

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN  
AND  
NEW ENGLAND POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

LOCAL NO. 24

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## ARTICLE 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 This Agreement is entered into by and between the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local #24, New England Police Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as the Union.
- 1.2 Nothing in this Agreement, except where specifically stated, is intended to abrogate, amend or modify any currently existing written standard, personnel regulation or departmental rule, whether promulgated by the Goffstown Police Department or the Town of Goffstown.
- 1.3 Whenever a male gender is used in this Agreement it shall be construed to include male and female employees unless biologically infeasible.

## ARTICLE 2. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 2.1 It is agreed that except as specifically delegated, abridged, granted or modified by this Agreement or required by statutory law, all of the rights, powers, and authority the Town possessed prior to the signing of this Agreement are retained by the Town and remain the exclusive right of management without limitation.
- 2.2 Management of the Town, its operation, direction of the workforce and the authority to execute all the various duties, functions, and responsibilities in connection therewith are vested in the Town. The exercise of such duties, functions and responsibilities shall not conflict with this Agreement.
- 2.3 It is understood and agreed that the Town has all the customary and usual rights, powers, functions and authority of management. Any of the rights, powers, functions or authority which the Town had prior to the signing of this Agreement, including those in respect of rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work, are retained by the Town except as those rights, powers, functions or authority are specifically abridged or modified by this Agreement.
- 2.4 Without limitation, but by way of illustration, the exclusive prerogatives, functions, and rights of the Town shall include the following:
  - 2.4.1 To plan, direct, supervise and control all operations, functions and policies of the Town in which the employees in the bargaining unit are employed.
  - 2.4.2 To determine the need for and the qualifications of new employees, transfers and promotions.
  - 2.4.3 To establish, revise and implement standards for hiring, classification, evaluation, promotion, quality of work, safety, materials, uniforms, appearance, equipment, methods, policies and procedures, work rules and regulations.
  - 2.4.4 To assign shifts, workdays, hours of work and work locations subject to the terms of this contract.

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- 2.4.5 To close or eliminate an office, operation, service or facility, or combination of facilities, or to relocate, reorganize or combine the work of divisions, offices, operations or facilities for budgetary or other reasons.
- 2.4.6 To implement new, and to revise or discharge, wholly or in part, old methods, procedures, materials, equipment, facilities and standards.
- 2.4.7 To determine the need for a reduction or an increase in the workforce and the implementation of any decision with regard thereto.
- 2.4.8 To discipline, suspend, demote or discharge an employee for just cause, subject to the terms of this contract and other pertinent law.
- 2.4.9 To assign and distribute work.
- 2.4.10 To determine the need for additional educational courses, training programs, on-the-job training and cross-training.
- 2.4.11 To contract out any work it deems necessary in the interests of efficiency, economy, improved work product, equipment or emergency.
- 2.4.12 To determine the mission, policies and standards of service offered to the public.
- 2.4.13 The Town may prepare, issue, and enforce rules and safety regulations necessary for safe, orderly, efficient operations.

### ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION

- 3.1 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all full-time non-probationary Patrol Officers within the Goffstown Police Department and only those regular full-time employees are covered by this Agreement.
- 3.2 All other present and future employees of the Town or Police Department, including but not limited to, supervisors, professional, confidential, probationary, temporary, seasonal, call or part-time are excluded from coverage or recognition under this Agreement.
- 3.3 The Union recognizes the Town of Goffstown, NH as the primary EMPLOYER of all Union employees within this bargaining unit.
- 3.4 The Town agrees to deduct Union dues from regular paychecks from each member of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement who signs an appropriate authorization for same. Monthly, said deductions shall be forwarded either to the Union or deposited into a bank account designated by the Union for the purpose of holding such dues.

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## ARTICLE 4. PROBATIONAL PERIOD

- 4.1 Definition and Purpose. The probationary period provides the employee the opportunity to become acquainted with the job and learn any necessary skills. Supervisory personnel will be responsible for checking to see that the new employee is learning the duties of the job and is capable of performing them. If at any time during this period it is determined by supervisory personnel that the employee is not suited for the position for reasons including but not limited to poor work performance and violation of work rules, the employee may be terminated without the same appellate rights as regular employees.
- 4.2 Probation. No employee of the Town of Goffstown shall be considered regular until the probationary period is successfully completed. New employees will be eligible for insurance benefits in this agreement the first of the month following date of hire. Employees of the police department shall serve an original employment probationary period of 12 consecutive calendar months which may be extended by the appointing authority as may be required, but not for a period of more than 4 additional consecutive months. In cases of original employment by the Town, during the probationary period, an employee may be dismissed at any time without the right of appeal or hearing in any manner. An employee dismissed during the probationary period from a position to which she/he was promoted, shall be reinstated to the position from which she/he was promoted, unless charges are filed and she/he is discharged, as provided in Article 9 of this agreement.
- 4.3 Probationary Period for Promotions. Employees of the Police Department who are promoted will be required to serve a probationary period of twelve (12) months in their new position.
- 4.4 Temporary Employees. If a full-time temporary employee becomes a regular employee in the same job position, the time served as a temporary employee will be considered toward the probationary period for regular employment. Time served as a part-time temporary employee will not be considered toward the probationary period. Time served as a full-time temporary employee will be considered towards the probationary period.

