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LOCAL 2084-FM

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These Articles constitute an Agreement between King County (County) and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees (Union), Local 2084-FM (Local).

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE AND LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1.1 Purpose: The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth in writing the negotiated wages, hours and working conditions for those employees who are covered by this Agreement.

1.2 Labor-Management Committee:

A. The parties agree to establish a Joint Labor-Management Committee (JLMC) which shall be authorized, consistent with applicable laws and the terms of this Agreement, to use principles of interest-based bargaining to interpret, apply, and resolve issues affecting Labor and/or Management.

B. The role of the JLMC is to oversee the tasks and/or committees called for in this Agreement, and those that it establishes, and to provide the necessary coordination on matters involving the following principles:

- To deal jointly with issues
- To maintain and improve labor-management relations and communications
- Establish commitment, mutual trust, and mutual respect
- To help identify and solve problems
- As a forum to exchange information
- To promote the highest degree of efficiency and responsibility in

performance of the work and the accomplishment of the public purpose of the Facilities Management Division in the Department of Executive Services

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- Perform other duties as contained in this Agreement

C. The JLMC will meet at least quarterly unless the parties mutually agree to change the schedule provided that no more than one hundred-twenty (120) days shall elapse between meetings. The parties will develop ground rules and other processes and procedures necessary for conducting LMC meetings.

D. The JLMC does not waive or diminish management rights or union rights. The parties recognize that the JLMC may not be able to resolve every issue.

1.3 Definitions: All words under this Agreement shall have their ordinary and usual meaning except those words that have been defined under K.C.C.3.12, as amended.

1 **ARTICLE 2: UNION RECOGNITION AND MEMBERSHIP**

2 **2.1 Recognition:** The County recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining
3 representative for all employees, other than confidential and supervisory employees, whose job
4 classifications are listed in Addendum A and who work at YSC.

5 **2.2 Union Membership:** It shall be a condition of employment that all employees covered by
6 this Agreement who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this
7 Agreement shall remain members in good standing or pay an agency fee. It shall also be a condition
8 of employment that all employees covered by this Agreement and hired or assigned into the
9 bargaining unit after its effective date shall, on the thirtieth (30) day following the beginning of such
10 employment, become and remain members in good standing in the Union or pay an agency fee.

11 **2.3 Exemption:** In accordance with RCW 41.56.122, employees covered by this Agreement
12 who are forbidden from joining a Union by bona fide religious beliefs, or tenants or teachings of a
13 church or religious body, shall contribute an amount equivalent to regular Union dues and initiation
14 fees to a non religious charity or to another religious charitable organization mutually agreed upon by
15 the employee affected and the Union.

16 **2.4 Dues Deduction:** Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by an
17 employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount of dues as
18 certified by the business manager of the Union and shall transmit the same to its treasurer.

19 **2.5 Indemnification:** The Union will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless
20 against any claims made and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-
21 off of dues for the Union. The Union agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error
22 on account of the check-off provisions upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

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1 **ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT**

2 It is recognized that the County retains the right, except as otherwise provided in this
3 Agreement, to manage the business of the County and to direct its workforce. Such functions of the
4 County include, but are not limited to:

- 5 A. Recruit, examine, select, promote, transfer and train employees of its choosing, and to
6 determine the times and methods of such actions;
- 7 B. Develop and modify class specifications as well as assignment for the salary range for
8 each classification and allocate positions to those classifications;
- 9 C. Determine the methods, materials and tools to accomplish the work;
- 10 D. Designate work locations and assign employees to those locations;
- 11 E. Reduce the workforce due to lack of work, funding or other cause consistent with efficient
12 management;
- 13 F. Discipline, suspend, demote or dismiss regular employees for just cause;
- 14 G. Establish reasonable work rules;
- 15 H. Assign and direct the work, assign the hours of work and assign employees to shifts of its
16 designation.

17 All of the functions, rights, powers and authority of the County not specifically abridged,
18 delegated or modified by this Agreement are recognized by the Union as being retained by the
19 County.

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1 **ARTICLE 4: WAIVER AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

2 4.1 **Waiver:** The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations resulting in this
3 Agreement each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect
4 to any and all subjects or matters not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and the
5 understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after exercise of that right and opportunity are
6 set forth in this Agreement. The County and the Union each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive the
7 right and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any
8 subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject
9 or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at
10 the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement. All rights and duties of both parties are
11 specifically expressed in this Agreement and such expression is all inclusive. This Agreement
12 constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and concludes collective bargaining for its terms,
13 subject only to a desire by both parties to mutually agree to amend or supplement at any time, except
14 for negotiations over a successor collective bargaining agreement.

15 4.2 **Modification:** Should the parties agree to amend or supplement the terms of this
16 Agreement, such amendments or supplements shall be in writing and effective when signed by the
17 parties.

1 **ARTICLE 5: EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

2 **5.1 Just Cause Standard:** No regular employee shall be disciplined except for just cause.

3 **5.2 Disciplinary Action:**

4 A. Disciplinary action may include written reprimand, demotion, reduction in pay,
5 suspension or discharge. An employee who is disciplined will be given a copy of the discipline when
6 issued. A copy of the discipline will also be given to the Local President. Warnings and counseling
7 whether given orally or in writing are not discipline.

8 B. When the County takes disciplinary action the employee shall be given written
9 notice of such action and, upon written request, reports or documentation will be made available to
10 the employee.

11 C. An employee attending a disciplinary investigation meeting may have Union
12 representation present, if requested.

13 **5.3 Personnel Files:**

14 A. The employee and/or a Union representative may examine the employee's
15 personnel files if the employee so authorizes in writing. Material placed into the employee's files
16 relating to job performance or personal character shall be brought to his or her attention prior to
17 placement in the file. The employee may challenge the propriety of including it in the files. If, after
18 discussion, the County retains the material in the file, the employee shall have the right to insert
19 contrary documentation into the file, or request the removal of a document that is in the file.

20 B. Unauthorized persons shall not have access to employee files or other personal data
21 relating to the employee. The Director of FM/designee will determine staff authorized for access to
22 personnel files maintained in FM. All persons with the exception of FM and HRD personnel, and
23 Prosecuting Attorney staff shall record access to employee files.

24 C. Files maintained by supervisors regarding an employee are considered part of the
25 employee's personnel file and subject to the requirements of applicable laws and any provisions of
26 this Agreement applicable to personnel files, including allowing employee access to such files.

27 **5.4 Class Specifications:** When the phrase, such as "performs related work as required," is
28 incorporated into the text of an official class specification as a representative example of work, the

1 assignment of such work on a regular and ongoing basis shall be within the essential duties and
2 responsibilities of the classification. Except as agreed to by the Union and the County, employees
3 shall not regularly and on an ongoing basis be assigned duties foreign to their classification.

4 **5.5 Right to Representation:** Employees shall have the right to representation as defined by
5 law and the terms of this Agreement.

