



AGREEMENT

By and Between

TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 115

affiliated with the
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

AND

CITY OF SOMERS POINT

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ARTICLE I - PARTIES, PURPOSE, CONSIDERATIONS

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the 1st of January 2023, between the City of Somers Point (hereinafter referred to as the "EMPLOYER") and the TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 115 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (hereinafter referred to as the "UNION").

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to establish the standards and hours of labor, rates of pay, and other conditions under which the employees classified herein shall work for the Employer during the life of this agreement and thereby promote a relationship between the parties hereto providing for more harmonious cooperation and mutual benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the performance in good faith by both parties, individually and collectively, of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and intending to be legally bound thereby, the parties agree to and with each other as follows:

ARTICLE II - UNION RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for the employees whose classifications are set forth herein, employed by the Employer, within the geographical jurisdiction of the Union.

ARTICLE III - NO DISCRIMINATION

The Employer agrees not to discharge or discriminate in any way against any employees for Union activities or Union membership.

ARTICLE IV - MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS

(1) The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relating to wages, hours of work, fringe benefits, and general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect at the time of the signing of this Agreement, or its effective date, whichever is earlier, and the conditions of employment shall be changed wherever specific provision for change are made elsewhere in the Agreement.

(2) The Employer agrees not to enter into any other agreement or contract, written or oral, with its employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP / AGENCY SHOP

(1) All employees of the Employer who are members of the Union on the date of this Agreement is executed shall maintain their membership in good standing for the duration of this Agreement. All employees of the Employer who join the Union subsequent to the execution date of this Agreement shall thereafter maintain their membership in good standing. Maintenance of membership by employees who are or become members of the Union shall be a condition of continued employment by the City for the duration of this Agreement. It is provided that such employees may resign from the Union during a period of fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

(2) Each employee covered by this Agreement who fails, voluntarily, to acquire or maintain membership in the Union shall be required as a condition of employment, beginning on the thirtieth (30th) day, to pay the Union a service charge as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement and the representation of such employees. The service charge for services rendered by the Union shall be an amount equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular membership dues and initiation fees.

ARTICLE VI - CHECKOFF

DUES AND INITIATION FEE:

It is understood and agreed between the Employer and the Union that the Employer will deduct any back unpaid Union dues and Initiation fees owed the Union (provided such indebtedness for dues or initiation fees was incurred during employment with the Employer) as well as current monthly dues and initiation fees, from the paycheck of all employees who have signed proper legal authorization for such deductions and who are covered by the agreement, on the last pay day of the month preceding the current month for which current union dues and initiation fees are due the Union. The Employer further agrees to remit to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union, immediately after the checkoff payday, all Union dues and Initiation fees so deducted from the paychecks of employees covered by this Agreement.

POLITICAL ACTION & SOCIAL FUND:

Upon receipt of written authorization for deductions from the wages signed by the employee, the Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of employees their contributions to the Teamsters Union Local No. 115 Political Action Fund and Social Fund, or such similar organizations as may be requested by the Union. The Employer will make deductions on a bi-weekly basis and will forward the amounts deducted to the Teamsters Union Local No. 115 Political and Social Fund, 10965 Decatur Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19154, by the 15th day of the following month. No such authorization shall be recognized if it is in violation of state or federal law. No deduction shall be made if it is prohibited by applicable law.

ARTICLE VII - INSPECTION PRIVILEGE

(1) It is agreed that Union duties and activities will not be carried on during hours of work, except as provided for in this agreement. Union officials shall have the right to enter the premises to satisfy themselves that this agreement is being observed, after first notifying the Employer at its office.

(2) The Union, Business Agent or their representatives, shall have the right to examine time sheets and other records pertaining to the computation of compensation or fringe benefits of any individual whose pay is in dispute.

ARTICLE VIII - STEWARDS

(1) The Employer recognizes the right of the Union to designate Shop Stewards and alternates in accordance with present practice. It is the responsibility of the Union to notify the Employer of the identity of the Steward and any alternates.

(2) The authority of Shop Stewards and alternates so designated by the Union shall be limited to, and shall not exceed, the following duties and activities:

- (A) The investigation and presentation of grievances in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement;
- (B) The collection of Dues when authorized by appropriate Union action;
- (C) The transmission of such messages and information which shall originate with, and are authorized by the Union or its officers, provided such messages and information:
 - (1) Have been reduced to writing, or
 - (2) If not reduced to writing, are of a routine nature and do not involve work stoppages, slow down, refusal to handle goods, or any other interference with Employer's business.

(3) Shop Stewards and alternates have no authority to take strike action, or any other action interrupting the Employer's business, except as authorized by official action of the Union, and notified in writing to the Employer.

