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THIS AGREEMENT is between the CITY OF TACOMA (hereinafter called the City) and the
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, CITY AND PIERCE COUNTY EMPLOYEES LOCAL NUMBER 120
OF THE WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF COUNTY AND CITY EMPLOYEES, AFSCME,
AFL-CIO (hereinafter called the Union), for the purpose of setting forth mutual understanding of
the parties as to wages, hours, working conditions, and other conditions of employment of those
employees for whom the City has recognized the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining
representative.

PREAMBLE

The City and the Union agree that the efficient uninterrupted performance of municipal functions
is a primary purpose of this Agreement as well as the establishment of fair and reasonable
compensation and working conditions for the employees of this City. This Agreement has been
reached through the process of collective bargaining with the objective of serving the
aforementioned purposes and with the further objective of fostering effective cooperation
between the City and its employees. Therefore, this Agreement and procedures which it
establishes for the resolution of differences are intended to contribute to the continuation of
good employee relations and to be in all respects in the public interest.

ARTICLE 1 – SUBORDINATION OF AGREEMENT

It is understood that the parties hereto and the employees of the City are governed by the
provisions of applicable federal and state laws, the city charter, and city ordinances. When any
provisions thereof are in conflict with or different than the provisions of this Agreement, such
provisions of federal or state laws and City Charter are paramount and shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2 – JOINT LABOR COMMITTEE

Section 2.1 It is the intent of the Union to carry out its collective bargaining responsibility as a
member of the Joint Labor Committee, an organization consisting of various unions which have
been recognized as collective bargaining representatives by the City. To this end, the City
agrees to confer with officials of the Joint Labor Committee regarding fringe benefits only in the
same manner as it would confer with officials of the Union on matters subject to collective bargaining.

The Union agrees that all representations made on its behalf by the Joint Labor Committee or its agents shall have the same force and effect as if made by the Union itself and that notices or other communications exchanged between the City and the Joint Labor Committee shall have the same effect as notices exchanged directly between the parties to this Agreement.

**Section 2.2** The parties agree that for the sake of equity among employees, as well as administrative efficiency, it is desirable to standardize conditions of employment pertaining to employees represented by unions affiliated with the Joint Labor Committee. Therefore, the parties hereto agree to encourage standardization of benefits and other conditions of employment wherever appropriate and to utilize the good offices of the Joint Labor Committee to effect this end.

**ARTICLE 3 – RECOGNITION AND BARGAINING UNIT**

**Section 3.1.** The City hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive collective bargaining representative for the purposes stated in Chapter 41.56 RCW as last amended for all employees employed in classifications listed in Appendix A to this Agreement.

**Section 3.2.** The bargaining unit may be amended during the term of this Agreement where the Union has established that it represents the majority of employees in a classification to be added to an existing bargaining unit.

Classifications added to an existing bargaining unit shall automatically come under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Majority status for representational purposes shall be determined through the procedures set forth in Chapter 41.56 RCW. The City agrees to notify the Union in advance when it proposes to establish a new classification, the duties of which are similar to those in the classifications covered by this Agreement.

**Section 3.3.** Except as provided by this Article or elsewhere in this Agreement, the Union retains the right to bargain a decision that is a mandatory subject of bargaining, or the impact of any decision that affects hours, wages and working conditions, in accordance with RCW 41.56. Further, the City will provide timely notice to the Union of any proposed reassignments of exclusive bargaining unit work to any other represented or non-represented classification in accordance with RCW 41.56. Such assignments may be discussed and coordinated in a Labor Management Committee meeting pursuant to Article 14.

**ARTICLE 4 – UNION MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 4.1** It shall be a condition of employment that all employees in the Bargaining Unit who are members of the Union in good standing shall remain members in good standing during the term of this Agreement. It shall further be a condition of employment that all employees who are hired, promoted, demoted or transferred into those classifications included in the Bargaining Unit, shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement and shall remain members of the Union in good standing for the duration of this
Agreement or in lieu thereof pay a service charge to the Union as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement. Provided: Objections to joining the Union which are based on bona fide religious tenets or teachings of a church or religious body of which such employee is a member will be observed. Any such employee shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular union dues and initiation fees to a non religious charity or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee affected and the bargaining representative to which such employee would otherwise pay the dues and initiation fees. The employee shall furnish written proof to the Union that such payment has been made. If the employee and the bargaining representative do not reach agreement on such matter, the Public Employment Relations Commission shall designate the charitable organization.

**Section 4.2** The Union agrees that membership in the Union will not be denied or terminated for any reason other than the failure of an employee covered by this Agreement to tender the periodic dues and initiation fees uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or retaining membership in the Union.

**Section 4.3** The City agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has so authorized it, the regular initiation fees and regular monthly dues uniformly required of members of the Union or in lieu thereof the monthly service charge. The amounts deducted shall be transmitted monthly to the Union on behalf of the employees involved. Authorization by the employee shall be on a form approved by the parties hereto and may be revoked by the employee upon request and the Union so notified. The performance of this function is recognized as a service to the Union by the City.

**Section 4.4** The Union agrees that the City shall not terminate the employment of any employee under the security clause provisions of this Agreement until written notification is received from the Union that an employee has failed to pay the required dues or service charge or provide proof of an alternative payment based on religious tenets as provided herein above.

**Section 4.5** The Union further agrees that in the event the City undertakes to terminate employees at the Union’s insistence pursuant to this Article, the Union will indemnify and hold the City harmless should such employee file a claim for position and be successful in prosecuting the same and thus obtain a judgment for past due wages and agree to pay said judgment or claim together with all costs assessed herein, including attorney fees, if any.

**ARTICLE 5 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**Section 5.1** A grievance under this Agreement is defined as an alleged violation, filed by an employee or the Union, of a specific item within an Article of this Agreement. Time limits set forth in the following steps will be stated in calendar days. If the deadline for any action under the grievance procedure falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day. By written mutual agreement of the parties, any and all timelines may be extended, and grievance steps may be waived, that are specified in Section 5.2 below. Failure of the Union to submit the grievance in accordance with these time limits without such waiver shall constitute abandonment of that specific grievance. Should the Employer fail to submit a reply within the specified time limits without such a waiver, the Union may automatically submit the grievance to the next step.
It is the goal of both the Union and the City to settle problems at the lowest possible level in a cooperative and objective manner. The parties agree that in many instances this goal may be met through meeting to discuss the issue that led to a grievance at the Steps outlined in Section 5.2 below.

Section 5.2  Grievances that cannot be resolved at Step 1 may be filed at Step 2 no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after the employee could have reasonably known of the occurrence of the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

Step 1  Any employee having a grievance shall first take up the matter with their immediate supervisor. If no satisfactory answer or disposition is received within seven (7) calendar days, the grievance shall be processed as follows:

Step 2  Failing to resolve the grievance in the first step, the employee and/or their Union representative may, as soon as possible but not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the supervisor's answer in Step 1, reduce the matter to written form, stating all facts in detail, citing section or sections violated and a proposed remedy, and submit same to the Manager most immediately involved, with a copy to the City's Labor Relations Division. The Manager shall within fourteen (14) calendar days, record their disposition in written detail, returning same to the Union representative and the employee, with a copy to the City's Labor Relations Division.

Step 3  Failing to resolve the grievance in the second step, the Union representative may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Manager's disposition, submit the grievance in writing to the head of the employee's department (General Government) or Utilities division, or his/her designated representative, with a copy to the City's Labor Relations Division. Management shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the grievance respond in writing to the union representative and employee, with a copy to the City's Labor Relations Division.