## ARTICLE 5. TRAINING AGREEMENT

Prior to formal hiring and prior to initiation of service, all prospective members of the bargaining unit shall execute a "four-year training agreement" substantially in the form of that appended hereto (Appendix B).

The bargaining unit members specifically and knowingly waive all rights which they may have under the fair labor standards act to any claims of wage forfeiture, or any other related claim of penalty or improper practice as a result of the execution or enforcement of said training agreement. In the event that any third party, including any governmental organization, successfully pursues any such claim on behalf of any member of the bargaining unit member, the said members will hold the Town harmless and indemnify the Town for any amounts recovered.

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## ARTICLE 6. EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING PROGRAM

- 6.1 In order that employees may perform their work more efficiently and be able to qualify for positions of increasing difficulty and responsibility, the appropriate authority shall develop and implement educational training programs whenever appropriate.
- 6.2 Educational Reimbursement Incentive. An education reimbursement incentive will apply to all department employees who complete non-required but approved courses relating to their current employment, or as part of an approved career development program based upon the sections which follow in this article.
- 6.3 Approved Program. The Town agrees to provide reimbursement as indicated in the Educational Tuition Agreement (APPENDIX C).
- 6.4 Course Approval. Courses must be approved in advance by the Police Chief or designee as meeting the requirement that the course is related to the employee's job or is part of a career development program.
- 6.5 Repayment of Town's Share. Upon successful completion of a degree program the member must maintain employment with the Town according to the following schedule:

Associate degree - one (1) year

Bachelor's Degree - two (2) years

Master's Degree/JD or PhD - three (3) years

If a member separates from employment prior to serving the term required, then the term will be pro-rated starting from the date the degree was conferred.

If a member separates from employment prior to completion of the degree program, then the percentage of completion will be calculated and applied to the term of employment above, with a minimum commitment of one year. For example, if the member has completed 50% of a Master's Degree at the time of separation, then member must serve one and a half (1.5) years from the completion date of last class.

A non-matriculated member who receives reimbursement from the Town for college level courses, shall maintain employment with the Town for a period of one year following completion of the last course.

Repayment may be: (1) a lump sum at time of separation; or (2) monthly payments over the term allowed with the first payment due at time of separation and each first (1<sup>st</sup>) of the month thereafter. The employee or former employee shall sign a promissory note at the time of separation. The term allowed shall be set by the Select Board during a non-public meeting prior to separation. There will be a late payment charge of \$10 for any monthly payment received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. (See Appendix D, Promissory Note).

This section shall not apply to a member killed in the line of duty or who retires due to a duty related injury. Should a member die after leaving the service of the Town while still owing a debt under this article, the Town shall not seek reimbursement through the estate of the

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former member.

The member (or former member) retains the right to request an extension of payback time periods for reasons to include, but not limited to, financial hardship, death of a family member, or injury. The member (or former member) may request such an extension from the Select Board through the Chief of Police or designee. The decision of the Select Board shall be final and not subject to grievance.

### ARTICLE 7. IMPEDANCE WITH TOWN OPERATIONS PROHIBITED

- 7.1 Under no circumstances will the Union cause, encourage, sponsor or participate in any strike, work slowdowns, sanctions, picketing or patrolling which in any way impedes with the operations of the Town; multiple resignations, any form of job action, withholding of any services or any curtailment of work or any restriction or interference with the operations of the Police Department, other Town departments or Town of Goffstown government during the term of this Agreement. This section shall not be construed to forbid informational picketing. However, such activities shall not occur in such a manner as to impede with Town operations as described above.
- 7.2 Should any employee or group of employees covered by this Agreement engage in any activity prohibited by 7.1 above, the Union shall forthwith disavow any such activity and shall take all reasonable means to induce such employee or group of employees to terminate such activity forthwith, including but not limited to, any and all disciplinary measures which may be taken pursuant to the Union's Constitution and By-Laws as may be amended from time to time.

### ARTICLE 8. DISCRIMINATION

The parties to this Agreement agree not to discriminate against any employee because race, color, religion, creed, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information, or marital status.

### ARTICLE 9. UNION ACTIVITY

- 9.1 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion by the Employer against any employee for his activity on behalf of, or membership in, the Union.
- 9.2 There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion by the Union or bargaining unit employees against any employee for his lack of activity on behalf of, or non-membership in, the Union.
- 9.3 No union member, employee or agent of the Union shall attempt to intimidate, harass, threaten or in any way coerce any non-union employee to join the Union or cooperate in union activities against the wishes of said employee. Within the boundaries of the law and without intimidation, harassment, threats or coercion, the Union shall not hesitate to take positions on issues, which may have an affect or impact upon non-union employees.

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- 9.4 An executive member of the union is allowed one hour while on duty to work on a grievance provided that the Chief has been notified prior to and that no consumable town resources are used.

