

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

between the

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD**

and

**MANSFIELD FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 4120  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS**

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**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
and  
THE UNIFORMED PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS OF CONNECTICUT**

**ARTICLE I  
RECOGNITION**

- 1.1** The Town of Mansfield (the “Town”) recognizes the Uniformed Professional Firefighters of Connecticut (the “Union”) as the exclusive representative of all uniformed fire fighters employed by the Town, with the exception of the Fire Chief and/or any chief or deputy chief, and all volunteer members of the Mansfield Fire and Emergency Services who may be appointed by the Town and meets the definitions of exclusion from the bargaining unit by the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations.
- 1.2** For the purposes of this Agreement:
- a. A full-time employee is one who is regularly scheduled to work an average of forty-two (42) hours per week.
  - b. A part-time employee is one who works less than an average of twenty-four (24) hours per week, or no more than one thousand two hundred forty-eight (1248) hours per calendar year.

**ARTICLE II  
NON-DISCRIMINATION**

- 2.1** All provisions of this Agreement shall be applied equally to all employees in the bargaining unit without discrimination because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic makeup, gender identity, political affiliation, union membership, military service and veteran’s status, disability, except on the basis of bona fide occupational qualification or business necessity, or any other protected class. In recognition of the employee’s alternate remedies under state and federal law, and the Town’s Anti-Discrimination policies as provided for in the Town’s Personnel Rules dated March 25, 2019 and may be amended from time to time, no grievance may be filed alleging breach of this provision.

**ARTICLE III  
NO STRIKE--NO LOCKOUT**

- 3.1 The Union and the employees expressly agree that there will be no strikes, slowdowns, picketing during working hours, work stoppages, mass absenteeism, mass feigned illness or other similar forms of interference with the operation of the Town.
- 3.2 The Town agrees that it will not lock out the employees covered by this Agreement during its term.
- 3.3 Any or all employees participating in such strike or other prohibited activity described above in Section 1 shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Town up to and including discharge.

**ARTICLE IV  
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

- 4.1 Except where such rights, powers and authority are specifically relinquished, abridged or limited by the provisions of this Agreement, the Town has and will continue to retain, whether exercised or not, all the rights, responsibility and prerogatives of management of the affairs of the Town and direction of the workforce, including, but not limited to, the following.
  - a. To determine the care, maintenance and operation of equipment and property used for and on behalf of the purposes of the Town.
  - b. To establish or continue policies, practices and procedures for the conduct of Town business and, from time to time, to change or abolish such policies, practices or procedures.
  - c. To discontinue processes or operations or to discontinue their performance by employees.
  - d. To select and to determine the number and types of employees required to perform the Town's operations.
  - e. To employ, transfer, promote or demote employees, or to lay off, terminate for just cause or otherwise relieve employees from duty for lack of work or other legitimate reasons when it shall be in the best interests of the Town. The Town may establish contracts or sub-contracts for operations provided that this right shall not be used for the purposes or intention of laying off bargaining unit employees, undermining the Union, discriminating against its members, or reducing the number of full-time Firefighter/EMTs.

- f. To prescribe and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the maintenance of discipline and for the performance of work in accordance with the requirements of the Town, provided such rules and regulations are made known in a reasonable manner to the employees affected by them and to the Union.
- g. To create job specifications and revise existing job specifications as deemed necessary and to ensure that related duties connected with departmental operations, whether enumerated in job descriptions or not, shall be performed by employees provided that, upon request, the Town agrees to negotiate with the Union regarding any significant impact which any change in job specifications may have on employees' wages, hours or other terms of employment.
- h. To ensure that related duties connected with Town operations, whether enumerated in job descriptions or not, shall be performed by employees.

## **ARTICLE V UNION SECURITY**

- 5.1 Employees in the bargaining unit may become members of the Union.
- 5.2 The Town agrees to deduct Union dues from the bi-weekly pay of those employees who voluntarily authorize such deductions in writing. The Town shall submit same to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union no later than the last day of each month.
- 5.3 The deduction of Union dues during any pay period shall be made during the applicable pay period and shall be remitted to the financial officer of the Union not later than the last day of the following month. The monthly dues remittance to the Union shall be accompanied by a list of names of employees from whom wage dues deductions have been made.
- 5.4 The Union shall supply to the Town written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any change in the rates of dues.
- 5.5 No dues will be deducted when an employee has exhausted accumulated vacation or is collecting workers' compensation or whose earnings are insufficient to cover dues after taking other legally required deductions.
- 5.6 The Union shall indemnify and hold the Town harmless from any and all demands, suits, complaints, claims, costs and liabilities including reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of hearings caused by or arising out of the administration or enforcement of this article.

**ARTICLE VI  
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**6.1** The following terms are agreed to mean as stated below.

- a. "Grievant" is defined as any member of the bargaining unit and may include a group of employees similarly affected by a grievance or the Union. "Town" shall mean the Town or an agent of the Town, at the Town's option. Nothing contained herein shall prevent an employee from presenting their own grievance and representing themselves. However, only the Union may proceed to arbitration.
- b. "Days" are defined as week days (Monday through Friday) and shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- c. "Grievance" shall mean a claim that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of a specific provision of this agreement.

**6.2** The following time limits are established regarding grievances.

- a. Since it is important that a grievance be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each step shall be considered as a maximum. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by written agreement of the parties.
- b. If an aggrieved person does not file a grievance in writing at Step 1 within ten (10) days after the employee knew or reasonably should have known of the event or condition giving rise to the grievance, then the grievance shall be considered waived.
- c. Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate a decision within the specified time limits shall be deemed denial of the grievance and shall permit the aggrieved person to proceed immediately to the next step. Failure at any step to appeal within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the last decision rendered.
- d. Any time limits specified within this article may be extended by written mutual agreement of the Union and the Town, provided that if the grievance is not submitted to a higher step in the above procedures, it shall be deemed settled on the basis of the Town's answer in the last step considered.

**6.3 Step One – Fire Chief.**

Either the Union or an aggrieved employee who wishes to pursue a grievance shall present the grievance in writing to the Fire Chief within ten (10) days after the employee knew or reasonably should have known of the event or condition giving rise to the grievance. The grievance shall set forth the underlying facts and references to the specific provisions of the contract which the Union or the employee claims have been violated. A meeting to

discuss such grievance, including at least one officer or business agent of the union and the Town, will be held no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of the request for such a meeting by either party unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Within fifteen (15) days following such meeting, the Fire Chief shall render their decision and the reasons therefore in writing to the grievant(s). A copy shall be sent to the Union representative designated on the grievance form.

#### **6.4 Step Two - Town Manager.**

If the grievant(s) or the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step One, the grievant(s) or the Union may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the decision at Step One, refer the grievance to the Town Manager. A meeting to discuss such grievance, including at least one officer or business agent of the union and the Town, will be held no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of the request for such a meeting by either party unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Within fifteen (15) days following such meeting, the Town Manager shall render their decision on the grievance in writing to the grievant(s) with a copy to the Union.

#### **6.5 Step Three - Arbitration.**

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the Town Manager's decision, the Union may submit the grievance to arbitration and will provide notice of the filing to the Town Manager in writing. If the grievance involves a suspension equal to or greater than forty-two (42) hours for a full-time employee or twenty-four (24) hours for a part-time employee or discharge of an employee, the Union shall file the grievance with the American Dispute Resolution Center and Arbitration shall proceed in accordance with the rules of the American Dispute Resolution Center. Any other type of grievance may be filed with the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. All arbitrations shall proceed in accordance with the following:

- a. The arbitrator shall hear and decide only one grievance in each case. The arbitrator shall have no power in any matter to make an award that amends, adds to, subtracts from, or eliminates any provision of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall be bound by, and must comply with, all terms of this Agreement.
- b. The arbitrator shall, within thirty (30) days after the hearing, render their decision in writing to the parties in interest, setting forth their findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions. Such decisions shall be binding on all parties except as provided by law.
- c. The costs of the arbitrator's fee shall be borne equally by both parties. It is understood that each party is responsible for its own costs for legal counsel, expert witnesses and other expenses.
- d. No employee may proceed to arbitration on their own; only the Union may submit a grievance to arbitration.

**ARTICLE VII  
PROMOTIONAL VACANCIES**

- 7.1 All appointments and promotions shall be made in accordance with the Town's merit system, including a review of the candidate's length of service with the Town, training, experience, and education. Full-time openings for Firefighter/EMT's shall not be considered promotional vacancies.
- 7.2 When the Town determines a promotional vacancy is to be filled, the Town agrees to post a notice of the vacant position via email and on the employee intranet. The notice shall be posted for a period of not less than five (5) working days.
- 7.3 Bargaining unit employees shall be eligible to apply for and participate in promotional examinations posted in accordance with §7.2. When and if the Fire Chief determines, in their sole discretion, that an insufficient number of well-qualified internal applicants are available from within the bargaining unit subsequent to an initial posting, the Fire Chief may open promotional examination eligibility to outside candidates in order to provide an adequate number of candidates for consideration, provided that the determination of the Fire Chief in this Section is not arbitrary or capricious. This section shall not apply to hiring processes for entry level positions.

