[Compensation for Unrepresented Employees]

Ordinance fixing compensation for persons employed by the City and County of San Francisco whose compensation is subject to the provisions of Section A8.409 of the Charter, in job codes not represented by an employee organization, and establishing working schedules and other terms and conditions of employment and methods of payment effective July 1, 2019.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Pursuant to Charter Section A8.409-1, the Mayor hereby proposes and the Board of Supervisors approves the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment set forth herein to be applicable to all unrepresented job codes or positions of City employment.

Unless specifically noted, the following provisions are applicable to all employees covered by this Ordinance, which includes Miscellaneous Unrepresented employees (unit 001) and Management Unrepresented employees (unit 002). As used in this Ordinance, the term Appointing Officer shall include the Appointing Officer’s designee, unless otherwise specified. For informational purposes, a list of job codes designated as Miscellaneous Unrepresented and Management Unrepresented is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. __________.
SECTION 1. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. All terms and conditions of employment not covered under this Ordinance shall continue to be subject to the City’s direction and control. Unless specifically addressed herein, those terms and conditions of employment that are set forth in the Charter, Administrative Code, Civil Service Rules, and City and departmental policies and procedures shall apply to employees covered by this Ordinance.

B. Nothing in this Ordinance shall have application to changes of Civil Service rules and matters subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission under Charter Section A8.409-3, unless specifically approved by the Civil Service Commission, except as such changes may affect compensation.

SECTION 2. WAGE RATES

A. The wage rates for job codes covered by this Ordinance for fiscal year 2019-2020 shall be increased as follows:

   Effective July 1, 2019: 3.00%
   Effective December 28, 2019: 1.00%

B. The pay plan for classification 1283 – Director, Employee Relations Division shall be the same range of pay as the 0954 – Deputy Director IV classification.

   The pay plan for classification 1282 – Manager, Employee Relations Division shall be the same range of pay as the 0932 – Manager IV classification.

   The pay plan for classification 1281 – Senior Employee Relations Representative shall be the same range of pay as the 1824 – Principal Administrative Analyst classification. There shall be three additional five percent (5%) steps (Steps 6, 7 & 8) at the top of the range for this classification. The Employee Relations Director may place
employees in Step 6, 7 or 8, contingent upon the Employee Relations Director designating the employee as the City’s principal representative for a major employee group.

The pay plan for classification 1280 – Employee Relations Representative shall be the same range of pay as the 1244 – Senior Personnel Analyst classification. There shall also be three additional five percent (5%) steps (Steps 1, 2 & 3) at the bottom of the range. The Employee Relations Director may place employees in Step 6, 7 or 8, contingent upon the Employee Relations Director designating the employee as having lead responsibilities in employee-employer relations matters.

The pay plan for classification 1293 – Human Resources Director shall be the same range of pay as the 0964 – Department Head IV classification.

C. The pay plan for classification 1682 – Controller shall be the same range of pay as the 0965 – Department Head V classification.

D. The Port Commission shall determine the salary for classification 9399 Port Director, pursuant to Charter Appendix B, Section B3.581(h).

E. All base wage calculations shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar, bi-weekly salary.

SECTION 3. INTERNAL ADJUSTMENT PROCESS

Upon request of an Appointing Officer, the Human Resources Director, with the concurrence of the Controller, may approve internal salary adjustments for members of the Management Unit (002), except for the Mayoral Staff classifications (0881-0905), based upon the following:

A. Standards

The following shall be the standards for internal adjustments for the wage rates for a particular job code:
1. The salary for the job code is below the prevailing wage level in the relevant labor market as demonstrated by verifiable salary data; and/or

2. There is an ongoing and demonstrable recruitment and/or retention problem for the job code; and/or

3. Traditional salary relationships, which continue to be justified, have been substantially altered; and/or

4. The duties, responsibilities, and/or minimum requirements for a job code have been altered significantly; and/or

5. Adjustment is necessary to maintain comparability with similarly-situated employees in represented bargaining units.

B. Internal Adjustment Cap

Internal adjustment costs shall not exceed an annualized cost of 1.15% of the total payroll cost for the employees covered by this Ordinance, 0.25% of which is available for base wage adjustments, and 0.90% of which is available for one-time adjustments.

