

RESOLUTION NO. R24-108

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO, AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (POLICE OFFICERS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.

WHEREAS, the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Police Officers) expires December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Police Officers) have engaged in negotiations and an agreement has been reached for a new three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Human Resources Manager recommend City Council authorize the City Manager to sign, on behalf of the City, the new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Police Officers).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I: The Trotwood City Council hereby accepts the terms as negotiated and the recommendation that these terms be accepted. Accordingly, City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign, on behalf of the City, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Police Officers) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage.

Passed this 2nd day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:


KARA B. LANDIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:


YVETTE F. PAGE
MAYOR


TYNA R. BROWN
VICE-MAYOR

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R24-108 adopted by the Trotwood City Council at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2024, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

**CITY OF TROTWOOD
and
OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
(Police Officers)**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

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THIS AGREEMENT WAS MADE AND ENTERED INTO by and between the City of Trotwood, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the “City” and the Trotwood Police Chapter of the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as the “Union”.

ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE / COOPERATION

Section 1.1. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the wages, hours, fringe benefits, terms and conditions of employment, and agreed-to-working conditions for all employees represented by the Union and to provide for the peaceful adjustment of differences which may arise.

ARTICLE 2
RECOGNITION

Section 2.1. As the result of the procedure established for recognizing employee organizations, the City recognizes the Union as the certified employee organization and the exclusive negotiating spokesman of full-time employees in the Trotwood Police Department in the following classifications:

- Police Officer
- Detective

Section 2.2. No employee covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be required, as a condition of employment, to acquire and/or maintain membership in the Union.

Section 2.3. The Union recognizes the city council of the City as the elected representatives of the citizens of the City of Trotwood, and the City Manager as the appointed chief executive officer and chief negotiating spokesman of the City of Trotwood, Ohio, consistent with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 2.4. The City and the Union recognize the requirement to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of the City of Trotwood, Ohio and said services must be provided in the most efficient manner and at the least possible burden to the citizens of the City of Trotwood, Ohio.

ARTICLE 3
GENDER AND PLURAL

Section 3.1. 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 neutral genders shall be construed to include all 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 4
NONDISCRIMINATION

Section 4.1. There shall be no discrimination by the City or the Union against any employee on the basis of such employee's membership or non-membership in the Union.

ARTICLE 5
MANAGEMENT TERMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 5.1. The City retains all rights except those that this Agreement specifically and expressly provides to the contrary. The management and direction of the affairs of the city are retained by the City. This includes, but is not limited to: The selection, transfer, assignment, promotion and layoff of police personnel, the termination of probationary police personnel; the termination for just cause of other police personnel; the making, amending and enforcement of reasonable work rules and regulations, including the right to establish the workweek of employees; the securing of the revenues of the City, and exercise of all functions of government granted to the City by the State Constitution, the City Charter and the statutes of the State of Ohio, the determination from time to time as to what services the City shall perform; the establishment or continuation of policies, practices or procedures for the conduct of its affairs and, from time to time, the changing or abolition of such practices or procedures; the determination of the number of hours per day or week any operation may be carried on; the selection and determination of the number and types of police personnel required; the establishment of training programs and upgrading requirements for employees; the establishment of and the changing of work schedules and shift assignments, which shall be exclusively a management right as long as the City utilizes a rotating days off schedule, with said rotation to be determined solely at the Chief of Police's discretion for the purpose of maximizing the operation and efficiency of the Department; the contracting for the performance of such work as the City determines advisable and the taking of such other measures as the City may determine to be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the City and the determination of the size and composition of the work force including the use of part-time personnel in accordance with Article 33. If the City determines to change the normal work schedule, the City shall provide the Union with at least thirty (30) days' notice of the effective date. The parties may mutually agree to implement the new work schedule in less than thirty (30) days.

Section 5.2. The Employer has the right to establish reasonable work rules, policies and procedures to regulate employees in the performance of their job. To the extent any work rules, policies, and procedures have been or will become reduced to writing, each shall be posted at a conspicuous location at the Department. The Union shall be provided with a copy of the same. Except in cases of emergency the posting of the rule, policy or procedure shall occur at least 7 days prior to its effective date.

ARTICLE 6
PROHIBITION OF STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Section 6.1. Neither the Union or any employee shall take part in, cause, or aid any strike, slowdown, picketing (so as to encourage employees not to work), or any interference with the operations of the City during the term of this Agreement. In addition to other rights and remedies prescribed by law, the City shall have the right to discipline employees violating this section, and no such discipline may be set aside unless the employee is found innocent of any violation of this

section. This section shall not deny the Union's right to grieve on behalf of the disciplined employees. However, nothing in this section shall preclude the City and Union from negotiating a settlement regarding any disciplinary action which was taken as a result of an employee(s) violation of this section, when it is determined by the City to be in the City's best interest to negotiate such a settlement.

Section 6.2. If there is an unauthorized strike, work stoppage, interruption or impeding of work, or other job actions designed to change the course of or influence the negotiation process, the Union together with its officers and agents shall publicly denounce said strike, work stoppage, interruption or impeding of work; disclaim approval, order those taking part in such strike, work stoppage, interruption or impeding of work to return to work immediately and instruct all interested employees of the City or other employers, that said strike is not authorized and that work shall be continued. Employees engaged in such activity as defined herein shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

ARTICLE 7 **DUES DEDUCTION**

Section 7.1. During the period this Agreement is in effect, the City will deduct the regular Union dues from the wages of employees who individually and voluntarily authorize and direct such deduction in writing. Such deduction shall be made bi-weekly and shall be forwarded to the Union within 21 days from the date of making the last deduction of a calendar month. If an individual employee voluntarily requests in writing that the City stop making dues deductions from that employee's wages, the City shall immediately stop making dues deductions from that employee's wages.

Section 7.2. The Union shall hold the City harmless from all liability arising out of any action taken by it or omitted by it in compliance with or in an attempt to comply with the provisions of this article.

Section 7.3. No employee covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall be required as a condition of employment to pay to the Union, its representatives, agents, or assignees any sum of money for any purpose, including but not limited to dues, assessments or contributions.

ARTICLE 8 **UNION BUSINESS**

Section 8.1. The Union shall select a Director, an Assistant Director and an Alternate (the "local representatives") for the purpose of conducting Union business. Said officers shall be certified to the City Manager in writing by the Union.

Section 8.2. In case of disciplinary action or grievance, one of the local representatives shall be allowed reasonable time without loss of pay to investigate a disciplinary action and/or grievance and consult with the City in the processing of the disciplinary action and/or grievance, if he first receives permission from his command officer. Such permission will not be unreasonably denied. The City agrees to cooperate with the Union in conducting an investigation of a grievance.