**ARTICLE VIII  
PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

- 8.1 Every person appointed to a regular position or a new classification shall be required to successfully complete a probationary period which shall be of sufficient length to enable the Town Manager to observe the employee's ability to perform the principal duties pertaining to the position. The probationary period shall begin immediately upon appointment or promotion and shall be as follows:
- a. Full-time employees: Twelve (12) months, except the Chief shall have the discretion to reduce the length of the probationary period in situations where a newly appointed full-time employee, immediately prior to and without any interruption between their full-time appointment, worked for the department as a part-time employee.
  - b. Part-time employees: Eighteen (18) months. The employee shall remain at the Step One rate of pay for the duration of probation and move to Step Two upon the completion of the probationary period. Thereafter the employee shall move steps according to the step progression.

Any form of leave, including but not limited to training, military, compensatory, or workers compensation leave in excess of fifteen (15) working days shall be excluded from the time counted as probationary period.

An employee appointed to a full-time position who immediately prior to becoming a full-time employee served as a part-time employee for the department who does not successfully complete the probationary period shall be reinstated to the part-time position the employee held prior to becoming a full-time employee. If such position is not available, the employee may displace the last hired part-time employee in the rank or classification occupied immediately prior to becoming a full-time employee, provided the employee remains qualified for that position and the displaced employee is less senior than the employee. If none of these options results in the individual obtaining a position, the employee shall be placed on a reappointment list.

If an employee appointed to a full-time position, who immediately prior to becoming a full-time employee served as a part-time employee for the department, does not successfully complete the probationary period and claims that the decision of the department head was arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory, said employee may process a grievance at Step Two of the grievance procedure but not beyond Step Two.

**8.2** At any time during the probationary period, for a new full-time or part-time employee the Town Manager, at their sole discretion, may terminate an employee. Such action shall be in writing to the employee. If an employee is discharged or disciplined during their initial probationary period, neither the employee nor the Union shall have any right to appeal such action through the grievance or arbitration procedure of this Agreement.

**8.3** An employee appointed through promotion who does not successfully complete the probationary period shall be reinstated in a position in the rank or classification occupied by the employee immediately prior to promotion if such a position is available and the employee remains qualified for that position. If such position is not available, the individual will be offered an appointment to a similar position for which they are qualified if there is a vacancy in such a position. If a position in the same rank or classification is not available, or if a similar position is not available, the employee may displace the least senior employee in the rank or classification occupied immediately prior to promotion, provided the employee remains qualified for that position and the displaced employee is less senior than the employee. If none of these options results in the individual obtaining a position, the employee shall be placed on a reappointment list.

If an employee who fails a promotional probation claims that the decision of the department head was arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory, said employee may process a grievance at Step Two of the grievance procedure but not beyond Step Two.

**8.4** The Town shall provide the Union notification in writing with any changes in a bargaining unit employee's probationary status including, but not limited to successful completion of probation. Nothing herein precludes the Town from extending an employee's probationary period by mutual agreement of the Town and the Union.

**8.5** Recruit Rate. If the Town in their sole discretion requires new hires to attend the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Training Program, such new hires shall be paid at the recruit rate until the recruit has successfully completed the Fire Academy Recruit Training Program or

a maximum period of six (6) months, whichever occurs first. The recruit rate of pay shall be eighty-two and one half percent (82.5%) of Step 1 of the applicable full or part-time firefighter/EMT pay scale as appropriate. While in attendance at the Connecticut Fire Academy Recruit Training Program, new employees will be paid an average of forty-two (42) hours per week at the above percentage rate. If a recruit is required to attend night classes after attending training during the daytime on the same day, the recruit will be paid at time and one half the above percentage rate and will notify the Chief's Office when there is such an occurrence to ensure the time is recorded properly in the recruit's timecard. If the Recruit Training School is closed due to a State recognized holiday, the recruit will still be paid forty-two (42) hours for the week, including the holiday, and the recruit will have said holiday off from work/training. Should more than one person be sent to the Recruit Training Program at the same time, a Recruit Leader shall be appointed from the lot of recruits, by the Chief, and shall be the point of contact regarding time record keeping between the recruits and the Chief's Office. New full-time hires, including internal employees hired into full-time positions, who are not required to attend the Connecticut Fire Academy's Recruit Training Program shall be paid at Step 1 of the full-time firefighter/EMT pay scale.

#### **ARTICLE IX DISCIPLINE**

- 9.1 No employee who has successfully completed the probationary period shall be discharged or suspended except for just cause.
- 9.2 Other than in the case of probationary employees, any discipline or discharge may be appealed through the grievance procedure of this Agreement.
- 9.3 Former employees who have been dismissed (and not reinstated either as a result of the grievance process or with the Town's agreement) or who resigned while charges were pending will not be rehired by the Town.

#### **ARTICLE X INSURANCE PROGRAM**

- 10.1 Medical Insurance. For full-time employees and their dependents the Town will maintain group membership in a HDHP plan. The plan summaries, including information concerning medical, vision and prescription drug coverage and employee co-pays, is summarized in Appendix C of this Agreement.
- 10.2 The Town and full-time employees agree to share the cost of insurance premiums for the coverage outlined above. The employees are responsible on an annual basis for the percentage amounts listed below, with the payments to be made by payroll deduction from each check in substantially equal payments.

	Effective upon signing in 2023	Effective January 1, 2024	Effective January 1, 2025
HDHP	17%	17%	17%

The Town shall continue to provide a program for payment of premium cost shares by pre-tax salary reduction, to the extent permitted by law.

**10.3 HSA Employer Contributions.** For employees enrolled in the HDHP/HSA plan, the Town will fund the following amounts toward the annual deductible for eligible employees based on the employee’s level of coverage, into the employee’s Health Savings Account (HSA):

- a. Effective plan year 2023 (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023), the employer will contribute fifty-five percent (55%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll following the signing of this Agreement.
- b. Effective plan year 2024 (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024), the employer will contribute fifty-five percent (55%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll in January 2024.
- c. Effective plan year 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025), the employer will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll in January 2025.

The amount of the Town’s contribution toward the deductible for new hires or employees that enroll in the plan due to a qualifying event or open enrollment will be pro-rated based upon the month that coverage in the plan begins. For example if a new hire or employee enrolls in the plan for single coverage, and coverage begins in August, they would receive a contribution equivalent to the total Town contribution amount, divided by 12 months, multiplied by five months (ex: for 1/1/20 plan year  $((\$2,000/12)*5) = \$833.33$ ).

Deductible amounts for the HDHP Plan are listed in Appendix C.

**10.4 Dental Insurance.** Full-time employees and their dependents may enroll in the dental coverage offered through the Town. Employees will be responsible for the full cost of these benefits. Employees whom elect dental coverage will pay for this coverage through payroll deduction. Upon enrollment, employees and their dependents must remain on the plan for no less than two (2) years from the date of enrollment.

**10.5 Life Insurance.** The Town shall provide each full-time employee with group term life insurance, including accidental death and dismemberment benefits, in an amount equal to

the employee's base salary. Changes in base salary will be reported to the insurance carrier in the calendar month following the change in salary.

- 10.6** Change of Carriers. The Town may change the carriers or self-insure for any of the foregoing insurance provided that the benefits shall be the equivalent or better than those provided in the above referenced coverages. The Town is required to obtain agreement from the Union that the benefits are equivalent or better, and such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 10.7** Payment in Lieu of Health Insurance. An employee who elects to waive participation in the health insurance plans identified in Section 10.1, shall be eligible for a payment in lieu of insurance in accordance with the Town's standard plan for such payments, including but not limited to completion of the required waiver of insurance forms provided by the Town. Employees that purchase insurance through another employer's plan that is also in the Town of Mansfield health insurance pool or purchase health insurance through any state health insurance exchange are not eligible to participate in this program. The amount of the payments in lieu of insurance shall be based on the level of coverage for which the employee was previously enrolled, and shall be as follows:
- a. individual coverage \$2,500
  - b. individual plus one dependent - \$3,500
  - c. individual plus two or more dependents - \$5,000

## ARTICLE XI WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- 11.1** Injury Leave. A full-time employee who is disabled as the result of an on-the-job injury which is accepted as compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act shall be placed on injury leave. Employees on injury leave receive continuation of medical and life insurance benefits and continuation of seniority. When an employee is on injury leave, wages will be paid as follows:
- a. In the case of injuries causing temporary disability which necessitate absences of three (3) days or less, the Town shall pay the employee's full gross base pay for that time, since payments are not made under workers' compensation insurance for such benefits.
  - b. For periods in excess of three (3) days but not exceeding six (6) months, the Town shall supplement the payments of the insurance company so that the employee will receive full net pay during such absence, based on the employee's regular base pay.
  - c. Such injury leave and aforementioned pay shall be extended to a maximum of an additional six (6) months upon the Town's receipt of the written opinion of the

employee's physician or one furnished by the Town's physician, prior to the end of the initial six (6) month period, that the employee will be capable of resuming their duties within such extended six (6) month period.