SECTION 4. ACTING ASSIGNMENT PAY

A. Employees assigned by the Appointing Officer to perform the full range of essential functions of a position in a higher job code shall receive compensation at a higher salary if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The assignment is in writing with copies to the Department of Human Resources and Controller.

2. The assignment conforms to all Civil Service Commission Rules, policies and procedures.

3. The position to which the employee is assigned is a budgeted position.
4. The employee is assigned to perform the duties of a higher job code for longer than ten (10) consecutive working days, after which acting assignment pay shall be retroactive to the first day of the assignment.

B. If each of the above criteria are met, and upon written approval by the Appointing Officer, an employee shall be paid one full salary step adjustment (approximately 5%) as acting assignment pay, provided that pay does not exceed the maximum step of the salary grade of the job code to which the employee was temporarily assigned. Premiums based on percent of salary shall be paid at a rate that includes acting assignment pay.

C. This provision does not govern requests for classification or reclassification review.

SECTION 5. SUPERVISORY DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTMENT

The Appointing Officer may adjust the compensation of a supervisory employee whose compensation grade is set by this Ordinance subject to the following conditions:

A. The supervisor, as part of the regular responsibilities of the supervisor's job code, supervises, directs, is accountable for, and is in charge of the work of a subordinate or subordinates.

B. The supervisor must actually supervise the technical content of subordinate work and possess education and/or experience appropriate to the technical assignment.

C. The organization is a permanent one approved by the Appointing Officer or applicable board or commission, and is a matter of record based upon review and investigation by the Department of Human Resources.

D. The job codes of both the supervisor and the subordinate are appropriate to the organization and have a normal, logical relationship to each other in terms of their respective duties and levels of responsibility and accountability in the organization.
E. The compensation grade of the supervisor is less than one full step (approximately 5%) over the compensation grade, exclusive of extra pay, of the employee supervised.

F. The adjustment of the compensation grade of the supervisor shall not exceed 5% over the compensation, exclusive of extra pay, of the employee supervised. If the application of this section adjusts the compensation grade of an employee in excess of the employee’s immediate supervisor, whose job code is also covered by this Ordinance, the pay of such immediate supervisor shall be adjusted to an amount $1.00 bi-weekly in excess of the base rate of the supervisor’s highest paid subordinate, provided that the other applicable conditions of this section are also met.

G. In no event will the Appointing Officer approve a supervisory salary adjustment in excess of two (2) full steps (approximately 10%) over the supervisor’s current base compensation, exclusive of extra compensation. If in the following fiscal year a salary inequity continues to exist, the Appointing Officer may again review the circumstances and may grant an additional salary adjustment not to exceed two (2) full steps (approximately 10%).

H. The compensation adjustment is retroactive to the date the employee became eligible, but not earlier than the beginning of the current fiscal year.

I. The Human Resources Department may review any changes in the conditions or circumstances that were and are relevant to the request for salary adjustment under this section.

SECTION 6. SEVERANCE PAY (FOR MANAGEMENT UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ONLY)

A. When an exempt employee in the Management Unit (002) covered by this Ordinance is involuntarily released from employment, the Appointing Officer will endeavor to
inform the employee at least thirty (30) calendar days before the employee’s final day of work. Where the Appointing Officer fails or declines to inform the employee a full thirty (30) days in advance, the employee shall receive pay in lieu of the number of days less than thirty (30) upon which the employee was informed.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 6, when an exempt employee in the Management Unit (002) covered by this Ordinance is involuntarily released from employment and fully separated from City service, i.e., no underlying permanent job code, the employee shall also receive one week’s severance pay for each full year of continuous service, up to a maximum of 26 weeks, in exchange for a release signed by the employee of any and all claims arising out of the employee’s employment, including but not limited to termination of that employment and claims arising under this Ordinance, that the employee may have against the City, including any City officer or employee. This release shall be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney and shall include a waiver of any rights the employee may have to return to City employment (e.g., holdover roster), a waiver of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and a waiver of claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The release shall exclude the right to griev the proper amount of notice or severance pay due under this section.

C. When an exempt employee in the Management Unit (002) covered by this Ordinance is involuntarily returned to a permanent job code, that employee may elect to separate fully from City service and in such case shall receive one week’s severance pay for each full year of continuous service, up to a maximum of 26 weeks, in exchange for a release signed by the employee of any and all claims arising out of employee’s employment, including but not limited to termination of that employment and claims arising under this Ordinance, that the employee may have against the City including any City officer or employee. This release shall be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney and shall include a waiver of any rights the
employee may have to return to City employment (e.g., holdover roster), a waiver of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and a waiver of claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The release shall exclude the right to grieve the proper amount of notice or severance pay due under this section.

