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# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK DEPARTMENT HEAD AND DEPUTY DEPARTMENT HEAD June 1, 1989 to May 31, 1992

#### Section 1.0 PURPOSE

The rules governing the administration of specific employee benefits and conditions of employment are set forth in this directive to promote the orderly and peaceful relations for the mutual interest of the Employer and the Employee.

#### Section 2.0 APPLICABILITY

These rules shall apply to all employees of the City of Royal Oak designated as either a Department Head or Deputy Department Head. It is recognized that employment and compensation can be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice at any time, at the option of the City. It is further understood that no Department Head or representative of the City of Royal Oak, other than the City Manager of the City, has any authority to enter into an agreement for employment for any specific period of time. Any agreement with the City Manager must be in writing and signed by the employee and the City Manager.

#### Section 3.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

A physical examination shall be a prerequisite for employment. All potential employees must pass a pre-employment physical examination given by a physician designated by the City of Royal Oak prior to starting work.

#### Section 4.0 LAY-OFF

The employer may, for reasons of economy, for more efficient administration or for lack of sufficient appropriation of funds, abolish positions in a department and lay off employees.

#### Section 5.0 PAY PLAN

- 5.1 The pay plan for employees shall consist of a range for each class of positions providing for increases based on merit.
- 5.2 Advancement within a specific salary range shall be called a merit increase. As the name indicates, the increase shall be based on the quality of service. Merit increases are not automatic, but are granted only upon the recommendation of the employee's Department Head and subject to the approval of the City Manager.

#### Section 6.0 PAY DAY

6.1 Pay day for all employees shall be every other Friday and shall cover a two (2) week period, ending at 12:00 Midnight the Saturday preceding such pay day.

#### Section 7.0 CLASSIFICATION PLAN

Employees shall be classified in accordance with the Position Classification Plan of the City of Royal Oak.

#### Section 8.0 WORK SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The work day shall consist of eight (8) hours in a calendar day, with not more than an additional sixty (60) minutes off for lunch without pay.
- 8.2 The work week shall begin at midnight Saturday.
- 8.3 The basic work week shall consist of forty (40) hours in five (5) consecutive eight (8) hour days. Variations are permitted, but are subject to the approval of the City Manager.

#### Section 9.0 OVERTIME PAY

- 9.1 All overtime worked is to be recorded as compensatory time off at straight time. Such time is non-cumulative and must be used by the end of the fourth month following the close of the fiscal year in which the compensatory time was earned. Compensatory time usage is limited to two (2) consecutive eight (8) hour days.
- 9.2 Employees occupying classifications as designated prior to September 7, 1976, shall receive compensatory time off at straight time for the first eighty (80) hours worked; the eighty-first (81st) through the one hundred sixtieth (160th) overtime hours will be paid at straight time. All overtime beyond one hundred sixty (160) hours will be compensatory time off at straight time. All compensatory time recorded through May 31, 1976, will remain on the employees's record and may be taken when possible during the course of employment.
- 9.3 The term "base hourly wage" means the quotient of the employee's base annual rate divided by the number of hours in the standard work year. The standard work year is recognized as 2080 hours.
- 9.4 In emergency situations, a Department Head or the City Manager may require compulsory overtime work.

#### Section 10.0 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (those not provided by prescription) during working hours is prohibited. The phrase "working hours" is intended to cover coffee breaks but not meal periods. Employees are prohibited from transporting or storing alcoholic beverages or controlled substances in City vehicles or on City premises for purposes of personal use. Employees are prohibited from appearing for work under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. Employees violating this rule may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

#### Section 11.0 REST PERIODS

All employees working an eight (8) hour day shall be entitled to two (2) rest periods, excluding the lunch period. Whenever possible, these periods shall be scheduled in the middle of each one-half regular day. The length of the rest period shall be fifteen (15) minutes per period.

#### Section 12.0 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Employees are required to notify the Personnel Department promptly of any change of address or telephone number so that the employees may be contacted at all times by either mail or telephone.

#### Section 13.0 OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Employees of the City may take part-time jobs; provided, there is no conflict of working hours and no impairment of the employee's efficiency in his/her work or conflict with the interest of the City. Employees of the City may not engage in outside activities while on duty, nor may City property be used for any but City business. Department Heads and Deputy Department Heads must receive permission from the City Manager prior to engaging in outside employment to avoid the possibility of conflict of interest.

#### Section 14.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No employee may engage in any business or transaction nor have a financial interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her official duties in the public interest or would tend to impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties.

#### Section 15.0 RETURN OF CITY PROPERTY

Any employee leaving the service of the City, whether through resignation, retirement, layoff or discharge, is responsible for returning any City property which he/she may have in his/her possession. Failure to return City property may result in the employee's final check being held up with deductions being made for the value of the property.

#### Section 16.0 ACCIDENTS

All duty related personal injuries and illnesses shall be reported immediately. The employee must take such first-aid treatment as may be recommended. Such injuries or illnesses shall, in turn, require the preparation of the necessary Workers' Compensation Report Forms.