Section 8.3. The City shall provide the Union with the names of new police employees within a reasonable period of time after new police employees are hired. The Union shall furnish the City with a current list of Union Officers and a current copy of its Constitution and By-laws upon ratification of this agreement, and within ten (10) calendar days following any changes made thereto.

Section 8.4. All members attending Union meetings shall attend said meetings during hours when they are not regularly scheduled to work. Members on duty may attend a meeting called for the purpose of contract ratification provided sufficient manpower is available to provide police services on the road, that the officers in a meeting shall be subject to emergency call; and further, that no officer shall be absent from duty to attend such a meeting for more than one (1) hour.

Section 8.5. A staff representative of the Union may consult with the employees at the work site before the start of and at the completion of the day's work. With the consent of the supervisor said representative(s) shall be permitted access to a meeting room at the City Administration Building at all reasonable times for the purpose of adjusting grievances and assisting in the settlement of disputes. This privilege is extended subject to the understanding that the work assignments are not in fact interfered with. The consent of the supervisor shall not be unreasonably withheld. A local representative shall have the privileges accorded to the Union staff representative when it is known that the staff representative will be unavailable.

ARTICLE 9

DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND APPEALS

Section 9.1. Disciplinary action involving records of instruction and cautioning or written reprimands and appeal thereon shall be handled in accordance with Part III - Disciplinary Procedures and Processes of the Personnel Rules and Regulations. In the case of a polygraph examination or voice stress analysis utilized in connection with the investigation of a citizen complaint, the citizen shall be required to go first and any inquiry directed to the employee shall be narrowly tailored to the incident in question; and record of disciplinary action shall be removed from the employee's file as provided below. Discipline involving suspension or termination shall be subject to Article 10 – Grievance Procedure and Article 11– Arbitration Procedure.

Section 9.2. Discipline shall be applied in a corrective, progressive and uniform manner. Progressive discipline shall take into account the nature of the violation, the employee's prior history of discipline and the employee's record of performance and conduct. The concept of "progressive discipline" normally involves a progression through verbal counseling, records of instruction and cautioning, written reprimands, suspension and discharge, however the severity of the offense may require the imposition of more severe discipline on a case by case basis.

Verbal counseling will be defined as "an exchange between the supervisor and an employee where the intent is to give adequate notice to any employee whose actions are improper and/or inadequate so that the employee may improve his or her performance to acceptable standards." Verbal counseling shall not be considered disciplinary action.

Section 9.3. Employees may be disciplined for just cause. In the event that an employee is to be given disciplinary action for behavior or conduct which warrants time-off, suspension or

removal, a predisciplinary conference between the Employer and the employee and a local representative of the Union shall be arranged. If the employee waives the right to a predisciplinary hearing, such waiver shall be in writing. If the employee elects not to have a representative present, such waiver shall be in writing. This conference shall be scheduled not earlier than 24 hours after the time the employee is notified of the discipline and the predisciplinary conference. The employee may have a local representative plus the staff representative present at the predisciplinary conference. The employee shall be responsible to notify the representatives. The Employer may have additional personnel present at the predisciplinary conference.

Section 9.4. In the event of an accusation of serious misconduct an employee may be placed on paid administrative leave pending the holding of a predisciplinary conference.

Section 9.5. A non-probationary employee who receives disciplinary action subsequent to the predisciplinary conference referenced above shall be given written notice regarding the reasons for the disciplinary action.

Section 9.6. Complaints from third parties which may result in disciplinary action must be in writing and signed by the complainant. The officer will be notified of the complaint by the City upon commencement of an internal investigation. The notification to the officer may be delayed in the event that the matter involves bona fide investigation of criminal conduct by the officer. Prior to any questioning of the officer, the officer will be notified of his right to representation and apprised of his "Garrity" rights concerning statements made by him. If an employee chooses to be represented by independent legal counsel, the Union and the employee shall be bound by any all agreements, waivers, stipulations, representations, etc. made by such legal counsel.

Section 9.7. Employees may review their personnel file at reasonable times upon written request. The employee shall have the right to have a memorandum attached to the document in question, stating the employee's concerns. Copies of documents relating to the investigation of an employee's performance of his duties shall be provided to an employee at such time as said documents are placed into the employee's personnel file.

Section 9.8. All actions of record will be maintained in each employee's personnel file throughout his period of employment, with the exception that any of the following records will be removed from the file upon the request of the employee, according to the following schedule:

- A. **Record of Instruction and Cautioning.** A record of instruction and cautioning shall cease to have force and effect six (6) months after their effective date, providing that there has been no intervening disciplinary action taken during that time period.
- B. **Written Reprimand.** A written reprimand shall cease to have force and effect one (1) year after their effective date, providing that there has been no intervening disciplinary action taken during that time period.
- C. **Suspension.** A suspension shall cease to have force and effect two (2) years after their effective date, providing that there has been no intervening disciplinary action taken during that time period.

No records regarding prior discipline or performance evaluation may be used in connection with disciplinary or promotion/retention related matters unless such records are maintained in personnel files that as of the effective date of this Agreement have been identified and are readily accessible to the employee for inspection upon request.

Section 9.9. The commencement of the taking of disciplinary action¹ or notification that asserted charges/complaints are unfounded shall occur within (a) thirty (30) calendar days after the completion of an investigation of the matter or (b) within sixty (60) days after the incident at issue first comes to the attention of Police officials above the rank of Sergeant whichever is the earlier. In the event that the Police Chief determines that additional investigation into a potential disciplinary matter is warranted the Chief may extend the above referenced time periods by an additional sixty (60) days upon notice to the employee and the Union representative or a longer time period with the mutual written agreement of the Union. Upon the commencement of disciplinary action, and reasonably prior to any hearing(s) conducted therewith, the employee shall be entitled to copies of such internal documents as may constitute “public records” under R.C. §149.43 which are being utilized in connection with said disciplinary proceedings.

Section 9.10. At any disciplinary meeting, the employee’s representative, if any, shall be furnished copies of those written records and/or documents which are presented to the employee.

Section 9.11. Unlike Verbal Counseling or Records of Instruction and Cautioning, employees receiving Written Reprimands shall not be required to engage in further discussion at that time with the Supervisor issuing said Written Reprimand but may elect to defer such discussion to a future date. The Supervisor may, however, direct such discussion to take place immediately so long as it is in the presence of a Police Captain or the Police Chief. Sufficient time shall be afforded an Employee to obtain Union representation, if requested.