D. Additionally, any employee accepting severance pay under this provision shall be ineligible for appointment to City service under Charter Section A8.511 (“Proposition F” appointment) in the department from which the employee was released for a period of two (2) years from the date of release.

E. If the employee declines to elect severance within ten (10) working days of receiving an offer of severance, then the City will afford the employee any due process and appeal rights that may be available under this Ordinance, and severance pay will not be available to the employee.

F. Payment of severance is dependent upon approval by the Appointing Officer, Controller, and the Human Resources Director. Approval will be based on a good faith consideration of whether the employee’s release was involuntary, was initiated by the Appointing Officer, and was in the best interests of the City; and whether the termination of employment was based on conduct involving misappropriation of public funds or property, misuse or destruction of public property, mistreatment of persons (including actions of discrimination, harassment or retaliation), acts or omissions of dishonesty, or acts that would constitute a felony or misdemeanor. Additionally, an employee eligible for severance pursuant to Sections 6(B) or 6(C) above may receive severance pursuant to either section, but not both.
SECTION 7. PREMIUM PAY

All premiums and additional forms of compensation described in this Ordinance shall be paid only for actual hours worked.

There shall be no pyramiding of premiums for purposes of compensation calculations. Each premium shall be calculated on the base wage rate exclusive of any and all premiums, benefits and other forms of additional compensation.

SECTION 8. APPOINTMENT AND ADVANCEMENT THROUGH SALARY STEPS

Appointing Officers may appoint employees to any step, at any time, in the salary grade up to but not exceeding the maximum of the salary grade. If there are no steps within the salary grade, the Appointing Officer may appoint employees to any place within the grade at any time, providing that the placement does not exceed the salary grade maximum.

Employees who enter below the salary grade maximum may advance one step following completion of one year required service. Further increments may accrue following completion of the required service at this step and at each successive step.

An employee’s scheduled step increase may be denied if the employee’s performance has been unsatisfactory to the City. The denial of a step increase is subject to the grievance procedure; provided, however, that nothing in this section is intended to or shall make performance evaluations subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION 9. METHODS OF CALCULATION

A. Bi-Weekly. An employee whose compensation is fixed on a bi-weekly basis shall be paid the bi-weekly salary for the position for work performed during the bi-weekly payroll period. There shall be no compensation for time not worked unless such time off is authorized time off with pay.
B. Per Diem or Hourly. An employee whose compensation is fixed on a per diem or hourly basis shall be paid the daily or hourly rate for work performed during the bi-weekly payroll period on a bi-weekly pay grade. There shall be no compensation for time not worked unless such time off is authorized time off with pay.

SECTION 10. WORK SCHEDULES

A. REGULAR WORK SCHEDULES

1. Regular Work Day. Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, a regular workday is a tour of duty of eight (8) hours of work completed within not more than nine (9) hours.

2. Regular Work Week. The Appointing Officer shall determine the work schedule for employees. A regular work week is a tour of duty of five (5) worked days within a seven (7) day period. However, employees who are moving from one shift or one work schedule to another may be required to work in excess of five (5) working days in conjunction with changes in their work shifts or schedules.

3. Employees shall receive no compensation when properly notified (2-hour notice) that work applicable to the job code is not available because of inclement weather conditions, shortage of supplies, traffic conditions, or other unusual circumstances. Employees who are not properly notified and report to work and are informed no work applicable to the job code is available shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours. Employees who have been designated by their department as emergency personnel must report to work as scheduled unless otherwise notified by the Appointing Officer. Employees who begin their shifts and are subsequently relieved of duty due to the above reasons shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours, and for hours actually worked beyond two (2) hours, computed to the nearest one-quarter hour.
B. ALTERNATE WORK SCHEDULES

The Appointing Officer may enter into cost equivalent alternate work schedules for some or all employees covered by this Ordinance. Such alternate work schedules may include, but are not limited to, core hours flex-time; full-time work weeks of less than five (5) days; or a combination of features mutually agreeable to the parties. Such changes in the work schedule shall not alter the basis for, nor entitlement to, receiving the same rights and privileges as those provided to employees on five (5) day, forty (40) hour a week schedules.

