

CONTRACT

By and between

**THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG BEACH
OCEAN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

And

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 35
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

**REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
PROPERTY AND PUBLIC WORKS**

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made on this _____ day of _____, _____ between the Township of Long Beach, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, a public employer with its main office at Long Beach Township Town Hall, 6805 Long Beach Boulevard, Brant Beach, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Township", "Company" or "Employer" and Teamsters Local No. 35, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, having its offices at 620 U.S. Route 130, Trenton, New Jersey, comprised of Long Beach Township Blue Collar Employees, such organization having been certified by the Public Employment Relations Commissions as an appropriate bargaining agent for this unit, after the Agency held an appropriate election. This Union shall be hereinafter referred to as the "Union." Wherever the terms "blue collar supervisor" or "blue collar supervisor employees" are used in this Agreement, both designations shall be interchangeable and have the same meaning and effect. Wherever the term "Commissioner" or "Commissioner of Public Works" is used in this Agreement it shall mean the "Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for the Township of Long Beach or his designee."

ARTICLE 1 **PURPOSE**

This Agreement entered into between the Employer and the Teamsters has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Teamsters; the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of contractual differences and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 2 **RECOGNITION CLAUSE**

The Township recognizes Teamsters Local No. 35, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all provisional and permanent full-time and provisional and permanent regular part-time blue collar workers in the Department of Public Works of the Township which includes Laborer, Building Services, Secretary, Equipment Operator, Mechanic, Senior Mechanic and Maintenance Repair Carpenter. The parties agree to negotiate with respect to salary, hours and those terms and conditions of employment permitted by appropriate New Jersey law. However, the following titles shall be excluded from the bargaining unit: Supervisors and Foremen.

ARTICLE 3 **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 3.01. Definition

Purpose - The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level equitable solutions to the problems, which may, from time to time, arise affecting employees as a result of the interpretation, application or violation of this Agreement between the Township and the Union.

A "Grievance" shall mean a complaint by an employee that there has been as to him a violation, misinterpretation or inequitable application of any of the provisions of this Agreement or of

policies, rules and administrative decisions which govern the Township or minor disciplinary action. Only grievances on the violation, of the Agreement may be submitted to binding arbitration. A grievance must clearly identify at its inception and thereafter that it is a group or class action grievance.

Nothing in this procedure shall preclude an employee from exercising his or her legal or Civil Service rights nor change the exclusivity of the Civil Service Process.

A “grievant” is an employee who files a grievance.

“Representative” is a person or agent designated to represent either party in this procedure.

“Day” means a working day unless otherwise noted.

Section 3.02. Procedures

Grievances shall be processed promptly and expeditiously.

Grievances shall be adjudicated according to the terms of this procedure.

Formal grievances and appeal shall be filed in writing.

Communications and decisions concerning formal grievances shall be in writing.

A grievant shall be permitted a representative at all levels of the procedure and witnesses as determined by the hearing officer, provided requests for such are filed two (2) days prior to the hearing by the Union.

Failure by the Union to process a grievance within the specified time limit shall render the grievance as settled in favor of the Township.

Failure by the Township to issue a decision within the specified time limit shall render the grievance advanced to the next level.

Section 3.03. Processing

Time Limit: The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limit specified may, however, be extended by mutual written consent of the parties.

Step 1: The grievant and/or his or her representative shall present a written statement of the alleged grievance to the Commissioner. The grievant must file the written grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days of the occurrence of the grievance. The Commissioner will review the grievance and submit a written answer to the grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the grievance form.

Step 2: If the Union is dissatisfied with the answers submitted by the Commissioner, the Union may appeal the answer of the Commissioner within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the

written answer at the first step of the process. In addition to the information required by the grievance form agreed upon by the parties, the written grievance must identify the specific provision(s) of this Agreement allegedly violated and detail the factual basis for the alleged violation of the identified provision(s). Any fact or provision not specified in writing at Step 2 shall not be raised or considered during subsequent Steps. The Union will request that the Township schedule a hearing before the Commissioner on the matter. The hearing shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the grievance appeal by the Commissioner.

Step 3: If the Union is still dissatisfied with the answer received from Step 2, then the Union may submit the grievance to arbitration.

Within seven (7) calendar days of the decision of the Township, the Union may request arbitration of the grievance by filing notice of the Union's continued disagreement with the Commissioner.

Within five (5) calendar days of such notice, the Union shall request a panel of arbitrators from the Public Employment Relations Commission for selection of a single arbitrator by the parties.

Within five (5) days of such list, an arbitrator shall be selected by alternatively striking names from the list, the Union striking first. If the arbitrator is unable to serve, a list shall be requested and the process repeated, unless the time is extended by mutual agreement.

Within twenty (20) days of notice of selection, the designated arbitrator shall establish a hearing date, shall establish rules governing such a hearing and shall conduct such hearing, however, in the event the Township files a Scope of Negotiations Petition with PERC, the arbitration will be stayed pending a decision of the petition by the Commission.