### ARTICLE 10. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, SEPARATIONS AND DEMOTIONS

- 10.1 Demotions. A department head may reduce the salary of an employee within the range provided in the pay plan or demote an employee for just cause. In the event of a demotion for disciplinary purposes, a written statement for the reasons for any such action shall be filed with the Town Administrator and a copy shall be filed in the employee's personnel file. However, in the event that through the grievance resolution process the effected employee is exonerated, then such information shall be removed from both the Town Administrator's file and the personnel file. The Chief of Police or his designee may keep a separate administrative file of all disciplinary action, regardless of result, but said file shall be only accessible by the Chief of Police or his designee for legitimate non-disciplinary purposes including but not limited to in response to a subpoena or order from a court of appropriate jurisdiction. In no way shall disciplinary action which resulted in the exoneration of the employee be utilized as a basis for enhanced disciplinary action in the event of further charges being brought against the affected employee.
- 10.2 Layoffs. A department head may lay off an employee in the service to the Town by reason of shortage of work and/or funds abolition of the positions, other material changes in the organization, or for other reasons beyond the employee's control and which do not reflect discredit upon the service of an employee. A department head shall give written notice to the employee of any proposed layoff and reasons therefore two weeks before the effective date of the action. A copy of such notice shall be filed with the Town Administrator and a copy shall be filed in the employee's personnel folder.

An employee who is laid off shall be considered a priority part-time employee and shall be afforded the opportunity to fill open shifts which develop within the regular schedule before such opportunity is offered to other employees, subject to departmental rules and regulations and provisions of this contract relating to the amount of time an employee may work within a 24-hour period and other applicable provisions. This priority status shall be granted during the period of an employee's layoff until such employee has worked a total of 40 hours per week at which time, for the remainder of that week, open shift assignments shall be filled pursuant to the rotational system described elsewhere within this contract. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to force the employer to fill all open shifts and, in fact, the right of the employer to leave open shifts unfilled for economic or other reasons is specifically recognized. In the event that two or more employees are laid off the opportunity for priority assignments shall be rotated among those employees.

Layoffs shall be in the order of reverse seniority among bargaining unit members. Layoffs shall be considered temporary for a period of 12 months during which time laid off employees shall have a right of recall should regular employment become available within the bargaining unit. After 12 months a layoff shall be considered permanent and an employee shall have no such right of recall. Further, after a period of 12 months the employees' right for priority treatment for the assignment of open shifts shall terminate as the employee shall no longer be considered a police officer for the Town of Goffstown.



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Employees shall be recalled in the reverse order of layoff. To be eligible for recall or for part-time employment as described above employees shall maintain all necessary certifications and shall, further, keep the employer fully advised of their current address and telephone number. A laid off employee being offered the opportunity to fill an open shift must respond immediately and affirmatively upon being contacted by the employer. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the right to fill that specific shift. In the event that the employer is unable to reach the employee after a reasonable effort, the employer may offer the open shift to another employee.

- 10.3 Disciplinary Action. A department head or designated supervisory person may reprimand, orally or in writing; suspend, with or without pay; demote or dismiss an employee due to inefficiency, incompetence, misconduct, negligence, insubordination, other sufficient just cause, or as defined in Section 10.4 of Article 10. A written statement setting forth the reasons for such action shall be filed with the Town Administrator and a copy shall be filed in the employee's personnel folder.

Disciplinary action or removal may be taken for a single violation or successive violations of a similar or dissimilar nature.

Any member of the bargaining unit may, at their sole discretion, avail themselves of union representation and consultation with a union representative with regard to any disciplinary matter. Further, such consultation and/or representation shall be available to the employee throughout any phase of the grievance process hereinafter described. However, such representations shall be limited to a local in-house representative during the first stage of the grievance procedure. However, the desire on the part of an employee for outside union representation or legal counsel shall not extend the deadlines contained in Article 10 for actions within the grievance procedure except by mutual written consent executed by both the employee and the Chief of Police or the Town Administrator.

- 10.4 Just cause For Removal. For purposes of this contract, the term "just cause" as applied to the actions of the employer shall mean those actions which a similarly situated employer would reasonably and justifiably take to rectify an unfavorable situation.

Just cause for removal from the service of the Town shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- 10.4.1 Neglect of duty.
- 10.4.2 Incompetence or inefficiency.
- 10.4.3 Disability which renders the employee unable to perform essential job functions with reasonable accommodation on the part of the employer.
- 10.4.4 Insubordination or serious breach of discipline.
- 10.4.5 Under the influence of, in possession of or suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs while on duty.
- 10.4.6 Chronic or excessive absenteeism.

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- 10.4.7 Disorderly or immoral conduct.
  - 10.4.8 Willful violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, departmental rules or regulations or other statutes relating to the employment of Town employees.
  - 10.4.9 Conduct unbecoming an officer including but not limited to the violation of criminal law.
  - 10.4.10 Abuse or violation of sick leave or other departmental or Town regulations.
  - 10.4.11 Negligence of or willful damage to public property or waste of public supplies.
  - 10.4.12 Conduct unbecoming an employee in the Town service.
  - 10.4.13 The use or attempt to use one's authority or official influence to control or modify the political action of any person in the service or engaging in any form of political activity during working hours.
  - 10.4.14 Serious safety violations including damage to equipment and vehicles or endangering others.
- 10.5 Resignations. The resignation of an employee shall be effective upon acceptance and, after acceptance shall not be subject to the grievance procedure. For purposes of this section, acceptance of a resignation may be affected by any officer of the Goffstown Police Department at the rank of lieutenant or higher, the Town Administrator or the Select Board.
- 10.6 Retirement. If a NHRS spiking assessment is in effect at the time of a member's retirement, then payment of all accrued leaves will be made 121 days following the last day of employment.