6 **5.6 Mileage:** All employees who have been authorized to use their own transportation on
7 County business shall be reimbursed at the IRS rate.

8 **5.7 Personal Property:** Employees whose personal property is damaged during the
9 performance of their duties shall have same repaired or replaced at County expense; provided, that
10 such reimbursement shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per incident. Paperwork
11 necessary to process claims covered under this Section will be initiated by the County with due speed
12 upon receipt of the claim from the employee.

13 **5.8 Subcontracting:** The County will not contract or subcontract work when such action will
14 cause layoff of regular employees unless it is required by state or federal law.

15 **5.9 Safety Standards:** No employee shall be directed to work in a manner or condition that
16 does not comply with the minimum accepted safety practices or standards, or in a condition, location
17 or assignment which would constitute a hazard to the employee's health or well-being.

18 **5.10 Seniority Calculation:** For the purposes of this Agreement, seniority shall be defined as
19 the length of continuous regular service which includes seniority accrued with the former DYS
20 without a break in that service.

21 **5.10.1** The calculation of seniority will be accomplished by automatically crediting each
22 employee at the beginning of the calendar year with the number of regular hours s/he would be
23 scheduled to work during the remainder of the calendar year based on his/her employment status as a
24 full-time employee. Any leave-without-pay hours will then be subtracted from the total employment
25 and classification time as it is taken throughout the calendar year.

26 **5.10.2** Part-time regular employees will accrue seniority based on the number of regular hours
27 compensated during the calendar year, not to exceed a full-time accrual rate.

28 **5.10.3** No employee shall lose seniority due to an absence caused by an on-the-job injury

1 and otherwise as provided by law (i.e. military leave, FML).

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1 **ARTICLE 6: HOLIDAYS**

2 **6.1 Celebrated Holidays:**

3 A. All regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees shall
4 be granted the following holidays with pay:

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<i>Holiday</i>	<i>Date Celebrated</i>
New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday	Third Monday in January
President's Birthday	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day after Thanksgiving	Day Following Thanksgiving
Christmas Day	December 25th

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18 and any day as declared by the president or governor and as approved by the Council.

19 B. Whenever a holiday falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed
20 as a holiday, and any holiday falling on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday.

21 **6.2 Personal Holidays:** Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary
22 employees shall receive two (2) additional personal holidays to be administered through the vacation
23 plan. One (1) day shall be accrued on the first of October and one (1) day shall be accrued on the first
24 of November of each year. These days may be used in the same manner as any vacation day earned.

25 **6.3 Part-time Scheduled Employees:** Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited
26 temporary employees who work a part-time schedule receive paid holidays prorated based on their
27 work schedule consistent with Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

28 **6.4 Holiday Compensation:**

1 A. Full-time employees who are eligible for holiday pay shall receive time and one-
2 half (1-1/2) their regular rate of pay for all hours worked on a holiday listed in Section 6.1.A. above.
3 This holiday compensation for hours actually worked on a holiday shall be in addition to the eight (8)
4 straight time hours of holiday pay. Employees who do not work the holiday shall either receive an
5 additional day's pay at their regular, straight-time hourly rate or shall at their option receive a
6 substitute holiday, use of which must be scheduled five (5) days in advance. Substitute holidays not
7 taken off within one (1) year of the holiday shall be compensated for in cash.

8 B. Part-time employees who are eligible for holiday pay and are assigned to work on a
9 holiday shall be paid holiday compensation (1-1/2 the regular rate of pay) for the actual hours worked.
10 In addition to the holiday compensation for actual hours worked, the employees shall receive holiday
11 pay for holidays which fall on regularly scheduled working days and the holiday pay shall be pro-
12 rated based on the employees regularly scheduled working hours. Employees will not be
13 compensated for holidays falling on days which they are not regularly scheduled to work.

14 **6.5 Holiday Staffing:** The County may use reduced staffing on holidays consistent with
15 weekend staffing requirements. Volunteers will be sought first for holiday staffing by rotating
16 through the list of employees by classification and seniority. If there are insufficient volunteers,
17 employees will be selected by the County using a rotation process. Employees may exchange
18 assigned holidays so long as the County incurs no additional costs. Employees proposing the
19 exchange must notify their supervisor in writing not less than fourteen (14) days in advance of the
20 holiday. Any exchange of holiday assignments will obligate both employees to work those days
21 which they have exchanged.

1 **ARTICLE 7: VACATIONS**

2 **7.1 Vacation Leave Accrual Schedule:**

3 A. Effective upon implementation of this agreement, regular, probationary,
4 provisional and term-limited temporary employees shall accrue vacation leave benefits as described in
5 the following table:

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Full Years of Service	Equivalent/ Pro-Rated days (7.2 hours/day)	
Upon hire through end of Year	5	12
Upon beginning of Year	6	15
Upon beginning of Year	9	16
Upon beginning of Year	11	20
Upon beginning of Year	17	21
Upon beginning of Year	18	22
Upon beginning of Year	19	23
Upon beginning of Year	20	24
Upon beginning of Year	21	25
Upon beginning of Year	22	26
Upon beginning of Year	23	27
Upon beginning of Year	24	28
Upon beginning of Year	25	29
Upon beginning of Year and beyond	26	30

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25 **7.2 Part-time Employees:** Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary
26 employees who work a part-time schedule shall accrue vacation leave in accordance with the leave
27 schedule set forth in Section 7.1; provided, however, such accrual rates shall be prorated to reflect
28 his/her normally scheduled workweek.

1 **7.3 Vacation Accrual:** Employees eligible for vacation leave shall accrue vacation leave
2 from their date of hire. Employees may accrue vacation leave each pay-period which may not be used
3 until earned.

4 **7.4 Vacation Eligibility:** Employees eligible for vacation leave shall not be eligible to take or
5 be paid for vacation leave until they have successfully completed their first six (6) months of County
6 service in a paid leave eligible position, and if they leave County employment prior to successfully
7 completing their first six (6) months of County service, shall forfeit and not be paid for accrued
8 vacation leave.

9 **7.5 Vacation Payout:** Employees eligible for vacation leave shall be paid for accrued
10 vacation leave to their date of separation up to the maximum accrual amount if they have successfully
11 completed their first six (6) months of County service in a paid leave eligible position. Payment shall
12 be the accrued vacation leave multiplied by the employee's rate of pay in effect upon the date of
13 leaving County employment less mandatory withholdings.

14 **7.6 Vacation Requests:**

15 A. One vacation preference request will be granted for a single period of consecutive
16 work days off for vacation for a period beginning April 1 and ending the following March 31. Such
17 request must be received by the County no later than March 1. The vacation preference request shall
18 be made on a FM form. The vacation preference request shall be granted on the basis of seniority
19 within each classification provided that essential facility operations are properly staffed at all times.
20 Employees will be notified by April 1 in regard to approval or disapproval of their requests.

