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## **AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and between the CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, a municipal corporation, and LOCAL NO. 1293 of the AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION.

WITNESSETH:

That the parties hereto contract and agree as follows:

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following words, terms and phrases shall be construed in accordance with definitions assigned to them below unless the context in which the same shall be used would otherwise necessarily require a different definition.

- A. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR shall mean the Assistant Director of Transit or their designee.
- B. CITY shall mean City of Lincoln, Nebraska, StarTran Division.
- C. DEPARTMENT HEAD shall mean the duly appointed and acting director of the Transportation/Utilities Department of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, as hereinabove defined, or the Department Head's designee.
- D. EMERGENCY. An emergency shall mean those circumstances in which the City or any part thereof is suffering or is in imminent danger of suffering from a natural disaster or other event, including floods, tornadoes, or other occurrences which will seriously and substantially endanger the health, safety, welfare or property of the citizens of the City of Lincoln as determined by the Department Head or the Mayor.
- E. EMPLOYEE shall mean any employee of StarTran Division, City of Lincoln, Nebraska, including and limited to Bus Operator, Apprentice Mechanic, Journey Mechanic, Bus Service Worker, Bus Cleaner, and Part Time Operator.
- F. EXTRA BOARD OPERATOR shall be an operator who does not or cannot bid a regular run.
- G. HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR shall mean the duly appointed Human Resources Director of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, or Human Resources Director's designee.
- H. IMMEDIATE FAMILY is defined to be husband, wife, child, step child, father, mother, step father, step mother, sister, brother, step sister, step brother, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, father-in-law,

mother-in-law, grandparent, grandparents-in-law, grandchild and step grandchild. Immediate family will also include any other family member, whether it be by blood, marriage, legal adoption, or foster children, residing in the household.

- I. PAY STATUS shall mean conditions under which an employee is eligible to receive pay, and includes, but is not limited to, hours worked, vacation leave, sick leave, paid parental leave, bereavement leave, paid injury leave, paid administrative leave, compensatory time, military leave, jury duty, holidays, and personal convenience holidays.
- J. REGULAR EMPLOYEE. The term regular employee shall mean an employee who has been appointed to a position in the classified service after successful completion of a probationary period.
- K. REGULAR OPERATOR shall mean one who bids and operates a regularly scheduled run that is scheduled a minimum of five days each week.
- L. TRANSIT UNION shall mean Local No. 1293 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

## **ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION, MANAGEMENT, EMPLOYEE COOPERATION**

**Section 1.** The City recognizes the right of the operating and maintenance employees of the StarTran Division to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choice, and recognizes the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1293 as the exclusive bargaining representative of all its employees covered by this Agreement. Jurisdiction of the Transit Union and the appropriate unit for collective bargaining are defined as embracing all operating and maintenance employees included within the classifications of employees as set forth in the wage section of this Agreement.

**Section 2.** A. The City shall exercise the right to set its policies; to manage its bus transit operations in the light of experience, good business judgment, and changing conditions; to determine the qualifications for and to select its managerial and supervisory forces; to determine the number of employees it will retain in its services at any time; and to make reasonable rules and regulations governing the operation of its business and the conduct of its employees.

B. The Union acknowledges the concept of inherent management rights. These rights, powers, and authority of the City include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The right to determine, effectuate, and implement the objectives and goals of the City.
2. The right to manage and supervise all operations and functions of the City.
3. The right to establish, allocate, schedule, assign, modify, change, and discontinue City operations and work shifts, so long as changes in days off, shifts, and working hours, other than in emergencies, which shall include but not be limited to, unplanned absences, are made only after the order for such change has been posted for fourteen (14) calendar days; except in instances which affect a single work crew or a single employee, the City will make a good faith attempt to deliver such notice.
4. The right to establish, modify, change, and discontinue work standards.
5. The right to hire, examine, classify, promote, train, transfer, assign, and retain employees, and the right to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees for just cause; and to relieve employees from duties due to lack of work or funds.
6. The right to increase, reduce, change, modify, and otherwise alter the composition and size of the work force.
7. The right to determine, establish, set, and implement policies for selection, training, and promotion of employees.
8. The right to create, establish, change, modify, and discontinue any City function, operation, or department.
9. The right to establish, implement, modify, and change financial policies, accounting procedures, prices of goods or services, public relations,

and procedures and policies for the safety, health, and protection of City property and personnel.

10. The right to adopt, modify, change, enforce, or discontinue existing rules, regulations, procedures, and policies not in conflict with any provisions of this Agreement.
11. The right to determine and enforce employees' quality and quantity standards.
12. The right to classify jobs and allocate individual employees to appropriate classifications based upon duty assignments. The City will not abolish or change any bargaining unit classifications for the purpose of depriving bargaining unit employees of benefits under this Agreement.

The City shall have these rights as long as none of these rights are in conflict with any provisions of this Agreement or federal, state and municipal statutes, laws or ordinances.

The City shall post all bulletins, safety meetings and work rules ten (10) working days (Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays excluded) in advance of the effective date with a copy to the Union whenever possible. Bus operators who have eight (8) hour or longer assignments will be afforded fifteen (15) minutes of paid time per week to read electronic communications from the City.

The Union will receive copies of notices or HR bulletins involving changes affecting the employees.

**Section 3.** The employees shall work at all times to the best interest of the City; they shall perform efficient service in their work; they shall operate and handle the City's vehicles carefully and with utmost regard to the safety of the passengers, the general public, and the equipment; they shall operate and handle the City's vehicles at all times in full compliance with the rules of the City, City ordinances and state laws; and they shall give the riding public courteous and respectful treatment at all times, to the end that the City's service may improve and grow. No employee shall accept employment with another employer that interferes with their employment with the City.

Management personnel including supervisors shall not perform bus operator work that would deal with public contact except as defined below:

- A. Demonstrating to and/or training of employees, and:
- B. Emergencies where the employees are not available. Shall not be used to avoid calling employees to perform the work where conditions permit, i.e. 1/2 hour or less.
- C. Maintenance personnel shall only operate StarTran vehicles in regards to Maintenance operations, and:

D. In other situations with the consent of the Union.

**Section 4.** There shall be a meeting that shall take place on a mutually agreed upon day during the week following the Union meeting. During the month of December, the Union President shall provide the Assistant Director a calendar identifying the dates of the succeeding year Union meetings. The meeting shall be scheduled at a time that will not interfere with the normal working schedule of the President, Vice President, Driver Steward, or Shop Steward of the Union; however, if the Assistant Director requests that the meeting be scheduled during the scheduled hours of the President, Vice President, Driver Steward or Shop Steward, the City will pay all loss of time. The meeting shall be between StarTran leadership that may include the Assistant Director, the Superintendents, and/or the Safety and Training Specialist, and the Union President, Union Vice President, Driver Steward and Shop Steward to address concerns of the Union or Management. This scheduled monthly meeting may be cancelled by mutual agreement or by either party for a valid reason.

**Section 5.** The City shall provide locking bulletin boards placed in conspicuous locations in the Operator's Ready Room, Shop area and the Employees Lounge for the exclusive use of the Union for communication to its members.

The City shall be held harmless against all claims for liability or damages which may arise from any communication posted by the Union on the Union Bulletin Boards.



### **ARTICLE 3 - NEGOTIATIONS AND UNION BUSINESS**

**Section 1.** It is mutually agreed that all business comprehended by this Agreement shall be transacted between the properly accredited officers or agents of the City and the regularly elected officers of the Transit Union or a duly accredited committee thereof, composed of employees of the City, and at their option with or without the assistance of an International Representative of the Amalgamated Transit Union and/or legal counsel.

**Section 2.** The Transit Union agrees to furnish the City with an up-to-date list of all its officers and committee members, and to immediately notify the City of any and all changes thereto. The City agrees to furnish the Transit Union with an up-to-date list of all its local representatives, and to immediately notify the Transit Union of any and all changes thereto.

**Section 3.** During contract negotiation sessions, City first line supervisors shall be available on an "as needed" basis for further clarification of any particular point or subject brought forward.

**Section 4.** For the purpose of contract negotiation meetings with the City of Lincoln, the City will pay loss of time, no limit, for four (4) members of the negotiating team. The Union will assume the loss of time for any additional representatives.

**Section 5.** The ATU president or their designated representative will be granted a maximum of one hundred sixty (160) hours paid time per contract year for the purpose of representing members of the bargaining unit during grievances, disciplinary hearings or other administrative conferences. The parties further agree that this is not a cap on unpaid time for Union business. The parties also agree that these hours are not to be used for negotiations.

**Section 6.** On StarTran Division committees, the Transit Union will have pro rata distribution of representation to all other Unions participating in the committee. The President or their designee will provide the names of members to represent the Transit Union. The Transit Union is solely responsible for the selection of its members.

**Section 7.** The parties agree to establish a Labor/Management Committee. To accomplish this, the parties agree to utilize the services of FMCS for training in the labor/management committee process. As part of this process, the parties will develop guidelines and procedures for the committee to follow.

## ARTICLE 4 - DEDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Section 1.** The City agrees to deduct the regular monthly membership dues and COPE check-off (minimum \$1.00 monthly) of the Transit Union from the pay of the Transit Union members on the first pay period of each month and remit same to the Financial Secretary of the Transit Union within ten (10) days after the date of their deduction, provided such members individually and voluntarily authorize and request the City in writing to make such deductions. Such authorization may be revoked by the employee at any time by giving written notice thereof to the City. When the amount of the membership dues has been changed, it shall be accompanied by a certificate of the Financial Secretary of the Transit Union that such change in the amount of membership dues has been brought about in accordance with the Constitution and By- Laws of the Transit Union.

**Section 2.** The individual authorizations for the deduction of regular monthly membership dues shall be worded as follows:

### AUTHORIZATION FOR DEDUCTION OF TRANSIT UNION MEMBERSHIP DUES

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned employee of the CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, StarTran Division, do hereby individually and voluntarily authorize and request the said City to deduct current monthly membership dues of Local Union No. 1293 of the AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION from any wages due to me during the first pay period of each month. When the amount of the membership dues has been changed, it must be accompanied by a certificate of the Financial Secretary of said StarTran Division that such change in the amount of membership dues has been brought about in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Local No. 1293. All sums so deducted are to be transmitted by the City to the Financial Secretary of said Local Union No. 1293 within ten (10) days after the date of their deduction.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3.** Previously signed and unrevoked written authorizations shall continue to be effective as to employees reinstated following layoff, leave of absence, or suspension not exceeding sixty (60) days; previous authorization of other employees rehired or reinstated shall not be considered to be effective.

**Section 4.** If the City receives an employee revocation of authorization no later than two weeks prior to the first payday of each month, no deduction will be made from the payroll period or subsequent payroll periods. Revocations received too late for this handling will then only effect subsequent payroll periods.

## REVOCATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW UNION MEMBERSHIP DUES

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned employee of the CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, StarTran Division, do hereby individually and voluntarily request that the said City stop the deduction of Union membership dues.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5.** The City agrees to provide this service without charge to the Transit Union.

**Section 6.** The City shall not be liable for the remittance payment of any sums other than those constituting actual deductions made; and if for any reason the City fails to make a deduction for any employee whose authorization has been received no later than two (2) weeks prior to the payday in which such dues are normally deducted, the City shall make that deduction from the employee's next pay period in which Transit Union dues are normally deducted, after written notification by the Transit Union to the City of its error. If the City makes an overpayment to the Transit Union, the City will deduct that amount from the next remittance to the Transit Union. If the City inadvertently makes a deduction from an employee who has not authorized said deduction or who has revoked said authorization in accordance with Section 4 of this Article, the Transit Union agrees to refund said deduction to the affected employees. The Transit Union further agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless against any and all claims, suits, orders or judgments brought or issued against the City as a result of any action taken or not taken by the City under the provisions of this Article.

## **ARTICLE 5 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

All new employees coming within the scope of this Agreement shall be on probation for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of hire and shall include sixty (60) day trainee period. The probationary period shall constitute a trial period during which the City is to judge the ability, competency, fitness and other qualifications of new employees to do the work for which they were employed. During such probationary period, the City may discharge the employee at any time and its right to do so shall not be questioned by the Transit Union. The Transit Union shall not assert or present any grievance on behalf of any such new employee because of any matter or occurrence whatsoever falling within such probationary period.

## **ARTICLE 6 - NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Neither the City nor the Union will discriminate against any person because of age, sex, race, creed, color, disability, national origin, religion, or pregnancy. Neither shall there be a discrimination by either the City or the Union in favor of or against any individual by reason of membership or non-membership in the Union or any other labor organization.