ARTICLE 10 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 10.1. Grievance Defined. A grievance, under this Agreement, is a written dispute, claim, or complaint arising under or during the term of this Agreement and filed by either an authorized representative of or an employee in the bargaining unit. Grievances are limited to matters of interpretation or application of express provisions of this Agreement, including wages, benefits and working conditions. Grievances involving disciplinary action shall be handled in accordance with Article 11 of this Agreement. Probationary employees shall not be entitled to grieve matters involving discipline or discharge.

Section 10.2. Timeliness of Grievance. All grievances must be filed, in writing, within seven (7) days after occurrence of the circumstance given rise to the grievance. Otherwise, the right to file a

¹The commencement of the taking of disciplinary action can include a notice of referral to the Employer’s governing body or designated official (e.g. City Manager, Mayor, etc.) for suspension or discharge, (ii) the notice of discipline being immediately imposed; (iii) the notice of the scheduling of a pre-disciplinary conference; or (iv) the notice of discipline to be imposed at a reasonable date in the future. Once the discipline is determined it shall be imposed within thirty (30) days unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement of the Chief and the employee being disciplined.

grievance is forfeited and no grievance shall be deemed to exist. Whenever used in this procedure unless specified otherwise, "day" shall mean "calendar day."

Section 10.3. All employees shall discuss any problems with their supervisor or a Captain to see if the problem can be resolved prior to the filing of a grievance.

Section 10.4. The time limits provided herein will be strictly adhered to and any grievance not filed initially or appealed within the specified time limits will be deemed waived and void. The time limits specified for either party may be extended only by written mutual agreement between the City, the employee and the employee's designated representative.

Step 1: If the dispute is not resolved informally, it shall be reduced to writing by the grievant and presented as a grievance to the Chief within seven (7) days of the occurrence of the facts giving rise to the grievance. The Chief shall investigate the grievance and schedule any grievance meeting he deems necessary within fourteen (14) days of the date the grievance is received. The Chief shall give his answer within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the investigation or the date the last meeting was held, whichever is later.

Step 2: If the grievant is not satisfied with the written decision at the conclusion of Step 1, a written appeal of the decision may be filed with the City Manager within seven (7) days from the date of the rendering of the decision of Step 1. Copies of the written decisions shall be submitted with the appeal. The City Manager or his designee shall within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the appeal meet with the grievant, his representative and any other party necessary to provide the required information for the rendering of a proper decision. The City Manager or his designee shall issue a written decision to the employee and his OPBA representative within seven (7) days from the date of the meeting. If the grievant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, the Union may proceed to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Procedure herein contained.

ARTICLE 11 **ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

Section 11.1. In the event a grievance is unresolved after being processed through all steps of the Grievance Procedure, unless mutually waived, then within seven (7) calendar days after the rendering of the decision at Step 2, the grievant may submit the grievance to arbitration. Within this seven (7) calendar day period, the parties will meet to mutually agree upon an arbitrator. If such agreement is not reached, the parties will promptly request the American Arbitration Association (AAA) to submit a panel of fifteen (15) arbitrators and will choose one by the guidelines set by AAA.

Section 11.2. The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, or in any manner, alter the specific terms of this Agreement or to make any award requiring the commission of any act prohibited by law or to make any award that itself is contrary to law or violates any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Section 11.3. The hearing or hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the arbitration rules of the AAA.

Section 11.4. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room, if any, will be borne by the party losing the grievance. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them. Neither party shall be responsible for any of the expenses incurred by the other party.

Section 11.5. An employee requested to appear at the arbitration hearing by either party shall attend without the necessity of subpoena, and shall be compensated at his regular hourly rate for all hours during which his attendance is required by either party. Any requests made by either party for the attendance of witnesses shall be made in good faith.

Section 11.6. The arbitrator's decision and award will be in writing and delivered within thirty (30) calendar days from the date the record is closed. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties subject only to such limited rights of appeal as are provided by law.

ARTICLE 12 **WAIVER**

Section 12.1. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which resulted in this Agreement, each had unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the areas of collective bargaining and that the understanding and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement and any addendum thereto constitute the entire Agreement between the Employer and the Union, and all prior agreements, either oral or written, are hereby canceled. Therefore, the Employer and the Union for the life of this Agreement, each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and agrees that the other shall not be obliged in bargaining collectively with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement except when there is change in federal or state law or exigent circumstances exist, or the matter is a mandatory subject of bargaining. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent, however, the parties by mutual agreement from adding to or subtracting from this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 **HOURS AND OVERTIME**

Section 13.1. When employees are directed by their supervisor to work extra time, beyond their normal workweek, they shall be compensated for such overtime.

Section 13.2. Definitions of Overtime: Overtime shall be considered as authorized time worked in excess of a regularly scheduled work period. For purposes of computing overtime, a "regularly scheduled work period" shall include time spent on paid vacation , personal leave as defined in Article 18, and holidays. For all employees, the normal work period shall be their posted schedule. Those hours in excess of the normal work period shall be compensated at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times employee's regular rate of

pay. In computing hours worked, each completed fifteen (15) minute interval will be used for payroll purposes.

Section 13.3. Distribution of Overtime: The Employer will maintain an overtime list by seniority. When the Employer determines to offer an overtime opportunity other than detective work, anticipated to last three (3) hours of duration or more, it shall offer the opportunity to the first employee on the overtime list unless a particular officer's skill, experience, or prior involvement in a matter are required. Shifts may be split at the request of the first employee to accept the overtime into two (2) increments. In that case, the remaining hours will be offered to the next employee on the eligibility list. If that employee rejects the opportunity, the Employer shall move down the list until the opportunity is accepted. If the first employee on the list accepts or rejects the opportunity, that employee shall be moved to the bottom of the list. This process will continue until the overtime opportunity has been accepted or the Employer has reached the bottom of the list. When the Employer has reached the bottom of the list, the least senior employee on duty shall be assigned the first four (4) hours of the overtime opportunity and their name shall be moved to the top of the list (rotation by reverse seniority). The last four (4) hours of the overtime opportunity shall be assigned to the least senior employee on the next scheduled shift and their name shall be moved to the top of the list (rotation by reverse seniority). With the approval from the supervisor, an employee may find a replacement to work the opportunity. The assignment of overtime may not result in an employee working more than sixteen (16) consecutive hours except in cases of emergency. Any employee who volunteers to work overtime on his/her regularly scheduled day off will not be ordered to work additional overtime on that same day off beyond the hours for which the employee has already volunteered.

The employee may provide both a primary and secondary phone number at which he may be contacted. The number may be for a telephone, answering machine beeper or other device. If the number leads to an answering machine, the supervisor will leave a message, and then immediately go to the secondary number. If there is no answer or call back, the supervisor may go to the next name on the list. The employee that could not be contacted will be moved to the bottom of the list. A new list will be started on January 1st of each year.