The arbitrator's decision shall be binding on all parties to the grievance.

The cost of the services of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties of interest. Should any party to the arbitration request a transcript, the cost thereof shall be borne solely by the party requesting it.

The arbitrator shall not have the power to alter, amend or revise any provision of this Agreement. No more than one grievance at a time may be considered by the Arbitrator without prior written agreement of the Parties.

All arbitration proceedings shall be closed proceedings and attendance at the proceedings shall be strictly limited to a maximum of two representatives for the Township and two representatives for the Union, the grievant, and an attorney for the Township and the Union. All witnesses, other than those identified in the previous sentence, shall be sequestered during the proceeding at the request of either party.

Section 3.04. General Provisions

No prejudice will attend any party of interest by reason of the utilization of participation in the grievance procedure.

The filing, pendency or hearing of any grievance shall not impede the normal management of the work force or operation of any of the Township's agencies.

All records of grievance processing shall be filed separately.

Forms for grievance processing shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties to the Agreement past practice notwithstanding. The Union and the Commissioner will distribute the forms, as they require these.

Parties in interest will cooperate in investigating and providing information concerning a grievance being processed.

Notices of hearing shall be made to the grievant at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance and such hearings shall be held on the Township's premises.

The Township agrees that in the presentation of a grievance, there shall be no loss of pay for the time spent in presenting the grievance by the grievant and one (1) Union representative who is an employee of the Township through the grievance procedure. However, no employee or official will be permitted to investigate or process grievances during working hours without the approval of the Commissioner.

Saturdays, Sundays and holidays as identified in this Agreement shall be considered working days in computing the time of the foregoing.

Any employee shall be entitled to the assistance of a Union officer or representative in all steps of the foregoing grievance procedure. An employee shall not lose pay for time spent during his or her regular working hours at the foregoing steps of the grievance procedure. In the event that it is necessary to require the attendance of other employees during any of the above steps, the time spent for testimony by up to a maximum of three (3) employees called by the Union shall not lose pay for such time. The time spent by any employee called by the Township for testimony shall not lose pay for such time.

The number of days indicated at each level of the grievance procedure shall be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of an employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with his immediate supervisor.

ARTICLE 4
SICK LEAVE

- A. Sick leave shall accumulate at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month in the first year of service, commencing on the first month or major portion thereof from the date of hire. It is assumed the employee shall remain in the service of the Township for the remainder of the calendar year and the total number of sick days, prorated shall be credited to the employee. If separation occurs before the end of the year and more sick leave has been taken than appropriated on a prorated basis, the per diem rate of pay for the excess days shall be deducted from the final pay. Sick leave shall accumulate from year to year with an additional fifteen (15) days credited to the employee at the beginning of each successive calendar year. Days lost due to an injury or illness for which the employee receives salary replacement through Worker's Compensation shall not be charged to sick leave. All other time shall be charged to sick leave. Paid holidays occurring during a period of sick leave shall not be chargeable to sick leave.
- B. Accumulated Sick Leave at Retirement: Any member of this bargaining unit (rank and file unit) who voluntarily retires under the Public Employees Retirement System shall also be eligible to receive payment for fifty percent (50%) of the number of earned but unused sick leave days to a maximum payment of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars. This payment may be taken in a lump sum or in two or three equal annual installments. Employees voluntarily retiring with thirty-one (31) or more years of service who commenced service with the Township prior to May 21, 2010, are entitled to an additional payment of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) making the payment a grand total of twenty-one thousand (\$21,000.00) dollars. The maximum amount paid for unused sick leave to an employee who commenced service to the Township on or after May 21, 2010, shall be \$15,000. Provided, however, that total maximum payment amount shall be reduced by the actual value of all sick leave used by that employee, at the daily rate paid to the employee, during the 12 month period preceding the employee's effective voluntary retirement date except that it will not effect the employee's ability to remain absent from work subject to medical documentation required by the Township and, if requested by the Township, a final binding independent medical review that shall be paid for by the Township.
- C. Any employee eligible to retire within a particular calendar year shall notify the Township in writing through the Public Works Commissioner (with a copy to the Township Clerk) no later than January 15 of the year in which the retirement is to occur of that employee's intent to retire. If the employee fails to make timely notice to the Township, the Township shall have the sole option to defer making payment for accumulated sick leave until the next calendar year.
- D. Work loss due to injury or illness arising out of the course of employment shall not be chargeable to sick leave until and unless the employees' workers compensation claim is denied.
- E. Employees who are out sick for three (3) consecutive days may be required to submit a doctor's note.