- 11.2** Modified Duty. The Town, in its discretion, may offer "modified duty" to a full-time employee who is temporarily unable to perform the full duties of a firefighter/EMT as a result of an injury that is sustained while on duty for the Town of Mansfield and compensable under the Workers' Compensation Act, subject to the following:
- a. The Town may offer such modified duty if work is available which the employee is able to perform, and only for so long as such work is available.
  - b. The restrictions on the employee shall be as determined by a licensed medical practitioner.
  - c. The nature and duration of the modified duty shall be established by the Fire Chief in consultation with the Town Manager.
  - d. Employees will be provided with modified duty work for as long as it is available up to six (6) months.

Employees who are unable to fully resume the essential functions of their position within a reasonable period of time not to exceed eighteen (18) months from the date of injury or occupational illness may be terminated from employment with the Town unless the condition is deemed disabling under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Town and employee have engaged in the ADA interactive process, and a reasonable accommodation has been determined and granted by the Town.

An employee who is offered modified duty and refuses the assignment shall forfeit any injury leave payment from the Town. The effect of such refusal on the employee's workers' compensation benefits shall be decided by the Workers' Compensation Commissioner.

The Town may offer "modified duty" to full-time employees with other non-work-related injuries at the discretion of and on approval of the Fire Chief in consultation with the Town Manager.

- 11.3** Health Insurance While on Worker's Compensation Leave. Health insurance will continue as long as the employee is receiving workers' compensation, as required by law. The Town shall pay its share of the premium for the employee's health insurance; the employee is responsible for their cost share of their health insurance premium. Failure by the employee to pay the employee share of the cost of health insurance shall result in a disruption of health benefits subject to the rights of the employee to continue such coverage pursuant to COBRA.

- 11.4 Leave Accruals While On Worker's Compensation Leave. Employees with an approved injury leave in excess of ninety (90) days will no longer be eligible to earn any form of accrued leave after the ninetieth (90) day of such leave until the last day of the calendar month following their return to regular or light duty.
- 11.5 Return to Work Evaluation. When the employee seeks to return to work after an injury that has put them out of work for more than 14 calendar days, the employee will need to be cleared by the treating physician and, if requested by the Chief, the Town's physician.

## ARTICLE XII COMPLETE AGREEMENT

- 12.1 It is understood and agreed that this agreement contains the complete agreement of the parties, and that it may be amended or altered only by mutual agreement in writing signed by the parties. The Town and the Union agree that each had a full opportunity to raise issues, and that all matters to be included in this agreement have been presented, discussed and incorporated herein or rejected. Accordingly, it is agreed that for the life of this agreement each party voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter, whether or not referred to in this agreement.

## ARTICLE XIII SEVERABILITY

- 13.1 In the event any sentence or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void and unenforceable by an authority of competent legal jurisdiction, that sentence or provision shall be severed from this Agreement, and the remainder of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

## ARTICLE XIV HOLIDAYS

- 14.1 The following shall be considered holidays for full-time bargaining unit employees:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Day	Columbus Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Day
Juneteenth	Easter Sunday
Independence Day	

14.2 The Christmas holiday will be the 24-hour period from 6:30pm on Christmas Eve through 6:30pm on Christmas Day.

14.3 Holiday compensation will be in accordance with the following:

a. Full-time employees shall receive sixty (60) hours of holiday pay per year. Holiday pay will be at straight time and shall be paid in two equal installments per fiscal year: January (for preceding 6 months July-December and July (for preceding 6 months January to June). Payment shall be prorated for new hires and for those who leave the Town prior to the end of the half-year for which payment has been made.

14.4 a. Bargaining unit members will be paid two times (2.0x) their base hourly rate for actual hours worked, on a holiday per Section 14.1, in addition to the compensation received for holidays under Section 14.3.

b. In order to receive pay for a holiday, an employee must be in a work or paid leave status or other reason acceptable to the Town on the scheduled work days immediately preceding and following the holiday.

c. Full-time employees who are scheduled to work a holiday may take the holiday off, with approved leave, if coverage can be provided.

**ARTICLE XV  
VACATION**

15.1 Accruals. All full-time employees covered by this Agreement who have completed the following periods of continuous full-time service with the Town will receive paid vacation as follows.

<u>Length of Continuous Full-Time Service</u>	<u>Vacation Leave Accrual</u>	<u>Maximum Accrual on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></u>
0 years up to but not including 5 years	7 hrs./month = 84hrs./yr.	168 hours
5 years up to but not including 10 years	10.5 hrs./month = 126 hrs./yr.	210 hours
10 years up to but not including 20 years	14 hrs./month = 168 hrs./yr.	252 hours
20 years and over	16 hrs./month = 192 hrs./yr.	276 hours
25 years and over ( <i>ONLY for full-time employees hired prior to 3/1/2004</i> )	17.5 hrs./month = 210 hrs./yr.	294 hours

- a. Vacation leave earned in any month of service may be used in any subsequent month up to the maximum accrual allowable as stated in Sections 15.1 and 15.4.
  - b. Employees with approved leaves of absence of ninety (90) calendar days or less, except for unpaid leaves of absence, shall continue to accrue vacation leave as defined in 15.1.
  - c. Employees with approved leaves of absence in excess of ninety (90) calendar days shall cease to accrue vacation leave until they return to duty.
- 15.2** The employee's full-time date of hire with the Town, the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company, or the Eagleville Fire Department will be used to determine the amount of vacation time due.
- 15.3** The approval of time off shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief or their designee based upon operational consideration. Every effort will be made to accommodate the employees requested dates for vacation. Leave request should be submitted to the Fire Chief or their designee (3) three days in advance for their approval.
- 15.4** Maximum Accumulation of Vacation Leave. A full-time employee may carry over for a maximum of one (1) year a maximum of eighty-four (84) hours of vacation, which hours may be added to that employee's earned vacation as set forth in Section 15.1 above. On November first of each year, an employee may have on the books a total of eighty-four (84) hours of vacation in excess of their total annual accrual and any days in excess of that amount will be deleted from the employee's total vacation accrual.
- 15.5** Payment on Death or Separation. Upon death of an employee or separation from the Town, other than dismissal, an employee or the employee's estate shall be paid for accrued and unused vacation to a maximum of their current year's benefit plus eighty-four (84) hours carried over.

## ARTICLE XVI PERSONAL LEAVE

- 16.1** All full-time employees covered in this Agreement may request a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours personal leave per fiscal year with pay for the purpose of:
- a. Personal business which cannot be conducted outside normal working hours.
  - b. Other good and sufficient personal reasons.

Except for emergencies, personal leave is not to be used as a substitute for vacation or other types of paid leave.

- 16.2 The approval of time off shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief or their designee based upon operational consideration. Every effort will be made to accommodate the employees requested dates for personal leave.
- 16.3 Personal leave will not be carried over from fiscal year to fiscal year.

## ARTICLE XVII SICK LEAVE

- 17.1 Accruals. Full-time employees will earn and accrue twelve (12) hours of sick leave per month up to a maximum of two hundred eighty-eight (288) hours for use for sick leave not covered by STD/LTD and for supplementing STD, and 245 hours to supplement LTD only. There shall be no payment of accrued sick leave on termination of employment.
- 17.2 If an employee is unable to report for work for any sick-related reason, the employee shall communicate that to their immediate supervisor. Such notification shall be made each time a work schedule is missed unless authorization has been granted by their supervisor covering a prolonged absence of specified duration. In case of excessive use of sick time leave the Fire Chief may require an employee to furnish medical verification for the use of more than thirty-six (36) hours of unscheduled shift absences in any two-week period, or sixty (60) hours of unscheduled shift absences in any three (3) month period. Except as covered by the employee's health insurance plan, the cost to obtain medical certification to show proof of the need for sick leave will not be borne by the Town.
- 17.3 Disability Leave. The Town shall provide short and long term disability insurance for eligible employees. While an employee is on disability leave, both the employee and the Town shall remain responsible for paying their respective portions of the costs of group health insurance that the employee is otherwise eligible to receive as defined in Article X.
- a. Short-term Disability. The short-term disability policy is intended to cover most non-occupational illnesses or injuries following an elimination period as determined in the plan documents. The benefit following the elimination period shall be 66 2/3 percent of weekly base pay to a maximum of the amount noted in the Certificate of Insurance found in the Schedule of Benefits provided to the Town. The Town shall supplement an employee's short-term disability benefit to 100% of full pay while on short-term disability leave. Short-term absences are covered for up to eleven (11) weeks prior to commencement of long-term benefits.
  - b. Long-term Disability. The long-term disability policy is intended to cover most non-occupational illnesses or injuries following an elimination period as determined in the plan documents. The benefit following the elimination period shall be 66 2/3 percent of weekly base pay to a maximum of the amount noted in the Certificate of Insurance found in the Schedule of Benefits provided to the Town. Employees may utilize any form of accrued leave to supplement their long-term disability benefit to get as close as possible to 100% of full net pay while on long-

term disability leave. Employees receiving long-term disability benefits will not be eligible to earn any form of accrued leave during the long-term disability absence. The duration of coverage shall be determined by the insurance carrier in accordance with the plan document.