Step 4  Failing to resolve the grievance in the third step, the Union representative, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the department/division head's disposition, may submit the grievance to the Director of Human Resources, with a copy to the head of the employee's department (General Government) or Utilities division, and the City's Labor Relations Division. The Director of Human Resources shall, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt of the grievance, schedule a meeting with the grievant and the Union representative. The Director of Human Resources will issue a written decision to the Union representative and the grievant within fourteen (14) calendar days of the meeting, with a copy to the head of the employee's department (General Government) or Utilities division, and the City's Labor Relations Division. The decision of the Director of Human Resources will be final and binding only for suspensions without pay of three (3) days or less.
**Section 5.3 (Step 5)** Grievances not resolved may be referred to arbitration by either party to this Agreement. Either party may give notice of its intention to arbitrate within twenty-one (21) calendar days following completion of the steps listed above. A list of seven (7) arbitrators shall be requested from the Public Employment Relations Commission or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, both parties shall meet and each shall strike a name, with the Union striking first, until one (1) arbitrator is selected.

The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding; however, the arbitrator shall have no power to render a decision that will add to, subtract from or alter, change or modify the terms of this Agreement, and their power shall be limited to the interpretation or application of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall issue a written decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the close of the hearing, or issue a bench decision if mutually agreed to and requested by both parties of this agreement.

Each party shall bear the expense of its own costs of preparing and presenting its own case, including compensating its own representatives, attorneys and witnesses. The Union and the Employer shall share equally in the cost of services from the neutral arbitrator.

**Section 5.4** Any and all grievances resolved by agreement of all parties at any step of the grievance procedure as contained in this Agreement shall be final and binding on the City, the Union and employees represented by the Union and covered by this contract. At any step of the procedure time limits may be extended by mutual agreement of the City and the Union.

**Section 5.5** It is understood that there shall be no suspension of work, slowdown, or curtailment of services while any difference is in process of adjustment or arbitration pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**Section 5.6** It is understood that no disciplinary action by the City shall be considered cause for a grievance unless it is specifically alleged that such action represents an incorrect application of the terms of this Agreement. In no event shall this Agreement alter or interfere with disciplinary procedure heretofore followed by the City or provided for by city charter, ordinance, or law, including the procedure for appeals thereof. This clause shall not however, prevent the Union from affording to its members such representation in any other proceeding as it may see fit.

**ARTICLE 6 – WORK STOPPAGES**

The City and the Union agree that the public interest requires the efficient and uninterrupted performance of all City services, and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective: During the life of this Agreement, the Union shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, strike, slowdown, or other interference with City functions by employees under this Agreement and should same occur the Union agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Employees covered by this Agreement who engage in any of the foregoing actions shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as may be determined by the City. There will be no lockout of employees in the Union by the City as a consequence of any dispute arising during the life and duration of this agreement.
ARTICLE 7 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Union recognizes the prerogative of the City to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its lawful mandate, and the powers of authority which the City has not specifically abridged, delegated or modified by this Agreement are retained by the City, including but not limited to the right to contract for services of any and all types. The direction of its working force is vested exclusively in the City. This shall include, but not be limited to, the right to: (a) direct employees; (b) hire, promote, transfer, assign, and retain employees; (c) suspend, demote, discharge, or take other legitimate disciplinary action against employees for just cause; (d) relieve employees from duty because of lack of work, lack of funds, or other legitimate reasons; (e) maintain the efficiency of the operation entrusted to the City; (f) determine the methods, means, and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted; and (g) take any actions necessary in conditions of emergency, regardless of prior commitments, to carry out the mission of the agency; provided, however, that items (a) through (g) shall not be in conflict with City ordinances, personnel rules, and/or the existing collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 8 – VISITATION BY UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Authorized representatives of the Union may, after notifying the City official in charge, visit the work location of employees covered by this Agreement at any reasonable time for the purpose of investigating conditions of the job. Such representatives shall confine their activities during such investigations to matters relating to this Agreement. City work hours shall not be used by employees or Union representatives for the conduct of Union business or the promotion of Union affairs.

ARTICLE 9 – SAFETY STANDARDS

All work shall be done in a competent and professional manner and in accordance with applicable federal, state, city, and department codes and regulations. Where higher standards are specified by the City than called for as a minimum by state codes, city standards shall prevail. WAC 296-360-150 entitled "Refusal to Work in an Unsafe Condition" and WAC 296-360-170, "Employee Refusal to Comply with Safety Rules" are incorporated herein. Grievances alleging violations of this section shall be directly submitted to the department/division head level of the grievance procedure and a grievance hearing shall be promptly scheduled.

ARTICLE 10 – COMPENSATION PLAN

The Compensation Plan contained in Chapter 1.12 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC) as now enacted or hereafter amended is hereby incorporated as part of this agreement for the purpose of information for the members of the Union.

In the event an employee(s) requests a job audit by the Human Resources Department, they shall immediately be given the appropriate forms to begin the job audit. If the job audit results in reclassification due to changes in duties or original improper classification, the employee(s) shall receive the results of the job audit and reclassification and shall be placed in the appropriate classification within 120 calendar days from the date that an appropriate
classification for that position is made, any increase or decrease in salary and seniority in that classification shall be retroactive to the 120th calendar day following the submission of the necessary job audit forms. Alternatively, the employer may adjust duties to align the employee(s) position with the original classification.

ARTICLE 11 – BENEFITS

The parties are participants in a Joint Labor Agreement, through which they have determined the amount of and basic rules regarding vacation leave, holidays, sick leave, personal time off and other benefits. Provisions of the Joint Labor Agreement governing these benefits are attached in Appendix B which shall independently expire with the expiration of the Joint Labor Agreement. Appendix B shall be automatically updated and replaced in its entirety with any changes to the provisions of the Joint Labor Agreement during the term of this Agreement as long as both parties remain signatories to the Joint Labor Agreement. Should a party choose not to sign on to a future Joint Labor Agreement the provisions in Appendix B shall be "status quo" until expiration of this Agreement.

Items covered by Appendix B may be grieved through this Collective Bargaining Agreement, except those items challenging the interpretation or application of the Joint Labor Agreement provisions which may be grieved only through the grievance procedure included in the Joint Labor Agreement.

Section 11.1 Vacations shall be as provided in Section 1.12.220 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

Section 11.2 Personal Time Off (PTO) with pay shall be as provided for in Section 1.12.248 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

A. Employees may enroll in the PTO program on a voluntary basis during the City's PTO open enrollment period.

B. An employee of the City of Tacoma who is accruing Paid Time Off (PTO) in lieu of Vacation and Sick Leave who accepts a position covered by this bargaining unit shall have the option of converting to Vacation and Sick Leave as provided in this Agreement, OR may opt to continue to accrue PTO in accordance with the applicable provisions(s) of the Tacoma Municipal Code. Such election shall be made no later than upon the employee's successful completion of the probationary period.

Section 11.3 Sick allowance with pay shall be as provided in Section 1.12.230 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

Section 11.4 On-the-job injury shall be as provided in Section 1.12.090 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

Section 11.5 Holidays shall be as provided in Section 1.12.200 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.
Section 11.6  Medical and hospital, dental, vision and long term disability insurance for employees and dependents under this Agreement shall be as provided in Section 1.12.095 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

Section 11.7  Group life insurance shall be as provided in Section 1.12.096 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and the Joint Labor Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 – WORK RULES

Section 12.1 - Shop Steward's Right to Process Grievance  Shop Stewards shall be permitted to devote reasonable periods of time during normal working hours without loss of pay for the investigation, presentation, and settlement of employee grievances. Such periods of time shall be devoted only with the approval of the steward's immediate supervisor and further provided that such approval shall be not unreasonably withheld. Shop Stewards shall report back to their supervisors upon return to work. Shop Stewards will not use work time for preparation for contract negotiations. The Union agrees to provide a current list of Shop Stewards to each division or department head in those divisions or departments employing classifications represented by the Union.

