

AGREEMENT

BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD

-AND-

TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 97 OF NEW JERSEY

Affiliated with

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS,
CHAUFFEURS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS OF AMERICA**

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THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 2017,
between the Borough of Maywood, a municipal corporation, in the County of Bergen and State
of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “Employer” or “Borough”; and the Teamsters Local
No. 97 of New Jersey, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs,
Warehousemen and Helpers of America, hereinafter referred to as the “Union”, with offices
located at 485 Chestnut Street, Union, New Jersey 07083

WHEREAS, it is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto to promote the harmonious
relations between the Borough and the employees of the Department of Public Works and to
establish a basic understanding relative to rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of
employment consistent with the law, and to promote and improve further employee efficiency
and productivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

UNION RECOGNITION

The Borough recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative, as certified on April 3, 1974
by the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission, for the purpose of collective
negotiations with respect to all negotiable items of employment of the employees employed by
the Borough of Maywood D.P.W., but excluding those classes of employees as set forth in the
Certification Notice, Lead Workers, Superintendent, Forepersons, Supervisors and as otherwise
excluded by law

ARTICLE 2

VISITATION AND BULLETIN BOARD

- A. The Union representation will be permitted to visit Union stewards for the purpose of discussing Union business.
- B. The Borough shall supply one (1) bulletin board for the purpose of the Union to be placed in a conspicuous location in the Borough Garage which shall be used for the use of the Union for the posting of notices and bulletins pertaining only to Union matters. All such bulletins must be posted only upon the authority of officially designated Union representatives. However, any bulletins deemed controversial must have the approval of the Borough Administrator (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrator") or the Mayor and Council.

ARTICLE 3

STEWARDS

- A. The Borough recognizes the right of the Union to designate one (1) Steward and one (1) alternate for the enforcement of this Agreement. The Union shall within seven (7) days of any change furnish the Borough with a written list of the stewards and the alternate and notify the Borough of any changes.
- B. The authority of the Steward and the alternate so designated by the Union in the absence of the Steward shall be limited to and shall not exceed the following duties and activities:
 - 1. The investigation and presentation of grievances in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
 - 2. The designated Union Steward or the alternate, in his absence, shall be granted a reasonable period of time with pay during work hours necessary to investigate and seek to settle grievances.

C. Investigation, presentation and attendance at grievances with pay during work hours shall be limited to one (1) Steward or the alternate in the absence of a Steward.

D. The Shop Steward or his alternate shall be released **WITH PAY** to attend two (2) union seminars and conferences for a maximum of five (5) days total for the full term of this contract.

ARTICLE 4

GRIEVANCES

A. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term “grievance” means any difference or dispute between the Borough and the Union, or between the Borough and any employee within the unit with respect to the interpretations, application or violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, other than the provisions of Article 5.

B. The procedure for settlement of grievances shall be as follows:

Step 1. Within ten (10) days of the occurrence of the grievance, as said term is defined herein above, the aggrieved employee shall discuss his problem with his Union Steward and the Superintendent of Public Works (hereinafter referred to as ASuperintendent@), who shall attempt to settle the problem within forty-eight (48) hours from the time it was first presented.

Step 2. If the grievance is not resolved in Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing by the aggrieved employee, in a form approved by both the Borough and Union. The aggrieved employee or the Union shall deliver a copy of the written grievance form to the Borough Administrator, within three (3) days of the meeting and after presentation to said Administrator. The Administrator, may, but shall not be required to, meet with the

aggrieved employee and the Union to discuss the grievance and, unless extended by the mutual consent of both the Administrator and the Union, the Administrator shall advise the aggrieved employee or the Union of his/her decision on the grievance in writing within ten (10) working days following receipt of the written grievance. The failure to render a written decision within the aforesaid time period or mutually agreed upon extension shall be deemed to constitute a denial of said grievance.

Step 3. If the grievance is not resolved in Step 2, the aggrieved employee or the Union shall deliver a copy of the written grievance to the Borough Clerk, within ten (10) working days after either the receipt of the Administrator's decision or the expiration of the time period provided in Step 2 without the Administrator rendering a decision thereon. The Clerk shall immediately forward one (1) copy to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council may, at its option, either meet with a Union Official or consider the grievance on the basis of the written submissions by the Union, in an attempt to resolve the problem within twenty-one (21) days from the date the written grievance was received by the Borough Clerk. The foregoing twenty-one (21) day period may be extended by mutual agreement between the Union Official and the Mayor and Council, or good cause shown by either of them. Resolution of grievances shall be reduced to writing as well as the failure of the parties to resolve such grievance.