- F. All other policies of the Township, as may be amended from time to time, regarding sick leave are incorporated into this Agreement, unless specifically altered herein.
- G. Sick leave shall be exhausted prior to temporary disability benefits, including paid family leave.
- H. All leave time, whether paid or unpaid, that is used or allowed in connection with an event that is also covered under federal and/or state leave laws shall run contemporaneously with leave under federal and/or state leave laws in accordance with the Township's policies regarding FMLA, NJFLA and NJ-SAFE.
- I. This Article is subject to the Township's sick leave Ordinance No. 13-27.
- J. Township, in its discretion, may establish a donated leave program in compliance with N.J.A.C. § 4A:6-1.22. Any permissive or negotiable matter related to the program shall be determined solely by the Township as a managerial prerogative. The Township reserves the right to unilaterally suspend or terminate the program. N.J.A.C. § 4A:6-1.22(g)(4).

ARTICLE 5

VACATIONS

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Township's vacation policy shall be as set forth in Ordinance 80-1. During the period commencing the start of the second week of May through the end of the second week in September, an employee may only use up to five (5) vacation days unless, in the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works, use of additional vacation time is approved in writing or in connection with an approved leave of absence.
- B. Each employee of the unit shall be permitted to sellback unused vacation time earned in that year at the rate of 80%. The request to sellback unused vacation leave must be made by November 15th, and payment shall be made to the employee by the January 15th of the following year.

ARTICLE 6

HOLIDAYS

The present holiday schedule in effect and set forth below will be continued:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day	Election Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Independence Day	Thanksgiving Day
Lincoln's Birthday	Labor Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Washington's Birthday	Columbus Day	Christmas Day
Good Friday	Veteran's Day	

If any of the above holidays falls on a Saturday, it will be celebrated on the previous Friday, if it falls on a Sunday, it will be celebrated on the following Monday.

ARTICLE 7

PERSONAL LEAVE

Each employee shall be eligible for four (4) days personal leave which may be used for personal business with the permission of their immediate supervisor, and if denied employee has a right to discuss the leave with the Commissioner or his designee. Personal leave time shall not be accumulated. Except in emergency situations, employees shall notify his supervisor in writing one (1) week in advance of his intent to take his personal leave.

ARTICLE 8

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

All non-contractual full-time employees shall have up to five (5) consecutive days of leave in the event of the death of a spouse, child, parent, legal guardian, grandparent, brother, sister, stepchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew of the employee, legal ward or any other dependent or relatives residing with the employee; spouse's child, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, stepchild. The term "spouse" used in this policy means partner by legal marriage, domestic or civil union partner. One (1) day leave will be given to attend the funeral services of a spouse's aunt, uncle, niece and/or nephew. In the event a common disaster results in the death of more than one such relative within forty-eight (48) hours, no more than ten (10) consecutive days bereavement shall be granted.

Once an eligible employee becomes aware of the need for bereavement leave, the employee must notify their Department Head or the Commissioner in Charge of their Department. Such leave will not be taken until notification is provided and the leave is approved. The Township may require proof of loss of a decedent whenever such requirement appears reasonable.

Bereavement leave is specifically provided to allow an eligible employee time to make necessary arrangements and attend funeral services. Therefore, bereavement leave must include one of the following days:

Date of death	Any day of viewing
Date of interment	Day of religious or memorial service

In no event shall any part of bereavement leave occur more than fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of death.

ARTICLE 9
UNION LEAVE

The Shop Steward of this bargaining unit may use up to a total one (1) day for Union business leave each year. Employees must request utilization of the leave at least one (1) week before it is to commence and the taking of such leave shall not impede the operation of any Township department when it is taken. All use of such leave shall be reported to the Union to insure that the Shop Steward is actually utilizing the leave for Union Business.

ARTICLE 10
NON-DISCRIMINATION

There shall be no discrimination, interference or coercion by the employer or any of its agents against the Employees represented by the Union because of membership or activity in the Union.

Employees shall promptly report any form of discrimination or retaliation in accordance with the Complaint Procedures and related policies established by the Township.

ARTICLE 11
PRIVATE AGREEMENTS

There shall be no individual agreements between employees and the employer, which conflict with any provision of this agreement.

ARTICLE 12
JOB CLASSIFICATION

Whenever an employee is assigned or promoted to a higher job classification, he shall receive a pay increase of ten (10%) percent of his base rate.

If an employee is required to work on a lower job classification less than his regular job classification, he shall receive his regular rate of pay. This paragraph does not apply to demotions.

ARTICLE 13
RAIN GEAR

The Township will continue to provide rain gear (hipboots and knee high boots) and safety equipment to all employees in the bargaining unit requiring same. The Township will determine the amount of rain gear to be distributed to each employee and employees will be responsible for the maintenance of rain gear in usable condition. The employees issued rain gear will wear same unless authorized to do otherwise by an immediate supervisor.

ARTICLE 14
WORK CLOTHES

Beginning on January 1st of each year of this agreement, each member of the unit shall receive the following clothing allowance less applicable deductions, payable by February 1st:

2024: \$2,800
2025: \$2,800
2026: \$2,800

Clothing shall conform to the type and uniformity requirements established by the Township. The clothing allowance shall cover all clothing items except rain gear identified above. The Commissioner's designee shall determine the clothing for uniformity.