## **ARTICLE 7 - DISCIPLINE OF EMPLOYEES**

**Section 1.** Any action or behavior which reflects discredit upon the City or is a direct hindrance to the effective performance of the City's municipal governmental and proprietary functions may be considered good cause for disciplinary action against an employee and such actions or behavior which may be considered good cause for disciplinary action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Habitual use of intoxicating beverages to excess or the use of narcotics.
- B. Being adjudged guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or disgraceful conduct.
- C. Taking intoxicating beverages, or being intoxicated, while on duty.
- D. Engaging in improper political activity as defined in Article IXA, Section 8, of the Charter of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.
- E. Offensive conduct or language toward the public or toward City officers or employees.
- F. Lacking either mental or physical competence to perform assigned duties.
- G. Damaging or being negligent in the care and handling of City property.
- H. Violating any lawful and reasonable regulations or directives made or given by a superior.
- I. Inducing or attempting to induce any officer or employee in the City service to commit an illegal act or to act in violation of any lawful and reasonable departmental or official regulation or order, or participating therein.
- J. Using or attempting to use personal or political influence or bribery to secure an advantage in an examination or promotion, leave of absence, transfer, change of grade, pay or character of work.
- K. Failing to pay just debts due or owing or failing to make reasonable provisions for future payment of such debts, thereby causing annoyance to officials of the City, or embarrassment to the City.
- L. Any unauthorized absence of an employee from duty shall be deemed to be an absence without pay and may be made grounds for disciplinary action by the Department Head. In the absence of such disciplinary action, any employee who absents themselves for three or more continuous days without authorized leave shall be deemed to have resigned. Such absence may be covered, however, by the Department Head by a subsequent grant of leave with or without pay where extenuating circumstances are found to have existed.
- M. Repeated violations of State laws or City ordinances relating to the operation of a motor vehicle or a bus.

- N. The employee has failed to maintain a satisfactory attendance record whereby a pattern of excessive sick leave and unexcused leaves of absence has been established.
- O. Intentionally falsifying and/or theft of official records and/or statement/property.

**Section 2.** The Department Head may suspend or discharge any employee for cause or suspend any employee for investigation of any accident, incident, or other occurrence after having orally informed such employee, and then confirmed in writing, the reason(s) for such suspension or discharge, the duration of the suspension, and/or the effective date of the discharge. Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 below, any employee who has been so suspended or discharged shall have the right to have their case taken up in accordance with the procedures hereinafter provided in Article 8. If it is found during Steps 1 or 2 of the grievance procedure that there was not cause for the suspension or discharge, such employee shall be reinstated and paid for all time lost through such suspension or discharge at their regular straight time hourly rate of pay, or paid such other amount as may appear to be just. Any suspension or discharge arising from the provisions of Article 31 need not be done in writing.

**Section 3.** If an employee is charged with an offense involving the mishandling of fares or the misappropriation of City funds or property, intentional falsification or theft of official records or statements, immorality or drunkenness, neither such charge nor the discipline meted out in connection therewith shall be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures provided for in this Agreement unless the grievance or demand for arbitration in such cases be accompanied by a document signed by the employee involved authorizing the City to disclose any and all facts and information pertaining to the case and releasing the City from any and all liability therefor.

#### **Section 4.**

Management must notify the employee within ten (10) working days of receipt of a complaint, incident, or accident and if there is a need for further investigation. Failure by Management to do so will render said matter void. An investigation shall be completed within sixty (60) working days, unless an outside agency is involved and prolongs the investigation.

When an employee is notified to meet with management or an investigator to explain the reason or reasons for any complaint, incident or accident, the employee shall make themselves available within forty-eight (48) hours (Saturday, Sunday, holidays, days off excluded). At the employee's request, two Union representatives may attend this meeting.

Any pre-disciplinary notice warranted will be issued within five working days, upon completion of the investigation. The pre-disciplinary hearing notice, discipline, and the employee's response, if any, will be made a part of the personnel record only after such hearing.

For the purpose of this Article, working day shall include and be limited to Monday through Friday, excluding observed legal holidays as specified within this Agreement.

**Section 5.** In considering disciplinary action, Management will take into account the twelve calendar months prior to the month in which the incident occurred in the employee's record.

**Section 6.** Written warnings, written reprimands and rebuttals or explanations thereof shall be removed from an employee's personnel file, including such files within a Department, one (1) year after the filing provided there is a written request for removal from the affected employee and further provided there have been no additional disciplinary actions involving similar conduct taken against the employee. Requests shall be submitted to the Human Resources Department for determination of removal from the employee's file. All discipline and rebuttals or explanations will be forwarded to the Human Resources Department for inclusion into the employee's permanent record. Any documents or materials removed from any employee's personnel file, which are required to be maintained by the records retention requirements established by the Nebraska Secretary of State, shall be maintained in a separate confidential file.

**Section 7.** No discussion or investigation of anything involving possible disciplinary action shall be over the system radio. Telephone investigations will be for information purposes only and at the option of the employee; however, if the employee is called, the employee will be paid for the actual time spent on the telephone.

**Section 8.** The Union shall receive a written notice of all pre-disciplinary hearings or meetings to be held. This notice shall be provided to the Union at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing or meeting. The Union agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the subject matter in the notification letter.

Discipline resulting from a pre-disciplinary hearing will be emailed to the Union president and appropriate steward.

**Section 9.** The steps of disciplinary action which may be taken depending upon the severity of the conduct for which discipline is proposed shall be: 1) written warning; 2) written reprimand; 3) suspension without pay; and 4) termination of employment. A Department Head may suspend, demote, or dismiss an employee for just cause. Just cause shall be defined as a cause which a reasonable employer, acting in good faith, would regard as good and sufficient reason for the level of discipline issued against the employee for the infraction that led to the disciplinary action, as distinguished from arbitrary whim or caprice.

**Section 10.** No video of an individual employee will be viewed for more than two (2) consecutive trips per week except when necessary to investigate complaints, alleged criminal activity, possible litigation, or compliance with ADA regulations. Any video that Management becomes aware of consistent with these restrictions may be used for any lawful purpose, including assessing employee performance and issuing discipline.

**Section 11.** The City shall keep a video copy of all reported incidents and accidents when retrievable. The Union shall have access to the videos only with the written permission of the employee.



## **ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION PROCEDURE**

**Section 1.** The grievance and arbitration procedure set forth herein is designed to preserve harmony and friendly relations between the City and its employees. Furthermore, the grievance procedure is to provide a just and equitable method for the resolution of grievances without discrimination, coercion, restraint, or reprisal against any employee who may submit or be involved in a grievance. The grievance and arbitration procedure shall not be used to change any provisions of this Agreement, any provisions of the personnel code, municipal ordinances, or filed for the purpose of getting an established policy, standard, or procedure changed.

**Section 2.** The grievance is hereby jointly defined to be any disagreement concerning the interpretation or application of the specific and expressed provisions of this Agreement relating to wages, fringe benefits, or working conditions.

For the purpose of this Article, working day shall include and be limited to Monday through Friday, excluding observed legal holidays as specified within this Agreement.

**Section 3.** In reducing a grievance to writing, the following information must be stated with reasonable clearness: The exact nature of the grievance, the act or acts of commission or omission, the exact date of the act or acts of commission or omission, the identity of the party or parties who claim to be aggrieved, the identity of the party or parties alleged to have caused the grievance, if known, the specific provisions of this Agreement that are alleged to have been violated, and the remedy which is sought.

**Step 1.** Any employee having a grievance, or their designated representative, which shall hereafter mean an ATU Local No. 1293 Executive Board Officer, shall first present the grievance orally to the employee's section supervisor or their designated representative within five (5) working days after knowledge of its occurrence. The supervisor shall then attempt to adjust the matter and shall respond in writing, to the employee or their designated representative, within five (5) working days from the date of the meeting.

**Step 2.** If satisfactory settlement is not reached under Step 1, the grievance shall be presented in writing by the employee, or their designated representative, to the Assistant Director in writing within five (5) working days after the expiration of the time limit set forth in Step 1 above. When the grievance is presented, the parties shall agree upon a meeting time in order that the grievance may be fully discussed by the parties involved. The employee, an ATU Local 1293 officer, the supervisor involved, and the Assistant Director may be at the meeting. The Assistant Director, in an attempt to adjust the matter, shall respond in writing to the employee or their designated representative within five (5) working days from the date of the meeting.

**Step 3.** If satisfactory settlement is not reached under Step 2, the grievance shall be presented by the employee or their designated representative to the Department Head, within five (5) working days after the expiration of the time limit set forth in Step 2 above. Within ten (10) working days of the grievance

being presented, the parties shall hold a meeting to discuss the grievance. The Department Head shall issue a written decision to the employee or their designated representative within five (5) working days from the date of the meeting.

**Step 4.** If satisfactory settlement is not reached under Step 3, the employee or their designated representative shall resubmit the grievance described in Step 1 above within five (5) working days to the City Human Resources Director, who shall conduct a general review and attempt to settle the grievance within five (5) working days in a written reply.

**Step 5.** If satisfactory settlement is not reached under Step 4, the employee or their designated representative may file notice of intention to arbitrate the grievance, if such notice is filed with the City Human Resources Director within ten (10) working days after the expiration of the time limit described in Step 4 above.

**Section 4.** It is understood and agreed that a written grievance taken to arbitration under this Agreement, in order to be valid under this Agreement, must allege a direct violation of the express purpose of the contractual provision in question. It is also understood and agreed that it is the intent of the parties to this Agreement that a written grievance taken to arbitration shall not be valid if such written grievance challenges action taken by the City in the exercise of inherent management rights, except where such written grievance is based upon a clear, express limitation thereon.

**Section 5.** Upon receipt of notice of intent to arbitrate a grievance, the City, through its designated representative, and the employee or their designated representative shall meet within sixty (60) days and attempt to select an arbitrator by mutual agreement. If the parties are unable to select an arbitrator by this method, either party may address a letter to the American Arbitration Association requesting a list of five (5) qualified arbitrators. The letter to the American Arbitration Association shall be sent within fifteen (15) days from the expiration of the sixty (60) day time period allowed the parties to mutually agree upon selection of an arbitrator as provided herein. The failure to send the letter within the fifteen (15) day time period provided shall constitute an unconditional withdrawal of the grievance and preclude a subsequent refiling of notice of intent to arbitrate the same grievance. Upon receipt of the list of arbitrators, the parties will meet and strike names within thirty (30) days in accordance with the procedure outlined in this section. Failure of either party to meet and strike names shall result in a decision favorable to the other party. The party filing the notice of intent to arbitrate shall first strike a name from the list and the other party shall then also strike a name from the list until the remaining member of the panel submitted is chosen as arbitrator. The arbitrator chosen shall promptly schedule a hearing on the merits of the grievance at issue, unless the parties agree to another procedure, and shall thereafter promptly submit a decision resolving the dispute.

**Section 6.** The arbitrator selected in accordance with the procedures of Section 5 of this Article shall have jurisdiction only to interpret, apply, or determine compliance with the express provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement and they shall consider and render decisions upon only such issues as are directly raised

by the written grievance taken to arbitration, which grievance shall not in any way be changed or amended after it is presented in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4 or 5 of this Article. The arbitrator may interpret the express provisions of this Agreement, only insofar as it is necessary to the determination of the grievance at issue.

**Section 7.** The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties to this Agreement, provided that the arbitrator shall make no award outside the scope of their authority outlined in Section 6 of this Article, or effecting a change, modification, or addition to this Agreement, and shall confine themselves strictly to the facts submitted at the hearing, the evidence and stipulations before them, and the express terms and provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 8.** A grievance may be initiated and prosecuted by the City with regard to actions sanctioned and approved by the Transit Union which are violations of this Agreement, by the filing of such grievance in writing with the designated representative of the Local No. 1293, Amalgamated Transit Union. Notice shall be given by registered mail. Within thirty (30) days of the date of delivery of such grievance, the designated representative of the Transit Union, and the City, through its designated representative, shall arrange for a meeting in order to discuss the grievance. The designated representative of the Transit Union shall provide the City, or its designated representative, with a written answer to the grievance within five (5) working days after the conclusion of such a meeting. If satisfactory settlement is not reached under this procedure, the City may file a notice of its intention to arbitrate the grievance if such notice is filed with the designated employee representative within ten (10) working days after receipt of the Transit Union's answer as provided for in this Section. Selection, jurisdiction, and conclusiveness shall be the same as set out in Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, above.

**Section 9.** Expenses for the arbitrator's services and the arbitration proceeding in all cases of arbitration shall be borne equally by the parties to the arbitration, and each party shall be responsible for compensating its own representatives and witnesses and its cost incurred in presenting its case to the arbitrator.