### ARTICLE 11. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 11.1 "Grievance" means an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication with respect to one or more public employees, or the public employer, of any provision of this Agreement.
- 11.2 Grievances shall be processed in the following manner: Any grievance shall be filed by the employee in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of event occurrence with the department head. The grievance shall contain an abbreviated statement as to the nature of the grievance and shall state specifically the Article and Section of this Agreement which the employee, or the designated representative, feels has been violated. The employee shall be required to sign the original grievance filed with the department head and state the requested corrective action. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the grievance, the department head shall conduct an informal inquiry concerning the grievance and render a decision in writing by no later than the close of the normal business day of the tenth (10th) day. The time requirements under this step may be extended by mutual written consent of the department head and the employee and/or the designated representative.

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- 11.3 Select Board. If the decision of the department head is found to be unsatisfactory, or if no decision has been rendered during the time period specified above, either party may within ten (10) calendar days appeal in writing to the Select Board. The appeal shall contain the same information as required in Section 10.2, above. The Select Board shall conduct their first hearing session regarding the grievance within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of its receipt, and shall render its decision in writing within fifteen (15) days from the close of their final hearing date.
- 11.4 Advisory Arbitration. If a decision of the Select Board is found to be unsatisfactory, or if no decision has been rendered during the time period specified above, said employee may within ten (10) days appeal in writing to the Town Administrator to convene a Personnel Advisory Board hearing. The appeal shall contain an abbreviated statement as to why the decision has been found to be unsatisfactory, those specific areas which have been violated and the request for corrective action. Within 15 days the Town Administrator shall name a management representative to the Personnel Advisory Board and the Union shall similarly name a representative within the same time period. Within 10 days from the naming of the respective party representatives, the representatives shall either agree upon a third person who shall complete and chair the tribunal or shall notify the Public Employees Labor Relations Board of their inability to agree and ask that said Board appoint a neutral party to chair the tribunal. The cost of advisory arbitration shall be born equally by the parties. The Personnel Appeals Board thus constituted shall convene a hearing on the matter at the earliest possible date and shall render their decision within 15 days from the close of their hearing.
- 11.5 Final Decision with Select Board. If the decision of the Personnel Appeals Board is found to be unsatisfactory, or if no decision has been rendered during the time period specified above, either party may within ten (10) days request that the matter be returned to the Select Board. The Select Board shall not be required to conduct a rehearing and shall in no case accept new evidence, documentation or testimony of any form. The parties shall, however, be allowed to submit briefs to the Select Board on issues raised in the grievance proceedings and may also present oral argument within limitations established by the Board. The Board shall conduct its first meeting dealing with the return of the appeal within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of its receipt and shall render its decision in writing within fifteen (15) days from the close of any final meeting on the matter and such decisions shall be final and not subject to further appeal or redetermination.

### ARTICLE 12. WORKER'S COMPENSATION

- 12.1 All employees under this Agreement shall be covered by Workers' Compensation.
- 12.2 Workers' Compensation Differential. Any bargaining unit member who is injured within the course of his/her employment shall be entitled to workers' compensation benefits pursuant to the law of the State of New Hampshire. Additionally, any employee entitled to such benefits and who is unable to return to work for a period of time shall be entitled to utilize accrued leave each week up to a maximum of 16 hours per week, or the equivalent of 40% of their base pay.

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## ARTICLE 13. COMPENSATION

- 13.1 Currently payroll is issued weekly, however both parties agree to move to a bi-weekly payroll process after the Collective Bargaining Agreement is adopted. The Town shall provide at least 30-days' notice prior to effecting this change.
- 13.2 This contract establishes pay ranges for each position as shown in Appendix A.1. Pay scales receive a 4.0% increase in years 2 and 3, , with member step increases each contingent upon a satisfactory performance evaluation.

Placement of current members on the new matrix as of 07/01/24 are shown in Appendix A.2.