Section 13.4. Mistakes in offering overtime will be corrected by offering the employee who was missed the next available opportunity. Additionally, in the event of a patterned or intentional failure to comply with the procedure for assignment of overtime, the matter will be subject to an additional award of two (2) hours pay to the employee denied the overtime.

ARTICLE 14

OTHER COMPENSATED TIME

Section 14.1. Required Court Time: When an employee is required to attend court during nonscheduled work hours required by the prosecutor (and with permission of supervisor) for pretrial attendance, he shall be credited with a minimum of three (3) hours at overtime rates, unless the Court time is scheduled within thirty (30) minutes prior to employees selected shift or overtime shift, or after the employee's end of shift, then in those cases only, the employee will receive pay for actual time worked with no minimum.

Section 14.2. Call-out Pay: An employee called out shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours time for each call provided it is not an extension of their scheduled shift. A "call-out" is defined as a critical law enforcement related incident including, but not limited to, homicide, riot, robbery,

rape, fatal traffic accident, etc., for which an employee has needed expertise or is necessary to augment manpower above that of existing staffing levels as a result of the critical incident.

Section 14.3. Training and Departmental Meetings: Training and departmental meetings during non-scheduled work hours shall be credited with two (2) hour minimums.

ARTICLE 15 **HOLIDAYS**

Section 15.1. All officers will receive the following paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day
Juneteenth Day	Thanksgiving Day
Labor Day	Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	

Section 15.2. Any officer working a holiday will be paid one and one-half (1.5) times the employee's normal pay. Every officer will receive eight (8) hours regular pay for each holiday, regardless if he worked it or not. This pay will be kept for the officer until the last paycheck before Thanksgiving. Each officer will then receive seventy-two (72) hours of regular pay in one check separate from their regular paycheck. The Holiday pay for employees with less than one full year of service as of the date of the payment shall be pro-rated based upon the number of eligible holidays that occurred since the employee's date of employment.

ARTICLE 16 **VACATIONS**

Section 16.1. Each full-time employee shall earn and be entitled to a paid vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Length of Service</u>	<u>Days of Vacation</u>
After 1 year but less than 2 years	40 Hours
After 2 years, but less than 5 years	80 Hours
After 5 years, but less than 8 years	96 Hours
After 8 years, but less than 10 years	104 Hours
After 10 years, but less than 13 years	120 Hours
After 13 years, but less than 15 years	136 Hours
After 15 years, but less than 20 years	160 Hours
After 20 years continuous service	200 Hours

Section 16.2. Earned vacation shall be awarded on the employee's anniversary date in accordance with the above schedule, provided the employee is employed by the Employer at that time. However, if an employee terminates his employment, he shall receive a pro-rata payment for unused benefits.

Section 16.3. Employees must request vacation leave at least one (1) week in advance of the requested day(s) off. However, the one (1) week notice requirement may be mutually waived by the parties. Employees shall receive timely notice of the approval of their requested vacation leave and said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 16.4. Any employee who voluntarily resigns, retires, or is terminated for a reason that does not constitute an egregious act and has unused vacation time shall receive such pay for unused vacation.

Section 16.5. Forty (40) hours of vacation time must be taken each year. The maximum vacation carry over on December 31 of each year shall be equal to two (2) year's vacation allowance.

ARTICLE 17
SICK LEAVE

Section 17.1. Full-time employees may use sick leave subject to the approval of the Police Chief, or designee, for absence, including:

- A. Illness or injury of the employee when such illness or injury prohibits the employee from performing the normal duties of the employee's work assignments;
- B. Exposure of the employee to a contagious disease which could be communicated to and jeopardize the health of other employees. Use of sick leave for this purpose may require the confirmation of necessity by a licensed medical practitioner and the Employer;
- C. Illness in the employee's immediate family which requires the presence of the employee. "Immediate family" as used herein shall include the employee's spouse or dependent child.

Section 17.2. All full-time employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of ten (10) hours per month and may accumulate such sick leave without limit; provided, however, that an employee must work at least 60% of the available workdays during a month to accumulate sick leave. Sick leave shall not be accumulated during any period of absence, except for approved vacation leave or approved FML.

Section 17.3. An employee who is absent on sick leave shall make a good faith effort to notify dispatch of such absence and the reason therefore at least two (2) hours before the start of their shift.

Section 17.4. Sick leave must be used in segments of not less than one (1) hour.

Section 17.5. Abuse of sick leave or the patterned use of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline.

Section 17.6. An employee who transfers to this department from another department of the Employer shall be allowed to transfer his accumulated sick leave.

Section 17.7. Any employee of the department hired prior to January 1, 2016 who has accumulated sick leave earned from being employed by another political subdivision shall be allowed to transfer said accumulation to his sick leave accumulation with the Employer. Effective January 1, 2016 new employees shall be limited to transferring a maximum of 400 hours of accumulated sick leave earned from another political subdivision, and, when taken, time accrued from the City of Trotwood shall be deduced first before the transferred balance.

Section 17.8. Sick time may be exchanged for vacation days by employees after a balance of 600 hours are accumulated and provided the exchange does not reduce the employee's balance below 600 hours. The employee can exchange 24 hours of sick leave for eight (8) hours vacation, not to exceed 240 sick leave hours for 80 hours of vacation in a calendar year. In the alternative, sick days may also be exchanged for pay at the rate of 24 hours of sick leave for eight (8) hours at the employee's rate of pay, not to exceed 80 hours of pay per calendar year. Only sick leave hours earned during the period of employment with the City of Trotwood are eligible for conversion under this section.

Section 17.9. When an employee is absent on sick leave for three (3) or more consecutive days, he shall be required to submit a doctor's excuse upon the Employer's request. With prior written notice to the employee by the City, a doctor's excuse may be required on any occasion of sick leave use.

Section 17.10. Up to five (5) sick leave days may be used for paternity leave, however, in unusual circumstances the Chief has the discretion to permit an employee to use additional paid sick leave for matters involving serious, documented illnesses involving members of the employee's immediate family (spouse, children, parent, or person acting in loco parentis of employee) living in employee's home. In addition, an employee may use any or all of her sick time for purposes of maternity leave but said leave (whether paid or unpaid) shall not exceed 12 weeks as provided under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Section 17.11. The Chief may require an employee to be examined by a physician designated and paid for by the Employer to establish that he is not mentally or physically disabled from the performance of his normal duties and that his return to duty will not jeopardize the health and safety of other employees.

Section 17.12. The City's policy on donation of sick leave in effect as of the date of this Agreement is incorporated by reference herein.