21 B. Vacation requests received after March 1 shall be considered and approved on the
22 basis of date of request. Employees shall be advised within thirty (30) days of the date of the request
23 as to approval or disapproval of the request.

24 **7.7 Maximum Accrual:** Employees eligible for vacation leave may accrue up to sixty (60)
25 days vacation prorated to reflect their normally scheduled work-day. Employees eligible for vacation
26 leave shall use vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount prior to December 31 of each
27 year. Failure to use vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount will result in forfeiture of
28 the vacation leave beyond the maximum amount unless the manager/designee has approved a

1 carryover of such vacation leave because of cyclical workloads, work assignments or other reasons as
2 may be in the best interests of the County.

3 **7.8 Payout on Separation due to Death:** In cases of separation from County employment by
4 death of an employee with accrued vacation leave and who has successfully completed his/her first
5 six (6) months of County service in a paid leave eligible position, payment of unused vacation leave
6 up to the maximum accrual amount shall be made to the employee's estate, or, in applicable cases, as
7 provided for by state law, RCW Title 11.

8 **7.9 Vacation rate on Return:** If a regular employee eligible for vacation leave resigns from
9 County employment or is laid off and subsequently returns to County employment within two (2)
10 years from such resignation or layoff, as applicable, the employee's prior County service shall be
11 counted in determining the vacation leave accrual rate under Section 7.1.

12 **7.10 Partial Payments:** Vacation leave may be used in quarter (1/4) hour increments.

13 **7.11 Limited use on Probation:** Employees who are in a probationary period as a result of
14 promotion shall be entitled to use vacation time accrued in their prior position while they are in a
15 probationary status in their new position subject to the approval of the manager/designee. This
16 provision does not limit the ability of employees to use accrued leave for a qualifying event under the
17 Washington Family Care Act or as otherwise provided by law.

1 **ARTICLE 8: SICK LEAVE**

2 **8.1 Sick Leave:** Regular, probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees will
3 accrue sick leave benefits at the rate of 0.04616 hours for each hour in pay status exclusive of overtime
4 up to a maximum of eight (8) hours per month. Except, that sick leave will not begin to accrue until the
5 first of the month following the month in which the employee commenced employment. The employee
6 is not entitled to sick leave if not previously earned.

7 **8.2 Vacation as an extension of Sick Leave:** During the first six (6) months of service in a paid
8 leave eligible position, eligible employees may, at the manager/designee's discretion, use any accrued
9 days of vacation leave as an extension of sick leave. If an employee does not work a full six (6) months
10 in a paid leave eligible position, any vacation leave used for sick leave must be reimbursed to the
11 County upon termination. This provision does not limit the ability of employees to use accrued leave
12 for a qualifying event under the Washington Family Care Act.

13 **8.3 Partial Day Increments:** Sick leave may be used in one quarter (1/4) hour increments.

14 **8.4 Unlimited Accrual:** There will be no limit to the hours of sick leave benefits accrued by
15 paid leave eligible employee.

16 **8.5 Restoration following Separation:** Separation from employment except by reason of
17 retirement, layoff for non-disciplinary medical reasons, will cancel all sick leave accrued to the paid
18 leave eligible employee as of the date of separation. Should a regular employee resign in good standing,
19 be laid off or separated for non-disciplinary medical reasons and return to County employment within
20 two (2) years, his/her accrued sick leave will be restored.

21 **8.6 Pay upon Separation:** A paid leave eligible employee who has successfully completed at
22 least five (5) years of County service and who retires as a result of length of service or who separates by
23 reason of death will be paid, or his/her estate as provided for by RCW Title 11, as applicable, an amount
24 equal to thirty-five percent (35%) of his/her unused, accumulated sick leave multiplied by the
25 employee's rate of pay in effect upon the date of leaving County employment, less mandatory
26 withholdings. This sick leave cash-out provision is subject to the adoption of a Voluntary Employee
27 Beneficiary Association (VEBA) by members of this bargaining unit as provided in the King County
28 Code.

1 **8.7 Leave Without Pay for Health Reasons:** An employee must use all of his/her sick leave
2 before taking unpaid leave for his/her own health reasons. If the injury is compensable under the
3 County's workers compensation program, then the employee has the option to augment or not
4 augment time loss payments with the use of his/her accrued sick leave.

5 **8.8 Leave Without Pay for Family Reason:** For a leave for family reasons, the employee
6 will choose at the start of the leave whether the particular leave would be paid or unpaid (see Section
7 8.11); but, when an employee chooses to take paid leave for family reasons s/he may set aside a
8 reserve of up to eighty (80) hours of accrued sick leave.

9 **8.9 Use of Vacation Leave as Sick Leave:** An employee who has exhausted all of his/her
10 sick leave may use accrued vacation leave before going on leave of absence without pay, if approved
11 by his/her manager/designee.

12 **8.10 Use of Sick Leave:** Accrued sick leave will be used for the following reasons:

13 A. The employee's bona fide illness; provided, that an employee who suffers an
14 occupational illness may not simultaneously collect sick leave and worker's compensation payments
15 in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee;

16 B. The employee's incapacitating injury, provided that:

17 1. An employee injured on the job may not simultaneously collect sick leave
18 and worker's compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the
19 employee; though an employee who chooses not to augment his/her worker's compensation time loss
20 pay through the use of sick leave will be deemed on unpaid leave status;

21 2. An employee will augment workers compensation payments with the use of
22 accrued sick leave unless s/he notifies the workers compensation office in writing at the beginning of
23 the leave otherwise;

24 3. An employee may not collect sick leave and worker's compensation time
25 loss payments for physical incapacity due to any injury or occupational illness that is directly
26 traceable to employment other than with the County.

27 C. Exposure to contagious diseases and resulting quarantine.

28 D. A female employee's temporary disability caused by or contributed to by

1 pregnancy and childbirth.

2 E. The employee's medical, ocular or dental appointments, provided that the
3 employee's manager/designee has approved the scheduling of sick leave for such appointments.

4 F. To care for the employee's eligible child if the child has an illness or health
5 condition which requires treatment or supervision from the employee;

6 G. To care for other family members under the King County Family Medical Leave,
7 if:

8 1. The employee has been employed by the County for twelve (12) months or
9 more and has worked a minimum of nine hundred thirty-six (936) hours in the preceding twelve (12)
10 months,

11 2. The family member is the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the
12 employee's child, a child of the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the parent of the employee,
13 employee's spouse or domestic partner or an individual who stands or stood in loco parentis to the
14 employee, the employee's spouse or domestic partner; and,

15 3. The reason for the leave is one of the following:

16 a. The birth of a son or daughter and care of the newborn child, or
17 placement with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care, if the leave is taken
18 within twelve (12) months of the birth, adoption or placement;

19 b. The care of the employee's child or child of the employee's spouse
20 or domestic partner whose illness or health condition requires treatment or supervision by the
21 employee; or

22 c. Care of a family member who suffers from a serious health
23 condition.