- 17.4 Return to Work Evaluation. When the employee seeks to return to work after medical absence that has put them out of work for more than fourteen (14) calendar days, the employee will need to be cleared by the treating physician and, if requested by the Chief, the Town's physician.

### **ARTICLE XVIII BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

- 18.1 In the event of a death in the immediate family, full-time bargaining unit employees will be entitled to up to thirty-six (36) hours of paid leave. All bereavement leave must be taken within fourteen (14) calendar days of the funeral or other service or the date of death, whichever is later. Any extenuating circumstances shall be brought to the Town Manager who may grant requests to utilize the leave at a different time. For the purpose of this Article, "immediate family" is defined as: spouse, children, step-children, mother, father, step mother, step father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, great grandparents, grandchildren and any family member domiciled in the employee's household, and domestic partner regardless of gender. Domestic partner is defined as an individual in a cohabitating relationship of mutual support, caring, and commitment that intends to remain in such a relationship for the indefinite future.

### **ARTICLE XIX OTHER LEAVE PROVISIONS**

- 19.1 Family and Medical Leave. An employee who has completed at least one year's service and has worked at least 1250 hours during that year will be eligible for leave in accordance with the provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ("FMLA") as may be amended from time to time. An employee will be required to use all paid leave concurrently with FMLA leave and prior to use of unpaid FMLA leave. The Town shall utilize the rolling method when calculating a 12 month FMLA period. For the first three months after returning from an unpaid leave, the employee may use vacation leave with the permission of the Fire Chief, who will not unreasonably deny such a request. Requests for and inquiries concerning FMLA leave will be submitted to the Human Resources Department.
- 19.2 Leave Without Pay. The Town Manager may grant a full-time employee leave of absence without pay and without benefits or accrual of seniority for good cause, other than pursuit of alternative employment, for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Such leave shall be granted only after consideration of the service record of the employee and when it will not

result in undue harm to the Town's interests. No leave without pay shall be granted except upon written request of the employee and a signed statement by the employee promising to serve the Town for a minimum of one (1) year after return from such leave. Employees taking an approved leave without pay shall not be eligible to accrue any form of leave during the absence.

**19.3** Court Appearance or Administrative Hearing and Jury Duty.

- a. A full-time or part time employee subpoenaed or directed by proper authority to appear as a witness for a federal, state, county or municipal government, in a matter related to official duty, shall be granted leave with full pay for the period they are to appear if scheduled to be working or compensated pursuant to Article XX, 20.3 if not.

An employee who is a principal in, or is subpoenaed in connection with private litigation whether or not subpoenaed, must use vacation, personal leave, or leave without pay in order to appear in court or in any other proceeding.

- b. A full time employee required to report for jury duty on a scheduled work day shall be granted leave with full-pay. If a full-time employee is required to report to court on a day following a night shift, they shall be relieved from duty with full pay after 5:00 p.m. confirmation to report. If selected to serve on a jury full-time employee shall be granted leave from both their regularly scheduled day and night shift until such time as he or she has been dismissed by the court. While on jury duty full time employees shall continue to receive full pay he or she surrenders to the town any monetary compensation received as payment for jury duty. Part time employees required to report for jury duty or serve on a jury shall be granted leave with pay if scheduled to work.

**19.4** Military Leave. Military leave shall be granted in accordance with State and Federal laws governing such leave.

**19.5** Union Business Leave.

- a. The Union President and up to two (2) other Union official designated by the Union shall be granted leave from duty, with full pay, for all meetings between the Town and the Union for the purpose of negotiating the terms of a contract, when such meetings take place at a time during which such members are scheduled to be on duty.
- b. One Union official designated by the Union shall be granted leave from duty, with full pay, for all meetings between the Town and the Union for the purpose of processing grievances and prohibited practice complaints when such meetings take place at a time during which the Union official is scheduled to be on duty.

**19.6** Special Leave. Each full-time employee shall be granted special leave, with pay, for any shift or half-shift on which the employee is able to secure another full-time employee to work in their place provided:

1. Such substitution does not impose any additional costs on the Town;
2. Such substitution does not cause the Department to be without a qualified employee to fill each of its positions. Such substitution shall be within classification only, and the substitute must be qualified to perform all the duties of the position involved;
3. Neither the Department nor the Town is held responsible for enforcing any agreements made between employees;
4. Such substitution is not used in a manner that consistently alters or modifies an employee's basic work schedule;
5. Such substitution does not result in an employee working more than three consecutive shifts in order to work for an employee on special leave;
6. The Fire Chief shall be notified in writing on an approved form at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance. The Fire Chief may, in their discretion, permit notice of less than seventy-two (72) hours-
7. In each calendar month, no employee shall be off on special leave with another employee working in their place for more than three (3) 12 hour shifts or half shifts of special leave or any variation thereof. Employees working special leave in place of another employee shall not count towards their three (3) shifts monthly limitation as provided for herein. If additional exchanges are requested, they may be granted only with approval of the Fire Chief.
8. The substitution shall not interfere with the operation of the Department. Special leave shall not be permitted if such special leave is in conflict with the needs of the Department;
9. An employee may not make a monetary payment to another employee instead of working a shift or half-shift of special leave.

**19.7** Separation Leave. An employee who retires under a normal or disability retirement according to the provisions of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System may utilize their vacation accrued at the time of retirement, subject to the maximum time allowed, as separation leave. While on separation leave, the employee will not continue to accrue any form of paid leave, but will retain their health insurance benefits as they would as an active employee.

**ARTICLE XX**  
**HOURS OF WORK, WORK SCHEDULES, OVERTIME, AND SPECIAL**  
**ASSIGNMENTS**

**20.1** The work schedule for full-time fire fighters shall be as follows:

Effective upon ratification of this CBA and with mutual agreement between the Town and IAFF Local 4120 the work week schedule shall be as follows:

- Each work period shall be twenty-four (24) hours
- Each twenty-four (24) hours work period shall consist of a day shift commencing at 6:30 a.m., immediately followed by a night shift commencing at 6:30 p.m.
- Each full-time fire fighter's schedule shall provide:
  - Twenty-four (24) hours on-duty;
  - Seventy-two (72) hours off-duty.

The average work week for full-time firefighters shall be forty-two (42) hours per week.

This schedule may be modified to meet the requirements of the Department by mutual agreement between the Union and the Chief of the Department.

**20.2** Part-time fire fighters are expected to and will normally work a minimum of twelve (12) hours per week. Additional hours for callbacks, self-dispatch, training and other duties shall be in accordance with Article 1.2b.

**20.3** A full-time employee shall be paid time and one-half for any and all hours worked in addition to hours of their regular full-time schedule. A part-time employee shall be paid at time and one-half their regular, straight time hourly rate for all hours actually worked in excess of the FLSA limit.

**20.4** A full-time employee who is called back to work, by the Officer-in-Charge, after completing their regular shift and leaving the premises shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half.

**20.5** A part-time employee who is called back to work, by the Officer-in-Charge, after completing an assigned shift and leaving the premises shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours at straight time, except that all hours worked in excess of the FLSA limit shall be paid at time and one-half their regular, straight time hourly rate.

**20.6** An employee that responds to calls for service, while off duty, and arrives on-scene or staffs an apparatus during the initial stage of an incident shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours at time and one-half for a full time employee; and straight time for a part-time employee, except that all hours worked in excess of the FLSA limit shall be paid at time and one-half their regular, straight time hourly rate. If the need to commit an employee

beyond an initial call for service, the call back procedure shall be used. The Fire Chief shall establish and may periodically review and revise the response protocol that identifies the type of calls for service and circumstances that qualify as an off-duty response under this section.

**20.7** An employee at their sole discretion may earn compensatory time on an hour for hour basis in lieu of overtime pay at one and a half times their regular rate of pay. Compensatory leave shall be scheduled at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and Fire Chief. Upon ratification of this agreement and then on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each successive year, compensatory leave may accrue from January 1 through December 31 up to a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours at any given time. Remaining compensatory leave balances on December 1 will be paid, at the rate it was earned, to the employee during the second pay period in December.

Any compensatory leave accrued and not used in December of each year, will be accumulated as part of the successive year's compensatory leave accrual and potential pay-out per this section.

**20.8** Day to Day shift vacancies shall be filled as follows:

- Captain vacancy: filled in accordance with Article XX in the following order;
  - Captains offered OT
  - If no Captain accepts OT the opening may be filled with a bump-up of a full-time bargaining unit member in a lesser classification grade. If such opening cannot be filled, a Captain will be ordered to fill the position on OT.
- Full-Time Firefighter/EMT vacancy: filled in accordance with Article XX in the following order;
  - FT FF/EMT offered OT
  - If no FT FF/EMT accepts such OT it may be filled with a PT FF/EMT.
  - In the event no PT FF/EMT accepts the assignment, it shall be offered to a Captain for OT
  - If no Captain is available to fill the assignment, a FT FF/EMT shall be ordered to fill the position on OT
- Part-Time Firefighter/EMT vacancy: filled in accordance with Article XX in the following order;
  - PT FF/EMT offered the shift
  - If no PT FF/EMT is available to fill the assignment, it shall be offered to a FT FF/EMT for OT.
  - If no FT FF/EMT is available to fill the assignment, it shall be offered to a Captain for OT.
  - If no Captain is available to fill the assignment, a FT FF/EMT shall be order to fill the shift on OT.

