

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

City of Kaukauna
Council Chambers
Municipal Services Building
144 W. Second Street, Kaukauna



Monday, December 01, 2025 at 6:10 PM

AGENDA

In-Person and Remote Teleconference via ZOOM

1. Correspondence.
 - [a.](#) Email from Roy Van Zeeland on Longevity Pay.
 - [b.](#) Email from John Neumeier on Longevity Pay.
2. Discussion Topics.
 - [a.](#) Full-time backfill for retirement- Police Department.
 - [b.](#) Full-time backfill for retirement- Street Department.
 - [c.](#) Employee Handbook Changes.
 - [d.](#) Longevity Discussion.
 - [e.](#) 2026 Pay Schedule and Position Classification.
3. Adjourn.

NOTICES

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Begin forwarded message:

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Date: October 6, 2025 at 8:15:34 AM CDT

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Subject: Longevity Pay

Common Council,

Please consider reinstating the longevity pay to the city employees. The merit-based program will just cause problems with morale. The Street Department was told the city does not want to reward employees for just being here but yet honor years of service. The longevity pay is also honoring years of service. There have been NO changes to the handbook which still says longevity will be paid out.

Thank You,

Roy Van Zeeland

From: John Neumeier <jneumeier@kaukauna.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 4:28:00 PM
To: Kayla Nessmann <knessmann@kaukauna.gov>; Tony Penterman <mayor@kaukauna.gov>
Subject: FW: F&P - Disagreement with staff recommendation

Good Afternoon Finance and Personnel Committee,

I want to formally express my frustration with the 2nd recommended action for F&P item 2f on tonight's agenda:

There are 18 people who would be slated for a step increase, as of the date of this memo, in the second half of the year. To pull those increases forward to consolidate to a mid-year timing would cost an additional \$16,631 using the same method as above to calculate the value.

\$16,000 was budgeted in 2025 for the Merit Incentive plan, and the funds were not used, which could be used to offset the cost for this consolidation.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is requested to approve:

1. Restructuring of compensation and performance processes as outlined in the Performance Management 2026 Proposal and Compensation Program Administration Guide 2026.
2. Use the 2025 funds budgeted for Merit Incentive towards the one-time payment adjustment for the step-date consolidation in 2026 (if #1 is approved).

I agree with and applaud the direction of HR staff to make the performance management system function better for all involved, this is needed. I appreciate that the new system looks to be more consistent and more comprehensible for all. I feel the proposed policies and background information provided are thorough and they are appreciated. However, that same background information provided for the compensation plan discussion at FP 4/3/2024 is one main reason for my frustration and concern:

To: Finance and Personnel Committee
 From: Shanon Swaney, Human Resources Director
 Date: April 3, 2024
 Re: Compensation Plan Discussion

Background:

On March 18, 2024, the first draft of the proposed compensation plan was presented and discussed. This compensation system uses the data from our 2022 compensation and classification study as a framework and combines elements of performance to enhance the compensation program.

Some key highlights of this proposed system include:

- The system incorporates all regular full-time and part-time non-represented employees, including the street department.
 - Street department employees in grade 10 would be eligible for a \$.50 step up when working in a grade 11 position.
- Step A represents a 6-month step increase interval. Steps B-I represent 12-month step increase intervals. Employees who start on step A and meet all system requirements would progress to the max in 7 years.
- The system includes both performance and longevity components. Employees must meet required performance scores on their annual review and complete a successful step check-in to receive their step increase. They must also meet a minimum amount of time on each applicable step.
- The system includes merit incentives for employees who make outstanding contributions to their department and to the city.
- As part of the overall compensation system proposal, staff are recommending removing the longevity pay policy from employee handbook effective 1/1/2025 and reallocating those funds to support the proposed merit incentives.

It is my understanding that this Compensation Plan was approved on/around April 15, 2024. Based on this plan, difficult discussions were had with City staff about the elimination of longevity pay, a long standing incentive at the city. The promise of an opportunity for merit pay approved by the City did soften the blow for many and also showed the City's direction of rewarding not just staying onboard, but recognizing hard work, good ideas, and going above and beyond. The system was set-up and funded as an incentive to workers with funds that were previously allocated as an incentive to workers; this makes sense to me even though it wasn't an exact 1-1 trade off. Due to the way the merit system was designed, or lack of design, and due to the merit incentive committee's choice not to award the merit pay to anyone, those funds were not spent, but that doesn't mean the incentive wasn't earned. \$16,000 should be returned to the employees as an incentive. Examples might include a final longevity pay check, a one-time incentive/bonus pay across the board, we could find an approved merit payout option as promised, or any other ideas that may have more thought involved than my 20 minutes, but it should be returned to the employees as an approved incentive. I believe that taking and using these funds in a different manner is wrong and, even though it was not intended to be, deceitful to employees. I understand the dollar amounts that we are discussing are small in the grand scheme, but the proposed action is a big step in the wrong direction for City/employee relations.

Moving forward, if the City chooses to eliminate the merit incentive, and to not return to a longevity, or other incentive program to employees in the proposed budget, that is not something I would likely endorse, but it is an understandable choice. If the current proposed program is approved and merit pay is completely removed as an option, it should be communicated clearly to all employees that we have already removed longevity pay, promised - then not delivered - merit pay, and we are now removing merit opportunity from discussions at least for the time being. That choice that can then be weighed by employees as to what it means to them personally. However, the use of money that was previously planned, budgeted, approved, and set aside to incentivize workers should not be taken away and used to fund a different initiative.

Thank you for any reconsideration of this recommendation for taking of money away from an approved employee incentive program.

John W. Neumeier

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MEMO

Human Resources

To: Finance & Personnel Committee
From: Elisa Hodge, Human Resources | Jamie Graff, Police Chief
Date: 12/1/2025
Re: Full-time backfill for retirement

Background information:

Sgt. Raether has submitted official notice for retirement, effective 3/1/2026.

With the 2025 Staffing Plan, it was approved to utilize a +1 method to stay ahead of the upcoming retirements that were already anticipated to occur beginning in 2026 – 2030.

Staff Recommended Action:

Staff seeks authorization from the Finance and Personnel Committee to recruit and hire to fill the vacancy.





MEMO

Human Resources

To: Finance & Personnel Committee

From: Elisa Hodge, Human Resources | Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent

Date: 12/1/2025

Re: Full-time backfill for retirement

Background information:

Dean Meyer has submitted official notice for retirement, effective 2/17/2026.

Staff Recommended Action:

Staff seeks authorization from the Finance and Personnel Committee to recruit and hire to fill the vacancy of Laborer.





MEMO

Human Resources

To: Finance & Personnel Committee
 From: Elisa Hodge, Human Resources
 Date: 12/1/2025
 Re: Employee Handbook

Background information:

The Employee Handbook was last updated and approved for adoption on 10/2/2023. The following changes are proposed for an updated version of the Employee Handbook:

2024 Page #	Updated Page #	Description
4	4	Change Section Description from Diversity, Equity & Inclusion to People & Culture
12	12	Hours of Work – Add language for “summer hours” to MSB and SPAR
12	N/A	Overtime – remove note about Public Works
12	N/A	Overtime – Remove “Holidays, vacation, and sick time are counted as hours worked for overtime purposes.”
12	N/A	Overtime – Remove paragraph regarding 2 hours Call Pay. This does not apply to all departments or employees.
12	N/A	Overtime – Remove paragraph regarding Comp Time. This is not utilized and would have pay and tax implications with the OBBB regulations.
16	N/A	Longevity – Delete
17	N/A	Retirement Health Savings Plan (HRS) – Delete per 7/15/2025 F&P meeting
20	19	Vision - Change plan name to MetLife
23	22	Holidays – Remove sentence “When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday...personal holiday”
23	22	Holidays – Change 8 hours holiday to pay be scheduled hours
	22	Holidays – Add subsection for Crossing Guard Holidays per 1/20/2025 Finance & Personnel Committee
27	26	Sick – Correction to December 31 st from December 1
28	27	Vacation – Language changed from earned to frontloaded

28	27	Vacation – Add retiree payout language
33	N/A	Employee Appearance – Delete 2 nd paragraph “Upon hire, engineering...”, Delete “2 sweatshirts with City log” and Delete “4 t-shirts with City logo”.
33	N/A	Employee Appearance – Delete table of DPW positions and re-write coverage to “...maintain up to 2 pairs of ...for Street Department staff.”
33	32	Employee Appearance – Add clothing allowance for DPW language per 2/3/2025 Finance & Personnel Committee
45	45	Safety Shoe – Add statement regarding Public Work not eligible due to clothing allowance
60	60	Pre-Employment Testing – Clarification that seasonal staff are drug tested when in safety-sensitive positions
61	61	Random Testing - #3 remove Crossing Guards to indicate they will be included in the random pool
63	63	Employee Assistant Program – Updated to Ascension information
66	66	Information Technology Acceptable Use – Updated Helpdesk contact to Amplitel
81	81	Alders/Municipal Judge Travel – updates per 10/20/2025 Finance & Personnel Committee agenda for revised policy for Alders. Judge will be noted with the Travel Reimbursement policy as applicable to all other employees.
82	83	Street Department Work Hours – updated per 2/3/2025 Finance & Personnel Committee to update schedules to year-round, removal of daily overtime, removal of absence pay counting toward OT (per OBBBA regulation changes)
83	84	Commercial Driver’s License – Update per 3/17/2025 Finance & Personnel Committee to CDL funding and removal of demotion language

Additional grammatical, punctuation, and general terminology of no impact were also updated.

A full copy of the revised handbook is attached.



Employee Handbook

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WELCOME TO THE CITY OF KAUKAUNA

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the City of Kaukauna. The success of the City is, in large part, attributed to our dedicated employees. We are pleased to present you with this Employee Handbook containing information about your workplace, the benefits available to you, and the expectations of you as an employee of the City of Kaukauna.

You are expected to read this handbook and familiarize yourself with its contents as soon as possible as it will answer many questions about your employment. If you need more information, you should see your supervisor, Department Head or Human Resources.

We hope everyone will take pride in being an employee of the City of Kaukauna. Again, welcome!

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF KAUKAUNA

EARLY HISTORY

Located along the Fox River in southeastern Outagamie County, the area immediately adjacent to the falls at Kaukauna was the site of considerable Indigenous settlement and activity. A large area on both the southeast and northwest sides of the Fox River at Kaukauna is recorded in the Archaeological Sites Inventory as the vicinity of a large village site occupied by the Menominee tribe and other groups. Likewise, effigy burial mounds and numerous archaeological sites are spread out along the river valley.

THE FUR TRADE ERA

Fur trappers Charles de Langlade and Pierre Grignon established a semi-permanent trading post in the Kaukauna vicinity as early as the 1760s to engage with the local Menominee population, who occupied a village of an estimated 1,500 people on the south side of the Fox River. In 1790, Dominique Ducharme, son of French fur trader Jean Ducharme, built a substantial log house at “Cacalin” and started trading with the local tribes. The land Dominique acquired in 1793 is the first known recorded land deed in the state of Wisconsin.

COMMUNITY GROWTH

The population in Kaukauna increased with the arrival of the Stockbridge tribe in 1822, an East Coast Mohican tribe who fought with the United States during the War of 1812 and the Revolutionary War. The Stockbridge moved to northeastern Wisconsin following land cession treaties with the Menominee and Ho-Chunk. Known today as the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, prominent tribe member Electa Quinney became the first female teacher in what would become the state of Wisconsin. The school, located in Kaukauna, was free and open to any denomination of religion.

FROM TRADE TO INDUSTRY

The falls at Kaukauna eventually presented an obstacle for transportation that led to the construction of a series of canals and locks in 1856, an infrastructure necessary for the local economy. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad reached Kaukauna in 1862, and by 1870, Kaukauna boasted two large flour mills, two large factories making staves for flour barrels, the Diedrich sawmill, and the Reuter Brothers spoke factory. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line north of the river joined the Milwaukee Lakeshore and Western Railroad in 1872.

In 1872, Colonel Henry A. Frambach and his brother John Stoveken opened the first paper mill in the City of Kaukauna, the Eagle Paper and Flouring Mill. The American Pulp Company was established in 1883, becoming the Thilmany Pulp and Paper Company in 1889. In 1885, the Village of Ledyard joined with the north side to form the City of Kaukauna. The creation of new waterpower canals and the construction of five municipal hydroelectric generating plants gave Kaukauna its nickname, “The Electric City.”

Today, the City of Kaukauna is a growing and prosperous community of just over 16,000 residents. Rich in natural resources and beautiful landscapes, the riverfront City of Kaukauna combines traditional Midwestern values with a history of progressive moves – from free education to clean energy – that protect and enhance the long-term health of the community for generations to come.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS HANDBOOK

The City of Kaukauna (the City) has prepared this handbook and its Appendices to provide employees with general information about the various policies and programs that affect their employment. This handbook is not intended to be a legal statement of benefits nor a comprehensive explanation of our personnel policies and practices. Its sole function is to give employees a general understanding of how the City views the employment relationship and approaches employee issues.

Certain employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Where the collective bargaining agreement and any policy or procedure contained in this handbook directly conflict, the collective bargaining agreement will supersede and have priority over the conflicting term contained in this handbook.

City employees subject to DOT/FMCSA regulations will be provided with the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures relevant to their driving position, as required by law.

In addition to the policies outlined in this handbook, Library employees are also subject to State Statute 43.

This Employee Handbook supersedes and replaces any and all policies and related materials in direct conflict with this handbook and made available to employees. The City retains the sole discretion to add, delete, or change anything contained in this handbook, with or without notice, to the extent allowed by law.

The policies, programs, and employment-related benefits outlined in this handbook are those presently in effect. Although the City will periodically update any area of this handbook to keep employees informed of changes, it may implement changes immediately and prospectively, without advance notice. The Mayor is authorized to make the final determination in interpreting or applying policies.

It is not possible to anticipate every question that might arise in the course of employment. While this handbook provides information about topics most often of interest to employees, they may, on occasion, have a question or concern that is not addressed in the handbook. If that occurs, they should direct their questions to Human Resources or their supervisor.

Nothing in this handbook, nor any other written or verbal communication, should be construed as creating a contract for employment or a warranty of benefits for any particular period of time, nor does this handbook change the "at will" employment relationship between the City and any of its employees. Employees have the right to terminate the employment relationship with the City of Kaukauna at any time, with or without notice, for any reason. The City has the same right to terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without notice, for any reason not prohibited by law.

Agreements, promises, or guarantees that alter the at-will status of an employee or otherwise create a contract for any particular term or condition of employment must be specified in writing and expressly approved by the Mayor.

RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

EXPECTATIONS

Creating and maintaining a respectful workplace requires constant attention and effort by both the organization and its employees. The City of Kaukauna is committed to supporting and providing a respectful environment. In return, the City expects all employees to demonstrate the interest and ability to be positive, productive, and professional in all work interactions. When we approach work challenges with positivity, professionalism, and an intention to solve the problem, we foster an environment of mutual respect, which is our ultimate goal.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Kaukauna is an equal opportunity employer and believes in equal opportunity for all employees and applicants. Accordingly, all employment decisions are based on the principles of equal opportunity. These decisions include recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer, discipline, compensation, benefits, training, and other personnel actions involving persons in all job titles and shall occur without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy (including childbirth and related conditions), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, ancestry, marital status, arrest and conviction records, the use or nonuse of lawful products off the employers' premises during nonwork hours, declining to attend meetings or participate in communications about religious or political matters, or any other characteristic protected by law.

No individual will be denied or receive special employment opportunities based on membership status in any protected category. Every employee of the City is expected to support this equal opportunity and nondiscrimination commitment by conducting themselves in a manner consistent with the intent and spirit of this policy.

Any individual who believes they have experienced or observed behavior contrary to this policy is required to report that information to their supervisor or Human Resources. All such reports of action contrary to this policy will be taken seriously and investigated promptly. Individuals found to have violated the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment. No individual will be retaliated against for making a good faith report of behavior contrary to this policy.

PEOPLE & CULTURE

The City is committed to developing, promoting, and maintaining a safe, professional, productive, and inclusive workplace for all employees, applicants, temporary workers, independent contractors, and any other person associated with the City of Kaukauna, including business partners, customers, and visitors. The City's commitment to diversity can be seen throughout the policies and practices detailed in this handbook.

NON-DISCRIMINATION & ANTI-HARASSMENT

The City of Kaukauna is committed to providing a workplace that is free of discrimination, harassment, bullying, and other offensive behaviors. All employees are expected to support this commitment by treating everyone they interact with through work, both internally and externally, in a way that is consistent with both the intent and spirit of this policy. Acceptable behaviors include being courteous and considerate of others, working cooperatively, and maintaining confidentiality.

In line with this commitment, the City of Kaukauna prohibits discrimination or harassment of its employees by another employee, supervisor/manager/leader, or third party for any reason including, but not limited to a person's: race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy (including childbirth and related conditions), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, ancestry, marital status, arrest and conviction records, the use or nonuse of lawful products off the employers' premises during nonwork hours, declining to attend meetings or participate in communications about religious or political matters, or any other characteristic protected by law.

This policy applies to applicants for employment, all employees, including temporary workers or independent contractors, and any other person associated with the City of Kaukauna, including business partners, customers, and visitors. This policy applies not only to the workplace, but also to all work-related activities and functions, both on and off City premises and during and outside of regular work hours.

This policy extends to all work-related interactions, whether in person, via telephone, in writing, or through electronic communications such as e-mail, text messages, instant messages, blogs, electronic conferencing, and social media postings, regardless of whether they are made through a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device or medium.

Harassment includes any unwelcome behavior that is offensive, abusive, threatening, intimidating, humiliating, or degrading to another individual. The behavior can be verbal, written, visual, or physical, and can arise out of in-person or electronic communications. While harassment may be based on protected class status, other offensive behavior that impairs morale and interferes with work effectiveness, including jokes and teasing, is also prohibited by this policy.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is a form of harassment. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. There are two types of unlawful sexual harassment:

- Quid pro quo. No one may be promised a benefit or favor in return for something sexual, and no one may be threatened with something negative to entice or coerce something sexual.
- Hostile work environment. A hostile work environment may occur when unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or conduct have the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating or offensive work environment or conditions.

Sexual harassment does not have to be of a sexual nature, however, and can include offensive remarks about a person's gender, sexual orientation, or perceived sex, gender identity, or gender expression. Sexual harassment may involve individuals of the same or different genders.

Examples of sexual harassment or other harassing or offensive behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- sexual and other offensive jokes told in person or through any electronic device.
- sexual innuendo, language, or images sent through texts, instant messages, e-mail, or other electronic devices (“sexting”).
- intimidation, sabotage, physical assaults, or threats.
- slurs, epithets, or name-calling.
- posting offensive messages on social media sites.
- unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions.
- ridicule, mockery, insults, or put-downs told in person or through any electronic device.
- physically displaying or sending discriminatory, sexually suggestive, or other offensive objects or pictures, including photos, posters, calendars, graffiti, drawings, and cartoons, or language, including jokes, through any medium, including electronically, in person, interoffice mail, or any other manner.
- interference with work performance.
- leering, staring, unwelcome touching, or physical closeness; and
- using City-provided electronic devices (including computers and cell phones) to view, display, or distribute pornography or other offensive content.

No one will be denied or given employment opportunities based on going along with or rejecting sexual advances or any other behavior prohibited by the policy.

Harassment can also take the form of microinequities, which are verbal or nonverbal behaviors that create an imbalance of treatment, and that behavior is directed toward an individual or group identity. This type of harmful behavior can be any type of communication or environmental slight that communicates insensitive, inattentive, disrespectful, or derogatory messages, and often perpetuates stereotypes.

LEGAL PROTECTIONS

The federal law prohibiting sexual harassment is the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and is enforced by the EEOC. Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. Sex discrimination involves treating an applicant or employee unfavorably because of that person's sex.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Any individual who has experienced or observed harassment or offensive behavior by anyone during their employment should feel free to ask the person to stop at once if they feel comfortable in doing so. All employees, however, are strongly encouraged to report the behavior to their supervisor, Department Head, or any other manager or Human Resources, even if they intend to respond to the person themselves. This is important for the City to be able to address the issue.

Supervisors must promptly advise Human Resources of all harassment or offensive behavior, either observed or brought to their attention by others.

Reports of offensive behavior and harassment will be promptly investigated in as discreet a manner as possible, avoiding the disclosure of names unless essential to the investigation. The City of Kaukauna has implemented the following complaint procedure:

- Any employee who believes they has been the subject of harassment should report the alleged act immediately to the Human Resources Director, the appropriate Department Head, or the Mayor.
- If a complaint involves a supervisor, the complaint should be filed directly with the Human Resources Director.
- All complaints will be addressed confidentially within three (3) working days. To the extent required by law, information concerning a complaint will not be released by the City of Kaukauna to third parties or to anyone within the City who is not involved with the investigation; nor will anyone involved be permitted to discuss the subject outside the investigation. The purpose of this provision is to protect the confidentiality of the employee who files a complaint, to encourage the reporting of incidents of harassment, and to protect the reputation of any employee wrongfully charged with harassment.
- Investigation of a complaint will normally include conferring with the parties involved and any apparent witnesses.
- Employees shall be guaranteed an impartial and fair hearing. All employees shall be protected from coercion, intimidation, retaliation, interference, or discrimination for filing a complaint or assisting in an investigation.
- If the investigation reveals that the complaint is valid, prompt attention and disciplinary action designed to stop the harassment immediately and to prevent its recurrence will be taken.

Employees are expected to cooperate in such investigations. Anyone found to have violated this policy will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment. Although the City of Kaukauna has limited ability to discipline a nonemployee engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior (such as a contractor, vendor, or supplier), the City will take remedial action aimed at stopping the conduct.

Retaliation of any kind against any person who reports a violation or assists in an investigation under this policy is strictly prohibited. Any employee who engages in these behaviors against another employee because of a complaint under this policy will be subject to corrective action.

All supervisors are responsible for the implementation of this policy and for ensuring that employees know and understand this policy. All employees will be held responsible and accountable for eliminating prohibited conduct. Questions regarding this policy should be addressed directly to Human Resources or your Department Head, who has overall responsibility for investigating and resolving harassment complaints at the City of Kaukauna.

