

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN**

LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT

and

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL 783
AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF TEAMSTERS OF AMERICA**

REPRESENTING

**LOUISVILLE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
AND
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET - EMS BILLING
SERVICES**

**Effective date: _____
Expiration Date: July 1, 2026**

Preamble

THIS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT has been entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, (hereinafter the "Metro Government") and Teamsters Local Union 783, an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters of America (hereinafter the "Union"), which represents employees of the Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Service (hereinafter the "EMS") and Office of Management and Budget-EMS Billing Services (hereinafter the "OMB-EMS Billing").

Article 1. Scope

Section 1. This Agreement extends only to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment as contained herein and constitutes the entire agreement of the parties. This Agreement shall not extend to matters of inherent managerial policy, including, but not limited to, the right to manage and control employees of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Emergency Medical Service ("EMS") and Office of Management and Budget – EMS Billing Services ("OMB-EMS Billing") for all matters other than wages, hours and working conditions as contained in this Agreement.

Section 2. As used in this Agreement, "Members" shall include all employees of the Louisville Emergency Medical Service, and Office of Management and Budget – EMS Billing Services, represented by Teamsters Local 783 pursuant to Metro Government Ordinance No. 169 Series 2004.

Section 3. Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be inoperative, void, invalid or be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 4. No Metro Government employee is authorized to enter into any agreement or contract with Members, individually or collectively, which in any manner conflicts with this Agreement.

Section 5. The Union recognizes the Mayor, or such other person as the Mayor may designate, as the designated representative of Metro Government for purposes of collective bargaining. Metro Government recognizes the representative(s) of the Union as the designated representative(s) of the Union for purposes of collective bargaining.

Section 6. If either party wishes to amend this Agreement, it shall give its request for an amendment in writing to the other party, who shall respond to the request within fifteen (15) days. An amendment will only take effect upon mutual consent of both parties and will expire six (6) months from its effective date unless continued by agreement in writing of Metro Government, the Chief Steward, the Assistant Chief Steward and the Union's Business Agent.

Article 2. Subordination

This Agreement shall, in all respects wherever the same may be applicable herein, be subject and subordinate to all federal, state and local laws. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the EMS Director or OMB Director from promulgating and adopting reasonable rules and regulations not contradictory to the express provisions of this Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Director of Human Resources from adopting rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement relating to benefits and working conditions, qualifications, including classification, examination, appointment, probation, promotion, demotion, transfer, suspension, removal and other disciplinary action.

Article 3. Intent of the Parties

The parties to this Agreement desire to promote and maintain an excellent employment relationship and working conditions. The rights of both the Members and Metro Government are recognized and acknowledged and the provisions of this Agreement shall be observed and followed for orderly settlement of disputes arising under this Agreement. It is the prerogative of Metro Government to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities. No limitation on that prerogative that has not been officially modified by this Agreement shall be inferred. The rights of Metro Government include the right to: determine the mission of its agencies, take disciplinary action, determine the methods, means and personnel by which its operations are to be conducted.

Article 4. Mutual Obligations/Prohibition of Strikes

Section 1. The Union shall neither cause nor counsel any Member to engage in, encourage, sanction or support any work stoppage, mass absenteeism, slowdown, mass resignation, strike or any other type of concerted activity. In the event any Members violate this Article, Metro Government shall immediately notify the Union. The Union shall immediately notify the Members in writing to cease and desist from such activity and will exercise all reasonable action necessary to cause said Members to return immediately to their normal duties. Members who engage in such activity shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. In the event the Union complies with its obligations herein, the Union shall not be liable to Metro Government for damage caused by the strike. It is understood that this section does not limit Metro Government from any other remedies provided by law.

Section 2. Metro Government in return, agrees that during the life of this Agreement, it shall not lockout any Member or otherwise prevent Members from carrying out their scheduled and assigned tasks.

Article 5. Union Security

Section 1. Membership in the Union is not compulsory. Members have the right to join or not join and neither the Union nor Metro Government shall exert pressure or discriminate against a Member regarding such matters.

Section 2. The check-off of regular Union membership dues and any initiation fees for new Members shall be made only on the basis of written authorization signed by the Member from whose pay the membership dues and initiation fees will be deducted. Members wishing to revoke their union membership must notify Metro Government and the Union expressly and individually, in writing by certified mail.

Section 3. Union dues shall be deducted biweekly in an amount certified by Union. All Union dues deducted shall be shown on the Members' paycheck stubs.

Section 4. Union membership dues shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Union by the fifteenth (15th) day of the succeeding month after such deductions are made. The Union shall annually certify, in writing, the current and proper amount of its membership dues at least thirty (30) days prior to the initial deduction. The Union shall notify Metro Government of the cost of representation by the Union at least thirty (30) days prior to the initial deduction.

Section 5. Union shall hold Metro Government harmless against any claims, legal or otherwise, which may arise from these dues or fair share deduction provisions.

Section 6. The Union has developed a political organization known as Democratic, Republican, Independent Voter Education (D.R.I.V.E.). Metro Government will deduct such amount as may be authorized in writing by a Member which said sum shall be remitted to Teamsters Local 783. Such deduction shall be made once per calendar year and that deduction shall be made during the second week of March. Such deduction shall be forwarded to the Union within thirty (30) days after the deduction is made. If a Member at any time contends that Metro Government acted wrongfully or illegally in making a deduction for D.R.I.V.E. contributions, the Teamsters Local 783 will defend and protect Metro Government against expenses, repayment or losses, liability or damage on account of such contention suffered in any suit or other legal or administrative proceedings.

Section 7. The Union has caused a federally chartered credit union to be organized. Metro Government will deduct such amount for credit union deductions as may be authorized in writing by any Member of the credit union. Such deductions shall be paid over to the credit union biweekly. An authorization to allow such deduction shall be delivered to Metro Government in advance of any regular deduction period. If a Member at any time contends that Metro Government acted wrongfully or illegally in making a deduction, the Union will defend and protect Metro Government against expenses, repayment or losses, liability or damage on account of such contention suffered in any suit or other legal or administrative proceedings.

Section 8. Metro Government will not interfere with, retaliate nor discriminate in respect, to any term or condition of employment against any Member, Steward or Union Representative because of membership in the Union, union business, or legitimate activity on behalf of the Members of the Union.

Section 9. This contract is the sole property of International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union No. 783 and Louisville Metro Government, and cannot be administered by any other Labor Organization. For any successor bargaining Agent for regular, full time (excluding

initial probation employees) or part-time employees in all job classifications within this Agreement becomes null and void.

Section 10. Notwithstanding the above, the parties agree to comply with state law, regarding union membership and withholding of union dues, fees, assessments, or other similar charges.

Article 6. Union Business and Stewards

Section 1. Contract Negotiations

Union may select not more than seven (7) Members to represent the unit in the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement during working hours without loss in compensation or personal time not to exceed the Member's regular duty day. The names of such representatives shall be submitted to the Director. With the approval of the Director, Members shall be relieved from duty for a sufficient amount of time to prepare for and attend negotiation sessions. The Union shall furnish the names of the Members on the negotiating team to the Director.

Section 2. Metro Government recognizes the right of the Union to designate stewards to handle such business as may from time to time be designated to them by the Union.

(a.) The Union shall furnish in writing to Metro Government the name of each Member selected as a steward. Until notified of a change in stewards in writing by the Union, Metro Government shall continue to deal with the previously designated stewards. There shall be a total of eleven (11) stewards, in addition to a Chief Steward and an assistant Chief Steward, to provide Union representation.

(b.) The authority of stewards so designated by the Union shall be limited to, and shall not exceed, the following duties and activities:

- (i) The investigation and presentation of grievances with the designated Metro Government representative in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- (ii) The transmission of such messages and information, which shall originate with, and are authorized by the Union or its officers, provided such messages and information: 1) have been reduced to writing, or, 2) if not reduced to writing, are of routine nature and do not involve work stoppages, slowdowns, refusal to handle goods, or any other interference with Metro Government's business.

(c.) Metro Government and the Union agree that the administration of this Agreement shall not disrupt the work of the Members in the performance of their work duties. Metro Government agrees to allow stewards a reasonable time away from their regular duties to engage in union business. Should it become necessary for a steward to leave his/her workstation during his/her work hours for any purpose, the steward shall notify his/her Operations Officer. Prior approval to leave a workstation must be obtained by the steward from the immediate Operations Officer not in the bargaining unit. In the absence of a non-bargaining unit Operations Officer, the immediate Operations Officer shall have authority to grant permission. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(d.) Metro Government agrees to apply its standard for unpaid leaves of absence to a request by the chief steward, or other designated steward, to attend a labor convention, or serve in any capacity or for other official union business.

(e.) A steward of the Union designated to represent a Member shall be paid for time lost from work while conducting Union business, and during meetings and talks with

representatives of Metro Government scheduled in the processing of the grievance, or during arbitration proceedings.

(f.) The Union may select not more than one (1) Member to attend with pay the regular and special sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly. Such leave with pay shall be effective only for such days the Member would be required to work as part of his normal work schedule. In no event will Metro Government be required to pay more than sixty (60) days in any calendar year. A hold credit shall be given for every four (4) hours of time worked during the Kentucky General Assembly, on such days the Member is working on a non-scheduled work day.

Section 3. Union Access

(A.) Bulletin boards. Metro Government agrees to provide Union designated space on one (1) lockable bulletin board per division upon which Union may post notice of meetings, announcements, or information of interest to its Members. Union further agrees that it will not post any material which would be derogatory to any individual, Metro Government, EMS, OMB, or which constitutes campaign material for or against any person, organization, or faction thereof. Campaign material does not include announcements or information regarding internal campaign elections of Union. All notices of Union will consist of items in good grammar and taste and shall be signed by a Union representative. Copies of any material so posted shall be furnished to the Director, or his designee, prior to distribution.

In addition, Metro Government agrees the Union may use electronic mail for exactly the same purpose and in exactly the same manner it uses bulletin boards. The electronic mail must be authored by a Union representative and copies of any material so electronically mailed shall likewise be furnished to the Director prior to distribution.

(B) Access to work locations. With reasonable notice to the Department Director and with the approval of the Department Director a non-employee representative of Union shall be allowed access to work locations not accessible to the general public if the work location is a Metro Government facility.

Section 4. Conferences

Special conferences for important issues between Union representatives and the Director of Emergency Medical Services will be arranged on a semiannual basis and as needed and mutually agreed upon by the parties. Such meetings shall be between not more than four (4) Louisville Emergency Medical Services personnel and Union staff representatives and Metro Government Human Resources personnel. This meeting shall not be an extension of collective bargaining. The parties have no authority to amend, modify or change the collective bargaining agreement.

Arrangements for such special conference shall be made reasonably in advance and an agenda of the issues to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented at the time the conference is required. Members of the Louisville Emergency Medical Services Unit participating in the special conference shall not lose time or pay for time spent in such special conferences. Members shall be paid their regular rate of pay.

Section 5. Upon written request to the Human Resources Department, on a semi-annual basis, the Union will be provided with a list of names, titles and grades of unit Members in each institutional office.

Section 6. Metro Government agrees to provide an area of privacy for the steward and grievant when engaged in grievance handling.

Section 7. Notice of new hires.

EMS and OMB-EMS Billing shall notify the Union within a reasonable period of any new or rehired employee added to the payroll in a position covered by this Agreement. Upon request, Metro Government will furnish to the Union a list of Metro Government employees covered under this Agreement. This list shall include the employee's ID #, name, job title, overall seniority date, and dues payment status.

Section 8. Rules and Regulations

Metro Government will provide the Union and the Chief Steward copies of all new rules, regulations, policies, and procedures within a reasonable period of time prior to the date of implementation, except in a bona-fide emergency. In such case, implementation and oral notice shall be simultaneous.

Section 9. Metro Government agrees to split the cost of printing sufficient copies of the Agreement for the members and further agrees:

- (a) the document will be printed by a Union printer.
- (b) the document will be distributed within thirty (30) days after the printing.

Article 7-Probationary Period

Section 1. The probationary period is defined as an on-the-job evaluation period of twelve (12) months after certification or licensure by the Kentucky Board of EMS, during which time an employee is required to demonstrate his/her fitness for employment in the relevant position. Provided, however, if a new employee is already certified, the initial probationary period is defined as an on-the-job evaluation period of twelve (12) months. If the probationary Member misses a consecutive period of time, greater than fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days, the probationary period may be extended for an additional period equal to the amount of time missed by the Member during the initial probationary period. Probationary employees shall be eligible to bid on an open position within the services after six (6) months of continuous service.

Section 2. During the probationary period, employment shall be on a trial basis. During this period of time, Metro Government may transfer, layoff or discharge said employee, as it deems necessary. Such transfer, layoff or discharge shall not be subject to the grievance procedure as set forth in this contract.

Section 3. At the completion of the employee's probationary period, the Member shall be placed on the regular seniority roster, and the Member's seniority date shall be from the most recent date of employment with EMS (except Paramedic IIs and EMT IIs) or OMB-EMS Billing.