ARTICLE 15
OVERTIME, EMERGENCY CALL IN PAY AND EMERGENCY WORK

- A. All employees shall be expected to complete their work in the time allotted for their scheduled work day. Any employee scheduled to work beyond their regularly scheduled work day shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half after eight (8) continuous working hours per day or forty (40) working hours per week of work have been completed; unless the employee is paid more than the time and one half rate under a different provision of this agreement in which case the employee shall receive only that higher rate. In all cases, forty (40) working hours in any one (1) week must be completed prior to overtime.
- B. If any employee is required to work on a holiday, he shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked plus one day straight time wages provided that such holiday pay shall not be in addition to other premium pay.
- C. If an employee concludes his scheduled work day and is called to return to work from his or her home, he or she shall be compensated with a guarantee of four (4) hours work upon the employee's return to his or her work location for the call in work assignment. No employee will be paid less than four (4) hours wages for the four (4) hour period at the applicable rate of the time of call in.
- D. Whenever employees are required to work in an emergency situation, there shall be at least two (2) employees working at all times. Emergency situations shall constitute all snow removal work and any other job situations caused by severe inclement weather such as hurricanes, significant floods or severe snow storms. All employees must be granted first option on all emergency situations as outlined.
- E. During periods of emergencies such as listed in Paragraph D, after an employee has completed twelve (12) hours of continuous work, he shall be entitled to a rest period of four (4) hours with pay provided he immediately returns to continue for at least eight (8) hours. There will be a guarantee of at least eight (8) hours additional work.
- F. Any employee required to work during an emergency situation which occurs outside of the employee's scheduled work hours and results in additional hours of work shall receive two (2) times his regular rate of pay.
- G. All overtime may be paid on a separate check provided the employee informs the Chief Financial Officer in writing of the option selected by May 1st for the year. Otherwise, it shall be at the Township's discretion. There shall be no stacking of premium pay.

ARTICLE 16
SENIORITY

- A. A job opening or vacancy shall be posted on an appropriate bulletin board for five (5) working days.
- B. Seniority is defined as continuous unbroken service with the Employer.
- C. The Employer will endeavor to fill permanent job openings by promoting employees from the next lower job titles, provided those employees possess the requirements enunciated by Civil Service Law and who are subsequently certified by Civil Service. In all instances employees promoted must possess the skill, ability and knowledge to perform the duties required of the higher rated job.
- D. If there are two (2) or more employees with the equal skill and ability to perform the work at the discretion of the administration, which may not be arbitrarily or capriciously withheld, the employee with the greatest seniority shall be given preference. If the employee meeting the foregoing criteria cannot perform the higher rated job, once promoted to the higher rated job, then the administration shall promote the employee, which it deems to be the next eligible. Skill and ability includes the employee's job performance.
- E. A permanent job opening or vacancy in the bargaining unit constituting a promotion shall be posted on appropriate bulletin boards for a period of five (5) calendar days. During such period of time the permanent job opening or vacancy shall be posted, a temporary job opening with respect to the posted position shall be deemed to exist. The Commissioner shall have the right, at his discretion, to fill any temporary job opening by transfer or otherwise, until such time as it may be permanently filled. In the event that a permanent job opening is not filled within (5) days of the posting of a notice, the Commissioner, in his or her discretion, may fill such permanent job opening or vacancy.
- F. No employee shall be transferred without reason or cause and shall be granted a ten (10) day notice on which to reply to any notice of transfer. An employee may discuss any transfer with his immediate supervisor or the Commissioner. After a necessary discussion, the employee shall comply with the transfer order. If the transfer is necessitated by a vacancy and the Commissioner decides not to transfer the employee, then the vacancy shall be filled through the provisions established and through the job posting procedure as agreed to in this contract.
- G. Overtime Rotation — Overtime in the Blue Collar Unit shall be assigned in accordance with the seniority list, which shall set forth the names of the employees in each classification, in order of their seniority. The first overtime assignment on a particular occasion shall be assigned to the most senior employee on the seniority list in that classification. If the most senior employee is unwilling to accept the overtime assignment, the next most senior employee shall have the opportunity to accept that assignment. Overtime assignments will proceed down the seniority list. If an employee to whom the overtime assignment has been offered shall decline to accept that assignment, he will be passed and will not be offered any other overtime assignment until his turn is reached again.

If an employee is offered an overtime assignment and is unable to perform the assignment because he is unqualified to do the work assigned, he will be offered the next overtime assignment. In the event that all employees who are offered a particular overtime assignment decline to accept the assignment, the least senior employee who is offered the assignment and who is qualified to perform the assignment shall be obliged to accept it. No employee will be permitted to accept an overtime assignment if the employee does not possess the skill and ability to perform the work. Employees subject to major discipline, as defined by Civil Service Regulations, within six (6) months prior to an overtime assignment may, at the discretion of the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee, be passed over for such assignments. The six (6) month period shall commence from the date of final resolution or decision regarding the major discipline.