Only unsatisfactory evaluations may be submitted to the grievance process. The following guidelines shall apply to the use of evaluations for purposes of granting or withholding annual increases:

- 13.2.1 An evaluation format as provided in the Department's general orders shall be utilized. Nothing in this article shall be deemed to waive management rights to reformat the evaluation document and/or make minor or inconsequential changes in the evaluation process to achieve its appropriate use.
- 13.2.2 A minimum of three not satisfactory categories will be necessary for an evaluation to have been deemed "unsatisfactory" in its entirety for purposes of this article.
- 13.2.3 Longevity benefits shall not be affected in any way by this term.
- 13.2.4 If an employee receives an unsatisfactory evaluation while fulfilling a special assignment, relating to skills, knowledge and abilities utilized during the period of special assignment, then the employee may elect reassignment to his/her previously held assignment without the withholding of the pay raise. Only a specific ranking of "unsatisfactory" in reference to a particular evaluation item shall be considered as counting towards the three negative ratings required for the withholding of a pay raise.
- 13.2.5 If an employee receives two successive favorable evaluations within the time frame of the evaluation, without any rankings of "unsatisfactory" then no raise shall be withheld.
- 13.2.6 Administrative error concerning the timely dissemination of evaluations to employees may prohibit the use of that evaluation for withholding a pay increase. All evaluations shall be completed and the evaluation document presented to the employee within one calendar month after the conclusion of the evaluation period. This time period will be reasonably extended due to either the unavailability of the employee or a member of the evaluation team as designated by the Chief of Police or by mutual agreement for other cause.

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13.3 Testing for the Senior Patrol Officer (SPO)/Master Patrol Officer (MPO) and Appointment Process. Any patrol officer who is eligible to test for Senior Patrol Officer (SPO) or Master Patrol Officer (MPO) and passes the process will be awarded their respected rank. There will be no cap on the number of eligible officers and no cap to the number of people awarded after successfully passing the process.

13.4 Testing Eligibility and Process. The testing process will be offered once per year between May 1st and June 30th with a 30-day notice to all members.

Any officer that wishes to achieve the rank of SPO shall have at least 4 years of law enforcement experience, successfully completed the Goffstown Police Department probationary period and have received satisfactory annual evaluations for the two years immediately preceding the testing process.

Any officer that wishes to advance to the rank of MPO shall have at least 10 years of law enforcement experience, successfully completed the Goffstown Police Department probationary period and have received satisfactory annual evaluations for the two years immediately preceding the testing process.

The testing process shall only include a written test administered by the Goffstown Police Department. All candidates for SPO or MPO shall have a passing score of 70% or higher to be awarded the SPO or MPO rank. The written test will include topics surrounding general law enforcement knowledge.

All current officers with rank of Patrolman II or Patrolman III will be grandfathered to the rank of Senior Patrol Officer (SPO) or Master Patrol Officer (MPO) respectively, on July 1, 2024 in accordance with Appendix A.2: Placement on the Matrix.

13.5 Degree/Military Stipend. Those full-time, permanent employees, who possess a degree in their field of service, or in a related or approved field of service, from an accredited higher education institution and following successful completion of their probationary period will receive an annual stipend to be paid hourly as follows:

Military Stipend (honorable discharge or serving in National Guard/Reserves)*	\$0.25 per hour
Associates Degree	\$0.25 per hour
Bachelors Degree	\$0.50 per hour
Masters Degree, JD or PhD	\$0.75 per hour

This stipend shall be in addition to their normal rate of compensation, and be considered part of the employee's base pay.

\*Degree and Military Stipends are cumulative, i.e. an employee may receive both. An employee receives only the highest Degree stipend rate that they qualify for, therefore the highest possible combined stipend is \$1.00 per hour.

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13.6 Incentives.

K-9 Officer. K-9 Officer(s) shall receive a \$1,040 annual stipend, to be paid at a rate of \$0.50 per hour. This incentive is specific to assigned K-9 handlers with a working patrol dog (see General Order #445).

Detective(s) shall receive a \$1,040 annual stipend, to be paid at a rate of \$0.50 per hour.

School Resource /DARE Officer shall receive a \$1,040 stipend, to be paid at a rate of \$0.50 per hour.

Field Training Officer (FTO). A Field Training Officer shall receive one additional hour of pay for each day when training an employee. That additional hour of pay will be at a rate equal to the officer’s regular hourly rate plus 25%.

Officer Acting as Supervisor (OAS). A Patrol Officer who is assigned the responsibilities of Patrol Supervisor shall be paid at the officer’s rate of pay plus 25% for that period of time acting as a Patrol Supervisor. This provision only accrues when the Patrol Officer is assigned the responsibilities Patrol Supervisor for a minimum of two (2) hours.

Instructor Incentive. A Patrol Officer assigned as an instructor on a Special Order for a block of training shall be paid their regular rate of pay plus 25% for the block of training. If a Patrol Officer is working overtime as an instructor, they will be entitled to Instructor Overtime rate for the block of training, which will be their regular rate of pay plus 25%, times one and one half for each hour of overtime worked. The stipend shall not apply to any time outside instruction.

Officer Acting as DARE/School Resource Officer. The Officer shall receive a \$0.50/hour differential while so acting.

Management reserves the right to bring forward additional incentives for advanced certifications or licenses during the course of this contract period.

13.7 Longevity.

Upon the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) year of service and each year thereafter, employees will accumulate longevity pay at the rate shown below.

All longevity to be paid in a lump sum in the first week of December, via a paper check separate from the regular payroll. Longevity payments will be subject to Medicare, federal income tax and New Hampshire Retirement System deductions, as applicable.