(4) The Employer recognizes these limitations upon the authority of Shop Stewards and their alternates, and shall not hold the Union liable for any unauthorized acts. The Employer in so recognizing such limitations shall have the authority to impose proper discipline, including discharge, in the event the Shop Steward has taken unauthorized strike action, slow down or work stoppage in violation of the agreement.

(5) The Steward shall be permitted to investigate, present and process grievances on the property of the Employer, or off the property with prior notification to the Employer, without loss of time or pay, subject to scheduling by the City, which will not be unreasonably delayed. Only one (1) Steward or appropriately appointed alternate shall process any particular grievance. Such time spent in handling grievances shall be considered working hours in computing daily and/or weekly overtime.

ARTICLE IX - PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

PICKET LINES:

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement, and it shall not be cause for discharge or disciplinary action in the event an employee refuses to enter upon any property involved in a primary labor dispute, or refuses to go through any primary picket line, including the primary picket line of Unions party to this Agreement, except in emergency situations affecting the health and safety of the City or its residents.

ARTICLE X - SUPERVISORS AND FOREMAN

No Superintendent or other non-union personnel shall perform the duties done ordinarily by employees in the bargaining unit except for purposes of instruction and/or bona fide emergencies.

ARTICLE XI - HIRING EMPLOYEES

- (1) Subject to existing law, and Civil Service guidelines, if applicable, all hiring will be done in accordance with the City's established procedures.
- (2) The Employer's payroll office shall furnish the Union a written list of all new employees employed during the previous month, as well as any employees retained during the said month after the probationary period.
- (3) When hiring new employees, the City reserves the right to determine the starting salary of the new employee, depending upon the ability, aptitude, and past experience of the employee.

ARTICLE XII - LAYOFF NOTICE

The Employer will give all regular employees five (5) days' notice of layoff for lack of work or pay in lieu thereof. These provisions shall not apply when a layoff is caused by reasons beyond the control of the Employer.

ARTICLE XIII - GUARANTEED WORKDAY

- (1) **Blue Collar** - Employees who report on the first scheduled work day of the week shall be guaranteed thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours of work each week. All employees who report for work on any scheduled work day at the hour designated shall be guaranteed seven and one-half (7½) hours' work for the day.

The regular work week shall consist of: Thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week, seven and one-half (7½) hours per day, excluding lunch periods, five (5) days per week, Monday through Friday inclusive.

- (2) **White Collar** - Employees who report on the first scheduled work day of the week shall be guaranteed thirty-five (35) hours of work each week. All employees who report for work on any scheduled work day at the hour designated shall be guaranteed seven (7) hours' work for the day. Planning/Zoning Secretary and Deputy Court Administrator will continue their present practice.

The regular work week shall consist of: Thirty-five (35) hours per week, seven (7) hours per day, excluding lunch periods, five (5) days per week, Monday through Friday inclusive.

ARTICLE XIV - DISCIPLINE

- (1) The Employer shall not discharge nor suspend any employee until the Business Agent has been notified of the case, except where the provisions of this Article provide for immediate discharge. Notification may be made by telefax or other electronic transmission. A representative of the Union must be in personal contact with the Employer within twenty-four (24) hours after notice to the Union of the discharge or suspension, delivered during working hours from Monday to Friday inclusive. If there is no response by the Union representative within the twenty-four (24) hour period, the Employer may take appropriate action, subject to appeal through the grievance procedure.

Before a discharge or suspension, the Employer must first have given at least one (1) written warning notice of the complaint against such employee to the employee, and a copy of the complaint to the

Union. No warning notice need be given to an employee before he is discharged or suspended if the cause of such discharge is:

- A. Calling an unauthorized strike or walkout.
- B. Drunkenness, drinking during working hours (including lunch time) or being under the influence of liquor or drugs during working hours (including lunch time).
- C. Proven theft or dishonesty.
- D. Unprovoked assault on anyone during working hours.

The warning notice as herein provided shall not remain in effect for a period of more than nine (9) months from the date of said warning notice. Discharge must be for just cause after written notice to the employee and the Union. Any employee may request that the Union investigate his discharge, suspension, or warning notice. Should such investigation reveal that an injustice has been done an employee as agreed between the City and the Union, then the employee shall be reinstated as provided in this agreement, or the warning notice withdrawn.

(2) Upon discharge, the Employer shall pay all money due to the employee at that time. Upon quitting, the Employer shall pay all money due to the employee on the pay day of Employer following quitting.

If an employee is discharged or suspended as provided for in this Article, pending final disposition of said discharge or suspension, the Employer shall continue to make the required contribution for Health and Welfare Benefits.