#### Section 17.0 RESIGNATIONS

To resign in good standing, an employee must give the appointing authority at least two (2) calendar weeks' notice unless the appointing authority, because of extenuating circumstances, agrees to permit a shorter period of notice. A written resignation shall be supplied by a Department Head to the City Manager. In the case of a Deputy Department Head, a resignation shall be submitted to the Department Head with a copy forwarded to the Personnel Department. Failure to comply with this rule shall be entered on the service record of the employee and may be the cause for denying payment for accrued vacation. The resignation of any employee who fails to give notice will be reported to the Personnel Department.

#### Section 18.0 PHYSICAL FITNESS

Each employee must maintain physical fitness commensurate with the duties and requirements of the position he/she occupies.

#### Section 19.0 JURY DUTY

An employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed to appear as a witness in court or before any other body empowered by law to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena, shall be excused from duty for the time necessary to allow him/her to be in attendance as required, and will be paid the difference between his/her straight-time pay and the fee received for acting as a juror or witness.

#### Section 20.0 SICK LEAVE

- 20.1 Any permanent or probationary employee shall accrue sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours for each month of service. There shall be no maximum accumulation.
- 20.2 Sick leave will be paid at the employee's regular hourly rate.
- 20.3 Sick leave shall not be considered a privilege which an employee may use at his/her discretion, but shall be allowed only in cases of actual sickness or disability.
- 20.4 Sick leave shall not be allowed when absence is due to the use of narcotics or intoxicants.
- 20.5 In the event of resignation or discharge, all accumulated or unused sick leave shall be cancelled and not paid.
- 20.6 Any employee who actively pursues and engages in selfemployment or works for another employer while on sick leave may be subject to discharge.
- 20.7 Any employee who becomes ill and unable to report for work must notify his/her immediate Supervisor at least thirty (30) minutes prior to starting time, if possible, and each day thereafter, or the absence may not be charged against his/her sick leave. If the department is not open thirty (30) minutes prior to the starting time, the report of sickness must be made at the normal starting time.
- 20.8 After an employee has exhausted all sick leave accrued, vacation and compensatory time off, he/she may be advanced sick leave to cover a maximum period of one hundred twenty (120) hours from the occurrence of the disability. In the event, the employee terminates before the advanced sick leave is repaid, the employee is obligated to repay the City for said time.
- 20.9 A certificate from a reputable physician may be required as evidence of illness before compensation for a period of illness is allowed.
- 20.10 After all sick leave is used, if the employee so elects, annual leave may be used as sick leave and regular payments made therefore to the extent of the annual leave to which the employee is entitled. Whenever absence due to illness exceeds the amount of paid leave earned and authorized, the pay of the employee shall be discontinued until he/she returns to work.

- 20.11 Any newly hired employee or existing employee who does not have any sick leave credits may draw an advance of twelve (12) sick leave days per year, and in the event that employment is terminated and an employee owes sick leave to the City, the City shall deduct from any monies owing from the City to the employee a sufficient sum to reimburse the City for the sick leave taken and paid for but not earned.
- 20.12 An employee injured in the course of gainful employment, other than City employment, shall be eligible for sick leave, but only to the extent that he/she is not compensated for absence from the City employment by the benefits accruing from such outside gainful employment.

#### Section 21.0 LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

- 21.1 A Department Head may authorize a permanent employee to be absent without pay for personal reasons for a period not to exceed ten (10) working days in a calendar year.
- 21.2 A Department Head in consultation with the City Manager may authorize a permanent employee to be absent without pay for a period not to exceed six (6) months.
- 21.3 If a permanent employee becomes pregnant or has a prolonged physical or mental illness, the employee may be granted by the City Manager, at the employee's request, a leave of absence without pay not to exceed twelve (12) calendar months.
- 21.4 An employee on leave without pay shall not accrue vacation, sick leave, retirement credit, service towards longevity pay or other fringe benefits, or seniority, or be compensated for holidays falling during the leave period; provided, that an employee on leave without pay as a result of a duty- incurred injury shall accrue seniority, service towards longevity, step increases and vacation improvement based on seniority.
- 21.5 Whenever absence due to illness or injury exceeds the amount of paid leave earned and authorized, the employee shall be placed on Leave Without Pay.
- 21.6 Any employee who actively pursues and engages in selfemployment or works for another employer during a leave of absence may be subject to discharge.
- 21.7 An employee who fails to return to work at the termination of his/her leave of absence shall lose his/her seniority and his/her employment shall terminate.

- 21.8 Upon return from leave of absence, the employee shall be reinstated to the same classification held prior to leave of absence.
- 21.9 An employee on leave without pay for more than thirty (30) days in any one fiscal year shall not accrue vacation, sick leave, retirement credits, service toward longevity pay or other fringe benefits or seniority, or be compensated for holidays falling during the leave period; provided, that an employee on leave without pay as a result of a duty-incurred injury shall accrue seniority, service towards longevity, step increases, pay advancement and vacation improvement based on seniority.
- 21.10 Time spent on a leave of absence greater than thirty (30) days in duration will not count toward qualifying service for merit pay increases.