24 H. As otherwise required by law, including the Washington Family Care Act.

25 **8.11 Unpaid Leave:** An employee may take a total of up to eighteen (18) work weeks unpaid
26 leave for his or her own serious health condition, and for family reasons as provided in Sections
27 8.10.F and 8.10.G combined, within a twelve (12) month period. The leave may be continuous,
28 which is consecutive days or weeks, or intermittent, which is taken in whole or partial days as

1 needed. Intermittent leave is subject to the following conditions:

2 **A. Birth or Adoption:** When a leave is taken after the birth or placement of a child
3 for adoption or foster care, an employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule
4 only if authorized by the employee's manager/designee.

5 **B. Reduced Schedules:** An employee make take leave intermittently or on a reduced
6 schedule when medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the employee or family
7 member of the employee; and

8 **C. Temporary Transfer:** If an employee requests intermittent leave or leave on a
9 reduced leave schedule, under Section 8.11.B. above, that is foreseeable based on planned medical
10 treatment, the manager/designee may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available
11 alternative position for which the employee is qualified and that has equivalent pay and benefits and
12 that better accommodates recurring periods of leave than the regular position of the employee.

13 **8.11.1 Concurrent Time:** Use of donated leave will run concurrently with the eighteen (18)
14 workweek family medical leave entitlement.

15 **8.11.2 Insurance Premiums:** The County will continue its contribution toward health care
16 during any unpaid leave taken under Section 8.11.

17 **8.11.3 Return to Work from Unpaid Leave:** An employee who returns from unpaid family
18 or medical leave within the time provided in this Article is entitled, subject to layoff provisions, to:

19 A. The same position s/he held when the leave commenced; or

20 B. A position with equivalent status, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of
21 employment; and

22 C. The same seniority accrued before the date on which the leave commenced.

23 **8.11.4 Failure to Return to Work:** Failure to return to work by the expiration date of the
24 leave of absence may be cause for removal and result in termination of the employee from County
25 service.

26 **8.12 Provider Certification:** The manager/designee and employee is responsible for the
27 proper administration of the sick leave benefit. Verification from a licensed health care provider may
28 be reasonably required to substantiate the health condition of the employee or family member for

1 leave requests.

2 **8.13 Definition of Child:** For purposes of this Article, a child means a biological, adopted or
3 foster child, a step child, a legal ward or a child of an employee standing in loco parentis to the child,
4 who is: under eighteen (18) years of age; or is eighteen (18) years of age or older and incapable of
5 self care because of mental or physical disability.

6 **8.14 Family Leave:** Employees may use available paid leave, including accrued vacation and
7 sick leave, to care for a family member in accordance with RCW 49.12.270.

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1 **ARTICLE 9: GENERAL LEAVES**

2 **9.1 Donation of Leaves:** Donation of vacation leave hours and donation of sick leave hours.

3 **A. Vacation leave hours:**

4 **1. Approval Required:** An employee eligible for paid leave may donate a
5 portion of his/her accrued vacation leave to another employee eligible for leave benefits. Such
6 donation will occur upon written request to and approval of the donating and receiving employee's
7 department director(s), except that requests for vacation donation made for the purposes of
8 supplementing the sick leave benefits of the receiving employee will not be denied unless approval
9 would result in a departmental hardship for the receiving department.

10 **2. Limitations:** The number of hours donated will not exceed the donor's
11 accrued vacation credit as of the date of the request. No donation of vacation hours will be permitted
12 where it would cause the employee receiving the transfer to exceed his/her maximum vacation
13 accrual.

14 **3. Return of Unused Donations:** Donated vacation leave hours must be used
15 within ninety (90) calendar days following the date of donation. Donated hours not used within
16 ninety (90) days or due to the death of the receiving employee will revert to the donor. Donated
17 vacation leave hours will be excluded from vacation leave payoff provisions contained in this Article.
18 For purposes of this Article, the first hours used by an employee will be accrued vacation leave hours.

19 **B. Sick leave hours:**

20 **1. Written Notice Required:** An employee eligible for paid leave may
21 donate a portion of his/her accrued sick leave to another employee eligible for leave benefits upon
22 written notice to the donating and receiving employee's department director(s).

23 **2. Minimum Leave Balance Required (Donor):** No donation will be
24 permitted unless the donating employee's sick leave accrual balance immediately subsequent to the
25 donation is one hundred (100) hours or more. No employee may donate more than twenty-five (25)
26 hours of his/her accrued sick leave in a calendar year.

27 **3. Return of Unused Donations:** Donated sick leave hours must be used
28 within ninety (90) calendar days. Donated hours not used within ninety (90) days or due to the death

1 of the receiving employee will revert to the donor. Donated sick leave hours will be excluded from
2 the sick leave payoff provisions contained in this Agreement, and sick leave restoration provisions
3 contained in this Agreement. For purposes of this Article, the first hours used by an employee will be
4 accrued sick leave hours.

5 **C. No Solicitation:** All donations of vacation and sick leave made under this Article
6 are strictly voluntary. An employee is prohibited from soliciting, offering or receiving monetary or
7 any other compensation or benefits in exchange for donating vacation or sick leave hours.

8 **D. Conversion Rate:** All vacation and sick leave hours donated will be converted to
9 a dollar value based on the donor's straight time hourly rate at the time of donation. Such dollar
10 value will then be divided by the receiving employee's hourly rate to determine the actual number of
11 hours received. Unused donated vacation and sick leave will be reconverted based on the donor's
12 straight time hourly rate at the time of reconversion. An employee eligible for paid leave benefits
13 may donate accrued vacation and/or sick leave in accordance with procedures set forth under Chapter
14 3.12.223 of the King County Code (K.C.C.).

15 **9.2 Leave - Organ Donors:** The manager/designee shall allow all employees eligible for paid
16 leave benefits who are voluntarily participating as donors in life-giving or life-saving procedures such
17 as, but not limited to, bone marrow transplants, kidney transplants, or blood transfusions to take five
18 (5) days paid leave, which shall not be charged to sick or vacation leaves.

19 **9.3 Bereavement Leave:**

20 **A.** Employees eligible for paid leave benefits shall be entitled to three (3) working
21 days of bereavement leave a year, due to death of members of their immediate family.

22 **B.** Employees eligible to accrue paid leave benefits who have exhausted their
23 bereavement leave, shall be entitled to use sick leave in the amount of three (3) days for each instance
24 when death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family.

25 **C.** In cases of family care where no sick leave benefit exists, the employee may use
26 vacation leave, compensatory time or may be granted leave without pay.

27 **D.** In the application of any of the foregoing provisions, when a holiday or regular day
28 off falls within the prescribed period of absence, it shall not be charged against the employee's sick

1 leave account nor bereavement leave credit.