Section 12.2  Employees shall be entitled to reimbursement for board, lodging, transportation, and other expenditures lawfully incurred during official City business, as provided in Sections 1.12.100 and 1.12.110 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

Section 12.3 - Overtime

Any work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a defined workweek shall be compensated at the appropriate overtime rate. The overtime rate is time and one-half the regular rate of pay, or double time cash compensation, equivalent compensatory time off or a combination thereof pursuant to Section 1.12.080 of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

A minimum of two (2) hours' compensation at the overtime rate shall be allowed for work performed outside the employee's assigned shift unless the employee commences this work less than two (2) hours before the beginning of his/her regular shift, or continues after his/her regular shift. When management requires the employee to travel to City premises or property, provided the employee is immediately available to work, the minimum of two (2) hours' compensated time shall begin when an employee responds affirmatively to the call.

Section 12.3.1

A. For purposes of application of the provision of Section 1.12.080, Sunday shall be considered the seventh day for all employees in the following classifications: Fleet Services Parts Technician; Graphic Arts Specialist; Graphic Arts Specialist, Lead; Vehicle Parts Assistant; Vehicle Parts Assistant +3%; Warehouse Technician; Warehouse Technician, Senior.

B. For purposes of application of the provision of Section 1.12.080, for bargaining unit employees in classifications other than those listed in paragraph A. above:
1. Sunday shall be considered the seventh day for employees covered by this Agreement as of the date of ratification by the Union of this Agreement, unless and until such employee voluntarily requests and receives approval for a transfer, promotion and/or demotion to a position that has a seventh day that is not a Sunday, in which case the employee will receive double-time for work performed on the seventh day of the employee's defined work week.

2. After the date of ratification by the Union of this Agreement, for all other employees, including new hires and employees previously outside of the bargaining unit, employees will receive double-time for work performed on the seventh day of the employees' defined work week.

Section 12.4 The names on the call-out list for Light and Water stores emergency calls shall be rotated on a bimonthly basis.

Section 12.5 – Setups and Temporary Assignments to a Higher Classification

A. A setup is defined as temporarily assuming the duties of a higher classification. In order to be compensated at the rate of the higher classification, an employee temporarily reassigned to the higher classification shall meet the minimum qualifications of such classification and substantially assume the duties of such classification for one (1) or more hours. The temporary assignment shall result in the relinquishing of the employee's regular duties to a substantial degree. An employee in a setup status will be placed at a pay step in the higher classification that is at least 5% above the employee's permanent classification, if such a pay step exists. Employees temporarily setup to a higher classification will be paid in accordance with Section 1.12.050 B of the Compensation Plan, for actual hours worked.

B. An employee temporarily assigned to a higher position for four (4) or more hours per day shall be given a temporary appointment to the higher class when he/she is assigned the duties of such position. Employees temporarily appointed to a position in a higher class shall be paid in accordance with Section 1.12.050 B of the Compensation Plan.

C. In the event an eligible employee refuses two (2) offers of temporary upgrade, he/she will be notified in writing that he/she will not be considered for future upgrades until such time as he/she notifies his/her supervisor in writing that he/she again wishes to be considered for upgrade opportunities.

Section 12.6 Standby Employees required to serve in a standby capacity outside regular work hours, shall receive $3.00 per hour in a standby status. Employees are not eligible for standby pay for any hours for which they are in any other paid status. No employee will be assigned to a standby status for more than seven consecutive days without his/her concurrence, nor shall an employee be assigned to a standby shift of less than eight (8) consecutive hours without his/her concurrence. The City maintains the right to assign any qualified person to a standby assignment where no qualified bargaining unit employee volunteers to do so, providing that no employee will be assigned to a standby assignment for more than seven days at a time without his/her concurrence.
Employees serving on standby must be in telecommunications, beeper, radio or phone range to ensure their availability to return to duty if necessary. All employees on standby assignment must remain fit for duty and must respond/call back to the call or page within 15 minutes.

**Section 12.7 Meal Allowance**

A. An employee working non-scheduled overtime at least two hours before or beyond his/her regular shift and at four (4) hour intervals thereafter shall be eligible for a meal allowance of $15.00.

B. Employees called in to work non-scheduled overtime (such as in response to an emergency) shall be eligible for a meal allowance after the first four hours worked and in four-hour intervals thereafter.

C. Employees will not be eligible for a meal allowance when working scheduled overtime on their regularly scheduled days off.

**Section 12.8 Call In List - Information Technology Employees** The following provisions of Section 12.8 shall apply to employees in the classifications who are not receiving standby compensation pursuant to Section 12.6: IT Analyst, Senior IT Analyst, Senior Technical IT Analyst, Principal Technical IT Analyst, Integration Developer, Web Developer, Business Analyst I, Business Analyst II, Business Analyst III, IT Helpdesk Specialist, and Computer Support Technician:

A. A call in list for off hour critical systems may be maintained by the responsible Division/Department. Employees in an on-leave status such as vacation or sick leave will not appear as a primary or secondary call-in. The Division/Department will make every effort to remove the names of those employees on short-term sick leave from the call-in list.

B. If the employee affirmatively accepts the opportunity, the employee may attempt to resolve the problem remotely or report to work, however, the Division/Department retains the right to require an employee to report to work when in the opinion of the Division/Department, the problem cannot be resolved remotely. In the event the employee reports to work, the call-in and overtime provisions of the contract will apply.

C. A log of all call-in attempts to employees in a non-work status shall be maintained by the Division/Department and copies shall be furnished to the Union upon request.

**Section 12.9 Hours of Work**

A. Alternate work schedules may be agreed to by the employee and appropriate supervisor/manager. Alternate work schedules may consist of four (4) consecutive ten (10) hour days, eighty (80) hours worked in nine (9) days or other appropriate schedules. Absent continued mutual agreement between the employee and his immediate supervisor to continue an alternate work schedule,
then, with 30 calendar days' written notice, the work schedule shall revert to the normal work week. Implementation of alternative work schedules shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. An employee and the Supervisor shall sign a written document documenting an employee is working an alternate schedule which shall be made available to the Union, upon the Union’s request.

B. Incidental time off shall be defined as when an employee is authorized to take time off that does not count as vacation, compensatory time or sick leave, when the time off is made up by working during the workweek.

In the interest of meeting the needs of employees and maintaining productivity, employees covered by this agreement may be allowed up to four (4) hours per pay period of incidental time off, provided however, that the employee must work additional hours equal to the amount of time that is taken as incidental time off.

To qualify for incidental time off, the following criteria must be met:

1. The employee must initiate the request.
2. The employee would be compensated hour for hour.
3. All incidental time off must be taken off and made up within the same workweek.
4. No more than four hours of incidental time may be taken off within a two-week pay period.
5. To prevent overtime liability, if the employee's request for incidental time off is approved and the time is worked in advance, the employee must take the time off. Incidental time off may not be converted into overtime, vacation, compensatory time or sick leave.
6. If the employee takes time off and does not make up the time, the time off must be charged to vacation, compensatory time or sick leave as may be appropriate for the nature of the absence.
7. The time to be made up shall be worked and be agreed to by the employee and supervisor, depending upon the nature of the work and the standard operating hours.
8. Employee cannot take incidental time off on Saturdays, Sundays or outside the normal work hours for the work group. Hours that would be paid at the overtime rate do not qualify for incidental time use.
9. Management retains the right, based on operational needs and the nature of the request, to refuse authorization of incidental time off.

Section 12.10 Seniority, Layoff and Bumping

A seniority list (TMC 1.24.920) shall be established for each classification and sub-classification in the bargaining unit and such seniority list shall be provided to the Union annually, or when requested by the Union.

Layoff, if necessary, except for the IT Analyst series (listed in paragraphs A, B, C, and D) and Business Analyst series (listed in paragraph F), shall be by classification on the basis of seniority as follows: The employee selected for layoff shall be the employee with the least amount of seniority in the affected classification within the Department where the layoff occurs.
That employee has the right to "bump" the employee with the least amount of seniority in the same classification within the City (provided that that employee has less seniority).

For employees in the Broadband Services Technician class series, aggregate seniority shall accrue for all time served in the Broadband Services Technician (CSC 5525) and Broadband Services Technician, Lead (CSC 5524) classifications.