Section 4. Upon hire, an Ancillary Member will have an on the job evaluation period of six (6) months. In the event that an Ancillary Member is promoted, the Member will be placed on six (6) months' probation. At the completion of the Member's probationary period, the Member shall be placed on the regular seniority roster, and the Member's seniority date shall be from the most recent date of employment with EMS (except for Paramedic IIs and EMT IIs) or OMB-EMS Billing. Failure to complete probation will result in the Member being retained at their previous position.

Section 5. Members whom are attempting an upgrade from EMT to EMT Advanced, or EMT to Paramedic will be placed on a six (6) month clinical competency probationary period after release from field training/orientation. Failure to complete probation will result in the Member being retained at their previous position, (except for Paramedic IIs and EMT IIs). Upon completion of probation, the Member will be placed on the seniority list with their most recent date of employment with EMS or OMB-EMS Billing.

Section 6. Members whom are attempting a promotion to EMT II or Paramedic II will be placed on a six (6) month probationary period. Upon completion of probation, the Member will be placed on the seniority roster with their most recent date in classification. Failure to complete probation will result in the Member being retained at their previous position.

Article 8. Grievance Procedure

Section 1. This grievance procedure is the exclusive remedy of the Union, Members, and Metro Government.

Section 2. A grievance is defined as any dispute involving the interpretation or application of a specific provision of this Agreement, or term or condition of employment. It is understood and agreed that the timeframes listed below apply equally to both Metro Government and the Union. A grievance may be initiated by an aggrieved member, or Teamsters Local 783 in the case of a class action. A Teamsters Local 783 representative (a steward, business representative, or officer) may be present at all disciplinary or investigatory hearings.

Section 3. In the foregoing article, when the Department Director is referenced, this shall also pertain to a designee of the Director, when so appointed.

Section 4. Written grievances provided for herein must contain the following:

- (a) Signature(s) of the grievant(s);
- (b) Specific statement of allegation or violation;
- (c) Synopsis of the facts giving rise to the alleged violation;
- (d) Date of the alleged violation;
- (e) Specific relief or remedy requested;
- (f) Signature of Employer Representative.

Section 5.

A. A Grievance Committee shall be established by the Department. The Committee shall consist, in part, of three (3) Members selected by vote of the bargaining unit, according to

procedures determined by the Union. Three (3) alternates shall be selected by the same method, and will act in the absence of another Committee member, as directed by the Chief Steward. The Department Director shall also select three (3) Committee members from management personnel, and shall appoint Alternates as needed, to accommodate absences. The Chief Steward, or designee, and a member of command staff selected by the Director, shall serve as ex officio members of the Committee.

B. The Grievance committee shall not hear cases resulting in termination of an employee. Grievances regarding terminations shall be immediately advanced to the Step 3 level.

C. When a grievance is filed by an Ancillary Member under this Agreement, it shall be presented to the immediate non-bargaining agreement Supervisor by the Member. If an action of Metro Government resulting in a grievance is initiated at a higher level than a Member's immediate Supervisor, the grievance in the first instance shall be presented to the level of authority initiating the action. The timelines for the grievance process for Ancillary Members and Metro Government shall be the same as set forth in this Agreement in Step 1. In the event the parties do not reach resolution of the issue, the grievance shall be advanced to Step 3 of the process, and proceed accordingly, pursuant to the CBA.

Section 6. There will be no loss of pay or benefits to a Member for infractions warranting suspension time prior to, or during, the Grievance Committee's investigation and resolution of a situation giving rise to a grievance.

Section 7. Grievances as herein defined shall be settled in the following manner:

Step 1. Within ten (10) calendar days, with an extension of up to twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date a Member knew or could reasonably have known of an alleged infraction giving rise to a grievance, the Member shall present a written grievance to the Department Director or designee, which may be submitted via interoffice mail or by electronic mail. The grievance shall be submitted to the Director by a Steward. The Director shall forward all grievances to the Grievance Committee for review within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt, for the Committee to review at its next regular meeting.

Step 2. The Grievance Committee shall meet monthly and shall hear grievances as set forth in Article 9, based upon the facts of the case. At the start of each calendar year under this Agreement, the members of the Grievance Committee shall determine the date and time for the monthly meetings for the year. Attendance at the monthly committee meeting shall be considered as time worked. The Committee shall have five (5) days from its first regular meeting after receipt of the grievance in which to render a decision. Majority vote by the Committee is required in order to uphold discipline. If consensus cannot be reached verbally, voting by secret ballot shall be ordered. The decision of the Committee is final and binding, relating to all minor infractions. Only Committee members will be present while a vote is taken on the grievance.

Upon review of a grievance submitted on a minor infraction, if the Committee determines the infraction rises to the level of a major infraction, as set forth in this Agreement, it may review the facts and, within five (5) calendar days,

recommend disciplinary action to the Director. The recommended disciplinary action may be accepted and imposed by the Director. The Director may alternatively elect not to accept the Committee's determination and recommendation. If the Director does not accept the recommendation, he/she shall meet with the Union to review the situation and come to an acceptable resolution, as set forth in Step 3, below.

Members who were previously covered by Civil Service shall remain covered by Civil Service unless they choose to revoke their status. Any position vacated by a Member previously covered by Civil Service loses its Civil Service status. Members will retain their Civil Service status during job bid movements unless they choose to revoke said status.

- Step 3. In the event the parties do not reach resolution of the issue at Step 2, whether relating to the steps toward resolution of either a minor or a major infraction, within thirty (30) calendar days, requested in writing, the Union shall present the grievance to the Director for an attempt at mutual resolution. The Director shall give a written answer to the member, Steward, and the Teamsters Local 783 Business Representative within thirty (30) calendar days of the meeting.
- Step 4. In the event the parties do not reach resolution of the issue at Step 3, a review of the grievance shall be held by the Director of Human Resources or his/her designee, within thirty (30) calendar days, for possible resolution of the grievance. The Director of Human Resources shall give a written answer to the member, Steward, and the Teamsters Local 783 Business Representative within thirty (30) calendar days of the meeting.
- Step 5. In the event the parties do not reach resolution of the issue at Step 4, Teamsters Local 783 may forward the grievance in writing to the Louisville Labor Management Committee ("Committee") or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (FMCS) within ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the written answer from the Director of Human Resources. The mediator shall have the authority to meet with the grievant and representatives of Metro Government and the Union, and to make procedural rules consistent with the terms of this Agreement. The mediator shall make every effort to come to an amicable resolution to the matter. The mediator shall be without power or authority to alter, amend, or modify any terms of this Agreement, or to offer any opinion, or make any decision that is contrary to, or a violation of, the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the mediator shall only become binding upon mutual acceptance by Metro Government and the Union. If the mediation is not successful, or not completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the request for mediation, Teamsters Local 783 may proceed to arbitration.
- Step 6. In the event the parties do not reach resolution of the issue at Step 5, Teamsters Local 783 may forward the grievance in writing to the Louisville Labor

Management Committee (“Committee”) or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services (FMCS) within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the mediation conclusion, of their intention to proceed to binding arbitration and request submission of a list of arbitrators. An arbitrator shall be selected by each party alternately scratching a name from a panel of seven (7) arbitrators submitted by the Committee or the FMCS with the Union having the right to strike first in even numbered years and Metro Government the right to strike first in odd numbered years. The party shall meet for the purpose of scratching names from the panel within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt by both parties of the panel, from which an arbitrator is to be selected. The arbitrator’s fees and expenses, and the cost of any meeting or hearing room shall be born equally by each party.

Note: If a grievance is not responded to within the specified time limits provided for herein, unless prevented by good cause or the time is extended by mutual agreement of the parties in writing, Teamsters Local 783 Business Representative or designee may advance the grievance to the next step.

Section 8. The commencing of a legal proceeding by an employee or the Union against the Employer in a court of law or equity or any Federal or State administrative agency alleging misapplication or misinterpretation of any provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed an election of remedy and a waiver by said employee or Union of their right to resort to the Grievance Procedure. In the event an employee or the Union files a legal suit, they waive the issue and are precluded from resolving the issue through the grievance procedure.

Article 9. Discipline and Discharge: Justice and Dignity

Section 1.

(A.) Metro Government recognizes the standard of “just cause” as the disciplinary standard upon which all disciplinary action shall be taken. Progressive disciplinary action will only be utilized when the incidents are of a like nature and Members shall be informed in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the progressive disciplinary action to be taken.

(B.)

(1.) When a non-criminal complaint alleging misconduct or rule violation is made against a Member the complaint should be in writing with the complainant identified by name. The Director shall initiate an investigation into a complaint within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt, with notice to the Union of the initiation of the investigation. The Director, or designee, shall have a non-criminal complaint investigated in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days, with optional extensions of thirty (30) days that the Union shall not unreasonably deny. Subject to state, federal, and local law, the Union will be furnished with all information provided by the complainant in writing on any complaint that involves a Member that leads to disciplinary action. Redactions may be made to the complainant’s identifying characteristics based on safety concerns and may be made at Metro’s discretion.

(2.) The Director shall not be required to investigate anonymous complaints, but may initiate an investigation within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receipt of the anonymous complaint, with notice to the Union of the initiation of the investigation. If investigating Director, or designee, shall have a non-criminal complaint investigated in a reasonable amount of time, not

to exceed ninety (90) calendar days, with optional extensions of thirty (30) days that the Union shall not unreasonably deny. Anonymous complaints shall not result in any disciplinary action against any Member without establishing just cause. Subject to state, federal, and local law, the Union will be furnished with all information provided by the complainant in writing on any complaint that involves a Member that leads to disciplinary action. Redactions may be made to the complainant's identifying characteristics based on safety concerns and may be made at Metro's discretion.

(3.) Without any time limitations, if any complaint alleges criminal activity on behalf of the Member, the claimant shall be referred to an appropriate law enforcement entity and the Department shall immediately forward the complaint to appropriate law enforcement entities, and the Director. Subject to state, federal, and local law, the Union will be furnished with all information provided by the complainant in writing on any complaint that involves a Member that leads to disciplinary action. Redactions may be made to the complainant's identifying characteristics based on safety concerns and may be made at Metro's discretion.

(C.) When a non-criminal complaint is made implicating a Member in a claim of harassment, sexual harassment, or in a charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or state equivalent, the Member named/accused may be assigned to administrative duty at Metro Government's discretion during the pendency of the complaint, with no loss of pay or seniority. If the allegations are substantiated, Metro Government will proceed in accordance with the disciplinary process outlined in this Agreement.

Section 2. Metro Government will follow the principle of progressive discipline with regard to minor offenses, such as tardiness or sleeping on duty.

Progressive discipline shall include the following steps:

- (a) counseling and training (CNT);
- (b) written reprimand;
- (c) suspension;
 - 1st occurrence – 1 day
 - 2nd occurrence – 2 days
 - 3rd occurrence – 3 days
- (d) termination.

Section 3. Any Member found by Metro Government to have violated a major offense may be disciplined accordingly up to and including termination for the first offense. Such major offenses shall not be subject to progressive discipline.

Major offenses shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) theft;
- (b) intoxication or in possession of alcohol or drugs while on duty;
- (c) intentional falsification of records or reports;
- (d) fighting or inciting a fight while on duty;
- (e) being insubordinate or refusing to comply with Operation Officer's reasonable instruction;
- (f) failure to report on a one (1) day basis without good cause;
- (g) knowingly or intentionally disregarding medical protocol;

- (h) blatant disregard of valid medical orders;
- (i) negligent and/or intentional abuse of patients;
- (j) intentional abuse of Metro Government equipment;
- (k) violation of Metro Government's Harassment and Workplace Violence policies.

Except as otherwise identified in Appendix B, if a major offense does not warranted termination, then discipline for the first occurrence may be a two (2) work day suspension, for the second occurrence a five (5) work day suspension, and for a third occurrence, a ten (10) work day suspension. There will be a maximum number of sixteen (16) suspension work days within one (1) rolling year, whether for major or minor offenses, before termination.

Section 4. One employee (1) and one (1) Union representative shall be present at a disciplinary action meeting regarding the suspension or termination of a Member with the Member and Metro Government personnel. If a final decision is made to impose discipline, the Member and the Union shall be notified in writing. Disciplinary action shall be reasonable and commensurate with the offense. The imposition of any progressive discipline shall be conducted in a private manner. Suspension days should be served within six (6) months of the date the grievance procedure is completed and the suspension upheld. A Member may not work on any days that would have been off days during the suspension days, if there is more than one (1) day being served.

Section 5. A non-probationary Member who is terminated may proceed at the Member's election to Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure. A non-probationary Member who is suspended may proceed at the Member's election to Step 1 of the Grievance Procedure.