**20.9** Special Duty Assignments shall be administered in the following manner; Consistent with established practice full-time bargaining unit members may be assigned special duty responsibilities by the Chief. Such assignments shall be made in a fair and equitable manner from amongst interested full-time employees.

- Special duty assignments may require work outside an employee's regular schedule and time in addition to their normal work week for which employees shall be compensated in accordance with Article 20.3.
- Based on the specific assignment, work hours in addition to an employee's regular work week may be pre-approved on a weekly, monthly, or other basis by the Chief at the time of the assignment. All work hours not pre-approved or in addition to those pre-approved must be authorized by the Chief.

## **ARTICLE XXI SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**21.1** An employee shall not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or abuse any legally prescribed drugs during the employee's working hours.

**21.2** Employees shall be subject to testing for alcohol and drugs through a substance abuse program which shall be implemented on or about six (6) months after the signing of this agreement as follows:

- a. on a random basis;
- b. based on reasonable suspicion that the employee is using or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or has abused legally prescribed drugs during the employee's working hours;
- c. following any injury or accident during working hours or in traveling directly to or from work.

**21.3** The procedures for drug and alcohol testing shall be as set forth in Appendix A.

## **ARTICLE XXII EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM**

**22.1** Each employee shall participate in a wellness program, as further set forth in this Article.

**22.2** Each employee shall be required to undergo such physical examinations as are or may be required by Federal and/or State laws and regulations.

- a. The Town shall provide for each employee a complete physical examination, not less often than once in each twelve (12) month period. An employee shall be required to pass the physical examination and be certified as fit to perform the duties of their position as a condition of continued employment. An employee who fails to pass the physical examination shall be placed on a leave of absence and given a reasonable period of time within which to become fit for duty. During the first thirty (30) calendar days of such leave, an employee may use sick, then other leave. Additional leave periods shall be granted in 30-day increments with the approval of the Fire Chief.
- b. The annual physical examination shall be performed by a physician selected by the Town. The Town shall identify the criteria to be applied by the physician in conducting the examination and developing health related goals and objectives for the employee. An individual employee's medical information conveyed to the Town by said physician shall be limited to that which is relevant to the employee's participation in the wellness program, and shall otherwise remain confidential.
- c. As part of the wellness program, all employees shall make reasonable effort to comply with the guidelines and goals established by the Town's appointed physician. The Town shall assist fire fighters who fall outside of these guidelines and goals with advice to aid in their efforts to comply with these guidelines consistent with sound medical advice and the employee's individual needs. Participation in a regular program of physical exercise as recommended and approved by the physician conducting the annual physical examination is required.
- d. If, at the time of the annual physical, the employee has failed to make reasonable effort toward attaining the goals established the previous year, the employee shall no longer be considered a participant unless the employee makes such reasonable effort within ninety (90) days thereafter, as certified by the physician.

Any additional medical testing or examinations required by the Town's physician shall be at the sole expense of the town. Employees shall be compensated pursuant to article 20.4 or 20.5 for off-duty time required to fulfill such requirement or otherwise provided leave with full pay if scheduled for duty during such time.

**22.3** All employees who currently do not smoke or are hired after January 1, 2004 shall be and remain non-smokers as a condition of continued employment. Any employee who wishes or quit smoking shall be referred to a smoking cessation program through the Employee Assistance Program. Employees shall have two opportunities to quit smoking through participation in a smoking cessation program. If the participant then continues to smoke or resumes smoking, they will no longer be considered a participant in the wellness program.

**22.4** Employees who satisfy the requirements of this Article are eligible to receive the resident rate and a \$75 per year discount for annual memberships at the Mansfield Community Center.

**22.5** Employees who are enrolled in the Fire Department's voluntary physical fitness exercise program shall receive at no cost an individual membership to the Mansfield Community Center.

- a. Enrolled employees shall be responsible to meet the requirements of such program as set forth by the Town in order to receive the benefit above.
- b. The requirements for the program shall be consistent with the requirements of the Wellness Program as set forth in this Article.

**22.6** Employees may participate in physical fitness, exercise and/or weight training activities while on duty, subject to the following:

- a. The type of activities must be approved in advance by the Fire Chief.
- b. The employee must always be ready to promptly respond to a call for service or emergency.

### **ARTICLE XXIII WAGES**

**23.1** Each employee covered by this Agreement shall be paid pursuant to the step system and salary schedules attached hereto and captioned in Appendix B. Wage increases for the duration of this agreement are as follows:

Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2022, all bargaining unit employees shall receive a 2.75% general wage increase to all classifications and salary scale steps.

Effective July 1, 2023, all bargaining unit employees shall receive a 3.0% general wage increase to all classifications and salary scale steps.

Effective July 1, 2024, all bargaining unit employees shall receive a 2.5% general wage increase to all classifications and salary scale steps.

**23.2** Pay rates which have an effective date which is prior to the implementation of this Agreement shall be applied retroactively to base wages and overtime wages, and only for employees who are employed as of the date of implementation of this Agreement, except for retirees that retired after the expiration of the preceding collective bargaining agreement but prior to negotiations for this bargaining agreement being completed.

**23.3** Employees shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis. New hires as of July 1, 2010 will be required to utilize direct deposit, unless a hardship is demonstrated and approved.

23.4 Full-time employees shall be eligible for longevity in accordance with the following schedule. For the purposes of longevity, length of service shall be determined by the date of full-time hire:

6-10 years of service	\$625
10-15 years of service	\$700
15-20 years of service	\$800
20 or more years of service	\$950

#### **ARTICLE XXIV TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- 24.1 Whenever an employee is required to temporarily work in a higher rank or classification, such employee shall receive the next higher rate of pay for the higher rank or classification.
- 24.2 If a vacancy is created which will cause a position to be unoccupied for more than thirty (30) days, the Fire Chief may temporarily appoint an employee to fill the vacancy. If the chief can reasonably determine that such vacancy may last more than thirty (30) days, the chief may appoint an employee any time from the first day of absence.
- 24.3 Employees who temporarily serve in a higher rank or classification shall receive the next higher rate of pay for the higher rank or classification. Time served in a temporary or acting capacity shall not count towards seniority in the higher rank or classification, eligibility for salary step increases, qualification for promotional opportunities, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

#### **ARTICLE XXV RETIREMENT**

- 25.1 Full-time Employees. Effective July 1, 2005, all full-time employees shall be enrolled in the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System ("CMERS") pension plan, with credit only for service on and after July 1, 2005. Contributions to the plan by the Town and employees shall be as required by CMERS.
- 25.2 Part Time Employees. The Town shall establish a Section 457 retirement savings plan (the "Plan") for retirement savings for part-time bargaining unit employees. Said plan shall also serve as a Social Security alternative for part-time bargaining unit employees.
- a. All part-time employees shall be required to contribute at least 5.5 percent (5.5%) of all earnings to employee accounts in the Plan and may choose to contribute up to the legally permitted IRS limit for such a plan.
  - b. The Town shall contribute five and one-half percent (5.5%) to each part-time employee's Plan account.

- 25.3 Mandatory Retirement Age. For all part-time and full-time employees, the mandatory retirement age shall be sixty-five (65).
- 25.4 Deferred Compensation Plan. The Town shall continue to provide employees with the option of enrolling in a tax deferred savings plan(s), funded solely by employee contributions, to the extent permitted by law.
- 25.5 Medical Insurance at Retirement. For employees retiring on or after July 1, 2022, the Town shall permit a full-time employee who retires with (a) at least twenty-five (25) years of aggregate service or (b) upon attaining the age of fifty-five (55) years, provided such employee has had ten (10) years of continuous service to the Town or fifteen (15) years of aggregate service or (c) upon receiving a disability retirement under the CMERS system to purchase the HDHP medical insurance plan offered to active employees, under the Town's group policy, up to age sixty-five (65) or until eligible for Medicare, and a Medicare Supplemental Plan for those over sixty-five (65).

The Town shall provide the following insurance for retiring employees with the full cost to be borne by the employee: the HDHP medical insurance plan for those age 65 and older or eligible for Medicare/Medicaid, the retiree may elect to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan offered through the Town with the full cost to be borne by the retiree. For retirees enrolled in the HDHP/HSA Plan, the Town will not make any payment or contribution towards the deductible for that plan. The Town agrees to pay three hundred dollars (\$300) per month towards the cost of purchasing the HDHP medical insurance plan offered to active employees under the Town's group policy and the retiree the remainder and upon the retiree's eligibility for Medicare, three hundred dollars (\$300) per month towards the cost of a Medicare Supplemental Plan offered through the Town for those over age sixty-five (65).