Employees exercising a bumping right shall be provided and shall serve a training and experience trial service period of not less than three (3) months and not more than six (6) months. During this time, the employee will be provided appropriate training and experience relevant to the new position. At the end of the period, if the employee is unable to perform the duties of the position, he/she may be subject to layoff.

A. The IT Analyst class series shall be defined as classifications both current (IT Analyst CSC 0150, IT Analyst Senior CSC 0151, IT Analyst Senior Technical CSC 0152 and IT Analyst Principal Technical CSC 0153), and historic (Application Development Systems Analyst, Computer Systems Programmer, Database Analyst, Data Analyst, GIS Analyst, Systems Analyst, Systems Programmer, Senior Technical Analyst, Programmer, Programmer Analyst or equivalent classifications). Current sub-classifications include Application Development Systems Analyst, Computer Systems Programmer, Database Analyst, and GIS Analyst.

Seniority for the IT Analyst class series shall be by aggregate service in all IT Analyst classifications as described above. Aggregate service shall be the total of all employment in the IT Analyst class series, inclusive of authorized leaves of absence, as a probationary, regular, employee, or as an employee who took a project or appointive position after serving in a regular permanent classified position.

Layoffs within the IT Analyst class series shall be by General Government department or Tacoma Public Utilities division (hereinafter: department) based on the Employer’s business needs pursuant to Article 7. The decision for layoff will be made in the following order: by department, by sub-classification, by classification. The employee selected for layoff will be the employee with the least amount of seniority in the affected sub-classification/classification within the department where the layoff occurs. Ties in seniority dates shall be broken by date of original hire with the City, then by coin flip.

When multiple employees are laid off at the same time, or nearly the same time, the least senior employee in the group of laid off employees shall exercise their bumping rights first, followed by the next least senior employee, until all employees have been given an opportunity to bump.

B. Employees holding permanent appointments as of January 1, 1995 as a Systems Analyst, Systems Programmer or Senior Technical Analyst are grandfathered at the "Senior" or "Senior Technical" IT Analyst classification. Employees specific to this group are listed on Exhibit A, attached to this agreement.

C. Employees in the IT Analyst Series who have been selected for layoff may choose whether to exercise available bumping rights. Bumping rights shall occur in the following order:
1. The employee may first bump the least senior employee in an equal IT Analyst classification in any other sub-classification in which they have previously held status within their current department, starting with the sub-classification most recently held.

2. If no equivalent bumping option exists within the department, then the employee may bump the least senior employee in an equal IT Analyst classification in their current sub-classification in another department within the City.

3. If none of the above options exist, the employee may then bump the least senior employee in an equal IT Analyst classification in any other sub-classification in which they have previously held status in another department within the City, starting with the sub-classification most recently held.

4. Finally, if there exists no bumping option at an equal IT Analyst classification, the employee may repeat the above steps 1 through 3 at the next lower IT Analyst classification(s), and continuing down the IT Analyst classification series, until all potential bumping options have been eliminated.

In all cases, the bumping employee must have more IT Analyst seniority (12.10.A) than the employee bumped.

In all cases, the bumping employee must be qualified to perform the duties of the new classification, and subject to the three to six month trial service specified in Section 12.10, above.

D. Employees holding permanent status as of January 1, 1995 who were reclassified into the classes of GIS Analyst, Database Analyst, and Data Analyst, were given a one day appointment as an Application Development Systems Analyst specifically for the purpose of establishing bumping rights into that classification, which is now sub-classification.

E. IT Helpdesk Specialists reclassified as Computer Support Technicians shall continue to accrue seniority as an IT Helpdesk Specialist and maintain a right to bump the least senior IT Helpdesk Specialist if they are subject to layoff as a Computer Support Technician.

F. For purposes of layoff and bumping, seniority for employees in the Business Analyst class series shall be aggregate seniority in the following classifications: both current (Business Analyst I, Business Analyst II, Business Analyst III) and historic within the IT Department (IT Business Analyst 1, IT Business Analyst 2, IT Business Analyst 3, Management Analyst 1, Management Analyst 2, Management Analyst 3). Ties in seniority dates shall be broken by date of original hire with the City, then by coin flip. Employees specific to this group are listed on Exhibit B, attached to this agreement.

The employee selected for layoff shall be the least senior employee in the affected classification within the department. Bumping rights shall occur in the following order:
1. The employee may first bump the least senior employee in the same Business Analyst classification in another department within the City.

2. If no bumping option exists for Business Analysts hired prior to January 1, 2011, the employee may then bump the least senior employee in the next lower Business Analyst classification within their current department. For Business Analysts hired on or after January 1, 2011, the employee may only bump a less senior employee in the next lower Business Analyst classification in which they held status within their current department.

3. If none of the above options exist for Business Analysts hired prior to January 1, 2011, the employee may then bump the least senior employee in the next lower Business Analyst classification in another department within the City. For Business Analysts hired on or after January 1, 2011, the employee may only bump a less senior employee in the next lower Business Analyst classification in which they held status in another department within the City.

4. Finally, if there exists no bumping option at the next lower Business Analyst classification, the employee may repeat the above steps 2 and 3 at the lowest classification, until all potential bumping options have been eliminated.

In all cases, the bumping employee must have more Business Analyst seniority than the employee bumped.

In all cases, the bumping employee must be qualified to perform the duties of the new classification, and is subject to the three to six month trial service specified in Section 12.10, above.

Section 12.11 Filling of Vacancies  The City and the Union encourage employees in their career development, and agree that promotions should be based on merit. Pursuant to Article 7, Management Rights, the City reserves the right to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain our employees. In doing so, it is the City’s intent to use eligible lists in the following order, if they exist, pursuant to Tacoma Municipal Code Section 1.24.650 when filling permanent vacancies including (a) reemployment lists, (b) departmental promotional lists, (c) promotional lists, and (d) open lists.

Management will consider employees who have requested transfer and demotion, and who possess the knowledge, skill, adaptability and ability required for the job when filling vacancies. An employee may waive without prejudice, a position offered under this section.

A. Employees desiring consideration for a vacancy (transfer, demotion) shall so indicate by timely completing the appropriate transfer or demotion request paperwork. The appointing authority may consider these employees as well as applicants on the applicable eligibility list.

B. Permanent employees of the classified City service may be appointed to positions on projects as defined in the personnel rules sections 1.24.980 through 1.24.986. Such employees shall continue to accrue seniority and other rights of the classified service in their permanent position.
C. Permanent employees who have been granted a leave of absence by the Director of Human Resources shall have the right, at the end of the project, to return to their permanent classification in their previous department.

D. When the City deems it necessary to staff a position at the Senior IT Analyst level or higher, it will first recall laid-off employees from the reemployment list per the TMC 1.24.650, if such list exists. Any remaining openings may be filled as follows:

1. Consider an interview of members who have requested transfer and demotion.

2. Select an applicant from the IT Analyst classification series applicable eligibility list.

3. With prior written notice to the Union, the Union agrees that the City may petition the Civil Service Board for a noncompetitive appointment according to Personnel Rule 1.24.570.

E. When the City deems it necessary to staff a position at the Business Analyst II level or higher, it will first recall laid-off employees from the reemployment list per the TMC 1.24.650, if such list exists. Any remaining openings may be filled as follows:

1. Consider an interview of members who have requested transfer and demotion.

2. Select an applicant from the Business Analyst classification series applicable eligibility list.

3. With prior written notice to the Union, the Union agrees that the City may petition the Civil Service Board for a noncompetitive appointment according to Personnel Rule 1.24.570.

F. A vacancy filled by time card upgrade shall be filled in the following priority order:

1. A departmental layoff list.

2. Departmental employees on the current applicable eligibility list.

3. The employee within the department with the longest permanent length of service in the next in line lower classification.

Paragraph F shall not apply to the classes of IT Analyst; IT Analyst, Senior; IT Analyst, Senior Technical; IT Analyst, Principal Technical; Business Analyst I; Business Analyst II; and Business Analyst III.