A Member terminated pursuant to progressive discipline by the Department Director may proceed to Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

Section 6. In the event the suspension or termination results from a major infraction, then the Member shall be suspended without pay prior to the review by the Department Director as outlined in Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

Section 7. Paid Administrative Leave: A Member may be placed on leave pending investigation for an on or off-duty incident. Except in matters involving criminal conduct or egregious acts, the employee shall not have any loss of pay or benefits if the leave is for an on-duty incident. Members that are involved with an off-duty incident that affects their capacity to perform their normal duties may be placed on administrative leave to protect the agency, community or Metro Government. Employees on administrative leave for off-duty incidents may elect to utilize their accrued benefit time with the exception of sick time.

The Member may be placed on Administrative Duty for on-duty incidents during the investigation process at the discretion of the Director or designee. The administrative assignment will not involve patient contact and will be assigned considering the nature of the alleged violation. Members placed on administrative leave will not have that time counted against them for the light duty eligibility.

Section 8. No previous discipline against a Member may be considered by Metro Government or the Department as the basis for any subsequent discipline except as follows:

- a) A previous counseling and training (CNT), written reprimand, and/or a one (1) day suspension may be considered for twelve (12) months after issuance.
- b) A previous suspension of two (2) days or more pursuant to progressive discipline may be considered for eighteen (18) months following the issuance of a suspension.
- c) Suspensions or terminations involving blatant disregard of valid medical orders, intentional or negligent abuse of patients, sexual misconduct, criminal activity, and deceitfulness shall be considered for a period of twenty-four (24) months, but may warrant permanent consideration.

Section 9. A copy of the appropriate payroll change of record form applicable to each Member whose employment is terminated for any reason shall be furnished by Metro Government to the Union within a reasonable period following such termination.

Section 10. A Member will receive a copy of disciplinary action issued against him/her at the same time it is filed. A Member may submit a written document refuting material in the Member's official personnel file for inclusion in the file. The document shall not contain any inflammatory or derogatory statements.

Article 10. Seniority and Loss Thereof

Section 1. Seniority of a Member begins with the most recent date of employment with EMS or OMB-EMS Billing Services, including either the former City of Louisville or the former Jefferson County governments, provided, however, all probationary employees must have completed their probationary period after which their seniority shall then revert back to the most recent date of employment with EMS or OMB-EMS Billing Services. The job classification seniority of a Member in the classification of a Paramedic II begins with the most recent date of promotion into the classification of a Paramedic II.

Section 2. Seniority shall be considered continuous unless the Member:

- a) is discharged for cause;
- b) resigns;
- c) is laid-off and not recalled within two (2) years of such layoff;
- d) or fails to return to work by recall subsequent to a lay-off within five (5) days after having been notified to do so by certified mail to last known address.

When a Member is terminated for any of these reasons and is subsequently re-employed, the Member shall be considered a new employee for all purposes except that of rates of pay.

Section 3.

(a) If a Member leaves the bargaining unit but remains a Metro Government employee and then returns to the Unit, then that Member's Seniority date shall be reinstated at the level held prior to leaving the bargaining unit, less time gone.

(b) If a Member retires from Louisville Metro EMS and then reapplies to return to the unit within twelve (12) months after their retirement date, that Member's Seniority date, hourly rate of pay for the appropriate Step on the wage schedule in a non-promotional position, Vacation accrual rate and Sick Leave accrual rate be reinstated at the level held prior to retiring from the bargaining unit, less time gone. The Member shall not be allowed to return to any promotional position in this Agreement.

Section 4. Pay Rates Upon Demotion

The pay of a Member who has been demoted, voluntarily or involuntarily, shall be decreased to the higher of either:

- a. The same step in the new salary schedule as in the old higher salary schedule, or
- b. The same step in the new salary schedule as the Member had at the time the Member left the lower classification, if the Member is being demoted to a classification held in the past.
- c. Members shall be returned to the same tier they left.

For example, an EMT with eight (8) years of seniority who is upgraded into a Paramedic position with eight (8) years of seniority, if demoted after two (2) years, will return to an EMT step with ten (10) years of seniority or to the EMT step with eight (8) years of seniority, whichever is higher on the same tier they left.

Section 5. Seniority Postings

Job Classification and Departmental Seniority Postings shall be maintained on a current basis and posted where they shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by individual Members.

Copies of the seniority lists and each revision thereof shall be furnished by Metro Government to the Union upon request.

Article 11. Reduction in Work Force

Section 1. Metro Government shall determine the classifications to be reduced or eliminated when, due to lack of work, or reorganization, it becomes necessary to layoff Members. The order of layoff shall be based on seniority within each classification to be reduced or eliminated.

Section 2. If there is no least senior Member in the same salary grade within the bargaining unit, the Member scheduled for layoff shall be demoted to a classification in the next lower salary grade within the bargaining unit if there is a least senior Member in that classification. In this event the least senior Member shall be scheduled for layoff.

Section 3. If there is no least senior Member in the next lower salary grade within the bargaining unit, the Member scheduled for layoff shall be demoted to replace the least senior Member in his/her bargaining unit provided the demoted Member has demonstrated a capability to perform the work of the least senior Member before bumping into such a classification.

Section 4. Except for seniority within a classification as used in Section 1, no Member within the bargaining unit may replace a more senior Member within the bargaining unit. It further

being understood that a Member must have demonstrated the capability to perform the work of the least senior Member before bumping into such a classification.

Section 5. Recalls shall be by classification and shall be in the reverse order of the reduction or layoff (i.e., the first to be recalled shall be those last laid off or reduced) provided such Members have demonstrated a capability to do the work available.

Section 6. Metro Government shall furnish the Union a list of names of Members laid off or recalled in each instance in which a layoff or recall occurs.

Article 12. Personnel Files

Section 1. All official personnel records are the property of Metro Government and shall be maintained by the Metro Government's Human Resources Department. Only one (1) official file shall exist for each Member.

Section 2. All official personnel records shall be confidential from the public to the extent possible under the Open Records Act of Kentucky. A Member shall be notified of an Open Records request for the Member's personnel record via the Member's EMS or OMB email address within three (3) days of Metro Government's Human Resources Department receiving the Open Records request. A Member, or representative of the Member, may obtain a copy of the records released from Human Resources Department upon request.

Section 3. Any Member, or any union representative or attorney with a written authorization from a Member, shall have the right to inspect the Member's files upon presenting the written request to the Department of Human Resources, during reasonable hours of operation. The Member may have copies made of his/her personnel file with a cost reasonably related to the duplication and administrative expense relating to that request.

Article 13. Medical Review

The Department will perform medical review in accordance with Metro EMS Standard Operating Procedures. The Medical Director of EMS or designee will oversee all such reviews and make their recommendations to the Agency Director or designee. The Metro EMS Standard Operating Procedures shall include a peer review that includes at least one (1) EMT and one (1) EMT-Paramedic, who shall be selected on a rotation basis from the bargaining unit, be a non-probationary employees in good standing and absent any medical reviews resulting in permanent downgrades or major disciplinary actions within the past twelve (12) months of said review.

Any Member subject to Medical Review or Q/A, shall be rendered Union representation, upon request. Downgrades shall be implemented by order of the Medical Director or designee, and their signature shall be affixed on a document to be served as notification to the Member. This document may be served by-proxy. The downgrade of a Member is initially temporary, pending the outcome of the medical review, which shall be held within seven (7) calendar days of the Member being served the notification. Downgrade may become permanent pending the review findings. Any documentation such as run sheets, advanced life support run forms or any other information pertinent to the session shall be available for review, if possible, during the session.

The review sessions shall be scheduled within two (2) hours of the start of a Member's scheduled shift or immediately after the Member's scheduled shift, unless otherwise agreed to by

the Member. Provided, however, the Department reserves the right to call a Member in for a review session in cases involving exigent circumstances.

Article 14. Work Day and Work Week

Section 1. For “street operations” Members, the workweek shall be Sunday 0000 through Saturday 2400 and the workday shall consist of twelve (12) consecutive hours. For ancillary Members, the workweek shall be Monday through Friday and the workday shall consist of eight (8) hours. Ancillary Members shall be allowed one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch break and two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid breaks each workday. Members may elect to combine the two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid breaks with the one-half (1/2) hour unpaid lunch break with notification to their immediate supervisor.

Section 2. Members shall have regular starting and quitting times. Metro Government will publish the list of times and furnish it to the Union. Members shall have ride areas that shall be bid positions, awarded to the Member with the longest seniority record, who successfully bids to the position, provided they have completed the appropriate available training to be awarded the position.

For members selected to participate in pilot and/or specialized programs (e.g. Community Paramedics), members may be initially chosen based on their performance during the selection process for the program. Should the pilot or specialized program become a permanent part of EMS Operations, seniority for bidding into these slots shall be determined as follows:

1. Personnel initially selected for participation shall be recognized as having seniority for the purpose of bidding into program positions;
2. If two or more members were selected for participation in the program, their overall seniority shall determine seniority within the program.

If the department intends to make a shift change from the current 12-hour shift, it will notify the Union and a conference will be held with Union representatives prior to implementing the shift change. Members will be given at least fifteen (15) working days’ notice of the change.

Section 3. OVERTIME PAY - One and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular hourly rate shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a week. Hours actually worked do not include any paid leave taken during a workweek. If the total number of hours in a workweek exceeds forty (40) hours, but the employee has not actually worked in excess of forty (40) hours that week, then the employee is paid at straight time for all hours worked in that particular week. There will be no pyramiding of overtime. Unpaid leave is not computed as time worked for purposes of overtime.

Section 4. With prior approval of the Director or designee, ancillary Members may be allowed to flex their time to offset such things as doctor appointments for a period of not more than four (4) hours in a standard workday. The time off must be completed in the same workweek.

Section 5. With prior approval of the Director or designee, Street Operations Members may be allowed to trade a portion of their shift with a portion of another Member’s shift, for the

first (4) four hours or the last (4) hours of a normal scheduled shift, during the same workweek. This shall not be arbitrarily denied as long as the ALS/BLS ratio is met, nor shall this trade cause overtime.

Article 15. Overtime Policies and Procedures

Section 1. Definitions.

Projected overtime is overtime known to Metro Government at least eleven (11) days prior to the posting of the next work schedule.

Unscheduled overtime is overtime known to Metro Government ten (10) days or less prior to the posting of the next work schedule.

Forced Overtime is mandatory overtime at the end of a shift that is required to complete the daily operations following a loss of personnel, previously assigned to a given shift, due to sick leave, emergency vacation, injuries sustained in the line of duty, bereavement leave, unfilled voluntary overtime, other unforeseen circumstances, for Special Details, and other emergencies identified by the Mayor of Louisville Metro Government, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or the President of the United States.

Special Overtime Details are requests for service, usually associated with an outside agency, with regard to a particular event or series of events.

Section 2. Members may be forced to work any unscheduled and unfilled projected overtime on their regularly scheduled working days. In the absence of enough voluntary staffing, Members may be forced to work Special Detail Overtime on their scheduled day(s) off. Forced overtime shall be assigned by Metro Government to the least senior Member who has worked the fewest overtime hours for the current calendar year. A Member, when assigned forced overtime, shall begin receiving pay at the time they report to their overtime assignment. Metro Government reserves the right to cancel a forced overtime assignment at any time. Forced overtime trades are to be entered by only two Members in no less than four (4) hour blocks. Forced overtime shall not be greater than twelve (12) hours in length, except in cases of extraordinary emergencies or natural disasters, or for such public events, including, but not limited to, Thunder Over Louisville, the Kentucky Oaks, the Kentucky Derby, and the Ironman competition. If a Member has been absent from their duties for more than twenty-one (21) consecutive calendar days, or is a new hire, they will be credited hours to bring them up to the number of the Member with the least hours on the Member's shift and starting time. A Member may give away forced overtime to another Member without regard to seniority, provided this will not cause Metro Government to violate any applicable statutes, administrative regulations, or governing body policies.

Any Member who involuntarily works beyond the end of their shift (late run, other unforeseen call of duty), shall receive an equal credit for each minute worked beyond the scheduled end of shift.

In the case a Member voluntarily relinquishes to another Member forced overtime assigned to them, that Member will be placed on the bottom of the list used to determine eligibility for forced overtime for that shift.

No Member who is logged out of service with the communications center beyond the end of their scheduled shift, regardless of the shift length, or has secured their equipment, clocked-out, and left the property, shall be available to be forced to work overtime.

Section 3. Members may volunteer for projected overtime by submitting an overtime request form pursuant to a deadline established in the EMS Standard Operating Procedures. Projected overtime shall be awarded within a Job Classification based on seniority. No one will be allowed to “bump” another Member, regardless of seniority, unless the senior Member’s overtime request form was submitted prior to the deadline. In the event the vacant position can be filled by a Member in another Job Classification and not compromise staffing, and the overtime request forms for the original Job Classification have been exhausted, the Member in the alternate Job Classification shall be awarded the projected overtime based on seniority. A Member shall not be awarded projected overtime if it conflicts with the Member’s regular work schedule or will cause the employee to work more than sixteen (16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period.

