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**Article 18. Sick Leave**

18.1 The City will continue for the life of this agreement to provide its employees with the sick leave plan and program presently in effect, except as modified as follows: Permanent employees, including those in probationary status, shall be eligible for use of earned sick leave after ~~thirty (30) ninety (90)~~ days service with the City. An employee shall be entitled to use a maximum of four (4) consecutive workdays' sick leave without a signed doctor's certificate if the employee has accumulated not less than four hundred (400) hours of sick leave. Otherwise, the employee will be entitled to use a maximum of three (3) consecutive workdays' sick leave without a doctor's certificate. When a doctor's certificate is required, it will contain the date of treatment and the date the employee may return to work. If the City desires to verify the authenticity of a doctor's certificate, the employee may be required to furnish the doctor's name, address, and phone number. If the employee is aware that the condition will require more than two (2) days sick leave usage, the employee will inform their supervisor of the approximate time of return.

18.2 Time for medical and dental appointments will be charged against accrued sick leave. Employees may accumulate unlimited sick leave.

18.3 Prior to taking any disciplinary action concerning excessive-sick leave usage, the supervisor will notify the employee that their sick leave usage appears to be excessive. The purpose of the notification is to allow the employee the opportunity to identify the specific reasons for the usage of sick leave, and to assist the employee in a cooperative effort to alleviate the cause of the problem. If the employee does not correct their behavior the City may proceed with progressive discipline.

18.4 The City may discipline an employee for misuse of sick leave.

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18.5 **Non-Protected Dependent Sick Leave.** In situations where an employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or other person for whom the employee is legal guardian, becomes ill or injured and alternate means of transporting or caring for such person cannot be arranged immediately by the employee, the employee shall be permitted to use vacation time or sick leave. The employee shall be required to submit a doctor's certificate for any absence of three (3) days or more within a period of five (5) working days.

18.6 **Industrial Accident Leave**

18.6.1 During an absence due to an industrial accident which has been accepted by the Risk Management Division, any employee covered by this agreement shall be entitled to receive an income supplement from the City for as many days as they had accrued sick leave prior to the accident. The amount of supplement is designed to provide no more net compensation while on time loss than they would have received while working their regular

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period following the approval of this agreement.

18.6.2 Upon hire, employees shall be credited with a total of fifteen (15) days of industrial accident leave. Such leave shall be available for time lost because of industrial injury for two years from the employee's date of hire. Such leave credits shall be used prior to the supplement outlined in subsection 18.6.1 above. Payments made by the City under subsections 18.6.1 and 18.6.2 shall not be charged to accrued sick leave.

18.6.3 If an employee exhausts all benefits in 18.6.1 and 18.6.2 above, and remains employed with the City, the City shall maintain the employee's health and welfare insurance benefits for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months of the industrial accident leave, providing the employee was eligible for City-paid benefits at the time of the accident. The subject of waiver of premium for employees in this category will be referred to the Insurance Committee for review and report.

**18.7 Sick Leave Utilization Upon Retirement**

18.7.1 The City agrees to convert sick leave pay, upon retirement to a PERS supplement, as contemplated by ORS 238.350 or on an equivalent basis for those employees covered by a retirement program other than PERS.

18.8 Sick leave will not accrue during unpaid leaves of absence exceeding thirty (30) days.