- H. Vacations — Whenever more than one (1) employee within the job classification requests vacation at a job location at any particular time, the Township shall endeavor to honor all vacations as requested. However, when vacations cannot be granted to all employees requesting vacations for a particular period, the employees with the greatest seniority shall be granted their vacation first. Employees shall submit written notice to the Commissioner no less than thirty (30) days in advance for use of paid vacation which shall be granted at the discretion of the employee's supervisor. Approval of the dates for vacation time remains at the Township's discretion. The Commissioner may, in his sole discretion, grant vacation time on shorter notice.
- I. When the Township decides to reduce the number of employees in any particular job title, the employee or employees with the least seniority shall be laid off first.
- J. Employees shall be recalled for work from layoff in the order of their seniority which shall be confirmed in writing by the Commissioner, provided that they have the requisite qualifications, ability to perform the work available and notify the Commissioner in writing within five (5) days that the former employee shall accept reinstatement from layoff. Employees continuously laid off for a period of two (2) years or more shall not be entitled to recall.

ARTICLE 17

SAFETY REPORT

Whenever an employee is assigned to drive Township equipment and he feels such equipment is in need of such repair that it is hazardous or defective, he shall at once notify his immediate supervisor of the defective or hazardous equipment. and fill out the Township's Safety Report form as agreed upon by the parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18

JOB POSTING

Any vacancy in the bargaining unit shall be posted for five (5) calendar days, the Township must notify all employees of the openings by providing a copy of such opening to the shop steward. Before it is awarded to any person not from the bargaining unit, Township employees in the bargaining unit shall be considered first provided the employee notifies the Commissioner in

writing of his or her interest in the position. However, in all cases, the discretion of the Commissioner shall be final and binding on all hiring decisions.

ARTICLE 19

BULLETIN BOARDS

The Union will have access to a bulletin board in each work area. The Union may post notices of Union activities and information pertinent to its collective bargaining relationship on these bulletin boards. Copies of the information to be posted on the bulletin boards will be forwarded to the office of the Commissioner.

ARTICLE 20

HOSPITALIZATION

- A. The Township agrees to provide medical insurance under the State Health Benefits Plan, a Dental Plan, Eyeglass Plan, and Prescription Plan to all employees. Medical and prescription drug benefits coverage shall be subject to the employee premium sharing schedules and provisions described below. Provided the Township offers access to a health benefits plan that does not trigger application of an excise or other tax, in the event an employee selects a plan subject to an excise or other tax (i.e., "Cadillac Tax"), the employee shall also pay the cost of that tax through equal payroll deductions in the same manner used for employee premium contributions.
- B. The Prescription Plan co-pay is \$5.00 for generic, and \$10.00 for name brand/non-generic. The prescription plan shall be subject to cost containment programs and initiatives. These programs shall include and may not be limited to features like clinical case management, disease management, health and wellness programs and pharmacy utilization review, including prior authorization, step therapy, specialty prescription and compound management programs. Note: The Township shall not receive any information related to patient specific participation results for any care management features in place and may adopt such features at any time.
- C. The amount of contribution to be paid by employees for benefits coverage for the employee and any dependent shall be either 1.5% of their base salary or according to the applicable contribution percentage rate detailed below, whichever contribution amount is greater:
 - 1. For family coverage or its equivalent, an employee who earns:
 - a. less than \$25,000 shall pay 3% of the cost of coverage;
 - b. \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 4% of the cost of coverage;
 - c. \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 5% of the cost of coverage;
 - d. \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 6% of the cost of coverage;
 - e. \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 7% of the cost of coverage;
 - f. \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 9% of the cost of coverage;
 - g. \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 12% of the cost of coverage;
 - h. \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 14% of the cost of coverage;
 - i. \$60,000 or more but less than \$65,000 shall pay 17% of the cost of coverage;
 - j. \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 19% of the cost of coverage;

- k. \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 22% of the cost of coverage;
- l. \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 23% of the cost of coverage;
- m. \$80,000 or more but less than \$85,000 shall pay 24% of the cost of coverage;
- n. \$85,000 or more but less than \$90,000 shall pay 26% of the cost of coverage;
- o. \$90,000 or more but less than \$95,000 shall pay 28% of the cost of coverage;
- p. \$95,000 or more but less than \$100,000 shall pay 29% of the cost of coverage;
- q. \$100,000 or more but less than \$110,000 shall pay 32% of the cost of coverage;
- r. \$110,000 or more shall pay 35% of the cost of coverage