2 E. For the purposes of this Section, a member of the immediate family is as follows:
3 spouse, domestic partner, grandparent, parent, child, sibling, child-in-law, parent-in-law, grandchild
4 of the employee, employee's spouse or employee's domestic partner.

5 **9.4 Leave – Examinations:** Employees eligible for paid leave benefits shall be entitled to
6 necessary time off with pay for the purpose of participating in County qualifying or promotional
7 examinations. This shall include time required to complete any required interviews.

8 **9.5 Jury Duty:**

9 A. Employees eligible for paid leave benefits who are ordered on a jury shall be
10 entitled to their regular County pay; provided, that fees for such jury duty are deposited, exclusive of
11 mileage, with the Finance and Business Operations Division of the Department of Executive
12 Services. Employees shall report back to their supervisor on their next scheduled workday when
13 dismissed from jury service.

14 **9.6 School Volunteer:** Employees eligible for paid leave benefits shall be allowed the use of
15 up to three (3) days of sick leave each year to allow employees to perform volunteer services at the
16 school attended by the employee's child.

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1 **ARTICLE 10: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME**

2 **10.1 Standard Schedule:** The standard bi-weekly work period shall consist of eighty (80)
3 hours. The normal workday shall be eight (8) hours. Scheduled days off shall be two (2) consecutive
4 days one week and three (3) consecutive days the next week. The parties agree that should the
5 County choose to implement an 80 hour bi-weekly work period, alternative schedules as provided
6 below will be considered. Every effort will be made to accommodate an employee request for
7 alternative work schedules. County denial of alternative work schedules will be made on the basis of
8 operational need and the decision to deny the requested alternative schedule will be communicated to
9 the Union.

10 **10.2 Alternative Schedule:** The parties agree that alternate work schedules may be utilized
11 that are mutually agreed upon in writing by the employee and the manager/designee.

12 **10.3 Overtime Payment:**

13 A. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, employees shall be paid at an
14 overtime rate of time and one-half (1.5X) their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of
15 forty (40) compensable hours per week.

16 B. Overtime work shall require prior approval of the employee's supervisor.

17 **10.4 Compensatory Time:** An employee may request, and with approval of the
18 manager/designee, may receive time off in lieu of overtime pay. Such time to be on a time and one
19 half (1.5X) basis as provided under Section 10.3.

20 **10.5 Call-Out:** A minimum of four (4) hours at the overtime rate shall be paid for each call-
21 out. Where such overtime exceeds four (4) hours, the actual hours worked shall be compensated at
22 the overtime rates. A call-out shall be defined as that circumstance when an employee, having
23 completed the assigned shift and departed the premises, is requested by the County to return to work.
24 The time actually spent at the workplace shall be compensated for in accordance with this Article.
25 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to meeting and training sessions requiring a return to
26 work.

27 **10.6 Overtime Assignment:** The JLMC is authorized to modify overtime assignment
28 procedures as necessary.

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A. Criteria

Overtime work will be assigned according to the following criteria in order of importance:

- 1. **Availability:** If an employee wants to be called for overtime work, he/she must sign up on the Overtime Register for each classification.
- 2. **Ability to perform the task at hand:** The Maintenance Supervisor will decide which employees are qualified and possess the skills and abilities required to perform the overtime work. The time it may take for an employee to arrive at the job may also be considered.
- 3. **Equalization of Overtime Hours:** Every effort will be made to offer overtime work equally among employees within their classifications who are registered for overtime work.

B. Registering for Overtime Work

- 1. Custodians and Maintenance Constructors who want to work overtime work must register with the Facilities Unit Administrative Secretary who will maintain the Overtime Register.
- 2. An employee must give his/her name and the telephone number(s) at which he/she can be reached. It is the employee's responsibility to assure that the information in the Overtime Register is current.
- 3. An employee will be removed from the Overtime Register when any of the following occur:
 - 3.1 An employee requests removal from the Overtime Register by notifying the Administrative Secretary of the Facilities Unit;
 - 3.2 An employee's contact information does not work or it is out-of-date; or
 - 3.3 An employee refuses six overtime assignments in a three-month period.

C. Overtime Work Notification Procedure

- 1. The Maintenance Supervisor will decide when overtime work is required, the appropriate employee classification required, and the skills and abilities necessary to perform the

1 work.

2 2. Custodians and Maintenance Constructors on the Overtime Register and
3 qualified to do the available work will be called in the following order:

4 2.1 The Maintenance Supervisor will call the Custodian or
5 Maintenance Constructor as appropriate, rotating through the list of employees by seniority.

6 2.2 The Maintenance Supervisor will continue calling available
7 employees in the required classification until he/she is able to contact an employee available to
8 perform the work. The Maintenance Supervisor may, at his/her discretion, leave messages and permit
9 responses within a designated time period for employees who do not answer their telephones when
10 called.

11 2.3 Employees who are not registered on the Overtime Register may be
12 called if there is an insufficient number of registered employees available to perform the overtime
13 work. When such mandatory overtime work is required, the least senior employee in the required
14 classification will be assigned the work.

15 3. The Maintenance Supervisor will keep a record of employees called for
16 overtime work and their responses.

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1 **ARTICLE 11: WORK-OUT-OF-CLASSIFICATION**

2 11.1 All work out of the employee's regular classification shall be assigned in writing by the
3 manager/designee prior to the work being performed.

4 11.2 An employee may be assigned to work temporarily in another classification. Such
5 temporary assignments may include but are not limited to backfilling vacancies for employees on
6 long-term absences or for positions vacant during the pendency of a recruitment process.

7 11.3 The duration of such assignments shall not exceed six (6) consecutive calendar months;
8 provided that assignments involving backfilling for employees on long-term absences and medical
9 leaves will continue for the duration of the absent employee's leave. Additionally, the County and the
10 Union may mutually agree to extensions of the time limit for other out-of-class assignments.

11 11.4 **Recruitment:**

12 11.4.1 The County will circulate among all employees a description of the nature of the
13 assignment, the duration of the assignment, the applicable hourly wage rate, work schedule, and
14 desirable qualifications. Interested employees will be invited to apply to the appointing authority.

15 11.4.2 The nature of the application, and the selection process will be determined by the
16 County.

17 11.4.3 The manager/designee will make the final decision.

18 11.5 **Compensation:** Employees who work an out of classification shall be compensated as
19 follows.

20 11.5.1 Employees who work an out of classification assignment outside of their normal
21 classification where the pay range is greater than their current classification will receive a five percent
22 (5%) increase or Step 1 of the new classification, whichever is greater, not to exceed the top step.

23 11.5.2 Employees who work an out of classification assignment outside of their normal
24 classification where the pay range is less than their current classification will receive their normal rate
25 of pay for the duration of the assignment.

26 11.6 **Seniority:** Employees who work out of classification shall continue to accrue seniority
27 within their regular classification.