The question of whether a particular action or incident is purely a personal, social relationship without a discriminatory employment effect requires factual determination based on all facts in the matter. Given the nature of this type of discrimination, false accusations of harassment can have serious effects on innocent individuals. The City trusts that all employees of the City of Kaukauna will continue to act responsibly to establish and maintain a pleasant working environment, free of discrimination for all. You are encouraged to raise questions you may have regarding harassment to the Human Resources Director.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The City of Kaukauna expects professional conduct from its employees. In general, this means that the City expects employees to maintain the following examples of appropriate conduct, which include, but are not limited to:

- Prompt and regular attendance.
- Acceptable standards of work quality and quantity.
- Complete attention and effort to work matters during work time.
- Compliance with and support of the City's safety and housekeeping rules.
- Employees will not falsify records, including time worked, or misrepresent reasons for absence, tardiness, or benefits or customer records.
- Employees will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the rules of society and good, courteous business practices.
- Employees will not engage in any workplace violence, threats of violence, fighting, horseplay, malicious pranks, or profanity. This can include possession or use of weapons or explosives on company premises.
- Employees will comply with and support our published policies and procedures.

An employee who commits an act that is offensive to the rules of common sense or decency, or which violates a published policy or rule of the City, may face discipline up to and including termination. The basic purpose of discipline is to provide correction so that the employee can improve their performance, unless the City believes that, under the circumstances, the employment relationship should not be continued.

Depending upon the circumstances involved, discipline issued may be a verbal warning, written warning, suspension without pay, or discharge. Progressive discipline may not be followed in all cases. Depending upon the nature of the violation and the surrounding circumstances, including, but not limited to, the employee's past work record and past conduct, one or more steps of the progressive discipline system may be repeated or skipped. Thus, in some circumstances, immediate termination may result.

WORKPLACE BULLYING POLICY

The City of Kaukauna defines bullying as repeated inappropriate behavior, either direct or indirect, whether verbal, physical, or otherwise, conducted by one or more people against another or others, at the place of work and/or in the course of employment. Such behavior violates the City's stated professional conduct standards that all employees will be treated with dignity and respect.

The City of Kaukauna considers workplace bullying as follows:

- Verbal Bullying: slandering, ridiculing, or badmouthing an individual or their family; persistent name-calling that is hurtful, insulting, or humiliating; using an individual as the object of jokes; abusive and offensive remarks.
- Physical Bullying: pushing, shoving, kicking, poking, tripping, assault, or threat of physical assault, or damage to a person's work area or property.
- Gesture Bullying: nonverbal threatening gestures or glances that can convey threatening messages.

- Exclusion: socially or physically excluding or disregarding a person in work-related activities.

In addition, the following examples may constitute or contribute to evidence of bullying in the workplace:

- Persistent singling out of an individual
- Shouting or raising voice at an individual in public and/or in private
- Using verbal or obscene gestures
- Not allowing the person to speak or express themselves (i.e., ignoring or interrupting)
- Personal insults and use of offensive nicknames; public humiliation in any form
- Constant criticism on matters unrelated or minimally related to the person's job performance or description
- Spreading rumors and gossip regarding individuals
- Pressuring others to disregard a supervisor's instructions
- Manipulating the ability of someone to do their work (e.g., overloading, underloading, withholding information, setting meaningless tasks, setting deadlines knowing that they cannot be met, giving deliberately ambiguous instructions)
- Taking credit for another person's ideas
- Unwanted physical contact, physical abuse, or threats of abuse to an individual or an individual's property (defacing or marking up property)

The purpose of this policy is to communicate to all employees that the City of Kaukauna will not tolerate bullying behavior. Violations of this policy will result in discipline, up to and including termination. Employees who have any questions regarding this policy should contact Human Resources. Employees with complaints or concerns related to this policy should immediately report them to their supervisor or Human Resources.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

The City is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all employees, including qualified individuals with disabilities. This may include providing reasonable accommodation, where appropriate.

In general, it is an employee's responsibility to notify Human Resources if they have a need for an accommodation. Upon doing so, the City may ask them for their input, the type of accommodation they believe may be necessary, or the functional limitations caused by the disability. Also, when appropriate, the City may need their written permission to obtain additional information from their physician or other medical or rehabilitation professional. Any information obtained is kept in a confidential employee file.

All requests for reasonable accommodations will be considered consistent with the business needs of the City in accordance with state and federal law. The City of Kaukauna will reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with a disability so that they can perform the essential functions of a job unless doing so causes a direct threat to the health, safety, and well-being of these individuals or others in the workplace, and the threat cannot be eliminated by reasonable accommodation, or if the accommodation creates an undue hardship to the City. All questions should be discussed with Human Resources.

PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATION

The City of Kaukauna will provide reasonable accommodations to employees for health conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth unless providing an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the business. In general, it is an employee's responsibility to notify Human Resources if they have a need for an accommodation. Reasonable accommodations may include more frequent restroom, food, or water breaks; seating consistent with the employee's essential job duties; and lifting limits or aids.

The City will engage in an interactive process with the employee in order to determine what accommodations may be reasonable and may request information from the employee's healthcare provider for additional assistance. The employee's supervisor and those identified as having a need to know may assist in determining the feasibility of the requested accommodation.

Employees requesting an accommodation related to pregnancy or childbirth should contact Human Resources.

NURSING MOTHERS

The City of Kaukauna will provide reasonable break time(s) each day to employees needing to express breast milk for their infant child. This break time must, if possible, run concurrently with any break time already provided to the employee. Any other time needed for this purpose will be considered paid or unpaid in accordance with federal and state law. Employees who are nursing mothers should see their supervisor or Human Resources for a private location for this purpose.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION

The City will reasonably accommodate the sincerely held religious beliefs, observances, and practices of its employees that conflict with employment requirements. Employees must direct requests for reasonable accommodation to Human Resources. The City will provide reasonable accommodation if it can do so without undue hardship on the City's operations.

COMPENSATION

EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

The following employment classifications have been established for overtime purposes. Benefits eligibility may differ from this. See specific benefits information for eligibility.

Full-time: An employee who is scheduled to work at least 30 hours per week if nonexempt and at least 37.5 hours per week if exempt on a regular and consistent basis.

Part-time: An employee who is scheduled to work at least 20 but less than 30 hours per week on a regular and consistent basis.

Temporary: An employee hired to supplement the workforce for a limited time only, either part-time or full-time, such as summer help or casual labor. The extension of the initially anticipated period of employment does not alter the employee's temporary status without direct confirmation of a change in status from Human Resources. Temporary employees do not receive any additional compensation or benefits provided by the City unless required by State or Federal laws.

Contract: Any person who works as an outside contractor, consultant, or through a temporary employment agency is not an employee of the City of Kaukauna; however, they remain subject to the policies of the City regarding conduct and behavior.

All employees are also defined by either exempt or nonexempt status as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), as amended and applicable state law.

Nonexempt: Employees who are paid on an hourly or salaried basis whose positions are not exempt from minimum wage, overtime, and timekeeping provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended and applicable state law. Nonexempt employees are required to receive overtime pay for any hours worked over 40 in the defined seven-day workweek.

Exempt: Employees who are paid on a salaried or commissioned basis and whose positions are exempt from the minimum wage, overtime, and certain timekeeping provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended and applicable state law. Exempt employees are paid a pre-determined amount of pay regardless of the number of hours they work each week. Exempt employees are not eligible to receive overtime pay.

If employees are unsure of their employment classification or any other wage payment issues, they should see their supervisor.

HOURS OF WORK

The Municipal Services Building and the Streets, Public Works, and Recreation offices are open for business from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on specified holidays. Both buildings are open 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-Th and 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fridays, between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Work schedules for employees vary throughout the organization. Scheduled hours of work are set by the Mayor and Department Heads. Because of the nature of the business, work hours may vary and may on occasion include overtime. Supervisors will make every effort to set the schedule in advance, though this schedule may be changed if necessary to meet business demands. Employees are expected to work overtime when requested. All employees are expected to use their time at work in a productive manner.

MEAL & OTHER BREAK PERIODS

Employees working more than 4 hours may receive an unpaid meal break of at least 30 minutes during their shift, to be scheduled by their supervisor. Nonexempt employees must record their time in and out at the beginning and end of the meal break and may not perform any work during their unpaid meal break. Employees are expected to be at their workstation, ready to work at the end of their break. Working off the clock is prohibited.

Meal and other break periods cannot be used to arrive late or leave early, and cannot be combined to create a larger single break period unless approved by their supervisor in advance.

OVERTIME

Business demands may sometimes require employees to work extra hours beyond their regularly scheduled work hours. Whenever possible, the City will notify employees in advance if overtime will be necessary. However, employees are expected to be available and to work the extra time when needed, regardless of what notice has been given, unless the employees have a pre-approved absence from their supervisor. Absences or tardiness for scheduled overtime will count as any other day of the week toward the total attendance record.

Federal and state laws determine employee eligibility for overtime pay. If employees are nonexempt and anticipate a need to work extra hours, they must receive their supervisor's approval in advance. Overtime is paid at a rate of time and one-half the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. The workweek begins at 12:00 a.m. (Midnight) on Thursday and ends on Wednesday at 11:59 p.m.

Exempt employees are not eligible for overtime pay.

PAYDAYS AND PAY DEDUCTIONS

Employees will be paid on a biweekly basis every Thursday. If a holiday falls on a payday, employees will be paid on the preceding workday.

Employees will have their payroll check deposited directly into their personal checking and/or savings account(s) and will receive an earnings statement each payday in place of a check. Employees' earnings statements will provide a complete record of their earnings and deductions and will be available online in the City's HRIS system. Only deductions required by law and those employees have authorized in writing will be deducted from their pay.

The City of Kaukauna complies with all state and federal regulations for proper payment of its employees and takes every precaution to determine the appropriateness of each deduction. Accordingly, the City prohibits pay deductions from employees' pay that do not conform to state and/or federal regulations. Any employee who believes an improper pay deduction has occurred should notify Human Resources as soon as possible. Should an improper deduction occur, the City will make every effort to correct its error and will take actions to remedy any processes necessary to ensure future errors will not occur.

Employees are responsible for reporting an overpayment of wages immediately. Failing to report an overpayment of wages may result in corrective action, up to and including termination.

TIME REPORTING

State and federal laws require the City to keep accurate records of time worked by all nonexempt employees. Our time-keeping system works not only to ensure we comply with the law, but also to ensure that employees are paid in full for all the time they have actually worked. The approved time record is used to compute earnings on the basis of hours worked.

All nonexempt employees are required to maintain a time record using the City's HRIS system provided for that purpose and are required to verify that the hours are complete and accurate by electronically reviewing the time records. All time records need to be approved by the appropriate Supervisor or Department Head.

Altering, falsifying, tampering with time records, recording time on another employee's behalf, or failing to report an error may result in corrective action, up to and including termination.

BENEFITS

GENERAL BENEFITS INFORMATION

The City of Kaukauna cares about its employees' personal well-being and provides certain benefits available for eligible employees in addition to their base compensation. Eligibility for some or all of the benefits will depend on the specific requirements of each plan.

This section of the handbook is an outline of the benefits available to employees – the specific plan provisions, including eligibility requirements, are contained in the plan documents. Any conflict between statements made in the employee handbook and the plan documents will be governed by the formal plan documents. The City reserves the right to add, modify, or terminate any or all benefits and premium contributions without notice.

The City understands that medical information about employees and their health is personal. The City is committed to protecting employee medical information and follows all federal and state laws regarding the privacy of the medical information generated by insurance plans. Other medical information received and maintained by the City that is not generated by one of the City's insurance plans will be protected and stored according to the appropriate federal and state laws.

CONTINUATION OF MEDICAL COVERAGE (COBRA)

This benefit is provided in accordance with the requirements of the federal law on continuation of health insurance (commonly known as COBRA). Employees who are eligible for insurance continuation will be provided with specific information about availability and cost.

In the event of an employee's separation of employment (including retirement), death, certain reductions of hours or entitlement to Medicare benefits, or loss of dependent status according to plan rules, employees and their eligible dependents may be eligible to continue medical coverage through the City of Kaukauna at their own expense. Employees should see Human Resources for more information.

This benefit is subject to change as necessary to comply with federal or state law. Failure to make timely payment of premiums will result in the forfeiture of continuation benefits.

It is important to know that there may be alternate coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period," which is typically a thirty-day period to enroll in these other options when losing other coverage. Some of these options may be more cost-effective than COBRA continuation coverage.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN (EAP)

The City of Kaukauna offers an employee assistance plan (EAP) to employees and their immediate family to assist them in dealing with issues such as death, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, aging parents, stress, financial difficulties, marital conflicts, adolescence, and other personal situations. In addressing such issues, employees may find it difficult to identify the cause of the specific problem and may not know where to turn to get help. Getting help early can prevent a problem from becoming overwhelming and disrupting employees' lives and those around them.

The City has contracted with a provider that will provide a professional assessment to identify the problem and determine a course of action. This program is completely confidential. The City will not be notified of any individual utilizing the program, decisions made, or problems discussed.

The Employee Assistance Program can be reached 24/7 at 1-800-540-3758 or employeeassistance.ascension.org/wisconsin/eap.

Employees should contact Human Resources with questions on the EAP.

FITNESS REIMBURSEMENT BENEFIT

The City of Kaukauna is committed to recognizing the importance of fitness and good health. The City provides all full-time and part-time employees with a Fitness Reimbursement Benefit for a health club membership in which they are participating. The City of Kaukauna will reimburse the employee for fifty percent (50%) of their annual membership to a health club up to a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200) per calendar year for full-time employees and one hundred dollars (\$100) for part-time employees. To be reimbursed, a health club membership reimbursement form must be completed and turned in to Human Resources for approval and payment.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN

Through the Flexible Spending Plan, authorized under Section 125 of the IRS Code, employees may elect to deduct specific amounts from their paychecks on a pre-tax basis for specific non-reimbursed medical expenses and dependent care expenses.

The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to modify or terminate this plan within the limitations of the IRS regulations. Questions may be directed to Human Resources.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Full-time and part-time eligible employees who have met WRS eligibility are eligible to participate in health insurance coverage through the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF). Employees are generally eligible for health insurance coverage on the first day of the month following thirty (30) days of employment.

Application for insurance coverage must be made within thirty (30) days of employment or during the open enrollment/dual choice period provided by ETF. Employees may be eligible for special enrollment if certain circumstances exist. Employees should inform Human Resources of any changes in their personal circumstances that might qualify for special enrollment.

The City of Kaukauna will pay eighty-eight percent (88%) of the applicable single or family premium of the lowest cost Tier 1 plan(s) in Outagamie County for all full-time employees. If there is more than one Tier 1 plan in Outagamie County, the City will pay 88% of the average premium of the Tier 1 plans for eligible full-time employees. The City of Kaukauna will pay fifty percent (50%) of the applicable single or family premium of the lowest cost Tier 1 plan(s) in Outagamie County for all eligible part-time employees who work a minimum of twenty-three (23) to less than thirty (30) hours per week. If there is more than one Tier 1 plan in Outagamie County, the City will pay 50% of the average premium of the Tier 1 plans for eligible part-time

employees. However, the City of Kaukauna reserves the sole discretion to alter the amount that it contributes toward employee premiums.

The City of Kaukauna retains the final authority to establish, modify, rescind, add, or in any way affect employee benefits, including retiree benefits. The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to select the carrier(s) and to determine the insurance plan's benefits, including deductibles, co-pays, and other coverage for all insurance plans offered. The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to self-fund and change the benefit structure of any insurance plan, including eligibility, at any time.

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT (HRA)

The City of Kaukauna will make an annual contribution to a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) for all employees who are enrolled in the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds Health Insurance Plan.

The City of Kaukauna's annual contribution for full-time employees is eight hundred dollars (\$800) if enrolled in a family plan and four hundred dollars (\$400) if enrolled in a single plan, along with an additional sixty-one dollars (\$61) contributed per month for employees enrolled in family coverage and twelve (\$12) per month for employees enrolled in single coverage. Part-time employees receive an annual contribution amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) for single coverage and eight hundred (\$800) for family coverage, and no additional monthly contributions.

Employees should contact Human Resources with questions on the HRA.

LIFE INSURANCE

The City of Kaukauna offers life insurance coverage under the State of Wisconsin Group Life Plan to full-time and part-time employees who meet eligibility to participate in WRS. The Plan provides basic coverage as well as optional coverage, including supplemental coverage, up to three (3) units of additional coverage, and spouse and dependent coverage. The City of Kaukauna will pay the premium for the basic coverage, which is equal to one (1) times the annual base salary. The employee will pay the premiums for any optional coverage for which the employee enrolls. Life insurance is effective on the first of the month after thirty-one (31) calendar days of employment.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The City of Kaukauna has established a number of plans to provide employees with the potential for future financial security in retirement.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The City of Kaukauna offers a voluntary supplemental retirement Section 457 savings program for all full-time and part-time employees. Employees receive information during orientation from Human Resources and must notify Human Resources if they wish to participate.

RESIDENCY INCENTIVE

Full-time and part-time employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours per year and reside in the corporate limits of the City of Kaukauna will be eligible to receive an incentive equivalent to a percentage of Wisconsin Retirement eligible wages. This incentive shall be provided as a bi-weekly contribution deposited into a 401(a) Supplemental Retirement Plan for the employee

and vested immediately upon deposit. All employer contributions shall be discretionary as authorized by the Council based on the approved maximum City liability of \$250,000 in total contributions per year.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

All qualified elected and full-time employees of the City of Kaukauna who leave their employment with the City of Kaukauna at age fifty-five (55) or older, or protective service employees with more than twenty (20) years of service who terminate employment under provisions of Chapter 40 of the Wisconsin State Statutes, shall be eligible to participate in the City's retiree health insurance program.

Eligible employees must meet all of the following criteria:

- Ten (10) years of continuous full-time service with the City of Kaukauna
- Employee is not eligible for Medicare/Medicaid
- Retires by submitting a notice of retirement/resignation to the City

The City of Kaukauna shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the applicable single or family premium of the lowest-cost Tier 1 plan in Outagamie County for employees hired after January 1, 2009, and will continue to pay seventy-five percent (75%) for employees hired before January 1, 2009. If there is more than one Tier 1 plan in Outagamie County, the City will pay 50% of the average premium of the Tier 1 plans in Outagamie County for employees hired after January 1, 2009, and will continue to pay seventy-five percent (75%) for employees hired before January 1, 2009.

RETIREE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Employees retiring from the City with a minimum of ten (10) years of service will receive a gift card with a dollar amount equal to \$10.00 per year of service.

WISCONSIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The City of Kaukauna will pay the employer's portion of the retirement contribution for full-time and part-time employees. Employees are responsible for the employee portion of the retirement contribution in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

This percentage is established by the Wisconsin Employee Trust Funds on an annual basis.

EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT & PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

To encourage continued educational development and assist the City of Kaukauna employees who wish to pursue a college or technical degree outside regular working hours, the City of Kaukauna will reimburse employees for eligible expenses related to schooling. The City of Kaukauna will also pay for professional society or association dues and credentials related to an employee's professional field.

Education reimbursement is available to all full-time and regular part-time employees after completing one year of service. A course approval form must be completed before enrolling in a course, and all courses are subject to approval of the Department Head and the Mayor. For the purposes of this policy, a full-time employee is defined as an employee who works a regular schedule with a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week. A regular part-time employee is an

employee who is regularly scheduled for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week, but less than thirty (30) hours per week.

The City will reimburse employees a portion of education costs if their request meets the following criteria:

- The degree or course is in an area related to their current job or another job that may be reasonably attainable within the City.
- The class must be taken at a college, university, technical school, or other accredited educational institution.
- The reimbursement request has been approved before the first day of class.
- Costs incurred must be verified by original receipts.
- Employees must receive a grade of "C" or better or a "pass" in a "pass/fail" course.
- Employees remain employed with the City for the duration of the course.
- Employees have submitted transcripts of their grades.

Upon submission of the receipt for education costs, official transcripts of final grade, and an education reimbursement form to Human Resources, the City will reimburse for an amount equal to 50% of the cost of tuition, registration fees, and textbooks, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per year for full-time employees and \$1,250 per year for regular part-time employees. Reimbursement will not be made for late fees, student activity fees, transportation to and from classes, parking, or other nontuition expenses.

An employee who completes a course(s) or a degree program through the education reimbursement program is required to remain employed with the City for a minimum of two (2) years beyond the receipt date of payment for each course to keep the reimbursement dollars. If an employee terminates employment before two years from completion of a course, they will be required to reimburse the City the full amount of education reimbursement received for each applicable course.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY, ASSOCIATION AND CREDENTIAL REIMBURSEMENT

Dues in a professional society or association related to the employee's field of work are subject to prior approval of the Department Head and Mayor.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The City of Kaukauna participates in Social Security for full-time employees. Social Security is a federally sponsored program that pays benefits to employees who have made regular contributions to the program during their working years. In addition to the amount employees contribute to Social Security (FICA) automatically through their paycheck, the City contributes an equal amount each pay period.

A full description of Social Security benefits is available through the Social Security Administration.

SOCIAL SECURITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Social Security Alternative Program is available to eligible seasonal, temporary, and part-time employees. To qualify, employees hired after July 1, 2011, must work less than 1200 hours per year. (Seasonal, temporary, and part-time employees hired before July 1, 2011, must work less than 600 hours per year.)

The employee pays 7.5% per paycheck instead of Social Security tax in an alternate plan in their name, managed by Pelion Benefits. Human Resources provides the information and enrollment form for this program.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The purpose of unemployment insurance is to replace part of employees' income in certain circumstances if they are laid off or terminated. The City pays the full cost of unemployment insurance, but it does not decide who is eligible for benefit payments or the amount of the payments. These eligibility and payment amounts are decided by state law.

VOLUNTARY DENTAL INSURANCE

The City of Kaukauna offers a voluntary dental insurance benefit to full-time and eligible part-time employees. This plan is offered through DeltaDental and is separate from the dental insurance offered as part of the medical plan. The voluntary dental plan is 100% employee-paid. Contact Human Resources for more information.

VOLUNTARY VISION INSURANCE

The City of Kaukauna offers a voluntary vision insurance benefit to full-time and eligible part-time employees. This plan is offered through MetLife. The voluntary dental plan is 100% employee-paid. Contact Human Resources for more information.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

All employees are entitled to workers' compensation benefits. This coverage is automatic, immediate, and protects you following a work-related injury or illness. A work-related injury is defined as an accidental injury suffered in the course of your work, or an illness that is related to performing your assigned job duties. If you cannot work due to a work-related injury or illness, workers' compensation insurance pays your medical bills and, upon meeting the required waiting period, pays a portion of your income until you can return to work.

Any accident that results in an injury, however slight, to an employee must be reported promptly, in writing, per the incident reporting procedures.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

1. Inform your immediate supervisor and complete the City's Incident Report Form.
2. Submit the completed Incident Report form to your supervisor, who will sign and submit it to HR.
3. Contact Ready Rebound at 1-800-781-2320 if the injury is musculoskeletal.

MEDICAL ATTENTION AND RETURN TO WORK

If medical attention/treatment is necessary, no employee shall return to their job until a return-to-work authorization releasing the employee to return to work is received by Human Resources from the treating physician. If, after seeking medical treatment, the treating physician prohibits the employee from returning to normal duty, the return-to-work note should indicate such restrictions and any follow-up appointments necessary.