The Department/Division need not consider for upgrade an employee who does not possess the knowledge, skill, adaptability and physical ability required for the job. An employee may waive without prejudice, an upgrade offered under this section.
Section 12.12 – Layoff  In the event of a layoff, employees will be notified as soon as possible, with a copy of the layoff notice provide to the Union, provided that in no event will an employee be laid off with less than 14 days’ notice.

Section 12.13 – Web-site access  Represented employees may access the Local 120, Council 2 and AFSCME web-site through the City’s internet system while remaining in compliance with the City Ethics Code.

Section 12.14 – Safety Footwear  Incumbents in the classifications Converter Inventory Technician, Warehouse Technician, Senior Warehouse Technician, Vehicle Parts Assistant, and Fleet Services Parts Technician are eligible to receive an allowance of $200 per year for safety footwear, retroactive to July 1, 2017 for those eligible employees hired as of July 1, 2017.

Section 12.15  This section shall apply only to the following classifications: Fleet Service Parts Technician; Buyer; Buyer, Senior; Vehicle Parts Assistant; Warehouse Technician; Senior Warehouse Technician; Graphic Arts Specialist; Lead Graphics Arts Specialist; and Converter Inventory Technician.

Employees assigned to work the swing or graveyard shift will have an unpaid lunch period and will receive an application of rate of three percent above his/her regular rate of pay. Swing and graveyard shifts for purposes of this paragraph are defined as 8-or-more-hour shifts scheduled to begin from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Incumbents who are currently assigned to work a shift that begins prior to 3:00 p.m., and who are currently receiving the 3% application of rate specified in the above paragraph, will continue to receive the application of rate in the same manner as incumbents who are assigned to work a shift that begins at 3:00 p.m.

Employees who are scheduled to work the 3:00pm to 3:00am swing shift will continue to receive the 3% AOR for all hours spent attending meetings scheduled by management that occur prior to 3:00pm.

ARTICLE 13 – NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 13.1  Pursuant to RCW 41.56 there shall be no discrimination against union members or union officers.

Section 13.2  It is mutually agreed that there shall be no discrimination based on applicable state or federal laws. Union and management representatives shall work cooperatively to assure the achievement of equal employment opportunity.

Section 13.3.  It is mutually agreed that there shall be no unlawful harassment. The City’s Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy is set forth in Personnel Management Policy #130.
ARTICLE 14 – LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The City and Union are interested in developing and maintaining collaborative working relationships. Both parties agree that communication and working together to resolve issues are in the best interest of all involved. To that end, a Labor/Management Committee (Committee) shall be maintained consisting of three members of Labor, to include the Union Business Representative or a designee and two bargaining unit employees appointed by the Union; the Human Resources Director or a designee; and two management personnel. The parties may mutually agree to invite guests to facilitate discussion of relevant topics.

The Committee shall be advisory in nature. The Committee shall be used to discuss and investigate issues of common concern but shall not be used to discuss negotiable issues unless both parties so agree.

The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and time and place of meetings. Bargaining unit members appointed by the Union to attend Committee meetings or attending Committee meetings as invited guests during their work hours will (a) request approval from their Supervisor in advance to attend meetings, for which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, (b) record release time on their timesheets and (c) shall attend meetings without loss of pay, however, no overtime or compensatory time will be incurred during Committee meetings or as a result of meetings that occur outside an employee’s regular work hours.

Chairmanship of the Committee rotates between Labor and Management.

ARTICLE 15 – DISCIPLINE

Section 15.1 Employees may be disciplined or discharged for just cause and with due process, in conformance with Sections 1.24.940 and 1.24.955 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. The discipline will be based on the severity of offense and prior record of discipline.

Section 15.2 The employee shall be entitled to have a Union representative present at any meeting held with the Employer to discuss potential disciplinary action.

Section 15.3 The Employer agrees to notify the Union in writing that an employee may be dismissed, suspended or reduced in rank or pay.

Section 15.4 At the request of the employee, the Employer shall hold a pre-disciplinary hearing within ten (10) working days from the time the employee was notified in writing of the specific alleged violation and of intent to dismiss, suspend, or reduce in rank or pay. At this hearing, the employee will be given an opportunity to present his/her side of the issue.

Section 15.5 No later than five (5) working days prior to the pre-disciplinary hearing, the Employer shall make available to the employee and the employee’s Union representative, a copy of all documents relevant to the alleged violation the Employer has in his/her possession.
**Section 15.6** The Employer may place an employee on paid administrative leave pending the final decision resulting from the pre-disciplinary hearing.

**Section 15.7** The employee and the employee's Union representative shall have the right to inspect the contents of the personnel file maintained by the Employer.

**Section 15.8** No disciplinary document may be placed in the personnel file without the employee having first been notified of said document and given a copy. The employee shall be required to sign a written reprimand or other disciplinary action acknowledging that they have read the contents of the document. An employee who disagrees with the content of any letter of reprimand added to the personnel file shall have the opportunity to place a rebuttal statement in the personnel file, which shall be signed by the employee. Letters of reprimand shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

**Section 15.9** A suspension without pay of more than three (3) days, a dismissal or a disciplinary reduction in rank or pay may be processed through all steps of the grievance procedure provided for in Article 5 of this Agreement. Suspensions of three days or less are not subject to Step 5.3 of the Grievance Procedure, but may be appealed only to the Director of Human Resources pursuant to Step 4, Article 5 Grievance Procedure, for a final and binding decision. The filing of such a grievance shall be considered a voluntary and irrevocable waiver of the right to pursue the matter under the Civil Service procedure.

**ARTICLE 16 – SUBCONTRACTING**

The City shall retain the right to determine whether and to what extent any work shall be performed by employees. The management of the City's operations and the direction of the work force, including, but not limited to, the contracting or subcontracting of work performed by the City shall be retained by the City.

**First Notice:** Prior to a final decision to contract/subcontract out bargaining unit work, and no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to offering a contract/subcontract or issuing a solicitation for services such as a Request for Proposals (RFP), Request for Bids (RFB) or Request for Quotations (RFQ) the City shall notify by email the Union Staff Representative and the bargaining unit chairperson that it is considering contracting/subcontracting, the scope, quantity and duration of the work to be contracted, and the reasons why the City is considering contracting/subcontracting out bargaining unit work.

**Second Notice:** Should the City determine to contract/subcontract out the identified work, it shall notify the Union, in writing, within fourteen (14) calendar days of awarding the contract. This notice will include the anticipated professional services amount and any changes from the First Notice.

**Request to Bargain:** Upon written request by the Union, the City will bargain the impacts of such proposed contracting/subcontracting out of bargaining unit work pursuant to the requirements of RCW 41.56 and this Agreement.

The City of Tacoma will provide contracting departments with the current e-mail address of the Union Staff Representative and the bargaining unit chairperson.
ARTICLE 17 – SAVING CLAUSE

Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be in violation of any federal, state, or local law, all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18 – TERM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect from January 1, 2017 to and including December 31, 2019, provided however, that this Agreement shall be subject to change or modification as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto. It is the intent of the parties to this Agreement that negotiations for change or modification shall begin one hundred-twenty (120) days, in no event later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date for this agreement.

EXECUTED THIS 21st DAY OF March 2018.

City of Tacoma
a municipal corporation

Taco City and Pierce County
Employees Local Number 120

City Manager
Director of Public Utilities

Policy Chair
WSGCCCE Council 2 Staff Representative

Senior Labor Relations Manager
Finance Director

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Attest:

City Clerk
APPENDIX A

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, CITY AND PIERCE COUNTY EMPLOYEES LOCAL NUMBER 120
OF THE WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF COUNTY AND CITY EMPLOYEES, AFSCME,
AFL-CIO

Effective January 1, 2017, bargaining unit employees who are employed as of the date of
ratification by the Union of this Agreement and employees who retired between January 1, 2017
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L120 AFSCME 2017-2019
Effective January 1, 2018, bargaining unit employees who are employed as of the date of ratification by the Union of this Agreement and employees who retired between January 1, 2017 and the implementation date of this Agreement, shall receive the following wage increases. In addition, bargaining unit employees who are actively employed as of December 21, 2017 shall receive a one-time lump sum payment of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).