Uniform Rules and Regulations with respect to disciplinary action or City procedures may be drafted by the Employer provided they do not conflict with any provision of this Agreement and are first discussed with the Union.

ARTICLE XV - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

(1) Definition:

A grievance shall be defined as a complaint by an employee covered by this Agreement as to working conditions, terms and conditions of employment, and/or any personal loss or injury because of a violation to this Agreement between the parties. A grievance, to be considered under this procedure must be initiated within ten (10) calendar days from the time of its occurrence, or the knowledge of its occurrence.

(2) Procedure:

Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits shall permit the aggrieved employee to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at that step. It is understood that employees shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of their department until such grievance, and any effect thereof shall have been fully determined.

Where evidence of hardship would result from compliance with the time regulations set forth in the following levels, a written request for an extension of time at any one of the levels in the Grievance Procedure shall be recognized. The period of extension of time shall be limited to fifteen (15) calendar days.

Step 1:

The Union Steward shall raise the grievance with the grievant's immediate supervisor or Department Head, in an attempt to resolve the matter informally. If as the result of that discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant within five (5) calendar days, the grievant shall set forth the grievance in writing to the City Administrator, or his/her designee, on the form agreed to by the parties, attached hereto as Appendix A. "Report of Grievance". The Union Steward shall present the grievance to the City Administrator, or his/her designee, and a meeting shall be scheduled where both parties will endeavor to resolve such grievance. The City Administrator, or his/her designee, shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the Union Steward within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.

Step 2:

The Union Business Agent, no later than five (5) calendar days after receipt of the decision of the City Administrator, or his/her designee, may take the matter up with the City Administrator, or his/her designee, in an attempt to settle the grievance.

The Union Business Agent and the City Administrator, or his/her designee, shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible, but within a period not to exceed ten (10) calendar days. The City Administrator, or his/her designee, shall communicate his/her decision in writing to the Union Business Agent.

Step 3 (Arbitration):

No claim by an employee shall constitute a grievable matter beyond Step 2 or be processed beyond Step 2 if it pertains to any matter for which a method of review is prescribed by law, or any rule or regulation beyond the scope of the City's authority or limited to action of the City alone.

If the Business Agent of the Union and the City do not reach an agreement or adjustment satisfactory to the Union, the Union may, in its discretion, submit the matter to an arbitrator to be selected pursuant to the procedures of the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

Each party shall bear the total cost incurred by them. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator are the only costs which shall be shared by the parties, and such costs shall be shared equally. Where grievance procedures are mutually scheduled by the parties during working time, persons proper to the present shall suffer no loss of pay.

ARTICLE XVI - SENIORITY

(1) In all cases of any decrease or increase of the working force and for promotion, the main factor to be considered will be the length of continuous service with the Employer. In each instance the determining factors shall be the ability and necessary qualifications to perform the particular job.

(2) It is understood that seniority shall be unit-wide, white collar and blue collar within each unit.

(3) The list of employees rated according to seniority is attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. The Employer will supply the Union, and the Shop Steward, with a list of all additions or deductions from the seniority list. The Employer shall keep posted in a conspicuous place, a list of employees showing the seniority date of each. The seniority list shall be prepared from information on file in the personnel department.

(4) Probationers shall obtain seniority after ninety (90) days of employment. In cases of layoffs, the Employer shall lay off probationers before putting into effect the seniority policy, as stated above. Probationers, after having fulfilled ninety (90) days continuous service, shall date their seniority from the date they were first employed.

(5) When it becomes necessary to lay off employees, the Employer will notify the Shop Steward and the Union of the names of the employees to be laid off, at least two (2) working days in advance of notification to the employee. The Shop Steward shall use this information only for the purpose of checking the seniority list and of consulting with management when there appears to be reason to disagree with the selection of employees to be laid off.

(6) All Shop Stewards shall have top ranking seniority (during the term of their office), irrespective of actual length of service, for layoff and recall only, if allowable by Civil Service.

(7) There shall be no preference of jobs to employees in the same job classification at any time, except when hours of work are involved in accordance with this Agreement.

(8) Seniority shall terminate:

- (A) When an employee is discharged.
- (B) When an employee voluntarily quits his employment.
- (C) At the end of forty-eight (48) months after an employee is laid off for lack of work.
- (D) Any employee laid off for lack of work, who, within fourteen (14) days does not report for work to his own department after being notified in writing, mailed to his last known place of address will be considered as having terminated his employment.
- (E) When an employee does not return to work on or before the expiration date of his or her authorized leave of absence.
- (F) Any employee laid off for lack of work, who does not reply to a written notice to report for work received on a working day within twenty-four (24) hours, will be passed for that job and the next senior employee will then be called. The original employee, however, will not lose his place on the seniority list and will be called for the next job open.