2. For individual coverage or its equivalent, an employee who earns:

- a. less than \$20,000 shall pay 4.5% of the cost of coverage;
- b. \$20,000 or more but less than \$25,000 shall pay 5.5% of the cost of coverage;
- c. \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 7.5% of the cost of coverage;
- d. \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 10% of the cost of coverage;
- e. \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 11% of the cost of coverage;
- f. \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 12% of the cost of coverage;
- g. \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 14% of the cost of coverage;
- h. \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 20% of the cost of coverage;
- i. \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 23% of the cost of coverage;
- j. \$60,000 or more but less than \$65,000 shall pay 27% of the cost of coverage;
- k. \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 29% of the cost of coverage;
- l. \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 32% of the cost of coverage;
- m. \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 33% of the cost of coverage;
- n. \$80,000 or more but less than \$95,000 shall pay 34% of the cost of coverage;
- o. \$95,000 or more shall pay 35% of the cost of coverage;

3. For a member with child or spouse coverage or its equivalent, an employee who earns:

- a. less than \$25,000 shall pay 3.5% of the cost of coverage;
- b. \$25,000 or more but less than \$30,000 shall pay 4.5% of the cost of coverage;
- c. \$30,000 or more but less than \$35,000 shall pay 6% of the cost of coverage;
- d. \$35,000 or more but less than \$40,000 shall pay 7% of the cost of coverage;
- e. \$40,000 or more but less than \$45,000 shall pay 8% of the cost of coverage;
- f. \$45,000 or more but less than \$50,000 shall pay 10% of the cost of coverage;
- g. \$50,000 or more but less than \$55,000 shall pay 15% of the cost of coverage;
- h. \$55,000 or more but less than \$60,000 shall pay 17% of the cost of coverage;
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- j. \$65,000 or more but less than \$70,000 shall pay 23% of the cost of coverage;
- k. \$70,000 or more but less than \$75,000 shall pay 26% of the cost of coverage;
- l. \$75,000 or more but less than \$80,000 shall pay 27% of the cost of coverage;
- m. \$80,000 or more but less than \$85,000 shall pay 28% of the cost of coverage;
- n. \$85,000 or more but less than \$100,000 shall pay 30% of the cost of coverage;
- o. \$100,000 or more shall pay 35% of the cost of coverage.

Base salary shall be used to determine what an employee earns for the purposes of

this Article and shall mean pensionable salary.

“Cost of coverage” means the premium or periodic charges for benefits.

Employee contributions shall be made by way of withholding of the contribution from the employee's pay, salary, or other compensation. Withholdings shall be made by way of equal payroll deductions, to the extent possible, in accordance with the Township's customary payroll practices unless otherwise required by law.

- D. The Township shall establish a Section 125 Flexible Spending Account plan ("FSA Plan") pursuant to Federal and State legal requirements which employees may elect to participate through employee contributions made via equal payroll deductions in accordance with the Township's customary payroll practices and the FSA Plan.
- E. Upon an employee's retirement at twenty-five (25) years service, the Township shall provide coverage under the State Health Benefits Plan in accordance with the terms established by the Plan and the above contribution requirements. The Township, in its sole discretion, may change the plans contained within this Article to a comparable plan, however, the Township shall not be required to make such a change.
- F. Only those employees with twenty (20) or more years of creditable service in a State administered pension system as of June 27, 2011, who also meet the above twenty-five (25) years of service requirement at the time of retirement, shall be exempt during retirement from the premium sharing contribution requirements contained within this Article. All other employees who retire with twenty-five (25) years of service shall contribute, through the withholding of the required contribution from their monthly retirement allowance in an amount determined by applying the amount of their annual retirement allowance and any future cost of living adjustment thereto to the dollar ranges and contribution percentages contained within this Article.
- G. Employees eligible for benefits upon retirement who do not have 25 years or more of service on or before January 1, 2021, will transition to Medicare upon eligibility for Medicare but will not receive reimbursement by the Township for Medicare.

ARTICLE 21

FULLY BARGAINED CLAUSE

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties. There are no representations, promises or warranties other than those set forth herein. Neither party shall be required to renegotiate any part, until the expiration of said Agreement or the activation of reopened clauses within the Agreement.

ARTICLE 22

PAST PRACTICE CLAUSES

All benefits and conditions of employment presently in existence for the bargaining unit, unless modified by this Agreement, whether in writing or in practice, shall be continued without change

by the Township during the life of this Agreement; except that policies and procedures established by the Township may be modified in the Township's discretion unless otherwise specified within this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any part, clause, portion or Article of this Agreement is subsequently deemed by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, such clause, portion or Article may be deleted and the remainder of the Agreement not so affected shall continue in full force and effect absent the affected clause.