C. VOLUNTARY REDUCED WORK WEEK

Subject to approval by the Appointing Officer, employees covered by this Ordinance may voluntarily elect to work a reduced work week for a specified period of time. Such reduced work week shall not be less than twenty (20) hours per week. Pay, vacation, holidays and sick pay shall be reduced proportionately in accordance with any such reduced work week.

SECTION 11. STANDBY PAY

Employees who, as part of the duties of their positions are required by the Appointing Officer to standby when normally off duty to be instantly available to be called in for immediate service to perform their regular duties, shall be paid ten percent (10%) of their regular straight time rate of pay for the period of standby service. When such employees are called to perform their regular duties during the period of standby service, they shall immediately respond, and shall be paid while engaged in such service at the usual rate of pay for such service.

The provisions authorizing standby pay do not apply to job codes designated by a “Z” symbol.
SECTION 12. OVERTIME COMPENSATION

A. Subject to sub-paragraphs (B) through (D) below, the Appointing Officer may require employees to work longer than the regular work day or the regular work week.

B. Employees working in job codes who are designated as having a regular work week of less than forty (40) hours shall not be entitled to overtime compensation for work performed in excess of their specified regular hours until such hours exceed forty (40) hours actually worked per week. Overtime shall be calculated and paid on the basis of the total number of straight time hours actually worked in a week. Overtime compensation so earned shall be computed subject to all the provisions and conditions set forth in this section 12.

C. Only legal holidays, listed in Section 14 (“Holidays”), shall count as hours worked for the purposes of computing overtime.

D. Employees in non-"Z" designated job codes who are required to work overtime shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half times their regular base rate. An employee may elect to accrue Compensatory Time Off ("CTO") in lieu of overtime, provided that the Appointing Officer approves that election. In no instance may an employee accrue more than one hundred sixty (160) hours of CTO. Non-“Z” classified employees who are appointed to a position in another department shall have their entire CTO balance paid out at the rate of the underlying classifications prior to appointment. Non-“Z” classified employees who are appointed to positions in a higher, non-“Z” designated classifications or who are appointed to positions in a “Z” designated classifications shall have their entire CTO balance paid out at the rate of the lower classifications prior to promotion.

E. Employees in job codes designated by a "Z" symbol shall not be paid for overtime worked but may earn CTO at the rate of one hour for each hour worked in excess of 40 hour per week. The maximum amount of CTO a Z designated employee may accrue is one hundred sixty (160) hours with the exception of class 1282 Manager Employee Relations,
for whom the maximum amount of CTO such employees may accrue is one hundred (100) hours in a fiscal year. In lieu of accruing CTO during the fiscal year, unrepresented department heads, the 1283 Director of Employee Relations and employees in AB44 Confidential Chief Attorney II shall have the same Management Leave benefit applicable to employees in job codes assigned to the EM Group.

SECTION 13. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

To the extent that this Ordinance fails to afford employees the overtime or compensatory time off benefits to which they are entitled under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), this Ordinance authorizes and directs all City departments to ensure that their employees receive, at a minimum, such FLSA benefits.

SECTION 14. HOLIDAYS

Except when normal operations require, or in an emergency, employees covered by this Ordinance shall not be required to work on the following days hereby declared to be holidays for such employees:

January 1 (New Year's Day)
the third Monday in January (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)
the third Monday in February (President's Day)
the last Monday in May (Memorial Day)
July 4 (Independence Day)
the first Monday in September (Labor Day)
the second Monday in October (Indigenous Peoples Day and Italian American Heritage Day)

November 11 (Veteran's Day)
Thanksgiving Day
the day after Thanksgiving

December 25 (Christmas Day)

Provided however, that, if January 1, July 4, November 11 or December 25 falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is the holiday.

In addition, any day declared a holiday by proclamation of the Mayor, after such day has been declared a holiday by the Governor of the State of California or the President of the United States, shall also be a holiday.