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Effective January 1, 2019, wages will be increased by two and one half percent (2.5%).

All of the above classifications shall receive longevity pay as per Ordinance 20938 as follows:

1% of base pay with aggregate service for 5 through 9 years of service
2% of base pay with aggregate service for 10 through 14 years of service
3% of base pay with aggregate service for 15 through 19 years of service
4% of base pay with aggregate service for 20 or more years of service
APPENDIX B

This Appendix expires independently from the collective bargaining agreement to which it is attached. The following text is contained in the Joint Labor Agreement for the period 2017-2018:

3.4 Payroll Deduction.

3.4.1 Union Dues. As evidence of its recognition of employee membership in unions and organizations affiliated with the Joint Labor Committee and other bona fide unions and employees organizations and professional societies, the City of Tacoma agrees that upon written authority given to it by any member of the Union or other representative organization, it will deduct from the wages payable by the employer to such member, in the manner provided by law, such amounts as such member shall authorize, as dues to the organization, and transmit such dues to the organization. The City shall be given one full pay period advance notice of all dues changes. There shall be no retroactive deduction of dues.

3.4.2 Voluntary Contribution to Labor Funds, Committees or Subsidiary Organizations. The City will deduct from the pay of each employee, each month, the amount the employee wishes to voluntarily contribute to a fund, committee or subsidiary organization maintained or established by a labor organization; provided that the employee has submitted a written original authorization form signed by the employee to the City's Payroll Department, and further provided that a minimum of twenty-five (25) employees have authorized a contribution to the same fund, committee or organization. The first deduction will take effect at the end of the month following the City's receipt of sufficient authorization forms. The deduction will occur once per month on the second pay period of the month.

ARTICLE 6 - ENUMERATION OF BENEFITS

6.1 Domestic Partners. The City will make available to domestic partners benefits, including insurance, paid leave and statutory Family and Medical Leave, on the same basis that those benefits are provided to employee spouses. Domestic partners will be recognized if the domestic partnership is registered with or recognized by the State of Washington pursuant to RCW 26.60; provided, that the City will continue to recognize domestic partnerships on file with the City as of December 31, 2016, until the participating employee's separation from employment or dissolution of the domestic partnership, whichever occurs first.

6.2 Medical Insurance. The City of Tacoma and the Joint Labor Committee have negotiated and put in effect medical insurance programs which will continue in effect for the duration of this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, the
City will provide medical insurance to employees and their eligible dependents through the plans described in Appendix A.

6.2.1 Eligibility. Permanent, project, appointive, and temporary pending exam employees and their dependents are eligible for coverage beginning on the first day of the calendar month following the date of hire, unless the date of hire is also the first working day of the calendar month, in which case benefits eligibility begins on the date of hire. All other temporary employees and their dependents are eligible for coverage beginning on the first day of the calendar month following 60 days of continuous employment from the date of hire.

6.2.2 Default Options. If permanent, project, appointive and temporary pending exam employees fail to enroll or waive medical coverage within the required enrollment period, the employee will be enrolled automatically in the City’s default medical plan. The default plan shall be the Regence BlueShield PPO Plan. If a temporary employee fails to timely enroll or waive coverage, the employee will be determined to have waived coverage, until such time as they enroll pursuant to a qualifying life event or an open enrollment period.

6.2.3 City Payment of Claims/Premiums. Except as provided below, the City will pay the claims or premiums (according to the plan selected by the employee) associated with the medical insurance selected by the employee and eligible dependents from the City’s Health Care Trust. The City will not use reserve funds for purposes other than paying costs associated with the maintenance and administration of its health insurance plans without the express negotiation and consent of the Joint Labor Committee.

6.2.4 Employee Contributions to Premiums. Employees selecting employee-only coverage will contribute $40 per month towards the premium costs of medical insurance. Employees insuring dependents will contribute $80 per month towards the premium costs of medical insurance. In addition to these amounts, part-time employees will be responsible for the remainder of the premium cost of the plan they have selected after the City has made a prorated contribution toward the cost of the plan based on the percentage that the part-time employee’s FTE actual hours compensated in the previous month bears to full-time (40 hours per week). Employees will be eligible for benefits based on assigned work schedule. The work schedule shall be determined monthly, for pay periods in the upcoming month. Such schedules will be rounded up to the nearest four (4) hour increment.
6.2.5 Wellness Credit. Employees participating in wellness will receive a $20 per month credit toward their premium contribution for medical insurance coverage under the Regence PPO Plan or Group Health HMO Plan, or a $40 per month credit toward their premium contribution for coverage under the Regence HDHP/HSA Plan. Employees in a temporary status are not eligible to receive the credit.

6.2.6 Contributions to HSA Accounts. Employees who select the Regence HDHP/HSA Plan will receive the following annual contributions to a health savings account. Contributions will be deposited on a monthly basis. Employees may contribute to their own accounts up to the maximum dollar value permitted by applicable law.

a. Employees Who Participate in Wellness – $1250 per year for employees selecting employee-only coverage; $2500 per year for employees insuring one or more dependents.

b. Employees Who Do Not Participate in Wellness – $500 per year for employees selecting employee-only coverage; $1000 per year for employees insuring one or more dependents.

6.3 Dental and Vision Insurance. The City will provide dental and vision insurance to employees and eligible dependents according to the terms of its insurance plans. The City will not make changes to its dental or vision insurance plans during the term of this Agreement without first bargaining with the Joint Labor Committee. The City will pay the full premium cost for dental and vision insurance for employees and eligible dependents.

6.4 Dual Coverage. No City employee or eligible dependent may be insured under more than one City medical, dental, or vision insurance plan. Employees whose spouses/domestic partners/children up to age 26 are eligible for medical insurance benefits through the City will share the costs of insurance as follows:

6.4.1 Employees Choosing the Same Plan – One spouse/domestic partner will be placed on the other’s medical, dental, or vision insurance, and the primary spouse/domestic partner will pay the appropriate premium cost for family coverage.

6.4.2 Employees Choosing Different Plans – If spouses/domestic partners elect coverage under different plans, they may not provide coverage to their spouse/domestic partner on their medical, dental, or vision insurance plan. Each employee will pay the appropriate cost share (individual or family) depending on whether they include children on their plan.

6.4.3 Children up to Age 26 – Benefit-eligible employees whose parents are City employees must elect coverage in their name (paying the applicable
premium contribution) or coverage as a dependent on their parent’s plan (with no premium contribution), but may not receive coverage under two medical, dental or vision insurance plans.

6.5 Opt Out With Proof of Insurance. Subject to any applicable legal restrictions imposed by the Employer’s medical, dental and vision insurance providers, full-time and part-time employees may choose to opt out of the Employer provided medical, dental and/or vision insurance. To be eligible to opt out of the medical, dental and/or vision insurance, full-time permanent, project, appointive, and temporary pending exam employees shall be required to: (i) provide the Employer with written proof of alternative medical, dental and vision insurance coverage; and (ii) notify the Employer in writing within thirty-one (31) calendar days if he/she should lose their alternative medical, dental and vision coverage.

6.6 Vacations shall be as provided in Section 1.12.220 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. This section provides in part for the following:

6.6.1 Full-time employees shall accrue vacation leave hours for each biweekly pay period pursuant to the following schedule:

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Employees vacation accrual rates shall be established as of January 1 of each calendar year and shall be based on the rate applicable to the number of years of aggregate service the employee will complete within that calendar year.

6.6.2 Part time employees will accrue vacation on a pro-rated basis according to the percentage their FTE bears to full-time.
6.6.3 Employees accrue vacation in each pay period in which they are in a paid status. An eligible employee shall accrue vacation based on the above schedule beginning from the date of their appointment.

6.6.4 Vacation accrual balances shall not exceed an amount equal to two (2) years' accrual at the employee's then-current accrual rate.