ARTICLE XVII - PREMIUM RATES

(1) The work week shall consist of five (5) days of seven and one-half (7½) hours Blue Collar, and seven (7) hours White Collar, each Monday through Friday. No work shall be performed during the lunch period. Planning/Zoning Secretary and Deputy Court Administrator will continue their present practice.

(2) For all hours worked on Sunday, an employee shall be paid at the rate of two (2) times the rate for the job. Should Sunday be the employee's regularly scheduled work day, the double time rate shall apply to the employee's seventh consecutive day of work.

(3) For all hours worked on Holidays, an employee shall be paid at the rate of two (2) times the rate for the job in addition to the Holiday pay.

(4) For all hours worked in excess of seven and one-half (7½) hours Blue Collar, seven (7) hours White Collar in a day, an employee shall be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the rate for the job. For all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day, an employee shall be paid at two (2) times the rate for the job. For all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) continuous hours, an employee shall be paid at two (2) times the rate for the job. For all hours worked in excess of thirty-five (35) hours per week, White Collar, or thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week, Blue Collar, and for all hours worked in excess of thirty (30) hours Blue Collar, per week or twenty-eight (28) hours White Collar per week when a Holiday occurs, an employee shall be paid at one and one-half (1½) times the rate for the job.

ARTICLE XVIII - TRANSFER RATES

Employees temporarily moving from a higher rate job to a lower rate job will receive the pay of the higher rate job. After fifteen (15) consecutive days, White Collar Employees temporarily moving from a lower rate job to a higher rate job, will receive the pay of the higher rate job.

ARTICLE XIX - EQUAL PAY

Employees doing same work and who have served same periods of time in such work shall receive the same rate of pay, regardless of sex.

ARTICLE XX - HOLIDAYS

(1) All regular employees will be entitled to receive, as Blue Collar; seven and one-half (7½) hours and as White Collar, seven (7) hours pay at the straight time rate for the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
President's Day	Election Day
Martin Luther King Day	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Friday after Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	Two (2) Personal Days

ARTICLE XXI - QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLIDAYS

(1) Straight time according to the regular work schedule of hours shall be paid for regular full-time employees for holidays (not worked) subject to the following conditions:

- (A) Regular full-time employees, who are confined by a duly certified illness during the entire week in which the holiday occurs, shall be paid straight time for the holiday.
- (B) When a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on Friday.
- (C) When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on Monday.
- (D) The rate of pay for a holiday shall be at the rate of the job employed at when the Holiday occurs.
- (E) Any employee using a sick day on the day before or the day after a paid holiday shall not be entitled to the paid holiday, unless the employee provides a doctor's note for such absence. The City may, at its discretion, require that the employee see the City's workers compensation doctor in order to verify the condition requiring the absence.

ARTICLE XXII - VACATIONS

(1) The following paid vacation days are entitled to each employee in accordance with continuous number of years of service. The Vacation period shall be from the Anniversary Date of Employment for each year.

<u>Continuous Employment</u>	<u>Paid Vacation Days</u>
Up to one (1) Year	1- Day per Month
One (1) to Five (5) Years	12 Days per Year
Six (6) to Ten (10) Years	15 Days per Year
Eleven (11) to Fifteen (15) Years	18 Days per Year
Sixteen (16) to Twenty (20) Years	21 Days per Year
Twenty-one (21) to Twenty-five (25) Years	24 Days per Year
Twenty-six (26) to Thirty (30) Years	30 Days per Year
Thirty-one (31) or More Years	32 Days per Year

(2) In the event that a Holiday shall occur during a Vacation Week, an employee on vacation shall not be charged a vacation day for the Holiday.

(3) Continuous service shall not be broken by strikes or layoffs caused by lack of business, as long as seniority is maintained.

(4) Any employee that has been laid off, resigned, quit, or been discharged shall receive all vacation pay up to the date of his termination pro rata.

(5) Bargaining unit employees may request the Employer to buy back a maximum of five (5) vacation days per year. The decision to buy back vacation days rests with management, subject to the Employer's staffing needs and the employee's attendance record. All requests for vacation buy back days shall be submitted in writing by the employee to his/her supervisor, for action by the City Administrator.

ARTICLE XXIII - WELFARE & PENSION BENEFITS

(1) (A) The City will provide the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan medical coverage and employee prescription drug plan or equivalent plan(s) to the employee and applicable dependents. The City will provide dental and eyeglass coverage equivalent to the existing plans.