LONGEVITY SCHEDULE FOR ALL MEMBERS			
YEAR	FLAT RATE	YEAR	FLAT RATE
5	\$ 100	12-13	\$ 1,200
6	\$ 200	14-15	\$ 1,600
7	\$ 300	16-17	\$ 2,000
8-9	\$ 400	18-19	\$ 2,400
10-11	\$ 800	20+	\$ 2,800

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This benefit will be calculated on a twelve (12) month period from November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Employees who separate from employment prior to the annual longevity payment being processed, shall be paid on a pro-rata basis in their final check.

- 13.8 Electronic Payment. Monetary payments referenced throughout this agreement shall be distributed electronically to the employee's choice of banking institution, for all employees who elect electronic payment, unless specifically specified herein.

### ARTICLE 14. HOURS

- 14.1 Hours. All bargaining unit employees, with the exception of those assigned to any specialty positions, including but not limited to, detectives, community policing, assignments pursuant to grant applications and light or alternative duty pursuant to RSA 281-A (the New Hampshire Workers' Compensation Statute) shall work a schedule of rotating days off with 12 hour shifts on all days worked except a scheduled short day, which shall be divided into 8 hour shifts. Said schedule shall average 40 hours per week. The use of part-time and/or special officers to cover shifts shall be allowed in conformance with this agreement. No employee shall be eligible for overtime for hours worked within this schedule. In the event of any change of state or federal law, including judicial decisions, which render the above schedule illegal or which cause overtime payments to be made should such schedule be followed, then the Chief of Police may, in his sole discretion, immediately institute such scheduling changes as he may deem appropriate to avoid the expense of overtime payments. Further, the Chief of Police may, after discussion with the Union, revise, amend or otherwise change the agreed upon schedule for purposes of effecting economies within the department. In such event either party may cause the reopening of negotiations in reference to the schedule but such reopening shall be limited to that issue.
- 14.2 Shift Swap. Each employee of the bargaining unit will be allowed to exchange work time, so called "swap a shift" with pay, for a day in which he/she is able to secure another employee to work on his/her assigned hours of work. This leave may be granted provided:
- a. Such swaps or exchanges are made only after written approval by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
  - b. Such swap shall be completed, i.e. pay back of swapped time occur, within thirty (30) days.
  - c. Such swaps shall not impose any additional cost on the Town with regard to payment of additional salaries and wages or in any other form of compensation.

A limit of the number of swaps may be established by the Police Chief or his designee in cases of abuse or excess use of this privilege.

- 14.3 Maximum Hours. The allowable number of hours performing police duties, (extra-duty and normal duty hours) in any pay week shall not exceed seventy (70) hours, unless specifically excepted by the Chief of Police or his/her designee, or required by uncontrollable events.

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ARTICLE 15. OVERTIME

15.1 Overtime shall be paid for actual time worked in accordance with the FLSA, except as specifically noted herein. Scheduled vacation, personal, compensatory time off, or sick leave shall be counted as actual time worked in the overtime calculation. However, members are prohibited from working their own scheduled vacation, personal, or compensatory time off, unless authorized by the Police Chief.

15.2 Call Back Pay. Call back overtime for scheduled events, excluding court overtime, shall be for a minimum of two (2) hours, provided that any officers working overtime in a time frame contiguous to a regular duty shift shall be paid only for time worked in excess of the regular duty schedule.

Call back pay for unscheduled events shall be for a minimum of three (3) hours, provided that any officers working overtime in a time frame contiguous to a regular duty shift shall be paid only for time worked in excess of the regular duty schedule.

15.3 Overtime Distribution. Overtime shall be distributed on an equitable basis to all regular, full time officers below the rank of sergeant and all special and/or part-time officers below the rank of sergeant. A rotational list shall be established to ensure that overtime is equitably distributed. The list shall be established in the order of seniority. Future full time officers shall be placed in the list so that they shall be the last to receive upcoming assignments as of the date, which they are placed in the list. Any officer who refuses an offer of overtime, who cannot be reached to confirm acceptance of overtime or who is ineligible under current operating procedures and regulations of the Department due to restrictions on the amount of hours an employee may work in any given 24-hour period shall have the rotational list credited with the time as if he or she had worked the overtime. A list of current part-time or special officers will be established in order of seniority in the event that the overtime shift is not covered by a qualified full time officer.

The Chief of Police shall maintain the right to keep shifts open to avoid the necessity of overtime payments. Additionally, the Chief of Police shall reserve the right to occasionally adjust shifts to avoid the necessity of utilizing overtime payments but shall make reasonable efforts to avoid a regular practice of such adjusted shifts. In the event that no bargaining unit employee is willing to accept overtime on the above terms and conditions, the Chief of Police reserves the right to assign mandatory overtime.

15.4 Court Overtime. Court overtime shall be subject to all provisions in this article with the exception that the minimum court overtime payment shall be for a period of three (3) hours. All payments for any period of time in excess of three (3) hours shall be for time actually worked by the employee, including court waiting time, and shall be at the overtime rate. All witness fees and mileage reimbursement received by any bargaining unit member shall be delivered to, and become the property of, the employer.

Should such appearance be cancelled and the employee is not notified of said cancellation prior to 0800 hours, then the employee shall still receive the stated three (3) hours pay. The commencement of the calculation of time spent at court shall begin at the appointed time for the specific court proceeding or when officer arrives, whichever is later.