**Section 10.** The time limits provided for in this Article shall be strictly construed and the failure of the Union, individual employee, or City to meet the time limits listed in this Article relative to resubmittal of the grievance or notice of intention to arbitrate shall constitute an unconditional acceptance of the remedy promulgated at the last step, or shall constitute a withdrawal of the grievance, whichever is appropriate.

## **ARTICLE 9 - NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT**

**Section 1.** During the life of this Agreement neither the Transit Union, its members, or the employees covered by this Agreement shall call, sanction, assist, or engage in any strike, slow-down, or stoppage of the City's work, operation of service, or in any manner sanction, assist, or engage in any restriction or limitation of work, operations, or services of the City.

**Section 2.** During the term of this Agreement, the City shall not cause or permit any lockouts of any of the employees covered by this Agreement.

**Section 3.** The primary purpose of this Article rests in the mutual desire of the parties to this Agreement to provide uninterrupted service to those served by the City. Accordingly, there shall be no sympathetic strikes under any circumstances.

## **ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY**

**Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION** The seniority and the date of employment of all employees as presently established shall be deemed to be correctly established as of the effective date of this Agreement.

For all purposes relating to seniority, two (2) sections of StarTran shall be recognized by this Agreement, namely, the operating section and the maintenance section. Employees may not hold seniority in more than one (1) section of StarTran. Seniority may not be transferred from one section to another section.

The City agrees to keep posted in an accessible place an up-to-date seniority list showing the names, dates of hire, and seniority standing of all the employees of StarTran.

Employees who are promoted to vacant supervisory positions or who accept vacant positions outside the bargaining unit will, after ninety (90) calendar days, forfeit all seniority rights under this Agreement and shall not return to their former position unless a vacancy exists and it is mutually agreed between Management and the Union.

**Section 2. OPERATOR SENIORITY** The seniority of full-time bus operators employed after the effective day of this Agreement shall date from the hour and day that they are classified as a full-time bus operator. If two or more operators have the same hour and day of classification then seniority shall be determined by the last four digits of the employee's social security number with the lower number being the more senior.

New employees will be classified as bus operator trainees for a training period not to exceed sixty (60) days with reclassification to the base starting rate for bus operators upon assignment to the extra board when operator trainees are proficient on all routes and services.

Annually, upon the effective starting date of the autumn sign-up, operator radio call numbers shall be realigned in keeping with the actual seniority of operators.

**Section 3. MAINTENANCE SENIORITY** Seniority shall be the date of employment in the Maintenance Section of StarTran. For the purposes of shift sign-up, seniority shall be the total time with the Maintenance Section of StarTran. For all other purposes, seniority shall be the total length of service with the City.

If two (2) or more employees report for work on the same day, the order in which they are added to the seniority roster will be determined by the last four digits of the employee's social security number with the lower number being the more senior.

## **ARTICLE 11 - REDUCTION IN FORCE - REEMPLOYMENT**

**Section 1.** When necessary to reduce the regular force of bus operators, lay-offs shall be in the inverse order of seniority.

**Section 2.** When necessary to reduce the regular force of maintenance employees, lay-offs shall be in the inverse order of seniority, within the respective classifications; provided, however, that a senior employee laid off in a higher classification shall be permitted to displace a junior employee in a lower classification if such senior employee desires to accept a job in such lower classification, and any such junior employee so displaced shall in turn have the privilege of displacing an employee in a lower classification with lower seniority and so on down the line. The privilege of displacing junior employees as above provided for must be exercised in accordance with the effective date as designated by the City.

**Section 3.** When regular forces of bus operators or maintenance employees are increased, former employees of the City who were laid off in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 and 2 of this Article shall be offered reemployment in the reverse order in which they were laid off; provided that this Agreement or any renewal, amendment or extension thereof is still in effect and no more than two (2) years shall have elapsed since their lay-off.

**Section 4.** When a lay-off exceeds thirty (30) days, the person offered reemployment under the provisions of this Article shall pass a physical examination conducted by a doctor selected by the City and such person shall be subject to the then existing conditions of employment of the City.

**Section 5.** In the reemployment of personnel as provided in this Article, the following procedure will be followed:

- A. The City shall notify each person to be reemployed to report for work by registered U.S. Mail (return receipt requested). Such letter shall be directed to the last known address of such person, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the Transit Union. By so doing, the City shall have discharged its obligations under this Article. Employees who were laid off must keep the City and the Transit Union supplied with a correct and up-to-date mailing address or risk forfeiture of their seniority and reemployment rights hereunder.
- B. Persons so notified to report for work must report for work within ten (10) days after date of mailing of letter or lose their seniority and reemployment rights hereunder. However, this ten (10) day period may be extended under certain conditions if mutually agreeable to both parties of this Agreement.

**Section 6.** When a regular bus operator is scheduled to be laid off due to a lack of work or curtailment of funds, that operator may apply for part-time operator work if there is such work available. If the employee accepts part-time work and at a later date is recalled into regular bus operator status, there shall be no break in seniority and there shall be no accrual of benefits during the period of lay-off from full-time status.

## **ARTICLE 12 - ACCIDENT PREVENTION**

**Section 1.** The Transit Union recognizes that accident prevention work is necessarily incident to the operation of the City's transportation system and that safety programs, safety meetings and general accident prevention work is mutually beneficial both to the City and to its employees. The Transit Union, therefore, agrees that it will encourage the employees to cooperate with the City in such safety work, and will urge them to attend all safety meetings held and conducted by and for the City and to take an active part and interest in accident prevention work.

- Section 2.** A. **CLASSES:** The City shall provide classes for employees on the operation of all newly purchased equipment that the employees are required to operate. The City shall, when making bus route changes or establishing new bus routes, hold a training class, to include a tour of the changed or new route. These classes shall be mandatory for employees to attend. Classes will be held Monday through Friday at arranged times. Class schedules will be posted at least two (2) weeks before the class date.
- B. **SAFETY AND TRAINING MEETINGS:** Management will schedule a minimum of two (2) with a maximum of six (6) safety or training meetings a year, one of which will be scheduled in October. A minimum of half of the meetings will include a safety topic. There will be four (4) with the option of up to seven (7) meetings per day, with meeting times determined by management. These meetings shall be one (1) to one and half (1.5) hours in duration. All employees must attend these meetings and shall be paid for the actual time spent in the meetings.

**Section 3.** An accident review board of five (5) persons shall be created and shall consist of two (2) members of the bargaining unit appointed by the President of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1293, two (2) members appointed by Management, and a neutral fifth member appointed by the Union and the City. The purpose of this board shall be to review all vehicle accidents involving StarTran bargaining unit employees in order to determine the preventable/nonpreventable status of the accident and to make recommendations to the Assistant Director that would improve overall system safety. The accident review board shall meet on the third Wednesday of the month at a time agreed to by the parties to review vehicle accidents. The accident review board shall report its findings to the Assistant Director. If the accident review board determines a vehicle accident was nonpreventable and discipline was issued for this accident, the Department Head will remove the accident discipline and reserves the right to uphold discipline for other policy violations.

**Section 4.** The City and Union agree to form a PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) Committee. The Committee will consist of an equal number of Management and union members appointed by President of ATU 1293. The City shall follow FTA PTASP guidelines.

## **ARTICLE 13 - ACCIDENT AND UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORTS**

**Section 1.** All accidents, however slight, caused by or occurring on or near a motor coach, including any unusual occurrences such as a disturbance by passengers, ejections, etc.; all accidents, however slight, connected with the operation or the maintenance section of StarTran; and all accidents resulting in injury to any employee shall be fully, properly and completely reported by the employee or employees involved upon report forms provided by the City. Such reports shall be prepared in conformance with the City's rules and shall be delivered to the City (a) at the end of the shift if there is a known injury or (b) at the end of the employee's next scheduled working day provided there is not a known injury and the employee will be reporting back to work within forty-eight (48) hours. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be grounds for disciplinary action. Thirty (30) minutes will be paid as time worked for all such reports. Any employee required to appear in court on the behalf of the City pertaining to an accident shall be paid for actual time.

**Section 2.** When an employee is required to meet with the representative of the City's insurance carrier, such meeting shall be held in private and the employee shall be paid for time worked in quarter hour increments.



## ARTICLE 14 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

**Section 1.** Members of the Transit Union who may be elected or appointed to any office of the Transit Union, either local or international, which requires absence from the service of the City shall be granted a leave of absence without pay or without loss of seniority to attend to the duties of such office; provided, such employee shall apply for reinstatement during the term of this Agreement or any renewal, amendment or extension thereof within thirty (30) days from date of retirement from such office. Such leave of absence shall be granted only upon written application thereof, and such leaves of absence shall not be granted if the requests therefor are in such numbers as to be a detriment to the service of the City.

**Section 2.** Employees applying for reinstatement after a leave of thirty (30) days or more must be able to qualify for the job under the then existing employment standards of the City, and their compensation shall be at the then prevailing rate. Employees returning from leave of absence shall retain their original assignment at the time of leaving, except in cases where vacancies, new positions, or changes have been made during the period of their absence; in which event such employees shall be allowed to exercise their seniority in displacing a junior employee on such vacancies, new positions or changes.

**Section 3.** The period of a leave of absence shall not be considered as time worked or as service with the City within the meaning of any of the other provisions of this Agreement.

**Section 4.** Employees on leave of absence from the City's service shall be furnished a letter covering such leave of absence. A copy of such letter shall be furnished to the Transit Union.

**Section 5.** Except as hereinafter provided, leave of absence purposes other than those hereinabove set forth may be granted by the City to accord with operating requirements for periods not to exceed thirty (30) days; provided, however, that such leaves shall be requested in writing and shall not be granted if the requests therefor are in such number as to be a detriment to the services of the City and, further, that such leaves shall be taken subject to the provisions of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Article. Failure on the part of the employee on leave to report promptly at its expiration, without a good cause, shall be considered as a resignation.

**Section 6.** The City shall conform to all Federal standards of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

**Section 7. Paid Parental Leave**

A. Employees are eligible to receive up to six weeks or 240 hours of paid parental leave following the birth of an employee's child/children or starting the placement of a child/children with an employee through adoption or foster care. Alternate scheduled employees will receive prorated leave hours based on their regularly scheduled work week.

B. Approved paid parental leave may be taken at any time during the 12-month

period immediately following the birth, starting the adoption, or foster care placement of a child/children with the employee. Paid parental leave must be exhausted before an employee may utilize sick leave, vacation leave, Personal Convenience Holidays, or other paid leave for the birth, adoption, or placement of a child/children with the employee.

- C. Paid Parental Leave runs concurrent with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and City Protected Family Leave, as applicable.
- D. Employees' utilization of Paid Parental Leave is subject to the Human Resource's Paid Parental Leave Policy.

The program is governed by the HR Policy Bulletin, as amended from time to time. During the period from execution of this letter agreement to the end date of the current CBA, Parties expressly consent to City making adjustments and clarifications to the Policy, with notice to, but without further negotiations with, ATU.

## **ARTICLE 15 - SICK LEAVE**

**Section 1.** All employees shall earn sick leave at the factored hourly equivalent of eight (8) hours for each full month of service. Earnings shall be computed only for those hours when an employee is in a pay status, excluding overtime. Overtime hours will be used to make up weekly sick leave accumulation up to forty (40) hours.

**Section 2.** Sick leave shall not be granted unless the employee or their designee shall call in sick at least forty-five (45) minutes in advance of show-up time.

**Section 3.** No employee shall be entitled to use sick leave unless they shall have been absent from their work duties by reason of personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, non-compensable bodily injury or disease or exposure to contagious disease under circumstances in which the health of other employees or the public would be endangered by attendance on duty.

The City may request a proper medical certification, both for personal illness and illness of an immediate family member.

**Section 4.** The Assistant Director may require from an employee a medical certificate for any absence reported due to illness.

No refund of vacation time shall be allowed due to illness incurred while on vacation leave. Sick leave shall not accrue during any period of leave of absence without pay or during a period of sick leave for one month or more.

**Section 5. UNUSED SICK LEAVE** Upon retirement or death, an employee or their beneficiary shall be paid a portion of their accumulated sick leave with the rate of payment based upon the employee's regular pay at the time they retire or die. The employee shall be paid thirty percent (30%) of their entire accumulated sick leave when their balance is between 0 – 799.9 hours. The employee shall be paid fifty percent (50%) of their entire accumulated sick leave balance if their balance equals or exceeds 800 hours. The employee shall be paid seventy-five percent (75%) of their entire accumulated sick leave balance when their balance equals or exceeds 1,600 hours.