ARTICLE 24 **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

It is recognized that the Employer has and will continue to retain all rights and responsibilities to direct the forces of the Township in all aspects. Included, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

1. All management functions and responsibilities which the Township has not expressly modified or restricted by a specific provision of this Agreement;
2. The right to establish and administer policies and procedures related to personnel matters, Township controlled activities, training, operational functions, performance of services and maintenance of the facilities and equipment of the Township;
3. To reprimand, suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline employees for cause;
4. To hire, promote, transfer, assign, reassign, layoff and recall employees to work in accordance with Civil Service Rules and seniority;
5. To determine the number of employees and the duties to be performed;
6. To maintain the efficiency of employees, to establish, expand, reduce, alter, combine, consolidate or abolish any job or job classification, department or operation or service, in accordance with Civil Service Rights;
7. To determine staffing patterns and areas worked; to control and regulate the use of facilities, supplies, equipment materials and any other property of the Township;
8. To make or change Township rules, regulations, policies and practices consistent with the specific terms and provisions of this Agreement and consistent with Civil Service Rules and Regulations.
9. All discretionary or permissive language contained within federal or state leave laws including but not limited to the Family Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"), the New Jersey Family Leave Act ("NJFLA"), the NJ-SAFE Act and regulations

promulgated shall be a management prerogative except that employees covered by this contract shall continue to accrue paid time off and seniority while on such leave.

The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Township shall only be limited by the language of this clause.

In recognition of the rulings of the Courts of New Jersey, the parties recognize that the exercise of managerial rights is a responsibility of the Township on behalf of the taxpayers and that the Township cannot bargain away or eliminate any of its managerial rights.

It is further agreed that the above detailed enumeration of management rights shall in no way be deemed to exclude any other management prerogatives that may have not have specifically enumerated.

ARTICLE 25

WORK CONTINUITY

During the period of time of this Agreement, the Union and its members shall not have the right to engage in any slowdown, work stoppage strike or related activity.

The sole method for resolving any disagreement concerning this Agreement shall be covered by the procedures contained in this Agreement or legal remedies available to the parties that do not constitute strikes or work stoppages.

The Union agrees that if any type of concerted activity occurs, as noted above, the Union will take immediate steps to terminate such activities and will condemn such activities. An employee who engages in any of the prohibited activities shall be subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 26

PRODUCTIVITY

The Union agrees that it will cooperate with the Township in any productivity program adopted by the Township covering employees of this bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 27

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The parties agree that the Township has the right to conduct individual performance evaluations of all personnel.

ARTICLE 28

WORK PERFORMANCE

All employees covered by this Agreement will be expected to perform all duties as assigned by their supervisor. This shall include but not be limited to the specific functions enumerated in their individual job descriptions and any other such functions, which may be assigned from time to time by their supervisors or through employer work rules, personnel regulations or other regulations. It

is recognized and agreed that employees in this bargaining unit recognize the authority of the Township to promulgate and implement work performance standards in accordance with the dictates and authority resident in the Township.

ARTICLE 29
WASH UP TIME

All employees shall have a five (5) minutes for wash up time for washing of hands prior to the lunch period and five (5) minutes wash up for washing of hands prior to quitting time.

ARTICLE 30
UNION DUES & WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY ACT

The Township will deduct regular monthly dues and initiation fees for the recognized majority representative of bargaining unit employees (hereafter "Union") from each employee who furnishes the Township a written dues deduction authorization form as required by the laws of the State of New Jersey and furnished by the Union. Dues deducted by the Township shall be transmitted to the designated Union official. The Township agrees to provide to the Union, on a monthly basis, a complete up-to-date electronic listing of all employees covered by this Agreement. Such listing shall be in Excel format and include the employee's job classification, work location, home address, employment status, membership status and the amount of dues deducted as it appears on the records of the Township. Dues deducted by the Township shall be paid over to designated Union official on a monthly basis within thirty (30) days of the end of the month. The Union shall hold harmless and indemnify the Township from any and all claims, costs or expenses arising out of this Article.

The Township will follow the terms of the New Jersey Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act ("Act"), including those terms covered by this Article, provided that in the event a Court of competent jurisdiction issues an injunction suspending or precluding enforcement of the Act, the parties will comply with that determination as though it had been entered in connection with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 31
SALARY & STIPENDS

- A. The parties agree to the following adjustments to base salary for bargaining unit members effective January 1st of each year of the contract:

2024: 3%
2025: 3%
2026: 1.5%

- B. During the term of this contract, a stipend will be paid annually to an employee selected by the Township in its discretion to perform the following as part of that employee's job duties:

Playground Inspector: \$1,500.00

Welder	\$1,200.00
Stageline Technician/related Certification.	\$1,200.00
Pesticides:	\$3,000.00

The stipend is payable only to the employee designated by the Township and that eligible employee must obtain and maintain any required certification or license (if applicable) for the entire calendar year or the stipend will be pro-rated.

- C. During the term of this contract, a \$3,000.00 stipend will be paid annually to an eligible mechanic who, as of the effective date of this contract or thereafter, holds at least the eight (8) ASE Certifications designated by the Township. To be eligible, the mechanic must be selected by the Township, obtain the designated ASE Certifications and maintain the ASE Certifications for the entire calendar year or the stipend will be pro-rated.
- D. After application of the above 2% increase for 2021 to the 2020 base pay, there shall be a one-time salary adjustment effective January 1, 2021, in the amount of \$5,500 solely to those employees in the bargaining unit holding the job title of Equipment Operator as of that date.
- E. When the Township designates a mechanic to be on-call for a week during May 1 through October 1 the designated mechanic shall receive 4 hours of on-call pay at their base rate for that week provided the mechanic is and remains immediately available for, and if called in, promptly reports to, duty as requested by the Township.