Section 17.13. Upon eligibility for and commencement of retirement under applicable provisions of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, employees who retire from service with the City with more than ten (10) years of service may convert accrued sick leave at a rate of 3 for 1 and receive a lump sum payment for up to 1000 hours. Employees who retire with more than 20 years of service may convert accrued sick leave at a rate of 2 for 1 and receive a lump sum payment for up to 1040 hours. Only sick leave hours earned during the period of employment with the City of Trotwood are eligible for conversion under this section.

ARTICLE 18
PERSONAL LEAVE

Section 18.1.

- A. Employees who qualify under applicable federal requirements shall be granted family and/or medical leave of absence without pay in accordance with the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) which entitles an eligible employee to a maximum of 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any 12 month period for (a) the birth and subsequent care of the employee's child; (b) placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care; (c) care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent suffering from a serious health condition; and/or (d) a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the position of employment.

The taking of such leave shall not result in the loss of any accrued employment benefits. Health insurance coverage shall be maintained during the period of such leave.

- B. In the event an employee uses paid leave to which he is eligible under any other section of this Agreement for any of the purposes for which he would be entitled to unpaid leave under the FMLA, said paid leave shall be included as part of the 12 week total period of leave to which an employee is entitled under the FMLA.

Section 18.2. Personal days may be taken any time notice is given at least one (1) day in advance with the approval of the shift supervisor. Said approval will not be unreasonably withheld. An employee will be notified in writing of the reason for the denial of the use of requested personal leave.

Section 18.3. Officers, in addition to all other leave benefits, will be granted five (5) personal leave days each year which are to be taken within the year earned. Any scheduled personal day under this section which has been denied in the last two (2) months of a calendar year may be carried over for an additional four (4) month period with approval of the Chief.

Section 18.4. Employees may earn one (1) additional personal day for every (4) months, which is one (1) day for not utilizing any sick time for that four (4) month period. Personal days under this Section shall not be accumulated and must be used within the following four (4) month period or may be taken as pay at the employee's option. However, any personal day under this Section which cannot be scheduled within the appropriate four month period due to the operational needs of the Department may be carried over for an additional four month period. Sick leave used in conjunction with the approved FMLA shall not apply with regards to this section.

ARTICLE 19
FUNERAL LEAVE

Section 19.1. An employee shall be granted time off with pay for the purposes of attending the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family. The employee shall be entitled to three (3) workdays off not deducted from any leave in the case of death of the spouse, child, stepchild, or parent of the employee or his spouse. In case of death of the brother, sister or grandparent of an employee or spouse, the employee will be granted up to three (3) days funeral leave, with such time to be deducted from any available leave time as designated by the employee. (An additional two [2] deductible days may be granted if travel is necessary.)

ARTICLE 20
LIMITED TRANSITIONAL DUTY AND INJURY LEAVE

Section 20.1. Transitional duty work within or assisting the Police Department may be assigned at the sole discretion of the Police Chief or his designee to a temporarily disabled employee whose injury or illness is work related and who is otherwise eligible for lost time wage benefits under a workers compensation claim and who consents to such assignment. Such assignments may be for periods of up to ninety (90) days and may be extended as the City determines appropriate. During such periods of transitional duty, the employee shall continue to receive his regular rate of pay and be entitled to all benefits under this Agreement. Disputes over an employees' physical ability to perform said transitional duty shall be resolved by medical examination by a qualified professional duly selected by the City and Employee and paid for by the City.

Section 20.2. When an employee is injured in the line of duty while actually working for the Employer and is not physically able or is not assigned by the City to perform limited transitional duty, he shall be eligible for a paid leave not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days, providing he files for Worker's Compensation and signs a waiver assigning to the Employer those sums of money (temporary total benefits) he would ordinarily receive as his weekly compensation as determined by law for those number of weeks he receives benefits under this article.

Section 20.3. If at the end of this ninety (90) day period, the employee is still disabled, the leave may, at the Employer's sole discretion, be extended for an additional ninety (90) calendar day period.

Section 20.4. The Employer shall have the right to require the employee to have a physical exam by a physician appointed and paid by the Employer resulting in the physician's certification that the employee is unable to work due to the injury as a condition precedent to the employee receiving any benefits under this article. The designated physician's opinion shall govern whether the employee is actually disabled or not, but shall not govern whether the Employer shall extend the period of leave.

ARTICLE 21
JURY DUTY LEAVE

Section 21.1. Any employee who is called for jury duty, 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. If the jury duty falls on the Employee's scheduled day to work, the Employee shall be credited with time worked.

ARTICLE 22
COMPENSATION

Section 22.1. During the terms of this Agreement wages shall be increased as follows:

For calendar year 2025, five percent (5%); for calendar year 2026, four percent (4%); and for calendar year 2027, three percent (3%).

The steps shall be as follows:

2025

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
31.92	33.80	35.90	37.39	39.90	41.57

2026

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
33.20	35.15	37.34	38.89	41.50	43.23

2027

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
34.19	36.21	38.46	40.05	42.74	44.53

Employees who are hired prior to completion of the Police Academy (or equivalent) shall be paid at a Pre-Step 1 Training Rate of \$18.00 per hour until such time as they receive their State Certification and commence work as a Road Patrol Officer for the Department, at which time they will progress to Step 1. Such employees shall continue in their Probationary Period until completing one (1) year at Step 1.

Section 22.2. All new employees will start at step one (1), unless there is a lateral transfer. On and after January 1, 2001, provided their evaluations under the criteria set forth in Article 25 average at least "4" ("acceptable"), employees shall proceed through the wage step schedule by receiving step increases annually on their anniversary date of employment until they reach the Top Step. An employee whose evaluation is less than satisfactory may receive his step increase earlier than his next anniversary date provided the Chief determines in his discretion that the employee's interim performance has improved to the point that a wage increase is appropriate. Except as set forth in Section 22.1 above, all new employees will be placed on a one (1) year probationary period.

Section 22.3. Lateral transfer employees will start on a step determined by the Employer.

Section 22.4. All Detectives shall receive an additional two dollars(\$2.00) per hour for all time worked during the period they spend as designated “on call” detectives.

Section 22.5. During the first payroll period in January, employees ~~hired before January 1, 2013~~ shall receive a longevity supplement which shall be paid in a separate check to employees according to the following criteria:

<u>Completed Years of Employment</u> <u>As Of January 1</u>	<u>Longevity Supplement</u>
10 to 14 years	\$520.00
15 to 19 years	\$1,040.00
20 years and above	\$1,560.00

In accordance with requirements of the FLSA, said longevity supplement shall be added to the employee’s total wages for the previous 12 month period for purposes of computing an adjusted regular hourly rate and computing additional overtime to which the employee may be entitled.

Section 22.6. If available, Detectives, School Resource Officers, Canine Officers, and Accident Reconstructionists may be provided, with the approval of the Safety Director, a take-home vehicle pursuant to the current practice. Said practice shall not be unreasonably altered.