All payments under this Section shall be made to the employee's PEHP premium account.

**Section 6.** Any employee governed by this Agreement who is in a non-paid leave status due to exhausting all paid leave (sick, vacation, and personal holiday hours) shall be subject to discipline. (This Section does not apply to employees on approved FMLA, active duty military leave, any City protected leave or Union officials on Union business.)

## ARTICLE 16 - VACATIONS

**Section 1.** VACATION EARNED: An employee will earn vacation leave with pay according to the following schedule:

- A. Less than five (5) years of service — at the factored hourly equivalent of eighty (80) hours per year.
- B. After five (5) years of service — at the factored hourly equivalent of one hundred twenty (120) hours per year.
- C. After ten (10) years of service — at the factored hourly equivalent of one hundred thirty-six (136) hours per year.
- D. After fifteen (15) years of service — at the factored hourly equivalent of one hundred sixty-eight (168) hours per year.
- E. After twenty (20) years of service — at the factored hourly equivalent of two hundred (200) hours per year.

Vacation earnings shall be computed only for those hours when an employee is in a pay status. Vacation leave with pay will be earned from date of hire. Vacations may be split after one (1) week.

BUS OPERATORS AND MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES		
No. of Calendar Years of Continuous Active Service	Maximum Consecutive Working Days	Maximum Hours Vacation Leave
Less than 5 years	10 days	80 hours
After 5 years	15 days	120 hours
After 10 years	17 days	136 hours
After 15 years	21 days	168 hours
After 20 years	25 days	200 hours

**Section 2.** VACATION LEAVE SCHEDULE:

- A. Full-Week Vacation Blocks. During the first week of December, the City will post a calendar for the following year listing the available full weeks for vacation. Beginning on the second Monday of December, each employee will make themselves available based on the current seniority list, and commencing with the most senior employee, each employee will designate their preference for full-week vacation blocks for the following year. In the event a holiday falls within the vacation week as posted, the employee may elect to be paid either thirty-two (32) or forty (40) hours of vacation leave, plus eight (8) hours of holiday pay, all at the

employee's straight time hourly pay. The choice must be made at the time of the vacation pick.

- B. Mini-Block Vacation Scheduling. Upon completion of the scheduling of full-week vacation blocks, Management shall determine which weeks have open vacation blocks and post the open weeks. Employees shall thereafter, commencing with the most senior employee, be provided the opportunity to select mini-vacation blocks (from 1 to 3 days) in the open weeks. Employees may select mini-vacation blocks in no more than 3 open weeks. Once open weeks and/or days are deemed "full" by Management, those weeks and/or days shall be removed from the selection process. After the Mini-block selection, all open days shall be first come first serve until the day is full.

**Section 3.** ACCUMULATED VACATION LEAVE: An employee may accumulate vacation leave to a maximum of eighty (80) hours over and above the employee's maximum annual earning rate. Annual earnings will be credited to "Regular Vacation". No additional vacation leave shall be earned until such time as the employee's accumulated vacation leave drops below the stated maximum. In such event, the accumulation of vacation leave will again commence, but in no event shall it exceed eighty (80) hours over and above the employee's maximum annual accrual balance.

During the December sign-up and each December thereafter, an employee will only be allowed to sign-up for the vacation they earn in one year plus the eighty (80) hour carryover. During any subsequent sign-ups, the employee may be allowed to sign-up for any open/vacated blocks utilizing time from the "Vacation Bank".

Vacation must be taken from "Regular Vacation" and the employee may only use vacation from the "Vacation Bank" after exhausting their "Regular Vacation". An employee may dispose of the "Vacation Bank" as provided in the Code or under special circumstances as may arise from time to time.

During the second week of October of each year, the Union President and a representative of StarTran Operations and a Human Resources Representative shall meet on City time to discuss the allocation of vacation blocks available for the next year. In addition, if during the December sign-up an employee has time available to bid but no vacation blocks remain on the board, then this committee will meet and review the sign-up, and may start the sign-up process over.

**Section 4.** Persons whose employment is terminated shall be entitled to vacation pay for the total of the unused vacation leave which has been earned on the factored hourly basis.

**Section 5.** The time for taking vacations by the employees in the various classifications will be chosen by seniority. The number of employees permitted to select vacation at any one time shall be determined by the City. Vacation sign-ups will be completed annually for the ensuing year. The time and method will be decided locally by the City and the Transit Union.

**Section 6.** In accordance with this Section, the City and the Union shall meet prior to the posting of the annual vacation sign-up in December of each year. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss the number of scheduled weeks necessary for the

sign-up and the numbers of operators and maintenance personnel permitted off in the same weeks.

**Section 7.** Employees shall be allowed to utilize their earned accumulated vacation in increments as desired by notifying supervisory personnel. Employees may combine PCHs with vacation days to schedule block weeks of vacation. The PCHs must be scheduled during the contract year in which they were earned.

Increment vacation hours may be granted (staff permitting) on a first come, first serve basis. Requests must be made after 1:00 p.m. on the day the extra-board is posted for the next day work assignments. A minimum of two (2) hours must be requested.

Maintenance employees shall be allowed to utilize an unlimited number of increment hours of accumulated vacation as desired by notifying supervisory personnel.

**Section 8.** With each Maintenance and Operations sign-up, all available weeks in vacation shall be put up for bid.

**Section 9.** The Department Head may allow the use of vacation leave by an employee in the event of a bona fide emergency.

**Section 10.** In the last quarter of the year, employees shall be allowed to combine increment days and remaining PCHs and take any open block week.

**Section 11.** Employees may take open weeks of vacation during the sign up period. To avoid trading of vacation blocks, vacated blocks may only be taken by an employee with the mutual agreement of the Union and Management.

**Section 12.** Maintenance may be allowed to have three (3) or more employees off on any one shift. On a working holiday, the day before and the day after the holiday, four (4) or more employees may be allowed to have the day off.

## **ARTICLE 17 - HOLIDAY PAY**

**Section 1.** All employees covered by this Agreement shall be paid for eight (8) recognized holidays, plus four (4) personal convenience holiday, provided they meet the following eligibility rule:

The employee has worked or has been authorized paid leave the last scheduled work day prior to and the next scheduled work day after such holiday within the employee's scheduled work week. It is understood that persons reporting off sick on the day prior to or following the holiday will need to provide a valid medical certificate in order to collect holiday pay.

**Section 2.** All bus operators or garage employees who may be requested to and who work their complete assignment on any recognized holiday shall be entitled to holiday pay and, in addition, shall receive pay at straight time for the time worked on such holiday.

**Section 3.** An employee shall not be eligible for any of the benefits of this Article with respect to a holiday which falls within a period of discipline or suspension.

**Section 4.** Any employee who is scheduled to work or has been requested to report for emergency work and then fails to report for and perform such work without reasonable cause shall not receive pay for the holiday.

**Section 5.** Holiday pay for employees eligible under the provisions of this Article shall be eight (8) hours at their regular straight time hourly rate.

**Section 6.** Recognized holidays within the meaning of this Agreement shall include Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth (June 19), Independence Day, or days celebrated as such, and the employee's birthday. In the event the employee's birthday falls on their scheduled day off, the employee shall have the option to take the holiday the working day before or the working day after. In the event the employee's birthday falls on a recognized holiday, the employee shall have the option to take their birthday on the working day before or after the recognized holiday.

**Section 7.** Bargaining unit members may elect to trade birthday holidays for a PCH at the beginning of each contract year, or upon hire for those employees who are hired after a contract year has already begun. Once a bargaining unit member has elected to convert a birthday to PCH, the bargaining unit member may not convert the PCH back to a birthday holiday.

**Section 8.** Bargaining unit members' birthday holidays accrue on their respective birthdays, but bargaining unit members may elect to convert birthday holidays to PCH prior to the birthday holiday's accrual. Once converted, such PCH is eligible for use immediately, including before the accrual of the birthday holiday from which the PCH was converted. If, however, (a) a bargaining unit member actually uses the PCH prior to the accrual of the birthday holiday from which the PCH was converted; and (b) the bargaining unit member then separates from employment before the accrual of the birthday holiday from which the PCH was converted, then the City will deduct from the bargaining unit member's final paycheck the amount it previously paid the bargaining unit member for the converted PCH. All bargaining unit members who

elected to convert their birthday holidays to PCH must sign an authorization which permits the City to make the aforementioned deduction from their final paycheck under these limited circumstances.

**Section 9.** PCH converted from a birthday holiday will otherwise be treated as PCH under the bargaining agreement, and requests to use such converted PCH will be approved or denied in the same manner as PCH.

**Section 10.** SCHEDULING PERSONAL CONVENIENCE HOLIDAYS - the notice must be given to the dispatcher forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the posting of the board. Seniority shall prevail in the instance of more than one request. The holiday will be granted to only the number of persons asking for same that will not interfere with the system scheduling that would require the payment of premium time. The personal leave holiday may be selected by the employee with the prior approval of the Assistant Director. PCH's must be used during the payroll fiscal year.

**Section 11.** PCHs and/or vacation days shall be granted in accordance with seniority.

**Section 12.** Any employee who has a PCH or PCHs on the books at the end of the payroll fiscal year will have all PCH hours paid. Employees shall accrue two (2) PCHs after completion of three (3) months of employment and two (2) PCHs upon the completion of probation. Employees who are terminated will be paid for PCHs not taken.

**Section 13.** PCHs can be taken in increment hours with a minimum of two (2) hours.



## **ARTICLE 18 - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

**Section 1.** In the case of death of the parent, step-parent, sibling, spouse, child, stepchild, parent-in-law, or in the case of death of any other relative residing in the immediate household of a regular employee, the employee shall be allowed three (3) days bereavement leave with regular pay without deduction from their pay or accumulated sick leave. In addition, the employee, with the permission of their Department Head, may be allowed to use up to three (3) days of their accumulated sick or vacation leave in the case of the death of any of the above.

**Section 2.** In the case of the death of a sibling-in-law, child-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, spouse's aunt, spouse's uncle, or spouse's grandparents, the employee shall be allowed two (2) days bereavement leave with regular pay without deduction from their pay or accumulated sick leave. In addition, the employee, with the permission of their Department Head, may be allowed to use up to three (3) days of their accumulated sick or vacation leave in the case of the death of any of the above designated persons. Employees who request bereavement leave for a relative covered by this Section must provide notification in the form of 1) a memorial service program, 2) an obituary announcement or 3) the name of the deceased and the City and funeral home where the service was provided.

## **ARTICLE 19 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

Whenever a regular employee shall become temporarily totally disabled from an injury arising out of and in the course of the employee's employment, eligibility for and payment of compensation benefits shall be determined according to state law. In order for such employee to be eligible for compensation benefits, the employee shall furnish, when requested by the appointing authority, such medical or other supporting evidence regarding any injury or condition which such employee claims has rendered the employee temporarily totally disabled. Upon the refusal to provide such requested information, such compensation leave benefits may be withheld or discontinued until such evidence is provided.

Compensation benefits shall begin on the eighth calendar day of disability due to the injury. Compensation for the first seven days of disability shall not be paid unless the employee's disability lasts six weeks or more. The first day of disability shall be included in the seven-day waiting period and a partial day of disability shall be considered a full calendar day for purposes of the waiting period. The days of disability need not be consecutive. Time lost from work for less than a day to seek medical care, including physical or medical rehabilitation, shall be compensated as temporary partial disability.

Benefits shall be paid according to the same interval that wages were paid at the time of the injury. Payments must be sent directly to the person entitled to compensation or their designated representative except where there is an attorney's lien or where child support is due. Benefits shall not be assignable to another person.

Employees shall have the right to use their paid leaves to supplement any time not paid under this section or to make themselves whole up to 100% of their regular rate of pay but not to exceed 100%. They may use their paid time for either the first seven days or to make up for any partial day or full days which are not paid. The use of such leave shall be at the employee's discretion.

**MODIFIED DUTY WORK** – Until an injured employee is permitted by their physician to return to full duty work, the department as an interim step will attempt to provide all regular employees with modified duty work. An employee will need medical documentation to show that they are unable to perform their full job duties but are able to work modified duty. To qualify for a modified duty assignment, the treating physician should be contacted and authorize the modified duty work.

The maximum amount of recovery time (injury leave and modified duty work) shall not exceed 12 calendar months from the date of injury. If an employee has not yet returned to full duty work within 12 months from the date of injury, the treating physician will be contacted to determine if the employee can perform the essential functions of their job description. If the physician states that the employee cannot perform the essential functions of their job description, the employee will be notified that their employment is in danger of termination unless they are able to return to full duty work within a reasonable, limited time period, or they apply for and are accepted for another open position within the City of Lincoln, that meets their physical restrictions.