Step 4. In the event a satisfactory solution is not arrived at in Step 3, either party shall have the right to submit the grievance to a final binding arbitration providing a notice in writing to that effect is served by either party on the other within seven (7) days from receipt of the Borough's writing decision pursuant to Step 3. The cost of the Arbitrator shall be borne by the parties equally hereto.

C. Any employee shall have the right to process his own grievance provided that a representative of the Union is present and provided that any agreement reached with such employee is not in violation of this Agreement.

D. If the grievance is not appealed to the next step within the specified time limit or any agreed to extension thereof, it shall be considered settled on the basis of the Borough's last answer.

E. In the event that an employee shall process his own grievance as provided for in Article 4, Paragraph C, then and in that event, during the time in which the employee is processing his own grievance, he shall not be entitled to receive compensation.

F. In the interest of mutual benefit to the Union and the Borough, every effort shall be made to resolve any grievance during Step 1 of this procedure.

ARTICLE 5

MANAGEMENT

A. The Borough hereby retains and reserves, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the Laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and/or of the United States, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing and not limited to, the following rights:

1. To manage and administer the Borough's government and its properties, facilities, and the activities of its employees who utilize personnel methods and means of the most appropriate and efficient manner possible as may from time to time be determined by the Borough.
2. To make rules of procedure and conduct, to improve methods and equipment, to determine work schedules and shifts, to decide the number of employees needed for any particular time, and to be in sole charge of the quality and quantity of the work required.
3. To make reasonable rules and regulations as it may from time to time deem best for the purposes of maintaining order, safety, and/or the effective operation of the Borough after advance notice thereof to the employees to require compliance of the employees.
4. To hire, to promote, transfer, assign, and/or retain employees in positions within the Borough covered by this Agreement.
5. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action against any employee covered by this Agreement for good and proper cause according to law.
6. To lay off employees covered by this Agreement in the event of lack of funds or under conditions where continuation of such work would be inefficient and non-productive.
7. The Borough reserves the right with regard to all the conditions of employment not reserved to make such changes as it deems desirable and necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Borough.

B. In the exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Borough, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, codes of conduct, and practices in furtherance thereof and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, the Borough shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent that such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution or

Laws of the State of New Jersey and/or of the United States.

ARTICLE 6

SENIORITY, PROBATION PERIOD, PROMOTIONS

- A. It is hereby agreed that the parties hereto recognize and accept the principle of seniority in all cases of transfer, promotions, and assignment of schedules, lay-offs and recalls. In all cases, however, ability to perform the specific work in a satisfactory manner will be a factor in designating the employee to be affected.
- B. An employee shall be deemed probationary following his regular appointment to a permanent position during his trial period, six (6) months. The trial period may be extended an additional three (3) months at the option of the Borough, who shall give notice in writing to the Union of their intention to extend said trial period. Employees may be dismissed without recourse during the probationary period for reasons relating to the employee qualifications and work period.
- C. Seniority of any employee is defined as the length of service as a Borough employee dating back to his date of hire as a probationary full-time permanent employee within the unit provided he has satisfactorily completed his probationary period of employment.
- D. In the event of lay-offs and rehiring, the last person hired in the job classification affected shall be the first to be laid off, and the last person shall be the first to be recalled in accordance with his seniority in his classification, provided the more senior employee is able to do the available work in a satisfactory manner.
- E. When promotions to a higher labor grade or transfers to another grade or another newly created position within the unit are in order, the Borough shall make such promotions or transfers

from among its full-time permanent employees within the unit; considerations for such promotions or transfers shall be based on seniority, history of work performance and ability to perform the work, and if an employee so promoted or transferred is not deemed qualified after a thirty (30) day trial period, the Borough may remove him and retransfer him to his former position.

F. The Borough shall prepare and forward to the Union a seniority list of employees. Seniority lists shall be updated when necessary and shall be posted on the Union Bulletin Board showing the employees' names, classifications and seniority dates.