1 **ARTICLE 12: REDUCTION IN FORCE**

2 **12.1 Layoff:** Regular employees selected for layoff as a result of efficiencies, lack of funds
3 and/or a lack of work shall be laid off according to seniority in their classification.

4 **12.2 Seniority Tie-Breaker:** In the event there are two or more regular employees with the
5 same classification seniority, the layoff shall be based upon total employment seniority accrued with
6 FM including seniority accrued with the former DYS. If the employment seniority is tied, then the
7 County will decide.

8 **12.3** An employee subject to layoff may bump the least senior person in a lower classification
9 within the YSC unit in which s/he has held regular status if qualified to perform the available work.

10 **12.4 Re-call Rights:** Regular employees laid off shall have recall rights to any vacant
11 position within their classification for up to two (2) years from the date of layoff. In such cases, the
12 seniority status accrued at the time of layoff shall be reinstated when the employee returns to regular
13 employment within the bargaining unit.

14 **12.5 Cash Out Upon Layoff:** Regular employees shall be paid in cash upon layoff from
15 County employment for any vacation accrued or may elect to retain their accrued vacation for one (1)
16 year to be restored to the employee when recalled to work. If the employee is not recalled within one
17 (1) year, a cash payment shall be made for the accrued amount.

1 **ARTICLE 13: DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

2 **13.1 Purpose:** King County recognizes the importance and desirability of settling grievances
3 promptly and fairly in the interest of continued good employee relations and morale. The following
4 process is outlined to accomplish this. Every effort will be made to settle grievances at the first level
5 of supervision.

6 **13.2 Employees Unimpeded:** Employees will be unimpeded and free from restraint,
7 interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievances.

8 **13.3 Definitions:**

9 **A. Grievance** - An issue raised by an employee or his/her Union representative
10 relating to the interpretation of the employee's rights, benefits or conditions of employment as
11 contained in this Agreement.

12 **B. Institutional Grievance** - An issue raised by the Union or the County related to
13 interpretation or application of this contract.

14 **13.4 Procedure:**

15 **A. Step 1.** A grievance shall be presented by the affected employee and his/her Union
16 representative, if the employee wishes, to the employee's immediate supervisor within twenty-one
17 (21) calendar days of the event which gives rise to the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall
18 work with the employee and the Union representative to investigate and resolve the grievance and
19 respond in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the employee contact. Any grievance
20 not presented in writing to the next level of this procedure, within the time limits contained in this
21 procedure, shall be presumed resolved. A record of the grievance and its resolution shall be kept on a
22 form mutually acceptable to the County and the Union.

23 **B. Step 2.** If a grievance cannot be resolved at Step 1, the matter may be referred to
24 the Division Director for resolution. To be considered timely, this referral must occur within twenty-
25 one (21) days of the response at Step 1. The referral shall be in writing from the Union and shall
26 describe the specific event(s) giving rise to the grievance, the section(s) of the Agreement allegedly
27 violated, and the remedy sought.

28 1. The Division Director or his/her designee, the employee, and the Union

1 representative will work to resolve the grievance within thirty (30) days of its referral to Step 2.
2 During this process, mediation may be used with the agreement of the Division Director and the
3 Union representative. If mediation is agreed to, a mediator will be selected from a mutually agreeable
4 source.

5 2. If the Union representative, the employee, and the Division Director are
6 unable to reach agreement resolving the grievance, the decision of the Division Director shall be
7 presented to the employee and the Union in writing within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the
8 referral to Step 2. Additionally, if there is no resolution, the Division Director's final pre-arbitration
9 response must be concurred in by the Labor Negotiator, who will be the Union's contact for the
10 employer thereafter in the process.

11 C. Step 3. Any grievance not resolved at Step 2 may be submitted to arbitration. Any
12 such submittal must occur within twenty-one (21) days of the Division Director's Step 2 decision and
13 must specify the exact question to be arbitrated or the grievance shall be presumed resolved.

14 **13.5 Arbitration Procedure:** Should arbitration be necessary either after an attempt to
15 mediate the grievance or directly after Step 2, the parties shall select a third disinterested party to
16 serve as arbitrator. In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, then the
17 arbitrator shall be selected from a panel of seven arbitrators furnished by the American Arbitration
18 Association or the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, whichever source is mutually
19 acceptable. The arbitrator will be selected from the list by both the County representative and the
20 Union, each alternately striking a name from the list until only one name remains. The party to strike
21 first will be determined by a coin toss. The arbitrator shall be asked to render a decision promptly
22 and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.

23 A. No matter may be arbitrated which the County, by law, has no authority over, has
24 no authority to change, or has been delegated to any civil service commission or personnel board, as
25 defined in RCW 41.56.

26 B. The arbitrator shall have no power to change, alter, detract from or add to the
27 provisions of this Agreement, but shall have the power only to apply and interpret the provisions of
28 this Agreement in reaching a decision.

1 C. The arbitrator's fee and expenses and any court reporter's fee and expenses shall
2 be borne equally by both parties. Each party shall bear the full cost of its representation, including
3 attorneys, regardless of the outcome of the arbitration.

4 **13.6 Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures:**

5 A. Unfair Labor Practice. The parties agree that thirty (30) days prior to filing a ULP
6 complaint with PERC, the complaining party will notify the other party, in writing, meet, and make a
7 good faith attempt to resolve the concerns unless the deadline for filing with PERC would otherwise
8 pass or the complaining party is seeking a temporary restraining order as relief for the alleged Unfair
9 Labor Practice.

10 B. Grievance. After a grievance is initially filed, the following Alternative Dispute
11 Resolution (ADR) process may be followed, with mutual consent of the Union and the Division.
12 This process will not exceed ten (10) days:

13 1. A meeting will be arranged by the Union Representative, Division
14 management representative and HRD representative (or their designees) to attempt to resolve the
15 matter.

16 2. a. The meeting will include a mediator(s) and the affected parties.

17 b. The parties may mutually agree to other participants such as Union
18 and management representatives or subject matter experts.

19 3. The parties will meet at mutually agreeable times to attempt to resolve the
20 matter.

21 4. If the matter is resolved, the grievance will be withdrawn.

22 5. If the matter is not resolved, the grievance will continue through the
23 grievance process.

24 6. The moving party can initiate the next step in the grievance process at the
25 appropriate times, irrespective of this process.

26 7. Offers to settle and aspects of settlement discussions will not be used as
27 evidence or referred to if the grievance is not resolved by this process.

28 C. This Section does not supersede or preclude any use of grievance mediation later

1 in the grievance process.

2 **13.7 Institutional Disputes:** After informal attempts to resolve institutional disputes, if
3 either the Union or management wishes to raise a dispute as to the application of this agreement, an
4 institutional grievance may be filed with the other party.