(B) The employee shall contribute toward the cost of the employee's health benefits in accordance with the attached Appendix B. The contribution shall be based on the employee's salary and calculated by multiplying the applicable percentage times the combined cost of health and prescription premiums for the employee's coverage. Such contribution payments shall be withheld in equal bi-monthly installments throughout the year from the employee's pay.

(2) The Employer agrees to continue the current Life Insurance program.

(3) The Employer agrees to continue the current New Jersey Public Employee Pension Plan.

ARTICLE XXIV - SICK LEAVE

(1) Employees shall be entitled to sick leave of one (1) paid day per month during the first year of employment and fifteen (15) paid workdays thereafter. Unused sick leave days may be accumulated from year to year.

(2) Upon employee's retirement, death, or honorable termination of employment, after having served at least five (5) full years, said employee shall receive terminal leave equal to one-half the employee's accumulated sick leave, computed on his daily rate of pay for the year immediately preceding said termination, up to a maximum of \$20,000.00. Any employee, who is separated from service for cause arising from any disciplinary action, shall not be entitled to the benefits. For the purposes of this Agreement, accumulated sick leave shall be calculated from date of permanent employment. Employees with less than five (5) full years of service shall not be eligible for pay upon termination.

(3) Employees with a minimum of ninety (90) sick days accumulated shall be permitted to cash out, upon written request to the City, up to five (5) sick days annually. Such pay shall be provided no later than the pay period following the pay period when the request is made. This payment cannot be made in the last pay period of December.

(4) Employees may be required (at the discretion of the City) to submit official proof of illness or inability to work when utilizing a fourth (4th) consecutive sick day.

(5) Both the City and Employees recognize that there have been modifications in the law relative to both the accumulation of, and payment on accumulated sick leave (N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.2). It is the

intention of the parties that upon the termination of the within contract, the next contract entered into by the parties shall fully comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 11A:6-19.2.

ARTICLE XXV - REST PERIODS

(1) There shall be two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods daily to be scheduled by the Employer. One shall be during the morning hours of the shift and one during the afternoon hours thereof.

ARTICLE XXVI - FUNERAL LEAVE

(1) The Employer agrees to grant five (5) days off, without loss of pay in the event of death of an employee's mother, father, sister, brother, child, spouse, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child-in-law, stepmother, stepfather, stepchild, grandparents, or another relative with whom the employee is residing at the time of death in the family.

ARTICLE XXVII - JURY DUTY

(1) An employee whose service in the capacity of a juror makes it impossible or impractical to work the normal number of hours may make application to the Employer for the difference between jury duty pay received and his normal weekly earnings. The Employer agrees to pay such amount upon presentation of due proof by the employee of such jury duty.

ARTICLE XXVIII - SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

(1) If any Article or Section of this Agreement or of any Supplements or Riders thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any Article or Section should be restrained by such tribunal pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement and of any Supplements or Riders thereto, or the application of such Article or Section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid or as to which compliance with or enforcement of has been restrained, shall not be affected thereby.

(2) In the event that any Article or Section is held invalid or enforcement of or compliance with which has been restrained, as above set forth, the parties affected thereby shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations, upon the request of either party, for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such Article or Section.

ARTICLE XXIX - GENERAL CLAUSES

(1) The Employer shall provide \$900.00 per year for work uniforms for each blue-collar employee for the duration of this agreement and shall also provide gloves, tools or other equipment to each employee when required, and shall maintain the gloves, tools and other equipment without charge. The Employer shall provide \$650.00 per year for a clothing allowance to each white-collar employee for the duration of this agreement.

(2) Any employees working overtime will not be given time off to offset the overtime work.

(3) Where new types of equipment and/or operations or classifications for which rates of pay are not established by this Agreement are put into use after January 1, 1992, within operations covered by this Agreement, rates governing such operations shall be subject to negotiations between the parties. Upon

failure to agree, either party shall have the right to submit the matter to the grievance procedure as outlined in Article XV. Rates agreed upon shall be effective as of the date equipment is put into use.

(4) Employees shall be entitled up to a fifteen (\$15.00) meal allowance after ten hours of work.

(5) The Employer shall permit the use of a union bulletin board for the posting of union business and activities.

(6) Injury leave shall be granted with full pay to any employee temporarily disabled through injury or illness as a result of, or arising from, their respective employment. Any amount of salary or wages paid or payable to employees shall be reduced by the amount of workmen's compensation awarded for same injury or illness requiring such leave. In no event shall this differential be paid for more than twelve (12) months.

(7) Any employee required to return to duty on his normal time off shall be granted a minimum of two (2) hours premium rate.

(8) The Employer agrees that two bargaining unit employees shall man a snowplow for any work performed after dark.