6.6.5 Vacation leave may not be taken without the prior approval of the appointing authority and may not be taken in the pay period in which it was earned. Vacation leave shall be scheduled so as to meet the operating requirements of the City and, as far as practicable, the preferences of the employees. Authorized vacation time may be used in increments of one tenth (1/10) of an hour.

6.6.6 For the purposes of this Section, permanent employees of the Municipal Belt Line Railway who are assigned to the extra board will be considered as full-time employees.

6.7 Sick allowance with pay shall be as provided in Section 1.12.230 - 1.12.232 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. This section provides in part the following:

6.7.1 Each regularly employed full-time employee, including temporary employees, shall accrue sick leave at the rate of 3.69 hours for each biweekly pay period in which he or she has been in a paid status. There is no limit to the number of sick leave days an employee may accrue. Part-time employees shall accrue sick leave on a prorated basis according to the percentage their FTE bears to full-time.

6.7.2 An employee separated from service due to death or retirement for disability or length of service is compensated to the extent of twenty five percent (25%) of his/her sick leave accruals. An employee separated in good standing from service for any other reason who has a minimum of ten (10) days accrual, is compensated to the extent of ten percent (10%) of his/her sick leave accruals, up to a maximum accrual of one hundred twenty (120) days.


6.8 Personal Time Off shall be as provided in Section 1.12.248 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. This section provides in part for the following:

6.8.1 Employees enrolled in the Personal Time Off (PTO) Plan shall accrue PTO hours for each bi-weekly pay period pursuant to the following schedule. Employees receive PTO in lieu of vacation and sick leave.
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6.8.2 Employees shall accrue PTO on a prorated basis according to the percentage their FTE bears to full-time. Employees' PTO accrual rates shall be established as of January 1 of each calendar year and shall be based on the rate applicable to the number of years of aggregate service the employee will complete within that calendar year. An employee may accrue a maximum of 960 hours of PTO.

6.9 On-the-job injury shall be as provided in Section 1.12.090 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. That section provides in part:

6.9.1 In the case of a disability covered by State Industrial Insurance or Worker Compensation, the first three (3) calendar days shall be paid at the regular normal pay and charged to earned leave, in the event the time loss is less than fifteen (15) calendar days.

6.9.2 For one-hundred-twenty (120) working days, the City will pay a supplement payment such that State payment plus City supplement equals eighty-five percent (85%) of regular normal pay.

6.9.3 Pursuant to Ordinance 27753, adopted November 18, 2008, after the payment and use of the one hundred twenty (120) working days, the employee may request to use accumulated sick leave and/or planned time off (PTO) balances to supplement the time loss pay such that the combination of the supplement and the time loss pay equals eighty-five percent (85%) of the employee's normal wage (the employee's rate at the time of injury plus any longevity pay to which the employee is eligible). If the employee elects to use paid sick leave and/or PTO the election will
continue until such balances are exhausted or until the employee returns to work. Hours deductions from the employee’s PTO or sick leave balances shall be determined by dividing the supplement by the employee’s regular hourly wage. Example: Assume a supplement amount of $596 dollars is necessary to bring the total to 85%. If the employee’s regular wage is assumed to be $23.84, the deduction from sick leave and/or PTO would be $596/$23.84=25 hours.

6.9.4 Any employee who becomes disabled prior to completing thirty (30) working days' employment with the City, shall receive the compensation disability allowance for a maximum of thirty (30) working days.

6.9.5 The above does not apply to Police and Fire commissioned hired prior to October 1, 1977, however, such employees shall have on-the-job injury claims charged against their sick leave accruals in the same manner as other employees of the City.

6.9.6 For the purposes of this Section, regular normal pay shall be that rate of the classification in which he/she was working in on the date of injury.

6.10 Group Life Insurance shall be as provided in Section 1.12.096 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. The City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of premiums for those employees electing to participate. The amount of insurance an employee may purchase is based on his/her annual salary rounded to the next highest $1,000 of coverage.

6.11 Longevity pay may be provided to employees of member unions pursuant to the terms of Ordinance 20938, which reads in part as follows:

6.11.1 Regular, probationary, and appointive employees who through union agreement have elected the option of longevity pay shall receive additional compensation based on a percentage of their base rate of pay received for the class in which they are currently being paid. No application of rate may be used in computing longevity pay.

6.11.2 Eligible employees shall receive longevity pay in accordance with the following schedule:

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6.11.3 Eligibility for longevity pay shall be determined by the length of aggregate City service and will be paid to an employee at the first of the calendar
year in which any of the above stipulated periods of aggregate service will be completed.

6.12 Holidays shall be as provided in Section 1.12.200 of the Tacoma Municipal Code. This section provides in part that the following and such other days as the City Council, by resolution, may fix, are holidays for all regularly employed full-time employees of the City and shall be granted to employees or days off in lieu thereof.

New Year's Day (January 1)
Martin Luther King Day (third Monday in January)
Presidents' Day (third Monday in February)
Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
Fourth of July
Labor Day (first Monday in September)
Veterans' Day (November 11)
Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
The day immediately following Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day (December 25)

6.12.1 A full-time employee shall receive eight (8) hours of holiday pay for each holiday listed above, provided he/she is in a paid status on both the entire regularly scheduled workday immediately preceding the holiday and the entire regularly scheduled workday following the holiday.

6.12.2 In addition to the days listed above, eligible employees shall receive two (2) additional eight (8) hour paid floating holidays per calendar year for which time off shall be mandatory. Floating holidays may not be carried over from one calendar year to the next, and may not be converted to cash in any circumstances. To be eligible for these floating holidays, employees must have been or scheduled to be continuously employed by the City for four (4) months as a full-time or part-time regular, probationary, or appointive employee during the calendar year of entitlement. An employee hired into a part time status shall receive holiday pay on a prorated basis on the hours that he/she is hired to work.

6.12.3 Full time employees working alternate schedules who are normally scheduled to work more than eight (8) hours on a day observed as a holiday may use vacation leave, personal time off, compensatory time, or leave without pay at the employee's option to make up the difference between the employee's normally scheduled shift and the eight (8) hours of holiday pay.

6.12.4 Unpaid Holidays. Employees will be granted two (2) unpaid holidays per calendar year for a reason of faith or conscience or an organized activity
conducted under the auspices of a religious denomination, church, or religious organization. The employee will select the days on which to take the unpaid holiday(s) after consultation with his or her supervisor as provided by City policy. To the extent reasonably possible, employees should submit leave requests with at least thirty (30) calendar days’ notice. Employees may elect to use accrued vacation leave, PTO, compensatory time or floating holidays to remain in paid status on a requested holiday to the extent that such leave is available on the requested date under applicable policies, procedures and/or collective bargaining agreements governing the use of paid leave. An unpaid holiday requested pursuant to City policy will not be denied unless the employee’s absence would impose an undue hardship on the City, as defined by applicable rule or regulation.

6.13 The City shall contribute up to $3.00 per month for long term disability coverage for all permanent non-commissioned City employees.

6.14 The City will maintain an Internal Revenue Service Code Section 125 flexible benefits plan. The City shall pay the monthly per participant administrative fee. Employees cannot utilize this plan for Long Term Disability premium payments. Employees who participate in the City medical plan will be eligible to participate in the Section 125 flexible benefits plan. The maximum annual allowable employee contribution for medical reimbursement shall be based on IRS regulations. At the end of each year any unspent monies in employee flexible benefits accounts will revert to the Labor/Management Health Care Trust Account.

6.15 Wellness

6.15.1 Wellness Committee. The parties will maintain a Labor Management Health Care Committee (aka Wellness Committee) during the term of the Agreement to discuss and address issues regarding the City's insurance programs and wellness program. The Wellness Committee will be comprised of four (4) City and four (4) Labor representatives. The Committee will:

a. Develop monthly or bimonthly newsletters to help educate and encourage the City employees.

b. Review all Health Trust Fund/Flex Account balances monthly.

c. Review experience reports monthly.