ARTICLE 7

POSTING

All new vacant positions shall be posted on the Union Bulletin Board for a period of one (1) week. Employees applying for such vacancies shall make a request in writing to the Superintendent. Efforts will be made to fill vacancies from within the bargaining unit, with seniority employees given preference, providing such senior employees have the necessary qualifications for positions.

ARTICLE 8

LOSS OF SENIORITY

- A. Seniority shall be lost by an employee for the following reasons:
1. Voluntary quitting. Failure to report back for work no later than the beginning of the next work week following the conclusion or termination of a sick leave, with or without pay, shall be deemed to constitute a voluntary quitting.

2. Discharge for cause.
3. Failure to report for work within twenty-four (24) hours when called back (after lay-off) after receipt of notice by certified mail or personal service unless such failure is mutually agreed between the Borough and the Union to be excusable. A copy of the Notice of Failure to Report shall be sent to the Union Steward for his records.
4. Failure to be called back to work for a period of twelve (12) months after lay-off, unless a greater period of time is established by agreement between the Borough and the Union.
5. In the event disciplinary action against an employee results in suspension for two (2) weeks or more in one month, the employee shall lose one (1) month of seniority.

ARTICLE 9

DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE

- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, no permanent employee shall be discharged, suspended or otherwise disciplined without just cause. The Borough shall notify the Union at the time if disciplinary action is taken.
- B. A grievance by an employee claiming that he has been unjustly discharged or suspended must be submitted to the Borough Clerk in writing within five (5) working days of the disciplinary action. All proceedings thereafter shall be in accordance with Article 4.
- C. Any employee whose appeal has been sustained shall be returned to his former position and compensated at his regular rate for any time lost during the period of such dismissal, unless otherwise ordered by the arbitrator or the Mayor and Council, upon adjustment resulting from successful or partially successful grievance.
- D. Disciplinary warnings will be issued in writing to the employee with a copy to the Union.

ARTICLE 10

DIVISION OF WORK

A. Employees outside the bargaining unit shall not perform any work customarily performed by workers covered by this Agreement except as may be required:

1. To instruct employees;
2. In an emergency;
3. To assist employees;
4. In the case of temporary seasonal help; or
5. In such cases which the Borough deems necessary.

B. The job title of "mechanic" is established in the Borough. Those qualifying and classified as a mechanic will receive a tool allowance of \$1,000 per year.

ARTICLE 11

HOURS OF WORK

A. This Article is intended to define the normal hours of work and shall not be construed as a guarantee of hours of work per day or days of work per week and shall not apply to part-time work.

B. The basic work week shall consist of forty (40) hours per week from Monday through Friday, inclusive. The basic work day shall consist of eight (8) hours per day and a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch period.

C. The normal starting time shall be 7:00 A.M. for road workers/field maintenance workers, who shall have a quitting time of 3:30 P.M. The Borough, may at its option, adjust the normal

work time to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. All other adjustments shall be by the mutual consent of the Union and the Borough.

D. Sweeper-operators shall be subject to such hourly assignments as may be designated by the Superintendent.

E. TARDINESS. It is agreed that the Borough will permit a five (5) minute grace period for lateness to the employees. However, if an employee is more than five (5) minutes late, but less than fifteen (15) minutes late, the employee shall lose pay for one-quarter (1/4) hour. If the employee is late (15) minutes or more, the employee shall loose pay for one-half (1/2) hour or the actual time late, whichever is greater, and computed in quarter-hourly intervals, as is the present bookkeeping practice, e.g. an employee who is thirty-two minutes late shall not receive pay for the first forty-five (45) minutes of the work day. In the event an employee fails to notify the Superintendent of his reason for being late, the Superintendent shall have the right to disallow an employee to work on such day. If an employee will be absent on any given work day, he shall, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the start of the tour time for such day, notify either the Superintendent or the Administrator of the reason for his absence. Any employee failing to notify the Borough is subject to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 12

REST PERIODS - WASH UP

A. All employees shall receive two (2) rest periods each day without deduction in pay; each being twenty (20) minutes, once in the morning before lunch, and once in the afternoon, after lunch as designated by the Superintendent or other designee of the Superintendent. Employees shall spend the rest periods at the work location when suitable.