#### Section 22.0 VACATION LEAVE

- 22.1 Any permanent or probationary employee with one (1) full year of service prior to June 1 shall be allowed annual leave consisting of absence from duty for ten (10) work days, or two (2) calendar weeks.
- 22.2 Any permanent or probationary employee with less than one full year of service prior to June 1 shall be allowed annual leave in the proportion that his/her actual service bears to a full year of service. The employee may not use this partial leave, however, until he/she has served the City for one (1) year. Under extenuating circumstances, this rule may be waived, but only with the approval of the City Manager.
- 22.3 Any permanent or probationary employee with five (5) years of service, but less than ten (10) shall be allowed annual leave of fifteen (15) working days or three (3) calendar weeks. He/she shall be eligible for such leave the day after the completion of the fifth year of service.
- 22.4 Any permanent or probationary employee with ten (10) years of service, but less than twenty (20) shall be allowed annual leave of twenty (20) working days or four (4) calendar weeks. He/she shall be eligible for such leave the day after the completion of the tenth year of service.
- 22.5 Any permanent or probationary employee with twenty (20) or more years of service shall be allowed an annual leave of twenty-five (25) working days, or five (5) calendar weeks. He/she shall be eligible for such leave the day after the completion of the twentieth year of service.

- 22.6 All vacations must be taken within the fiscal year following the fiscal year of accrual and cannot be extended into the succeeding fiscal year unless permission is granted in writing by the City Manager. Employees shall forfeit all rights to vacation time if not taken as per the aforesaid rule.
- 22.7 In the event of termination for reasons other than discharge, an employee shall be entitled to pay for accrued vacation, provided he/she has given a minimum termination notice of ten (10) working days, or two (2) calendar weeks in writing to his/her Department Head.
- 22.8 Vacation schedules shall be established by the Department Head to permit the continued operation of all departmental functions without interference.
- 22.9 If a holiday occurs during an employee's vacation, he/she shall be entitled to an extra day of vacation at his/her regular straight-time rate. A holiday will be considered to occur during an employee's vacation week if the holiday and the vacation are included within the period of seven (7) consecutive days commencing at midnight Saturday.
- 22.10 If an employee dies, his/her next of kin will be paid the regular straight-time pay for all vacation he/she would have otherwise received.
- 22.11 Vacation pay will be paid at the employee's regular hourly rate.

#### Section 23.0 RE-EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS

Applicable provisions of Federal and State laws shall govern the re-employment rights of Veterans.

#### Section 24.0 HOLIDAYS

24.1 Employees shall receive the following fourteen (14) paid holidays:

1.	Good Friday		6.	Christmas Eve
	Memorial Day		7.	Christmas Day
3.	Independence	Day	8.	New Years Eve
	Labor Day		9.	New Years Day
5.	Thanksgiving	Day	1014.	Five (5) Personal Business Days

- 24.2 When any of the above holidays fall on a Saturday, the holiday shall be observed on Friday, when the holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be observed on Monday.
- 24.3 Holidays will be paid at the employee's regular hourly rate (inclusive of shift or other work premium pay).
- 24.4 In order to qualify for holiday pay, an employee must be on duty the working day before and after the holiday. If the holiday falls on a scheduled leave day, the employee may take an alternate day. Such selection must be cleared with the Department Head. Authorized absence with pay shall be considered as being on duty.
- 24.5 In order to qualify for the Personal Business Days, an employee must have successfully completed the initial six (6) months probationary period. The employee shall then be eligible for Personal Business Days in proportion to that part of the fiscal year remaining.
- 24.6 The days granted for Personal Business may be taken any time during the fiscal year. The scheduling of Personal Business days is subject to approval of the immediate supervisor.
- 24.7 A holiday or holidays falling during a period while an employee is on paid leave, exclusive of vacation, shall be considered as having been taken.

#### Section 25.0 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- 25.1 In a case of death in the immediate family (family defined as the spouse, child, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, or other relative living in the employee's household), a permanent or probationary employee may be granted a leave of absence, with pay, for a period not to exceed three (3) normal work days in the case of the death occurring within three hundred (300) miles of the City of Royal Oak. Such leave, with pay, shall be considered bereavement leave. In the case of a death occurring more than 300 miles from the City of Royal Oak, and the employee so elects, two (2) additional days off with pay may be taken, but such time shall be charged to the employee's sick leave accumulation, personal business days or vacation credits at the employee's option.
- 25.2 Bereavement leave will be paid at the employee's regular hourly rate.
- 25.3 Any employee who is self-employed and actively pursues or engages in self-employment or works for another employer while on bereavement leave shall be discharged.

25.4 Should a death of a member of his/her immediate family occur while an employee is on a scheduled vacation, he/she shall be eligible to receive the benefits stated herein provided he/she notifies the City prior to the date of the funeral and he/she attends the funeral.

#### Section 26.0 EMERGENCY LEAVE

In the event that a permanent or probationary employee's spouse, relative living in the employee's household, or one or more children become ill or incur an injury of an emergency nature which prevents the employee from reaching his/her place of employment, or would compel the employee to leave his/her employment in order to take the above-defined relative to either a hospital or doctor's office, the employee shall be paid his/her regular wage for his/her time away from work, and the time shall be deducted from the employee's accrued and unused sick leave benefits in the amount of time ranging from one (1) but not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours in any one (1) fiscal year. In the event that vacation or personal business days are used for emergency leave, such time may not be used in a period of less than one (1) hour. Proof of the existence of an emergency in the form of a written statement from a physician may be required before emergency leave is allowed.