LOST TIME

Temporary disability is not paid for the date of injury or for the three-day waiting period for absences lasting seven days or less. If an absence extends beyond seven days after the date of injury, compensation is paid for the entire period, including the three-day waiting period. An employee will be required to use available sick time to the three-day waiting period in accordance with state law. If the absence extends beyond seven days, the employee will be credited back for any sick time used during the first three days.

The City of Kaukauna shall pay for lost time within the first 30 calendar days from the date of injury, following the three-day waiting period in cases of work-connected injuries in which the employee's treating physician prohibits the employee from returning to work. Payments will be based on the difference between the employee's normal daily rate and Worker's Compensation payments.

Employees would not receive sick pay in addition to Workers' Compensation, but the City would consider a request from the employee to be allowed to use their accumulated sick days to supplement their Workers' Compensation up to, but not exceeding, their normal wages.

LIGHT DUTY

In the event an employee suffers a work-related injury or illness that limits them from returning to work at full-duty status, the City may offer the employee temporary light-duty assignments during their healing period, consistent with the restrictions prescribed by the treating medical provider.

Light-duty assignments do not create a regular employment opportunity and are considered temporary assignments only. The City reserves the right to limit the amount of and duration of light-duty work and will require updated restrictions consistent with medical appointments during the healing period.

ATTENDANCE & TIME AWAY FROM WORK

ATTENDANCE

The success and efficient operation of the City of Kaukauna depend, to a large extent, on every employee being at work and contributing each day. Regular attendance and punctuality are essential functions of every position at the City. The City of Kaukauna expects employees to come to work and do their best during their scheduled work hours every day. While there may be legitimate reasons for being absent or tardy, unnecessary and unplanned absences should be minimal and not disrupt the City's operations.

Employees are required to call in and report absences or tardiness to their supervisor before the start of the workday unless, of course, there is an extreme emergency. If an emergency situation exists, employees should notify their supervisor as soon as possible. Employees are also expected to enter their absence into the City's HRIS system.

Excessive absenteeism or tardiness may lead to discipline, up to and including termination. Employees with extenuating circumstances may submit a request to their supervisor in advance, who will work with Human Resources to determine if the request can be approved.

If employees believe their absence may be covered under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), it is their responsibility to notify their supervisor and/or Human Resources of their intent to take FMLA Leave. The City may also send them an FMLA notice if circumstances indicate that their absence may qualify under FMLA.

Unreported absences indicate a lack of respect for the job and the City. If employees are absent for three (3) consecutive days without notification, we will consider them as having voluntarily resigned from the City of Kaukauna.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The City of Kaukauna is generally open during standard business hours, regardless of weather conditions. When severe weather conditions exist, employees are expected to make every reasonable effort to report to work, and to contact their supervisor before the start of their shift if unable to report to work on time or at all. Work time missed due to inclement weather is without pay, and employees must use vacation or other earned benefits to be paid for missed work time.

If City Hall is closed due to inclement weather, it will be at the discretion of the Mayor. Employees will be paid for the time they were scheduled to work while City Hall was closed.

HOLIDAYS

The City of Kaukauna provides full-time and part-time employees with paid time off for the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Eve Day
Labor Day	Christmas Day

Full- and part-time employees receive holidays at their regular rate of pay for their scheduled hours for any of the listed holidays.

If a scheduled paid holiday occurs during a vacation or a paid leave of absence, employees will receive pay for the holiday instead of being charged for a vacation day or paid leave. If a holiday occurs while employees are on an unpaid leave of absence, they will not be paid for the holiday.

When any holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will generally be observed on the preceding Friday. When any holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will generally be observed on the Monday following.

All work on observed holidays must be pre-approved by the supervisor. Nonexempt employees who are required to work on an observed holiday will be paid time and one-half their regular hourly rate for all hours worked on the holiday, plus holiday hours equivalent to the regular scheduled hours for the day the holiday is observed on.

The City is mindful that there may be additional religious observances, not including the holidays already mentioned. Supervisors will give such occurrences consideration as vacation, personal time, or time without pay if requested, as scheduling permits.

CROSSING GUARD HOLIDAY

Crossing Guards who are employed regularly during the school year and who work a regular and daily assignment will be eligible for holiday pay of 2 hours per day for the following holidays when schools are closed:

Thanksgiving	Christmas Day
Day After Thanksgiving	New Year's Day
Christmas Eve	Memorial Day

Holiday pay does not apply to Substitute Crossing Guards.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

General Information: The City of Kaukauna realizes that, at times, employees may need time away from work for personal or medical reasons. All requests should be made in writing and, whenever possible, at least 30 days before the leave. This will allow the City the necessary time to approve and find someone to perform the work during their absence. (See each specific leave policy for time permitted.) The City may also require substantiation for the leave to verify the nature and length of each leave request.

As allowed by law, all leaves of absence and paid time off benefits run concurrently and may not be stacked for more time off than allowed under the most generous leave policy applicable to the employee's situation. Once paid time off has been exhausted, the remainder of the leave of absence will be unpaid unless otherwise provided in the leave policy.

Employees must contact Human Resources before the end of their leave to confirm their return-to-work date. A fitness for duty report from their physician is required for medical leaves, confirming that they are medically able to resume the essential duties of their position, with or without accommodation. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, failure to return

to work on the day after the expiration of leave may be considered a voluntary resignation. A request for an extension of a leave of absence may be considered and must be submitted to Human Resources in writing before the expiration of the original leave of absence; however, extensions cannot be guaranteed.

Employees are generally not authorized to maintain outside employment while on a leave of absence from the City. Any exceptions must be discussed with Human Resources.

Insurance benefits may be handled differently based on the type of leave of absence. In some cases, continuation of insurance benefits will be available through COBRA or other applicable state laws. See Human Resources for more information.

Every effort will be made to re-employ employees in their former position upon their return from an authorized leave; however, except where mandated by law, such placements cannot be guaranteed.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Employees will be granted up to three (3) days off of scheduled work time with pay in the case of the death of an employee's parent, stepparent, child, spouse, stepchildren, parent-in-law, stepparent-in-law, siblings, or stepsiblings. Time must be taken within seven (7) business days of the date of death.

An employee will be granted one (1) day off to attend the funeral of an employee's grandparent, grandchild, child-in-law, sibling-in-law, and spouse of sibling-in-law provided the funeral is on the employee's scheduled day of work.

Bereavement leave is prorated based on scheduled hours/days worked for part-time employees.

BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE

If employees have been employed at the City of Kaukauna for more than 52 consecutive weeks and worked at least 1,000 hours during this period, they may take up to six (6) weeks of unpaid time off in a 12-month period to donate bone marrow and organs. This leave may only be taken, however, for the period necessary for them to undergo the donation procedure and to recover from that procedure. Eligible employees may substitute other types of available paid or unpaid leave if they choose.

Employees must provide written notification to Human Resources in advance that indicates they will be serving as a bone marrow or organ donor. Employees must make a reasonable effort to schedule the procedure so that it does not unduly disrupt the employer's operations.

The City may require medical certification issued by the health care provider of either the donee or the donor to verify that the bone marrow or organ recipient has a serious health condition that necessitates the transplant, that employees are eligible for and agree to the donation, and the amount of time expected to recover.

Employees will continue to receive group health insurance benefits during the leave if they had coverage under the plan immediately before the leave.

During the period of recovery, the City reserves the right to allow employees to work in an alternative employment position that meets their qualifications. Any period of time during this alternative employment will not reduce the amount of leave they are eligible to receive.

Employees will be restored to the same or an equivalent position when they return to work at the end of their leave. See Human Resources with any questions regarding this leave.

CIVIL AIR PATROL LEAVE

Employees may take up to five (5) consecutive workdays of unpaid leave, or up to 15 days of leave in a calendar year, to participate in an emergency service operation. Their status with regard to benefits, pay, and seniority is considered to be uninterrupted by the leave.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) AND WISCONSIN FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

The City of Kaukauna complies with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws on family and medical leave. The Appendix to this handbook outlines the policy, including the rights and obligations of employees, the notification requirements, and the City's obligations. All questions about our Family and Medical Leave policies should be directed to Human Resources.

JURY LEAVE AND COURT APPEARANCES

The City of Kaukauna encourages all employees to be civic-minded. If employees serve on a jury or testify as a subpoenaed witness in a judicial proceeding, they will be granted a leave of absence.

Full-time and part-time employees will be paid their regular wages for jury duty. Employees are required to present authorized evidence to Human Resources of jury duty or court attendance and sign over the jury duty check to the City of Kaukauna. Employees must return to work on any workday when court duty for either type dismisses before the end of the workday. If employees do not report to work when dismissed, they will not be paid for any time that is not authorized jury or court duty.

Personal court appearances are unpaid unless the employee uses vacation or personal time.

MILITARY LEAVE FOR DUTY OR TRAINING

The City of Kaukauna complies with USERRA and all applicable state laws that afford protection rights to employees serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, and National Guard. All rights and protections under this policy are also provided to those serving in State Defense and Public Health Emergency Services.

When an employee receives orders for active duty or training, they should promptly notify their supervisor or Human Resources, detailing the duration of the required service to preserve their reemployment rights.

If an employee so desires, they may use any available paid time off for military service. Any additional time needed for military service will be a leave of absence without pay. Should an employee be required to take an extended leave without pay to fulfill their military duty, eligibility for reinstatement after military duty or training is completed is determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

Employees will also be eligible to continue health and dental benefits under certain conditions.

If these activities are compensated by the federal government, the City will pay the difference between an employee's regular straight-time wages and the government's compensation, up to a maximum of two (2) weeks per year. Employees who are not employed on a full-time basis will receive appropriate unpaid time off.

PERSONAL LEAVE

Under certain circumstances, a leave may be granted for a personal reason; however, personal leave may not be taken to work for another employer or for self-employment. This leave time will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All personal leaves will be unpaid unless an employee has available paid time off, such as vacation or personal time, to use concurrently with their leave. All fringe benefits, including insurance, will be suspended during personal leave. Employees may choose to continue medical insurance through COBRA.

An application for leave must be submitted to Human Resources no later than 30 days before the commencement of leave, or in an urgent situation, as soon as the need for leave is known. Approval of this leave is at the discretion of the City.

The City cannot guarantee the employee's job upon return from personal leave; however, if their position must be filled during their leave, they will be considered for the next available openings they are qualified to perform, provided their prior work performance has been satisfactory.

Employees who volunteer as a firefighter, emergency medical technician, or first responder for a volunteer fire department or fire company, a public agency, or a non-profit corporation will be permitted to be late or absent from work if due to their response to an emergency, as long as they comply with their responsibilities, provided below. The time off work is not required to be paid, although employees may choose to apply any available paid time off.

To be eligible for this leave, employees must comply with all of the following:

1. Notify the City of their status within 30 days of becoming an emergency responder by written statement signed by the chief or manager.
2. When dispatched to an emergency, make every effort to notify their supervisor as soon as possible in advance unless extreme circumstances prevent them from doing so, substantiated by a written statement from the chief or manager explaining why prior notification could not be made.
3. Submit a written statement from the chief or manager verifying their participation in the emergency response, as well as the date and time of the response.

If an employee's status as an emergency responder changes, they must notify the City of that change.

VOTING TIME LEAVE

The City of Kaukauna believes that each employee should have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote in a general election. Since the polls are open extended hours, in most instances, employees may vote before or after work.

However, if their work schedule does not provide employees with the required amount of time to vote during non-working hours, employees will be provided with up to 3 consecutive hours off work to vote while polls remain open. This time is unpaid unless the employee chooses to use vacation or personal time. To qualify for voting leave, employees must notify their

supervisor by the day before election day. The supervisor may specify the times the employee may take for their voting leave.

TIME OFF BENEFITS

PERSONAL DAYS

There may be times when employees need to take care of personal business that cannot be handled outside of their regular working hours. Therefore, the City of Kaukauna provides full-time employees with two (2) personal days each calendar year to attend to personal matters. Part-time employees are eligible for prorated time based on scheduled hours worked. The use of any personal time must be pre-approved by the employee's Department Head.

Personal days must be used before the end of the calendar year in which they were earned. New employees will receive prorated personal days in their first year based on their hire date, and employees who resign or retire before year-end will be paid the balance of their personal days, prorated based on their separation date.

SICK LEAVE

The City of Kaukauna provides sick leave to employees due to non-work-related illness or injury. Employees may use sick leave during regular work hours (if necessary) for medical and/or dental appointments, illness, or injury of employee or qualified dependent. An employee must contact their supervisor for approval of sick leave.

For purposes of sick leave, a qualified dependent is defined as spouse, child, adopted child, foster child, or stepchild.

An employee will earn sick days at the rate of one (1) day per month of employment, cumulative to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days. Employees who have accumulated at least sixty (60) days as of December 31 and have not used more than two (2) sick days during the current year will receive one (1) additional day of vacation in the following year. Sick leave is prorated based on scheduled hours worked for part-time employees.

Sick leave shall not be used for vacation or personal leave. Employees who abuse sick leave shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. All employees unable to report to work must follow the procedures established. The City of Kaukauna may require an employee to submit a physician's certificate attesting to the employee's illness and physical inability to work before receiving pay for sick leave.

State and Federal Family and Medical Leave laws may provide broader coverage for use of leave to care for a family member suffering from a serious health condition. Please consult the Family Medical Leave policy in this handbook or the Human Resources Department for more guidance on the use of sick leave under FMLA laws.

VACATION

The City of Kaukauna provides employees with paid time off for rest and relaxation and diversion from regular work routine.

The City's vacation year is from January 1 through December 31. Based on the employee's calendar year of employment, balances are frontloaded on January 1 of each year. Vacation time is prorated in the year of hire.

Full-time employees are eligible for paid vacation according to the following schedule, and vacation time is prorated based on scheduled hours worked for part-time employees:

Years of Service	Vacation Benefit
Year Hired	10 days (prorated)
1 - 2	10 days
3 - 7	15 days
8 - 19	20 days
20 +	25 days

SCHEDULING

Vacations should be scheduled as far in advance as possible and are subject to supervisor and/or department head approval. Every effort will be made to accommodate employees' preference of vacation; however, work demands, and business operations may affect the scheduling of vacations.

Up to three (3) days of vacation may carry over into the next year. Any amount in excess of three (3) days will be forfeited.

PAY

Employees will be paid at their regular rate of pay for all vacation time taken. Vacation pay will be paid with regular payroll.

Employees will receive pay for all earned and unused vacation time through their last day worked upon separation of employment. In the case of a negative vacation balance at the time of separation, the overdrawn balance will be deducted from an employee's final paycheck, where permitted by law. Retiring employees who meet WRS eligibility requirements will receive all vacation hours frontloaded as of January 1st, less any time taken in the calendar year before their retirement date.

As allowed by law, all leaves of absence and vacation benefits run concurrently and may not be stacked for more time off than allowed under the most generous leave policy applicable to the employee's situation. Once vacation hours and other time off benefits have been exhausted, the remainder of the leave of absence will be unpaid unless otherwise provided in the leave policy.

TIME AT WORK

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

Criminal and background investigations are important to protect the City, its employees, and its assets.

The City determines whether a criminal background investigation is required for a position based on the type of position, business necessity, and applicable state laws. An employee may be screened during employment if they are being considered for a change to a different position requiring a background investigation, or if their position requires ongoing background checks. Having a criminal history does not automatically disqualify an individual from employment, transfer, or promotion. Several factors will be taken into consideration, including the nature and gravity of the crime, its relationship to the position, and the time since the conviction. Employees will be notified of the need to rescreen. The City will ensure that all background investigations are held in compliance with federal and state statutes, such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act, and the required notices will be provided to the employee.

Contact Human Resources for more information.

BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The successful business operation and reputation of the City of Kaukauna is built on the principles of fair dealings and ethical conduct of our employees. The City's reputation for integrity and excellence requires careful observation of the spirit and letter of all applicable laws and regulations, as well as scrupulous regard for the highest standards of conduct, trust, and personal integrity.

The continued success of the City is dependent upon maintaining the public's trust and that of those with whom each employee serves. Employees owe a duty to the City, the public, and each other to act in a way that furthers the interests of the public and the City and in a way that will merit the continued trust and confidence of each other and the public. Employees will conduct business in accordance with the letter, spirit, and intent of all relevant laws, and employees will refrain from any illegal, dishonest, or unethical conduct.

No employee shall engage in any business transaction with the employer, or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of their official duties or will tend to impair their independence, judgment, or action in the performance of their official duties. Any employee who has a financial interest, including employment, in any business entity entering into, proposing to enter into, or bidding on any transaction with the employer, or as part of their official duties, will be making an official decision or recommendation significantly affecting a business competitor, client, or regular customer, shall disclose such interest to the City.

No employee, including people or firms engaged to provide professional services to the employer, shall represent, for compensation, private interests without disclosure of the private business relationship and explicit consent of the employer. No employee shall disclose or use confidential information of the employer to advance the financial or other private interest of the employee or others.

No employee shall accept anything of value, whether in the form of a gift, service loan, or promise from any person, who, to the employee's knowledge, has a direct financial interest in any transaction or official business with the employer, which may tend to impair their independence of judgment or action in the performance of their official duties.

The use of good judgment based on high ethical principles will guide employees with respect to lines of acceptable conduct. Compliance in this area is the responsibility of every employee. Employees should discuss any situations that arise that do not meet this code of ethics with their supervisor, Department Head, or Human Resources. Failure to meet or comply with this code of ethics will lead to corrective action.

CELL PHONE USE

The City of Kaukauna will provide cell phones or an allowance toward the cost of a personal cell phone for authorized personnel. The use of a cellular device allows the employee to remain available for work-related communication while away from their office land line and enables them to complete the essential functions of their job.

Department Heads are responsible for identifying the communication needs of their departments and requesting the needed equipment and services.

All requests for a cell phone or allowance shall be approved by the Department Head and Mayor. Any additional applications that are required and deemed necessary for business purposes for authorized personnel for cell phones need to be approved by the Department Head and Mayor.

Cell phones will be provided to authorized personnel for continuous departmental and emergency communications during work and non-work hours. These phones may be used for reasonable personal use with the expectation that Department Heads make themselves available for continuous departmental and emergency communications during non-work hours as necessary to support the City operations. Employees who maintain a cell phone through the City will be charged \$25 per month to offset any personal usage. This deduction would be taken out of the second paycheck of each month. In place of the City providing a cell phone, a monthly allowance of \$25 will be provided to authorized employees who agree to use their own personal cell phone for departmental and emergency communications during work and non-work hours. Allowance will be paid on the second paycheck of the month.

Employees who use a City-issued cell phone exclusively for City business will not be subject to a \$25 per month personal usage charge. Employees in protective services (Fire & Police) who are approved by the Fire Chief or Police Chief and Mayor, and are required to carry a cell phone during work and non-work hours, are exempt from any monthly personal usage charge.

Employees should be aware that business-related activities on cell phones may be subject to open records requests. Employees should also be aware that the City maintains the right to review all cell phone records for City-issued phones to ensure compliance with City policies and applicable State and Federal regulations.

PERSONAL USE OF CELL PHONES AT WORK

The City of Kaukauna recognizes that occasionally employees may need to use their personal cell phones during the workday. Excessive personal calls and texts during the workday can interfere with employee productivity and be distracting to others, so the City asks that employees exercise discretion and wait until a scheduled break, unless the need is urgent.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The ultimate decision concerning policy at the City of Kaukauna resides by law with the City of Kaukauna Council under the leadership of the Council President and Mayor. The Mayor, as the Chief Administrative Officer of the City of Kaukauna, is the primary professional advisor to the City of Kaukauna and head of the management team. The Department Heads of the City of Kaukauna are a part of the management team and report to the Mayor.

The Mayor is responsible for the development, supervision, and operation of the City of Kaukauna and its personnel and facilities. Employees have the obligation to further enhance the perception of the City of Kaukauna through the chain of command. The Mayor is given the latitude to determine the best method of implementing the policy decisions of the City of Kaukauna.

All staff members and supervisors shall be responsible to the City of Kaukauna and the Council through the City of Kaukauna's Mayor. Each shall refer matters requiring administrative attention to their Department Head, who shall refer such matters to the next higher authority, when necessary, and through the Mayor. Each employee is to keep their Department Head informed of the activities by whatever means the Department Head deems appropriate. If an employee has any questions, opinions, or suggestions about the information contained in this employee handbook or about any other aspect of their job, then those questions, opinions, or suggestions must be directed through the chain of command.

COMMUNICATIONS & CONFIDENTIALITY

Communications regarding the internal operations of the City shall be handled by the Mayor or their designee. Employees shall refrain from responding to outside requests for information about the City. If an employee must speak on internal operations of the City, employees should remain factual in their talking points and refrain from sharing their personal opinion on City business.

Because of an employee's responsibilities at the City, an employee may have access to confidential personnel or other sensitive information. This may include information concerning a resident's financial status, City of Kaukauna's business practices, including purchasing and negotiating strategies, and employee records. This sensitive information cannot be disclosed to any personnel who do not have a legitimate business need to know such information or to persons outside of the City without the approval of the Mayor. All employees are responsible for protecting the confidentiality of this information.

The City's Custodian of Records are the Department Heads and Mayor, who are responsible for responding to requests for records pursuant to Wisconsin's Public Records Law. Questions regarding responses to open records pursuant to Wisconsin's Public Records Law should be addressed through the City Attorney.

Unauthorized release or misuse of proprietary City information will be investigated thoroughly. Any employee found to have violated this policy will face corrective action.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

It is the City's hope that all employees will perform their jobs satisfactorily and comply with the City's expectations. The management of the City of Kaukauna would like to work with employees in communicating and attempting to correct work-related problems. However, if employees do not satisfactorily perform their job or are found in violation of the City's guidelines, policies, or core values, the City may implement corrective action.

Corrective action may take several forms, including, but not limited to, verbal warnings, written warnings, suspension (with or without pay), or termination. The City reserves the right in its sole discretion to omit any or all of these steps or add to or modify steps in any particular situation. The City will take whatever corrective action it determines is appropriate in response to the circumstances of any given situation.

Nothing in this section or in the City's disciplinary policies or practices changes an employee's right to terminate their employment with the City of Kaukauna at any time, with or without notice, for any or no reason, nor does it modify the City's right to terminate any employee's employment at any time, with or without notice, for any reason not prohibited by law.

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

It is the policy of the City of Kaukauna to maintain a workplace that is free from the health and safety-related consequences of drug and alcohol use and abuse. Employees are required to report to work in an appropriate mental and physical condition to perform their job.