(9) No leave of absence or combination of leaves of absence for any cause whatsoever shall exceed one year. In the case of continuous absence for more than one year, such employee so absent shall be automatically separated from employment on the first anniversary date from the date such absence began. The City, may, in its discretion, extend such absence indefinitely.

(10) In order to operate a sewer utility, the City is required to designate an individual in possession of a current, valid operation license of the appropriate class issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as the system operator.

Once the City has designated an employee covered by this Agreement as the system operator, that employee shall have seniority for the position within the unit, at a yearly compensation indicated in Article XXXII. The compensation will be paid with the regular pays, but separate from the employee's regular salary.

Should the designated system operator become a supervisor, the City may, in its discretion, maintain that individual as the system operator. Should the City decide not to maintain that individual as system operator, or should the designated system operator terminate employment with the City, then the City will designate as system operator the employee in this unit with the most seniority under this paragraph. Seniority under this paragraph shall be established as the date the employee has obtained the appropriate license, so long as that employee has applied for compensation as indicated below. In the event that two or more employees receive the appropriate license on the same date, then their seniority under this paragraph shall be determined as delineated elsewhere in this contract. In the event that no employee covered by this contract has the appropriate license, the City may designate anyone they choose in possession of such a license, including supervisory personnel, or others not covered by this collective bargaining agreement.

For any members of the unit who have obtained licenses, but are not the designated operator, the City will pay the following one-time compensation:

C1 License - \$2,400.00

C2 License - \$1,800.00

For any members of the unit who maintains their licenses, but are not the designated operator, the City will pay the following yearly compensation:

C1 License - \$750.00

C2 License - \$1,000.00

This compensation shall not be paid in combination with each other, and the total compensations paid will be limited to five (5) all together, but not more than three in each category. It is the responsibility of the employee applying for the compensation to provide the City with a request for the compensation and proof of possession of the license. Once established, so long as the employee stays in possession of a current, valid license, the employee will continue to receive the compensation.

(11) All changes in pay rates resulting from employee anniversary dates as delineated in this contract will occur with the first pay of the month following the employee's anniversary date.

(12) For any members of the unit who obtains a Class (A) CDL, the City will pay the following one-time compensation:

CDL (A) License - \$1,750.00

For any members of the unit who adds a (N) endorsement to their commercial driver's license, the City will pay the following one-time compensation:

CDL (N) Endorsement - \$500.00

For any members of the unit who maintains their Class (A) License, the City will pay the following yearly compensation:

CDL (A) License - \$1,750.00

For any members of the unit who maintains their (N) endorsement to their commercial driver's license, the City will pay the following yearly compensation:

CDL (N) Endorsement - \$450.00

For any members of the unit who possess their Pesticide Applicators License, the City will pay the following one-time compensation:

PAL License - \$2,000.00

For any members of the unit who maintains their Pesticide Applicators License, the City will pay the following yearly compensation:

PAL License - \$1,750.00

For members of the unit who are seeking to obtain licenses, approval must be granted by the Department Head in conjunction with the Business Administrator. Compensation for the initial one-time payment will not be paid in conjunction with the yearly compensation. The total number of those compensated paid altogether, in each category, shall be determined by the Department Head and approved by the Business Administrator based on the operational needs of the Department. It is the responsibility of the employee applying for the license and compensation to provide the City with a request for the compensation in writing and proof of possession of the license. Once established, so long as the employee stays in possession of a current, valid license, the employee will continue to receive the compensation.

13) For any member of the unit who obtains and/or is certified as a Recycle-coordinator, the City will pay, in addition to Recycle stipend, the following yearly compensation:

Certification - \$1,000.00

14) Any license or professional certifications not specifically addressed shall be subject to approval by the Department Head in conjunction with the Business Administrator. Approval of coursework and/or any compensation, either one-time or annual, shall be subject to the discretion of the Business Administrator pursuant to the establishment of an existing need for the licensure. The amount of any potential annual compensation for obtaining and maintaining the certification or license would be contingent upon the approval of coursework and compensation amount. The potential course and compensation would need to be approved by the Business Administrator and subject to approval by City Council.

The City agrees to supply all materials and safety equipment and to allow for the continuing education of the licenses/certifications stated above, without the loss of time or pay from the member.

ARTICLE XXX - DURATION

(1) This Agreement shall be effective three (3) years as of the first day of January, 2023 and shall continue in full force and effect up to and including December 31, 2025, and shall continue from year to year thereafter unless either of the parties hereto shall give to the other sixty (60) days written notice prior to the original termination date or prior to the end of any subsequent year of an intention to terminate the Agreement. Any and all changes in compensation and benefits agreed to after the said termination date shall be retroactive to the day following such termination date.

