERVISOR PAY

36.01 Patrol Shift Supervisor (Lieutenants/Sergeants) shall receive a premium of fifteen (15) minutes additional compensation per shift when said supervisors are on station in conducting administrative work including but not limited to briefing, schedule updates, roll call and in general preparing for patrol activities of the upcoming shift.

ARTICLE XXXVII EDUCATION PAY

37.01 Any bargaining unit employee who has received a Training Certificate attesting to having completed all law enforcement courses towards an Associate's Degree (no matriculation is necessary) shall receive an annual payment of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) payable in February of each year.

37.02 Any employee who has an Associate's shall receive an annual payment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable in February each year.

37.03 Any employee who has a Bachelor's Degree or above shall receive an annual payment of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) payable in February each year.

ARTICLE XXXVIII PHYSICAL PROFICIENCY

38.01 All bargaining unit members shall be eligible for a Physical Proficiency Allowance upon successful completion of an optional, annual physical proficiency test.

38.02 The test shall be based upon standards developed by the Employer, ideally based upon the recommendation of a joint Employer/FOPGM physical standards board. While it is understood that the Employer shall have the final decision on the test standards, it is also

understood that the standards shall not be unreasonable in either scope or application and shall bear a direct relationship to the requirements of the position of police officer.

38.03 Upon the request of the FOPGM, a joint Employer/FOPGM physical standards board shall be created. Said board shall be comprised of representatives of the Employer to be determined as necessary, and up to three (3) representatives of the FOPGM. Consistent with current provisions which pertain to collective bargaining sessions, FOPGM representatives to the board shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in board meetings with the Employer, if held during a member's regular working hours without loss of pay, provided that the staffing needs of the Police Department are met, in the opinion of the Employer.

38.04 The Physical Proficiency Allowance shall be paid the first pay period in December each year in the following amounts:

One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00)

ARTICLE XXXIX FIREARMS PROFICIENCY

39.01 During the term of this agreement, all employees shall be required to complete the Firearms Re-qualification Program consistent with ORC Section 109.801, et seq.

39.02 Satisfactory qualification shall be evidenced by a written letter or memorandum of qualification from the police department range or training officer to the individual employee involved, and to the City.

39.03 Contingent upon the employee submitting satisfactory qualification evidence, the employee shall receive the following firearms proficiency bonus:

Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)

One-half of the bonus payment shall be paid in April and the remaining half shall be paid in October.

ARTICLE XL GENDER AND PLURAL

40.01 Whenever the context so requires, the use of the words herein in the singular shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the plural, the singular, and words whether in the masculine, feminine or neuter genders shall be construed to include all of said genders. By the use of either the masculine or feminine genders it is understood that said use is for convenience purposes only and is not to be interpreted to be discriminatory by reason of sex.

ARTICLE XLI

HEADINGS

41.01 It is understood and agreed that the use of headings before articles is for convenience only and that no heading shall be used in the interpretation of said article nor affect any interpretation of any such article.

ARTICLE XLII

OBLIGATION TO NEGOTIATE

42.01 The Employer and the FOPGM acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

42.02 Therefore, for the life of this Agreement, the Employer and the FOPGM each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to, or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, except as provided for specifically herein, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated and signed this Agreement.

42.03 No changes in this Agreement shall be negotiated or effected during the duration of this Agreement unless there is written accord by and between the parties hereto to do so. Any changes must be in writing and signed by both parties. Neither party shall attempt to achieve the alteration of this Agreement by any means except as provided in this Agreement.

42.04 Mid-Term Bargaining. Neither party is obligated to bargain over any matter already covered by the Agreement. Where a proposed action involves a mandatory subject of bargaining and provided that such action is not already provided for by the Agreement, then the Employer, prior to making such change or taking action, shall inform the Union of said proposed change or action prior to the date of implementation and meet to discuss the effects of the matter with the Union. The Employer may unilaterally implement such changes after discussions have taken place.

ARTICLE XLIII CONFORMITY TO LAW

43.01 This Agreement shall be subject to and subordinated to any present and future federal and state laws, and invalidity of any provisions of this Agreement by reason of any such existing or future law shall not affect the validity of the surviving provisions.

43.02 If the enactment of legislation, or a determination by a court of final and competent jurisdiction (whether in the proceeding between the parties or in one not between the parties) renders any portion of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such legislation or decision shall not affect the validity of the surviving portions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid portion thereof had not been included herein.

ARTICLE XLIV TOTAL AGREEMENT

44.01 This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the Employer and the FOPGM.

ARTICLE XLV DURATION

45.01 This Agreement shall become effective January 1, 2024, and shall continue in full force and effect, along with any amendments made and accepted hereto, until midnight, December 31, 2026.