5 A. After the institutional grievance is filed, the parties will meet to attempt to resolve
6 the matter within the next sixty (60) days. Grievance mediation can be used if both parties agree.
7 Mediation services will be requested from a mutually acceptable source. If the matter is not settled
8 within these 60 days, the grieving party may invoke arbitration. The employer's final pre-arbitration
9 response or formal invocation of arbitration must be concurred in by HRD, which will be the Union's
10 contact for the employer thereafter in this process.

11 B. If arbitration is invoked, the arbitration procedures set forth in 13.5 shall apply.

12 **13.8 Exclusive Process:** The right to process and settle grievances arising out of any
13 provision of this Agreement is wholly, to the exclusion of any other means available, dependent upon
14 the provisions of this Article. The Union and the County agree to act promptly and fairly in all
15 grievances.

16 **13.9 Probationary Employees:** All newly hired and promoted regular employees must serve
17 a probationary period as defined in the Personnel Guidelines. As those Guidelines specify that the
18 probationary period is an extension of the hiring process, the provisions of this Article will not apply
19 to employees if they are discharged during their initial probationary period or are demoted during the
20 promotional probationary period for not meeting the requirements of the classification. Grievances
21 brought by probationary employees involving issues other than discharge or demotion may be
22 processed in accordance with this Article.

23 **13.10 Temporary Employee Right to Grieve:** Seasonal, temporary, and term-limited
24 temporary employees shall have no right to grieve discipline and discharge. Grievances brought by
25 seasonal, temporary, and term-limited temporary employees involving issues other than discipline and
26 discharge may be processed in accordance with this Article.

27 **13.11 Time Limits:** The time limits set forth in this Article may be extended upon written
28 consent of both parties. Unless a written extension has been granted, failure of the grievant to

1 pursue the grievance to the appropriate step within the time limits set forth herein shall constitute a
2 waiver of the grievant's right to pursue the grievance to the next step. Failure of the County to
3 respond to the grievant within the time limits set forth herein shall automatically move the grievance
4 to the next step with notice provided to the management person at the next applicable step by the
5 Union.

6 **13.12 Step for Filing:** A grievance may be filed at any step that is mutually agreed upon in
7 writing by the County and the Union.

8 **13.13 Waiver of Steps:** The Union and County may agree in writing to waive any of the
9 above steps.

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1 **ARTICLE 14: NON-DISCRIMINATION**

2 The County or the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee with respect
3 to compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of race, color, creed,
4 religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical, mental or sensory
5 disability. Employees may process a grievance dealing with unlawful discrimination to Step 3 of the
6 grievance procedure as described in Article 13. The parties may mutually agree to proceed to the
7 alternative dispute resolution procedures as described in Article 13. Failing to reach a settlement,
8 employees may take the issues under this Article to the appropriate agency for adjudication.

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1 **ARTICLE 15: WORK SCHEDULE**

2 15.1 All newly established regular work schedules (days of work), shifts (hours of work), and
3 vacant positions in the work unit will be posted for at least fourteen (14) consecutive days.
4 Employees within the specific classification will have the opportunity to bid by seniority order for the
5 work schedule, shift, or vacancy. Absent adequate interest, the County may assign employees within
6 the classification in the affected work unit to the remaining work schedules, shifts or vacancies by
7 using inverse order of seniority.

8 15.2 The manager/designee may temporarily change an employee's work schedule and/or
9 shift for planned projects. In the event the employee declines the changed schedule, the least senior
10 employee in the classification will work the changed schedule. Such change will normally require at
11 least two (2) weeks notice to the employee.

12 15.3 The County may temporarily adjust an employee's work schedule and/or shift to
13 accommodate unplanned projects, emergency repairs, or temporary changes in the hours of operation
14 of the Youth Services Center and its tenants. Such temporary adjustments shall not exceed four (4)
15 consecutive weeks duration. The County will, when possible, provide at least forty-eight (48) hours
16 advance notice to an employee(s) before implementing a temporary schedule or shift time adjustment.
17 If the notice to the employee(s) is less than forty-eight (48) hours, the first adjusted shift will be paid
18 at the overtime rate of pay. The County will first ask for a qualified volunteer(s). If there is an
19 insufficient number of volunteers, the County will assign an employee(s) by inverse order of
20 seniority.

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1 **ARTICLE 16: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

2 **16.1 No Work Stoppages:** The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires
3 efficient and uninterrupted performance of County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to
4 avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or
5 condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown, or refusal to perform any customarily
6 assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with County
7 functions by employees under this Agreement and, should same occur, the Union agrees to take
8 appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by employees shall be deemed a
9 work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred.

10 **16.2 Union's Responsibilities:** Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that
11 any of its members are engaged in work stoppage, the Union shall immediately, in writing, order such
12 members to immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy
13 of such order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of the Union shall
14 publicly order such employees to cease engaging in such a work stoppage.

15 **16.3 Disciplinary Action:** Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this Article will
16 be subject to the following action or penalties:

- 17 A. Discharge.
- 18 B. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.
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1 **ARTICLE 17: TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES**

2 17.1 The starting times, work schedules and work location for temporary employees shall be
3 determined by the manager/designee.

4 17.2 Temporary employees shall not accrue seniority. However, provided there is no break in
5 service, temporary employees who are subsequently hired as regular employees shall be able to apply
6 fifty percent (50%) of straight-time hours worked in temporary positions toward the probationary
7 period required of all new regular employees. Credit for hours worked shall be rounded to the nearest
8 half month.

9 17.3 Temporary employees, except term-limited temporary, shall not be eligible to receive
10 insured benefits or paid leave except if they meet the criteria provided under KCC 3.12.040(C).

11 17.4 **Overtime:** Temporary employees shall be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2)
12 times the regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek.
13 The workweek is defined as Sunday through Saturday.

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1 **ARTICLE 18: TIME, SPACE AND PROPERTY**

2 **18.1 Work Time:** Work time shall not be used for Union business, except as authorized by
3 the manager/designee for those Union officers necessary for the processing of grievances or handling
4 representational responsibilities.

5 **18.2 Leave Of Absence:** An employee elected or appointed to office in the Union which
6 requires a part or all of his/her time may be given leave of absence without pay upon application and
7 approval of the manager/designee.

8 **18.3 Facilities:** FM space and facilities may be used by the Union for the purpose of holding
9 meetings subject to the established policies governing the use of facilities.

10 **18.4 Material:** FM supplies and equipment shall not be used in performing any function
11 related to the activities of the Union.

12 **18.5** The Union may post on County bulletin boards official Union material providing there is
13 sufficient space beyond what is required by the County for “normal” operations.

14 **18.6** The Union may use email for jointly communicating information which the County has
15 an interest such as: general meeting announcements and scheduling, labor/management committee
16 communiqués (agendas, minutes, announcements and scheduling), and other like information.

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1 **ARTICLE 19: MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE PLAN**

2 The County will provide medical, dental, life, disability, and vision benefits for regular,
3 probationary, provisional and term-limited temporary employees and their eligible dependents as
4 determined by the Labor-Management Insurance Committee or its successor.