ARTICLE 32

HOURS OF WORK

Except as noted below, the work week will be from Monday to Friday, time and one-half (1-1/2) will be paid for all hours worked after forty (40) working hours except in cases of emergencies as provided elsewhere in this Agreement. The work hours will be from 7:00 am. To 3:00 p.m., employees will report ready to commence work. The Commissioner reserves the right to change to summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day and those hours are 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. where needed. Employees are permitted one (1) break of fifteen (15) minutes at the discretion of the employee's supervisor.

Effective January 1, 2019, the Township can retain up to three (3) new regular full time employees (not including seasonal or temporary) who shall work a different five day scheduled set by the Township, in its sole discretion, from May 1st to September 30th each year (for example, during that time frame the employee's schedule can be set as Wednesday to Sunday). Current bargaining unit members may elect to switch to this schedule with the understanding that their selection will be permanent.

ARTICLE 33

CDL LICENSE

All members of the bargaining unit who obtain and maintain a CDL Class A shall receive a one-time base salary increase of \$3,800.00 effective in 2024. The increase will remain in the

employee's base salary for the entirety of the contract as long as the employee maintains the license.

All members of the bargaining unit who obtain and maintain a CDL Class B shall receive a one-time base salary increase of \$2,400.00 effective in 2024. The increase will remain in the employee's base salary for the entirety of the contract as long as the employee maintains the license

The eligible employee must obtain and maintain any required certification or license (if applicable) for the entire calendar year or the stipend will be pro-rated and deducted from their base salary.

The Township shall pay for the initial CDL and the employee shall pay for all renewals.

All newly hired employees must obtain a CDL within 90 days of being hired, provided that if the employee does not, his or her performance shall be deemed unsatisfactory and remain on probationary status for an additional 90 days in order to obtain their CDL. The employee shall receive health benefits during the second 90 day probationary period. If the employee does not obtain their CDL by the end of the second 90 day probationary period, the employee shall be terminated unless the delay is due to the State's failure to act.

ARTICLE 34 **DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING**

When reasonable suspicion exists for any member of the bargaining unit, that person shall be subject to drug testing for use of any and all illegal substances and, if suspected to be under the influence during working hours, alcohol testing. This provision is in addition to random CDL drug testing requirements. Failure or refusal to test when and as directed shall be deemed a positive test result and basis for termination. Testing shall be paid for by the Township by those under contract with the Township. The Township has an established drug and alcohol testing policy which, in its discretion, may be amended from time to time and shall apply to members of the bargaining unit. If, prior to the Township developing a reasonable suspicion or a direction to test, an employee privately discloses in writing to the Commissioner of Public Works that the employee is in need of a drug and/or alcohol treatment program, and the employee is eligible for FMLA leave, the Township shall grant the leave provided the treatment occurs at a recognized treatment facility, the employee provides proof to the Commissioner of successful completion of the treatment program, the employee provides proof of compliance with the treatment program and a negative test result just prior to returning to work.

ARTICLE 35 **WORKPLACE DEMOCRACY ACT PROVISIONS**

The Township shall provide the Union access to its facilities at the Public Works Garage for purposes of: meeting with individual employees to investigate and discuss grievances, workplace related complaints and other workplace issues; collective negotiations, the administration of collective negotiations agreements, other matters related to the duties of an exclusive representative employee organization, and internal union matters involving the

governance or business of the exclusive representative employee organization; and the right to meet with newly hired employees.

Worksite meetings shall be conducted during non-working time and scheduled as soon as practical with seventy-two (72) hours advance notice by contacting the Superintendent of Public Works. For purposes of meeting with a new hire to the bargaining unit, the Union will schedule time by contacting the Superintendent of Public Works so as to schedule time during the new hire orientation. The Union's new hire meeting will be without charge to the pay or leave time of the new hire if it is no more than 120 minutes in duration.

Within 10 calendar days from the date of hire of a bargaining unit employee, and every 120 calendar days beginning on January 1, 2019, the Township shall provide the Union the contact information required by law for bargaining unit members within an excel spreadsheet via email to an email address designated by the Union in writing to the Human Resources Department.

The Union may communicate via email to bargaining unit officers via the Township email assigned to that officer. Use of email shall comply with Township policies applicable to all employees.

ARTICLE 36 **DURATION**

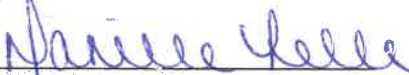
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their hand and seals.
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**FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
LONG BEACH:**



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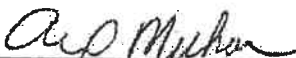
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