While on City premises and/or conducting business-related activities at any location, employees may not use, possess, distribute, sell, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Employees may be subject to drug and alcohol testing according to the policy, and should review the policy in the Appendix of the handbook.

EMPLOYEE APPEARANCE

During business hours and while conducting business on behalf of the City of Kaukauna, employees represent the City to others. Employees' personal appearance and hygiene are important for promoting and influencing a positive image to everyone. All clothing should be neat, in good repair, and properly fitted.

As a general rule, accessories such as jewelry, hairstyle, hair color, visible piercings, tattoos, and make-up should present a professional and approachable appearance. At-home, casual attire such as sweat suits, stretch pants, or suggestive or revealing attire is not acceptable at any time.

As furtherance of the City's commitment to non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity, no employee or individual will be subject to discrimination or adverse employment action based on appearance or traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles.

The City's dress code strives to provide a work environment free from safety hazards, workplace conflicts, and harassment or discrimination of any kind. This applies to all employees, regardless of position or any protected characteristic.

Employees who do not visit job sites (i.e., non-field employees) are expected to dress in business casual attire or City logo wear Monday – Thursday. Jeans are acceptable on Fridays. Employees who work in the field are expected to represent themselves in a clean and professional manner. Engineering, code enforcement, building inspection, and planning staff should dress in a job-appropriate manner, considering their tasks for the day. This would include business casual attire or logo wear for the city. Jeans are acceptable for staff who regularly work in the field.

All other newly hired staff will be provided a \$50 credit to use towards logo wear during their first year of employment. The \$50 credit can be utilized when purchasing logo wear through the City's logo wear online shop which will be opened twice per year. Contact Human Resources for more information.

The information contained in this policy is intended as a guideline for appropriate appearance but is not a replacement for good judgment and taste. Management has the authority and obligation to send employees home if their appearance is not acceptable. This time away from work may be unpaid. Employees with questions regarding appropriate clothes or accommodations should contact their Department Head or Human Resources.

STREET DEPARTMENT CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Street department employees are encouraged to wear City logo wear, but are permitted to wear other items so long as they are consistent with the employee appearance policy. Upon hire, street department employees will be provided with the following items:

1 rain jacket	1 pair rubber gloves
1 pair leather gloves	1 pair earmuffs (unlimited earplugs)
1 rain pants	2 pair generic safety glasses
2 safety vests	

The City will provide and maintain up to 2 pairs of orange coveralls per week for Street Department staff.

Any worn-out items will be replaced by the City at no cost to the employee when the old item is turned in. Any lost item will be replaced by the City at the expense of the employee.

Regular full-time Street Department field employees will receive an annual clothing allowance to use toward the purchase of work-appropriate apparel (shirts, sweatshirts, safety footwear, pants, shorts, etc.). The annual allowance will be \$300, paid on the first paycheck date in February. The clothing allowance will be processed with regular payroll and will be considered taxable wages and subject to applicable deductions and taxes. To receive payment, employees must be active on the payment date and not within a separation notice period (i.e., not during the remaining working days after giving the City notice of retirement or resignation). No repayment is due upon separation. The allowance is not able to be banked or paid at a different date. Additional clothing purchases or replacements are at the employee's expense.

New hires hired January 1st – July 31st will receive \$300 on the soonest applicable pay date after beginning employment. New hires hired August 1st – December 31st will receive a prorated amount of \$150 on the soonest applicable pay date after beginning employment. Seasonal staff are not eligible for the annual clothing allowance.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The City of Kaukauna is committed to providing a positive work environment and to communicating openly with employees, encouraging and expecting feedback from them about their job and the City. At all times, employees have a responsibility to perform work with our customers and our coworkers with professionalism and integrity.

When employees have questions or concerns regarding their job, performance, or other employment matters, they should bring them forward to their supervisor or Department Head, who will get the answers and respond directly to them. If employees are not comfortable addressing the matter with their supervisor, they should contact Human Resources.

Generally, we encourage employees to personally approach an individual they may be having a problem with and attempt to resolve the issue together. If that does not resolve the matter, employees should go to their supervisor next. In some cases, the issue may be referred to the next higher level of management in order to be resolved.

Employees may speak with any member of management with whom they feel comfortable if a problem arises where they believe normal channels cannot work.

EMPLOYER PROPERTY

Employees may be provided with various City property and/or equipment. This may include City-owned vehicles, computers, software, cellular telephones, keys, credit cards, tools, etc. Employees are responsible for keeping the property in good working order and available for business use at all times. If any such property appears to be damaged, defective, or in need of repair, employees must promptly report this to their supervisor. Worn or defective property will be replaced by the City.

Employees should have no reasonable expectation of privacy in the use of the employer's and the public's property. The City of Kaukauna may access its property with or without the prior consent or knowledge of the employee to the extent permitted by law. Employer property is to be used judiciously by employees at all times and only in the manner for which the employer and the public intend the property to be used.

Circumstances warranting a need to access property in the employee's absence include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The City has a need to search for business items or information that is needed in a timely manner.
- The City is complying with applicable laws regarding review and disclosure of records and information.
- The City has reasonable suspicion to believe that the employee is engaging in illegal or improper activities, in conjunction with violating policy, rules, or general expectations of conduct, or in a way that may jeopardize the health and well-being of others.
- For any other lawful reason.

Employees may be required, upon the request of the City of Kaukauna, to submit to a search of any private property brought onto the City's premises to the extent permitted by law.

Employees must maintain their workspaces in a clean, orderly, and professional manner. Employees must report any suspected misuse or abuse of the City of Kaukauna's property.

Employees are encouraged to exercise care and attention in safeguarding personal property brought to the workplace. City of Kaukauna does not assume liability for the loss, theft or damage of personal property brought to the workplace.

Upon termination of employment, employees will be required to account for and return all City property and equipment that has been given to them. Failure to do so may result in the City taking legal action to obtain the return of its property.

EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES

The employment of relatives is permitted, except in situations where a person would be under the supervision of a relative or in a situation where influence could be exerted, directly or indirectly, on future decisions concerning the status of employment, promotion, or compensation. For this purpose, "relative" is defined as a spouse, domestic partner, parent, grandparent, child, sibling, or any of these relationships by marriage. It also includes any other member of the employee's household.

This policy also applies to close personal relationships that may be present at the time of employment or a relationship that develops during an employee's time with the City.

This excludes temporary/seasonal employees. Questions should be directed to Human Resources.

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

The City of Kaukauna maintains confidential employee records. Employee records are the property of the City, and access to the information they contain is restricted to those who need to know this information to perform their jobs.

To keep our records current and because certain changes could affect tax withholding, insurance coverage, or work eligibility, employees are obligated to keep us informed in writing of any changes or status changes in name, address, telephone number, citizenship status, marital status, emergency contact information, etc.

Under certain conditions, employees may review specific documents in their employment file. A written request must be made, in advance, to Human Resources. Requests for inspection will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time and within the timeframes required by law. Employee files contain records maintained by the City of Kaukauna's Custodian of Records. Employment records may not be taken outside of the custody of the Custodian. Access to employment records is limited to the employee, supervisor, Mayor, Department Head, and Human Resources. Copies of documents in the personnel file are available upon request.

TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS

The term “telework” refers to a work flexibility arrangement under which an employee performs the duties and responsibilities of their position from an approved worksite other than their regular, on-site work location.

While the City does not allow any full-time telework arrangements (i.e., full-time work from home arrangements), the City recognizes that some positions may be able to occasionally complete their duties and responsibilities from an alternative work location.

Approval for telework is based on the position, duties, working conditions, and department needs. Approval for one occurrence does not guarantee future telework approval. We are a public service organization, and, therefore, not all positions may be approved for telework based on position, duties, working conditions, and department needs.

Expectations for telework:

- Have supervision arranged for children and sick or incapacitated persons.
- Have access to high-speed internet that adequately and reliably supports the position’s work requirements.
- Access to an uninterrupted, clean, and safe workspace.
- City-owned equipment, records, and materials are for City business only, and the employee is responsible for protecting them against unauthorized or accidental access, use, modification, destruction, or disclosure. This applies regardless of the storage media on which information is recorded, the locations where the information is stored, the systems used to process the information, or the processes by which the information is handled. The employee must maintain confidentiality consistent with applicable policies as they would in their regular work location.
- The employee must follow their regular working hours, including lunch and break periods as required by law and/or City policy.
- Employees must track and record their hours worked in the same manner as when working at their regular City site.
- Effective communication is essential for telework arrangements to be successful. Employees must remain accessible during designated work hours. This includes being available via email, phone, Microsoft Teams, and having an updated and regularly monitored Outlook Calendar.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

It is the City of Kaukauna’s standard to treat all employees equitably and fairly in matters affecting their employment. The City of Kaukauna has established this grievance procedure for an employee to utilize for matters concerning discipline, termination, or workplace safety covered by this grievance procedure. This grievance procedure provides an employee with the individual opportunity to address concerns regarding discipline, termination, or workplace safety matters, to have those matters reviewed by an Impartial Hearing Officer, and to appeal to the Common Council. Information on the grievance procedure process is available to each employee by contacting the Human Resources Department.

DEFINITIONS

1. The grievance shall mean a dispute regarding the application of City of Kaukauna policies regarding an employee’s discipline or termination of employment, or a dispute

concerning workplace safety. No grievance shall be processed under this policy unless a Grievance Form is completed.

2. The term “days” means regular business days, Monday through Friday, other than weekends and holidays, regardless of whether the employee or their classification is scheduled to work. The time within which an act is to be done under this policy shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last day (i.e., an act that is to be completed within five days from today would exclude today but would include the next five business days).
3. A “grievant” is an employee of the City of Kaukauna and shall not include employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement addressing employee discipline, termination, and workplace safety, statutorily appointed individuals identified specifically in statute as serving at the pleasure of an appointed authority, elected officials, and independent contractors. Grievant shall also exclude police and fire employees whose discipline and/or termination is governed by State Statutes 62.13. At the grievant's cost and request, they may be represented by a person of their choice.
4. “Workplace safety” means those conditions related to physical health and safety of employees under federal or state law, or City safety policies and procedures related to safety of the physical work environment, the safe operation of workplace equipment and tools, provision of protective equipment, training and warning requirements, workplace violence, and accident risk.
5. “Discipline” means oral reprimands (where a written record of the reprimand is placed in the employee’s file), written reprimands, suspension, and demotion. Discipline does not include counseling, job coaching, paid administrative leave for pending investigation, change in job assignment or location, performance reviews, work plans or corrective actions that do not include a reprimand or other adverse employment action.
6. “Termination” means discharge from employment. Layoffs (reduction in force), voluntary quits, failure to return to work from a layoff, failure to apply for leave, job abandonment, loss of license, and inability to perform due to physical or mental condition are not considered terminations and are not subject to this procedure.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

STEP ONE

- Within five (5) days after the facts upon which the grievance is based or should have reasonably become known, the employee shall present the written grievance to his / her Department Head. The Department Head shall give a written answer within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance, with a copy to the Human Resources Director. An employee who has been notified of their termination may process their grievance commencing at either step two or step three.

STEP TWO

- If the grievance is not satisfactorily resolved at step one, the grievant may submit it to the Human Resources Director within five (5) days of receiving the response at step one. After the Human Resources Director receives the written grievance, they or the designated representative will meet with the grievant to attempt to resolve the issues raised. Within ten (10) days of the meeting, the Human Resources Director will respond in writing. The Director will also determine if the grievance is timely, if the matter falls within the scope of this policy, and if it has been properly processed as required. If the

Human Resources Director is aware of other similar pending grievances, they may consolidate those matters and handle them as a single grievance.

STEP THREE

- Upon the written request of the grievant in response to an adverse decision, the decision at step two may be appealed by a written statement forwarded to the Human Resources Director, particularly describing the reason for appeal within five (5) days of the Human Resources Director's response in Step 2. The Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) will be designated by the Mayor from a pool of City and County Human Resource Directors in Outagamie and abutting counties. Any costs incurred by the (IHO) will be paid by the City. The IHO will convene a hearing in the manner the IHO determines necessary. The IHO shall have the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas at the request of the parties, and decide if a transcript is necessary. The IHO may require the parties to submit grievance documents and witness lists in advance of the hearing to expedite the hearing. The burden of proof shall be "a preponderance of the evidence". In termination and discipline cases, the City shall have the burden. In workplace safety cases, the employee shall have the burden. The IHO may apply relaxed standards for the admission of evidence, including allowing the admission of hearsay. The IHO may request oral or written arguments and replies. The IHO shall provide the parties with a written decision.
- The IHO may only consider the matter presented in the initial grievance filed by the employee. The IHO shall have the power to order only the following remedies: withdrawal of a verbal or written reprimand, reduction of suspension, transfer to the original position from a demoted position, reinstatement with or without some or all backpay. All other remedial authority shall be subject to the determination and approval of the Mayor.

STEP FOUR

- Either party may appeal an adverse determination at step three to the Common Council by filing written notice appealing the decision of the IHO in the Human Resources Director's office within ten (10) days of the decision of the IHO. The City shall, within thirty (30) days after submission of the appeal, schedule the review of the IHO's decision. The review will be conducted by the Common Council during a closed session meeting unless an open session is requested by the employee. The Common Council may make its decision based on the written decision of the IHO, or the Common Council may examine any records, evidence, and testimony produced at the hearing before the IHO. A simple majority vote of the Common Council shall decide the appeal within twenty (20) days following the last session scheduled for review. The Common Council will issue a final written decision, which shall be binding on all parties.
- Failure to process the grievance by the grievant within the time limit, or agreed-upon extensions, shall constitute waiver of the grievance, and will be considered resolved based on the City's last answer. Failure of a management representative to meet the time limits shall cause the grievance to move automatically to the next step in the procedure. To encourage that grievances are addressed in a prompt manner, the time limits set by this policy are intended to be strictly observed and may not be extended except in extreme circumstances and then only upon the express written consent of the parties.

- This procedure constitutes the exclusive process for the redress of any employee grievances as defined herein. However, nothing in this grievance procedure shall prevent any employee from addressing concerns regarding matters not subject to the grievance procedure with administration, and employees are encouraged to do so. Matters not subject to the grievance procedures that are raised by employees shall be considered by the administration, who have final authority, subject to any applicable City policy or directive, to resolve the matter.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE

Access to information technology resources carries with it the responsibility for ensuring that the use of these resources is for the City of Kaukauna purposes and City-related activities. The responsibility for appropriate use, maintaining the integrity and security of technology must rest on employees themselves. Acceptable use for the City of Kaukauna Information Technology Systems has been outlined, and the full policy can be found in the Appendix.

INTERNAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Kaukauna seeks to hire candidates who best fit the needs of the City. The City of Kaukauna may use hiring, interviewing, and screening processes to design and fulfill this objective.

Any vacant positions must be approved by the Mayor and Council prior to starting the recruitment process. All positions may be posted internally and/or advertised externally. When in the interests of the City of Kaukauna, an attempt may be made to fill a job vacancy by promotion from within the organization.

From time to time, the City of Kaukauna may transfer employees from assignment to assignment, position to position, or department to department as determined by the Department Head and Mayor. Depending on the nature of the position and the applicants applying for the position, the City may conduct varying levels of background screening to determine whether candidates for promotion, assignment, or transfer are suitable for the position they desire to obtain. Information that may be obtained or requested includes information relating to references, past employment, work habits, education, judgments, liens, criminal background and offenses, character, general reputation, and driving records. The City may also obtain information from a consumer reporting agency. Before denying an extension, assignment, promotion, or other benefit of employment, based in whole or in part on information obtained in the credit report, the employer will provide a copy of the report and a description in writing of the applicant's rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Employees or applicants seeking employment, transfer, promotion, or assignment may be required to sign a document that constitutes the employee's full waiver, release, and indemnification of any liability related to the background investigation. Employees or applicants who refuse to sign the waiver, release, and indemnification form will not be considered for employment, transfer, promotion, or assignment.

LAYOFFS, REDUCTION-IN-FORCE, & RECALL

In the event of a reduction in staff, the City of Kaukauna will consider the skills, abilities, and other qualifications of employees needed to perform the available work, the employee's length of service to the City, and the interest and needs of the City in having the remaining work performed effectively. The City of Kaukauna does not offer formal recall rights to employees who have been laid off. When job openings occur, qualified employees who are laid off are encouraged to apply and will be given consideration to fill those openings. The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to select the most qualified, internal, or external candidate who applies for the position.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Although it is not encouraged, the City recognizes that personal circumstances or interests may result in an employee seeking additional employment outside the City. If employees are considering outside employment, including self-employment, they should talk with their supervisor and Human Resources about any possible ramifications.

Any employment outside of the City of Kaukauna must not compromise the City's interests or the confidentiality of information or otherwise create a conflict of interest. (*See Business Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.*)

In addition, the City will not accept outside employment as an excuse for poor job performance, absenteeism, tardiness, the inability to work required hours for their position at the City, or any other failure to meet the performance expectations and legitimate business demands. If employees' work at the City of Kaukauna suffers, they will be subject to normal performance management procedures.

Use of equipment, tools, or confidential business information of the City of Kaukauna to perform work for another company or an employee's own business is prohibited.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

It is the philosophy of the City that ongoing communication and constructive feedback are important parts of the employment relationship. Periodic and annual evaluations are an opportunity to let each employee know how they are performing, how performance may be improved, and to receive input from the employee concerning training, supervision, or any job difficulties that may be occurring. Between scheduled appraisals, informal performance discussions may be held between employees and their supervisor to address any performance issues that warrant attention.

The performance review will generally consider employees' experience, training, duties, and responsibilities. Employees' performance will also be based on previously set objectives and goals. Other factors that may be considered include, but are not limited to, quality of work, promptness in completing assignments, initiative, responsibility level, reliability, attendance, and attitude. It is the employee's responsibility to meet or exceed the expectations that have been set.

The practices for departments or positions for the evaluation process may vary.

REFERENCES

All requests regarding references for any past or present employee are to be directed to Human Resources. Only pertinent, factual information, such as dates of employment, job title, etc., will be released. Confidentiality of references will be strictly maintained.

SALES OF CITY SURPLUS ASSETS TO EMPLOYEES

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 175.10, disposition of City-owned assets shall be in the form of an auction or Classified Ad open to not only City employees but also the general public. No sale shall be limited to employees, and employees must have no superior opportunity to purchase over the general public. Any employee violating this shall face consequences stated in the Wisconsin Statute 175.10 and up to termination of employment.

SECURITY

All individuals must adhere to all security measures and/or guidelines of the facility they are working in. Employees may need keys or access cards to enter a City of Kaukauna facility. These must be kept only in the employee's possession.

Upon termination of employment, it is expected that employees will promptly return any keys or access cards to the City.

SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

We hope employees will find their employment with us to be both personally and professionally rewarding; however, we do recognize that the employment relationship may end at some point. As an at-will employer, we understand that the employee may terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason. Conversely, the City may choose to terminate employment with or without notice, for any lawful reason.

Upon separation, the employee must return all City property and records and complete any required forms. The employee will be paid all earned compensation up to their final day of employment and any earned but unused vacation. An exit interview may be conducted by the Human Resources Director.

If an employee decides to resign from their position with the City, the employee is requested to advise the City in writing at least two (2) weeks before their date of departure so that an orderly transition can be made. The City reserves its right to accept the employee's resignation before the date provided by the employee.

An employee's final paycheck will be paid with the next regularly scheduled payday. Information regarding insurance continuation and other benefit plans will be sent separately, as applicable.

SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE

The City of Kaukauna is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for its employees. The following no-smoking policy has been established and is compliant with the 2009 Wisconsin Act 12. (Wis. Stats. 101.123)

- Smoking is prohibited in all City of Kaukauna buildings and public places.
- Smoking is not permitted at any time in any City or municipally owned vehicle.
- Violators of the smoking restrictions outlined in this policy will be subject to the same disciplinary actions resulting from infractions of other City rules.
- Department Heads and supervisors are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.
- Department Heads, supervisors, and employees who are hosting outside personnel who will be working, visiting, or otherwise conducting business within our facilities are also responsible for informing these people of our policy.

SOCIAL MEDIA

This policy is intended to guide employees in the City of Kaukauna in their use of social media for business purposes. The purpose of adopting a social media policy is to protect City of Kaukauna employees, partners, and the organization from illegal or damaging actions by

individuals, either knowingly or unknowingly. The full Social Media policy can be found in the Appendix.

SOLICITATION

Solicitation and distribution of literature by employees is prohibited on the City of Kaukauna's premises when any of the individuals involved are supposed to be working or at any time in working areas of the building or in any location where customers or the public are present. Individuals who are not employed are not allowed to solicit on City property at any time. The City makes exceptions for solicitations by employees for charity and community causes not promoting political or religious agendas. Such exceptions include fundraisers for schools and children's activities. Allowable solicitations must be limited to the break rooms and during authorized break and meal periods only. Distribution of literature in a way that causes litter on the City property is prohibited, and off-duty employees may not return to the premises to solicit or distribute materials to employees.

Bulletin boards, newsletters, and other employer-provided group communication systems are maintained solely for the City to communicate information to and from employees, post notices required by law, and for other work-related purposes. Posting of unauthorized notices, photographs, or other printed or written materials on those bulletin boards or other communication systems is prohibited. Management reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any solicitation causing discord or disruption in the workplace.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

This policy applies to all City of Kaukauna employees and provides guidelines for determining travel expenses eligible for employee reimbursement and maintains appropriate internal controls to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Travel expense reimbursements are meant to reimburse the employee for necessary travel expenses incurred while on official City business. Travel expense reimbursements are not to be considered additional compensation for performing one's job. The full policy can be found in the Appendix of the handbook.

VEHICLES

Certain employees may be eligible to use a City-owned vehicle in the course of their work. City vehicles are to be used solely for business purposes, and smoking is not allowed while in a City-owned vehicle.

Unless otherwise authorized, all employees are expected to utilize the City's vehicles for trips while conducting business. If that is not possible, then permission from a Department Head must be secured in advance of use of one's own vehicle. An employee who uses their private vehicle for authorized City business travel purposes should have a personal policy with a minimum amount of coverage of \$100,000 per person, up to \$300,000 per accident, and \$100,000 of property loss. If the employee provides appropriate insurance coverage documentation, they will be compensated for mileage at the current rate as adopted and authorized by the Internal Revenue Service. Appropriate insurance coverage and policy limits shall be provided for all City vehicles. When an employee is utilizing a personal vehicle for City use, the employee's personal vehicle policy will be the primary payer for any accidents that occur. However, the City's insurance policy will reimburse the employee towards the deductible in accordance with the provisions of the City's insurance policy.

It shall be the policy of the City to provide and/or assign vehicles to employees whose positions require routine or regular travel within or outside the service territory. Permanent vehicle assignments shall be based purely on necessity, where the employee routinely responds to emergencies or demands outside of the normal workday. Under no circumstances shall an employee use a City vehicle for personal use, nor shall such use be authorized.