**WHEN NO MODIFIED DUTY WORK IS AVAILABLE** – If the employee is restricted from working full duty, and the department does not have modified duty work

available, the employee will be eligible to remain on injury leave benefits in accordance with this bargaining agreement for the six month period, with temporary total disability benefits provided thereafter. When released without restrictions, the employee will resume their full job duties.

PRIORITY GIVEN TO "ON DUTY" INJURIES – Circumstances may sometimes arise where two or more people are disabled at the same time involving both on-the-job and off-the-job injuries. The department should try to provide all status employees with the opportunity to work modified duty. However, if there are not enough positions available, the employee with an on-the-job injury shall be given priority over an employee with an off-the-job injury.

## **ARTICLE 20 - JURY SERVICE**

No employee under this Agreement shall suffer loss in regular pay for time actually spent in jury service. During such service, they shall receive their regular rate of pay for each scheduled work day lost.

## **ARTICLE 21 - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

**Section 1.** The City may require any of its employees to submit at any time to a physical examination by a physician duly licensed to practice as such.

**Section 2.** The examining physician shall be selected by the City and the cost of such examinations shall be paid by the City. An employee may opt to use their own personal doctor for their physical. Operators who possess a CDL physical medical wallet card may use the current CDL wallet card instead of a City physical.

**Section 3.** As a condition of continued employment with the City, any physical examination above provided for must reveal the physical and mental fitness of the employee involved to perform their duties.

**Section 4.** Should any required physical examination above provided for reveal the physical or mental unfitness of the employee involved to perform their duties, they may, at their option, have a review of their case in the following manner:

- A. They may employ a licensed physician of their own choosing and at their own expense for the purpose of conducting a further physical examination for the same purpose as the physical examination made by the physician employed by the City. A copy of the findings of the physician chosen by the employee involved shall be furnished to the City, and in the event that such findings verify the findings of the physician employed by the City, no further medical review of the case shall be afforded.
- B. In the event that the findings of the physician chosen by the employee involved shall disagree with the findings of the physician employed by the City, the City, at the written request of the employee involved, will ask that the two physicians agree upon and appoint a third qualified, licensed and disinterested physician for the purpose of making a further physical examination of the employee involved, and the findings of a majority of the three examining physicians shall determine the disposition of the case and be final and binding upon the parties hereto. The expense of the employment of such third medical examiner shall be shared equally by the City and the Transit Union.

**Section 5.** Should any physical examination above provided for reveal physical or mental unfitness caused by disease, defects or disabilities of a temporary and curable nature, and the employee involved is willing to have the cause or causes of such unfitness treated and rectified, then, and in that event, depending upon the particular circumstances in each case:

- A. The employee involved may continue working while undergoing medical treatment if the examining physician shall certify to their ability to safely do so.
- B. The employee involved shall be taken out of service and given a leave of absence for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment until such time as the examining physician shall certify to the employee's physical and mental fitness to perform against the duties for which they were employed;

provided, however, such leave of absence shall not extend for a period of more than three (3) consecutive years, and the seniority of the employee involved shall be unaffected thereby. Such a leave of absence shall further be subjected to the provisions of the Article relating to leaves of absence, and any employee on leave of absence because of physical or mental unfitness to perform their duties may be required to supply the City with a physician's report covering their condition at least once every thirty (30) days.

**Section 6.** The City shall pay the costs of Department of Transportation/Utilities required physical examinations. All physical examinations shall be forwarded to the Human Resources Department. Records are the responsibility of the Human Resources Director.

**Section 7.** All employees will be required to submit to a "fit for duty" examination by the City approved medical facility at the City's expense upon returning from an extended leave due to illness/injury (more than 30 days) or when deemed necessary by City officials. The employee shall be paid for all time involved inclusive of travel.

## **ARTICLE 22 - TRANSPORTATION**

**Section 1.** All work shall begin and end at StarTran. Employees may have a ride to and from their relief points.

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO BUS OPERATORS

### ARTICLE 23 - WAGE RATE AND CLASSIFICATION — OPERATORS

**Section 1.** The regular straight time hourly rates of pay for bus operators covered by this Agreement are increased by 3.00% from the rates in effect for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and shall be as follows:

**For pay periods commencing August 15, 2024:**

First six (6) months of service (80% of top rate)	= \$23.702
Second six (6) months of service (85% of top rate)	= \$25.183
Third six (6) months of service (90% of top rate)	= \$26.664
Thereafter, (top rate) . . . . .	= \$29.627

Effective August 14, 2025, the regular straight time hourly rates will be increased by 3.00%. Effective August 13, 2026, the regular straight time hourly rates will be increased by 3.00%.

All increases shall be effective the first day of the pay period following the effective date of eligibility for an increase.

**Section 2.** All operators giving trainees instruction shall receive one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per hour additional pay for time spent. All operators giving training instruction must complete their first thirty (30) days on the extra board prior to being eligible to train.

**Section 3.** Longevity Pay. In addition to an employee's base salary or pay, each employee of the bargaining unit shall annually receive longevity pay based upon the total length of continuous service with the City. Such pay shall be effective beginning with the first full pay period following completion of the specified years of service. Payment shall be made on a pro-rated basis on each regular payday. The longevity schedule shall be as follows:

Completed Years of Service	Annual Pay
10 years	\$750
15 years	\$1,300
20 years	\$1,500
25 years	\$1,750
30 years	\$2,000

**Section 4. CDL's** The City will reimburse new employees \$55 for the cost of obtaining a Commercial Driver's License after the employee passes their probationary period. A receipt must be presented.

Thereafter, every 5 years, the City shall reimburse employees \$55 when they renew their Commercial Driver's Licenses. A receipt must be presented by the employee to



receive the reimbursement.

**Section 5.** Bilingual Pay. Any employee demonstrating proficiency to interpret and/or communicate in a language other than English, including sign language, shall be eligible to receive compensation in the amount of \$100 per month. In order to receive such compensation, the employee must pass an examination as prescribed by the department, and must agree to and actually provide interpretation and/or communication services while on duty to the extent this is practical given the assignment and workload, as approved and directed by their supervisor.

## ARTICLE 24 - OVERTIME

**Section 1.** Bus operators will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times their straight time hourly pay for all work they are required to perform in excess of forty (40) hours in any one (1) work week. Overtime shall be paid only for work performed in excess of forty (40) hours per week. For purposes of computing overtime pay, split vacation days and personal leave holidays (except when combined with pre-bid vacation) and sick leave will not be used. The work week begins on Thursday and concludes the following Wednesday.

**Section 2.** All bus operators who are required by the City to work on their regularly assigned day off shall be paid for all work performed on that day at one and one-half (1.5) times their regular straight time hourly rate of pay unless in conflict with Section 1, in which case Section 1 will prevail.

**Section 3.** No time shall be paid for at a rate greater than one and one-half (1.5) times the regular straight time hourly rate of pay.

**Section 4.** Spread time. A regular or extra board operator who works a split run shall be paid a spread time penalty amounting to one-half straight time rate on all time after twelve and one-half (12.5) hours between the starting and finishing time of such split run.

**Section 5.** Under ordinary circumstances, day off operators will have first choice of overtime assignments. All other overtime assignments shall be given on a rotating basis. Copy of overtime rotation to be posted daily with a copy going to the Transit Union. Individuals who pass or work overtime will rotate to the bottom of the list.

Operators with restrictions will not be allowed to bid or hold a run requiring hours in excess of the restriction.

The distribution of overtime shall always be made at the consideration of the proper seniority rights and prerogatives of all operators regardless of minimal time cost savings to the City.

The City reserves the right to change these provisions during the term of this Agreement should drastic operating or economic facts deem it is in the best interests of the City to do so. Prior to changing the overtime distribution system, the City shall consult the Union in an attempt to define the problem and seek alternatives. Final authority for any change will rest with the Assistant Director.

**Section 6.** An operator who is forced to work overtime shall, after working one (1) hour of overtime, at their request, be able to bump the overtime down to a less senior bus operator.

**Section 7.** Mandatory Rest Periods. To ensure operators have the opportunity to obtain adequate rest and lower the risk of fatigue and fatigue-related incidents.

Operators who have been forced to work more than twelve (12) hours on two (2) consecutive days will not be forced to work overtime on their next shift, but may volunteer for overtime.

## **ARTICLE 25 - TIME ALLOWANCES**

**Section 1.** Ten (10) minutes preparatory time for use in properly performing their duties required by the City shall be included in all regularly assigned runs. In addition, all split or two-piece runs will pay an additional ten (10) minutes preparatory time on the second pullout.

**Section 2.** Should the occasion arise where it is necessary to suspend service due to a storm causing it to be impossible or unwise to continue operation, all operators will be paid for the full amount of the day's assignment provided that they meet the following eligibility rules:

- A. The employee has reported for duty at the proper place and time.
- B. The employee makes themselves available for work in the event that service is resumed.

**Section 3.** An operator requested to report to the Operations Supervisor or their designated representative immediately following their scheduled assignment for the investigation of a complaint, incident or accident shall be paid for time worked in quarter hour increments. This time allowance shall apply to the investigation of such incidents and all disciplinary actions.

**Section 4.** Paratransit drivers will not have an on-demand pickup scheduled less than thirty (30) minutes before end of shift.

## **ARTICLE 26 - MINIMUM PAY FOR EXTRA WORK**

**Section 1.** All bus operators who are assigned or called for extra work or to report for extra work shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours of pay time at the time and one-half hourly rate of pay; provided, however, such extra work does not immediately precede or succeed a run or extra work which the bus operator is about to work or is already working, the combination of which contains three (3) hours of pay time.

**Section 2.** Extra work assigned thirty (30) minutes or less prior to or thirty (30) minutes or less following a regular assignment will be paid at the time and one-half rate of the employee for such work with no guaranteed time minimum.

## **ARTICLE 27 - RUNS, WORK DAY AND DAYS OFF**

- Section 1.** A regularly assigned run is a day's work selected by a bus operator in accordance with their seniority and assigned to them for an extended period whenever there is a selection and assignment of regularly scheduled runs. All other pieces of work shall be classed as extra work and shall be posted on the daily extra board. Regularly assigned runs shall be classed as extra work when temporarily manned by bus operators other than those to whom they were regularly assigned.
- Section 2.** Bus operators who have sufficient seniority to select and who are assigned to regularly scheduled runs during an assignment or selection of regularly scheduled runs are defined as regular bus operators. All other bus operators are defined as extra bus operators.
- Section 3.** All regularly assigned runs shall be constructed so as to pay a minimum of eight (8) hours including preparatory time. All bus operators must either be operating their assigned vehicle, or on StarTran property their entire scheduled run as posted.
- Section 4.** No part of a regularly assigned split run shall pay less than two (2) hours pay time.
- Section 5.** All bus operators shall be entitled to at least two (2) days off each week and consecutive when possible.
- Section 6.** In making up scheduled runs which consist of eight (8) hours continuous work, a break of a minimum of ten (10) minutes will be scheduled in the run as close to the midpoint of the eight (8) hours as possible. If an operator does not get a ten (10) minute break, the operator will be given an overrun slip for the ten (10) minutes.
- Section 7.** This Article is intended to provide a basis for establishing normal work schedules and to provide a basis for calculating overtime and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week.
- Section 8.** Schedule making cooperation. The City will accept, for investigation and review, suggestions regarding operating schedules from members of the Transit Union or its Executive Committee. In order to investigate and review these suggestions they must be presented a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the time schedules are built and runs cut in order to be incorporated in a new sign up.
- Section 9.** The Union and City recognize that for proper operation of routes the City will provide and maintain current information, and the Union will provide run information on turn by turns for all routes and school boosts upon approval of the documents by management and the Union. The Union will make it available to every operator and sand truck driver via a computer (management will provide necessary hardware to accomplish this) located in the operators' lounge. Management will provide eight (8) hours of City paid time per sign up for maintenance of this information. Between the sign up periods, if additional time beyond the eight (8) hours is necessary, management and the Union will meet to discuss how much additional time will be necessary.

## **ARTICLE 28 - ASSIGNMENT OF RUNS**

**Section 1.** Regular run assignments and days off shall be picked separately at the same time and according to seniority. Regular run assignments shall be posted and paddles (all pertinent information related to the individual runs) shall be available thirty (30) days before the effective date, and run selections must be completed six (6) days before going into effect. Assignment dates will be on or about January 1, University Spring Semester closing, University Fall Semester opening, or more often as deemed necessary by the City. In the event of a major routing change of more than thirty (30) days duration by the City, a general run assignment will be posted for bidding as provided herein if requested by the Transit Union, provided, however, that such general assignment will not take place less than thirty (30) days prior to the compulsory assignment dates.