6.15.2 Wellness Funds. The City and Tacoma Joint Labor Committee will establish a budget amount to fund activities associated with its Wellness Program using the Health Care Flex Account. Expenditures of such
budgeted funds will be reviewed and approved by the Wellness Committee.

6.15.3 Participation. To receive the benefits associated with participating during each year of the Agreement, employees must complete participation requirements established by the Wellness Committee.

6.16 The City will amend its FMLA policy to remove the requirement that parents of a newborn, newly adopted or newly placed foster child share a combined twelve (12) weeks of family medical leave to care for the new child. The revised policy will permit each parent to use up to twelve (12) weeks of available family medical leave for the care of a healthy newborn or placement of an adopted or foster child, provided that the City may require the parents to stagger their use of leave if granting leave to both simultaneously will unduly disrupt City operations.
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Letter of Agreement
Between
City of Tacoma
And
City of Tacoma Washington, City and Pierce County Employees
Local Number 120, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Subject: UTS Technology
Date: September 26, 2016

Advances in technology have presented opportunities for Labor & Management to consider opportunities for consolidation and the ability to leverage common platforms to serve multiple business needs. As the current technology landscape continues to evolve, Labor & Management will need to identify the necessary tools, processes and skill sets for employees that are vital to improving performance, reliability, business needs, and on-going operational efficiencies. As a result, Tacoma Power Utility Technology Section (UTS) desires to reduce redundant efforts and duplicative equipment by investing in a shared resource infrastructure and a new TPU Business LAN. UTS and Local 120 have worked together to understand anticipated technological changes in the utility business, the differences between information technology and operational technology, and the associated opportunities. Both parties are interested in continuing a collaborative working relationship and have agreed to the following:

1. UTS and Local 120 will work together through a labor management sub-committee to identify relevant training and/or certification opportunities related to current and future technologies necessary for their positions. With prior approval from management, and as part of a training and development plan, Local 120 employees within UTS may take training and/or certification courses. It is expected that satisfactory progress will be made towards completing the training and any fees related to training and/or certification testing will either be paid for by UTS or be reimbursed to the employee upon successful completion. Both parties recognize the benefits gained from the investment and commitment being made by UTS in employee training and that such investment is aimed at developing and maintaining highly skilled, competitive employees.

2. It is recognized that positions outside of the bargaining unit working on operational technology located at Tacoma Public Utilities, have been and will continue to perform and be assigned work that is similar in nature to work performed by classifications covered by Local 120. UTS and Local 120 will work together through labor management committee to identify opportunities for future efficiencies.

3. A new classification titled Integration Developer will be created with five (5) pay steps as follows:

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The Integration Developer classification will be overtime eligible, in accordance with Article 12 of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and will be listed in Appendix A.
of the successor CBA. For technology systems utilized by TPU, UTS will designate the environments the Integrator classification will be assigned.

4. If after hours stand-by is required, UTS will establish a rotational stand-by list. Employees assigned to serve in a standby status will be compensated and so assigned consistent with Section 12.6 of the CBA. The standby schedule will include those individuals that are qualified, demonstrate responsiveness and follow the appropriate after hour procedures. UTS will establish the minimum requirements necessary for employees to be eligible for stand-by. Employees on standby are expected to respond/call back to call within fifteen minutes. Processes and procedures will be established by UTS for handling after hour emergencies.

The parties will continue to work together to address issues and foster collaborative labor relations.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

For WSCCCE, Local 120:
Dylan Carlson, Staff Representative
9/28/16

For the City of Tacoma:
Joy St. Germain, Human Resources Director
Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent
William A. Gaines, Utilities Director
Letter of Agreement  
Between  
City of Tacoma  
And  
City of Tacoma Washington, City and Pierce County Employees  
Local Number 120, AFL-CIO  

Subject: IT Intern Classifications  
Date: June 20, 2016

In accordance with Article 3 of the collective bargaining agreement between the City and Local 120, the City hereby acknowledges Local 120 as the exclusive bargaining representative for the classifications of IT Analyst Intern, IT Business Analyst, IT CST Intern, and IT Helpdesk Intern.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. The classification of Information Technology Programming Intern (CSC 4608) shall be retitled to IT Analyst Intern. The LOU which originally created the classification will be discontinued and replaced by this LOA.

2. Three new IT Intern classifications shall be created to support recruitment and retention into the Business Analyst, Computer Support Technician and IT Helpdesk Specialist classifications.

3. The rates of pay for the IT Intern classifications will be set as follows:

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<td>IT Business Analyst Intern</td>
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4. The Union hereby acknowledges its support of the IT Intern programs.

5. All IT Interns will meet membership requirements pursuant to Article 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

6. The IT Intern classifications are intended to be educational positions, to learn and perform work covered by Local 120 classification. When used, the intern classifications will be filled with only temporary employees and the duration of each intern's employment shall not exceed twelve (12) months aggregate time in any two-year period, per Section 1.24.710.

7. IT Interns shall not have rights or protections under the CBA related to continued employment, including protections under the layoff, recall, and/or bumping provisions.

The Parties agree to meet approximately eighteen (18) months following the establishment of this LOA to review the use of the intern classifications.

This Letter of Understanding is not to be used as a precedent with respect to any other contracts for any other divisions or departments of the City, nor by other employees represented by this Union, or any other Union.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:  
For WSCCCE, Local 120: Dylan Carlson, Staff Representative  
6/22/16  
For the City of Tacoma: Joy St. Germain Human Resources Director

L120 AFSCME 2017-2019
LETTER OF AGREEMENT

By and Between
City of Tacoma and
Teamsters Local 313 and
AFSCME Local Number 120

Subject: ESD Transferring Warehouse Duties from
Sewer Worker to Warehouse Technician

Date: December 3, 2015

This Letter of Agreement (LOA) hereby recognizes the arrangement made between the City of Tacoma Environmental Services Department (ESD), Teamsters Local Union 313, and AFSCME Local 120, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”.

Environmental Services Operations and Maintenance has decided to consolidate warehouse functions to a central location at the Waste Wastewater Treatment Facility. As a result of this decision, and the closure of the small separate warehouse facility, the Sewer Worker who has been assigned Expeditor duties will be reassigned to Sewer Worker duties.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. The work currently assigned to the Sewer Worker at the facility being closed will henceforth be performed by members of Local 120, except that
2. In the event the warehouse being closed by this agreement is at some future date reopened, the Expeditor work will be considered as Local 313 work and will be reassigned to a 313 represented Sewer Worker.
3. In the event the work currently known as Expeditor duties is assigned to a 313 represented Sewer Worker at some future date, based on the reopening of the separate facility, Local 120 will not file skimming charges against the City or Teamsters Local 313.

This Letter of Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the Teamster Local Union 313 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

This agreement is not to be used as a precedent with respect to any other contracts for any other Sections or Division in any Department represented by this Union or other employees employed by the City of Tacoma and represented by any other Union.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
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Approved as to form:
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Terra Ament
Business Representative

For Local 120
Dylan Carlson
Business Representative

L120 AFSCME 2017-2019
Letter of Understanding
Between
City of Tacoma
And
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120

VEBA Participation

The City of Tacoma and Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120 AFSCME agree that the bargaining unit members in the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Local 120 AFSCME, 2001 – 2003 collective bargaining agreement are eligible to participate in the VEBA program provided by Council Ordinance 26070 adopted October 12, 1997.

This Letter of Understanding is not be used as a precedent with respect to any other contracts for any other divisions or departments of the City nor by other employees represented by this Union or any other Union. This Letter of Understanding will expire with the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement. Additionally, either Party to this Agreement shall be able to cancel this Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party of its intent.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
For WSCCCE, Local120:
Brock Logan, Staff Representative
4/21/2003

For the City of Tacoma:
Phil Knudsen, Human Resources Director
4/23/2003
James L. Walton, City Manager
May 7, 2003
Mark Crisson, Director of Utilities
4/29/2003