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1 **ARTICLE 20: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

2 Should any part hereof or any provision in this Agreement be rendered or declared invalid by
3 reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of competent
4 jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portion of this Agreement shall not invalidate the
5 remaining portions hereof; provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties agree to meet within
6 thirty (30) calendar days and negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or
7 provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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1 **ARTICLE 21: WAGE RATES**

2 **21.1 Pay Ranges:** Pay ranges for each classification is set forth in Addendum A.

3 **21.2 Step Increases:**

4 A. Upon successful completion of a six (6) month probationary period, an employee
5 shall be advanced to the next step. If the probationary period is for one (1) year, the employee shall
6 be advanced to the next step upon satisfactory completion of the first six (6) months of employment.

7 B. Annual step increases will be given after the first increase described in Section
8 21.2.A, if the employee's work performance and work habits are satisfactory, and until such time that
9 the employee has reached Step 10. An increase beyond Step 2 is permissive and may be given at the
10 discretion of the manager/designee.

11 **21.3 COLA:** Effective January 1 of each year of the Agreement (2008, 2009, 2010), wage
12 rates in effect on December 31 of the previous year shall be increased by ninety percent (90%) of the
13 CPI-W, All Cities Index, September to September; provided, however, that the amount shall not be
14 less than two percent (2%) nor greater than six percent (6%).

15 **21.4 Biweekly Payroll:** If during the life of this Agreement the Council adopts a biweekly
16 payroll plan, the parties agree to adopt the plan.

17 **21.5 Lead Worker:** An employee designated in writing by the Division Director/designee as
18 "lead worker" shall receive a seven percent (7%) premium in addition to the base wage for all time
19 assigned. It is understood by the parties that the County may re-open this article for the purpose of
20 negotiating implementation of a "lead worker" classification.

21 **21.6 Custodian-Floorcare:** An employee assigned in writing by the Division
22 Director/designee to exclusively perform floorcare shall receive a seven percent (7%) premium in
23 addition to the base wage for all time so assigned.

24 **21.7 On-Call:** All employees required to carry notification devices (pagers or "beepers")
25 during their normally scheduled time off shall be compensated at the hourly rate of \$0.75 (seventy-
26 five cents) for all time spent while so assigned. This section becomes effective prospectively after
27 implementation of the agreement and the implementation of a division-wide protocol.

28 **21.8 Licenses and Certifications:** Employees who are required to have hazardous materials

1 handling, commercial drivers, boiler operator, pesticide, refrigeration, or other licenses, certificates,
2 or special endorsements, except standard driver's licenses, to perform their jobs, will be reimbursed
3 for the cost of maintaining these licenses or certifications.

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1 **ARTICLE 22: SAFETY**

2 **22.1 Commitment to Safety:** The County shall provide and maintain a safe and healthful
3 workplace and comply with all state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to workplace
4 safety and health.

5 **22.2 Workers' Responsibility:** Employees shall follow the safety and health rules, wear
6 and/or use all required gear and equipment provided by the County, and participate in County-
7 provided safety training.

8 **22.3 Equipment:** No employee shall be required to use equipment which is not in a safe
9 condition. In the event an employee discovers or identifies unsafe equipment, s/he will immediately
10 notify the immediate supervisor in writing. Said equipment shall be repaired or replaced if the
11 County determines the equipment to be unsafe. At such time as the County determines the equipment
12 to be safe, the employee will be advised.

13 **22.4 Reporting on Safety Hazards:** It is the responsibility of all employees to report safety
14 hazards on a timely basis. "Record of Hazard Observed" forms will be available to all employees in a
15 conspicuous area. When a safety hazard is observed, the employee shall document the hazard on a
16 "Record of Hazard Observed" form, and turn the form in to his/her immediate supervisor for
17 investigation and correction.

18 **22.5 Remedying Safety Hazards:** Once notice of a hazard has been received by the
19 supervisor, s/he will investigate the situation and make correction within three (3) working days or as
20 soon as practicable. In the event more than three (3) working days are needed, upon the Union's
21 request, the supervisor will provide a written explanation to the reporting employee and the shop
22 steward as to the reasons for the delay and the anticipated date of correction.

23 **22.6 Safety Committee:** A Safety Committee, consisting of an equal number of employer-
24 selected and employee-elected members, shall meet at least bimonthly. The Safety Committee shall
25 have the following responsibilities:

26 A. Review the safety and health inspection reports to assist in correction of identified
27 unsafe conditions or practices.

28 B. Evaluate accident investigations conducted since the last meeting to determine if

1 the cause of the unsafe acts or condition involved was properly identified and corrected.

2 C. Evaluate the accident and illness prevention program and make recommendations
3 for improvement where indicated.

4 D. Evaluate and recommend training and equipment needs.

5 Minutes of all Safety Committee meetings shall be posted on the Safety Bulletin Boards and
6 filed in accordance with WISHA regulations. Safety Committee members shall be in pay status for
7 time spent in meetings.

8 **22.7 Refusal to Work Under Unsafe Conditions:** Employees may refuse to work in
9 situations where there is reasonable cause to believe that doing so would present an imminent danger
10 in which death or serious injury could happen immediately.

11 **22.8 Workers' Right to Know:** Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) will be available for
12 reference and review in a conspicuous area accessible to all affected employees.

13 **22.9 Safety Inspections:** Where feasible, a shop steward will accompany Safety Inspectors
14 on worksite inspections and participate in opening/closing conferences without loss of pay and
15 benefits.

16 **22.10 Safety Bulletin Board:** There shall be a safety bulletin board in every building where
17 there are at least eight (8) bargaining unit members. The bulletin boards will be sufficient in size to
18 display required posters, accident statistics, Safety Committee meeting minutes, and safety
19 educational materials.

20 **22.11 No Discrimination:** No employee will be disciplined, discriminated against, or
21 otherwise suffer retaliation for filing a safety complaint or grievance, reporting a hazard, or acting as
22 a witness in a safety investigation.

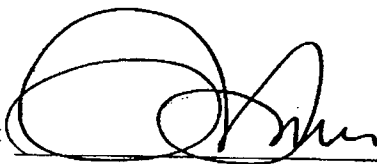
23 **22.12 Personal Protective Equipment:** In situations where the law requires that the
24 employer provide personal protective equipment, including clothing and boots, the County will
25 provide that equipment at County expense.

1 **ARTICLE 23: DURATION**

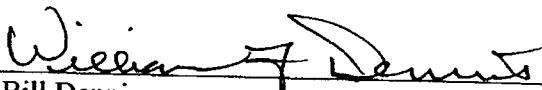
2 This Agreement shall become effective upon full and final ratification and approval by all
3 formal requisite means by the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive and
4 shall be in effect January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

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APPROVED this 20 day of September, 2007

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