This coverage shall be subject to any restrictions set by the insurer or third party administrator. For the purpose of this provision, "continuous service" shall include employment by the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company and/or the Eagleville Fire Department, as well as employment by the Town Fire Department. This payment does not apply to insurance obtained by a retiree through a source other than the Town of Mansfield. Upon the death of a retiree, this payment is not transferable to the retiree's surviving spouse, heir, dependents, etc. Upon the death of a retiree, a surviving spouse can continue to purchase insurance through the Town with the full cost borne by the surviving spouse. Such coverage shall be provided at the employee's request at the time of their retirement.

Employees retiring after July 1, 2023 may also participate in the payment in lieu of health benefits program for a benefit of \$750 per year. This program is designed for those retirees who have the ability to obtain retiree insurance from another employer that does not participate in the Town of Mansfield health insurance pool. Retirees purchasing health insurance through any state health insurance exchange are not eligible to participate in this program. The plan provides some reimbursement for retirees who opt not to take coverage

with the Town. The covered benefits are limited to health benefits only and do not include dental insurance benefits.

- a. To enroll in this program, the retiree must complete the “Waiver of Insurance Agreement” and provide documentation of coverage from their spouse or another source that is not a health insurance state exchange. The official enrollment period will be June of each year, but retirees may enroll at other times on a pro-rated basis.
- b. Payments will be made in two installments during the fiscal year, in January and July. If a retiree terminates or joins the program at any time during the fiscal year, the payments will be prorated on a monthly basis.
- c. Payments are considered taxable in accordance with the IRS Code.
- d. Retirees may re-enroll in the Town Group Health Insurance Plan under the following circumstances:
  1. The coverage that the retiree had through another plan is terminated. (Copy of plan documents required.)
  2. The retiree and/or their dependents become ineligible for coverage under the other plan.
  3. The retiree acquires a new dependent through marriage, birth or adoption, and the dependent is not covered by the other plan.
  4. The coverage that is provided by the other plan is substantially reduced or the cost of that plan becomes prohibitive.
  5. The retiree has not been enrolled in the Town’s Health Insurance Plan for the past two years from their date of cancellation and now wishes to renew coverage.
- e. Retirees re-enrolling may enroll only in the Town’s Health Insurance Program. Retirees must provide required documentation and notify the Town in writing that they are requesting reinstatement. Provided that all information is received, the Town will enroll the employee in the Group Health Insurance Plan effective the first of the month preceding the notification.

**25.6** Life Insurance at Retirement. The Town shall permit a full-time employee who retires with at least twenty-five (25) years of continuous service to purchase up to \$10,000 of term life insurance under the Town’s group policy, up to the age limit and any other restrictions set by the insurer. For the purpose of this provision, “continuous service” shall include employment by the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company and/or the Eagleville Fire Department, as well as employment by the Town Fire Department.

**ARTICLE XXVI  
OTHER PROVISIONS**

- 26.1 Residence. All employees must reside in a location that permits them to arrive for duty within 30 minutes of the time they are called to report for duty. Any employee who, at the time this Agreement is implemented, lives a greater distance than allowed by this Section, shall not be required to relocate, but may not move to a residence that is at any greater distance than their current residence is from the Town line.
- 26.2 Outside Employment. An employee may engage in additional employment unless the additional employment could interfere with the proper and effective performance of the duties of their position, result in a conflict of interest as defined by the Town's ethics ordinance, or if it is reasonable to anticipate that such employment may subject the Town to public criticism or embarrassment in the opinion of the Town Manager. Such outside employment shall be terminated if it is disadvantageous to the Town.
- a. Outside employment includes any work for which an employee earns income as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.
  - b. The Town shall not be liable nor grant sick leave in case of an injury to an employee while the employee is engaged in outside employment or any occupational illness attributed thereto.
  - c. Any employee who engages in outside employment shall not perform duties for their outside employer while on the clock for the Town. Outside employment shall not interfere with an employee's Town related job duties and work hours. Any full-time employee who engages in employment outside of their regular working hours shall be subject to perform their assigned Town duties first.

Any part time employment held at the signing of this contract which remains continuous shall be deemed in compliance with this Article.

In order to monitor compliance with this Section, an employee shall report their outside employment to the Fire Chief on such form as he shall prescribe.

- 26.3 Bulletin Boards. The Town shall provide a bulletin board or a designated section of a bulletin board in each building where employees are stationed, for the purpose of posting Union material. No material shall be posted except notices of meetings and elections, results of elections, changes in Union by-laws, notices of employee social occasions and similar notices, letters and memoranda. An officer of the Union shall sign all material.
- 26.4 Union Meetings and Business. The Union may use Town owned buildings for conducting Union meetings, provided such activity shall in no way interfere with the operations of the Town. A Union meeting schedule, subject to the approval of the Fire Chief, which shall

not be unreasonably withheld, shall be provided by the Union no later than December 1 for the following calendar year. Special meetings may be added with the Fire Chief's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

If a Union meeting is held at the Town Hall, and apparatus are brought to the Town Hall, parking shall be in an area designated by the Town Manager.

- 26.5 Personal Property. The Town shall reimburse an employee for the documented cost of repair or replacement of mobile telephone, eyeglasses or other job-related personal property authorized for on duty use, not to exceed \$300 or the actual cash value of such items, whichever is less, when such item is damaged or destroyed in the line of duty and not through the negligence of the employee.
- 26.6 Copies of Agreement. The Town shall provide each present employee and each new employee with a copy of this Agreement. The Town shall also post the Agreement on the employee intranet and provide it electronically via email to the Union.
- 26.7 Personnel Files. An employee or their designated representative may examine their personnel file by making an appointment with the Human Resources Department. Such appointment shall be scheduled during normal business hours of the Human Resources Department, and a representative of the Human Resources Department shall be present during the employee's review of the file.
- 26.8 Copies of Policies and Administrative Directives. The Town will provide copies of policies and administrative directives affecting the working conditions of the members of the bargaining unit.

## ARTICLE XXVII SENIORITY, LAYOFF AND RECALL

- 27.1 Seniority shall be earned only by full-time employees. Seniority shall consist of an employee's length of full-time continuous service from the date of hire by the Town. Full-time employees who were employed full-time by the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company or the Eagleville Fire Department prior to and contiguous with their full-time employment by the Town shall have their years of full-time employment with those departments added to their Town seniority. The Seniority list for the Town of Mansfield Career Fire Fighters will be maintained by the Human Resources Department and sent to the Union President when any changes are made. A posted copy will be maintained in the firehouses on the bulletin board.
- 27.2 Accrued Seniority shall not be reduced by any paid leave granted pursuant to this Agreement. For leave of absence without pay granted pursuant to this Agreement, seniority shall be bridged.

- 27.3 In the event that the Town deems layoffs to be necessary, the following procedures shall apply:
- a. Temporary and probationary employees shall be relieved of duty prior to the layoff of any regular employee.
  - b. If the Town decides to eliminate part-time hours or positions, the Town shall have the discretion to determine which hours or positions shall be eliminated.
  - c. If the Town decides to eliminate a full-time position, the Town shall lay off the least senior full-time employee. Further, the Town shall offer a part-time bargaining unit position to the laid off full-time employee, even if such requires the layoff of another part-time bargaining unit employee. The laid off full-time employee must be available to work the part-time hours and, if he is not, the employee shall be laid off.
  - d. The Town shall not layoff full-time employees for the purpose of undermining the Union. Moreover, it is not the Town's intent to use this provision to convert the department from one with a combination of full-time and part-time employees to a department made up of part-time employees.

- 27.4 A laid off full-time employee shall be placed on a reemployment and preferential hiring list for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date on which their layoff occurred. In the event of a full-time opening, reemployment shall be offered to the most senior person on the reemployment list. In the event of a part-time bargaining unit opening, such shall also be offered first to the most senior person on the list. An offer of reemployment shall be sent by certified mail to the last known address of the employee. Refusal to respond to an offer of reemployment within five (5) calendar days shall result in removal of the name of such employee from the reemployment list. Refusal to accept and to report to work within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of a written offer of full-time re-employment, shall result in removal of the name of such employee from the reemployment list.

## ARTICLE XXVIII HEALTH, SAFETY AND TRAINING

- 28.1 The Union president or their designee shall be a member of the Town-wide safety committee.
- 28.2 In addition, representatives of the Union and the Fire Chief shall meet quarterly, or more often if needed, to discuss matters of concern relating to health and safety in the Fire Department.
- 28.3 Training. Training shall be coordinated and approved by the Fire Chief and/or their designee and may include the following:

- a. On Duty Training. During On Duty training, members shall remain available for emergency response.
- b. Off Shift Training. When an employee attends approved off shift training they will be compensated according to Article 20.3.
- c. Mandatory Training/Recertification. When an employee attends this approved training they will be compensated in accordance with Article 20.3. Mandatory training shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
  - Emergency Medical Technician re-certification training with such endorsements as are required for the level of response provided by the Fire Department.
  - Hazardous materials training to the level provided by the Department as required by OSHA.
  - FMO recertification hours as deemed necessary by the State of CT and where the position requires such training.
  - All training/certifications required by OSHA and/or the State of CT and where the position requires such training.
  - Other courses in Fire Fighting, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, which are applicable to the work performed by Fire Fighter EMT employees, at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- d. Professional Development Training. Refers to the certification courses, seminars, or conferences in Fire, EMS, and/or other related subjects, which courses or subjects are designed to increase the employee's proficiency in their present or future assignment within the Fire Department as provided for in applicable Department Policy. When an employee attends this approved training, they will be compensated according to Article 20.3.