According to IRS guidelines, if an employee who receives approval to use a city-owned vehicle to and from work will be taxed appropriately.

The City of Kaukauna also requires every employee to follow the City's policies and programs on safety. It is the responsibility of every employee who uses a City-owned vehicle to have a valid driver's license and observe all safety laws.

Traffic violations must be reported immediately to the employee's supervisor and are the employee's personal responsibility. Should an accident occur, employees must report it immediately and should not make any statements to the authorities without the authorization of their supervisor or a manager. If driving is required for a position, employees must immediately notify the City in the event their license is revoked or suspended.

Under no circumstances are employees authorized, permitted, or allowed to operate a City-owned vehicle or drive on City business while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

WHISTLEBLOWER

A "whistleblower" is an employee of the City of Kaukauna who reports to designated parties an activity considered to be illegal, fraudulent, or retaliatory. Examples of illegal or dishonest activities are violations of federal, state, or local laws; billing for services not performed or for goods not delivered; and other fraudulent financial reporting. Appropriate management officials are responsible for investigating the reported activity or determining fault or corrective measures.

If employees have knowledge or a concern about illegal or dishonest, fraudulent activity, they must contact their immediate supervisor, Department Head, and/or the Human Resources Director. Employees' confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. Keep in mind that employees' identities may have to be disclosed in order to conduct a thorough investigation, comply with the law, and provide accused individuals their legal rights of defense.

Employees are expected to use sound judgment in order to avoid baseless allegations. If employees intentionally file a false report of wrongdoing, they will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination.

The City of Kaukauna will not retaliate against a whistleblower. This includes, but is not limited to, protection from retaliation in the form of an adverse employment action (i.e., termination, compensation decreases, poor work assignments, or threats of physical harm). If employees believe they are being retaliated against, they must contact the Human Resources Director immediately. The right of a whistleblower for retaliation protection does not include immunity for any personal wrongdoing that is alleged and investigated.

All reports on illegal and dishonest activities will be promptly submitted to the Director of Human Resources and the Mayor. They are responsible for investigating and coordinating corrective action.

Contact the Human Resources Director with any questions or concerns.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

It is the policy of the City to provide employees with a safe and healthy workplace, and no other phase of the City's business is of greater importance than the safety and health of its employees during the performance of their job duties. Safety compliance is accomplished through effective engineering and administrative controls (e.g., equipment guarding, isolation of hazardous operations, general and local ventilation, employee training, and safe work practices). When effective engineering and administrative controls do not provide full employee protection, employees are furnished and required to use suitable personal protective equipment. In addition, the City of Kaukauna is committed to the success of its Safety Program and appreciates employees in this effort by contributing their safety expertise when applicable/necessary.

All City personnel are required to comply with procedures and practices established in the Workplace Health and Safety Program and shall be held responsible for their safety on the job. Failure to comply with the provisions of the City's safety program will result in discipline up to and including termination of employment.

- Each Department Head is responsible for enforcing health and safety policies and shall make available the Workplace Health and Safety Manual, specialized protective equipment, and other safeguards that are required to ensure workplace health and safety.
- The purpose of the City's Workplace Health and Safety Manual is to minimize or eliminate potential exposure to workplace hazards, to promote the safety and health of all employees. The manual shall serve as a procedure guide, and all personnel are encouraged to refer to and understand its contents. Department Heads and the Safety Coordinator are made available for further clarification if necessary.
- Employees are required to attend a variety of annual safety training sessions to ensure they are qualified to safely perform their essential job duties. No employee shall perform a safety-sensitive job function without adequate training.
- The City of Kaukauna's Safety Committee has been created to establish written programs and monitor proactive procedures regarding safe work conditions, accidents, and illness prevention.
- The City of Kaukauna's Safety Coordinator shall maintain a proactive safety program providing education in job-related hazards, accident and illness prevention, hands-on site-specific safety training, as well as overall management of the City's Safety Program to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations.

SAFETY EYEWEAR POLICY

The City of Kaukauna is committed to the safety and well-being of its employees. The City of Kaukauna will provide employees with the proper safety glasses or goggles required to safeguard themselves while performing their job. Employees shall be responsible for wearing the appropriate protective eyewear at any time there is a risk of injury to the eye from any

hazard, including but not limited to, flying objects, small particulate, liquid splash, UV, or thermal risks.

In the case of those employees requiring prescription eyewear and who are required to wear safety glasses to perform their job, the City will reimburse up to two hundred dollars (\$200) towards the cost of prescription safety glasses. This will not be available more often than every twenty-four (24) months for those employees. The City will, at its discretion, repair or replace any prescription safety eyeglasses found to be damaged in the course of work activities that were not a result of negligent action by the employee, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200). Any prescription safety eyeglasses lost or found to be damaged through the negligence of the employee shall be replaced at the employee's expense.

SAFETY SHOE POLICY

The City of Kaukauna is committed to the safety and well-being of its employees. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all employees of the City have proper protective footwear to protect them from various hazards they may encounter during the course of their everyday duties. Employees shall be responsible for wearing the appropriate protective footwear. The City of Kaukauna will reimburse up to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per year towards the purchase of steel-toed or comparable safety shoes.

Employees will be responsible for paying the supplier directly and submitting the receipts for reimbursement to their Department Head. Employees in Public Works are not eligible for separate safety shoe reimbursement and are expected to utilize their annual clothing allowance to include necessary safety shoe purchases.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

The City of Kaukauna is committed to maintaining a pleasant and safe work environment – free from all forms of violence. This includes verbal or physical threats, as well as other forms of intimidation, such as abuse or destruction of property, sexual harassment, bullying, or other hostile or inappropriate behavior that may cause others to feel unsafe, anxious, or threatened in the workplace.

The City will not tolerate any type of workplace violence by or against employees. This includes any actions that threaten employees, non-employees, customers, vendors, or others in the workplace. The City reserves the right to determine if actions are considered threatening, violent, or intimidating behavior.

The City of Kaukauna strictly prohibits dangerous weapons of any type at City-owned or leased buildings, in City-owned or leased cars, and at any City-sponsored events. This includes visible or concealed weapons, even if licensed to carry the weapon. Employees are permitted to carry or store a concealed weapon, a particular type of concealed weapon, or ammunition in the employee's own motor vehicle, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is used in the course of employment or whether the motor vehicle is driven or parked on property used by the employer.

Prohibited weapons include any form of weapon or explosive that is illegal under federal, state, or local laws. This includes but is not limited to all firearms, knives with blades over four inches, explosive devices, or any other weapons that could be used to threaten, harass, intimidate,

injure, or cause harm to another individual. Exceptions to this policy include police officers or security personnel who are authorized to carry weapons.

If employees are aware of or observe a situation of potential or actual violence, they must immediately report it to their supervisor, Department Head, or Human Resources. If employees feel there is an immediate need to ensure someone's safety, including their own, they may contact law enforcement authorities directly. All employees have a responsibility to report any acts of violence or threatening behavior to Human Resources immediately.

The City will investigate any complaint of violence promptly and thoroughly. The investigation will be conducted confidentially to the extent possible in light of the circumstances involved.

Employees who violate this policy will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment.

Credentialed Officers are not prohibited from carrying department-issued weapons.

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the City of Kaukauna's Employee Handbook, as well as its appendix. I understand that the contents of this handbook are for general information and guidance, and it does not constitute a contract. I understand that it replaces and supersedes any previous policies, manuals, or communications, whether written or oral. I further understand that all contents in this Employee Handbook are subject to change in accordance with applicable laws, but employees will be advised of any changes. I understand that I must refer to the online version of the handbook for the most current and up-to-date version of all topics.

I understand that certain employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Should there be a difference between the collective bargaining agreement and this handbook, the collective bargaining agreement will prevail.

I have entered into my employment relationship with the City of Kaukauna voluntarily and acknowledge that there is no promise or guarantee for a specified length of employment. Employees have the right to terminate the employment relationship with the City of Kaukauna at any time, with or without notice, for any reason. The City has the same right to terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without notice, for any reason not prohibited by law. I understand that my employment is at-will and that my at-will status may not be altered or changed in any way without the authority and signature of the Mayor.

This handbook has control over all prior and existing policy statements, presentations, and understandings dealing with the same subject matter. The City reserves the right to change or cancel any policy or procedure at any time, as allowed by law. Any statement for any term or condition of employment that conflicts with any information contained in this handbook must be in writing and authorized by the Mayor.

I understand it is my responsibility to read and understand the contents of this Employee Handbook and the Appendix, including the topics on harassment, attendance, drug and alcohol use, and safety. If I do not understand any provision of the handbook, I shall contact my supervisor, Department Head, or Human Resources for clarification.

Employee Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

All employees will be required to acknowledge receipt of the Employee Handbook by signing this acknowledgement. This copy is to be removed and placed in the employee's personnel file.



Employee Handbook

APPENDIX

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (FMLA)

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Kaukauna to comply with the requirements of the Wisconsin and Federal Family and Medical Leave Acts (FMLA). Generally, an eligible employee will be granted up to 12 weeks of FMLA leave during a 12-month period on a rolling 12-month period measured backward. The leave may be a combination of paid and unpaid, depending on the reason for the leave and the benefits to which the employee may be eligible. This policy will be administered in compliance with the National Defense Authorization Acts of 2008 and Fiscal Year 2010, as they amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and the regulations implementing the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, effective March 8, 2013.

State and federal laws differ in a number of areas, and the City will comply with both. When an absence qualifies as family leave under either state or federal law or both, the following rules apply:

- The employee is deemed to be exhausting their entitlement under both state and federal law concurrently; and
- The law most generous to the employee will apply.

The taking of leave under this policy will not be used against an employee in any employment decision, including the determination of promotions, discipline, compensation, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for leave under this policy, an employee must have been employed by the City for at least 12 months. In addition, in the 12 months immediately preceding the commencement of the leave, the employee must have worked at least:

- 1,000 hours to qualify under Wisconsin law; and
- 1,250 hours to qualify under federal law.

AMOUNT OF LEAVE AVAILABLE

As stated above, an eligible employee is generally eligible for up to a total of 12 weeks of protected leave within a 12-month period on a rolling 12-month period measured backward for any combination of reasons. It is possible that an employee could qualify for leave only on the basis of hours worked under the Wisconsin law, which generally covers shorter periods of time than the 12 weeks provided by federal law. For Wisconsin leave purposes, the 12-month period during which leave must be taken is based on a calendar year. These situations will be discussed on a case-by-case basis with affected employees.

TYPES OF LEAVE COVERED

BIRTH OR PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION OR FOSTER CARE

Family leave will be available to eligible male and female employees for the birth of a child or for placement of a child with the employee for purposes of adoption or foster care. Such leave must generally be completed within 12 months of the birth or placement (16 weeks to commence leave taken only under Wisconsin law).

SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION OF EMPLOYEE

An eligible employee who experiences a serious health condition as defined by the state and/or federal law may take medical leave under this policy. A serious health condition will generally occur when the employee:

- Receives inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or nursing home.
- Suffers a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive full calendar days accompanied by continuing outpatient treatment/care by a healthcare provider.
- Is pregnant, including severe morning sickness.
- Has a history of a chronic condition which may cause episodes of incapacity; or
- Has a permanent or long-term condition that requires continuing treatment by a health care provider.

Medical leave may be taken all at once or, when medically necessary, in smaller increments. The need for leave must be documented by the employee's treating health-care provider through the medical certification process.

An employee may be paid for all or part of a medical leave to the extent they are eligible for benefits such as short-term disability.

A fitness-for-duty statement will be required for an employee to return from a medical leave. Failure to provide the statement will result in a delay in the return to work.

SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER

An eligible employee may take family leave under this policy in order to care for a child, spouse, or parent with a serious health condition (see above section for general definition). The Wisconsin FMLA also covers the serious health condition of an employee's parent-in-law, domestic partner (registered or unregistered), and the domestic partner's parent. This leave may be taken all at once or, when medically necessary, in smaller increments. It will be necessary for the family member's treating health-care provider to document the need for leave through the medical certification process.

QUALIFYING EXIGENCY FOR MILITARY FAMILY LEAVE

An eligible employee may take family leave under this policy while the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent (the "military member") is on covered active duty or call to active-duty status for any qualifying exigency under federal law. This leave may be taken all at once or in smaller increments. It will be necessary to submit a complete and sufficient certification for FMLA leave due to a qualifying exigency. Qualifying exigency leave may be taken by family members of regular armed service members, as well as family members of Reserve and National Guard members, provided the service member is deployed to a foreign country.

MILITARY CAREGIVER LEAVE

An eligible employee may take up to an additional 14 weeks (not to exceed 26 weeks total) of family leave in a single 12-month period under this policy to care for a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, or, the National Guard or Reserves who is on the temporary disability retired list, who has a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty on active duty (or existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by active duty) for which they are undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; or otherwise in outpatient status; or otherwise on the

temporary disability retired list. A covered servicemember may also be a veteran who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, for a serious injury or illness and who was a member of the Armed Forces (including a member of the National Guard or Reserves) at any time during the period of 5 years preceding the date on which the veteran undergoes that medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy.

This entitlement will be applied on a per-covered-servicemember, per-injury basis. The covered servicemember must be the eligible employee's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin. It will be necessary for the covered servicemember's treating health-care provider, as defined by law, to document the need for leave through the medical certification process.

NOTIFYING THE CITY OF THE NEED FOR FAMILY OR MEDICAL LEAVE

Generally, an application for leave must be completed for all leave taken under this policy. When the need for leave is foreseeable, the employee should provide notice at least 30 days in advance. If this is not possible, notice should be provided as soon as the employee learns of the need for leave. In cases of emergency, verbal notice should be given as soon as possible (by the employee's representative if the employee is incapacitated), and the application form should be completed as soon as practicable. Failure to provide adequate notice may, in the case of foreseeable leave, result in a delay of the leave. Leave application forms are provided by the Human Resource Department.

Calling in "sick" does not qualify as FMLA leave. An employee must provide sufficient information regarding the reason for an absence for the City to know that protection may exist under this policy. Failure to provide this information as requested will result in the employee forfeiting all rights under the policy. This means the absence may then be counted against the employee for purposes of discipline for attendance, etc.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF A SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION

Generally, the City will require medical certification to verify that an employee or family member's illness meets the definition of serious health condition and to determine the nature and duration of the leave. In the case of a family illness, the provider must also verify that the employee is needed to care for the family member.

Periodic recertification to verify that a condition is ongoing may be required, as provided by the law.

The appropriate form should be obtained from Human Resources and should generally be returned within 15 days. Failure to provide this certification may result in delay or denial of the leave.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

If the City has reason to question the validity of a medical certification, an employee may be required to provide a second certification from a health-care provider selected and paid for by the City. If the second opinion differs from the first, a third opinion may be required. The health-care provider for the third opinion must be mutually chosen by the employee and the City and paid for by the City. The third opinion, by law, is binding on all parties.

USE OF PAID AND UNPAID LEAVE

Both state and federal FMLA mandate that an employer provide unpaid leave to eligible employees. However, an employee or employer may elect to substitute a paid benefit for which the employee is eligible in order for the employee to receive pay during the leave. In some cases, the City may require that benefits, such as vacation, be used before the employee may take unpaid time. When paid benefits are substituted for the otherwise unpaid time, the employee is using the benefits concurrently with FMLA leave, and those benefits will not be available to the employee later. When paid benefits are substituted, the employee may be required to satisfy any procedural requirements of the organization's paid leave policy (for example, advance notice to use paid leave, use of paid leave in established increments, etc.).

In cases where substitution of a paid benefit is not possible, the employee will receive reduced compensation consistent with the number of hours the person actually works.

INTERMITTENT OR REDUCED SCHEDULE LEAVE

Intermittent and/or reduced schedule leave will be permitted when it is medically necessary and, in some cases, for birth or placement for adoption. In all cases, the total amount of leave taken in the designated 12-month period should not exceed the 12 weeks defined earlier in this policy.

Intermittent leave and reduced schedules must be scheduled with minimal disruption to an employee's job. To the extent an employee has control, medical appointments and treatments related to a serious health condition should be scheduled outside of working hours or at such times that allow for a minimal amount of time away from work.

The City may, in some cases, transfer an employee to an alternative position, with equivalent pay and benefits, in order to better accommodate the need for intermittent or reduced schedule leave.

BENEFIT CONTINUATION DURING LEAVE

Coverage under group health insurance will continue while on leave, but employees must continue to pay their portion of the premium. Other employment benefits, such as group life insurance, will also be continued during the leave, as long as the employee continues to pay any required contributions. Payment arrangements will be discussed with individuals upon their request for leave.

RIGHTS UPON RETURN FROM LEAVE

An employee who takes leave under this policy will be reinstated to the same job or an equivalent position upon completion of the leave. If an individual has exhausted all leave under this policy and is still unable to return to work, the situation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine what rights and protections might exist under other City policies.

The law provides that an employee has no greater rights upon a return from leave than the individual would have had if they had continued to work. Therefore, an employee may be affected by a layoff or other job change if the action occurred had the employee remained actively at work. In such cases, the official date of the layoff will mean the end of FMLA leave for the employee. If the employee is recalled, if FMLA leave is still required, it may then continue.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION ABSENCES

When an employee is absent due to a work-related illness or injury that meets the definition of a serious health condition, the absence will be counted against the employee's allotment of FMLA leave under federal law. In other words, the employee is using Federal FMLA leave concurrently with the worker's compensation absence.

EARLY RETURN FROM LEAVE

An employee who wishes to return to work earlier than originally anticipated should provide at least 7 days' notice of such request. A fitness-for-duty certification may be required.

DRUG & ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

INTRODUCTION

The City of Kaukauna (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) has developed this Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy to meet our obligations to provide a safe workplace and to comply with current laws. Each day, our employees are entrusted to safely operate vehicles, tools, and other City equipment, as well as interact with citizens. The City understands that the employee’s ability to perform these duties safely is compromised when employees use controlled substances and alcohol. This policy balances our respect for our employees while maintaining an alcohol and drug-free environment to promote the safety and well-being of everyone and the general public. Therefore, compliance with this policy is to the benefit of all City employees.

At the same time, this policy complies with and promotes the requirements of Federal and State Laws, including, but not limited to, OSHA standards, Wisconsin Department of Transportation regulations, Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services standards, safe workplace requirements, and our legal duty to the public.

If any conflict occurs between State and local laws and any requirement of the Federal regulations, the Federal regulations prevail. However, Federal regulations do not preempt provisions of State criminal laws that impose sanctions for reckless conduct attributed to prohibited drug use or alcohol misuse, whether the provisions apply specifically to transportation employees, employers, or the public in general.

All City employees are hereby advised that the use of alcohol, or the use, possession, concealment, transportation, promotion, or sale of controlled substances is strictly prohibited on all City properties and in all City vehicles while on duty. Prohibited illegal drugs and controlled substances include 1) drugs not legally obtainable; 2) drugs that are legally obtainable, but which have been obtained or abused illegally, including all drug paraphernalia; 3) all alcoholic beverages.

The misuse of illegal drugs, controlled substances, and alcohol has created very difficult health and social problems. Since our employees are our most valuable resource, the safety and well-being of our employees and the public are important to us.

More importantly, we want all our employees to know that help is readily available to anyone who feels that they may have a problem with chemical dependency or the use of alcohol through our Employee Assistance Program (hereinafter referred to as EAP). The EAP provides professional confidential assessment and treatment for such problems, and it is the City’s desire for you to seek assistance for treatment of such problems.

For the purposes of this policy, the following activities are exempted from this policy.

- The use, possession, concealment, transportation, promotion, or sale of controlled substances and/or alcohol by a sworn law enforcement employee when that employee has written authorization under department authority and is participating in an undercover law enforcement investigation.
- The possession and/or transportation of controlled substances by a sworn law enforcement employee while carrying out duties as set forth by department policy to secure controlled substances and/or alcohol as evidence.
- The use, possession, and transportation of controlled substances by fire department paramedics while carrying out duties set forth by department policy to provide patient care under the direction of Medical Control.

EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO TESTING

The protocols detailed in this policy apply to all employees. To ensure accuracy and fairness, the City's Non-Department of Transportation (DOT) testing program, policy, and protocol will mirror that of the DOT's, unless otherwise noted.

"All employees" refers to both safety-sensitive and non-safety-sensitive employees.

"Non-safety-sensitive employees" are those employees not covered by the DOT regulations, but subject to the City's drug and alcohol testing policies.

"Safety-sensitive employees" are those employees subject to the DOT drug and alcohol testing regulations. This applies to any employee who operates a commercial motor vehicle subject to the DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations. This includes any employee who may be subject to the commercial driver's license requirements of [Part 383](#) (49 CFR part 383).

Commercial motor vehicle means a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used to transport passengers or property if the vehicle:

- Has a gross combination weight rating of 11,794 or more kilograms (26,001 or more pounds) inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds); OR
- Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 or more kilograms (26,001 or more pounds); OR
- Is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, OR
- Is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 5103(b)) and which require the motor vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Regulations ([49 CFR part 172, subpart F](#)).

Employees holding a CDL will be deemed to have implied their consent to cooperate in the City's effort to maintain a workplace free from the effects of alcohol, illegal drugs, and controlled substances through the use and enforcement of this and related City policies and procedures.

All employees are subject to the City's Non-DOT drug and alcohol testing policy. This includes safety-sensitive employees when circumstances do not arise for testing under the DOT regulations.

DESIGNATED EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE

Questions on these policies or procedures should be directed to the Designated Employer Representative ("DER"), who is responsible for managing this program in compliance with federal regulations, state laws, and the provisions of this policy.

Name:	<u>Elisa Hodge, Director of Human Resources</u>
Street Address:	<u>144 W. 2nd St.</u>
City/State/Zip:	<u>Kaukauna, WI 54130</u>
Phone:	<u>920-766-6375</u>

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

The appropriate use of legally prescribed drugs is not prohibited. A legally prescribed drug means that an individual has a prescription or other written approval from a physician for the use of a drug during medical treatment. Legally prescribed drugs must include documentation of the patient's name, the substance name, the quantity to be taken, and the period of authorization. The misuse or abuse of legal drugs while performing City business and at any other time is prohibited.

Employees who need to use prescription legal drugs while at work must report this requirement to their immediate supervisor if the use might impair their ability to perform their job safely and effectively. Depending on the circumstances, employees may be reassigned, prohibited from performing certain tasks, or prohibited from working if they are determined to be unable to perform their jobs safely and properly while taking prescription or nonprescription legal drugs. For example, if the use of any substance carries a warning label indicating that mental function, motor skills, or judgment will be adversely affected, this must be reported before performing any duties. If the employee uses a prescription legal drug that will not adversely affect the safety of the employee, co-workers, or the public in the course of their work, then the usage does not need to be disclosed to the immediate supervisor.