For those employees assigned to a work week of Monday through Friday, and in the event a legal holiday falls on Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday; provided, however, that except where the Governor declares that such preceding Friday shall be a legal holiday, each department head shall make provision for the staffing of public offices under the department head’s jurisdiction on such preceding Friday, so that those public offices may serve the public as provided in the Administrative Code Section 16.4. Those employees who work on a Friday that is observed as a holiday in lieu of a holiday falling on Saturday shall be allowed a day off in lieu thereof as scheduled by the Appointing Officer in the current or following fiscal year. The City shall provide one week’s advance notice to employees scheduled to work on the observed holiday, except in cases of unforeseen operational needs.

The City shall accommodate religious belief or observance of employees as required by law.

Employees are entitled to five (5) floating holidays totaling forty (40) hours (pro-rated for eligible part-time employees), in each fiscal year to be taken on days selected by the employee subject to prior scheduling approval of the Appointing Officer. Employees hired on an as-needed, intermittent or seasonal basis shall not receive floating holidays. Floating holidays may be taken in hourly increments up to and including the number of hours
contained in the employee’s regular shift. Floating holidays may be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next. The number of floating holidays carried forward to a succeeding fiscal year may not exceed the total number of floating holidays received in the previous fiscal year. No compensation of any kind shall be earned or granted for floating holidays not taken.

Floating holidays are to be scheduled per mutual agreement, based on operational needs of the department.

SECTION 15. HOLIDAY COMPENSATION FOR TIME WORKED

Employees required by their Appointing Officer to work on any of the holidays specified in Section 14 or to substitute holidays excepting Fridays observed as holidays in lieu of holidays falling on Saturday, shall be paid extra compensation of one (1) additional day's pay at time and one-half (1-1/2) the usual rate in the amount of twelve (12) hours pay for eight (8) hours worked or a proportionate amount if less than eight (8) hours worked; provided, however, that at an employee's request and with the approval of the Appointing Officer, an employee may be granted CTO in lieu of paid overtime.

Employees occupying positions that are exempt from the FLSA shall not receive extra compensation for holiday work but may be granted time off at the discretion of the Appointing Officer.

SECTION 16. HOLIDAYS FOR EMPLOYEES ON WORK SCHEDULES OTHER THAN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

A. Employees assigned to seven (7) day-operation departments or employees working a five (5) day work week other than Monday through Friday shall be allowed another day off if a holiday falls on one of their regularly scheduled days off.
B. Employees whose holidays are changed because of shift rotations shall be allowed another day off if a legal holiday falls on one of their days off.

C. Employees required to work on a holiday that falls on a Saturday or Sunday shall receive holiday compensation for work on that day. Holiday compensation shall not then be additionally paid for work on the Friday preceding a Saturday holiday, nor on the Monday following a Sunday holiday.

D. Sections (B) and (C) above shall apply to part-time employees on a pro-rata basis. If the provisions of this section deprive an employee of the same number of legal holidays that an employee receives who works Monday through Friday, the employee shall be granted additional days off to equal such number of holidays. The designation of such days off shall be by mutual agreement of the employee and the appropriate employer representative. Such days off must be taken within the fiscal year. In no event shall the provisions of this section result in the employee receiving more or less holidays than an employee on a Monday through Friday work schedule.

SECTION 17. EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HOLIDAY COMPENSATION

Persons employed for holiday work only, or persons employed on a part-time work schedule that is less than twenty (20) hours in a bi-weekly pay period, or persons employed on an intermittent part-time work schedule (not regularly scheduled), or persons employed on as-needed, seasonal or project basis for less than six (6) months continuous service, or persons on leave without pay status both immediately preceding and immediately following the legal holiday shall not receive holiday pay.
SECTION 18. PART-TIME EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR HOLIDAYS

Part-time employees who regularly work a minimum of twenty (20) hours in a bi-weekly pay period shall be entitled to holiday pay on a proportionate basis.

Regular full-time employees are entitled to 8/80 or 1/10 time off when a holiday falls in a bi-weekly pay period, therefore, part-time employees, as defined in the immediately preceding paragraph, shall receive a holiday based upon the ratio of 1/10 of the total hours regularly worked in a bi-weekly pay period. The computation of holiday time off shall be rounded to the nearest hour.

The proportionate amount of holiday time off shall be taken in the same fiscal year in which the holiday falls. Holiday time off shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the Appointing Officer.

SECTION 19. IN-LIEU HOLIDAYS

A. Requests for in-lieu holidays shall be made to the Appointing Officer within thirty (30) days after the holiday is earned and must be taken within the fiscal year.