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This article shall only apply to criminal matters arising from an employee's official functions as a Police Officer with the Town of Goffstown, being prosecuted by the Goffstown Police Department, the Office of the Hillsborough County Attorney, other New Hampshire law enforcement agencies, The New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, licensing administrative hearings and to administrative hearings of civil matters arising from the officer's role in criminal or civil matters as a police officer in the Town of Goffstown.

This section shall not apply to an officer participating in union matters or adversarial proceedings against the Town of Goffstown.

### ARTICLE 16. COMPENSATORY TIME

- 16.1 All members of the bargaining unit shall be allowed to accumulate up to a maximum of 40 hours of compensatory time, as opposed to receiving overtime pay, at the employee's option, at the time that they submit their time sheet for payroll processing. Compensatory time will be credited to the employee at time and one-half for each hour worked in excess of scheduled hours, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- 16.2 Notification by the employee of an intention to use compensatory time shall be no more than fifteen (15) days and no less than five (5) days. Compensatory time that has already been accrued through payroll from a prior pay period, can be taken in the same week that new compensatory time is worked.
- 16.3 Unused compensatory time will be paid out upon separation from the Town's employment for any reason, or at the time of promotion to a non-union salaried position. Compensatory time will be paid out at the employee's current rate of pay at the time payment is made, prior to any new rate of pay taking effect.

### ARTICLE 17. ANNUAL LEAVE

- 17.1 **VACATION LEAVE.** Annual leave shall be accrued in hours each year to be used in the following year.

New hires shall immediately receive 8 hours of vacation (1/5 of an average work week) for each month remaining in the current year, up to a maximum of 80 hours (2 weeks). Employees who are initially employed in a temporary status, and who are subsequently appointed to a regular status, without a break in service, shall be allowed credit for the time served in the temporary status towards accrual of vacation benefits.

Upon completion of each calendar year after the initial year in which the employee is hired, the employee will be credited with annual leave each successive January first for use in that newly beginning year based on the following schedule:

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<b>Employment Period</b>	<b>Leave</b>
First year	Two (2) normal work weeks
Sixth year	Three (3) normal work weeks
Tenth year	Four (4) normal work weeks
Twentieth year	Five (5) normal work weeks

The vacation credited for the first year will be credited on the first January 1 on which the employee was employed. The vacation credited for the sixth year will occur on the sixth January 1 on which the employee was employed. The vacation credited for the tenth year will occur on the tenth January 1 on which the employee was employed. The vacation credited for the twentieth year will occur on the twentieth January 1 on which the employee was employed.

- 17.2 Members are allowed to carryover up to 24 hours of vacation time per year. Any request for carryover of additional vacation time from one year to the next requires approval of the department head and Select Board.
- 17.3 Any vacation time to be taken in excess of ten (10) work days at any one time in any one (1) calendar year for staff employees shall be taken at the discretion of the department heads. A request to use vacation leave must be submitted a minimum of fifteen (15) days in advance. All requests require Department Head approval.

### ARTICLE 18. PERSONAL DAYS

- 18.1 One (1) day per year shall be allowed as a personal day. "Personal Day" shall be defined as an absence during working hours for the purpose of attending to personal and family matters. For purposes of this section, a day will be defined as 12 hours and will be issued on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. New Hires shall be eligible for the annual personal day after 30-days of employment. Personal time shall not carry over from one year to another, except as detailed in 18.2 and 18.3 for the issuance of bonus days.
- 18.2 Bonus Days. Each employee who uses 12 hours or less of sick time between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> shall be awarded twelve (12) additional hours of personal time in the following year.
- Each employee who uses 12 hours or less of sick time between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> shall be awarded twelve (12) additional hours of personal time in the following year.
- Therefore, a maximum of twenty-four (24) additional personal hours per year may be earned under this section.
- 18.3 Physical Fitness Bonus Day: In years when Patrol Officers are not required to test and pass at the 35th percentile on the Cooper Aerobics Institute standards to maintain certification, they shall be eligible to earn twelve (12) additional hours of personal time for passing the physical fitness standard at or above the 35th percentile. Any bonus personal hours earned under this section shall be awarded on January first the following year.