#### Section 27.0 INJURY LEAVE

- 27.1 In the case of a job-incurred illness or injury to a permanent or probationary employee resulting in a physical or mental disability to the extent that the employee is unable to perform his/her regular duties or perform selected limited assignments, he/she shall be placed on injury leave.
- 27.2 Time spent on injury leave shall be considered for all purposes as continuing service. At any time during injury leave, an employee may be required to submit to a physical examination by a City physician.
- 27.3 Injury leave pay will be paid at the employee's regular hourly rate.
- 27.4 Injury leave shall not exceed three hundred sixty (360) working hours at full pay for any one compensable illness or injury, with an additional seventeen hundred twenty (1720) hours at eighty percent (80%) of pay. The employee will be allowed to remain at one hundred (100%) percent of pay provided that the eighty (80%) percent is supplemented by use of banked time and following, in descending order, the use of:

- 1. Vacation Days
- 2. Personal Business Days
- 3. Holidays
- 4. Sick Leave accruing during the fiscal year the injury leave is taken.
- 5. Compensatory Time
- 6. Sick Leave Bank.

  The employee must exhaust the days accrued in each numerated category.
- 27.5 An employee who is self-employed and actively pursues or engages in self-employment or works for another employer while on injury leave shall be subject to discharge.
- 27.6 After receiving injury leave pay for 2080 hours, the employee's pay shall be governed by the Michigan Workers' Disability Compensation Act.
- 27.7 Injury leave and subsequent pay shall start immediately upon reported illness or injury.
- 27.8 An employee who incurs a job related illness or injury and is eligible for injury leave under this section must avail himself/herself to City-approved medical treatment. Any employee who refuses medical attention or does not avail himself/herself of therapy shall be disallowed injury leave.

#### Section 28.0 INSURANCE

28.1 Life Insurance: The City shall provide and pay full premium for Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) group life insurance per employee. This coverage shall be reduced by thirty-three percent (33%) at age sixty-five (65) and to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) at age seventy (70).

#### 28.2 Medical Insurance:

- (a) The City shall provide Blue Cross/Blue Shield (or similar insurance thereto which may be secured at the option of the City, provided that the benefits are at least identical to the benefits described herein) and shall include the Blue Preferred Plan (PPO Option) with MVF II; Master Medical Option I; FAE-RC, ML and VST riders; MMC-POV, OPC, and CC riders; Organ Transplant Coverage; Generic Drugs with a \$5.00 deductible prescription rider for each employee and their eligible dependents.
- (b) The Preferred Provider Organization (PPO option), the BC/BS Blue Preferred Plan, has been agreed to with the following language: Additionally, PPO is provided with contingency language

based on the Blue Preferred Plan program continuing with no more than a 10 percent reduction in the listing of participating physicians -otherwise, Department Heads and Deputies have the option to return to the traditional coverage, i.e., standard BC/BS hospital and surgical coverage with Predetermination and Mandatory Second Opinion.

- (c) Duplicate Health Care Benefits: The City will pay the employee/subscriber twenty (20%) percent of the applicable premium to select the benefits under a spouse's health care plan. Further, in the event the employee's spouse is terminated for any reason, the City will pay the COBRA payments until the employee/subscriber can obtain coverage under the City sponsored health care plan.
- 28.3 Dental Insurance: The City shall provide a co-payment dental insurance plan which shall be Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, Class I, Class II and Class III benefits (or similar insurance thereto which may be secured at the option of the City). The employee co-payment applicable to Class I benefits shall be 20%; the employee co-payment for Class II benefits 20%; and the employee co-payment for Class III benefits is 20%. The maximum Class I and Class II per person per contract year benefit is \$800. Delta's Class III benefit maximum shall not exceed a lifetime payment of \$1,500 per eligible person.
- 28.4 Optical Insurance: The City shall provide and pay the full premium for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Optical Plan for each employee and his/her eligible dependents.
- 28.5 Employees are required to immediately notify the Employer of any change in marital status which has an effect on the City's payment of fringe benefits. Failure to do so will result in the employee being held responsible for any cost incurred because of his/her negligence.
- 28.6 An employee on leave of absence in excess of thirty (30) days may continue his/her health, medical, dental, life and optical insurance at his/her own expense under the group program. Payment must be made each month in advance with the understanding that there will be no reimbursement.
- 28.7 COBRA COVERAGE: Continued group coverage is offered to qualified former employees and qualified dependents or former dependents of the employees under the provisions of the Federal legislation known as COBRA. Information is available at the Personnel Department.