**28.4** Tuition Reimbursement. The Town shall contribute up to \$750 per part-time employee and \$1,250 per full-time employee per calendar year toward tuition for members of the Fire Department who participate in and receive a grade of C or better in courses in Fire Technology, Fire Administration, EMS and other related subjects at an accredited school or college, which courses or subjects are designed to increase the employee's proficiency in their present or future assignment within the Fire Department, subject to prior approval by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief may waive this maximum when there are uncommitted funds remaining after approved applications have been reimbursed.

**ARTICLE XXVIX**  
**UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

**29.1**     Dress Uniforms.

- a.     All current employees shall continue to use the dress uniforms they presently have. In the event that the Fire Chief changes the dress uniform designated for the Department, the Town shall bear the cost of the changed item(s).
- b.     Upon completion of the probationary period, a new employee shall be issued a dress uniform by the Town.

**29.2**     Station Uniforms. The Fire Chief shall issue a Departmental standard for station uniforms, including any seasonal modifications permitted for such. All Station Uniforms shall comply with OSHA regulations. The Town shall provide the initial issue of station uniforms for new employees and shall provide initial issue required for any change in the uniform standard. After initial issue of station uniforms or uniform components issued for a change in the uniform standard employees are responsible for maintaining and ordering replacements as to insure they have an adequate number of Station Uniforms meeting the uniform standard in a condition as to portray a professional image.

**29.3**     Equipment. The Town shall continue to provide each employee with their own protective equipment which meets or exceeds OSHA or NFPA standards. This equipment shall include such fire suppression gear as designated by the Fire Chief, and subject to modification as standards and departmental needs change. The Town shall also maintain a reasonable number of sets of spare fire suppression gear to be used in cases where an employee's personal protective equipment has been damaged or contaminated, or is temporarily out of service for repair or maintenance. The Town shall bear the cost for all issued protective equipment including cleaning, repair, and replacement as needed.

**29.4**     Uniform Replacement Procedure.

A. Upon hire, the Town will provide each full time employee with the following station uniform components:

- 4 pairs of uniform pants
- 6 T-shirts
- 2 short sleeve polo shirts
- 2 long sleeve polo shirts
- 1 short sleeve button down shirt, as needed
- 1 long sleeve button down, as needed
- Other items that are determined necessary at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

- B. Upon hire, the Town will provide each part time employee with the following station uniform components:
- 2 pairs of pants
  - 3 T-shirts
  - 2 short sleeve polo shirts
  - 2 long sleeve polo shirts
  - 1 short sleeve button down shirt
  - 1 long sleeve button down shirt
- Other items that are determined necessary at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- C. Employees are responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of their required uniform components. It is the responsibility of the employee to request replacement uniform components when necessary to maintain a uniform that meets department standards. The need for replacement uniform components may be determined at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- D. One (1) time every two (2) years, employees must select work boots and the Town shall provide employees with up to three hundred dollars (\$300) toward work boots, which must be approved by the Fire Chief.

**29.5** Maintenance of Station Uniforms.

The Town shall maintain laundry washing machines, dryers, and laundry detergents at staffed firehouses. At the sole discretion of the Fire Chief the Town will provide dry cleaning for Class A uniforms and full button shirts as needed, up to a maximum of \$100 per year per employee.

**ARTICLE XXX  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**30.1** Apportionment of Work. The Town affirms its intent to work toward more equitable distribution of workload among employees in the Fire Department. The Union acknowledges that the Town must allocate work to those qualified to perform that work, and that special expertise in certain areas may be recognized in making assignments outside of the routine activities of fire suppression, rescue and EMS.

**30.2** Mutual Aid Response. The Town and the Union both acknowledge the value of mutual aid and the need for it in responding to many types of incidents. Therefore, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to limit the Fire Department's participation in mutual aid – either coming into the Town's service area or going out for assistance to other jurisdictions. However, the Town does not intend to use mutual aid in lieu of Fire Department services or as a means of diminishing work opportunities for employees. Whenever there is a mutual aid response either into or out of the jurisdiction of the Fire Department, the Fire Chief or their designee shall assess the incident and available resources, and call in personnel if deemed necessary to ensure proper coverage.

**ARTICLE XXXI  
DURATION**

**31.1** This Agreement shall be effective on signing, except where a particular provision specifies a different effective date, and shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2025.

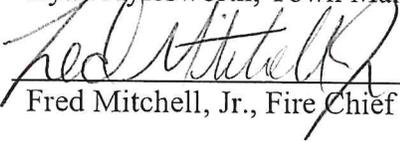
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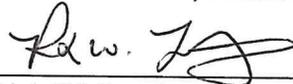
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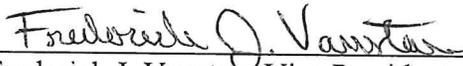
  
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Michael Spoldi  
Michael Spoldi, Business Representative

DATE: 04/05/2023

## APPENDIX A DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURES

### SCREENING

The administration of screening tests to detect the presence of drugs or alcohol in members of the Fire Department will be on a random basis, following any injury or accident during work hours or in traveling directly to or from work, or upon reasonable suspicion that a member is using or is under the influence of illegal drugs on duty, is abusing legal drugs or alcohol in a way that affects their performance, or is reporting for duty under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### TESTING BASED UPON REASONABLE SUSPICION

A member of the Department may be required to undergo testing based on “reasonable suspicion” when objective facts and observations are brought to the attention of the Fire Chief or an officer and, based upon the reliability and weight of such information, the Fire Chief or officer can reasonably infer or suspect that the member is using illegal drugs, is abusing legal drugs or alcohol, or is reporting for duty under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Reasonable suspicion must be supported by specific articulable facts which may include, but are not limited to: reports and observations of the member’s drug related activities, such as purchase, sale or possession of drugs, associations with known drug dealers or users, observations of the member at known drug or drug related locations; an otherwise unexplained change in the member’s behavior or work performance; an observed impairment of the member’s ability to perform their duties.

A member of the department shall report the basis for their reasonable suspicion to the Fire Chief or the Chief’s designee. The Fire Chief or their designee shall decide whether to direct the member to submit to testing. Prior to so deciding, the Fire Chief, or their designee, may meet with the member. If such a meeting is held, the member may request Union representation. However, the meeting shall not be delayed for the purpose of having a representative of the member’s choice.

If the employee is ordered to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test, the employee shall be given a brief verbal statement of the basis for reasonable suspicion. A verbal directive to submit to a drug and/or alcohol test shall be confirmed in writing, but the testing shall not be delayed pending issuance of such written directive.

### REFUSAL TO SUBMIT

The refusal by a member of the Department to submit to a drug or alcohol screening test, shall result in the member’s immediate suspension without pay and subsequent disciplinary action which may include dismissal from the Department.

## TESTING PROCEDURES

1. The member shall provide a urine sample for purposes of testing for drugs or controlled substances other than alcohol. The employee shall provide a sufficient amount of the sample to allow for initial screening, a confirmatory test, and for later testing if requested by the employee.

If the employee is ordered to submit to testing for alcohol, the employee shall submit to a Breathalyzer test to be administered by an agent designated by the Fire Chief. If the Breathalyzer tests positive for the presence of alcohol, the employee shall provide a blood sample for the confirmatory test.

2. Initial drug screening will be conducted using Enzyme Immunoassay testing. No sample will be further tested upon a negative screening for controlled substances, including marijuana. After the negative screening, the second sample will be destroyed.
3. Each member of the Department being tested on the basis of reasonable suspicion may consult with and be accompanied by a representative of the Union. The Union representative may confer with and advise the member before and after the testing process, but shall not participate in the process in any way, except as an observer. The testing process will not be delayed because the Union representative is unable to be present.
4. During the testing process, the member shall cooperate with requests for information concerning use of medications, and with other requirements of the testing process such as acknowledgment of giving of a urine or blood specimen.
5. The integrity of the testing process will be maintained with the utmost consideration for the privacy of the person being tested. Only one person, of the same sex as the person being tested, may be present during the collection of a urine specimen. If the necessary precautions to ensure legitimacy of the sample can be arranged without undue cost, an observer will not be required.
6. Prior to testing for drugs, two separate containers, supplied by the laboratory conducting the testing, shall be prepared for each member being tested. Each container shall have affixed a code number and the date of collection. The code numbers shall be recorded, together with the member's name and signature. Two (2) specimens will be taken at the time of collection and shall be sealed in the presence of the member being tested.
7. The officer or laboratory supervising the test shall ensure that the appropriate chain of custody is maintained in order to verify the identity of each sample being tested.
8. Each and every positive Enzyme Immunoassay test will be confirmed using Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry. Only if confirmed will a test result in a positive report.
9. Drug testing or blood alcohol testing will be performed by a laboratory licensed or certified by the Connecticut Department of Health Services.