Section 4. Metro Government may post any unscheduled overtime at any time. Members may volunteer for unscheduled overtime by submitting an overtime request via the current scheduling software by the deadline established pursuant to EMS Standard Operating Procedures. Unscheduled overtime shall be awarded within Job Classification based on seniority. In the event the vacant position can be filled by a Member in another Job Classification and not compromise staffing, and the overtime request forms for the original Job Classification have been exhausted, the Member in the alternate Job Classification shall be awarded the unscheduled overtime based on seniority. If no street operations’ Member requests the overtime, then an Operations Officer may request the overtime. A Member shall not be awarded unscheduled overtime if it conflicts with the Member’s regular work schedule.

Section 5. Operations Officers shall authorize forced overtime for the “off-going” Member who is working and whose shift is ending at the same time as the beginning of the shift for the Member who will not be able to report to duty. The Member who has been issued the forced overtime may find another Member to work the force for him/her, without regard to seniority if it does not create a gap in service. However, no Member will be eligible to work any overtime if it will cause the Member to be scheduled more than sixteen (16) hours in that day, or if it will create a gap in street coverage (for example, if there is a potential for a four-hour rolling force for all staff required that day due to an emergency situation, Special Teams call-out, etc.).

If a Member is scheduled for forced overtime, and it is unexpectedly canceled after it has begun, the Member shall have the option of leaving work or remaining at work for the balance of the four (4) hours. During the four (4) hour time, the Member will perform work as directed by the Operations Officer.

Section 6. Special Overtime Details are not automatically considered to be forced overtime in nature. Whenever possible, the overtime will be posted for a minimum of fifteen (15) days, and will include the date, time, location, and any special requirements for the detail. This overtime will be awarded by Job Classification to the most senior Member requesting to work the detail. When available, two (2) alternates will be posted for each filled position. If there are insufficient volunteers to cover the special overtime details, the overtime may become forced overtime. The overtime will be filled on a Classification for Classification basis. Forced overtime shall be assigned by Metro Government to the least senior Member who has worked the lowest number of forced overtime hours for the then most recently completed twelve-month period. A Member shall not volunteer nor shall be forced for an overtime shift on a Special Detail that conflicts with his/her regularly scheduled shift or will cause the Member to work more than sixteen

(16) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period. The only acceptable excuses for refusing to work forced overtime on Special Overtime Details will be for approved leave usage (including sick leave, previously scheduled doctor/dental appointments, bereavement, military training or approved vacation or previously purchased out of town travel tickets/airfare/lodging, etc. Proof of travel shall be required upon return). Other situations may be considered, but must be approved by the Director or designee.

Section 7. Special Teams are strictly voluntary; acceptance to a team will be determined by the Director or his designee. Due to the nature of the teams and time constraints, seniority and hours worked in a twenty-four (24) hour period will not be a factor used in determining who will be assigned to the details that will be left up to the Director or his designee. Special Teams will only be utilized to cover the portion of the detail that requires their specialty.

Section 8. In the event that EMS Billing falls behind on verifying runs, overtime may be offered to the Members of EMS Billing until they catch up. Overtime shall be paid at the appropriate rate defined in Article 14 of this Agreement.

Article 16. Call Out Pay

All hours worked on a call out which occurs at a time outside of a Member's regularly scheduled hours of work shall be paid for at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the Member's regular hourly rate. The Member shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours for each call out. The minimum shall be computed as time worked. If so directed by Operations Officer's authority, a Member called out shall work the four (4) hours minimum period. Overtime in conjunction with the normal shift, or which extends the normal work shift shall not be considered as a call out.

Article 17. Non-Promotional Reassignment/Lateral Transfer

Section 1. When a vacancy occurs or a position is created, notice will be posted monthly for a period of five (5) working days. The notice shall state briefly the classification, nature of assignment, and shift. During the period of posting, the position may be filled without regard to seniority. It is understood and agreed that Metro Government retains the nondiscriminatory right to fill or not fill any position within the department.

Section 2. In the event that Metro Government decides to fill a street operations position or vacancy, Members shall request reassignment on the appropriate form. Said position, if filled, shall be filled using the following criteria:

- (a) The position will be awarded to the Member who bids and has the longest seniority record provided that he has completed the appropriate available training program.
- (b) The number of Members with the required skills and training needed for a particular shift is maintained.

The position will be filled by the successful bidder as soon as practicable beginning with the new monthly rundown. If there will be a delay in filling the position, the Director or his/her designee will meet with the successful bidder and a union steward to discuss the delay.

Section 3. Members requesting a reassignment must complete all data requested on the form and file it with the department head.

Section 4. A copy of the reassignment list and the successful applicant will be provided to the Union's Chief Steward.

Section 5. The processing of a reassignment will remove the Member from the reassignment list. The Member will be notified in writing when the reassignment is awarded. The reassignment is considered complete when it is made on paper unless the Member has previously notified the department head in writing, that the request has been withdrawn.

Section 6 EMS Management shall not take part in any Temporary Duty Assignments (TDY) or pilot projects, which displaces any Member from their normal bid position greater than twelve (12) months in a rolling calendar year. The Member shall still be subject to forced overtime for Street Operation, Special Details and cannot have back-to-back TDY assignments.

Article 18. Shift Trades

Section 1. Members may trade off days or shifts with the approval of the Director or designee, so long as each party is qualified to perform the duties of the other. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Members may make a self-trade as long as street coverage is sufficient, overtime is not created, and no more than one (1) self-trade is allowed per day at the sole discretion of the Director. The Member must complete the approved shift trade and/or self-trade form and submit it directly to an Operations Officer in person or by fax or by electronic mail for approval forty-eight (48) hours prior to the trade taking place, except in case of an emergency. The trade must be completed within a given workweek Sunday to Saturday. Any change of scheduled off days or shifts that necessitate the utilization of overtime compensation will not be permitted. Once a trade is approved, it shall constitute the Members' regular tour of duty.

Section 2. The Member must complete the pre-shift trade form ten (10) days in advance except in case of an emergency and submit it for the approval of his Operations Officer for any trade of shift involving up to thirty (30) days' time or the length of one (1) rundown period (short term trade). If in excess of one (1) day, a Member is restricted to two (2) short term trades during any twelve (12) month period.

Section 3. A trade of shifts involving over thirty (30) days' time or greater than the length of one (1) rundown period is considered a long term trade and must be posted for a period of ten (10) days and awarded by bid based on seniority. A long-term trade may not exceed a 6-month period. If long-term trade bids are not acceptable to the requesting party, he or she may withdraw the request. During the term of the long-term trade, either party may cancel the trade by giving at least (ten) 10 days' notice to Director or designee. Participating Members are restricted to one (1) long-term trade during any twelve (12) month period.

Article 19. Preceptor

Section 1. The Department Director shall designate Members as preceptors to train and evaluate E.M.T.s and Paramedics. Preceptors may also be required to train and evaluate students who are completing their clinical requirements. Designated preceptors shall receive an additional two dollars (\$2.00) per hour for each hour spent as preceptor, whether for E.M.T.s, Paramedics or students. It is understood and agreed that a Member has the right to refuse to be a part of the preceptor program.

Section 2. A Paramedic may be assigned to a permanent role as a preceptor, called a Paramedic-Field Training Officer, with a rank of Lieutenant. Once a Paramedic becomes a paramedic-Field Training Officer, he/she will receive an additional two dollars (\$2.00) an hour in compensation for each hour worked, including any mandatory or voluntary overtime.

Section 3. An Emergency Medical Technician may be assigned to the permanent role as a preceptor, called and Emergency Medical Technician Sergeant. Once an Emergency Medical Technician becomes a Sergeant, he/she will receive an additional one dollar (\$1.00) an hour in compensation for each hour worked, including any mandatory or voluntary overtime. For each hour a Sergeant acts as a preceptor to a new employee, he/she will receive another one dollar (\$1.00) an hour in compensation, for a total of two additional dollars (\$2.00) for every hour worked, including mandatory and voluntary overtime.

Article 20 – Training

Metro Government will schedule training sessions of up to seventy-two (72) hours every two (2) years and Members shall be responsible for attending sufficient training sessions to maintain certification and licensure. It is the responsibility of the Member to be aware of the amount of hours required to maintain their specific license. In service training is mandatory. In service training constitutes a work day. Failure to report to in service training may result in discipline unless accrued time is utilized. If a Member fails to attend a sufficient number of training sessions to maintain certification and licensure when offered, the Member is responsible for obtaining the training on their own time and at their own expense.

Article 21. Safety

The Department will continue to comply with all statutes and regulations of the State and Federal Departments of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Metro Government will follow the recommendations for treatment and care of infected patients that have been issued by Metro Government Department of Health; including, but not limited to, proper protective clothing for all Members who come in contact with the infected patients. Recognizing that this is a rapidly changing subject, the parties mutually agree to keep abreast of upgrading preventative protective measures as they develop, using the special conference provision of this Agreement.

Each Member will be issued while on duty a working portable radio, which includes an encoder with emergency alert button, when the portable radios become available under the Metro Safe Program.

Each Member will be offered HIV and TB testing, and Hepatitis screening consistent with Federal guidelines.

Metro Government shall provide annual scene safety training to all Members under this Agreement.

Metro Government shall provide each Street Operations Member an over the uniform bullet proof vest to the same quality, durability and grade used by LMPD.

All Members will be offered all flu, pneumonia and any other vaccinations deemed pertinent at no cost to the Member.

All Members who could come into contact with Blood Borne Pathogens or HIV will be trained under the current curriculum.

The Union shall be included and consulted in any meetings, prior to implementation, which includes changing the current equipment, policies or procedures that may potentially pose a hazard or jeopardize the well-being of our Members.

Article 22. Drug Testing and Procedures

There are compelling interests which demand that the Emergency Medical Service be drug free. The public has a right to expect that those they employ to protect and serve them are both physically and mentally prepared to assume their duties at all times, free from the serious impairments which result from the use of controlled substances and other forms of drug abuse. EMS Members on a daily basis are required to make split second decisions that impact the safety of the public and their fellow Members. The Department will utilize the procedures attached hereto as Appendix A to implement a drug testing program to detect prohibited drug use by its Members.

Article 23. Hourly Wage Schedule

Section 1. Salary Schedule for “Street Operations” Members

Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, the wages for current Members on the payroll shall be governed by the salary schedule attached hereto as Appendix E. Members are placed on the pay grade of the salary schedule and shall automatically progress through the salary schedule based upon seniority as specified in Article 10, except for Paramedic II and red-circled Members. “Red-Circle” is a term used to indicate a temporary freeze in the step increases of a Member whose current rate of pay exceeds the amount designated for his/her step in the salary schedule for their classification. When the Member’s pay rate no longer exceeds the pay designated for his/her step in the salary schedule, that Member shall resume receiving step increases.

Section 2. Salary Schedule for Ancillary Members

Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, the wages for ancillary Members shall be governed by the salary schedule attached hereto as Appendix E. Members are placed on the pay grade of the salary schedule and shall automatically progress through the salary pay schedule based upon seniority as specified in Article 10, except for red-circled Members. “Red Circle” is a term used to indicate a temporary freeze in the step increases of a Member whose current rate of pay

exceeds the amount designated for his/her step in the salary schedule for their classification. When the Member's pay rate no longer exceeds the pay designated for his/her step in the salary schedule, that Member shall resume receiving step increases.

Article 24. Certain Benefits

Section 1. BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY

Full-time, regular Members and part-time regular Members who work at least a twenty-five (25) hour week shall be granted all benefits outlined in this Agreement. Probationary full-time employees shall be granted holidays, group insurance, employee assistance program, sick leave, voting leave, jury duty leave, bereavement leave, workers' compensation leave and military training leave. Part time, regularly scheduled Members who work at least seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) hours during the work week shall be granted all but group insurance benefits on a pro rata basis. All other types of Members not specifically referenced above shall be granted only workers' compensation benefits and shall have access to the employee assistance program.

Section 2. LIFE INSURANCE

Metro Government shall provide to all full time Members life insurance in the amount of coverage equal to one (1) times the Member's annual salary up to Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars. Provided, however, if the life insurance offered by Metro Government to non-union employees shall decrease, the coverage for Members shall decrease to the same level. The life insurance program where permitted by law and subject to eligibility rules of Metro Government's insurance plan, provides the opportunity for Members to purchase at their own expense, additional insurance. It is agreed that Members may also purchase life insurance for dependents where Metro Government so provides such insurance and at cost factor to be borne by the Members for such dependent life insurance, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the eligibility rules of Metro Government plan.

Section 3. ANNUAL LEAVE "STREET OPERATIONS"

A. Vacation leaves accrual with pay will be granted to all full-time "street operations" Members and will accrue on a biweekly basis in accordance with the following schedules. These schedules are inclusive of vacation and holiday time:

Vacation for Street Operations employees hired before May 8, 2012.