B. In-lieu holidays will be assigned by the Appointing Officer if not scheduled in accordance with the procedures described herein.

C. An in-lieu holiday can be carried over into the next fiscal year only with the written approval of the Appointing Officer.

SECTION 20. PROBATIONARY PERIODS

Probationary periods shall be defined and administered by the Civil Service Commission. All permanent civil service appointees shall serve a probationary period of 2,080 regularly scheduled hours work, including legal holidays (LHP).
A probationary period may be extended by mutual written agreement between the employee and the Appointing Officer.

SECTION 21. HEALTH AND WELFARE

The City’s contributions to employee health, dental, and other insurance benefits will be equivalent to those offered to members of the City’s bargaining unit #32.

In addition, employees who are Health Services System members are eligible for one (1) annual VDT examination and prescribed eyewear.

SECTION 22. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION

Employees in classifications covered by this Ordinance shall pay their own employee retirement contributions as set forth in the San Francisco Charter.

The parties acknowledge that the San Francisco Charter establishes the levels, terms and conditions of retirement benefits for members of the San Francisco City and County Employees Retirement System (“SFERS”). The fact that the Ordinance does not specify that a certain item of compensation is excluded from retirement benefits does not and should not be construed to mean that SFERS will include the compensation when calculating retirement benefits.

SECTION 23. PRE-RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINAR

Subject to development, availability, and scheduling by SFERS, employees shall be allowed release time to attend a pre-retirement planning seminar sponsored by SFERS.

Employees must provide at least two (2) weeks advance notice of their desire to attend a retirement planning seminar to the Appointing Officer. An employee who has timely requested release time shall be released from work to attend the seminar unless staffing
requirements or other department exigencies require, the employee’s attendance at work on the day such seminar is scheduled. Release time shall not be unreasonably withheld.

All such seminars must be located within the Bay Area.

This section shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

SECTION 24. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION AND RETURN TO WORK

The City will make a good faith effort to return employees who have sustained an occupational injury or illness to temporary modified duty within the employee’s medical restriction. Duties of the modified assignment may differ from the employee’s regular job duties or from job duties regularly assigned to employees in the injured employee’s job code. Where appropriate modified duty is not available within the employee’s job code, on the employee’s regular shift, and in the employee’s department, the employee may be temporarily assigned pursuant to this section to work in another job code, on a different shift, and/or in another department, subject to the approval of the Appointing Officer. The decision to provide modified duty and/or the impact of such decisions shall not be subject to grievance or arbitration. Modified duty assignments may not exceed three (3) months. An employee assigned to a modified duty assignment shall the regular base rate of pay and shall not be eligible for any other additional compensation (premiums) or out of class assignment pay as may be provided under this Ordinance.

An employee who is absent because of an industrial disability and who is receiving Temporary Disability, Vocational Rehabilitation Maintenance Allowance, or State Disability Insurance, may request to supplement the amount of disability indemnity payment with salary to be charged against the employee’s accumulated unused sick leave with pay credit balance, CTO, vacation, or other paid leave as available, so as to equal the normal salary the
employee would have earned for the regular work schedule. Use of CTO for this purpose requires approval from the employee’s Appointing Officer.

An employee who wishes not to supplement, or who wishes to supplement with CTO or vacation, must submit a written request to the Appointing Officer within seven (7) calendar days following the first date of absence. Disability indemnity payments will be automatically supplemented with sick pay credits (if the employee has sick pay credits and is eligible to use them) to provide up to the employee’s normal salary unless the employee makes an alternative election as provided in this section.

Employee supplementation of workers’ compensation payments to equal the full salary the employee would have earned for the regular work schedule in effect when the workers’ compensation leave began shall be drawn only from an employee’s paid leave credits including vacation, sick leave, or other paid leave as available. An employee returning from disability leave will accrue sick leave at the regular rate and not an accelerated rate.

Salary may be paid on regular time-rolls and charged against the employee’s sick leave with pay, vacation, or CTO credit balance during any period before the determination of eligibility for disability indemnity payment without requiring a signed option by the employee. Sick leave with pay, vacation, or CTO credits shall be used to supplement disability indemnity pay at the minimum rate of one (1) hour units.