Regular run assignments shall show the beginning and end dates of such assignment.

A run change of thirty (30) minutes or more shall require a new general bid.

**Section 2.** Operators may call in or leave choice slips indicating their desired selection of work. The choice slips shall be given to the dispatcher. Operators doing so should leave a sufficient number of choices to insure they obtain their selection.

Any bus operator who unreasonably delays choosing a regular run shall be signed around by the other bus operators until the bus operator involved shall select a run assignment. This will include bus operators who are on vacation, whenever the regular run assignments are posted twenty-eight (28) days or more before the effective date. Dispatch will attempt to contact the operator for their bid should an operator not be present.

In the event a bus operator does not exercise their seniority by choosing a regular run assignment, then, and in that event, the bus operator so involved shall work the extra board until a regular run assignment of their choosing comes open.

**Section 3.** Any operator giving up their regular run assignment to go to the extra board may have one option to bid off the board until the next sign up, otherwise they shall work the extra board until such time.

### **Section 4.**

- A. The bumping provisions of Sections 4.B and 4.C apply where an employee is on a leave of absence. Where the employee is on vacation, voluntary layoff, or otherwise delays their selection of a run assignment, the bumping provisions of Sections 4.B and 4.C only apply where the regular run assignments are posted less than twenty-eight (28) days before the effective date.
- B. Where bumping rights apply, bus operators prevented from exercising their seniority in a general assignment of regularly scheduled runs due to their being on vacation or on leave of absence will be permitted to exercise their seniority upon return and select runs and their day off in accordance with their general seniority, and displace any junior bus operator on any other regular run assignment, and so on down the line.

- C. Where bumping rights apply, bus operators who exercised their seniority in a general assignment and then vacated their run due to a leave of absence or extended illness will be permitted to exercise their seniority upon return and select runs and their day off in accordance with their general seniority, and displace any junior bus operators on any other regular run assignment, and so on down the line.
- D. All bus operators removed from regularly scheduled runs or their day off or any part of their selected work because of the exercise of general seniority as hereinabove stated will select regularly scheduled runs and their day off in accordance with their seniority.

**Section 5.** Regular run assignments vacant for thirty (30) days or less due to vacation or leave of absence shall rotate on the extra board.

**Section 6.** Regular run assignments that are vacant because of employee termination or resignation shall be posted for assignment and bidding.

**Section 7.** All bus operators involved in an assignment change as per Section 4 and Section 6 of this Article will operate their original assignments until the assignment of "bump" has been completed. A "bump" shall be completed within two (2) days from posting.

**Section 8.** All new regular runs to be assigned shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Transit Union at least one hundred twenty (120) hours prior to this posting so that the Committee may check their conformity with the provisions of this Agreement. The Transit Union Committee will not be restricted to place and time as to and for the examination of said new regular runs.

**Section 9.** In all general assignments of regular runs, all runs posted for bid will be bid by operators. At the completion of the assignment, any open runs must be bid by the low seniority operators in line of their seniority. In this instance, the operator must work this run assignment for a minimum of two (2) weeks before exercising the option under Section 3 of this Article, at which time the run will be posted for bid seventy- two (72) hours and awarded under present bid procedures. If not bid during this procedure, run will be assigned to the lowest seniority extra board operator for the general sign up.

## **ARTICLE 29 - LAYOFFS**

**Section 1.** When extra bus operators are available, regular bus operators may be permitted to lay off providing they secure permission from the Assistant Director at least thirty (30) minutes in advance of the time their regularly assigned runs or other duties are scheduled to start. Extra bus operators shall not be deemed to be available in cases when the use of such operators would require the payment of premium time over and above the regular time hourly rate of pay.

**Section 2.** Operators may exchange runs and days off with permission of the dispatcher, provided the exchange occurs in the period between a Thursday and the following Wednesday. Operators may also, with the permission of the duty dispatcher, switch runs within the same day with notice given prior to the end of the previous work day.

- A. Trades will be allowed for scheduled hours of work.
- B. Trades between employees must be voluntary in nature.
- C. Notification of trades between employees must be provided to the dispatcher no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date of the trade.
- D. Trade time will not be used in the calculation of hours for which the employee is entitled to overtime.
- E. For safety reasons, double shift trades will not be allowed for more than two working days at a time.
- F. The trading employee is responsible for the completion of the trade.



## **ARTICLE 30 - EXTRA BOARD**

**Section 1.** All bus operators will be guaranteed forty (40) hours on a five (5) day week basis if available for work all five (5) days.

- A. Eight (8) hours per day will be deducted from the guarantee for every day the extra bus operator fails to report for work for any reason. When an extra bus operator has an assignment of less than eight (8) hours work when the extra board is made up, said operator must be available for a change in assignment. Failure to be available will result in loss of guarantee for that day.
- B. The City reserves the right to operate the extra board, rotating the work around the extra board bus operators.

**Section 2.** All extra bus operators shall be required to break in on all lines.

**Section 3.** An extra bus operator shall not rotate until they have at least eight (8) hours of pay time.

**Section 4.** Hold downs for employees on leave for more than thirty (30) days and for vacations, will be for the duration of the employee absence - when on a hold down, the extra board operator will be given same days off as the run calls for.

Extra Board Operators may bid on vacancies caused by a leave of absence greater than thirty (30) days or vacations, for the duration of the absence.

Extra-board operators that will lose eight (8) hours of pay in a forty (40) hour work week due to a hold down will have the option of working either their regular scheduled day off or the scheduled hold down day off in the same pay week.

**Section 5.** The Union shall be provided information about employees' time off when requested.

All following pieces of work not part of a regularly assigned run shall not count against an operator getting a vacation day, vacation hours, PCHs and/or PCH hours:

- ARB meetings
- City negotiations
- City requesting an operator to be off
- Contracted service
- City requested special service.
- Any regular piece of work not attached to a run and floats the extra board.

**Section 6.** All employees are required to submit and keep current one telephone number.

**Section 7.** Union Executive Board may receive a copy of the daily board upon request.

**Section 8.** The Extra Board shall be posted by 1:00 p.m. for the following work day.

## ARTICLE 31 - MISS OUTS

### Section 1. A *miss out* is defined to be:

- A. Each failure of any bus operator to report for duty at the proper time and at the proper place at which their assigned duties are scheduled to start, and
- B. On the first miss out in a one hundred and twenty (120) day calendar period, failure of any bus operator who has a *miss out* as hereinabove defined to report in person or personally telephone and make themselves available to the Assistant Director within forty-five (45) minutes after their assigned duties were scheduled to start for such work as may be assigned to them or for placement on the extra list as conditions at the time may indicate, will be considered to have a double miss out.

### Section 2. The penalties for *missing out* shall be as follows:

- A. For the first *miss out* within a one hundred and twenty (120) calendar day period, the operator involved shall serve one (1) day at the bottom of the extra list beginning on the day of the *miss out*.
- B. For the second *miss out* within a one hundred and twenty (120) calendar day period, the operator involved shall serve two (2) days at the bottom of the extra list beginning on the day of the *miss out*.
- C. For the third *miss out* within a one hundred and twenty (120) calendar day period, the operator involved shall serve three (3) days at the bottom of the extra list beginning on the day of the *miss out* or they may be laid off three (3) days.
- D. For the fourth *miss out* within a one hundred and twenty (120) calendar day period the operator involved shall serve four (4) days at the bottom of the extra list beginning on the day of the *miss out* or they may be laid off four (4) days.
- E. For the fifth *miss out* within a one hundred and twenty (120) calendar day period the operator involved shall be subject to dismissal.

### Section 3. During all times that regular bus operators are working from the extra list as the result of the imposition of a *miss out* penalty, they shall be governed by the provisions of this Agreement that relate to extra bus operators.

### Section 4. The City may waive the imposition of a disciplinary penalty for a *miss out* as hereinabove provided whenever, in its opinion, a reasonable excuse for such *miss out* exists.

### Section 5. An operator calling in sick less than forty-five (45) minutes prior to their show-up time shall be assigned a *miss out*. If it is their first *miss out*, the day they are sick will be their penalty day and in accordance with Article 15, Section 2, no sick leave will be granted for this miss out. For any succeeding *miss out*, they will serve the remaining penalty time when they return to work.

## **ARTICLE 32 - PART-TIME OPERATORS**

**Section 1.** The City, effective with the date of this Agreement, is permitted to hire part-time operators in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

- A. Part-time operators shall be covered under the sections of this Agreement dealing with the probationary period, union membership, union representation, grievance procedures and arbitration.
- B. The maximum number of part-time bus operators shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the number of full-time operators.
- C. Part-time bus operators may be assigned any type of work.
- D. Part-time operators will not work more than thirty (30) hours per week on a six (6) day basis Monday through Saturday. Part-time operators will be guaranteed twenty-four (24) hours per week when available. Failure to be available will result in loss of guarantee for that day.
- E. Part-time bus operators will be paid at the same hourly rates as full-time bus operators, subject to a yearly total of one thousand four hundred forty (1440) hours of progression. For purposes of computing progression of part-time operators, one hundred twenty (120) hours worked will be considered one month.
- F. Part-time operators shall be paid for all the time during which they are required by the City to perform any duties. Part-time operators will not be eligible for time or pay guarantees or for penalty pay provisions, except for one-half (½) hour call in.
- G. Part-time operators will be eligible for one hundred percent (100%) of the standard uniform allowance.
- H. In accordance with requirements of the law, part-time operators will be covered by the provisions of the Social Security Act.
- I. Part-time bus operators will accrue seniority, for City service and general City benefits, which will carry forward to any full-time position in City service. Seniority for part-time bus operators who become full-time bus operators is described in Article 10, Section 2 of this Agreement.
- J. No full-time operators shall be laid off while part-time operators are on the payroll.
- K. Retired bus operators will be given preference, within one (1) year after retirement, in hiring on as part-time operators if fully qualified and not in conflict with any City ordinance.
- L. The City reserves the right to operate a part-time operator's extra board. Part-time operators shall not rotate upon their board until the top operator has accumulated at least four (4) hours pay time.

- M. Part-time bus operators shall be liable to miss outs within a forty-five (45) day period. The penalty for miss outs will be as follows: First miss out shall incur one (1) day off, the second miss out shall incur two (2) days off, and the third miss out shall result in termination.
- N. Part-time operators shall be trained on all regularly scheduled routes and services.
- O. Any full-time operator wishing to become a part-time operator shall retain their current wage rate provided that there is no break in employment.
- P. Management shall have the right to train part-time bus operators up to sixty (60) days at a maximum of forty (40) hours per week.
- Q. Preparatory time provisions shall apply as stated in Article 25, Section 1.
- R. All benefits offered full-time operators shall be prorated for part time employees. Further, any full time position will be offered to part time employees first, based on seniority; if not filled, then it will be open to the general public.
- S. Health and pension benefits are applicable as provided within the contract with the appropriate carrier, the same as for full-time employees.

**Section 2.** Any full-time operator who elects to go to part-time employment shall lose all seniority and benefits as a full-time employee, and will be entitled only to benefits pertaining to part-time employees. If said employee at a later date applies and is accepted as a full-time operator, they shall start out under the same provisions as a new employee.

## **ARTICLE 33 - UNIFORMS**

**Section 1.** All uniforms shall consist of black or khaki pants/shorts and shirts with long/short sleeves that are in line with the City's guidelines. All employees will be required to wear uniforms while on duty in accordance with the specifications of the City. Any item approved by the City and available for purchase on the designated vendor websites shall satisfy the uniform requirements of this section.

**Section 2.** Only City or Transit Union approved insignia may be worn on uniforms.

**Section 3.** The City shall pay each bus operator a sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), minus normal withholdings, the first pay period in September of each contract year. This payment is for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms. The operator is responsible for the serviceability of the uniforms.

Upon hire, each new operator shall receive a sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), minus normal withholdings, the first full pay period following hire with which to purchase the necessary uniforms.

If there is a separation of employment prior to completing probation, the City shall recover the three hundred dollars (\$300.00), minus normal withholdings, in the operator's final pay check.

**Section 4.** Operators are permitted to wear jeans on Fridays, so long as they wear their uniform shirt, jacket, coat or other City approved shirts. On Fridays before a Nebraska Cornhusker football game, employees may wear red, white, or Husker shirts, jackets or coats.

**Section 5.** Operators may be provided with shirts to wear on special days such as Husker Game Days. These shirts will be provided at no cost to the Operator and become the official uniform on these days.