Years of Service with Metro	Annual Vacation/Holiday Accrual Rate
0 year	220 hours
1 year	228 hours
2 years	236 hours
3 years	244 hours
4 years	252 hours
5 years	260 hours
6 years	268 hours
7 years	276 hours
8 years	284 hours

9 years	292 hours
10 years	300 hours
11 years	308 hours
12 years	316 hours
13 years	324 hours
14 years	332 hours
15 years and above	348 hours

Vacation for Street Operations employees hired on or after May 8, 2012.

Years of Service with Metro	Annual Vacation/Holiday Accrual Rate
0-1 years	140 hours
1-5 years	174 hours
6-10 years	208 hours
11-15 years	242 hours
16 + years	276 hours

Members are eligible to work while on annual leave.

Members shall be compensated at their normal hourly rate for all hours used while on vacation. This shall include forty-eight (48) hours for the Members long week and thirty-six (36) hours for their short week, which will be pulled from the Members vacation bank. This is applicable for straight time only, not for purposes of overtime.

The following Holidays are recognized by Metro Government:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s B'Day	Third Monday in January
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Friday Following Thanksgiving	Friday Following Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25

Street Operations personnel shall be paid time and one-half (1 ½) for any hour worked during one (1) of the nine (9) recognized Metro Government Holidays. Annual leave is not counted as time worked for purposes of overtime.

B. Members may take vacation leave in the year in which it is earned, provided however, use of annual leave must be requested in advance by the Member and approved by the Director or his/her designee prior to use. Member shall not accrue more than 560 hours of vacation credit at the completion of any given pay period. Provided, however, after the effective date of this Agreement, if a Member cannot take vacation leave because street coverage is insufficient and

leave is not approved, then any hours above 560 hours of vacation credit at the completion of any given pay period shall be paid to the Member at the Member's regular hour rate.

Upon separation from Louisville Metro Government employment, a Member shall be paid for all accrued unused vacation leave, not to exceed 320 hours. Such payment will be made in one (1) payment in the final paycheck of the Member. Any former Member compensated upon separation for accrued leave may not be re-employed by the EMS in the same or another position until there has been a break in service equal to the amount of time paid in unused annual leave.

C. *Primary Leave Selection.* Beginning on the second Monday in January, each eligible Member will be assigned a date and time to report to Metro EMS Headquarters to select his/her primary leave time. The leave time consists of all credited hours in lieu of holidays and vacation hours that will be accrued by the time of the leave. The date and time assigned will be based on seniority. The Member will be permitted to view the calendars posted for the Service and make his/her primary leave selection at the assigned time. Prior to selection, the Member will be advised how many leave hours are available for utilization. Primary leave periods will be awarded by seniority, and in writing, at the time of calendar selection. Selection of the primary leave period must be completed by Friday of the second week of January.

A Primary leave is defined as a single period, unbroken, not to exceed twenty-one (21) calendar days, or three (3) seven (7) day calendar blocks. If a Member fails to report to Metro EMS Headquarters at the assigned time, the leave selection process will continue down the seniority list in order, unless the Member is physically unable to report at the assigned time because of extenuating circumstances. In that case, the Member must make phone contact with the Assistant Director of EMS, or designee, during the Member's assigned selection slot. The Member that fails to report or call during his/her assigned selection period will have the opportunity to select a primary leave when he/she reports to Metro EMS Headquarters or designated location. However, that Member will not be allowed to bump any less senior Member from an already assigned primary leave period.

Any change in primary selection, once awarded, will only be made from such periods of time as may be available after all Members, regardless of seniority, have been awarded a primary leave period. This will be done on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be completed before the start of secondary leave selection. After secondary leave selection has begun, a Member will not be allowed to change, cancel or otherwise amend his/her primary leave period.

Secondary leave periods. Secondary leave periods will be selected and awarded in the same manner described above, beginning on Monday of the third week of January and completed by Friday of the third week of January. Secondary leave is defined as a single period or combination of periods, based on seniority. "Secondary Leave" shall be based on seniority as follows, beginning at ten (10) days or a combination of ten (10) leave days, increasing with seniority from six (6) to ten (10) years to eleven (11) days or combination of eleven (11) leave days, from years eleven (11) to fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) days or a combination of leave days, from years sixteen (16) and above to twenty-five (25) days or combination of days.

Individual leave days. Beginning after six (6) years of seniority, through ten (10) years of seniority, the Member will be eligible to choose an additional two (2) individual leave days. Beginning after ten (10) years to fifteen (15) years of seniority, the Member will be eligible to

choose an additional one (1) individual leave day. Individual leave days will be requested twenty-four (24) hours in advance except in cases of emergency. They will be awarded on a “first-come, first-served” basis so long as no mandatory overtime is created.

D. A Member should schedule all leave days he/she wishes to receive during the annual leave selection period. Any leave not scheduled during the annual leave selection may be scheduled pursuant to the needs of the Department. Any leave request that falls outside of the annual scheduling period must be submitted to the Designee forty-eight (48) hours in advance, except in cases of emergency. If there is a conflict between requests for leave days, then they will be awarded based upon seniority. No more than one (1) person per shift will be granted individual days off per shift, but as staffing allows, other Members will be offered individual days as well.

Members who have been awarded a leave on one (1) shift, and voluntarily bid onto another shift will be given the opportunity to carry over their leave to the new shift with the following limitations:

- Members will be awarded any open days that are available on their new shift.
- Members will not be given the opportunity to bid on any days that were not originally awarded to them.

If a date or dates become “open” due to a Member changing shifts or employment status, an individual who had previously selected that period as a leave on a “not guaranteed” basis meaning “Individual Days”, shall be notified as soon as practicable that his/her leave selection has been upgraded to “guaranteed” status. If no Members have selected the now open date(s) as part of a leave period, the open date(s) shall be made eligible for bid as an individual leave selection, as outlined in this Article.

The number of Members allowed off for their primary, secondary and individual leave days shall be determined by the needs of the Department for sufficient street coverage and guaranteed that each Member can select all of their “Primary” and “Secondary” vacation time allowed.

If a Member voluntarily trades shifts with another Member, neither Member will be allowed to carry earlier-scheduled leave to the new shift.

A Member that is on probation during the annual leave selection period will be allowed to choose a secondary leave upon completion of his/her probationary period. The selection will not be allowed to decrease the street coverage of the Department, nor may the annual leave selection cause any more senior Member to have his/her leave reduced. Probationary employees who have earned leave in lieu of holidays in their first year of employment may carry forward unused credit into the subsequent calendar year.

Providing that the Member has the time available, the Member will be given the opportunity to request any open days for the remainder of the current annual leave period. “Open” means that the maximum number of personnel per shift has not been awarded annual leave on that day.

Annual Leave Selection for Street Operations employees hired before May 8, 2012:

Years of service
1 – 5

Annual leave Selection
21 consecutive days
or, (3) 7-day blocks
10 secondary days

	0 individual days
6 – 10	21 consecutive days or , (3) 7-day blocks 11 secondary days 2 individual days
11 – 15	21 consecutive days or , (3) 7-day blocks 18 secondary days 1 individual day
16 – higher	21 consecutive days or , (3) 7-day blocks 25 secondary days 0 individual days

Annual Leave Selection for Street Operations employees hired on or after May 8, 2012:

Years of service	Annual leave Selection
0	0
1 – 4 years	14 consecutive days (in seven (7) day blocks) 7 secondary days
5 – 7 years	21 consecutive days (in seven (7) day blocks) 7 secondary days
8 – 10 years	21 consecutive days (in seven (7) day blocks) 11 secondary days
11 – 14 years	21 consecutive days (in seven (7) day blocks) 15 secondary days
15 +	21 consecutive days (in seven (7) day blocks) 17 secondary days

Senior Members may waive the right to select at these times with the understanding that if they select at a later date, they may not "bump" less senior Members who have already selected.

In-service training will not interfere with, nor cause a regularly scheduled leave to be canceled, unless mutually agreed upon between the employer and the Member.

If scheduled leave days above become available due to the resignation, termination or retirement of a Member, such leave days shall be posted for five (5) days as available and awarded to the Members on a seniority basis. Provided the leave days of the Member taking or being granted the new leave days do not become available.

Section 4. Annual Leave and Holidays for Ancillary Members

A. Ancillary Members shall be granted the day off with appropriate pay for the following holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr's B'Day	Third Monday in January
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in Nov.
Friday Following Thanksgiving	Friday Following Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25

Ancillary Members shall also receive two (2) additional floating holidays off with appropriate pay during each calendar year. The Floating Holidays must be used in full day increments and in the calendar year in which they are accrued. An Ancillary Member is not paid for floating holidays upon termination of employment. Ancillary Members hired between January 1 and June 30 will receive both floating holidays their first calendar year of employment. Ancillary Members hired between July 1 and October 31 will receive one (1) floating holiday their first calendar year of employment. Ancillary Members hired after November 1 will not receive any floating holidays their first calendar year of employment.

B. Annual leave with pay shall be granted to all full-time Ancillary Members and annual leave will accrue on a biweekly basis in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Service with Metro	Annual Accrual Rate
0-1 year	10 days
1-2 years	11 days
2-3 years	12 days
3-4 years	13 days
4-5 years	14 days
5-6 years	15 days
6-7 years	16 days
7-8 years	17 days
8-9 years	18 days
9-10 years	19 days
10-11 years	20 days

11-12 years	21 days
12-13 years	22 days
13-14 years	23 days
14-15 years	24 days
15+ years	25 days

Selection of leave is to be done at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Selection is to be done via electronic mail and submitted to the Director and/or his/her designee. Leave will be awarded on a first come basis unless more than one (1) Member submits a request on the same day, then it will be based on seniority. Annual leave is not counted as time worked for purposes of overtime.

Ancillary Members may take annual leave in the year in which it is earned, provided however, use of annual leave must be requested in advance by the Member and approved by the Director, and/or his/her designee prior to use. Unless the Member has been refused approval for annual leave, the Director must approve any accumulation of annual leave beyond the year after that in which it is earned, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Under no circumstances shall annual leave accumulate to exceed 560 hours.

Upon separation from employment, an Ancillary Member shall be paid for all accrued, unused annual leave, not to exceed 320 hours. Such payment will be made in one (1) payment in the final paycheck of the Ancillary Member. Any former Ancillary Member compensated upon separation for accrued leave may not be re-employed by Metro Government in the same or another position until there has been a break in service equal to the amount of time of paid unused annual leave.

Section 5. Retirement Plan

Eligible Members shall participate in the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority Hazardous Duty Pension Plan as established by the Kentucky legislature. Ancillary Members shall participate in the County Employees Retirement Plan as established by the Kentucky legislature.

Section 6. Jury Duty

Any Member who is required to report for jury duty or who is subpoenaed as a witness in any legal proceeding arising out of any act of employment with Metro Government, shall be compensated at the appropriate regular rate of pay for all time lost as a result thereof. In both instances, however, the Member upon their release by the Court shall return to the respective Member's job duties. It is the intention of the parties that no Member should request or receive leave with pay for either purpose for a period longer than that actually required. Time off for jury duty shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime.

Section 7. Military Leave

(a) Pursuant to KRS 61.396 and KRS 61.394, Members who are also members of the National Guard or of any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be

entitled to a leave of absence from their respective duties, without loss of time, pay, regular leave, or of any other rights or benefits to which they are entitled, while in the performance of duty or training in the service of this state or of the United States under competent orders as specified in this section. In any one (1) federal fiscal year, Members, while on military leave, shall be paid their compensations for a period or periods not exceeding twenty-two (22) calendar days. Any unused military leave in a federal fiscal year shall be carried over to the next year. Any unused military leave shall expire two (2) years after it has accrued.

(b) Members must provide written notice of the schedule of training to their Operations Officer at least thirty (30) days in advance when training will conflict with the regular work schedule of the Member.

(c) Members shall be allowed time off to participate in regular training sessions held periodically throughout the year. If the training schedule includes regular workdays of the Member, written notice of such training must be submitted to the Operations Officer at least one (1) week in advance. For such periodic training, the Member will be allowed time off without pay unless the Member elects to use accrued annual leave or compensatory time. Time off for military leave shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime.

Section 8. **Return from Approved Leave**

All Members returning from an approved leave of absence in excess of one hundred twenty (120) days shall be precepted for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) days. During this period, the preceptor shall update the Member on current policies and procedures, and evaluate his/her performance as an EMT, EMT Advanced or Paramedic.

Section 9. **Tuition Reimbursement**

Metro Government agrees to extend Metro Government Tuition Reimbursement Plan to full time Members.

Section 10. **Work on Higher Rated Jobs**

In the event that a Member is directed by an Operations Officer's authority to work on a job with a higher rate of pay, then such Member shall receive the higher rate after the first hour of such assignment, and such higher rate shall be continued as long as the Member is so assigned. No Member will be left in a position with a higher rate of pay for more than one-hundred and twenty (120) working days in a rolling calendar year.