#### 28.9 RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS:

- (a) Retiree Hospital and Surgical Insurance: The City shall provide and pay the full premium for medical insurance for retirees, their surviving spouse, and eligible dependents. This coverage shall include MVF-II; Master Medical Option I; Predetermination and Mandatory Second Opinion; The ML, FAE-RC, VST riders; Organ Transplant Coverage; Generic Drugs with a \$5 Prescription Rider. The City shall continue such insurance for the surviving spouse and his/her eligible dependents at said level upon the demise of the retiree. A retiree must have at least ten (10) years of service with the City in order to receive the above medical insurance.
- (b) Retiree Dental Insurance: Retirees and their eligible dependents shall be accorded Delta Dental Plan of Michigan (or similar but equal dental insurance) with Class I and Class II benefits with a 20% co-pay. The per person per contract year maximum benefit shall be \$700.
- (c) Retiree Optical Insurance: Retirees and their eligible dependents are eligible for the same BC/BS optical coverage granted to regular employees.
- (d) Upon becoming eligible for Medicare Benefits, any retiree or person covered through or because of such retiree shall obtain City sponsored BC/BS "Complimentary Coverage" to coordinate the benefits and for Medicare to be primary, with the City paying the premium for Part B Coverage through reimbursement.
- (e) Retiree Term Life Insurance is \$4,000.

#### Section 29.0 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Unemployment compensation is provided in accordance with the Unemployment Compensation statutes of the State of Michigan.

#### Section 30.0 DUTY - NON-DUTY DISABILITY

Any permanent or probationary employee who becomes totally disabled as a result of an on-the-job connected injury or illness, or any permanent employee with a minimum of five (5) years of service who becomes totally disabled as the result of a non-service connected injury or illness, shall be eligible for a monthly payment of sixty-six percent (66%) of his/her base monthly salary in effect at the time of such injury or illness, but in no event will such monthly payment exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). These monthly payments shall continue until the employee reaches voluntary retirement age. The provisions contained herein shall be limited and governed by the insurance policy and retirement ordinance.

#### Section 31.0 TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The Tuition Reimbursement Program is designed to encourage employees to improve their job skills, to increase their value to the City by pursuing courses of study directly related to their work and to assist them in preparing for future promotions within the City. The policy and procedures governing this program are intended to be flexible to insure the optimum utilization of the available funds. The following provisions are established to govern the administration of the City's Tuition Reimbursement Program:

- 31.1 Application for tuition reimbursement will only be considered from employees who are full-time probationary or permanent.
- 31.2 Applications will not be considered if the employee is receiving funds for the same course from any other source (G.I. Bill, scholarships, etc.).
- 31.3 Applications may be made only for attendance at a school of recognized educational standing, including correspondence schools. Selected subjects <u>must</u> relate directly to the employee's present job or to a reasonable predictable future job with the City. These include:
  - (a) Technical or non-technical courses of immediate benefit to the employee and the City in the performance of present assignments when qualifying for promotion within the present field of specialization. (Examples: advanced courses in accounting, planning, assessing, investing, insurance, engineering, labor and so forth.)
  - (b) Technical or non-technical courses outside the employee's current field of specialization but related to either field specialization within his/her department and progression in a related field. (Examples: advanced courses in self-expression, written expression, or technologically related special enrichment courses.)
- 31.4 Reimbursement shall be made at 50% of the cost of the tuition not to exceed \$250. The cost of textbooks shall be reimbursed at 100%. Upon completion of the course or courses, the textbook(s) shall revert to the City and shall be placed in the appropriate departmental library. Employees must present official school receipts with their request documenting the cost of tuition and textbooks for the course.
- 31.5 Eligibility for Tuition Reimbursement shall be limited to two courses per semester per employee.

- 31.6 Reimbursement shall be made only for course work for which the applicant received a grade of C or its numerical equivalent or better. Employees must present official school transcripts showing the final grade received.
- 31.7 As funds for tuition reimbursement are limited, priority for reimbursement shall be governed by the time and date the completed applications are received from employees. Approval of applications for tuition reimbursement is contingent upon the availability of funds, the employee's successful completion of the course and adherence to the policies and procedures outlined in this program.
- 31.8 The following procedures shall be followed in making application for course approval and tuition reimbursement:
  - (a) The employee shall submit his/her application for course approval and tuition reimbursement in the form of a memorandum to his/her Department Head. The memorandum must include detailed information concerning the course or courses for which reimbursement is sought.
  - (b) If the course is approved for tuition and textbook reimbursement, the employee shall notify his/her immediate supervisor no later than one (1) month after the course is completed and present to his/her Department Head his/her transcript of credits, as well as appropriate receipts for tuition and textbook, for reimbursement. This material is, in turn, forwarded to the Personnel Department. Upon receipt of the transcript of credits and appropriate receipts for tuition and textbook(s), the Personnel Department shall submit to the Finance Department a check request authorizing the issuance of tuition and textbook reimbursement to the employee. A copy of the transcript of credits shall become a permanent part of the employee's personnel file.

#### Section 32.0 LONGEVITY PAY

- 32.1 Longevity pay increments shall be awarded as per the following schedule:
- (a) For employees hired prior to June 1, 1990, two (2%) percent of base pay after completion of five (5) years of service; four (4%) percent of base pay after completion of ten (10) years of service; six (6) percent of base pay after completion of fifteen (15) years of service; eight (8%) percent of base pay after completion of twenty (20) years of service; and ten (10%) percent of base pay after completion of twenty-five (25) years of service.