#### **ARTICLE 34 - FELONIOUS ASSAULT INSURANCE**

The City will maintain felonious assault insurance in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per operator.

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES

### ARTICLE 35 - DEFINITIONS

The positions in the Maintenance Department shall be Journey Mechanic, Apprentice Mechanic, Bus Service Worker and Bus Cleaner.

**Section 1.** The employee classification of **Bus Cleaner** shall be maintenance employees who are capable of and can satisfactorily perform any type of vehicle cleaning, such as: cleaning the inside and outside and washing such equipment.

**Section 2.** The employee classification of **Bus Service Worker** shall be maintenance employees capable of, and as such shall gas, oil, move, clean and wash vehicles or parts as shall be assigned by the City, and who may also be used in cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds and perform any other type of service labor.

**Section 3.** The employee classification of **Apprentice Mechanic** shall be maintenance employees capable, as trainees for the Journey Mechanic classification, of assisting with and making any type of repairs, and of servicing vehicles, and all of their units. as shall be assigned by the City.

In order to be eligible to be promoted to Journey Mechanic, an Apprentice Mechanic shall be required to pass any combination of three ASE Certifications in either Truck or Transit categories plus Compressed Natural Gas, electrical and diesel engine are mandatory:

#### TRUCK

1. Transmission/Drive Train
2. Brakes
3. Suspension and Steering
4. HVAC
5. Preventive Maintenance

#### TRANSIT

1. Transmission/Drive Train
2. Brakes
3. Suspension and Steering
4. HVAC
5. Preventive Maintenance

**Section 4.** The employee classification of **Journey Mechanic** shall be maintenance employees capable of performing any repairs, major or minor, on the vehicles and all of their units as shall be assigned for repairs or service by the City.

**Section 5.** All employees who are Journey Mechanics as of August 15, 2024, and are ASE certified will not be required to obtain a Compressed Natural Gas certification, until they recertify.

Any Journey Mechanics who are ASE certified or recertified in six (6) of the ASE Truck or Transit categories shall receive an incentive payment of \$600. As of August 15, 2024, any Journey Mechanics with five (5) certifications, shall receive an incentive payment of \$500 until recertification. This payment shall be made the first pay period of each fiscal year.

**Section 6.** The City agrees to pay for one series of examinations for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification once every five (5) years or as required. The employee

will pay for the cost of the examination and submit a receipt for reimbursement. The City will provide whatever study materials are available for the ASE examination as are provided to the City by the ASE testing organization. For the purpose of the examination, the City agrees to no loss of time for employees on duty.



## ARTICLE 36 - WAGE RATES AND CLASSIFICATIONS — MAINTENANCE

**Section 1.** The regular straight time hourly rates of pay for maintenance employees covered by this Agreement are increased by 3.00% from the rates that were in effect for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and shall be as follows:

For pay commencing August 15, 2024:

	90% Rate	95% Rate	100% Rate
Journey Mechanic	\$30.326	\$32.010	\$33.695
Apprentice Mechanic	\$26.193	\$27.648	\$29.103
Bus Service Worker	\$24.532	\$25.895	\$27.258
Bus Cleaner	\$17.744	\$18.730	\$19.716

Effective August 14, 2025, the regular straight time hourly rates will be increased by 3.00%.

Effective August 13, 2026, the regular straight time hourly rates will be increased by 3.00%.

Payday to be biweekly, every other Thursday, with pay period ending every other Wednesday. All increases shall be effective the first day of the pay period following the effective date of eligibility for an increase.

**Section 2. WORKING FOREMAN** A maintenance employee appointed by the Maintenance Superintendent, or their designee, as a working foreman shall be paid one dollar (\$1.00) per hour over and above the rate allowed to their classification while acting in that capacity.

**Section 3.** All maintenance employees shall be allowed five (5) minutes at noon and before the end of their shifts for the purpose of washing up. All maintenance employees shall be allowed two fifteen (15) minute breaks during their shifts.

**Section 4.** All new mechanics and service workers hired as new employees shall be paid at the rate of ninety percent (90%) of their classification for the first six (6) months, then ninety-five percent (95%) for the second six (6) months, and one hundred percent (100%) of the current rate thereafter.

**Section 5. SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL** All maintenance employees who pick the second shift shall be paid an additional sixty-five (\$.65) cents per hour. The sixty-five (\$.65) cents per hour shall be included as an addition to their current hourly rate.

All maintenance employees who are temporarily assigned to second shift shall be paid an additional sixty-five (\$.65) cents per hour for the time actually worked on the second shift.

**Section 6. TEMPORARY TRANSFERS** When a maintenance employee is temporarily transferred from one classification to another classification affording a higher rate of pay, the employee so transferred shall receive the rate of pay at the next higher rate in the temporary class.

**Section 7.** All maintenance employees providing training to other Star Tran maintenance employees shall receive one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per hour additional pay for all time spent in training activities. Training activities shall be assigned to the most senior Journey Mechanics on a rotational basis, unless the most senior trainer requests in writing not to do such training provided, however, when newly-promoted or hired maintenance staff are trained, the most senior maintenance employee in the classification of the newly-promoted or hired staff person being trained shall be assigned on a rotational basis unless the most senior trainer requests in writing not to do such training. The training of all maintenance employees shall be done on a rotational basis at the option of the trainee, with the exception of newly- hired/promoted employees.

**Section 8.** Longevity Pay. In addition to an employee's base salary or pay, each employee of the bargaining unit shall annually receive longevity pay based upon the total length of continuous service with the City. Such pay shall be effective beginning with the first full pay period following completion of the specified years of service. Payment shall be made on a pro-rated basis on each regular payday. The longevity schedule shall be as follows:

Completed Years of Service	Annual Pay
10 years	\$750
15 years	\$1,300
20 years	\$1,500
25 years	\$1,750
30 years	\$2,000

**Section 9. CDL's** The City will reimburse new employees \$55 for the cost of obtaining a Commercial Driver's License after the employee passes their probationary period. A receipt must be presented.

Thereafter, every 5 years, the City shall reimburse employees \$55 when they renew their Commercial Driver's Licenses. A receipt must be presented by the employee to receive the reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE 37 - OVERTIME**

**Section 1.** Maintenance overtime shall be offered on the basis of classification seniority for those holding the jobs for which overtime is offered. Maintenance employees will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times their straight time hourly pay for all work they are required to perform in excess of forty (40) hours in any one work week. Overtime shall be paid only for work performed in excess of forty (40) hours per week. For purposes of computing overtime pay, split vacation days and personal leave holidays (except when combined with pre-bid vacation), and sick leave will not be used.

**Section 2.** All maintenance employees who are required by the City to work on their regularly assigned day off shall be paid for all work performed on that day at one and one-half (1.5) times their regular straight time hourly rate of pay unless in conflict with Section 1, in which case Section 1 will prevail.

**Section 3.** No time shall be paid for at a rate greater than one and one-half (1.5) times the straight time hourly rate of pay.

**Section 4.** All voluntary overtime shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the straight time rate of pay regardless of Section 1, unless the affected employee is serving a suspension within the pay week.

**Section 5.** MINIMUM PAY FOR CALL BACKS In the event that it becomes necessary to call a maintenance employee back to work on their scheduled day off or at a time other than their scheduled hours, they shall be paid a minimum of three (3) hours pay time at one and one-half (1.5) times their regular straight time hourly rate of pay. The preceding sentence shall not apply to work that is in addition to and immediately preceding or succeeding their regular scheduled hours.

**Section 6.** OVERTIME SIGN-UP No employee will be allowed to change the maintenance overtime time sign-up sheet within 24 hours of the shift beginning.

## **ARTICLE 38 - WORK DAY AND DAYS OFF**

**Section 1.** Eight (8) consecutive hours of work shall constitute a day's work in the maintenance department.

**Section 2.** The City shall determine the number of maintenance employees needed on each shift in each classification. The garage work schedule with designated days off will be assigned in accordance with classification seniority.

**Section 3.** All maintenance employees shall be entitled to two (2) consecutive days off each week whenever possible.

**Section 4.** This Article is intended to provide a basis for establishing normal work schedules and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or per week.

**Section 5.** Maintenance employees may choose flex-hours with approval of the Maintenance Superintendent. A written request must be filled out and approved by the Superintendent when requesting flex-time. Core hours shall still be observed as 5:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m., with flex-hour start times between 4:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Flex-time may be daily, weekly, quarterly or split shift. Quarterly shift change will be done at the regular sign up, and will follow seniority. Daily, weekly, split shift requests will require a twenty-four (24) hour notice.

Management has the right to terminate the flex-time agreement at any time if it appears not to be in the best interest of the City. A notice of at least one (1) week will be given to the employee. The employee has the right to terminate the flex-time agreement at any time with an appropriate notice of one (1) week. Employees using flex-time should be willing to be flexible about their schedule if the City's needs so require, with notice when possible.

## **ARTICLE 39 - ASSIGNMENT OF WORK**

**Section 1.** The Maintenance Superintendent shall regulate the assignment of work in the maintenance subdivision as hereinafter provided. The Maintenance Superintendent will allocate work assignments based on each employee's qualifications.

Shift seniority will determine mechanic work spaces when a station is vacated by retirement, termination or separation with the City.

**Section 2.** Beginning or nearing the first of each calendar quarter, and at such other times as the City deems necessary, the City will determine how many of its maintenance employees are needed in each classification on each of its work shifts, including the days off of each of its work shifts, after which the maintenance employees will be permitted to choose their work shift in accordance with Article 10, Section 3. A regular sign-up shall be posted in an appropriate place for seven (7) days in advance of its effective date. When shift sign up has been completed and shift assignments have been completed, shift assignments shall not be changed except in the case of emergencies.

**Section 3.** It is the general policy of the City, in accordance with its maintenance needs, to use its maintenance employees on work for which they are best qualified, reserving to the City the right to judge qualifications and assign its maintenance employees to such work as it may deem necessary. The maintenance employees will perform all work assignments to the best of their ability and endeavor to acquire all knowledge possible to better enable them to perform their assignment well and efficiently.

**Section 4.** For the purpose of work shift sign-up, the Apprentice Mechanic and Journey Mechanic will have the same classification. Further, there must be at least one (1) Journey Mechanic assigned to each shift to ensure appropriate training.

## **ARTICLE 40 - EQUIPMENT**

**Section 1.** Any equipment belonging to the City that is loaned or furnished to maintenance employees for use in properly performing their duties required by the City, shall be returned to the City in good condition, normal depreciation excepted. The employee will perform such duties with the appropriate and proper equipment and in a safe manner.

The City will provide safe and functional equipment. Employees will not face discipline or penalties for declining to use equipment that presents an immediate risk of serious bodily harm.

**Section 2.** After ninety (90) days of service all bus mechanics shall be eligible to receive a yearly tool allowance of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550). Employees will produce validated receipts upon request. The tool allowance shall be paid the first pay check in September of each contract year.

**Section 3.** The City shall pay the total cost of the maintenance employee's uniform rental. All maintenance employees shall wear uniforms with system insignia as designated by the City. However, the City shall also provide, as an option on request, rental coveralls.

**Section 4.** The City will provide no-cost tool insurance to employees of the maintenance section. This insurance will cover burglary of the premises, fire, wind, flood and water.

In order to qualify, maintenance section employees will be required to submit a photo or video inventory of their personal tools and each tool covered must be marked with some sort of identification.

**Section 5.** The City shall supply safety glasses to employees who are required to wear safety glasses in the performance of their duties. Safety glasses which are authorized must be industrial grade safety glasses which meet or exceed the requirements of ANSI Specification Z87.1. All employees who are required to wear safety glasses shall also be required to wear side shields, either permanent or snap-on, whenever an eye hazard exists. Solid tinted glasses will not be approved; however, photogray lenses shall be permitted.

**Section 6.** The City agrees to pay an amount not to exceed one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) toward the purchase of required safety glasses. This excludes the cost of the eye examination which will be the responsibility of the employee. In the event the fees, excluding the examination, exceed the one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) allowance, the employee will provide their Department Head with a check for the remaining balance. The affected employee will be allowed one (1) replacement of safety glasses every two (2) years. In the event it has not been two (2) years and the safety glasses become damaged, or broken on the job, the employee must present a written request for replacement to the Department Head. The replacement of those glasses will be the responsibility of the employee if negligence is proven in any of the above cases within the two (2) year period.

**Section 7.** The employee must obtain a current prescription, and the employee is

authorized the use of sick leave to accomplish this examination. The employee will obtain a purchase order from the Department Head or their designated representative prior to ordering the safety glasses. The employee will present the purchase order to the appropriate vendor when ordering. The vendor will contact the Department Head or their designated representative when the glasses are ready for delivery. The Department Head or their designated representative will then notify the employee who will present themselves at the vendor for fitting and pickup.