It is the responsibility of employees to remove themselves from service if they are experiencing any adverse effects from medication or if the use of a medication could compromise the safety of the employee, fellow employees, or the public. It is the employee's responsibility to use appropriate personnel procedures (e.g., call in sick, use leave, request a change of duty, notify supervisor) to avoid unsafe workplace practices.

The Medical Review Officer (MRO) will not verify a drug test as negative based upon information that a physician recommended that the employee use "medical marijuana." Please note that marijuana remains a drug listed in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. It remains unacceptable for any employee subject to drug testing under this policy and the Department of Transportation's drug testing regulations to use marijuana.

TESTING RULES AND PROCEDURES

All City employees are subject to testing for alcohol and/or controlled substances as identified under "Test Events."

The City shall pay all costs associated with the administration of alcohol and controlled substance testing, including situations associated with:

- An employee's request for "split specimen" testing.
- Return to duty testing; and
- Follow-up testing.

Applicants and employees are required to sign a *Consent and Release Form* for Non-DOT testing circumstances that cover the test events covered under this policy. This consent and release form authorizes:

- the collection site to obtain a urine specimen for drug testing purposes and/or a breath sample for alcohol testing purposes, and to release the urine specimen to the laboratory for testing.
- the laboratory to release the results of a urine drug test to the MRO.

- the MRO to release drug test results to the City's Designated Employer Representative; and
- the collection site personnel to release breath alcohol test results.

The applicant's/employee's refusal to provide the signed *Consent and Release Form* precludes an applicant from employment and subjects an employee to termination.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

All employees are subject to the following prohibited behavior, which incorporates by reference those prescribed by the DOT regulations.

1. Engaging in the use of illegal or unauthorized drugs (including drugs not legally obtainable, drugs that are legally obtainable, but which have been obtained or used illegally, controlled substances, look-alike drugs, and designer drugs), and drug paraphernalia in the possession of, or being used by, an employee on the job. (City Policy: this includes on and off-duty use)
2. Engaging in on- or off-the-job unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of prohibited substances while on City premises, using in City vehicles, in uniform, or while on City business. Law enforcement shall be notified whenever illegal drugs are found or determined to be present in the workplace.
3. Having a drug or alcohol test that is considered positive if the individual is found to have a quantifiable presence of a prohibited substance in the body at or above the minimum thresholds consistent with those defined in 49 CFR Part 40.
4. Tampering, substituting, or adulterating urine specimens.
5. Unauthorized use or possession of alcohol while on the job or conducting City business.
6. Reporting for work or working when the employee's ability to perform assigned duties is adversely affected by alcohol, or safety-sensitive employees reporting for work or working when their breath alcohol concentration is 0.02 or greater.
7. For safety-sensitive employees working with an alcohol concentration level of 0.02 or greater, or within 24 hours of being tested with an alcohol concentration level of at least 0.02 or greater.
8. Consuming alcohol while on duty, while working, or just before performing any functions.
9. Consuming alcohol within four (4) hours before reporting to work, or during the hours you are paid to be on call, in an amount sufficient to produce a prohibited concentration as applicable under paragraphs F, G, or K.
10. Consuming alcohol within eight (8) hours following any work-related accident or accident involving City property, City equipment, or on City-owned premises, until the post-accident test has been administered, whichever occurs first.
11. A positive breath alcohol test result of .040 or greater.
12. Refusing to submit to an alcohol or drug test, which includes the following:
 - a. Failing to appear for any test within a reasonable time after being directed to do so. This includes the failure of an employee to appear for a test when called by a Consortium/Third Party Administrator (C/TPA).
 - b. Failing to remain at the testing site once the process has started.
 - c. In the case of a pre-employment drug test, the applicant is deemed to have refused to test on this basis only if the pre-employment test is conducted following a contingent offer of employment.

- d. In the case of a directly observed or monitored collection in a drug test, the applicant/employee fails to permit the observation or monitoring of the specimen.
- e. Failing to provide a sufficient amount of urine when directed, and it has been determined, through a required medical evaluation, that there was no adequate medical explanation for the failure.
- f. Failing to provide a sufficient amount of breath when directed, and it has been determined, through a required medical evaluation, that there was no adequate medical explanation for the failure.
- g. Failing or declining to take a second test that the employer or collector has directed the employee to take.
- h. Failing to undergo a medical examination or evaluation, as directed by the MRO as part of the verification process, or as directed by the DER.
- i. Failing to cooperate with any part of the testing process (e.g., refusing to empty pockets when so directed by the collector, behaving in a confrontational way that disrupts the collection process, etc.).
- j. Having a verified adulterated or substituted test result reported by the MRO.

PRIVACY, INTEGRITY, CONFIDENTIALITY

The drug and alcohol collection testing processes are established to ensure accuracy, reliability, and confidentiality by ensuring the employee's privacy is protected, the integrity of the test process is maintained, and the test results are attributed to the correct employee. All standards of confidentiality will be strictly adhered to, which will ensure that all testing records and results will be released only to those authorized to receive such information.

Results will be maintained in confidence in a medical file separate from the official personnel file. If an employee wishes to obtain a copy of their drug or alcohol test results, that employee must request it in writing. The requesting employee must sign the request and legibly print their full name and the date of the request below the signature. The employee must state in the request that once they have the test results in their possession, they absolve the City from any liability if the test results are made public. In cases where disciplinary action results from a positive test, such information is shared only with those who have a legitimate need to receive the information.

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING METHODOLOGIES

DRUG TESTING

The federal regulations require a split specimen collection process for all DOT collections. The specimen is sent to a DHHS-certified laboratory (Department of Health and Human Services), where an initial drug screen is conducted on Specimen A to detect the presence of the following drugs or their metabolites: Marijuana metabolites, Cocaine metabolites, Amphetamines, Opiate metabolites, Phencyclidine (PCP). For those specimens that are not negative, a confirmatory Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) test will be performed. The test will be considered positive if the amounts present are at or above the minimum thresholds established in 49 CFR Part 40, as amended.

The laboratory will use the thresholds for initial and confirmation drug tests as defined in 49 CFR Part 40. Testing shall be conducted using techniques, equipment, and laboratory facilities

that have been approved by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). All testing will be conducted consistent with the procedures put forth in 49 CFR Part 40.

The City will utilize a non-DOT traditional urine specimen collection kit. Testing processes and protocols are consistent with DOT protocols listed above, with the exception that there will be no split specimen collection.

If the result is positive, the MRO will interview the employee to determine if there is a legitimate medical reason for the result. If a legitimate medical reason is established, the MRO will report the result to the DER as negative. If not, the MRO will report the result to the DER as positive.

If an employee refuses to discuss the results with the MRO and/or does not provide the MRO with acceptable medical documentation to explain non-negative results, then the MRO will report a positive test result to the DER.

Adulterated/Substituted Test Result: If the result is an adulterated or substituted test, the MRO will conduct an interview with the employee to determine if there is a legitimate medical reason for the result. If a legitimate medical reason is established, the MRO will report the result to the DER as cancelled. If not, the MRO will report the result to the DER as a refusal.

For DOT specimen collections only: When the MRO determines that an employee does not have a legitimate medical reason for a positive test result, the MRO will inform the employee that they have 72 hours from the time they are notified of the verified result to request their Specimen B bottle sent to another certified lab for analysis for the same substance or condition that was found in Specimen A.

ALCOHOL TESTING

All employees will be subject to breath and/or saliva alcohol testing under the following categories: random, post-accident, reasonable suspicion, return-to-duty, and follow-up. Testing shall be conducted using techniques, equipment, and laboratory facilities that have been approved by the DOT. All testing will be conducted consistent with the procedures put forth in 49 CFR Part 40. View the DOT procedures at the DOT's website http://www.dot.gov/ost/dapc/NEW_DOCS/part40.html?proc.

Initial tests for alcohol concentration will be conducted utilizing a DOT approved Evidentiary Breath Testing device (EBT) operated by a trained Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) or Saliva Screening Device (SSD) operated by a trained Screening Test Technician (STT). If the initial test indicates an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater, a second EBT test will be performed to confirm the results of the initial test. An alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater will be considered a positive alcohol test.

TEST EVENTS

The DOT has prescribed six different test events. The City adopts these same test events for all employees as noted below. Each event is listed and described in this section.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING

Each applicant is required to take and pass a pre-employment drug screen. If a non-negative

test result is obtained, any offer of employment will be rescinded. They will not be considered qualified for employment with the City for a term of not less than 5 years. Future eligibility for employment is contingent upon successful completion of a Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP).

An employee transferring to a position in which they will operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) is required to and must pass a Federal DOT pre-employment urine drug test as a condition of the transfer. A negative drug test result must be on file prior to the employee assuming that position.

For the purposes of this policy, individuals applying for seasonal employment who will be in safety-sensitive (responsible for life safety, operate a commercial motor vehicle, operate machinery or equipment) shall be given a urine test upon their application for seasonal employment.

REASONABLE SUSPICION/PROBABLE CAUSE TESTING

The City requires its employees to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing whenever it has reasonable suspicion/probable cause to believe that an employee has used substances in violation of the City's policy. In such instances, the City's representative will complete a *Supervisor's Reasonable Cause Observation Report* within twenty-four hours of observation.

All people designated to supervise employees will receive a minimum of two hours of training, which includes alcohol misuse, controlled substances misuse, and identifies the physical, behavioral, speech, and performance indicators of probable alcohol misuse and use of controlled substances.

The required observation must occur either during, just preceding, or just after the period of the workday in which the employee is prohibited from being under the influence. Such observations may relate, but are not limited to, the appearance, behavior, speech, and body odors.

All alcohol tests based on reasonable suspicion should be conducted within two hours, but no later than eight hours following the determination to test has been made. If an alcohol test is not administered within two hours following the determination to test has been made, the supervisor shall prepare and maintain on file a record stating the reasons the alcohol test was not promptly administered. Following the eight-hour time period, if the alcohol test cannot be completed, all attempts shall cease, and the supervisor must state in the record the reasons the test could not or was not administered.

Drug tests for reasonable suspicion should be collected as soon as possible following the determination. The collection and testing protocols follow those established under the DOT regulations.

The employee under suspicion is escorted by a City supervisor/manager to the collection site. When an employee is subject to drug testing and/or they have an alcohol test result of 0.020 or greater, arrangements will be made for a spouse, family member, or friend to safely escort the employee home. If none are available, the City will arrange for a taxicab to transport the employee to their home at the employee's expense. If the employee rejects the alternatives,

the City will take such measures as deemed appropriate to prohibit the employee from driving their vehicle.

RANDOM TESTING

Random testing applies to all employees. The City shall maintain separate accounts and pools for DOT and Non-DOT employees. An employee will not be included in both pools for random testing.

Employees are subject to unannounced random drug and alcohol testing that incorporates a random selection process and ensures each employee has an equal chance to be selected and tested. Some employees may be tested more than once each year; some may not be tested at all, depending on the random selection. Once an employee has been notified of their selection for testing, they must proceed immediately to the collection site to complete the testing. Failure to show for a test or interfering with the testing process can be considered a refusal to test.

1. DOT Employees: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act (FMCSA) regulations establish the number of drug and alcohol tests that must be completed annually. The FMCSA may change the percentages as it deems necessary.
2. Non-DOT Employees: The City will conduct several random tests on the total number of its Non-DOT employees each year, which meets or exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) for drugs and ten percent (10%) for alcohol. The City reserves the right to modify these percentages without notice.
3. Seasonal Employees: Seasonal employees will be included in the non-DOT random test pool during the times of their employment with the City. Seasonal employees shall have no greater or any less of a chance of being randomly selected than a full-time or part-time non-DOT employee.

The department head, with the approval of the Mayor and the Human Resources Director, may administratively exclude seasonal positions from the random testing pool if that position does not perform safety sensitive functions (e.g. responsible for life safety, operates a commercial motor vehicle, operates machinery or equipment, etc.) and for which that seasonal employee's hours, duration, or location of employment makes it impractical to include them in a "random" pool for selection. The following seasonal positions are administratively excluded from the non-DOT random test pool: Umpires, Score Keepers, and Attendants/Concessionaires.

4. Paid-on-call Employees: Fire Department employees who are classified as "paid-on-call" are not included in the random testing provisions. The nature of their employment makes their inclusion in a "random" pool impractical due to the sporadic, unplanned, and infrequent hours worked. If a paid-on-call employee is also classified as a full-time/part-time DOT or Non-DOT employee, then the provisions above shall apply to that employee based upon their other employment with the City.

POST-ACCIDENT TESTING

Applies to all employees. Whenever any of the City's vehicles are involved in a "DOT accident," the City is required to conduct drug and alcohol tests on each surviving driver and any other

employee(s) who may have directly or indirectly contributed to the accident. While the term “DOT Accident” is used, the intent of this policy is that the DOT criteria will apply to all vehicle and equipment operators in the event of an accident.

Post-accident testing must be performed in the following instances:

- Fatal DOT accident: when the accident involves the *loss of a human life*, regardless of who is at fault
- Non-fatal DOT accident: when the driver is *issued a citation* under state or local law for a *moving traffic violation* arising from a DOT accident involving an injury of any party involved requiring treatment away from the scene of the accident or towing required to remove any vehicle from the scene; and
- Under any revision of this definition by the DOT.

Drug and alcohol tests have different time frames for specimen collection:

- Urine drug specimens must be collected within thirty-two hours of the accident. A specimen may not be collected after the thirty-two-hour window.
- If a specimen cannot be collected within this time, the reasons and all attempts made must be documented and submitted to the DER.

Breath alcohol specimens must be collected within eight hours of the accident. These eight hours are further broken down into the first two hours and the next six hours.

- If the specimen cannot be collected within the first two hours, the reasons and all attempts made must be documented and submitted to the City. Attempts must be made to collect the specimen within the next six hours.
- If the specimen cannot be collected within these six hours, the reasons and all attempts made must be documented and submitted to the City. No further attempts may be made to obtain the specimen.

All employees must be educated to know beforehand that they may not drink any alcohol for the first eight hours following an accident in which they may have directly or indirectly been a contributing factor.

Whether it is for urine drug or breath alcohol, the employee has the responsibility to make themselves available for specimen collection within the required time frames.

RETURN-TO-DUTY TESTING

Applies to all employees. When an employee violates the prohibited drug & alcohol rules and/or policies, they must be evaluated by a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), participate in any treatment program prescribed, and pass a controlled substances and/or alcohol return-to-duty test. The employee is responsible for the costs of testing.

FOLLOW-UP TESTING

Applies to all employees. After completing the return-to-duty test and returning to work, the employee is subject to unannounced follow-up testing at least six (6) times in the first twelve (12) months following return to their position. The amount of follow-up testing an employee receives is determined by a SAP and may continue for up to five (5) years. The employee is only allowed this return-to-duty opportunity one (1) time. Follow-up testing is separate from all other testing: it does not replace the regular random testing program required by the DOT. The City is responsible for the costs of testing.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The City will take disciplinary actions, up to and including discharge, based on noncompliance with this policy by an employee and specifically for actions as follows:

- Refusal to submit to testing will result in discharge.
- Has a positive verified controlled substances test result.
- Has an alcohol test result of 0.04 or greater, or .02 or greater for Safety Sensitive Employees.
- Has a positive drug test result
- Engaging in prohibited conduct under this policy.

Any employee holding a CDL who receives a positive alcohol test result of 0.02 to 0.039 will immediately be removed from their position for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours. (City policy: The time away from work will be documented as an unpaid disciplinary suspension for making themselves unavailable for work.)

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City will refer the employee to its Employee Assistance Program (EAP); all costs of which the employee is liable for through their own insurance. The EAP for the City is:

Ascension Employee Assistance Program

(800) 540-3758

Email: eap@ascension.org

<https://employeeassistance.ascension.org/wisconsin/eap>

If an employee requires a leave of absence associated with treatment, they should contact the Director of Human Resources to complete appropriate documentation.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

This policy encourages employees to seek help if they are concerned that they may have a drug and/or alcohol problem. We encourage employees to utilize the services of qualified professionals in the community to assess the seriousness of suspected drug or alcohol problems and identify appropriate sources of help.

Treatment for alcohol and/or other drug use disorders may be covered by the employee's benefit plan (if applicable). However, the ultimate financial responsibility for recommended treatment belongs to the employee.

The City will not take disciplinary action against any employee who makes a voluntary admission for using/misusing/abusing alcohol, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances if:

- The employee does not self-identify to avoid testing.
- The employee makes the admission before performing any duties.
- The employee does not perform any duties until the City is satisfied that the employee has been evaluated and has successfully completed education or treatment requirements in accordance with the self-identification program guidelines.

An employee will be removed from their position and referred to an SAP for an evaluation. The evaluation is to determine the level of assistance the employee needs in resolving problems with use/misuse/abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs and/or other controlled substances. The employee will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the counseling and testing

requirements. The SAP is responsible for ensuring the employee completes an education or treatment program and certifying the employee's readiness to return to work.

The employee will be required to:

- Complete return-to-duty testing, which provides negative drug and/or alcohol test results.
- Participate in follow-up testing. This consists of a minimum of six (6) tests during the first twelve (12) months following their return, and further testing for up to five (5) years. The dates, times, and conditions of the testing will be established by the City, in conjunction with any written follow-up testing programs and input from the SAP.
- Be subject to reasonable suspicion testing if the employee exhibits signs and symptoms of drug or alcohol use/misuse/abuse.

Within one (1) week of self-disclosure, the employee will be required to provide verification of enrollment and/or be actively participating in the education or treatment program. The education or treatment program must be completed no later than eight (8) weeks; any exceptions to this time frame will be considered and would require the approval of the DER.

An employee will be deemed to have voluntarily resigned if they fail to timely complete the education or treatment program, fail to actively participate in the education or treatment program, or fail to comply with the SAP's follow-up instructions.

A circumstance may arise where an employee holding a safety-sensitive position loses their privilege to hold a commercial employee's license and to operate a commercial motor vehicle due to a drug and/or alcohol related offense. The City will determine if a vacant position exists for which the employee is qualified. If such a position exists, the employee may be offered this position, but at the same time, must complete the SATP requirements defined in the Self-Identification section.

EFFECTS, SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Information in this policy is intended to help employees understand what consequences alcohol and drug use have on their health, work, and personal life. The impact of an individual's substance use and/or abuse extends beyond them. Impaired employees endanger themselves, fellow workers, and the general traveling public. Employees with alcohol are less productive and more likely to injure themselves or others in an accident. Alcohol abusing employees increase the costs related to lost productivity, absenteeism, loss of trained personnel, theft, and treatment and deterrence programs. Medical costs are higher and are passed on to the employer in the form of higher insurance rates. The struggle for answers about alcohol and drug problems can be difficult. Without expert assessment and diagnosis, it can entail an exhausting search without easy resolution. But confidential diagnosis and assistance can be helpful at any point along the continuum, and it is better to seek and get such help sooner rather than later.

A safe and productive drug-free workplace is achieved through cooperation and shared responsibility. If substance abuse is contributing to an employee's poor performance, ignoring or avoiding it will not help the situation. An employee's use or misuse of alcohol or drugs may be the root of the performance problem; however, substance abuse on the part of someone close to the employee also could be the source. Inevitably, the abuse of alcohol or other drugs

leads to costly and potentially dangerous consequences unless action is taken to confront the issue.

If you or someone you know has a problem with alcohol or other drugs, contact these resources for free, confidential help.

• Substance Abuse Treatment Locator www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov Phone: 1.800.662.HELP • Al-Anon/Alateen https://al-anon.org/ Phone: 1.888.4AL.ANON • Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) www.aa.org • American Council on Alcoholism http://acaap.us/ Phone: 1.800.527.5344 • Cocaine Anonymous http://www.ca.org Phone: 1.800.347.8998	• Nar-Anon nar-anon.org Phone: 1.800.477.6291 • National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Hopeline https://recovered.org/ Phone: 1.800.622.2255 • National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism www.niaaa.nih.gov • Workplace Helpline workplace.samhsa.gov Phone: 1.800.WORKPLACE
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE

Access to information technology resources carries with it the responsibility for ensuring that the use of these resources is for the City of Kaukauna purposes and City-related activities. The responsibility for appropriate use, maintaining the integrity and security of technology must rest on employees themselves. Acceptable use for the City of Kaukauna Information Technology Systems has been outlined and is subject to the policies set forth herein.

Information Technology encompasses the City of Kaukauna's resources for telecommunications, networking, software, storage, and support, etc. The assets that produce these resources represent considerable commitment. Moreover, the cost of providing these resources is significant. As such, the City of Kaukauna considers all Information Technology and its usage a business tool, and as such, it is to be used as part of the employee's specific job duties. Users with 'questions about' or 'issues to report' related to any of the many IT systems are asked to email or call the Helpdesk (support@ampliteltech.com) / 920-759-4773.

OPEN RECORDS

The City is subject to open records laws. Unless exempted under such laws, users of City-issued equipment have no guarantee of privacy and should be aware that any content could be subject to release.

GUIDELINES

SECURITY

To ensure the security of all the City of Kaukauna's information technology, every user must take reasonable care to ensure that unauthorized persons are not able to gain physical access to or use authorized employees' usernames to gain electronic access to City of Kaukauna Information. To strive for the most secure environment, users are granted the appropriate access necessary to perform their job.

City of Kaukauna requires every person and device that requires access to technology to be assigned a unique username and password that functions as authorization to access corporate computer network(s) and other secure technology, for both local and remote (cyber) access. Any person or device that has been authorized to receive a username and password is considered a USER of the system. You should guard this information just as you would guard any other identifying material, such as your bank account numbers. Users will be held fully accountable for activity that occurs under their username and password, regardless of the actual user. Therefore, great care should be taken not to share or otherwise disclose this information. Usernames and passwords should never be written in or posted in a conspicuous place, written down together, or shared. If an employee forgets their password, they should inform the IT Department so the password can be reset. If any user finds their account has become disabled, they should contact the IT Department to have it re-enabled.

City of Kaukauna has security measures in place to detect an intruder who may be attempting to use or guess a username and/or password to gain access to technology. Likewise, if a user suspects their account has been compromised, they should change their password and inform their supervisor and IT of a suspected cyber incident.

City of Kaukauna critical assets, such as servers, firewalls, fiber, and switches, are kept in secure locations with physical access limited to authorized personnel as designated by IT. Access by unauthorized individuals will require a personal escort by an authorized City of Kaukauna employee. Employees should not assume access has been granted and are expected to report any and all suspicious activities in secure IT spaces.