(b) For employees hired on or after June 1, 1990, the following longevity pay schedule will be in effect.

After completion of five (5) years service: \$250
After completion of ten (10) years service: 500
After completion of fifteen (15) years service: 750
After completion of twenty (20) years service: 1,000
After completion of twenty-five (25) years service: 1,250

- 32.2 For all employees eligible for percentage longevity payments, the payment shall be computed on the base annual rate of pay in effect on June 1 of the fiscal year in which the payment is made.
- 32.3 Longevity pay shall be made by check for the full amount paid and shall be paid no later than November 15 of each year.
- 32.4 Military leave of absence shall be considered as continuous City service.
- 32.5 The cut-off date for qualifying service shall be December 1st. As an example, in order to be eligible for a first longevity pay increment, which is two (2) percent of the base pay for employees hired prior to June 1, 1990 and \$250 for employees hired on or after June 1, 1990 after five (5) years service, the employee must have five (5) years service as of December 1 of the fiscal year in which the payment is to be made. Anniversary dates falling during the fiscal year will not be recognized for longevity pay until December 1 of that year.
- 32.6 In the event of termination, either through resignation or discharge, the employee shall be entitled to receive that longevity pay for which he/she was eligible as of December 1. He/she shall not, however, be entitled to partial longevity payment for service accrued in the fiscal year in which his/her employment is terminated. In the event payment has been made to an employee who has failed to meet the requirements specified in this entire section, the City shall deduct said amount from final compensation.
- 32.7 In the event of termination, either through retirement or demise, the employee or designated beneficiary shall be entitled to receive that longevity pay for which he/she was eligible as of December 1st. In addition, he/she shall receive a partial payment for time served in the fiscal year in which his/her retirement or demise occurs. Such payment shall be determined by the ratio formed between a full year of service and that portion of the year actually served.

32.8 In the event of layoff, the employee shall be entitled to receive that longevity pay for which he/she was eligible as of December 1st. In addition, he/she shall receive a partial payment for time served in the fiscal year in which his/her layoff occurs. Such payment shall be determined by the ratio formed between a full year of service and that portion of the year actually served.

#### Section 33.0 RETIREMENT PENSION BENEFITS

- 33.1 Those retirement benefits as specified in the Retirement Ordinance 76-7, or subsequent revision, are adopted and made part of these Administrative Rules.
- 33.2 The Director of Public Safety, Police Chief and Police Commanders shall be eligible for those retirement benefits specified in the City of Royal Oak Police Command Officer's Association Contract. In like manner, the Fire Chief shall be eligible for those retirement benefits as specified in the Local 431 I.A.F.F. Contract.
- 33.3 Effective with these administrative rules, the age and service requirement for normal retirement shall be as follows:
  - (1) Age sixty (60) years or older and five (5) years or more of credited service; or
  - (2) Age fifty-five (55) years and twenty-five (25) years of credited service.
- 33.4 Annuity Withdrawal: Employees covered by these Administrative Rules who retire pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Retirement Ordinance, may irrevocably elect, prior to the effective date of retirement but not thereafter, to be paid the accumulated contributions standing to the member's credit in the Reserve for Employee Contributions plus 3% interest. Upon this election and the payment of accumulated contributions, the retiring member's monthly pension shall be reduced by an amount which is the actuarial equivalent of the sums withdrawn. The actuarial equivalent shall be determined on the basis of the interest rate established by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for immediate annuities. A retiring member and his/her spouse, if any, shall, if possible, jointly participate in a meeting with City representatives prior to the election at which the effects of the annuity withdrawal will be explained.

33.5 Employees who purchased full-time governmental or military time, as permitted in the Administrative Rules for the period June 1, 1986 through May 31, 1989, shall not withdraw those funds contributed to the retirement system in a lump sum upon retirement under the annuity withdrawal provisions contained in Section 33.4.

#### Section 34.0 SICK LEAVE CONTROL PROGRAM

- 34.1 The Sick Leave Control Program shall be applicable to all full time permanent employees.
- 34.2 In order to qualify for sick leave payment, an employee must have forty-five (45) days of accumulated sick leave as of the first day of the fiscal year in which payment is to be made.
- 34.3 Employees who have the prescribed minimum of accumulated sick leave shall be paid 100% of unused sick leave in excess of six (6) days earned during the fiscal year preceding the one in which payment is to be made. Those sick leave days for which pay is not given shall be added to the employee's sick leave accumulation.
- 34.4 All sick leave payments shall be computed on the annual base rate of pay in effect as of the last pay period of the fiscal year in which sick leave was earned.
- 34.5 Sick leave payment shall be made by check for the full amount and shall be issued between the dates of June 15 and June 30.
- 34.6 If an employee so elects in writing to the City Manager, he/she may waive payment for sick leave and have the days for which payment would normally be given added to his/her sick leave accumulation.
- 34.7 The cut-off date for qualifying for accumulated sick leave shall be as of May 31. As an example, in order to be eligible for sick leave payment, an employee must have a minimum of forty-five (45) days of accumulated sick leave as of May 31. Employees qualifying during the fiscal year will not be recognized for sick leave payment until the subsequent fiscal year.
- 34.8 In the event of termination, either through resignation or discharge, the employee shall be entitled to receive payment for which he/she was eligible as of May 31, of the fiscal year in which his/her sick leave was earned. He/she shall not, however, be entitled to a partial sick leave payment for sick leave accumulated and unused in the fiscal year in which his/her employment is terminated.