(2) In the event of an inadvertent failure by either party to give the notice set forth in Section (1) of this Article, such party may give such notice at any time prior to the termination or automatic renewal date of this Agreement. If a notice is given in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the expiration date of this Agreement shall be the sixty-first (61st) day following such notice.

ARTICLE XXXI - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

(1) It is recognized that the well-being of both parties is directly dependent upon the skill and efficiency with which the business of the Employer is conducted and that any assumption of the functions of management by representatives of the Union or Employees represented by it, is contrary to the intent and purpose of this Agreement.

(A) Accordingly, the Employer retains and reserves unto itself all powers, rights, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and invested in it prior to the signing of this

Agreement by the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey and the United States including but not limited to the following rights:

1. The executive management and administrative control of the City government and its properties and facilities and activities of its employees.
 2. To hire, discharge and discipline employees for good cause, and to determine their qualifications for employment or assignment and to promote and transfer employees subject to the provisions of this Agreement.
- (B) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Employer of its powers, rights, authorities, duties, and responsibilities under R.S. 40 and R.S. 50A, or any other national state, county, or local laws or ordinances.
- (C) Somers Point is a City covered by Civil Service rules and regulations and is subject to the rules and regulations thereof.

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ARTICLE XXXII – SALARIES

All employees classified as blue-collar shall receive the following wage increase per hour per year as follows:

All blue-collar employee levels/classifications shall be increased by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) prior to the two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase effective January 01, 2023, increased by two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) prior to the two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase effective January 01, 2024, and increased two and one-half percent (2.5%) effective January 01, 2025.

Blue Collar		2023	2024	2025
Work Leader	Over 25	\$84,372	\$86,738	\$88,906
Work Leader	NA	\$83,183	\$85,519	\$87,657
DPW Level 12	Over 30	\$76,153	\$78,313	\$80,271
DPW Level 11	Over 25	\$75,641	\$77,788	\$79,733
DPW Level 10	24, 25	\$74,451	\$76,569	\$78,483
DPW Level 9	22, 23	\$71,976	\$74,032	\$75,883
DPW Level 8	20, 21	\$70,516	\$72,535	\$74,348
DPW Level 7	18, 19	\$69,042	\$71,024	\$72,800
DPW Level 6	16, 17	\$67,564	\$69,509	\$71,247
DPW Level 5	14, 15	\$65,190	\$67,076	\$68,753
DPW Level 4	12, 13	\$62,816	\$64,643	\$66,259
DPW Level 3	10, 11	\$61,125	\$62,909	\$64,482
DPW Level 2	8, 9	\$59,649	\$61,396	\$62,931
DPW Level 1	6, 7	\$55,220	\$56,857	\$58,278
Start Year 5	5	\$50,135	\$51,645	\$52,936
Start Year 4	4	\$46,712	\$48,136	\$49,339
Start Year 3	3	\$43,526	\$44,870	\$45,992
Start Year 2	2	\$39,864	\$41,117	\$42,145
Start Year 1	1	\$36,443	\$37,610	\$38,550
C2 Licensee	NA	\$14,193	\$14,804	\$15,174

An employee cannot automatically advance beyond DPW Level 1 unless the employee is licensed with a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Should the employee obtain a CDL after the beginning of year 8, the date that the CDL is obtained will establish the automatic level anniversary date changes.

When a member of the unit receives additional pay as the Sewer System Operator, that pay will be included in the individual's overtime pay calculations.

All employees classified as white-collar shall receive the following wage increase per hour per year as follows:

All white-collar employee levels/classifications shall be increased by five hundred dollars (\$500.00) prior to the two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase effective January 01, 2023, increased by two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) prior to the two and one-half percent (2.5%) increase effective January 01, 2024, and increased two and one-half percent (2.5%) Effective January 01, 2025.