**Section 8.** In the event a probationary employee has been issued safety glasses and terminates their employment with the City for any reason during the probationary period, they shall be required to reimburse the City for any expenses incurred in the purchase of safety glasses.

**Section 9.** The City shall supply rain gear and rubber footwear to be checked out on a daily basis when needed. Rain gear and rubber footwear will be checked in at the end of each shift in good condition.

**Section 10.** The City shall provide one pair of footwear per year for all maintenance personnel. The cost of footwear will not exceed two hundred ten dollars (\$210). In the event the employee wishes to purchase a higher priced shoe/boot, meeting the City's minimum specifications, the employee shall have the option of paying the difference between the highest bid price shoe/boot and the price of the shoe/boot actually purchased.

## **GENERAL CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS**

### **ARTICLE 41 - APPLICABLE LAWS, STATUTES, ETC.**

This Agreement shall be subject in all respects to all present and future applicable laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations of the United States of America, the State of Nebraska, and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. Should any part of this Agreement or any provision therein contained be rendered or become or be declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or constitutional amendment, or by a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such part of provision shall be and become null and void, but the remaining portion of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

If the City of Lincoln, Nebraska were not to operate the transit system, StarTran, the successor is obligated to honor the ATU/City contract.



## **ARTICLE 42 - WAIVERS**

The waiver of any breach or condition of this Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent for any subsequent waiver of any breach or condition.

#### **ARTICLE 43 - PRIOR AGREEMENTS**

Except for the Agreement pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transit Act of 1964, as amended, this Agreement terminates and renders inoperative all verbal and written agreement between the parties existing or made prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 44 - NOTICES**

Notices permitted or required to be served under the terms of this Agreement, unless otherwise specifically covered, shall be sufficiently serviced for all purposes herein when mailed, postage prepaid, registered mail, return receipt requested, to StarTran, 710 "J" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for service upon the City; and similarly when mailed to the President of Local No. 1293 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Lincoln, Nebraska, for service upon the Transit Union, and the date of receipt of such notices shall be the controlling date for all purposes hereunder. Either party may give a change in address to the other through written notice. Notices may also be delivered in person, but proof of such delivery shall be by receipt.

## **ARTICLE 45 - PRODUCTIVITY**

The parties recognize that delivery of essential municipal services in the most efficient and effective manner is a common goal of the City and the Union. Individual effectiveness and productivity may be maintained and improved through orientation, primary function training, maintenance of attendance and performance review.

It shall be a combined effort of the City and the Union to attain the ability to achieve maximum yield out of allocated resources by effective management and measurement, cross training, achievement-oriented employees, and utilization of modern technology. In an attempt to utilize new technology, the City agrees to allow Para Transit Operators to use a "talking" GPS unit (i.e. one that announces the directions, streets and exits). The GPS unit will be provided at the employee's expense and is not a reimbursable item. In no situation may a cell phone or smart phone be used as a GPS unit.

The Union will support and assist in the implementation of methods of increasing department productivity and maintaining safe workplace.

StarTran recognizes that training, particularly for maintenance employees, is vital if we are to continue to upgrade our service and equipment. It is the intent of StarTran to provide opportunities for its employees to improve their technical skills through organized programs that become available to us. As always, such opportunities are conditional and dependent upon work load priorities, budget limitations, support of the employees and their representatives and the benefits to be gained by both management and the employee.

## **ARTICLE 46 - HEALTH CARE AND INSURANCE**

**Section 1. HEALTH** The City shall provide a group health care plan designed as set forth in Appendix A. If an employee elects single coverage, the City shall contribute an amount equal to ninety-two percent (92%) of the monthly cost of coverage and the employee's contribution shall equal eight percent (8%) of the monthly cost of coverage. If an employee elects employee plus spouse or employee plus child(ren) coverage, the City shall contribute an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the monthly cost of coverage and the employee's contribution shall equal fifteen percent (15%) of the monthly cost of coverage. If an employee elects family coverage, the City shall contribute an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the monthly cost of coverage and the employee's contribution shall equal fifteen percent (15%) of the monthly cost of coverage. Contribution changes shall be effective with the insurance renewal date.

**Section 2.** All retired members of the bargaining unit who have not reached normal social security age may participate in the group health care plan for active City employees, provided that each retiree so desiring will execute the required forms in a timely fashion, and further provided that each retiree will be required to pay the full monthly premium at the then current rates subject to any rate increases which may occur from time to time. Such payments will be made by the retiree to the insurance carrier.

**Section 3. DENTAL** The City shall provide a group dental plan. The City will pay fifty percent (50%) of the monthly premium and the employee will pay fifty percent (50%) of the monthly premium of the City's primary carrier if the employee elects to enroll in dental insurance coverage. Contribution changes shall be effective with the insurance renewal date.

**Section 4. LIFE** The City shall provide to all eligible employees a \$70,000 life insurance policy.

**Section 5. POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH PLAN** The City shall provide a Post Employment Health Plan which allows for the accumulation of funds for the future payment of medical expenses and premiums. The amount of dollars paid into the employee's PEHP universal account by the City on behalf of the employee shall be eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per pay period. In addition, upon retirement or death a portion of the employee's sick leave balance shall be added (paid) into the employee's PEHP premium account. The portion paid into the PEHP premium account shall be the total amount payable under Article 15, Section 5.

## **ARTICLE 47 - PENSION**

**Section 1. PLAN DESCRIPTION** During the term of this Agreement, bargaining unit employees not covered by the Police and Fire Pension Plan shall be provided retirement benefits through the City's defined contribution retirement plan established pursuant to Art. II, Section 3 of the City Charter.

**Section 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** Any member of the bargaining unit not covered by the Police and Fire Pension Plan is eligible to participate in the City's defined contribution plan in accordance with the terms and conditions established in the retirement plan documents.

### **Section 3. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**

- A. **Contribution for employees hired prior to September 1, 2010.** For an employee employed as of September 1, 2010, the employer's contribution will be an amount equal to 6.3% of the employee's compensation up to and including \$4,800.00 plus 12% of the employee's compensation in excess of \$4,800.00.
- B. **Contribution for employees hired on or after September 1, 2010.** For an employee who is hired by the City of Lincoln on or after September 1, 2010, the employer's contribution will be an amount equal to 9% of the employee's compensation.

**Section 4. EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** Any employee who is a member of the bargaining unit who is hired on or after September 1, 2010, and who participates in the City's defined contribution retirement plan shall be required to make a mandatory employee contribution in an amount equal to 7% of the employee's compensation.

## **ARTICLE 48 - TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

Employees covered by this contract are eligible for tuition reimbursement at a rate of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300), inclusive of lab fees, per contract year for courses offered by an accredited educational institution. Course work must be related to potential career advancement with the City. The following list of courses is for illustrative purposes and is not all inclusive:

- A. Sciences (i.e. environmental studies, health, lab sciences, etc.)
- B. Math/Accounting
- C. English/Foreign languages
- D. History Engineering and related courses
- E. Criminal Justice
- F. Public Administration/Planning
- G. Computer Sciences/Technology
- H. Library Sciences
- I. Business/Marketing
- J. Real Estate
- K. Or courses as approved by the Department Head

All courses must be approved in advance by the Department Head. Department Head must reply to request within 40 days from receipt of request of approval of course, there shall be no denial based on budgetary reasons. The employee must receive a passing grade of "C" or above, or the employee must receive a "pass" if the course is only offered on a "pass/fail" basis. Evidence of completion with a passing grade, and proof of payment for the course, must be received in order for the employee to receive reimbursement.

## **ARTICLE 49 - DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING AND CONTINUUM EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE**

The Transit Union and the City recognize the federal regulations with regard to drug and alcohol testing. The Transit Union and the City will comply with the current drug and alcohol testing policy, and future changes to that policy will be discussed and negotiated to the extent the law allows.



## ARTICLE 50 - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

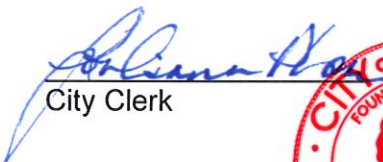
**Section 1.** This Agreement shall be effective as of the 15th day of August, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of August, 2027. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party notifies the other in writing no later than the 1st day of February, 2027, that it desires to modify this Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations and until terminated in the manner set forth in the following section.

**Section 2.** In the event either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date, which shall not be before the expiration date set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this 24 day of OCTOBER, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
a municipal corporation

  
City Clerk

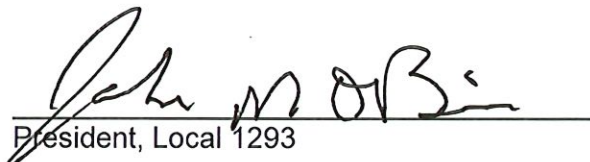


  
Leirion Gaylor Baird  
Mayor, City of Lincoln

ATTEST:

LOCAL 1293 OF THE  
AMALGAMATED TRANIST UNION

  
Vice-President

  
President, Local 1293

## APPENDIX “A” - HEALTH CARE PLAN DESIGN

	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Calendar Year Deductible	Deductible is Embedded	
Individual	\$400	\$800
Family	\$800	\$1,600
Out-of-Pocket Limit	Included in the OOP Max: deductible, coinsurance, copays	
Individual	\$2,100	\$3,100
Family	\$4,200	\$6,200
	(In and Out-of-Network deductibles and limits accumulate separately)	
Lifetime Maximum Benefit	Unlimited	
Physician Office Services		
Office Visit	\$25 copay	Deductible, 30%
Specialist Visit	\$25 copay	Deductible, 30%
Preventive Benefits	Covered at 100%	Deductible, 30%
Urgent Care Centers	\$40 copay	Deductible, 30%
Emergency Room Services	\$150 Copay, Deductible, 20% (waived if admitted within 24 hours for same diagnosis)	
Inpatient Hospital Services	\$100 copay per admission, then Deductible, 20%	\$100 copay per admission, then Deductible, 30%
Outpatient Hospital Services	Deductible, 20%	Deductible, 30%
Mental Health/Chemical Dependency Outpatient Services	Deductible, 20%	Deductible, 30%
Vision Care (preventive care)	100% (limited to 1 exam every 24 months)	Not covered
Prescription Drugs	Retail (30 days) \$3,000 individual/\$6,000 Family OOP Generic Mandatory	
Generic	\$5 min, \$25 max 25% coinsurance	\$5 min, \$25 max 25% coinsurance + 25% penalty
Formulary brand	\$25 min, \$50 max 25% coinsurance	\$25 min, \$50 max 25% coinsurance + 25% penalty
Non Formulary brand	\$50 min, \$75 max 50% coinsurance	\$50 min, \$75 max 50% coinsurance + 25% penalty
Specialty	\$75 min, \$100 max 25% coinsurance	Not covered
Mail (90 days)	2 times retail	Not covered

## B PAY PLAN

Reflects a 3% increase  
Effective August 15, 2024

CLASS CODE	CLASS TITLE	PAY RANGE		STEP A	STEP B	STEP C	STEP D
5619	BUS CLEANER	B01	Annual	36,907.52	38,958.40	41,009.28	
			Monthly	3,075.63	3,246.53	3,417.44	
			Biweekly	1,419.52	1,498.40	1,577.28	
			Hourly	17.744	18.730	19.716	
5620	BUS SERVICE WORKER	B02	Annual	51,026.56	53,861.60	56,696.64	
			Monthly	4,252.21	4,488.47	4,724.72	
			Biweekly	1,962.56	2,071.60	2,180.64	
			Hourly	24.532	25.895	27.258	
5625	BUS OPERATOR	B03	Annual	49,300.16	52,380.64	55,461.12	61,624.16
			Monthly	4,108.35	4,365.05	4,621.76	5,135.35
			Biweekly	1,896.16	2,014.64	2,133.12	2,370.16
			Hourly	23.702	25.183	26.664	29.627
5615	BUS APPRENTICE MECHANIC	B04	Annual	54,481.44	57,507.84	60,534.24	
			Monthly	4,540.12	4,792.32	5,044.52	
			Biweekly	2,095.44	2,211.84	2,328.24	
			Hourly	26.193	27.648	29.103	
5614	BUS JOURNEY MECHANIC	B05	Annual	63,078.08	66,580.80	70,085.60	
			Monthly	5,256.51	5,548.40	5,840.47	
			Biweekly	2,426.08	2,560.80	2,695.60	
			Hourly	30.326	32.010	33.695	

Employees are eligible for a step increase every six months until reaching the maximum of the pay range.