Section 22.7. Employees designated as Field Training Officers (FTO) shall be compensated an additional one dollar (\$1.00) per hour, at the applicable hourly rate, only when actively training a recruit.

Section 22.8. The Officer in Charge (O.I.C.) is/are responsible for supervising, organizing, and directing the activities of assigned law enforcement personnel and equipment as instructed by the Chief of Police or his designee. The O.I.C. shall be paid five percent (5%) above their regular hourly wage for all hours worked as an O.I.C.

ARTICLE 23
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Section 23.1. All new employees shall receive an initial uniform issue. Uniform selection shall be at the discretion of the Police Chief. However, any costs related to a change in the style of new uniforms shall be at the City’s expense. All non-probationary employees shall be paid an annual uniform allowance of \$1,500.00 paid in two installments in January and July of \$750.00 to currently employed individuals each year of this agreement. The uniform allowance may be used for (a) the purchase and replacement of uniforms, equipment and job related accessories.

Section 23.2. The City shall supply one (1) ballistic vest to each new employee after which the City shall repair and/or replace the vest in accordance with manufacturer’s standards without deductions from the uniform allowance. Selection of the style and type shall be the City’s decision

based on NIJ standards. The City will also repair or replace vests damaged in connection with an assault while on duty.

Section 23.3. Personal items such as watches, eyeglasses, contact lenses, prescription sunglasses, hearing aids and dentures shall be repaired or replaced at the City's expense if damaged or destroyed in the line of duty. Total annual cost to the City per employee shall not exceed \$150.00.

ARTICLE 24 **INSURANCE**

Section 24.1. The City shall make available to all full-time bargaining unit employees the general insurance and hospitalization plans as provided to all other non-bargaining full-time City employees. All requirements of the plan(s) (e.g., premium contributions, co-payments, deductibles, fees, eligibility, etc.) applicable to non-bargaining unit City employees shall also be applicable to bargaining unit employees, except as outlined in this Article.

Section 24.2. For the 2019 Plan year payment of the health insurance "Core Plan" premium shall be as follows:

- City will pay 87% of the premium for all coverage options.
- Employee shall pay 13% of the premium for all coverage options.

For Plan years 2020 and 2021, should the total premium cost be projected to increase by ten percent (10%) or more over the rates in effect for the 2019 plan year, either party may reopen this Article by filing a Notice to Negotiate with SERB on or before thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the plan year.

Section 24.3. The City may also offer an enhanced group medical insurance coverage, known as the "Buy Up Plan," as follows:

- X Any additional costs over and above what the City would pay for coverage under the "Core Plan" shall be paid 100% by employees who elect coverage under the "Buy Up Plan."

ARTICLE 25 **EVALUATIONS**

Section 25.1. Each officer shall be evaluated every twelve (12) months by the supervisor(s) for whom the officer has worked during the previous twelve (12) months. The final score of the evaluation will be determined by the average score given by the supervisor(s) in each category. The City and Union will jointly draw up definitions and standards of performance for each rating category. Officers will be expected to perform at no less than "acceptable" ("4" rating) in each performance category.

ARTICLE 26
SHIFT ASSIGNMENT

Section 26.1. Each three months, officers may bid for a shift preference based on their seniority. The Chief at his sole discretion will, when necessary reassign specialized assignments, i.e. detectives; crime prevention, bike patrol, and EV Techs for operational needs of the Department. The chief at his sole discretion may reassign officers if such reassignment is needed to balance shifts for experience, number of employees per shift, or other reasons as determined necessary. If an officer that is excluded from shift bidding due to voluntary special assignment wants to withdraw from his or her assignment, the officer must submit a letter of intent along with a shift bid for the next quarter to the supervisor at the appropriate time. If the officer elects to withdraw during an active quarter and/or has not submitted the proper paperwork, the City will have the right to reassign this officer according to the operational needs of the Department.

ARTICLE 27
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 27.1. In any instance where the Employer sends an employee for any type of medical examination, the Employer shall pay the cost of the examination.

Section 27.2. The OPBA will be allowed a locked bulletin board for official OPBA notices of the following type:

- A. Recreation and Social Events
- B. Election and Election Results
- C. General Membership Meetings
- D. Other Official Union Business

The bulletin board will be located in the Road Room.

Section 27.3. Employees will be permitted to obtain outside employment which does not conflict with employment as a police officer and in accordance with Trotwood Police Department General Orders.

Section 27.4. Shift schedules shall be posted at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date that the schedule actually takes effect.

ARTICLE 28
LABOR / MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Section 28.1. There is hereby established a Union/Management committee. This committee shall be composed of not more than three (3) persons appointed by the Union and not more than three (3) appointed by Management. This committee shall meet on an as needed basis at the request of either party to provide a forum for the discussion and possible resolution of problems with the Police Department. This committee is to provide an informal format to discuss mutual problems, and the recognition of issues by either party is not to be construed as to expand the scope of the grievance procedure, or to obligate either party to additional bargaining.

ARTICLE 29
SAVINGS CLAUSE

Section 29.1. In the event any one or more provisions of this Agreement is or are deemed invalid or unenforceable by any final decision of a court or governmental agency, that portion shall be deemed severable from the rest of the Agreement and all such other parts of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. In such event, the Employer and the OPBA will, at the request of either party hereto, promptly enter into negotiations relative to the particular provisions deemed invalid or unenforceable.

ARTICLE 30
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 30.1. This Agreement represents the complete Agreement on all matters subject to bargaining between the Employer and the OPBA and except as otherwise noted herein shall become effective January 1, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2027.

Section 30.2. If negotiations toward a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period after December 31, 2024 proceed to fact-finding and/or conciliation, the parties agree that notwithstanding any contrary provision in R.C. §4117.14(G)(11), the factfinder and/or conciliator shall have the right to determine that rates of compensation and matters with cost implications may be retroactive to January 1, 2025.

ARTICLE 31
JOB ASSIGNMENTS

Section 31.1. Effective with the commencement of this Agreement, and thereafter, a notice concerning an available job vacancy other than short term assignments which are made based on the operational needs of the department within the bargaining unit shall be posted for a period of ten (10) days to permit interested candidates to apply for the position. No job vacancy will be filled until the posting requirement is complied with. Short term assignments shall be defined for purposes of this article as no more than three (3) months in duration which can be extended for good cause shown by an additional three (3) months with notice to the Union.

Section 31.2. Job assignments under this article shall be awarded on the basis of merit and fitness and shall include: job performance as determined in the employee evaluation process, work related experience, training and education related to the performance of the duties of the posted position. If employees are equal in merit and fitness, the position shall be awarded on the basis of seniority.