Section 11. **Sick Leave**

(a) Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all full-time Members at the rate of one (1) duty day for each full month of service.

(b) Unused sick leave may be cumulative without any maximum.

(c) Sick leave with pay shall be granted to Members when they are incapacitated for the performance of their duties because of sickness or injury, or in case of serious illness in the Member's immediate family. The immediate family of the Member shall be regarded to include parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, parental grandparents, or domestic partner as defined in

Metro Government's Personnel Policy. Such leave, if in excess of two (2) consecutive days, due to causes other than the Member's own incapacity, shall require the specific approval of the Director.

(d) No Member shall be entitled to sick leave in excess of the amount of such leave then accumulated to his credit.

(e) To receive paid sick leave, a Member shall communicate with his immediate Operations Officer or designee a minimum of two (2) hours before, if possible, the time set for beginning work. Time off for sick leave shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime. For Ancillary Members, acceptable communication and contact shall be defined as a single person for point of contact which may include a telephone call with a voice message.

(f) Sick leave abuse shall be defined as using sick leave for other than the purpose intended, that is, when the Member is incapacitated and unable to perform the Member's duties because of sickness or injury, or in case of serious illness in the Member's immediate family. Metro Government reserves the right in all cases of illness, or reported illness, to require examination by a reputable physician of its own employ or selection. Abuse of sick leave privileges shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action including dismissal.

(g) *Sick Leave Incentive Plan.* Members will accrue one-half (1/2) duty day of sick incentive leave for each three (3) months without the use of any sick leave. An additional one (1) duty day of sick incentive leave will accrue for each twelve (12) consecutive month period without the use of sick leave. Members are eligible to earn three (3) duty days of sick incentive leave per twelve (12) month period. Members may not accrue more than ten (10) duty days of sick incentive leave, nor will Members be paid for this accrual of sick incentive leave upon termination of employment.

(h) *Family and Medical Leave Act.* Members may be provided leave from work for a reason covered by the federal Family and Medical Act of 1993, as contained in Metro Government Personnel Policies.

Section 12. **Bereavement Leave**

A Member covered by this Agreement shall be compensated for up to three (3) consecutive work days, one (1) of which must include the funeral of the following individuals:

- (a) the Member's spouse, children, parents, brother, sister, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, son-in-law or daughter-in-law, stepsister or stepbrother, former legal guardian;
- (b) the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of the Member's spouse and
- (c) domestic partner or qualified adult as defined in Metro Government's Personnel Policy.

To receive paid bereavement leave, a Member shall communicate with his immediate Operations Officer or department head or their authorized representative at minimum two (2) hours before, if possible, the time set for beginning work. Upon request, proof of death shall be furnished. Time off for bereavement leave shall not be counted as time worked for purposes of overtime.

Section 13. **Health**

Beginning with the 2024-2025 plan year, members will have one plan available to them (Metro's designated Manager Choice plan) with a \$0 monthly premium for all available coverage options regarding self, spouse, children, or family options within that plan. Provided, however, if the percentage contributions by Metro Government toward the cost of health insurance shall decrease for non-Union Members, the percentage contributions for Members shall decrease to the same level. Louisville Metro Government reserves the right to align its plan designs and rates to remain compliant with federal and state health care reform and IRS regulations.

Section 14. **Defense and Indemnification**

Metro Government shall provide each Member acting within the scope of his/her employment indemnification from all judgments and liabilities, and further Metro Government will appoint legal counsel for said Member to be paid by Metro Government with regard to any civil action pertaining to action within the scope of the Member's authority.

Section 15. **Death in-Line-of-Duty**

In the event a Member dies as a result of a service connected cause, Metro Government shall pay to the Member's designated beneficiary an amount, in addition to applicable pension benefits, equaling the difference between any Worker's Compensation income benefits and Social Security benefits due or received and the Member's annual salary in a lump sum payment. In addition, Metro Government shall pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$15,000.00 to defray the cost for funeral and burial expense or \$7,500.00 for funeral and burial expense and one (1) year of health insurance COBRA payments, at the option of the beneficiary.

It is understood that the intention of this section is to compensate dependents in the event of death of a Member causally related to service as an EMS employee as distinguished from the normal hazards to which general members of the public are exposed. The Member shall designate beneficiaries to Metro Government and such designations may be changed or amended at any time by the Member.

Section 16. **Workers' Compensation, Injury-in-Line-of-Duty, and Modified Duty**

A. Workers Compensation

Metro Government shall provide workers' compensation coverage for all Members covered by this Agreement.

B. In-Line-Of-Duty Injuries

It is the intent of Metro Government to provide medical and hospital care for EMS personnel for in-line-of-duty injuries and certain service connected disabilities. Metro Government agrees to pay medical and hospital expenses required for the treatment and rehabilitation of in-line-of-duty injuries and certain service connected disabilities sustained by EMS Members; provided, however that such payment is to be made only in excess of, or if not otherwise paid by, all applicable hospital, medical and worker's compensation insurance, or other remunerative process.

“In-line-of-duties” injuries shall be construed to mean those injuries sustained by Members when in performance of their duties. Service connected disabilities shall include, but not be limited to, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, tuberculosis, or hepatitis contracted on the job.

Any EMS Member injured in-line-of duty or sustaining a service connected disability as herein defined shall be paid at the Member’s regular hourly rate for the first seven (7) days he/she is required to miss work following the injury. If the Member is unable to work on the eighth (8th) day, then workers compensation shall begin on the eighth (8th) day. The Member may elect to use accrued sick leave to supplement workers compensation benefits. If the Member is off for fifteen (15) calendar days, Metro Government shall refund to the Member the tax withholdings from the Member’s pay for the first seven (7) calendar days that would not have been withheld had the Member been paid workers compensation.

Metro Government shall determine whether a compensable in-line-of-duty injury or service-connected disability has occurred pursuant to this section.

If a Member is injured in the line of duty, his/her bid slot, i.e., regularly scheduled shift assignment, shall remain intact for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of injury, or his/her return to work, whichever occurs first. Metro Government has the right to fill the Member’s position after a six-month absence. When the Member’s injury or disability is determined to be permanent, the Member shall, at the earliest time, apply for disability retirement, early retirement, normal retirement or, if applicable, accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

C. Modified Duty/Return to Work/Return to Duty

Louisville Metro Government recognizes the importance of providing meaningful work to employees with medical limitations that temporarily prohibit the employee from performing regular job duties.

When an employee experiences an injury/illness, whether on-the-job or off-the-job, and is released to return to work with restrictions, the employee will be considered for a modified duty assignment. The assignment may be within the employee’s agency or in another agency. Assignments should be based on needs of the agency as well as availability of work within the employee’s restrictions. The employee is to take a Healthcare Provider Capabilities Assessment Form (HCAF) and a copy of the employee’s job description to the employee’s medical provider. The employee should request the healthcare provider to furnish any limitations or restrictions. The information from the medical provider will be used to evaluate whether or not there is work available within the employee’s restrictions. It is the responsibility of the employee to provide updated medical documentation as directed by the employee’s agency head or designee.

An employee with an offer of a modified assignment is to report to work as directed by the agency head or designee. An employee who has experienced an injury/illness on the job and who does not accept an offer of modified duty may lose his or her worker’s compensation pay. Medical expenses will be provided as determined by the Worker’s Compensation laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In all cases, both work-related and non-work related, Louisville Metro Government intends to honor its obligations under The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Reference FMLA- Louisville Metro Government Personnel Policies 16.3).

A modified duty assignment may be offered for a period of up to ninety (90) calendar days based on seniority. After ninety (90) calendar days there will be a review by Metro HR to consider

extension of an additional ninety (90) calendar days, unless otherwise stated in the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement. In all actions, Louisville Metro Government intends to honor its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 ([http://www.ada.gov/publicat.htm# Anchor- 14210](http://www.ada.gov/publicat.htm#Anchor-14210)).

There will be no change to the employee's pay/benefits while on the modified assignment.

D. *Maternity Leave & Parental Leave*

Members who are given physical restrictions from their healthcare provider due to pregnancy shall be removed from any assignment that does not meet the documented restrictions. Members may be placed in an assignment that meets their restrictions for the duration of the pregnancy. The assignment will be modified as needed should restrictions change. This time will not count against the Member's modified duty eligibility. Members shall apply for Family Medical Leave (FMLA) in accordance with Metro Personnel Policy 16.3 for the restrictions, birth of the child and until released to full duty by a healthcare provider.

Members shall be granted paid parental leave in accordance with LMCO §35.014 and Metro Policy 150.11 and shall be compensated at a straight time rate equal to the Member's normally scheduled hours.

Section 17. Uniform Issue/Replacement Policy

A. Initial issue of uniform shall include the items listed below. Metro Government has the right to amend the initial issue as needed to comply with appropriate federal, state and local laws and OSHA regulations. Metro Government shall supply any changes in uniforms at its cost. Metro Government may substitute, as appropriate, new uniform items that are better than those listed. However, such substitution must be with the concurrence of the Union.

Initial issue of uniform shall include:

- 5 shirts
- 5 pair of trousers
- 1 approved - multiple seasonal outerwear
- 1 job shirt (pullover)
- 1 pair of boots
- 1 web belt
- 5 T-Shirts

There are a number of accessory items such as watch cap, gloves and scarves that are approved for wear but are not provided by Metro Government. Only authorized accessory items may be worn. Safety items, such as fire helmets and eye protection, will be provided on each truck for use by Members.

At the completion of probation subject to available funds, Members shall be issued one (1) dress uniform consisting of one (1) shirt and one (1) pair of trousers and appropriate insignia. An initial issue of dress uniforms to current Members shall be made subject to available funding and after a decision is made on the design of EMS uniforms.

Ancillary personnel required to wear uniforms shall be provided an initial issue as determined by the Director.

B. Metro Government shall replace or repair any issued article ruined or destroyed. Operations Officers shall inspect uniforms and equipment, such as jump kits, on a routine basis. If the Member or the shift Operations Officer determines at any time that a uniform item or a piece of equipment is damaged or has become worn or unusable the shift Operations Officer or Member shall bring the damaged article to the storekeeper for replacement.

After the cost of replacing uniforms or equipment for a Member, initiated solely by the Member, exceeds one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars in a fiscal year, the Member must submit a letter or explanation regarding how the damage occurred. The item to be replaced will be inspected by the individual designated by the Director and a determination made as to replacement or repair.

C. Current non-uniform members of OMB-EMS Billing, as of the execution of this CBA shall receive an annual maintenance fee of three-hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars per year, paid in a one-time payment the first pay period after September 1.

Section 18. **Long Term Disability**

Metro Government shall provide long-term disability benefits for every Member at no cost to the Member.

Section 19. **Reimbursement for Personal Auto Use**

Should a Member be required by an Operations Officer to use a personal vehicle to conduct Metro Government business, the Member shall be reimbursed mileage at the rate in effect for Metro Government at the time the mileage was incurred. Mileage is paid based on beginning and ending odometer readings. Metro Government business shall not include transportation to and from work. The Member shall submit the request for reimbursement to the EMS Business Office and the Business Office shall submit the request to the Finance Department within two (2) weeks.

Section 20. **Job Duties at Other Facilities**

The Director of EMS in arranging for the use of facilities not under the direct control of EMS, such as metro Government fire houses or police stations, or Fire Protection District buildings, shall ensure that such arrangements respect the Members' ability to have reasonable access to the facilities, ensures that the Members report to and are directed solely by EMS Operations Officers and ensures that EMS personnel are not required to perform routine maintenance on fire equipment. The Director shall provide the Union with copies of any and all agreements entered into for such arrangements.

Article 25. Promotions

Section 1. Promotional positions within the Departments shall include the following:

Ancillary:	Storekeeper II
	Fleet Service Coordinator
	Billing Clerk III
	Fee Collection Supervisor
Street Operations:	Sergeant
	Lieutenant
	EMT II-Captain
	Paramedic II-Major

Section 2. Metro Government will promote qualified Members from within EMS and OMB-EMS Billing Services.

Section 3. EMS and OMB-EMS Billing Services, in collaboration with the Union, will develop the components of the promotional process, which may include but not be limited to written examinations, clinical competency examinations, oral examinations, interviews, job simulations, years of service and seniority, and/or rank EMS and OMB-EMS Billing Services, in collaboration with the Union, will determine the values to be assigned to the various elements comprising a total grade and administer any additional test components.

Section 4. EMS shall determine the number and duties of EMT-II and Paramedic-II positions.

Section 5. Vacancy shall be deemed to exist when a position in the classified service is vacant due to demotion, death, resignation, retirement, promotion or creation of a new position. The Director or designee shall notify the Union in writing within fourteen (14) days when a vacancy as set forth herein occurs. Metro Government shall provide written notice to the Union anytime a position is being cut or eliminated.

Article 26. Entire Agreement

Section 1. Metro Government and the Union shall not be bound by any requirement not specifically stated in this Agreement. Metro Government and the Union are not bound by any past practices or understandings of Metro Government, or the Union, unless recognized by this Agreement.