B. All employees shall receive a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch period as designated by the Superintendent or the designee of the Superintendent. Employees are not to use Borough vehicles to go to lunch.

C. All employees shall receive two (2) wash-up periods each day without deduction in pay; one ten (10) minute period before lunch period, and one ten (10) minute period immediately before quitting time.

ARTICLE 13
SNOW REMOVAL

A. When the storm is at such a magnitude and in their sole discretion, the Borough may choose to hire outside contractors and /or individuals to assist in snow removal when snowfall exceeds the capability of the Borough equipment and personnel.

B. There shall be two (2) employees per truck during snow removal unless there is an insufficient number of men available or unless all available employees are otherwise called in for overtime for the snow removal event.

C. Supervisory or management personnel shall not be precluded from operating trucks or other equipment in the event that their services are required.

D. Rest period will be given during snow removal when practical and dependent upon the magnitude of the storm. When an employee works between 4 to 6 hours continuously they are entitled to 2 hours of comp time or paid time and a half at the employee's discretion; when an employee works between 6 and 12 hours continuously, employee shall be entitled to 4 hours comp time or paid time and a half at the employee's discretion.

E. After completing 12 continuous hours of snow removal and beginning on the 13th

continuous hour employees are entitled to double time.

ARTICLE 14

OVERTIME

- A. The standard work week (with the exception of seasonal help) shall commence on Monday and end after working hours on Friday, and during that time an employee shall be required to work forty (40) hours, consisting of five (5) eight (8) hour days.
- B. All work performed in excess of a work day or a work week, as defined in Paragraph "A" above, shall be considered overtime and shall be compensated for at the rate of time and one-half.
- C. All work performed on holidays is automatically time and one-half plus the holiday pay (regular time) except for Sundays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day which are to be paid at double time plus the holiday pay (regular time).
- D. All overtime pay earned shall be paid within one (1) month of the time earned.
- E. The Superintendent, or the designee of the Superintendent, shall designate employees to be assigned to Emergency overtime, defined as the overtime which results from unforeseen circumstances or occurrences, requiring immediate or prompt response, or Specialized overtime, defined as overtime requiring experience or expertise in a particular field. Standard overtime, defined as overtime other than Emergency overtime or Specialized overtime, shall be assigned to Employees on the basis of the rotating roster for "Stand- By" pay. In the event that an employee is unable to report for work or should the Borough be unable to contact an employee upon the first attempt, such employee shall be placed at the bottom of the rotating roster. All employees regardless of title, are included in the rotating roster.

F. In the event of a state of emergency the rules of contained in Article 13 of this agreement entitled "Snow Removal" shall apply.

ARTICLE 15

STAND-BY PAY

A. During the term of this Contract, in the event an employee is required to stand-by for an entire weekend, he shall be entitled to the following sums:

Friday & Holiday Eves	Saturdays, & Holidays	Sunday	Monday 12 am until the work day commences
\$85	\$95	\$80	\$50

B. Employees shall be placed on stand-by on the basis of a rotating roster of employees of the Department of Public Works. When an employee has been placed on "Stand-by," he must make himself available for work; and if called by the Superintendent or his designee, he shall report for work immediately. In the event that such employee is not able to report for work, he shall obtain a replacement to work in his stead by calling the next employee on the rotating roster. In such case, the stand-by employee who is unable to report shall not receive stand-by pay for such day, but the daily stand-by pay shall be paid to the substitute employee who reports in his stead. Management agrees that proper procedure shall be followed.

C. In addition to the holidays listed in Article 19 hereof, stand-by pay shall be provided for the eves of the following holidays:

Good Friday

Thanksgiving

General Election

Veterans Day

ARTICLE 16

CALL BACK TIME

Overtime immediately following the end of an employee's regularly scheduled shift or immediately preceding the start of an employee's regularly scheduled shift shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times of their straight time hourly rate of pay for only those hours or part thereof worked. Any employee who is called back into work after being released from work at the end of their regularly scheduled shift or at the end of any overtime period immediately following the end of their regularly scheduled shift shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times their straight time hourly rate of pay with a minimum guarantee of three hours work or three hours pay in lieu thereof, with the right of the Employer to assign any employee who is called back to perform work for the entire minimum call back period. Any additional call back within the same calendar date of the completion of the initial call back period shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times their straight time hourly rate of pay for only those hours or parts thereof worked.