White Collar	2023	2024	2025
Bookkeeper 1A	\$57,218	\$58,905	\$60,378
Bookkeeper 1B	\$51,281	\$52,819	\$54,139
Bookkeeper 2	\$49,701	\$51,200	\$52,480
Bookkeeper 3	\$41,340	\$42,630	\$43,696
Bookkeeper 4	\$33,797	\$34,898	\$35,770
Dep Tax Col 1	\$60,772	\$62,548	\$64,112
Dep Tax Col 2	\$55,022	\$56,654	\$58,070
Dep Tax Col 3	\$50,257	\$51,770	\$53,064
Dep Tax Col 4	\$42,647	\$43,969	\$45,068
Dep Ct Admin 1	\$61,503	\$63,297	\$64,879
Dep Ct Admin 2	\$57,849	\$59,551	\$61,040
Dep Ct Admin 3	\$51,770	\$53,321	\$54,654
Dep Ct Admin 4	\$42,648	\$43,970	\$45,069
AC/Typist 1	\$56,694	\$58,368	\$59,827
AC/Typist 2	\$48,729	\$50,203	\$51,458
AC/Typist 3	\$42,648	\$43,970	\$45,069
AC/Typist 4	\$39,668	\$40,916	\$41,939
AC/Typist 5	\$33,797	\$34,898	\$35,770
Ck/Ty/Matron 1	\$59,016	\$60,748	\$62,267
Ck/Ty/Matron 2	\$48,487	\$49,955	\$51,204
Ck/Ty/Matron 3	\$40,876	\$42,154	\$43,208
Ck/Ty/Matron 4	\$33,797	\$34,898	\$35,770
Clk/Typist Yr. 3	\$33,797	\$34,898	\$35,770
Clk/Typist Yr. 2	\$31,144	\$32,179	\$32,983
Clk/Typist Yr. 1	\$28,666	\$29,639	\$30,380

MERIT INCREASE:

An employee may make a request for a level and/or wage increase to their department head as well as the office of the Business Administrator during the fourth quarter (October, November, December) of the year to be considered for the following year. These requests may be made by an employee every two years beginning in 2023. The request for a promotion shall be considered by the department head as well as the office of Administration. The city may choose to grant or deny the promotional increase requested by the employee in writing. The City shall consider the productivity, performance, conduct

of the employee as well as other factors when considering the request. Any promotional increases shall require the recommendation of the employee's immediate supervisor and will be subject to the approval of the City Administrator. The promotional increase shall be subject to budget constraints as well as the Salary and Wage Ordinance. The decision for a promotional request may be considered by the budget committee as well.

ARTICLE XXXIII - LONGEVITY BONUS

For bargaining unit members hired before 1/1/2013, upon completion of five (5) years of service, \$100.00 per year for each year worked, to a maximum of \$1,000. For example, upon completion of 7 years, this would be \$700. For all bargaining unit members whose longevity payment is in excess of \$1,000 per year as of 12/31/2012, their longevity will be frozen at their longevity amount that is in effect on 12/31/2012. Bargaining unit members hired on or after 1/1/2013 shall not be eligible for longevity payments.

ARTICLE XXXIV – ON-CALL TIME

1) The Employer may designate employees in the sewer department to be on-call in the event overtime work is necessary during normal off-hours. When additional personnel are needed to be on-call, management shall afford on-call opportunities to additional personnel in accordance with the overtime rotation list until a sufficient number of employees are obtained. Employees on-call shall be furnished a cell phone by the Employer when on call. Any employee called to work outside of his regularly scheduled shift shall be paid for a minimum of two hours at the appropriate overtime rate.

2) The On-Call period is from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and any time on Saturday, Sundays, and Holidays. Employees designated to be on-call shall be paid twenty (\$20.00) dollars per day, for being on-call.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement of the 1st Day of June, 2023.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:



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APPENDIX A

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE
TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 115

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____

Employer _____ Telephone # _____

Employer Address _____

How Long Employer _____ Job Classification _____

Nature of Grievance

(Include date of occurrence, contract article(s) in dispute, and relief sought)

Signature of Member filing Grievance _____ Date _____

Signature of Shop Steward _____

City Comments

Action Taken by Business Agent

Date _____

Signature of Business Agent _____

APPENDIX B

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Employee Share Of Health and Prescription Insurance Premium

COVERAGE:

SINGLE		PARENT-CHILD		MEMBER-PARTNER		FAMILY	
Salary	Percent of Premium	Salary	Percent of Premium	Salary	Percent of Premium	Salary	Percent of Premium
to 19,999	4.5	to 24,999	3.5	to 24,999	3.5	to 24,999	3
20,000	5.5	25,000	4.5	25,000	4.5	25,000	4
25,000	7.5	30,000	6	30,000	6	30,000	5
30,000	10	35,000	7	35,000	7	35,000	6
35,000	11	40,000	8	40,000	8	40,000	7
40,000	12	45,000	10	45,000	10	45,000	9
45,000	14	50,000	15	50,000	15	50,000	12
50,000	20	55,000	17	55,000	17	55,000	14
55,000	23	60,000	21	60,000	21	60,000	17
60,000	27	65,000	23	65,000	23	65,000	19
65,000	29	70,000	26	70,000	26	70,000	22
70,000	32	75,000	27	75,000	27	75,000	23
75,000	33	80,000	28	80,000	28	80,000	24
80,000	34	85,000	30	85,000	30	85,000	26
95,000	35	100,000	35	100,000	35	90,000	28
						95,000	29
						100,000	32
						110,000	35