Section 2. It is expressly understood that no provision of this Agreement shall be waived or considered waived by any act, omission or communication; provided, however, that both parties shall have the right to mutually agree to waive a provision by express written authorization from Metro Government representative and the representatives of the Union

Article 27 – Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by the parties. The duration of the Agreement shall extend from July 1, 2023 until July 1, 2026. The parties agree in good faith

to use their best efforts to commence bargaining on a subsequent Agreement no later than six (6) months before the expiration of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have affixed their signatures this ____ day of _____,
2024.

LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT

By: _____
CRAIG GREENBERG
MAYOR

TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 783

By: _____
JUSTIN SCHARRER
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE
TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 783

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL
JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY

APPENDIX A - DRUG TESTING

Section 1. Statement of Policy

Metro Government and the Union recognize and agree that it is their mutual goal and pledge to maintain and assure safe and effective services for and service to the citizens of Louisville Metro by maintaining a drug and alcohol-free workplace.

Section 2. Notice of Policy

All Members shall be provided a copy of this Policy and all newly hired Members will be provided with a copy of it on or about their initial date of hire. No Member shall be tested before a copy of this Policy is provided to him/her.

Section 3. Definitions

- (A) “Illegal Drugs” means controlled substances listed in 21 C.F.R. Part 1308 that are not being used under the supervision of a licensed physician.
- (B) “Reasonable Suspicion” means an articulated belief based on particularized information and observations and reasonable inferences from such particularized information and observations that would suggest that a Member may be in violation of this policy.
- (C) “Refuse to Cooperate” means (i) to obstruct the specimen collection process, (ii) to attempt to or to tamper with the collection or testing process, or (iii) to fail to provide urine specimens and/or breath samples adequate for testing when directed to do so, without promptly establishing a medical basis for the failure to provide such specimens.
- (D) “Medical Review Officer” (MRO) is a licensed physician who is responsible for receiving and reviewing laboratory results generated by an employer’s drug and alcohol testing program and evaluating medical explanations for certain drug and alcohol test results. The MRO acts as an independent and impartial “gatekeeper” and advocate for the accuracy and integrity of the drug and alcohol testing process.

Section 4. Prohibitions

Members shall be prohibited from:

- (A) Reporting to work or working under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol.
- (B) Consuming or possessing illegal drugs at any time while on duty, or anywhere on any Metro Government premises or in any Metro Government vehicles, except when authorized in the line of duty.
- (C) Consuming alcohol at any time while on duty, or anywhere on any Metro Government premises or in any Metro Government vehicles.
- (D) Possessing, using, selling, purchasing, manufacturing, dispensing or delivering any illegal drug at any time and at any place, except when authorized in the line of duty.

- (E) Abusing any prescription drug or alcohol.
- (F) Failing to report immediately to the Director's or designee's office any duty-related restrictions imposed as a result of prescription medications they are taking.

Section 5. Drug Testing Permitted

- (A) Reasonable Suspicion. Where Metro Government has reasonable suspicion to believe that a Member is: (a) abusing prescription drugs or alcohol; or (b) possessing or using illegal drugs or alcohol, Metro Government shall have the right to require the Member to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing as set forth in this Policy. Members shall not be subjected to random medical testing involving urine analysis, breath samples or other similar or related tests for the purpose of discovering possible drug and/or alcohol abuse, except as specifically provided for this Policy.
- (B) Random Testing. During the workday, all Members are subject to random testing for drugs or alcohol. The annual number of such random tests shall not exceed 50% of the number of employees of the LEMS subject to testing as of January 1 of any given year. Such tests shall be spread reasonably throughout the year. Metro Government shall select employees for random testing using an approved random number generating computer program. Members notified of their selection for random testing shall proceed immediately to the collection site. Members who are on leave, vacation, or already absent at the time of their selection will be excused but remain subject to future random testing.
- (C) Post-Incident. A Member may be required, at Metro's discretion, to submit to a drug and alcohol test after an on-the-job incident. An incident for purposes of this policy is defined as an incident or injury, on the job, in which:
 - 1. A person dies or requires medical treatment due to the incident or
 - 2. Property damage is estimated by management at greater than \$3,000 or
 - 3. A Metro Government vehicle is involved or
 - 4. It involves a Member in a personal vehicle or equipment incident or
 - 5. A citation is issued under local or State law for a moving traffic violation.

A Member who is involved in an on-the-job incident, as defined above, must immediately report the incident to their supervisor/manager.

Whenever a supervisor/manager observes or is notified of an on-the-job incident the manager may initiate drug and alcohol testing. The supervisor/manager will arrange to transport the Member to the collection site and the Member will not operate any mode of transportation home.

Nothing in this policy should delay medical treatment for those who are injured. Testing for alcohol must take place no more than eight (8) hours from the incident. Testing for drugs must take place no more than thirty-two (32) hours from the incident.

Section 6. Test To Be Conducted

In conducting the testing authorized by this Agreement, Metro Government shall comply with the following:

- (A) The lab selected to perform drug tests shall be federally certified to do drug and alcohol testing.
- (B) After initial identification confirmation, the specimen collected from the Member shall be identified only by the Member's social security number or acceptable coding throughout the testing process.
- (C) A split urine sample shall be collected in all cases of drug testing for an analysis in the event of a positive test result. All urine samples must be stored and preserved in a manner that conforms to HHS guidelines.
- (D) The standard ten (10) panel drug screen shall be used by the testing laboratory.
- (E) Metro Government's drug testing lab will confirm any urine sample that tests positive in initial screening for drugs by testing a portion of the same sample by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). All positive confirmed samples and related paperwork must be retained by the testing lab for at least twelve (12) months (provided written notice is given to the lab by Metro Government before the expiration of the 12-month period) or for the duration of any grievance, disciplinary action or legal proceeding, whichever is longer.
- (F) Metro Government will provide Members who test positive for drugs with an opportunity to have the split urine specimen tested by a clinical laboratory at the Member's own expense, provided the Member notifies Metro Government within seventy-two (72) hours of receiving the positive results and provided further that the laboratory or clinic and the testing procedure, including chain of custody, meets or exceeds the standards established in this Contract.
- (G) Metro Government will require that its drug testing lab report that a specimen is positive only if both the initial screening and confirmation test are positive. Drug test results shall be evaluated by the MRO in a manner to ensure that a Member's legal drug use and diet are properly taken into account when evaluating the test results. For the purpose of this Policy, a positive drug test results means the presence of drugs and/or their metabolites in a Member that is equal or exceeds the levels set forth in this Policy.
- (H) Provide each Member tested with a copy of all information and reports received by Metro Government in connection with the testing and the results.
- (I) Testing Procedures

Initial Test Level (ng/ml)¹

1.	Marijuana metabolites	50
2.	Cocaine metabolites	300
3.	Opiate metabolites	2000 ²
4.	Phencyclidine	25
5.	Amphetamines	1,000
6.	Barbiturates	300
7.	Benzodiazepines	300
8.	Propoxyphene metabolites	300
9.	Methadone	300
10.	Methaqualone	300

All specimens identified as positive on the initial test shall be confirmed using GC/MS techniques at the cutoff values listed in this paragraph for each drug. All confirmations shall be by quantitative analysis.

Concentrations that exceed the linear region of the standard curve shall be documented in the laboratory record as “greater than highest standard curve value.”

Confirmatory Test Level (ng/ml)

1.	Marijuana metabolites ³	15
2.	Cocaine metabolites ⁴	150
3.	Opiate metabolites	
	Morphine	2,000
	Codeine	2,000
	Hydrocodone	2,000
	Hydromorphone	2,000
4.	Phencyclidine	25
5.	Amphetamines	
	Amphetamine	500
	Methamphetamine	500
6.	Propoxyphene	300
7.	Methaqualone	300
8.	Methadone	
	EDDP	300
9.	Benzodiazepines	
	Nordiazepam	300

¹Nanograms per milliliter

²23 ng/ml if immunoassay specific for free morphine

³ Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid.

⁴ Benzoyllecgonine.

	Oxazepam	300
	Diazepam	300
	Temazepam	300
	Ethylflurazepam	300
	Alprazolam	300
	Lorazepam	300
10.	Barbiturates	
	Butalbital	300
	Amobarbital	300
	Pentobarbital	300
	Secobarbital	300
	Phenobarbital	300
	Butabarbital	300

Prior to test results being provided to Louisville EMS or the Member, the MRO will compare said test results with the list of prescriptions and over-the-counter medications provided by the Member pursuant to these procedures.

If the result of an alcohol breath test is greater than 0.020, then a confirmation test will be performed automatically. A second breath test will be taken, and the results recorded.

If the result of the alcohol breath confirmatory test is greater than 0.020, the test will be considered as a positive result under this Appendix.

Section 7. Drug Testing Standards (HHS Standards)

All testing will be done pursuant to Federal Standards.

Section 8. Alcohol Testing Standards

All testing will be done pursuant to Section 6 testing standards as listed above.

Section 9. Disciplinary Action

A Member who tests positive for illegal drugs or alcohol the first time in their career will be subject to the Second Chance Program for positive test results stemming from random drug or alcohol testing (reference this Article, Section 14).

A Member who tests positive for illegal drugs or alcohol a second time in their career or refuses to comply with the Second Chance Program after a first positive test shall be subject to discharge.

Section 10. Employee Assistance Program

Metro Government shall provide an Employee Assistance Program. Voluntary requests for assistance with drug or alcohol problems shall be held strictly confidential by the Employee Assistance Program to the extent required by law and the terms of this Policy. EAP Administrator and EAP staff assigned to a Member's case shall be the only persons informed of any such request or any treatment that may be given and they shall hold such information strictly confidential to the extent required by law. A Member voluntarily seeking assistance shall not be disciplined under this Policy for seeking such assistance.

Section 11. Records Retention and Use

Records of a positive drug or alcohol test or refusal to submit to such test as provided in the Policy shall be maintained from the date of the incident which gave rise to the positive test or refusal until final disposition of any grievance or appeal thereof. All such records shall not be utilized for any purpose after one (1) year from the date of the incident that gave rise to the positive test or refusal, so long as there is no subsequent positive test or refusal to submit to a test.

Section 12. Changes in Testing Procedure

The parties recognize that during the life of this Contract, there may be improvements in the technology of testing procedures that provide more accurate testing. In that event, the parties will discuss and agree to any such improvements. If the parties are unable to agree, the procedure shall remain unchanged.

Section 13. Conflict With Other Laws

This Policy does not supersede or waive any rights that the Member may be entitled to under the Federal or State constitutions or laws. Any action taken pursuant to the Policy, including any positive test results, shall not be used as evidence or otherwise in any criminal proceeding against the Member. In the event a substance referenced in this Appendix becomes legal under state or federal law, either party, by giving fourteen (14) days written notice to the other party, shall have the right to reopen this Appendix to negotiate the terms of this Appendix only to ensure compliance with state and federal law.

Section 14. Second Chance Program

A Member who tests positive for illegal drugs or alcohol the first time in their career shall comply with all of the following prior to being placed back into a paid status:

- (1) Member shall be placed on an unpaid leave of absence after the positive test confirmation, and for the entire duration of treatment (not to exceed 90 days).
- (2) Member shall enroll in and complete a rehab program at an accredited behavioral health and recovery center, subject to approval by Metro, at the expense of the Member or the Member's health insurance.
- (3) Provide documentation of completion of the treatment program.
- (4) Submit to and pass the same drug or alcohol test used in the random test program at the expense of the Member.

After a Member is placed back into a paid status:

- (1) Submit to and pass six (6) additional drug or alcohol tests at times selected by the Department over the next year (365 days), at the expense of the Member.
- (2) Continue to comply with the random drug and alcohol test policy.

APPENDIX B- Operations Officer

This appendix shall represent only the Operations Officers at Louisville Metro EMS consisting of the following classifications: EMT II and Paramedic II Street Operations.

Operations Officers with take home cars may be subject to recall status. Recall status shall not pertain to backfilling for street operations or routine staffing matters, nor if the Operations Officer is on an approved leave.

Grievance Procedure for EMT II or Paramedic II

When presenting a grievance for a member in the job classification of Paramedic II or EMT II job classification. The grievance shall be presented to a non-bargaining Agreement supervisor. If an action of Metro Government resulting in a grievance is initiated at a higher level than a Member's immediate Supervisor, the grievance in the first instance shall be presented to the level of authority initiating the action. The timelines for the grievance process for Paramedic II and EMT II Members and Metro Government shall be the same as set forth in this agreement in Step 1. In the event the parties do not reach a resolution of the issue, the grievance shall be advanced to Step 3 of the process, and proceed accordingly, pursuant to the CBA.