ARTICLE 17

SICK LEAVE AND BEREAVEMENT

A. Permanent employees who have completed at least three (3) months of service shall be entitled to sick leave with pay, in accordance with the following schedule of allowances, because of sickness or disability not incurred in the line of duty:

<u>Period of Employment</u>	<u>Sick Leave with pay</u>
Over 3 months to 1 year	5 days

Over 1 year to 5 years	10 days
Over 5 years	15 days

B. (1) If an employee does not use all of his sick days as enumerated above, he shall be permitted to accumulate his unused sick days to a total of not more than one hundred and twenty (120) total accumulated sick days permitted herein. Sick days which an employee has accumulated under previous agreements shall be carried over provided same does not exceed the total accumulated sick days permitted herein.

(2) At the end of each year, employees may elect to be paid for fifty (50%) of their unused sick time for the calendar year. Employees must make such election in writing addressed to the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of the close of the calendar year. In the absence of written election to accept pay for either fifty (50%) percent of their unused sick leave for the calendar year, the employee shall be deemed to have elected to accumulate his unused sick leave as set forth in Paragraph "B (1)" above.

C. Sick leave with pay is hereby defined to mean a necessary absence from duty due to illness or injury.

D. An employee may use up to five (5) of his allotted sick days in any calendar year for personal reasons.

E. An employee absent on sick leave shall submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness or injury after three (3) days, if requested by the Superintendent.

F. In case of serious illness or death of a member of the immediate family of an employee, emergency paid leave of a maximum period of four (4) days may be granted by the Administrator, in his discretion.

A "member" of the employee's immediate family shall be defined to include wife, husband, civil-union, child, father, mother, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandmother, grandfather and domestic partner.

Any action of the Administrator granting or denying such leave shall be subject to review by the Mayor and Council. The aforesaid maximum period of four (4) days of emergency leave may be extended for good cause, but only by the Mayor and Council.

G. Sick leave may be taken in increments of one-half (2) days. Employees who leave work after less than one-half of a day's work due to illness shall be charged one (1) full sick day.

H. Workers Compensation shall be paid at 85% of the employees pay for a period of six months. At the option of the employee the 85% shall be offset by using accumulated sick time.

ARTICLE 18

VACATIONS

A. All permanent full-time employees covered by this Agreement shall be granted an annual leave for vacation as follows:

<u>Length of Service as of Date of Request for Vacation</u>	<u>Work Weeks of Vacation (as accrued)</u>
6 months but less than 1 year	1
1 year or over but less than 5 years	2
5 years or over but less than 10 years	3
10 years abut less than 20 years	4
20 years and over	5

Eligibility for vacations shall be computed as of the first day of the month in which the employee was hired, provided that the employee has worked more than half the working days that month; otherwise, eligibility for vacations shall be computed as of the first day of the month following the month in which the employee was hired. If an employee whose length of service shall be six (6) months, but less than one (1) year, chooses to take one (1) week's vacation as his entitlement in the schedule aforesaid, but then shall accrue during the remaining portion of the calendar year an additional one (1) week of vacation, he shall be entitled to only two (2) weeks of vacation during the entire calendar year. Such employee shall not be permitted to take additional weeks of accrued vacation until such time as he should become eligible hereunder and apply to all employees who shall receive entitlement to an additional week of vacation by virtue of their entering the higher category of length of service during the calendar year, but subsequent to their initial vacation period.

B. An employee entitled to vacation pay may request and be granted such pay prior to taking

the same, provided such employee shall give at least two (2) weeks notice to the Borough Administrator or the Finance Officer prior to the pay period preceding said vacation.

C. All applications for vacations shall be filed no later than May 31st of each year with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the discretion to identify "prime time," during which vacations shall not be permitted except for pressing cause. Any employee who requests a vacation during such "prime time" shall confer with the Superintendent at the earliest possible time to determine whether or not vacation can be reasonably given during the requested vacation period. The Superintendent shall not withhold vacation unreasonably, but shall exercise the best judgment possible considering the needs of the employee and the labor requirements of the Borough.