This section clarifies and supersedes any conflicting provisions of the Civil Service Commission Rules that are within the Charter authority or reserved rights of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 25. STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

Upon a statement by a majority of employees in a job code, or by the sole incumbent in a single “A” position, or by the majority of employees in a multi “A” position, requesting that
they be enrolled in the State Disability Program, the City shall take all necessary action to enroll affected employees therein.

SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATUTES

This Ordinance shall be interpreted, administered, and applied in a manner that complies with the provisions of federal, state, and local disability and anti-discrimination laws. The City shall have the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate to ensure compliance with such laws.

A complaint of discrimination may, at the option of the employee, be processed through the grievance procedure of this Ordinance, or through the applicable Civil Service rules, the City Administrative Code, and federal and state law. If the employee elects to pursue remedies for discrimination complaints outside the procedure of this Ordinance, that election shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue that complaint through the grievance process under this Ordinance. To the extent permissible by law, if there is an election to pursue the complaint through the grievance process under this Ordinance, that election shall constitute a waiver of the right to pursue the complaint in other forums.

SECTION 27. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

The City will allocate $30,000 for the Tuition Reimbursement Program for employees covered by this Ordinance. Employees covered by this Ordinance may be reimbursed up to a maximum of $2,500 for tuition, registration fees, books and other materials for internal or external training programs that will enhance the employee’s work skills, professional conferences, professional association memberships and desired licenses relevant to the employee’s current classification. Tuition reimbursement must be approved by the employee’s
Appointing Officer and be in accordance with procedures determined by the Human Resources Director.

Subject to approval by the Appointing Officer and to the extent funds are available, and as permissible under applicable law, including Administrative Code Chapter 12X, employees may utilize up to $1,000 of the maximum funds available to them under this section to pay for the cost of reasonable and necessary travel and lodging for approved training. Travel reimbursement rates shall be as specified by, and guidance regarding Chapter 12X provided in, the Controller’s Accounting Policies and Procedures. Tuition Reimbursement Funds may not be used for food.

In addition, subject to the approval of the Appointing Officer, an employee may also be reimbursed up to $1,000 of the maximum funds available to them for the purchase of handheld electronic devices (e.g. smartphones, tablets), laptop computers, professional software, and books and subscriptions for use in the performance of their City duties. Tuition reimbursement must be approved by the Appointing Officer and be in accordance with procedures determined by the Human Resources Director.

SECTION 28. RENEWAL FEES FOR CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES OR REGISTRATIONS

When a certificate, license or registration is required by the Civil Service Commission as a minimum qualification for City employment in a position covered by this Ordinance, the City will reimburse the employee for the amount of the mandatory fee for the renewal of such certificate, license or registration.
SECTION 29. BAR DUES

Full-time permanent exempt employees covered by this Ordinance who, as a condition of employment, are required to be a member of the California State Bar shall be reimbursed for annual mandatory minimum California State Bar dues, as well as one subcommittee membership.

SECTION 30. TRAINING, CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVES

Employees covered by this Ordinance shall be on paid status when assigned to attend required educational programs scheduled during normal working hours.

SECTION 31. LIFE INSURANCE

Upon becoming eligible to participate in the Health Service System under San Francisco Administrative Code Section 16.700, the City shall provide life insurance in the amount of $50,000 for all employees covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 32. SAFETY EQUIPMENT & PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

All employees covered by this Ordinance shall be provided with safety equipment and protective clothing in accordance with Cal-OSHA requirements and as deemed appropriate and authorized by the Appointing Officer.

SECTION 33. PARENTAL LEAVE

Upon proper advance notification, employees covered by this Ordinance may be granted up to forty (40) hours parental leave per fiscal year, four (4) hours of which will be paid leave to participate in the activities of a school or licensed child day care facility of any of the employee’s children. An employee may take two (2) hours of paid leave between July 1 to
December 31, and another two (2) hours paid leave from January 1 to June 30. In addition, parental leave shall not exceed eight (8) hours in any calendar month of the year.

To qualify for parental leave, an employee must give reasonable notice to the employee’s immediate supervisor before taking the time off. The employee must provide written verification from the school or licensed child day care facility that the employee participated in school/child care related activities on a specific date and at a particular time, if requested by management. The employee may utilize either existing vacation, CTO, or personal (unpaid) leave to account for absences qualifying for parental leave after the employee has used the paid leave hours as provided above. If both of the child’s parents are employed by the City at the same worksite, the entitlement to a planned absence on parental leave applies only to the parent who first gives notice.