Discipline & Discharge for Paramedic II & EMT II

In the event that a Paramedic II or EMT II is disciplined for a major infraction that does not rise to the level of termination in Article 9, Section 3 of this Agreement, the discipline may be up to a two (2) day suspension for the first occurrence, and a demotion for the second occurrence within one (1) rolling calendar year. In the event of a second infraction meriting demotion, the Member shall be demoted to the position they held prior to being promoted into the position of Paramedic II or EMT II classification. Member's hourly pay rate shall be adjusted according to Article 10, Section 4 of this Agreement.

In the event that a Paramedic II or EMT II is disciplined for violating a minor offence referenced in Article 9, Section 2 of this Agreement, the Member shall follow the normal progressive discipline outlined in this section. Progressive discipline shall include the following steps:

1. Counseling and Training (CNT);
2. Written Reprimand;
3. Suspension
 - a. 1st occurrence – 1 day
 - b. 2nd occurrence – 2 days
 - c. 3rd occurrence – 3 days
4. Demotion in lieu of Termination
5. Termination

In the event that a Paramedic II or an EMT II is found to have committed an offense that is a breach of integrity or professionalism, the member may be demoted to the position they held prior to being promoted into the position of Paramedic II or EMT II classification as outlined below. Examples of breaches of integrity or professionalism include, but are not limited to, the

responsibilities of a public employee as defined in Louisville Metro Government Personnel Policy 20.02 and the principles of ethical behavior as defined in Louisville Metro Government Personnel Policy 20.03.

Seniority for Paramedic II & EMT II

Section 1. Seniority for a Paramedic II and EMT II begins with the most recent date of promotion into the Paramedic II or EMT II classification. Their seniority shall be considered time in grade for all purposes, except that of rates of pay. Hourly rates of pay shall be based on the accumulation of time, from the most recent date of employment with EMS, including either the former City of Louisville or the former Jefferson County governments, provided, however, all probationary employees must have completed their probationary period, after which, their seniority shall then revert back to the most recent date of promotion into the Paramedic II or EMT II classification and their pay rate shall be commiserate to the overall accumulation of time in service.

Section 2. Seniority from the most recent date of employment with EMS, including either the former City of Louisville or the former Jefferson County governments, shall be a determining factor in the order of their seniority on the seniority list for Members promoted into the Paramedic II and EMT II classifications, in the event that two (2) or more Members are promoted in to the Paramedic II or EMT II classification at the same time.

Work Day and Work Week for Paramedic II & EMT II

Every effort will be made to maintain staffing minimums with one (1) Paramedic II on at all times, twenty-four (24) hours a day.

Operations Officers shall be allowed to split with another Operations Officer, as long as it does not create a gap in service, overtime or drop below the minimum of one (1) Paramedic II at all times. The split shift must be made up by both Operation Officers within the same workweek.

Overtime Policies and Procedures for Paramedic II & EMT II

Every effort will be made to protect a Member's off days. Mandatory overtime will be issued on off days only in emergency situations.

Promotions for Paramedic II & EMT II

Metro Government shall promote from within EMS to the classifications of Paramedic II and EMT II.

Certain Benefits for Paramedic II & EMT II

Annual Leave "Street Operations"

The secondary and individual leave periods may be picked randomly with twenty-four (24) hour's notification. These vacation selections may be picked during secondary bids by time in grade seniority or waived to be picked later on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leadership Training Class

Annual leadership classes shall be offered at no cost to the Members.

APPENDIX C – STOREKEEPER II PAY

The rate of pay for the current incumbent of Storekeeper II, will continue to receive compensation the same as the Fleet Services Coordinator and be eligible to receive all subsequent annual percentage increases, same as the Fleet Service Coordinator, starting with fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Should the current incumbent leave the classification of Storekeeper II, any new incumbent will receive compensation at the Storekeeper II rate as indicated in Appendix E.

APPENDIX D- PARITY PAY

The parity policy applies to all LMEMS EMT's, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics hired before, on, or after the execution of this agreement with previous pre-hospital paramedic, EMT Advanced, or EMT work experience. However, there shall be no retroactive pay. They are eligible to receive consideration for advanced placement only, on the effective pay schedule, upon hire. Credit for prior years of experience will be considered for a Paramedic, Advanced EMT, or EMT based on run volume from the previous system for which that Paramedic, Advanced EMT, or EMT worked, affiliation with the Jefferson County Suburban Fire District, or previous recent employment with LMEMS. Union Seniority will be based on the most recent hire date with EMS as defined in Article 10 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

To be eligible for consideration, a Paramedic's, Advanced EMT's, or EMT's previous experience must come from working for a primary 911 emergency medical service. Additionally, he/she must submit a request, in writing, to the EMS Payroll Office, outlining his/her previous experience and include names and contact information for references who can verify the Paramedic's, Advanced EMT's or EMT's previous years of service. Previous experience will not be considered under any circumstances if the Paramedic's, Advanced EMT's or EMS's license has ever been suspended or revoked, or if the employee in question has not worked as a Paramedic, Advanced EMT, or EMT within the previous 12-month period.

EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics coming from a Jefferson County Suburban Fire service shall receive credit on a year-to-year or month-to-month basis. EMTs, Advanced EMTs, and Paramedics that were previously employed by Louisville Metro EMS shall also receive credit on a year-to-year or month-to-month basis so long as they resigned from the agency in good standing. For the purposes of this document, "in good standing" shall be defined as members that were not terminated or did not resign in lieu of termination. For all others, the amount of previous experience eligible for consideration by Louisville Metro EMS will be dependent on the size of the service for which the Paramedic, Advanced EMT, or EMT previously worked:

Small Service (1 to 10,000 runs annually)

Eligible Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, or EMTs will receive one (1) year of credit for every three (3) years worked in a small service; or one (1) month of credit for every three (3) months worked in a small service.

Medium Service (10,001 to 30,000 runs annually)

Eligible Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, or EMTs will receive one (1) year of credit for every two (2) years worked in a medium service; or one (1) month of credit for every two (2) months worked in a medium service.

Large Service (30,001 runs or more annually)

Eligible Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, or EMTs will receive credit on a year-to-year or month-to-month basis.

Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service

Eligible Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, or EMTs serving in a Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service, regardless of run volume, shall receive credit on a year-to-year or month-to-month basis.

All final decisions on whether an eligible member will receive pay for previous work experience are ultimately left to the discretion of the Louisville Metro EMS Director/CEO. Parity pay will be received only upon final approval by Louisville Metro EMS. This policy takes effect upon execution of this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

APPENDIX E- Wage Schedule

EMT & PARAMEDIC WAGE SCHEDULE

July 1 2023														
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 1 Yr	Step 3 3 Yrs	Step 4 5 Yrs	Step 5 7 Yrs	Step 6 9 yrs	Step 7 11 Yrs	Step 8 13 Yrs	Step 9 15 Yrs	Step 10 17 Yrs	
EMT	46300	U23S	001	19.15	19.54	19.93	20.33	20.74	22.91	25.56	26.48	27.39	30.50	5%
Paramedic	46210	U23S	003	22.98	23.54	26.99	27.95	28.94	29.98	31.00	32.13	33.24	37.37	5%
July 1 2024														
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 1 Yr	Step 3 3 Yrs	Step 4 5 Yrs	Step 5 7 Yrs	Step 6 9 yrs	Step 7 11 Yrs	Step 8 13 Yrs	Step 9 15 Yrs	Step 10 17 Yrs	
EMT	46300	U23S	001	21.64	22.08	22.52	22.97	23.43	25.89	28.88	29.92	30.96	34.47	13%
Paramedic	46210	U23S	003	27.12	27.78	31.84	32.98	34.15	35.37	36.58	37.91	39.23	44.10	18%
July 1 2025														
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 1 Yr	Step 3 3 Yrs	Step 4 5 Yrs	Step 5 7 Yrs	Step 6 9 yrs	Step 7 11 Yrs	Step 8 13 Yrs	Step 9 15 Yrs	Step 10 17 Yrs	
EMT	46300	U23S	001	22.29	22.74	23.20	23.66	24.14	26.67	29.75	30.82	31.88	35.50	3%
Paramedic	46210	U23S	003	29.83	30.56	35.03	36.28	37.56	38.91	40.23	41.70	43.15	48.51	10%
Supplemental Pay Allowances														
EMT Advanced	\$1.50													
EMT II Advanced	\$1.50													

EMT II & PARAMEDIC II WAGE SCHEDULE

July 1 2023									
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 11 Yrs	Step 3 13 Yrs	Step 4 15 Yrs	Step 5 17 Yrs	
EMT II	46310	U23S	002	27.02	27.88	28.79	29.70	32.81	5%
Paramedic II	46180	U23P	011	34.76	35.79	36.93	38.03	43.26	5%
July 1 2024									
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 11 Yrs	Step 3 13 Yrs	Step 4 15 Yrs	Step 5 17 Yrs	
EMT II	46310	U23S	002	30.26	31.22	32.25	33.27	36.75	12%
Paramedic II	46180	U23P	011	38.23	39.37	40.62	41.83	47.59	10%
July 1 2025									
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 Start	Step 2 11 Yrs	Step 3 13 Yrs	Step 4 15 Yrs	Step 5 17 Yrs	
EMT II	46310	U23S	002	31.77	32.78	33.86	34.93	38.59	5%
Paramedic II	46180	U23P	011	41.67	42.92	44.28	45.60	51.87	9%

ANCILLARY WAGE SCHEDULE

July 1 2023										
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 0-3 Yrs	Step 2 4-6 Yrs	Step 3 7-9 Yrs	Step 4 10-12 Yrs	Step 5 13-15 Yrs	Step 6 16+ Yrs	
Storekeeper I	19920	U23A	001	17.25	18.10	19.01	19.96	20.36	20.77	5%
Administrative Specialist E/U	31140	U23A	001	17.25	18.10	19.01	19.96	20.36	20.77	5%
EMS Fleet Technician	79400	U23A	003	19.15	20.23	21.05	21.88	22.32	22.77	5%
Storekeeper II	19770	U23A	004	20.56	21.60	22.67	23.79	24.28	24.77	5%
Accounting Clerk	15370	U23A	005	20.72	21.75	22.82	23.97	24.45	24.94	5%
Billing Clerk III	15350	U23A	006	21.27	22.75	23.89	25.08	25.59	26.10	5%
Training Specialist	36150	U23A	007	23.51	24.69	25.88	27.18	27.73	28.28	5%
Fleet Service Coordinator	79310	U23A	008	23.95	25.20	26.55	27.92	28.49	29.06	5%
Fee Collection Supv	15180	U23A	010	25.50	26.83	28.27	29.76	30.35	30.95	5%
July 1 2024										
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 0-3 Yrs	Step 2 4-6 Yrs	Step 3 7-9 Yrs	Step 4 10-12 Yrs	Step 5 13-15 Yrs	Step 6 16+ Yrs	
Storekeeper I	19920	U23A	001	18.11	19.01	19.96	20.96	21.38	21.81	5%
Administrative Specialist E/U	31140	U23A	001	18.11	19.01	19.96	20.96	21.38	21.81	5%
EMS Fleet Technician	79400	U23A	003	21.45	22.66	23.58	24.51	25.00	25.51	12%
Storekeeper II	19770	U23A	004	21.18	22.25	23.35	24.51	25.00	25.51	3%
Accounting Clerk	15370	U23A	005	21.34	22.40	23.50	24.69	25.19	25.69	3%
Billing Clerk III	15350	U23A	006	21.91	23.44	24.60	25.84	26.36	26.89	3%
Training Specialist	36150	U23A	007	24.21	25.43	26.66	28.00	28.56	29.12	3%
Fleet Service Coordinator	79310	U23A	008	26.35	27.72	29.21	30.71	31.34	31.97	10%
Fee Collection Supv	15180	U23A	010	26.27	27.63	29.11	30.65	31.26	31.88	3%
July 1 2025										
Job Classification	Job Code	Sal Plan	Grade	Step 1 0-3 Yrs	Step 2 4-6 Yrs	Step 3 7-9 Yrs	Step 4 10-12 Yrs	Step 5 13-15 Yrs	Step 6 16+ Yrs	
Storekeeper I	19920	U23A	001	19.02	19.96	20.95	22.01	22.45	22.90	5%
Administrative Specialist E/U	31140	U23A	001	19.02	19.96	20.95	22.01	22.45	22.90	5%
EMS Fleet Technician	79400	U23A	003	22.52	23.79	24.76	25.73	26.25	26.78	5%
Storekeeper II	19770	U23A	004	21.81	22.91	24.05	25.24	25.75	26.28	3%
Accounting Clerk	15370	U23A	005	21.98	23.07	24.21	25.43	25.94	26.46	3%
Billing Clerk III	15350	U23A	006	22.57	24.14	25.34	26.61	27.15	27.69	3%
Training Specialist	36150	U23A	007	24.94	26.19	27.46	28.84	29.42	30.00	3%
Fleet Service Coordinator	79310	U23A	008	27.66	29.11	30.67	32.25	32.90	33.57	5%
Fee Collection Supv	15180	U23A	010	27.06	28.46	29.99	31.57	32.19	32.84	3%