D. No employee shall take more than two (2) weeks of vacation as single days off. Requests for single day vacation time shall be made with no less than seventy-two (72) hour notice to the Superintendent.

E. An employee may request to receive pay in lieu of unused vacation which may be granted at the discretion of the Administrator for up to ten (10) unused vacation days per year. Such request shall be submitted in writing on or before November 1 the calendar year in which the vacation days have accrued.

ARTICLE 19

HOLIDAYS

A. Each full time employee covered by this Agreement shall receive holiday pay equal to one (1) day's pay at eight (8) hours straight time without work during the following days:

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| New Year's Day | Labor Day |
| Martin Luther King Day | Columbus Day |
| Presidents' Day | Veteran's Day |
| Good Friday | General Election Day |
| Memorial Day | Thanksgiving Day and day after |
| 1/2 day before New Year's Day | 1/2 day before Christmas Day |
| Christmas Day | |

B. If an employee must work on Christmas Day and Thanksgiving day that employee shall receive double time plus eight (8) hours of straight time.

ARTICLE 20

WORK CLOTHES

A. The Borough will provide the following work clothes for each permanent employee:

1. Gloves
2. Rain Gear
3. Boots
4. Winter Jackets or, at the option of the Employer, winter coveralls
5. Uniforms
6. Safety Glasses
7. Hard Helmets
8. Lockers
- 9.¹ Two (2) pairs of Safety shoes per year at a cost of no more than \$225 for

¹Road workers shall be authorized to obtain two (2) pairs of safety shoes per year, provided that the Borough shall not reimburse employees for the purchase of safety shoes for replacement until ninety (90) days after the purchase thereof, on condition that the employee is still employed by the Borough at the time the reimbursement is sought. Employees shall give proof to the Superintendent that the above articles issued to them have been destroyed or worn out, prior to replacement, by returning the same to him, if possible.

each pair. Employees shall obtain said shoes from designated vendor at the then current price for shoes of the same quality as currently used. If employee chooses to use another vendor and obtains shoes of higher quality or increased price, the employee shall be responsible for the difference in price.

B. Upon the execution of this Agreement, a Safety Committee shall be appointed, consisting of one (1) member of the Union, appointed by the Union members, one (1) member of the Council, and one (1) member in a supervisory capacity, both appointed by the Governing Body. The Safety Committee shall investigate whether there are any conditions which constitute a present and/or potential hazard to the safety of the employees and make recommendations for correcting any such reasonable effort to affect a decrease in the insurance rates charged to the Borough.

ARTICLE 21

WELFARE

A. Longevity has been removed by negotiation and agreement among the parties.

B. A 2% wage increase shall be made in each year of this agreement. Such wage increase shall be retroactive in accordance with Article 30 of this agreement.

C. During the term of this Agreement, the Borough shall furnish medical coverage for the benefit of the employees and their covered dependents through the State Health Benefits Plan or a comparable plan as may be designated by the Employer. In such event the medical coverage shall not be less than the coverage provided by the State Health Benefits Plan, Direct 10 Program, for the duration of this collective bargaining agreement. Unit members shall contribute for said benefits in accordance with the Health Benefit Reform Law (Chapter 78, P/L/ 2011) and its progeny.

D. Vision, dental and prescription medication coverage shall be provided to the employees by the Borough under the Borough's most current insurance plan.

E. The Borough shall also provide Disability Insurance coverage for the benefit of the employees, the cost of which shall be paid 50% by the Borough and 50% by each employee. Coverage for employees shall be for base salary only. Notwithstanding any further increases in premium, the cost shall be borne, as set forth above, 50% by the Borough and 50% by the employee. Employees are required to use ten (10) vacation and/or sick days prior to going on disability.

F. An employee may elect to "opt-out" of the municipal benefit plan and receive in return a payment amount to be determined by the Borough.

G. For the full term of this contract unit members shall contribute for said benefits at the 2017 rate required by the Health Benefit Reform Law (Chapter 78, P.L. 2001 and its progeny. This contribution freeze at the 2017 rate is a negotiated term of this, and only this contract and this contract's term. THIS CONTRIBUTION FREEZE SHALL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS CONTRACT TERM. On January 1, 2021 and thereafter contributions shall return to the rate required by the Health Benefit Reform law (Chapter 78, P.L. 2011), its progeny or any other law that would affect same.