10. Any member whose drug or alcohol test results in a positive report may, within ten (10) days of receiving notification of such result, request in writing to the Fire Chief that the second sample be made available for retesting at a licensed or certified laboratory of the member's choosing. The Department will deliver the sample to such laboratory to assure the chain of custody. This second testing shall be at the expense of the member.

#### RESULTS OF DRUG SCREENING TESTS

Members of the Department will be notified of the results of all screening tests at the earliest appropriate time (to be determined by particular facts and circumstances). Those test results which do not indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol will be sealed and there will be no indication of testing in the member's personnel file.

#### POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

Any test resulting in a positive report will be referred to the Fire Chief for a complete investigation. Upon completion of such investigation, if it is found that a member has used any drug which has not been legally prescribed and/or dispensed, or has abused a legally prescribed drug or has reported for duty under the influence of drugs or alcohol, a report of such shall be prepared. Upon service, the member against whom such report has been made shall receive a copy of the laboratory test results, and will be immediately suspended from duty without pay, and shall be subject to disciplinary action which may include discharge.

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR REHABILITATION

The opportunity for rehabilitation (rather than discipline) shall be granted once for any employee who is not involved in any drug/alcohol related criminal activity and voluntarily admits to alcohol or drug abuse prior to testing.

Any member who voluntarily admits to the Fire Chief their use of or dependence upon illegal drugs or alcohol shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in a mutually acceptable rehabilitation program. The first time a member tests positive for drugs or alcohol in the course of random testing, they shall have the same opportunity for rehabilitation as does a member who voluntarily seeks rehabilitation. The opportunity for rehabilitation will only be provided prior to any allegation of impropriety by the public or another member or prior to initiation of an investigation of the member's use or sale of a controlled substance by any competent state or federal authority.

The member shall use accumulated sick or vacation leave for the period of absence for the purpose of obtaining treatment. All treatment will be at the sole expense of the member, to the extent not covered by the member's health benefits plan.

As part of any rehabilitation program, the member may be required to undergo periodic screening for drugs or alcohol. If, after screening the member has tested positive, he will be immediately suspended and will be subject to discharge.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. Time spent by an employee undergoing tests, as provided in section 2 and 3 herein, shall be compensated pursuant to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.
2. Any alteration, switching, substituting or tampering with a sample or test given under this agreement by any employee shall be grounds for immediate suspension without pay and subsequent disciplinary action which may include dismissal from the Department.
3. Any violation of the confidentiality provisions of this agreement, if committed by an employee of the Town, shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the employee. The Town will also take appropriate action against a person and/or organization not employed by the Town for violation of the confidentiality requirements.
4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary above, this agreement shall not abrogate nor in any way interfere with the Town's right to hire employees, promote employees, lay off employees, appoint and evaluate employees, to select probationary employees for permanent appointment or to act pursuant to law. Furthermore, this agreement and procedure shall not in any way affect, interfere with or have any bearing on matters within the jurisdiction of the Fire Department.
5. The Town and the Union agree that the provisions of this agreement and its application may be considered by the parties' representatives who may recommend, if appropriate, amendments to this Appendix.
6. Separability - If any clause or provision of this Appendix or any addition thereto is decided by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of any federal, state or local law, the remaining clauses and provisions of this Appendix shall remain in full force and effect.
7. Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Appendix shall be subject to the contractual grievance procedure, except for disciplinary matters.

**APPENDIX B  
WAGES**

**FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER & CAPTAIN HOURLY RATES**

	07/01/22	07/01/23	07/01/24
General Wage Increase %	2.75%	3.0%	2.5%
<b>Firefighter Hourly Rate</b>			
Step 1	31.77	32.72	33.54
Step 2	32.81	33.79	34.63
Step 3	33.50	34.51	35.37
Step 4	34.50	35.54	36.43
Step 5	34.85	35.90	36.80
<b>Captain Hourly Rate</b>			
Step 1	35.90	36.98	37.90
Step 2	37.33	38.45	39.41
Step 3	38.82	39.98	40.98
Step 4	39.21	40.39	41.40

**PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER HOURLY RATES**

	07/01/22	07/01/23	07/01/24
General Wage Increase %	2.75%	3.0%	2.5%
<b>Firefighter Hourly Rate</b>			
Step 1 (0-18 months)	24.78	26.34	27.84
Step 2 (18 months to 2 yrs)	25.59	27.20	28.74
Step 3	26.13	27.78	29.36
Step 4	26.91	28.61	30.23
Step 5	27.18	28.90	30.54

Notes:

- July 1, 2022 (retroactive) – All bargaining unit classifications and positions receive a 2.75% general wage increase.
- July 1, 2023 – All bargaining unit classifications and positions receive a 3.0% general wage increase. Beginning July 1, 2023 there shall be a phase-in, equally over this year and the next year, of Part-time firefighter pay, in addition to the general wage increase, resulting in 83% of Full-time pay.
- July 1, 2024 – All bargaining unit classifications and positions receive a 2.5% general wage increase. The second increase of Part-time firefighter pay shall occur, in addition to the general wage increase, resulting in 83% of Full-time firefighter pay.

**APPENDIX C  
HDHP Plan**

	<b>IN-NETWORK</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK</b>
<b><u>FINANCIAL:</u></b>		
Deductible	\$2,000/\$4,000	
Co-insurance	0%	20%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$4,000/\$8,000	
Maximum Lifetime Benefit Per Member	None	Unlimited
Gatekeeper Network	No	No
<b><u>DEPENDENT LIMITING AGE:</u></b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
<b><u>PREVENTIVE CARE:</u></b>		
Physical Examination – Child	No Charge	Ded. & Co-ins.
Physical Examination – Adult	No Charge	Ded. & Co-ins.
Vision Examination	No Charge	Ded. & Co-ins.
Immunizations	No Charge	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>OUTPATIENT CARE:</u></b>		
Physician Office Visits	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Specialist Office Visits	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Outpatient Surgical Services	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Diagnostic X-Ray or Lab Examinations	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Outpatient Rehabilitation	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Prenatal and Postnatal Maternity Care	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH:</u></b>		
Outpatient Treatment	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Inpatient Treatment	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>SUBSTANCE ABUSE:</u></b>		
Outpatient Treatment	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Inpatient Treatment	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>ALLERGY CARE:</u></b>		
Visits	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Injections	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>HOSPITAL CARE:</u></b>		
Semi-Private Hospital Room Admission		Ded. & Co-ins.
Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facilities	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
<b><u>HOME HEALTH CARE:</u></b>	Ded.	Ded. & 25% Co-ins.

	<b>IN-NETWORK HDHP</b>	<b>OUT-OF- NETWORK HDHP</b>
<b><u>EMERGENCY CARE:</u></b>		
Emergency Room (waived if admitted)	Ded.	Paid as in-network
Ambulance Service	Ded.	Ded. & Co-ins.
Urgent Care (participating centers only)	Ded.	Paid as in-network
<b><u>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:</u></b>		
Generic Tier 1 Drugs	\$10 after Ded is satisfied	Ded. & Co-ins.
Listed Brand Tier 2 Drugs	\$20 after Ded is satisfied	Ded. & Co-ins.
Non-Listed Brand Tier 3 Drugs	\$30 after Ded is satisfied	Ded. & Co-ins.
Mail Order	2 x after Ded is satisfied	
Annual Maximum	Ded. & Co-Pays	Ded. & Co-ins.

Note:

Effective plan year 2023 (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023), the employer will contribute fifty-five percent (55%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll following the signing of this Agreement.

Effective plan year 2024 (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024), the employer will contribute fifty-five percent (55%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll in January 2024.

Effective plan year 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025), the employer will contribute fifty percent (50%) of the \$2000 or \$4000 HSA deductible based on the employee’s level of coverage in one payment made on the first payroll in January 2025.

The amount of the Town’s contribution towards the deductible for new hires or employees that enroll in the plan due to a qualifying event or open enrollment will be pro-rated based upon the month that coverage in the plan begins. Details are provided in Article X of this Agreement.

APPENDIX D

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

By and Between the Town of Mansfield (Town) and the Mansfield Career Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 4120 (Union)

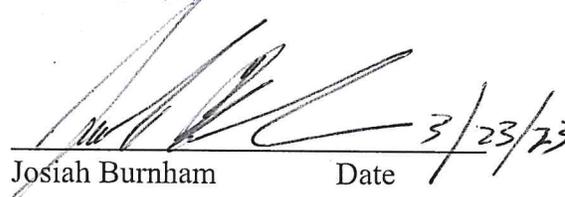
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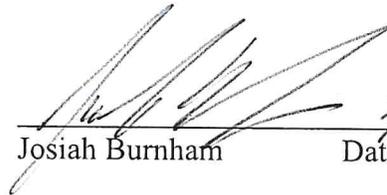
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