Users requiring changes to their system rights (access to folders or servers) are to communicate with their Department Head and the IT Department. Rights will be granted to systems by use of groups, not to individual files or folders. In addition to internal resources like files, any external cloud-based resource a user needs access to should be communicated to IT for accurate and secure account tracking. Users must be cautious when sharing files in the Office 365 environment with others, as they may inadvertently grant access to someone who is not authorized to access.

The following list outlines several expressly prohibited activities that pertain to this section, and consequences are outlined in the Sanctions & Compliance section:

- Sharing usernames and passwords, thus permitting anyone else to log on to any account
- Changing or deleting another user's account or password
- Using an unauthorized account – any account that is not your own
- Trying to gain unauthorized access ("hacking") to the files or computer systems of another person or organization
- Attempt to access another user's private files
- Locally or remotely accessing, via personal or City of Kaukauna-provided electronic technology equipment, any affiliated, interconnected, or allied State, County, City, Village, or other municipal entity's technology resources and the data stored within them for any purpose other than a City of Kaukauna business or related business reason

ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, MONITORING, PRIVACY, AND PROPERTY

All access to and use of any Information System is for ethical and legal use for the purpose of fulfilling the City of Kaukauna's business objectives while striving to achieve its mission. Access to City of Kaukauna technology includes any affiliated, interconnected, or allied State, County, City, Educational, or other municipal entity's technology. Users must be aware that any technology necessary to create any Information System and the data they create is the City of Kaukauna's property. Any data created with the purpose of being for the City of Kaukauna is not the private property of any user, and users should not consider any e-mail or Internet messages or material as private (*See confidentiality section below*) or as their personal possessions. Documents relevant to the City of Kaukauna business stored on cloud-based systems are also the property of the City of Kaukauna. Users who opt to use their own technology (computer or smartphone) to create data must also comply with this.

Ongoing system audits and monitoring are performed to ensure that the system is being used properly. For this reason, the City of Kaukauna reserves and intends to exercise its right at any time, with or without notice, over any user and may bypass any username to review, audit, intercept, access, and/or disclose message materials. Users must be aware that security systems may be capable of recording internet activity (sites visited, amount of time spent, usage patterns, usernames, passwords, credit cards entered, etc.), email messages, and every file transferred into and out of our corporate and guest networks.

Users may not install software without advanced approval from IT. The network may not be used to download, copy, or store any software, shareware, or freeware. All software is to be retrieved and installed by the IT department to allow proper anti-virus scanning and deployment practices. Any software that is installed must be properly licensed from the copyright owner thereof, and any modifications must comply with the terms of the applicable license(s). Users may not copy any copyrighted or licensed software from the Internet or from the network, individual computer, or software media sources without the express permission of the copyright holder. Software must be purchased or licensed before it can legally be used. Software installed on City computers must be related to the City's mission and/or the individual's City work. Software that causes the workstation to become unstable or consume excessive network resources may be removed by management. Additionally, any software with known vulnerabilities is required to be reported to IT, and every effort is made to mitigate the known vulnerability. Systems that do not have fixes may require deep risk analysis to establish the potential for continued use under "acceptable risk," whereby a secure environment is established.

The following list outlines several expressly prohibited activities that pertain to this section, and consequences are outlined in the Sanctions & Compliance section:

- Intentionally disrupting network traffic or crashing the network, servers, or connected systems
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance
- Maliciously access, alter, delete, damage, or destroy any computer system, computer network, computer program, or data
- Altering any system configuration or settings
- Using the system to make money for personal benefit
- Destroying, modifying, vandalizing, or defacing or abusing hardware or software
- Personal commercial purposes or financial gain

Technology may not be used for any activity, or to transmit any material, that violates United States, Wisconsin, or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to, fraudulent acts, violations of copyright laws, and any threat or act of intimidation or harassment against another person.

City of Kaukauna will fully cooperate with requests from law enforcement and regulatory agencies for logs, data, and archives on an individual's computing activities.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidentiality will be outlined in two contexts: first, the confidentiality of a user's access to any system or the data within those systems. Second, the obligation to confidentiality with regard to private corporate information, procedures, or systems that could compromise security or make available private corporate data held by the organization, which enables it to do business as a City Government.

The confidentiality of any electronic file, message, or material should not be assumed or expected. Even when an electronic file, message, or material is deleted or erased, it may still be possible to restore, undelete, or retrieve it. Further, the use of passwords or encryption for security does not guarantee confidentiality and is not intended to create any expectation of privacy. Notwithstanding the City of Kaukauna's right to retrieve and read any electronic file,

mail, internet messages, or material, such messages or material should be treated as confidential by other users and accessed only by the intended recipient.

Users are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of material on all systems. Without prior management authorization, users are not permitted to retrieve or read e-mail messages that are not sent to them. The contents of electronic files, mail, or Internet messages or material may, however, be disclosed to others with prior management authorization except when disclosure by the City of Kaukauna is prohibited by department policy or interoperability agreements. All electronic records created by users may be a public record subject to disclosure. Confidential correspondence should be handwritten and sent via US mail, faxed, or sent through encrypted email.

EMPLOYEES REPRESENT CITY OF KAUKAUNA

Employees should be aware that Internet sites accessed from the City of Kaukauna's technology may identify the City of Kaukauna as the originator of each visit. If employees participate in "chat sessions" or post messages on the Internet, they may be regarded as representing the City of Kaukauna. Thus, all communications must be professional, appropriate to the City of Kaukauna, and not adversely reflect upon its reputation unless otherwise permitted by law.

Employees who utilize Social Networking, both at work and at home, are expected to represent the City of Kaukauna in a positive manner unless otherwise permitted by law.

The following list outlines several expressly prohibited activities that pertain to this section, and consequences are outlined in the Sanctions & Compliance section:

- Posting private/sensitive information on a public forum, which would include information about other employees, salary information, health information, benefit details, corporate policies, etc.
- Posting confidential City information on a public forum, which, from a cyber-security standpoint, would include network configuration, any passwords, software/platform versions, etc.

USER ETIQUETTE

The City of Kaukauna realizes the great importance technology brings to the organization and requests that every user respect the technology needs of all others through proper etiquette and behavior. Users may not use vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. The City of Kaukauna has a limited amount of server disk space, memory, and processing power for the virtual environment, and internet bandwidth. These shared resources rely on every user to be considerate of others and limit use to necessary business functions.

Transferring large amounts of data creates a significant burden on any network. Email attachments are a great example of a space and bandwidth hazard and are therefore restricted to avoid the problems associated with the storage of multiple copies of large files and slow transfers of the mail messages. Downloading streaming data also taxes many systems and should be restricted to the City of Kaukauna's business needs.

Users will be allocated 2 GB of space (i.e., quota) on the corporate network to store data. Users may not exceed this quota without advance approval from IT. Those who exceed their quota

will not be able to save more until they clean up their old files, deleting items they no longer need. This automatic restriction is to ensure that the resource will be equally available for everyone to always use. Additional space will be evaluated and granted as determined by IT.

The City of Kaukauna may, at any time and without warning, move or delete data stored on shared networked systems to efficiently allocate computing resources to all users. While every reasonable attempt will be made to inform users of such modifications or deletions, users should preserve important or sensitive data in their private share (H drive) or on a removable storage medium and recognize that there may be circumstances when such a notification will not be possible. Additionally, even though backups are performed, they are not kept indefinitely, and users must be aware that files older than 7 years may not be retrievable.

Users must comply with the “fair use” provisions of the United States Copyright Act of 1976. “Fair use” in this context means that the copyrighted materials of others may be used only for teaching or scholarly purposes, and that the use must be limited to brief excerpts.

INCIDENTAL PERSONAL USE

In the interest of making the use of information technology resources a natural part of the day-to-day work of all City staff, incidental personal use is tolerated, on a limited basis, and only in accordance with this Policy. However, any personal use is not intended to create any expectation of privacy, as all communication within the City of Kaukauna’s system remains the property of the City and potentially a public record.

The following list outlines several expressly prohibited activities that pertain to this section, and consequences are outlined in the Sanctions & Compliance section:

- Directly or indirectly interferes with the City of Kaukauna's operations of computing facilities or e-mail services
- Is contrary to or damages the City’s interest unless otherwise permitted by law
- Results in any incremental cost to the City. Examples include, but are not limited to, saving personal pictures to CD/DVD, bringing in personal computers for repair, seeking IT support/questions, printing party invitations, etc.
- Interferes with the employee’s work responsibilities, performance, or other obligations to the City. Examples include, but are not limited to, the use of games, surfing the net, etc.

Any personal use shall be at the risk of the person engaging therein. The City is not responsible or liable for the consequences.

Employees may request the following technology from the City (Portable Projector, Portable Screen, and Laptop) with permission from their Department Manager, IT Manager, and Mayor. Any equipment, software, or supplies (paper, toner cartridges, disks, etc.) taken without permission will be treated as theft. City of Kaukauna’s business needs must be met before personal requests are filled, and the equipment must be returned in good operational order – maintenance or repairs will be at the cost of the borrower.

Employees with smartphones with internet access are expected to comply with the same incidental non-work use to limit job distractions. Allowing employees to have such devices during work hours is considered a privilege.

The primary use of the City network and Internet is for City-related work. While some incidental personal use of such technology is permitted, such incidental use will not be deemed a waiver for the City's right to prohibit all such use, either on an individually applicable or on a generally applicable basis.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Communication is a critical part of modern-day business, and as such, the City of Kaukauna has multiple communication technologies to enable effective communications between employees and beyond.

2-way Radio communications – City of Kaukauna has an FCC license for the frequency used. It dictates where our repeaters are located and what purpose the radios serve. Users must comply with FCC regulations when transmitting over our frequency.

Cellular communications – *See Cell Phone policy in the handbook for more details.* Texting is a valuable form of communication and is subject to all limitations, ownership, and privacy as email. This form of communication must comply with all industry safety guidelines and laws.

Email Communications - Use of e-mail is encouraged as a means of better communication and acts similarly to the use of a telephone. As with telephone calls, personal e-mail messages do or will come in, and employees do have permission to answer such messages, provided it is extremely necessary and involves a minimal amount of time and does not interfere with an employee's job responsibilities.

- Employees are expected to obtain their own personal email address from a provider such as Google (Gmail), Microsoft (outlook.com), or Yahoo Mail to help keep their corporate email box dedicated to work.
- Phishing emails – those that try to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. City employees are expected NOT to click on links that have an unknown domain or IP address. Instead, they should access the web resource directly from the web browser.
- Virus and Malware - City employees are expected NOT to open any attachment that they did not expect, knowing the sender is not justification. They are to inquire with the sender and obtain confirmation that an attachment was intended.
- Abuse or misuse of electronic mail privileges may result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge or third-party legal action against an employee.

Telephone communications - Personal telephone calls do or will come in, and employees do have permission to take such calls and answer such messages, provided it is extremely necessary, involves a minimal amount of time, and does not interfere with an employee's job responsibilities.

Use of any City technology for hate mail, defamatory statements, statements intended to injure or humiliate others by disclosure of personal information such as protected health information (whether true or false), personal attacks on others, and statements expressing ill will towards any person or group by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability is prohibited. Users may not post anonymous messages or attempt to impersonate another person by forging e-mail, web pages, or other electronic media.

The following list outlines several expressly prohibited activities that pertain to this section, and consequences are outlined in the Sanctions & Compliance section:

- Texting while driving
- Engage in “spamming” (sending unsolicited email to large groups) or participate in chain letters
- Forwarding emails or attachments internally or externally that are non-business related, crass, vulgar, or would be found offensive by most reasonable people
- Mass distribution of material for personal interests
- To transmit materials to “all e-mail users”

INTERNET ACCESS

The City of Kaukauna provides access to the resources of the Internet to help City employees do their job faster, smarter, and in the most productive manner possible. It can provide many avenues for research and information, and access to online tools.

The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to block access to any Internet site, e-mail address, or any other electronic feature that is not business-related or a potential hazard. The City of Kaukauna blocks Internet content and advertisements that are inconsistent with our business objectives, blocking access to all such sites that we know of or that our filtering system identifies. To be clear, our system tries to block items which may reasonably be construed to be obscene, disruptive, or harmful. We acknowledge that no blocking or filtering mechanism can block all inappropriate content all the time. Offensive, disruptive or harmful data include, but are not limited to, any messages or files, or data which contain the following: prohibited under child pornography laws or promotes illegal acts; pornographic or erotic images, sexual implications, sexually explicit, offensive or inappropriate; racial slurs, derogatory gender-specific comments; information or instructions for procedures or devices designed to cause physical harm to another person or technology; comments that offensively address a person's age, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, political beliefs, national origin, or disability; any comment which in any way defames another person; any comment intended to frighten, intimidate, threaten, abuse, annoy or harass another person, and/or data or activities which invade the privacy of another person.

If a user finds that they are connected to a site, whether on duty or off duty, with the City's technology that contains any of the above material, they must disconnect from that site immediately, regardless of whether that site has been previously deemed acceptable by any screening or rating program. Similarly, an employee must inform their supervisor if they become aware that a fellow employee is accessing or has accessed material prohibited above. Users who find needed resources blocked are to communicate with the IT Department by sending a request to the Helpdesk.

Cybersecurity is of the utmost importance; it is critical that no user EVER access the internet while on our Business Automation (HVAC) or SECURITY networks. Users are to stay informed about cybersecurity topics by participating in monthly awareness trainings that are emailed out from our Infosec system. Any user who suspects a cybercrime is occurring, or has occurred, must report the incident to IT immediately.

SANCTIONS & COMPLIANCE

All users shall abide by this IT Acceptable Use Policy. The City of Kaukauna reserves the right to modify and revise this policy at any time. Employees will be given the revisions in their updated copy of the Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook. Employees shall implement the new policy immediately.

Use of the City's computer network, information systems, and the Internet is a privilege. Users who violate this Use Policy may have their access privileges suspended or revoked by concurrence of the Mayor and applicable Department Manager, are subject to disciplinary procedures of the City, up to and including discharge, and may also be subject to personal civil liability and criminal prosecution by state and federal authorities under applicable state or federal laws.

SOCIAL MEDIA

At the City of Kaukauna, we understand that social media can be a fun and rewarding way to share your life and opinions with family, friends, and co-workers around the world. However, the use of social media also presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. To assist you in making responsible decisions about your use of social media, we have established these guidelines for appropriate use of social media.

This policy applies to all employees who work for the City of Kaukauna.

GUIDELINES

In the rapidly expanding world of electronic communication, *social media* can mean many things. *Social media* includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web log or blog, journal or diary, personal web site, social networking or affinity web site, web bulletin board or a chat room, whether or not associated or affiliated with the City of Kaukauna, as well as any other form of electronic communication.

The same principles and guidelines found in the City's policies apply to your activities online. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you post online. Before creating online content, consider some of the risks and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects your job performance, the performance of fellow employees, or otherwise adversely affects people who work on behalf of the City of Kaukauna or the City's legitimate business interests may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

KNOW AND FOLLOW THE RULES

Carefully read these guidelines, the City's Business Ethics & Conflicts of Interest policy, Information Technology Acceptable Use policy, and the Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment policy, and ensure your postings are consistent with these policies. Inappropriate postings that may include discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence or similar inappropriate or unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

BE RESPECTFUL

Always be fair and courteous to fellow employees, citizens, visitors, or people who work on behalf of the City. Also, keep in mind that you are more likely to resolve work-related complaints by speaking directly with your co-workers or by utilizing our Employee Relations Policy than by posting complaints to a social media outlet. Nevertheless, if you decide to post complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video, or audio that reasonably could be viewed as malicious, obscene, threatening, or intimidating, that disparage citizens, or employees, or that might constitute harassment or bullying. Examples of such conduct might include offensive posts meant to intentionally harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile work environment on the basis of race, sex, disability, religion, or any other status protected by law or city policy.

BE HONEST AND ACCURATE

Make sure you are always honest and accurate when posting information or news, and if you make a mistake, correct it quickly. Be open about any previous posts you have altered. Remember that the Internet archives almost everything; therefore, even deleted postings can be searched. Never post any information or rumors that you know to be false about the City of Kaukauna, fellow employees, and people working on behalf of the City or competitors.

POST ONLY APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL CONTENT

Maintain the confidentiality of the City's private or confidential information. Do not post internal reports, policies, procedures, or other internal business-related confidential communications.

Do not create a link from your blog, website, or other social networking site to a City website without identifying yourself as a City employee.

Express only your personal opinions. Never represent yourself as a spokesperson for the City of Kaukauna. If the City is a subject of the content you are creating, be clear and open about the fact that you are an associate and make it clear that your views do not represent those of the City, fellow employees, or people working on behalf of the City. If you do publish a blog or post online related to the work you do or subjects associated with the City, make it clear that you are not speaking on behalf of the City. It is best to include a disclaimer such as "The postings on this site are my own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the City of Kaukauna."

USING SOCIAL MEDIA AT WORK

Refrain from using social media while on work time or on equipment the City provides unless it is work-related, as authorized by your Department Head. Do not use City of Kaukauna email addresses to register on social networks, blogs, or other online tools utilized for personal use.

RETALIATION IS PROHIBITED

The City of Kaukauna prohibits taking negative action against any employee for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation. Any employee who retaliates against another employee for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

MEDIA CONTACTS

Employees should not speak to the media on the City's behalf.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions or need further guidance, please contact Human Resources.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

This policy is applicable to all City of Kaukauna Departments and employees, including the elected positions of Mayor, City Attorney, and Municipal Judge, and provides guidelines for determining travel expenses eligible for employee reimbursement, and maintains appropriate internal controls to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Travel expense reimbursements are meant to reimburse the employee for necessary travel expenses incurred while on official City business. Travel expense reimbursements are not to be considered additional compensation for performing one's job.

City of Kaukauna Human Resources and the Finance Department are responsible for establishing and maintaining this travel policy. Intentional violation of this policy may result in discipline up to and including discharge.

Employees who travel are expected to exercise good judgment when incurring travel costs. An employee may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary travel expenses actually incurred in the performance of official duties in accordance with the provisions herein. Only travel expenses related to the conduct of City business, including meetings, conferences, and other departmental activities, approved by the Mayor or their designee, may be reimbursed.

An employee shall not seek reimbursement for goods or services provided free of charge, not personally paid for by the claimant, reimbursed by another source, or which will be paid or reimbursed from another source. Any reimbursement that is received by the employee from another source for the same costs reimbursed by the City shall be refunded to the City.

All City of Kaukauna official business travel should be specifically authorized and approved by the employee's supervisor in advance of departure. The supervisor, along with any other approving authority, is responsible for ensuring the travel is appropriate and necessary to fulfill the responsibilities or duties of the department.

Unless specified elsewhere, all travel-related expenses shall be reimbursed to the employee by the City through completion of the Travel Expense Reimbursement Form. The form must be signed by the employee and by the department head. Where applicable, requests for reimbursement should be supported by documentation, such as an itemized receipt. A credit card receipt only showing the total amount may not be accepted.

Applicable reimbursements may be taxed in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines.

AVOID PAYING SALES TAX

While traveling for City business, it is the employee's responsibility to avoid paying sales tax when possible. The employee should get the Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Exempt Certificate form from their department head before traveling.

PERSONAL VEHICLE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Employees shall receive mileage reimbursement at the Internal Revenue Service standard per mile for all authorized travel in their personal vehicle, as stated in the City of Kaukauna Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook. Reimbursement is limited to vehicles authorized for travel for the City of Kaukauna's business purposes. Motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, all-

terrain vehicles, and other similar types of transportation are not eligible to be used for City business purposes and, therefore, are not eligible for mileage reimbursement.

GENERAL RULES FOR MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

1. An employee's commute from home to work and back home is not eligible for mileage reimbursement.
2. An employee is eligible for mileage reimbursement from the work location to a business meeting, training session, etc., and back to the work location.
3. City mileage reimbursements should be determined by adding all mileage incurred in a day after leaving home and subtracting the employee's total normal round-trip commuting miles to and from the regular work location and any other personal mileage incurred during the day.
4. Mileage reimbursement requests must be submitted within forty-five (45) days from incurring the expense.

AIR TRAVEL

Reimbursement for commercial air travel shall generally be limited to the least costly but most convenient coach fare that uses a regularly scheduled commercial carrier and which prohibits preference for any airline, type of aircraft, or connecting airports.

The additional cost of premium class (first class or business class) travel is not reimbursable without prior approval of the Mayor or their designee. If a situation should arise where premium-class travel is the only alternative available, such travel must be cleared through the Department Manager or their designee before booking the flight.

Departments may examine the cost-effectiveness of charter flights when a group of employees is planning to attend a training event. The use of charter flights is subject to approval by the department head after consultation with the Department Manager or their designee. When a more favorable price can be obtained for airfare by adding additional days to the trip, such as staying over a Saturday or flying on a particular day, reasonable expenses for lodging and meals for the minimum necessary additional days may be claimed if the total cost of the reduced fare plus the additional days expenses are less than the lowest available airfare would have been without the additional days of travel.

VEHICLE RENTALS

A rental vehicle may be used in situations where it is the most cost-effective means of transportation or when the efficient conduct of City business precludes the use of other means of transportation. The rented vehicle should be reasonable in terms of size, cost, number of passengers, and cargo to be transported. Charges incurred for personal use by the employee when using a rented vehicle and charges incurred for damages and/or not abiding by the rental City rules are not reimbursable.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Reasonable and necessary charges for ground transportation, including tips, are reimbursable when other modes of travel are not available or practical.

MEALS

In accordance with the Employee Handbook, subject to the department head's approval, meal reimbursement is allowed when the employee is on City business-related activities farther than a 40-mile radius from City Hall. Reimbursement for meals consumed within a 40-mile radius may be approved in conjunction only with a business meeting or overnight stay at the discretion and approval of the employee's department head.

The two definitions for a business-related activity are as follows:

1. City policy, which determines what meals will be reimbursed by the City.
2. The IRS guidelines, which determine which meals are taxable to the individual.

Under City of Kaukauna's policy, a business-related activity for meals reimbursed further than a 40-mile radius from City Hall includes the following: 1) a business meeting including a third-party or non-city employee in which business is conducted; 2) a business-related situation that would occur in the normal performance of your job duties. A third-party or non-city employee would generally include, but is not limited to, the following: outside experts (consultants, lawyers, business associates, vendors, etc.), visiting dignitaries (state, local, and federal officials or members of commissions, committees, or boards), and interviewees.

Under the same City of Kaukauna policy, meals reimbursed WITHIN a 40-mile radius from City Hall are limited to a business meeting, including a third-party or non-city employee in which business is conducted. A third-party or non-city employee would generally include, but is not limited to, the following: outside experts (consultants, lawyers, business associates, etc.), visiting dignitaries (state, local, and federal officials or members of commissions, committees, or boards), and interviewees. Reimbursements for other business-related situations could include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Meals at training programs, seminars, conferences, or conventions that are **not included in the registration fee**; or
2. Meals incurred that are not considered business meetings, but are considered necessary and reasonable while performing normal job duties

Meals claimed for meetings between only City employees are not considered a business-related activity under this policy and are not reimbursable.