ARTICLE 32
SUBSTANCE TESTING

Section 32.1. The cost of any required substance testing or related medical examination shall be borne by the City. Substance testing shall occur during an employee's scheduled work shift or immediately prior to or after the completion of the employee's shift.

Section 32.2. The City's policy on substance abuse and testing is incorporated by reference herein.

ARTICLE 33 PART-TIME OFFICERS

Section 33.1. The City may utilize a maximum of four (4) part-time police officers who are certified under the laws of the State of Ohio and properly trained and qualified pursuant to the standards existing in the Trotwood Police Department;

Section 33.2. The four (4) part-time officers may only be utilized for a maximum of nine hundred sixty (960) hours per officer per calendar year. Moreover, the City will provide the Union with a printout of the number of hours worked by each part-time officer on a quarterly basis upon request of the Union;

Section 33.3. Part-time officers will not be utilized to perform any reimbursed extra duty overtime unless it is first offered to all full-time officers;

Section 33.4. All unscheduled overtime will first be offered to all full-time officers before it is filled by the utilization of part-time officers;

Section 33.5. Any scheduled overtime known to the City for more than three (3) days in advance may be filled with part-time officers. All other scheduled overtime will first be offered to full-time officers prior to the utilization of part-time officers;

Section 33.6. Before any full-time officers may be laid off, all part-time officers shall first be laid off;

Section 33.7. All part-time officers will initially be paid at the entry-level rate of pay for full-time officers regardless of their experience;

Section 33.8. All special duty callouts (excluding special events) and regularly scheduled special duty work (i.e., EV Tech, Traffic investigations, Detective duties), and all work that is funded by specialty grants (i.e., DUI enforcement) will be offered first to full-time employees;

Section 33.9. Any proven violation of the overtime-related provisions of this Agreement will be remedied by granting the next full-time employee on the overtime list the next available overtime opportunity of any type. Additionally, in the event of a patterned or intentional failure to comply with the procedure for assignment of overtime, the matter will be subject to an additional award of two (2) hours pay to the employee denied the overtime.

Section 33.10. A maximum of two (2) part-time officers may be utilized on any one shift for regular duty assignment;

Section 33.11. No money shall be expended by the City to train part-time officers at outside agencies except where the training is mandated by the State of Ohio, unless all regular officers who have not had the training are first offered this same training opportunity.

Section 33.12. No part-time officer may be hired as a full-time officer except through the process set forth in the Civil Service Rules for the City of Trotwood.

ARTICLE 34
K-9 OFFICER

Section 34.1. The Union and the Employer agree, notwithstanding other provisions in this section, that an officer assigned to be a K-9 officer shall work as his regular hours a seven and one-half (7.5) hour shift, as assigned by the Chief of Police or his designee, for which the K-9 officer shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of regular pay as compensation for those duties required outside regular work hours in the care and maintenance of his dog(s), including but not limited to, time spent feeding, cleaning, exercising, playing, grooming, transporting, providing health care, and for related time and extraordinary expense incurred in the other activities related to the maintaining of a dog at his residence.

Section 34.2. The K-9 handler shall receive one-half (.5) hour's pay per day on all days the handler is not scheduled to work for K-9 maintenance as described in Section 34.1.

Section 34.3. For the purposes of vacation, compensatory time, sick time, personal days, the K-9 officer shall only be charged for seven and one-half (7.5) hours per day when the K-9 officer uses any of this accrued time off. The last one-half (.5) hour (total of 8 hours) shall be paid as though the K-9 officer worked for the purposes of K-9 maintenance as described in Section 34.1.

Section 34.4. Trotwood Police Department K-9 teams must be OPOTA certified every two (2) years and strive to maintain the North American Police Working Dog Certification. If for any reason the K-9 team fails OPOTA certification, it will be immediately placed on inactive status. As soon as possible the team will again attempt to pass certification. If the K-9 fails to be certified on its second attempt, it is the decision of the Chief of Police whether to allow the K-9 a third attempt or to permanently remove the dog from service.

Section 34.5. The parties agree that the schedule for the K-9 officer is being adopted pursuant to section 207(k) of the FLSA and 29 CFR Part 553. For the purposes of this section, time worked shall include time spent on paid vacation and holidays, as those terms are understood in Article 13 Overtime, Section 13.2. Time worked in excess of 7.5 hours in a day or 82 hours during a 14- day work period shall be paid at the overtime rate (1.5 times the regular rate).

Section 34.6. Start times for shifts shall be at the discretion of the Employer but once established shall remain in effect unless modified for emergencies or with two (2) weeks notice to the affected Officer(s).

Section 34.7. Notwithstanding Section 34.1, the K-9 Officer will be compensated for any additional training concerning the K-9 animal which is accomplished outside of regular hours of work and which is either approved by or required by the City.

ARTICLE 35
SENIORITY

Section 35.1. Upon the execution of this Agreement, "Total Seniority", as that term is used in this Agreement, is defined as an employee's continuous service with the City of Trotwood as a full-time regular employee to be computed from the employee's last date of hire. "Classification Seniority is defined as an employee's continuous service with the Police Department as a road qualified patrol officer or detective. Ties in Classification Seniority will be broken by reference to Total Seniority. Ties in classification and Total Seniority will be broken by considering the person

who scored higher on the entrance examination to be the more senior. For those employees who were employed by Madison Township and/or the City prior to the effective date of the merger, their seniority date is governed by Article 3 of the Terms and Conditions of the Merger. Absent a specific grant in this Agreement, the retention of seniority during layoff or leave of absence does not automatically entitle an employee to receive benefits provided to those on the active payroll.

Total Seniority shall govern for purposes of longevity, and vacation accrual. Classification Seniority shall govern for shift assignment and/or selection, for vacation selection, for purposes of layoff, and for any other purpose not specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Section 35.2. An employee's seniority shall cease and his employment terminated upon any of the following:

- A. Resignation or "Quit";
- B. Termination;
- C. Retirement (Years of service and/or retirement disability);
- D. Layoff in excess of eighteen (18) months;
- E. Absence from work (resulting from City work-related injury or illness compensated by workers compensation) in excess of retained paid (sick, vacation, or PA) leave or eighteen (18) months whichever is longer;
- F. Absence from work (resulting from non-City work related injury or illness or FMLA approved reason) in excess of retained paid (sick, vacation or PA) leave or six (6) months whichever is longer.

Section 35.3. Employees shall continue to be eligible for health insurance coverage as follows:

- A. After resignation or quit – as determined by COBRA;
- B. During layoff for a period of ninety (90) days after which as determined by COBRA;
- C. During military leave in excess of 31 days – as determined by COBRA and USERRA;
- D. During absence from work (resulting from City work-related injury or illness compensated by workers compensation) for a maximum of eighteen (18) months.
- E. Absence from work (resulting from non-City work related injury or illness or FMLA approved reason) for a maximum of retained paid (sick, vacation or PA) leave or twelve (12) weeks, whichever is longer.