Denial of parental leave under this section is not subject to the grievance process.

SECTION 34. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Covered employees shall be reimbursed at the Controller’s certified rate per mile when required to use their personal vehicle for City business.

SECTION 35. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definition:

A grievance shall be defined as any dispute that involves the interpretation or application of this Ordinance. The grievance must state the circumstances about which the grievant claims to be aggrieved, the section(s) of the Ordinance that the grievant believes were violated, and the remedy or solution sought by the grievant.

B. General Provisions:
In no event shall a grievance include a claim for money relief for more than a thirty (30) calendar day period before the grievant initiated the grievance.

If the supervisor or Appointing Officer fails to respond within the required time limits specified in paragraph C below, the grievant may then present the grievance in writing to the next higher step. If the grievant fails to present the grievance to the next higher step within the required time limits, then the grievance is considered withdrawn.

The parties may extend the time limits set forth in this grievance procedure by mutual written agreement.

Any deadline date under this section that falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday listed in Section 14 shall be continued to the next business day.

C. Procedure:

Step 1 Immediate Supervisor

An employee having a grievance must first discuss it with the employee’s immediate supervisor. The employee’s immediate supervisor is the individual who immediately assigns, reviews or directs the work of an employee.

If a solution to the grievance, satisfactory to the employee and immediate supervisor, is not accomplished by the informal discussion, the employee may pursue the matter further. The employee shall submit a written statement of the grievance to the immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) calendar days of the facts or event giving rise to the grievance or within fifteen (15) calendar days from such time as the employee should have known of the occurrence thereof. The discussion with the supervisor described in the preceding paragraph does not extend the time to submit the written grievance.

The immediate supervisor will make every effort to arrive at a prompt resolution by investigating the issue. The immediate supervisor shall respond within ten (10) calendar days.
Step 2 Department Head or Designee

If the employee is not satisfied with the decision rendered at Step 1, the employee shall submit the grievance in writing to the Appointing Officer within fifteen (15) calendar days of receiving notification of the Step 1 decision or the due date for the Step 1 decision. The grievance shall include a specific description of the basis for the claim, the Ordinance section(s) believed violated and the resolution desired, and an explanation of why the Step I response is insufficient. The parties shall meet within fifteen (15) calendar days, unless a mutually agreed upon alternative is established. The Appointing Officer shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance, or within ten (10) calendar days of the date the meeting is held, whichever comes later, respond in writing to the grievance, specifying the reason(s) for concurring with or denying the grievance.

Step 3 Director, Employee Relations Division

If the employee is not satisfied with the decision of the Appointing Officer, the employee shall submit the grievance to the Employee Relations Director within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the Appointing Officer’s decision or the date that decision was due. The employee shall state why the Step II response is insufficient.

The Employee Relations Director shall have thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written grievance in which to review and seek resolution of the grievance and to render a decision concurring with or denying the grievance. The Employee Relations Director’s decision shall be final and binding.

SECTION 36. PAPERLESS PAY POLICY

A. The Citywide Paperless Pay Policy will apply to all employees covered by this Ordinance.
B. Under the policy, all employees shall be able to access their pay advices electronically, and print them in a confidential manner. Employees without computer access shall be able to receive hard copies of their pay advices through their payroll offices upon request, on a one-time or ongoing basis.

C. Under the policy, all employees (regardless of start date) will have two options for receiving pay: direct deposit or pre-loaded bank pay card.

SECTION 37. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

All employees covered by this Ordinance shall be subject to post-accident testing as defined in the City’s Substance Abuse Prevention Policy (“SAPP”). All employees covered by this Ordinance who perform safety-sensitive functions as defined by the SAPP shall be subject to reasonable suspicion testing as defined in the SAPP. The City’s SAPP is posted on the Department of Human Resources website.

SECTION 38. SAVINGS CLAUSE

If a court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction rules that any provision of this Ordinance is invalid, that ruling shall not invalidate the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Ordinance. If any ruling by a court or administrative body renders any provision of this Ordinance invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Ordinance.

SECTION 39. EFFECTIVE AND OPERATIVE DATES.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment, and shall become operative on July 1, 2019. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the Ordinance, the Mayor returns the
Ordinance unsigned or does not sign the Ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the Ordinance.

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