- 34.9 In the event of termination, either through retirement or demise, the employee shall be entitled to receive sick leave payment for which he/she was eligible as of May 31 of the fiscal year in which the sick leave was earned. In addition, he/she shall receive a partial sick leave payment based on the payment of 50% of the unused sick leave earned in the fiscal year in which his/her retirement or demise occurs.
- 34.10 In the event of layoff, the employee shall be entitled to receive payment for which he/she was eligible as of May 31 of the fiscal year in which his/her sick leave was earned. In addition, he/she shall receive a partial sick leave payment based on the payment of 50% of the unused sick leave earned in the fiscal year in which his/her layoff occurs.
- 34.11 In the event of retirement, any employee having a sick leave balance shall be paid for the sick leave balance at the time of retirement up to a maximum of four hundred (400) hours. Such pay shall be at the employee's base rate in effect at the time of retirement.
- 34.12 In the event of an employee's death, the deceased employee's spouse, or children if no spouse survives, shall be entitled to receive up to four hundred (400) hours' payment for said deceased employee's sick leave accumulation.

#### Section 35.0 SUSPENSION OF LEAVES

The leaves provided for in these rules may be temporarily suspended during any period of emergency declared by the City.

#### Section 36.0 SAFETY

Employees, in the performance of their jobs, shall at all times use safety devices and protective equipment which may be furnished to them, and will comply with safety, sanitary and fire regulations.

#### Section 37.0 WAGE ADJUSTMENT

- 37.1 The general wage adjustment effective June 1, 1989 shall be accorded on the basis of merit and shall be 3.5%.
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- 37.4 Albeit, if the Police Command Officers' or Fire Fighters' contracts entered into, subsequent to the adoption of these administrative rules and compensation plan, provide for an improvement in pension benefits, and if this pension benefit is the result of the affected employees "trading off" this improvement in exchange for a lesser adjustment in pay, the Police/Fire Department Heads and Deputies shall then receive the commensurate pension improvement and the same percentage pay adjustment as that accorded to those in the respective bargaining units. For example, if the Police Command Contract results in an improved pension, such as a higher multiplier to calculate the pension, but minimal pay increase, the affected employees would get the benefit of the retirement improvement and the minimal wage increase provided in the Police Command Contract, and not the salary adjustment provided to other Department Heads. The intent of this provision is that if the Police Command or Fire Fighters' trade salary improvements for pension improvements, the Police/Fire Department Head and Deputy members would not get both greater pension benefits received by the union and the pay increase received by other Department Heads who did not get those pension improvements.
- 37.5 Additionally, if an improved Police Command and/or Fire Fighters' pension is financed in part by a larger contribution by the employee to the Pension System, the affected Police/Fire Department Head or Deputy will be required to make the same increased pension contribution to the Pension System, or if the contract for the Police Command or Fire Fighters' results in some fringe benefit being reduced to secure an added pension benefit, the Police/Fire Department Head or Deputy will have that same fringe benefit reduction in order to finance the costs of the pension improvement.
- 37.6 Those employees in the Police/Fire departments who were previously allowed to purchase up to five (5) years of governmental time will be required to reduce that purchase to no more than three (3) years, barring separate agreement to the contrary sanctioned by the City Manager based upon extenuating circumstances.

#### Section 38.0 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

- 38.1 Employees covered by these Administrative Rules may participate in the ICMA Retirement Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan or the PEBSCO Deferred Compensation Plan. Information is available in the Personnel Department.
- 38.2 A contribution will be made by the Employer, in the amount of 1.5% of base pay, to the employees' Deferred Compensation Account.

## Section 39.0 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

- 39.1 An employee having a grievance shall first take the matter up with his/her immediate supervisor. If the grievance is not settled to the employee's satisfaction, the grievance shall be reduced to writing, and submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor; the immediate supervisor shall furnish the employee with a written answer to the grievance within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).
- 39.2 If a satisfactory settlement is not reached in Step 1, the employee may, within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the written answer, present the grievance to his/her Department Head for review. The Department Head shall then furnish a written answer within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays).
- 39.3 If a satisfactory settlement is not reached in Step 2, the employee shall meet with the Personnel Director or his/her designated representative and attempt to reach an equitable solution to the grievance. The Personnel Director shall make a written disposition of the grievance within five (5) working days after the meeting.
- 39.4 If a satisfactory settlement is not reached in Step 3, the employee may submit the matter to the City Manager within three (3) working days following receipt of the Personnel Director's written disposition of the grievance. The City Manager shall, upon receipt of the grievance, make a written disposition within ten (10) working days.
- 39.5 In the event the grievance is not settled in Step 4, the employee may submit the matter to the Employee Relations Committee of the City Commission. The Employee Relations Committee of the City Commission shall, upon receipt of the grievance, make a written disposition within ten (10) working days.