ARTICLE 36 **LAYOFFS**

Section 36.1. Bargaining unit employees may be laid off only for lack of work, lack of funds or abolishment of a position, pursuant to applicable Ohio law. Said layoff shall take effect only after being given fifteen (15) days prior written notice.

Section 36.2. In the event of a layoff situation, bargaining unit employees will be laid off in accordance with their seniority (last hired, first laid off).

Section 36.3. A bargaining unit employee who is laid off shall be subject to recall from layoff for a period of eighteen (18) months provided he/she is qualified to perform the job.

Section 36.4. A recall from layoff will be based upon seniority (last laid off, first recalled).

Section 36.5. Before any bargaining unit employee may be laid off, all part-time employees performing work actually performed by bargaining unit employees will be first laid off.

ARTICLE 37
PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Section 37.1. New employees shall serve a probationary period of one (1) year from the date that the employee is certified as a law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio and actually commences field training in the Trotwood Police Department. An employee who is hired with existing State of Ohio certification as a law enforcement officer shall serve a probationary period of one (1) year from the commencement of field training in the Trotwood Police Department. or completion of the Police Academy and State Certification whichever comes later.

Section 37.2. An employee shall be entitled, during his probationary period, to the processing of grievances which concern only matters not related to discipline, job retention or job performance.

Section 37.3. A newly hired probationary employee may be terminated any time during his probationary period and shall have no appeal over such removal.

ARTICLE 38
SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS

Section 38.1. Specialized assignments shall include those assignments that require specialized schooling or training in order to qualify. For purposes of this article they shall include but not be limited to Detectives, Crime Prevention, Bike Patrol, EV Techs, FTO's, and Accident Reconstructionist.

Section 38.2. An officer who is assigned to a specialized assignment and completes the required schooling and/or training for said assignments shall be required to remain in the specialized assignment for a minimum period of time. Unless otherwise provided by the Agreement (e.g., Bike Patrol), the minimum period shall be based upon the length of schooling/training required.

<u>Length of School</u>	<u>Minimum Period of Assignment</u>
1-2 weeks	2 years
3 weeks	3 years
4 weeks	4 years

The Chief, at his discretion, may waive completion of said Minimum Period.

Section 38.3. Provided that written notice is provided six (6) months in advance, an officer may resign his/her special duty assignment upon completion of the Minimum Period. Thereafter, resignation will be effective within twelve (12) months of the prior written notice provided to the Chief of Police or his designee.

Section 38.4. Officers submitting notices of resignation shall be placed in a “Suspended Status” which gives the discretion to the City to restrict the officer from being considered for other non-mandatory training or special duty assignments for an additional period of time equal in length to the prior Maximum Period.

ARTICLE 39
TRAINING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Section 39.1. Current and new employees may be required to sign a reimbursement agreement as a condition of received training paid for by the City of Trotwood. The parties agree to meet and discuss the terms of the reimbursement agreement in a labor management meeting.

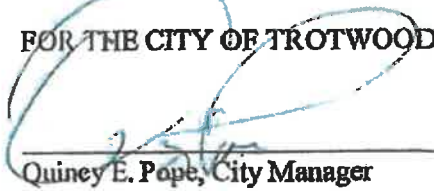
**ARTICLE 40
EXECUTION**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed.

FOR THE OPBA:

FOR THE CITY OF TROTWOOD:


Julian Peasant, Police Officer


Quincy E. Pope, City Manager

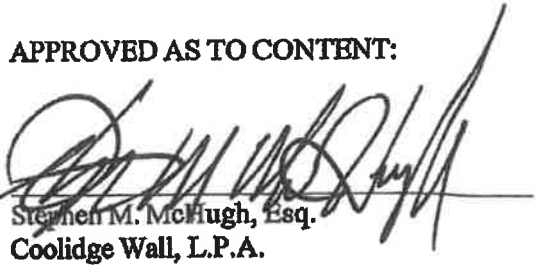

Tyrone Derrick, Police Officer


Stephanie Kellum, Deputy City Manager


Erik Wilson, Chief of Police


Chris Peeples, Finance Director

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OPBA

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Stephen M. McHugh, Esq.
Coolidge Wall, L.P.A.

Date: _____

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
RESERVE POLICE OFFICER**

The City of Trotwood (the "City") and the OPBA (the "Union") hereby agree to the following understanding between the City and the Union:

1. The City wishes to utilize the position of Reserve Police Officer (the "Officer"). It is the intent of the City to utilize Officers for special events such as festivals, parades, traffic control, patrol activities, and telephone reporting.
2. Each Officer will be certified under the laws of the State of Ohio and properly trained and qualified pursuant to the standards existing in the Trotwood Police Department.
3. Officers shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties.
4. No Officer shall be utilized for any duty overtime assignment unless it is first offered to the OPBA.
5. All unscheduled overtime assignments will first be offered to the OPBA before it is filled by an Officer.
6. Officers may be utilized for any scheduled overtime assignments known to the City for more than three (3) days in advance, only after that overtime assignment has been offered to all bargaining unit members first, pursuant to the existing rules for filling overtime assignments.
7. Any proven violation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be remedied by granting the next OPBA member on the overtime list the next available overtime opportunity of any typed.
8. Reserve Officers shall not be utilized during periods of layoff of any bargaining unit member.
9. Officers may not be utilized to fill a bargaining unit member's shift for a regular duty assignment.
10. Officers will not be utilized to fill any reimbursed extra duty assignment unless it is first offered to all bargaining unit members under the existing rules for filling of overtime assignments.
11. No money shall be utilized to train officers at outside agencies except where the training is mandated by the state of Ohio.
12. No officer may be hired into the bargaining unit except through the process set forth in the Civil Service Rules for the City of Trotwood.

Both parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding is the entire understanding and no party is relying upon any other form of verbal or written agreements.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PHYSICAL FITNESS INCENTIVE**

Non-probationary employees who participate in the Voluntary Physical Fitness Training Program and successfully meet the standards of that program shall receive a physical fitness incentive bonus pursuant to this article.

Management will pay the physical fitness incentive to each employee who has achieved his/her physical fitness level certification from the Training Bureau by July 1 of each calendar year.

The physical fitness incentive shall be paid according to the following schedule:

Level One	\$50
Level Two	\$150
Level Three	\$250

The incentive shall be paid in the first pay period after July 1 of each calendar year.

The above reference level of attainment shall correspond to the attached Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program Physical Fitness Requirements.