H. The terms of paragraph G of Article 21 shall in NO WAY apply to those retiring during this contract term and current retired employees and/or their spouses/dependents. The contribution "freeze" DOES NOT VEST a right of a permanent freeze of contributions in an employee or his/her spouse hired before January 1, 2017 and retiring during the term of this contract or when this contract is in effect. Accordingly, such retiree or his/her spouses' benefit contribution shall, upon retirement, have their contribution rate adjusted to the current rate as required by the Health

Benefit Reform law (Chapter 78, P.L. 2011).

ARTICLE 22

STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGE

Recognizing that the Borough is a municipal corporation charged with the duty of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people of the community and that the purpose of this Agreement is to provide for a mutually satisfactory understanding between the Borough, as employer, and the employees and to establish and maintain greater efficiency and productivity on the part of the employees at a fair rate of compensation as well as satisfactory working conditions of the employees, it is hereby understood and agreed that the employees are not entitled to strike, slow down or to take any other collective action in the nature of the strike, work stoppage, job action or slow down to disable or hinder the Borough, as employer, in the discharge of its statutory and governmental duties. The Union and the employees represented hereby agree that such action or actions would constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Borough in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have, in law or in equity, for injunctive relief or for damages or both in the event of such breach. It is further agreed that participation in any such illegal activity by any employee represented by the Union shall constitute sufficient ground for termination of the employment of such employee or employees. The Borough agrees that it will not, during the term of this Agreement, engage in any unlawful lockout or shutdown.

ARTICLE 23

DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES

A. The Borough agrees to deduct the Union monthly membership dues from the pay of those employees who individually request in writing that such deductions be made. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Borough by the Treasurer of the Union and the aggregate deductions of all employees shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union together with a list of names of all employees for whom the deductions were made, on or about the 15th day of the succeeding month after deductions are made. This authorization shall be irrevocable during the term of this Agreement, or as may otherwise be provided in applicable statutes.

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Borough harmless against any and all suits, orders, judgments or issues against the Borough as a result of any action taken or not taken under the provisions of this Article.

B. Representation Fee in Lieu of Dues

1. Upon the request of the Union, the employer shall deduct a representation fee from the wages of each employee of the unit who is not a member of the Union, all in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.5 and 34:13A-5.6.

2. These deductions shall commence thirty (30) days after the beginning of employment in the unit or ten (10) days after re-entry into employment in the unit.

3. The amount of said representation fee shall be certified to the employer by the Union, which amount shall not exceed 85% of the regular membership dues, fees and assessments charged by the Union to its own members.

4. The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the employer harmless against any liability, cause of action or claims of loss whatsoever arising as a result of said deductions.

5. The employer shall remit the amounts deducted to the Union monthly, on or before the 15th of the month following the month in which such deductions were made.
6. The Union shall establish and maintain at all times a demand and return system as provided by N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.5(c) and 5.6, and membership in the Union shall be available to all employees in the unit on an equal basis at all times. In the event the Union fails to maintain such a system, or if membership is not so available, the employer shall immediately cease making such deductions.
7. This article is subject to all provisions of Title 34 of N.J.S.A.

ARTICLE 24

EMERGENCIES

It is understood and agreed that when the Mayor and Council or the Administrator declares an emergency, all of the employees of the Department of Public Works, when called, shall respond for emergency work as may be required for emergency conditions or circumstances.

ARTICLE 25

AGREEMENT TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2017, and shall remain in full force and effect until the 31st day of December, 2020. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless either party shall notify the other in writing ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date that it desires to modify this Agreement. In the event that such notice is given, negotiations between the parties shall begin no later than sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary date. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect during the period of negotiations and

until the termination date hereof.

ARTICLE 26

COMPLETENESS OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire collective bargaining agreement between the parties and includes and settles for the term of this Agreement all matters which were or might have been raised in all collective bargaining negotiations leading to the signing of this Agreement. After this Agreement has been duly distributed to each employee of the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 27

PROBATION PERIOD-REFERENCE TO OTHER DOCUMENTS

A. Wages to be received by each employee of the Department of Public Works shall be as set forth on the Schedules attached hereto. The employees, through their Union representatives and the Borough, acknowledge that each employee's rate of pay was bargained for, both individually and collectively, and shall be binding conclusively upon all employees and all parties for the period of this Agreement.