Under the IRS guidelines, meal reimbursements for business meetings that include a third-party or non-city employee as defined above are not taxable to the individual if submitted for reimbursement within 60 days of the date incurred. However, meal reimbursements made for other business-related activities, as stated above, are considered a fringe benefit and may be taxable to the employee.

Claims for meals shall represent actual, reasonable, and necessary expenses. The maximum daily amount permitted, including tax and tip, for all meal reimbursements is as follows:

Breakfast = \$15.00

Lunch = \$25.00

Dinner = \$35.00

Any costs in excess need to be approved by the department head or their designee.

Any in-house training that is provided by the City that goes beyond four hours and during the lunch period, a department head may provide and be reimbursed for lunch. Any exceptions need to be approved by the department head or their designee.

Itemized receipts are required for all requests for reimbursement.

LODGING

Employees are expected to seek standard lodging accommodations that are comfortable, convenient, safe, meet the business needs, and offer good value. Reimbursement is limited to the single rate for a standard single room if one is available.

Reimbursement for lodging within 40 miles of the primary work location is not permitted unless approved in advance by the department head or their designee. When booking lodging, you should state that you are with a governmental agency and ask for governmental rates.

In order to be reimbursed for lodging expense the night before the meeting, conference, or seminar, the site must be at least **100 miles** from the primary work location, and the starting time of the event requires you to leave before 6:30 a.m. Exceptions to this provision must be authorized in advance by the department head or their designee.

CONFERENCE/CONVENTION/SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee claims are reimbursable with the following parameters:

1. Evidence of payment, along with the applicable page from the brochure, application, or registration form, must be provided.
2. The documentation should include:
 - a. Actual dates, location, and title of the conference/convention/seminar
 - b. The amount of the fee and, when available, a breakdown of specific costs, such as meals, included in the fee.
 - c. Expenses for spouse, other family members, and non-business-related activities, such as sightseeing tours, included as a specific charge in the registration fees, are not reimbursable.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

1. Necessary and reasonable parking fees are permitted
2. Laundry, Cleaning, and Pressing Charges:
 - a. If an employee is away from home for more than five days on authorized City business, reasonable amounts will be allowed for laundry, cleaning, and pressing service. Only one charge per calendar week is reimbursable for each type of actual and necessary service. Routine cleaning of clothes is not considered a travel-related expense and is, therefore, not reimbursable unless dirty due to work-related activity. Reimbursement claims for laundry, cleaning, and/or pressing must be supported by receipts.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Out of State travel will consist of any conference/convention/seminar/training that is not located within the geographical limits of the State of Wisconsin or the metropolitan areas of Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago. If an employee wishes to attend an out-of-state conference/convention, etc., they must obtain approval from the Department Head or their designee before attending.

EXPENSES NOT REIMBURSABLE

Following is a list of expenses that are not reimbursable without pre-approval from the Department Head or their designee. **Note:** The list is not all-inclusive.

- alcoholic beverages
- spouse or family member's travel costs
- lost or stolen cash or personal property
- personal items and services, such as toiletries, luggage, clothes, haircuts, or shoe shines
- expenses which are not City business-related
- laundry, cleaning, pressing costs for trips of five days or less
- avoidable expenses for non-business-related activities, such as sightseeing tours, golfing, etc.
- traffic citations, parking tickets, or other fines
- additional charges incurred for personal reasons involving vehicle rentals
- locksmith charges on either fleet, rental, or personal vehicle, except when fleet or rental vehicles experience mechanical problems
- cost of circuitous or side trips for personal reasons
- repairs, towing service, lubrication, or other maintenance for personal vehicles
- pay-for-view movies in a hotel/motel room
- personal entertainment
- extra costs for additional person(s) in room
- additional charges for late checkout or un-cancelled guaranteed reservations
- trip/flight insurance
- extra baggage charges for personal items, such as golf clubs or skis
- airline, car, hotel, or corporate card club membership dues
- childcare costs
- maintenance and repairs to an employee's personal vehicle incurred while traveling

PROCEDURE

1. All training/seminars/conferences shall have a Travel Request Form submitted and approved before travel.
2. All travel-related expenses shall be reimbursed to the employee by the City through completion of the Travel Expense Reimbursement Form.
3. Approval signatures are required for all travel.
4. Travel-related payments to vendors will follow the same schedule as all other payments for check processing.

Travel expense reimbursements to employees will be incorporated into Accounts Payable. Reports submitted by Tuesday at noon of the week immediately before the week of regularly scheduled payables dates will be included with that week's check run. Any reports submitted after that time will be paid on the next scheduled check run date. Since these payments will represent reimbursement of business expenses, no payroll taxes will be withheld.

ALDERPERSONS TRAVEL

This policy establishes guidelines for reimbursing expenses and providing stipends to members of the Common Council (Alders) who attend eligible conferences, training seminars, and other professional development events. The goal is to fairly compensate Alders for participating in development opportunities that enhance their effectiveness while maintaining transparency and fiscal responsibility.

Reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses, consistent with procedures used for city employees. A flat-rate stipend for attendance at qualifying conferences and training, to recognize the time commitment and encourage professional growth.

Alders are eligible to receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred while attending eligible events. These may include:

- Mileage (based on IRS standard mileage rate stated in 1-11 and 1-10)
- Parking fees
- Meals (within reason and following City of Kaukauna reimbursement guidelines 1-10)
- Tolls or transit fares

Reimbursement requests must be submitted using the standard employee reimbursement form and include itemized receipts or documentation.

Conference Attendance Stipend

In addition to reimbursements, Alders attending approved conferences or training sessions may receive a flat stipend as follows:

- Full-Day Event (6+ hours): \$150 stipend
- Half-Day Event (3–5 hours): \$75 stipend
- Short Sessions (Under 3 hours): Not eligible for a stipend; mileage and parking may still be reimbursed

The stipend will be issued through payroll and classified as a “Training Incentive” on the Alder’s next paycheck.

Virtual Participation

To adapt to evolving participation methods, virtual attendance is addressed as follows:

- Virtual Full-Day Event (6+ hours): Eligible for half stipend (\$75)
- Virtual Short Sessions (under 6 hours) or recorded webinars: Not eligible for stipend. No travel involved limits the justification for flat-rate compensation. Mileage and parking do not apply.

Events

To ensure public funds are used responsibly, the following types of events qualify for stipends and/or reimbursements:

Eligible:

- Municipal, League, or Governmental Conferences
- Training seminars focused on governance, finance, planning, leadership, or legislative affairs

- Legislative or intergovernmental meetings (e.g., League of Wisconsin Municipalities, Wisconsin Towns Association)

Not Eligible:

- Political fundraisers or campaign-related events
- Social or networking-only functions (e.g., receptions, gala dinners without educational components)

Proof of Attendance and Documentation

To receive the stipend, Alders must submit the following documentation within 14 calendar days of the event:

- Proof of registration
- Event agenda or itinerary
- Badge, certificate, or other proof of actual attendance
- Receipts for reimbursable expenses (where applicable)

*Failure to provide adequate documentation will result in denial of the stipend and/or reimbursement.

Annual Limitations

To ensure fairness and budgetary control, the Alders will be subject to the following limits, based on Council approval:

- Budget Cap: Maximum of \$800 per Alder per calendar year (including stipends and reimbursements)

The Finance department will monitor expenses and notify Alders if they approach their annual limit.

Administration and Oversight

The Mayor's Office will track conference participation, verify documentation, and initiate payroll stipend requests. The Finance Department will review and process all reimbursements, ensure compliance with IRS guidelines, and maintain records for audit purposes.

Final interpretation of this policy rests with the Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

JOB POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS

All classification vacancies shall be posted on the bulletin board within ten (10) working days of the decision to fill vacancies. Such notice shall be posted for at least ten (10) working days and shall state the prerequisites for the job. Such prerequisites shall be consistent with the requirements of the job classification.

Employees desiring to apply for such vacancies shall submit an internal application. The City shall attempt to fill the position no later than ten (10) working days after the posting period. Only those applicants who meet the prerequisites for the positions shall be considered. The City will assign the most qualified person. If all qualifications and performance are equal, then the City will look at years of experience. Employee shall demonstrate their ability to perform the job during a thirty (30) day training period, and, if the employee is deemed qualified by the Employer after said training and trial, the employee shall be assigned to fill the vacancy. Should such employee not qualify or should such employee desire to return to their former position within the thirty (30) day training period, they shall be reassigned to their former position. In this event, another applicant shall be given an opportunity to qualify, and this procedure shall continue until the vacancy is filled.

SENIORITY

Seniority is defined to be the total time elapsed since the date of original employment. A seniority roster will be maintained by the Street Superintendent.

NORMAL WORKDAY AND WORK WEEK

1. 4:00 am – 12:30 pm M-Th/4:00 am – 10:00 am F – OR – 7:00 am – 3:30 pm M-Th/7:00 am – 1:00 pm F. Schedule assignment is based on position.
2. When calling employees to work overtime, they will be called in the order that they appear on the seniority roster, within their classification.
3. Normal working hours may be adjusted by mutual agreement between employee and employer.

PAY POLICIES

1. Wage Schedule and Job Classifications
 - a. Employees shall be classified according to their major work assignment and in accordance with the following job classifications and shall be paid the appropriate rate of pay on a year-round basis for said job classification.
 - b. Crew leader shall be paid one dollar (\$1.00) per hour in addition to their regular rate of pay while performing such duties when assigned.
 - c. Employees who are assigned and perform work in a higher classification for two (2) consecutive hours per day shall receive a \$.50 pay differential per hour, per classification for the hours worked. Employees who perform work in a lower classification shall receive their regular rate of pay while assigned.
2. Call Pay
 - a. Whenever an employee is called outside of normal working hours and reports to work, the employee shall be paid two (2) hours at straight time, regardless of the length of time worked, plus they shall be paid time at the rate of one and one-half for all hours worked. Call pay shall not apply if an employee is scheduled or called before the end of the current shift.
 - b. Reasonable compliance shall be expected of employees when called for emergency work. If no one agrees to come in, the least senior qualified person

contacted shall report for duty. Repeated failure to respond to calls for emergency work may be subject to discipline.

3. Temporary Pay
 - a. An employee who has been temporarily assigned to fill a classification vacancy shall immediately be paid the higher rate of pay for the time assigned.
 - b. When an employee is temporarily assigned to a lower position, they will receive their regular rate of pay while assigned.
4. Holiday/Sunday Pay
 - a. Employees who work on holidays shall be paid double time (2x) in addition to their holiday pay. Employees who work Sundays shall be paid double time (2x).

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

All positions within the Department of Public Works require a valid commercial Driver's License (CDL). If during employment in a position that requires a valid CDL, the license becomes suspended, revoked, or otherwise invalid, the employee must notify the City immediately and may not operate equipment requiring a CDL. The City will evaluate the individual situation on a case-by-case basis for employment implications and decisions. As all positions within the Department of Public Works require a valid CDL, a demotion or transfer to a different position within the department is not eligible.

Employees newly hired to a position requiring a CDL will have a period of 180 days to obtain their CDL. The City will provide for the costs associated with obtaining the license, including testing fees for successful passage of required tests. The City will pay directly to the training provider for the employee to attend the program. An employee who participates in the City-funded CDL program to obtain a license will be required to acknowledge and agree to repay any costs should they fail to obtain their license or if they leave employment within 36 months of payment being provided by the City. If an employee leaves employment for any reason, before 36 months of continuous employment after completion of the program, they will be required to reimburse the City the full amount of license reimbursement received.



MEMO

Human Resources

To: Finance & Personnel Committee
From: Elisa Hodge, Human Resources
Date: 12/1/2025
Re: Longevity

Background information:

The Employee Longevity program was discontinued as part of the 2023-2024 Compensation Administration restructuring.

Employee Longevity pay was last paid out near year-end of 2024 for years of service through 2024 for active employees at that time, not subject to collective bargaining.

Funds budgeted for 2025 were allocated to the Merit Incentive program created under the 2023-2024 Compensation Plan restructuring proposal. Merit Incentive nominations were submitted in the second half of 2024, and then nomination forms underwent a committee review in late 2024-early 2025. It was deemed by the review committee that the program had significant flaws and should be reevaluated for overall procedure. No awards were issued as a result of the review committee's decision.

April 14, 2025 – a memo was presented to the Finance & Personnel Committee informing the committee that the Merit Incentive program was deemed by the review committee to be flawed and therefore should not move forward. At this meeting, and based on a request from Department Heads at that time, the Longevity for 2025 was proposed to be reinstated for the 2025 payment. The resulting vote at the Finance & Personnel Committee was 3-2 as a failed motion to pay Longevity.

The Finance & Personnel Committee has been presented and approved restructuring to the Compensation Administration at the October 6, 2025 meeting. A separate

incentive proposal was not put forth due to budget constraints and was noted in HR Director Hodge's verbal presentation.

Alders have received separate communications in Q3 2025 from an employee and/or a Department Head, requesting that the Longevity Incentive be reinstated and applied to 2025, and it is therefore being readdressed for discussion.

Budget

The cost for Longevity in 2025 would be \$18,975 (as stated in the memo to Finance & Personnel on 4/14/2025). The Merit Incentive budget for 2025 was allocated to be \$16,000 in the Human Resources budget.



MEMO

Department

To: Finance & Personnel
 From: Elisa Hodge, Human Resources Director
 Date: 12/1/2025
 Re: 2026 Pay Grade Classification and Schedule

Attached are:

- 2026 Pay Grade Schedule: represents a 3.5% schedule adjustment as presented in the 2026 budget information, along with a correction to the step increments to ensure all have a 2.25% upward increase.
- 2026 Job Titles and Grade Classifications
 - New position of Human Resources Coordinator as presented by the People Operations Plan (POP) with the 2026 Budget
 - New position of Assistant Library Director as presented by the People Operations Plan (POP) with the 2026 Budget
 - New position of Parks Foreman as presented by the People Operations Plan (POP) with the 2026 Budget
 - Accounts Payable position presented with the People Operations Plan, with the 2026 budget, is to convert the part-time position to full-time, no grade change.
- 2026 Seasonal Positions and Pay Rate: represents the consolidation of several Recreation Department titles as presented on 8/18/2025, as well as pay rates with other positions receiving the schedule change of 3.5%.

Staff Recommended Action:

Proposed that the Committee approve:

1. 2026 Pay Grade Schedule as presented
2. 2026 Job Titles and Grade Classifications
3. Posting to fill vacancies for the newly created positions with the People Operation Plan (POP) and 2026 Budget:
 - a. Human Resources Coordinator full-time
 - b. Assistant Library Director full-time

- c. Parks Foreman full-time
 - d. Conversion of the Accounts Payable position to full-time
- 4. 2026 Seasonal Positions as presented

2026 Pay Schedule									
Step Grade	Step A	Step B	Step C	Step D	Step E	Step F	Step G	Step H	Step I
1	16.85	17.23	17.62	18.02	18.43	18.84	19.26	19.69	20.13
2	18.98	19.41	19.85	20.30	20.76	21.23	21.71	22.20	22.70
3	19.25	19.68	20.12	20.57	21.03	21.50	21.98	22.47	22.98
4	19.79	20.24	20.70	21.17	21.65	22.14	22.64	23.15	23.67
5	21.88	22.37	22.87	23.38	23.91	24.45	25.00	25.56	26.14
6	22.02	22.52	23.03	23.55	24.08	24.62	25.17	25.74	26.32
7	23.32	23.84	24.38	24.93	25.49	26.06	26.65	27.25	27.86
8	25.97	26.55	27.15	27.76	28.38	29.02	29.67	30.34	31.02
9	27.02	27.63	28.25	28.89	29.54	30.20	30.88	31.57	32.28
10	29.50	30.16	30.84	31.53	32.24	32.97	33.71	34.47	35.25
11	30.59	31.28	31.98	32.70	33.44	34.19	34.96	35.75	36.55
12	33.67	34.43	35.20	35.99	36.80	37.63	38.48	39.35	40.24
13	58,635	59,954	61,303	62,682	64,092	65,534	67,009	68,517	70,059
14	61,393	62,774	64,186	65,630	67,107	68,617	70,161	71,740	73,354
15	63,100	64,520	65,972	67,456	68,974	70,526	72,113	73,736	75,395
16	63,459	64,887	66,347	67,840	69,366	70,927	72,523	74,155	75,823
17	68,310	69,847	71,419	73,026	74,669	76,349	78,067	79,824	81,620
18	72,206	73,831	75,492	77,191	78,928	80,704	82,520	84,377	86,275
19	72,784	74,422	76,096	77,808	79,559	81,349	83,179	85,051	86,965
20	73,760	75,420	77,117	78,852	80,626	82,440	84,295	86,192	88,131
21	82,727	84,588	86,491	88,437	90,427	92,462	94,542	96,669	98,844
22	86,920	88,876	90,876	92,921	95,012	97,150	99,336	101,571	103,856
23	91,141	93,192	95,289	97,433	99,625	101,867	104,159	106,503	108,899
24	97,634	99,831	102,077	104,374	106,722	109,123	111,578	114,089	116,656
25	102,025	104,321	106,668	109,068	111,522	114,031	116,597	119,220	121,902
26	106,818	109,221	111,678	114,191	116,760	119,387	122,073	124,820	127,628
27	111,626	114,138	116,706	119,332	122,017	124,762	127,569	130,439	133,374
28	116,650	119,275	121,959	124,703	127,509	130,378	133,312	136,312	139,379
29	121,897	124,640	127,444	130,311	133,243	136,241	139,306	142,440	145,645
30	127,383	130,249	133,180	136,177	139,241	142,374	145,577	148,852	152,201

2026 Positions by Pay Grade

Title	Pay Grade
Library Assistant Local History	H02
Library Assistant Communications Coordinator	H02
Library Assistant Materials Processing	H02
Library Assistant Programming	H02
Library Assist Native American Outreach Coordinator	H02
Library Assistant	H02
Library Assistant On-Call	H02
Administrative Coordinator- Library	H05
Office Assistant- DPW	H05
Office Assistant- Recreation	H05
Clerk Of Municipal Court	H07
Records Assistant	H07
Administrative Coordinator- Mayor	H08
Administrative Assistant- 1000 Islands	H08
Assistant Naturalist	H08
Site Manager- 1000 Islands	H08
Paralegal	H09
Accounting Specialist (AP)	H09
Accounting Specialist (AR)	H09
HR Coordinator	H09
Technology Coordinator- Library	H09
Code Enforcement Officer	H10
Janitor	H10
Laborer	H10
Parks Technician	H10
Small Truck Driver	H10
Tandem Truck Driver	H10
Automated Garbage Truck Driver	H11
Backhoe Operator	H11
Grader Operator	H11
Loader Operator	H11
Sweeper Operator	H11
Sewer Crew	H11
Mechanic	H12
Senior Paralegal	H12
Youth Services Librarian I	S13

Title	Pay Grade
Payroll Coordinator	S14
Adult Services Librarian II	S14
Administrative Services Supervisor	S14
Associate Planner	S15
Planning/Engineer Tech	S16
Accountant	S17
City Clerk	S17
Naturalist	S17
Recreation Program Manager	S17
Community Enrichment Program Manager	S17
Marketing and Communications Manager	S19
Street Foreman	S19
Park Foreman	S19
Project Engineer	S20
Assistant Library Director	S20
IT Manager	S21
Senior Accountant	S21
Building Inspector	S21
Senior Engineer	S21
Street Superintendent	S21
Lieutenant Investigator	S22
Division Fire Chief, Operations	S24
Division Fire Chief, Training	S24
Assistant Police Chief	S24
Director of Planning & Community Development	S25
Library Director	S25
Community Enrichment & Recreation Director	S25
Human Resources Director	S26
Fire Chief	S27
Police Chief	S27
Director of Public Works	S28
Finance Director/Treasurer	S30

2026 City of Kaukauna Seasonal Positions

POSITION TITLE	2025 Rates	2026 Rate
SPORTS COORDINATOR		\$ 23.00
SPORTS INSTRUCTOR		\$ 20.00
SPORTS ASSISTANT		\$ 15.50
CERTIFIED FITNESS INSTRUCTOR		\$ 23.00
FITNESS INSTRUCTOR		\$ 18.00
DANCE INSTRUCTOR		\$ 20.00
COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COORDINATOR	\$20.69	\$ 21.00
AQUATIC CENTER ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	\$19.26	\$ 20.00
AQUATIC CENTER FACILITIES SUPERVISOR	\$25.05	\$ 28.00
AQUATIC CENTER SUPERVISOR	\$23.15	\$ 23.50
ATTENDANTS / CONCESSIONAIRE	\$12.81	\$ 13.00
CONCESSIONS ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR	\$15.71	\$ 20.00
LIFEGUARD I	\$15.57	\$ 15.75
LIFEGUARD II	\$16.61	\$ 16.75
LIFEGUARD III	\$17.66	\$ 17.75
POOL LANDSCAPER	\$14.64	\$ 15.00
WATER AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR	\$15.46	\$ 23.00
WATER SAFETY AIDE		\$ 15.50
WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (NO LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION)		\$ 16.50
WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR (W/LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION)	\$18.22	\$ 18.50
SUMMER SCHOOL AIDE	\$15.16	\$ 15.00
UMPIRE***		\$ 30.00
TEACHER* (KASD - Get rate from School)	\$27.45	TBD
TEACHER (not KASD Teacher)	\$24.10	TBD
CROSSING GUARD	\$16.39	\$ 16.96
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (CSO)	\$16.39	\$ 16.96
INTERN - COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT	\$13.24	\$ 13.70
INTERN - ENGINEERING	\$16.85	\$ 17.44
INTERN - HR		\$ 17.00
INTERN - PLANNING	\$13.24	\$ 13.70
INTERN - NATURALIST	\$13.24	\$ 13.70
LABORER SEASONAL - ENTRY	\$16.85	\$ 17.44
LABORER SEASONAL - 2 YEAR	\$17.40	\$ 18.01
LABORER SEASONAL - 3 YEAR	\$17.88	\$ 18.51
POC-TRAINING (FIRE FIGHTER)	\$11.99	\$ 12.41
POC-CALL-IN (FIRE FIGHTER)	\$16.57	\$ 17.15
POC-TRAINING (DRIVER)	\$12.38	\$ 12.81
POC-CALL-IN (DRIVER)	\$16.91	\$ 17.50
YOUTH APPRENTICE - ENGINEERING	\$11.78	\$ 12.19