ARTICLE XLVI EXECUTION

46.01 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by Authority of Resolution No. 2024-08 on this 17 day of JANUARY, 2024.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

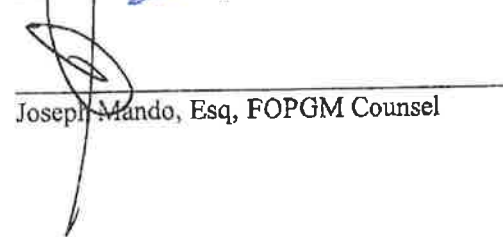

Annette M. Blackwell, Mayor


Frank Consolo, Law Director


Todd Hansen, Chief of Police

FOR THE FOPGM


FOPGM Patrol Representative


Joseph Mando, Esq, FOPGM Counsel

Approved as to legal form:

/s/ Frank Consolo, Law Director
Frank Consolo, Law Director

EXHIBIT "A"
HOURLY AND ANNUAL RATES SCHEDULE
 Covering the Period

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL RATE (2184)</u>
Sergeant	\$41.64	\$90,941.76
Sergeant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$43.72	\$90,937.60 (2080)
Lieutenant	\$46.64	\$101,861.76
Lieutenant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$48.97	\$106,950.48
Executive Lieutenant	\$48.97	\$101,857.50 (2080)

January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL RATE (2184)</u>
Sergeant	\$43.10	\$94,130.40
Sergeant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$45.25	\$94,120.00 (2080)
Lieutenant	\$48.27	\$105,421.68
Lieutenant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$50.68	\$110,685.12
Executive Lieutenant	\$50.68	\$105,414.40 (2080)

January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>ANNUAL RATE (2184)</u>
Sergeant	\$44.61	\$97,428.24
Sergeant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$46.83	\$97,406.40 (2080)
Lieutenant	\$49.96	\$109,112.64
Lieutenant-OIC Detective Bureau	\$52.45	\$114,550.80
Executive Lieutenant	\$52.45	\$109,096.00 (2080)

EXHIBIT "B"
POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK
Sample Forms

POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK
SICK LEAVE DONATION FORM

Name: _____ Department: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Employee ID Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

All bargaining unit employees are eligible to make donations of their accumulated sick leave hours to the Police Officer/Detective Employee Sick Leave Bank. Bargaining unit employees electing to donate sick leave hours will be required to complete a **POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK DONATION FORM** and attach a copy of their most current paycheck stub which verifies their accrued sick leave balance. The completed form, signed and dated by the employee, with required attachment shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police for processing. The deduction of sick leave will appear on the next scheduled paycheck.

Eligible bargaining unit employees will be required to maintain a balance of at least two hundred and forty (240) hours of sick leave, should the employee be faced with personal illness, injury or non-job-related accident requiring the use of sick leave.

Pursuant to **ARTICLE XVII: POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK**, I am donating _____ sick leave hours from my sick leave accrual balance to the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank.

YES NO I have attached a copy of my most current paycheck stub verifying my sick leave accrual balance.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

APPROVED BY:

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Chief of Police: _____ Date: _____
(or his/her designee)

cc: Employee
Chief of Police
Finance Department
Employee Personnel File

**POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK
REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE HOURS**

Name: _____ Department: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Pursuant to **ARTICLE XVII: POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK**, I am requesting _____ sick leave hours to be added to my Sick Leave balance.

YES NO I have been diagnosed with a serious health condition that makes me unable to perform my job functions.

YES NO As required by policy, I am enclosing a written report completed by my attending physician which includes the required criteria.

YES NO I have completed twelve (12) months of continuous employment with the Maple Heights Police Department.

YES NO I have used all available accrued Sick Leave.

YES NO I have used all available accrued Vacation Leave.

YES NO I have used all available accrued Holiday Leave.

YES NO I have donated at least twenty-four (24) sick leave hours to the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank.

YES NO My serious health condition is not a result of a work-related illness, injury or accident.

YES NO I have not been disciplined for abuse of time or sick leave during the last three (3) calendar years.

Start Date of Anticipated Sick Leave: _____

Expected Date of Return to Work: _____

YES NO I will require a reduced work schedule for treatment of my serious health condition.

Please attach a copy of attending physician's recommendations or describe the requested Reduced Work Schedule:

**POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK
REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE HOURS
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MONDAY: _____

TUESDAY: _____

WEDNESDAY: _____

THURSDAY: _____

FRIDAY: _____

SATURDAY: _____

SUNDAY: _____

Note: Pursuant to **ARTICLE XVII: POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE BANK**, an eligible employee will be granted up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours of sick leave from the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank, provided the requested number of hours are in the bank at the time of the employee's request. A Request for Sick Leave Hours form must be based on an employee's serious health condition AND must be accompanied by verifying medical certification from a physician.

I hereby authorize the Maple Heights Police Department to contact my attending physician to verify my serious health condition, treatment plan and recovery period or for any other information concerning my request,

By signing this request form, I declare that all information provided by me in my Request For Sick Leave Hours from the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED BY:

Chief of Police: _____
(or his/her designee)

Date: _____

Review Board Member: _____

Date: _____

cc: Employee
Chief of Police
Finance Department
Employee Personnel File

**CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN OR PRACTITIONER
REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE HOURS**
pursuant to
ARTICLE XVII: POLICE OFFICER SICK LEAVE BANK

Name of Employee: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Date Condition Began: _____
Probable duration of condition: _____

Regimen of treatment to be prescribed (Indicate number of visits, general nature and duration of treatment, including referral to other provider of health services. Include schedule of visits or treatment if it is medically necessary for the employee to be off work on an intermittent basis or to work less than the employee's normal schedule of hours per day or days per week.

By Physician or Practitioner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date: _____ Office Telephone: _____

By another provider of health services, if referred by Physician or Practitioner:

MEDICAL RELEASE

I authorize the release of any medical information necessary to process the above Request Sick Leave Hours from the Police Officer Employee Sick Leave Bank pursuant to **ARTICLE XVII: POLICE OFFICER SICK LEAVE BANK**.

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

cc: Employee
Chief of Police
Director of Human Resources