B. All other rights and obligations set fourth in the Administrative Manual shall be and are hereby made part of this agreement and shall accrue to the benefit of and be binding upon the employees, except where inconsistent with this Agreement, in which case, this Agreement shall supersede said Manual.

ARTICLE 28

RETIREMENT

A. It is agreed that the retirement age for employees covered by this Agreement shall be the retirement age permitted under the New Jersey P.E.R.S. system after 25 years of service.

B. It is further agreed that for employees hired before January 1, 2017 upon an employee's retirement after 25 years of service with the Borough, the Borough will provide said retiree and his spouse with such medical insurance currently held by active employees under current agreements until the death of the retiree. Upon either the retiree or his spouse becoming eligible for Medicare coverage, the insurance coverage provided hereunder shall become secondary to Medicare coverage. The retiree and the retiree's spouse shall be responsible for the payment of the contribution required for Medicare coverage established by law.

C. Employees hired after January 1, 2017 their spouses and/or dependents shall not enjoy life time health benefits contained in section B above. It shall be the responsibility of employees hired after January 1, 2017 their spouses and/or dependents to obtain health benefits after retiring from or otherwise ending active employment with the Borough.

ARTICLE 29

MUNICIPAL SANITATION CONTINGENCY

In the event the Borough determines that it shall return to municipal sanitation collection, it is agreed that employees of the sanitation branch shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and, therefore, shall become a part of the bargaining unit covered under this Agreement. In such event, except for stating salaries and benefits shall become a part and parcel of the contract with the bargaining unit and shall be negotiated with representatives of said unit.

ARTICLE 30

SALARIES RETROACTIVE

A. Salaries, during the terms of this contract, are set forth in the Schedules attached hereto and made a part hereof, and shall be paid retroactive to January 1, 2017 as to all employees remaining in the employ of the Borough upon the signing of this Agreement. Such retroactive pay shall be paid within forty five (45) days following the signing hereof, and adoption of a salary ordinance authorizing salaries.

ARTICLE 31

MISCELLANEOUS

A. If any provisions of this Agreement shall be declared invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable for such purpose.

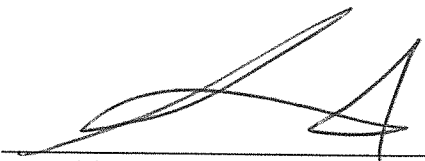
B. In all references herein to any persons, the use of the male gender is intended to and shall include the female gender.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their proper officials and/or corporate officers, seals affixed hereto, the month and year first above written.

ATTEST:

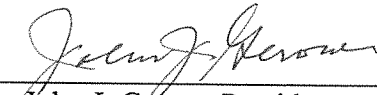


Jean M. Pelligrà, Borough Clerk

By: 


Adrian J. Febre, Mayor
BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD

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By: 

John J. Gerow, President
TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 97
OF NEW JERSEY

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Patrick Guaschino, Vice President
TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 97
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By: _____
Jamil De Losantos
Shop Steward

SCHEDULE A

Employee	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
John Buskiewicz Mechanic	\$78,772.98	\$80,348.43	\$81,955.39	\$83,594.49	\$85,266.37
Arsenio Coiro Road Worker	\$70,607.16	\$72,019.30	\$73,459.68	\$74,928.87	\$76,427.44
Jammil Del Los Santos Road Worker	\$67,204.02	\$68,548.10	\$69,919.06	\$71,317.44	\$72,743.78
Engin Fezula Road Worker	\$66,392.04	\$67,719.88	\$69,074.27	\$70,455.75	\$71,864.86
Nicholas Ranieri Road Worker	\$62,568.74	\$63,820.11	\$65,096.51	\$66,398.44	\$67,726.40
Charles Weite Road Worker	\$66,374.88	\$67,702.37	\$69,056.41	\$70,437.53	\$71,846.20

Additional Compensation for Employees.

1. Workers assigned to sweeper duty shall receive a five percent (5%) increase in hourly wage for the hours worked prior to the normal start time.
2. Workers assigned to bucket duty as tree trimmers shall receive a ten percent (10%) increase in hourly wage for the time actually spent in the bucket.