#### Section 40.0 USE OF VEHICLES

40.1 Every employee who, in the course of his/her regular work, may be required to drive a City vehicle must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License which permits him/her to drive the class of vehicle involved. A learner's permit is not a valid driver's license. Chauffeur's licenses are not required by employees to drive a City vehicle. No employee shall drive a City vehicle in contravention of any restrictions set out on his/her State of Michigan Driver's License.

- 40.2 No one shall transport or store for personal use in a City vehicle any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- 40.3 City vehicles shall be used for City business only.
- 40.4 When a City vehicle is authorized to be taken home at night, it shall be driven as directly as possible between the employee's place of business and his/her residence, so as to create no undue mileage.
- 40.5 The operation of City vehicles will be in conformance with the appropriate provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code, City of Royal Oak Traffic Ordinance, and special parking regulations as they may relate to employee parking at their respective places of employment.
- 40.6 When vehicles are stored outside during the night, drivers shall be responsible for the removal of the keys from the ignition at the conclusion of the work period. Keys shall be placed in a location as directed by the Department Head. Windows of all vehicles shall be fully rolled up, the doors closed securely, and the vehicle locked.
- 40.7 The driver of any City vehicle is responsible for looking after its general condition as if it were his/her own. For example, he/she shall drive the vehicle so as to keep tire wear to a minimum by maintaining proper inflation, and by not rubbing curbs or driving over sharp rocks, etc. He/she shall care for both the interior and exterior of the vehicle generally, including normal cleanliness.
- 40.8 The driver of any vehicle shall not drive the vehicle if it is not in safe operating condition. Mechanical or other defects MUST be reported promptly to the Motor Pool Division at the Public Service Building.
- 40.9 In the case of property damage accident, the following procedures shall be followed:
  - a. The Police shall be notified.
  - b. The employee's Supervisor should be notified immediately.
  - c. Any utility companies involved should be notified immediately.

- d. Necessary safety precautions should be taken by the employee involved, if needed.
- e. The employee shall complete an accident report form.
- 40.10 If any City vehicle is stolen, the operator to which it was assigned shall call the police immediately.
- 40.11 If any parts or accessories considered part of a City vehicle, or other equipment or materials on a City vehicle are lost or stolen from the vehicle, the driver shall call the police immediately.

#### Section 41.0 GENERAL CONDUCT

- 41.1 Employees shall not fight or engage in any other acts likely to cause either property damage or bodily injury to any person.
- 41.2 Employees shall at all times observe all safety rules and perform their work in accordance with commonly accepted safety practices.
- 41.3 Employees are prohibited from accepting gifts of value or gratuities from organizations, employees, agents or other individuals who may or do conduct business with the City. The reference to this rule is an excerpt from the policy on gratuities promulgated for all employees.
- 41.4 An employee shall not abuse, misuse or deliberately destroy or damage any City property, tools, equipment and machines or property of any other employee.
- 41.5 An employee shall not engage in any immoral or indecent act or any other act which would reflect unfavorably upon the reputation of the City.
- 41.6 Employees shall not engage in any private business or activity for profit or without profit during working hours.
- 41.7 Employees shall not use any City property for their own personal use or benefit.
- 41.8 General employees shall not carry any concealed weapon.
- 41.9 Employees shall not deface, change or falsify any personnel or other City records or papers.
- 41.10 Employees are prohibited from using their position with the City to directly or indirectly gain benefits, favors, money advantages, privileges or anything of value other than regular compensation.
- 41.11 Employees shall observe regular working hours as established for their department.

#### Section 42.0 AMENDMENTS

The City Manager may amend, rescind, add to or otherwise change the Rules. The provisions of these Rules do not replace or supersede any part of the Charter or Ordinances of the City Government. In case it is necessary to amend, rescind, add to or otherwise change the Rules, the City Manager will meet with the appropriate representatives of the Department Heads and Deputy Department Heads group.

#### Section 43.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 43.1 PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: The City will contribute up to \$200 toward a complete physical examination every two years. It is understood that there is no requirement that the results be shared with the City.
- 43.2 EDUCATIONAL BONUS: Qualified Public Safety employees who are members of the Department Head and Deputy Department Head Group shall be entitled to the same educational bonus accorded to the Police Command Officer's Association and shall abide by the same requirements and restrictions of said contract language.
- 43.3 UNIFORMS: The City shall provide uniforms for those employees of the Public Safety Department whose job function requires such uniforms.
- 43.4 CLEANING ALLOWANCE: A uniform clothing/cleaning allowance of Four Hundred Fifty (\$450) Dollars per fiscal year shall be paid to Public Safety Department police employees of the Department Head and Deputy Department Head Group required to have and wear uniforms. Plain clothes Public Safety Department police employees shall receive a cleaning/clothing allowance of Five Hundred Fifty (\$550) Dollars per fiscal year. The Fire Chief shall receive a clothing/cleaning allowance of Six Hundred Seventy-Five (\$675) Dollars per fiscal year; this consists of \$125 cleaning allowance and \$550 clothing allowance. In the event of termination during the fiscal year, the City shall recapture these funds on a prorata basis.

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