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### ARTICLE 19. SICK LEAVE

- 19.1 Sick leave credit shall accrue, in hours, each month. Upon completion of each full month of service, employees shall be credited with 8 hours of sick leave credit. Extended leave time used in excess of 50% of the month, shall not be counted as service time for the accumulation of sick leave credit. Extended leave time shall include FMLA, WC, STD, LTD, or extended military leave.
- 19.2 Unused sick leave credit may be accumulated up to a maximum of 240 hours.
- 19.3 Sick Leave Documentation. Sick leave shall be allowed only in the case of necessity and actual sickness or disability of the employee, or to meet dental or doctor appointments or other sickness prevention measures for the employee. Sick leave, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, may be granted for an instance of illness of a member of the employee's immediate family. To receive compensation while absent on sick leave, the employees shall notify the supervisor on duty no less than 1 hour prior to the time set for the beginning of his/her shift. A doctor's certificate may be required for absence due to illness in excess of three days or at the discretion of the Chief of Police. If the Chief of Police has a reasonable basis to believe or suspect an employee has abused sick leave privileges, then he may require a doctor's certificate for an illness of less than three days. A doctor's certificate may be required at any time by the Select Board, the Chief of Police or his designee. Abuse of sick leave privilege may be cause for dismissal. Sick leave shall be recorded regularly in the personnel records. The Chief of Police or his designee shall review all sick leave records periodically and shall investigate any causes, which indicate abusive privilege.
- 19.4 Sick Leave Buy Back. Upon leaving employment after ten (10) years or more of full-time contiguous service to the Town of Goffstown, a Patrol Officer shall be entitled to payment from the Town in an amount equal to 50% of the value of his or her unused sick leave credits, up to a maximum of 120 hours in the employees individual sick time accrual. Hours deposited into the Sick Bank per Article 20, will not be subject to this buy back provision.
- 19.5 Sick Leave Overpayments. At no time shall an employee earn more than their regular weekly wages when out of work due to a disability of any kind. When an employee is out of work, and awaiting and/or receiving disability payments from workers compensation or disability insurance, he/she is entitled to access only the amount of sick leave needed to complement his/her disability payment to achieve his/her regular weekly wages. Any sick leave overpayment made to the employee while awaiting a disability eligibility determination, shall be reimbursed by employee through payroll deductions upon their return to work, or upon their separation from employment. If the employee does not return to work, and their final check does not cover the overpayment, the employee is responsible for repayment of any outstanding overpayment at the time of separation.
- 19.6 Maternity/Paternity Leave. Will be administered in accordance with current FMLA leave. See article 25.2. Employees must submit appropriate FMLA paperwork to take any maternity/paternity leave. For non-birthing parents one (1) week of leave will be considered the norm, unless additional certification is provided through the FMLA process. Following the birth of an officer's child, the non-birthing parent will have the ability to take up to 40 hours off to be paid from their accrued sick time, if available, even if sick time would not otherwise be considered applicable under FMLA.

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ARTICLE 20. SICK BANK

- 20.1 Sick Bank. Effective each January 1<sup>st</sup>, employees who have accumulated their thirty (30) days maximum sick leave credit may deposit further sick leave credits at the rate of two (2) days per year into a sick leave bank. This deposit must be made in writing, and will only be credited after the sick leave is earned. An employee is eligible to use all or part of the bank for an illness or disability, when an absence due to a qualifying sick time event exceeds their regular accumulated sick leave. The employee must fully exhaust their individual sick leave accrual balance before they will be eligible to draw from the sick bank. Only those employees contributing to the bank will be eligible to withdraw days from the bank.

When the employee has reached thirty (30) days of sick time and has chosen in writing to deposit time in the sick bank for the new calendar year, he/she will be allowed to use up to 120 hours of sick time in each calendar year without losing his/her eligibility in the sick bank for the following year. When an employee who is in the bank will not have 30 days as of the following January 1 for that coverage, the employee must receive permission from the Select Board, based upon the unique circumstances of that employee, in order to remain in the Sick Bank.

The Sick Bank will provide the difference between an Employee's regular wages and the amount provided by the employee's short-term disability plan for 6 months.

ARTICLE 21. JURY DUTY

- 21.1 An employee called as a juror will be paid the difference between the fee received for such service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by reason of such service. In no case shall the amount per day of leave exceed a regularly scheduled day at straight time. Satisfactory evidence of such service must be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor. Employees who are called to jury duty and are excused from jury duty for a day(s) shall report to their regular work assignment after being excused.

ARTICLE 22. MILITARY LEAVE

- 22.1 The Town will compensate employees called to active duty service with the United States Armed Forces for annual training duty, the difference between the total pay received for military service and the amount of straight time earnings lost by reason of such service, based upon the employee's regular straight time rate. Such payment shall be made upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of the amount of total pay received for military service. The employee shall be entitled to 15 days of such compensation for military leave per training year.
- 22.2 Extended Military Leave. Extended military leave is defined as more than two (2) consecutive weeks.

The Town of Goffstown follows the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended. Any reservist or member of the National Guard who is returning from active duty lasting 5 years or less, unless otherwise exempt

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from the five-year limitation, shall be guaranteed a position equivalent to the position that the employee vacated to perform the active duty.

The Town of Goffstown may ensure that an employee called to active duty shall not suffer a wage loss during their period of involuntary active military duty. As such, the employee may request differential pay from the Town provided that proof of military wages is presented.

The Town may authorize the continued payment of wages amounting to the difference between the employee's total military pay rate and their current straight time pay rate, at the time of duty, for up to 6 months. The Department Head may authorize an extension of this differential pay with the approval of the Select Board.

For employees currently enrolled in the Town's group insurance plans, the Town may continue to provide the same insurance coverage to the employee, spouse and/or family for up to 6 months. The employee shall have their premium cost-share deducted from their pay differential, or shall coordinate repayment of their premium cost-share upon return from active duty, if they are not eligible for a pay differential while on active duty. If an employee is required to terminate his/her employment due to a disabling illness, injury, or death, no premium cost-share will be due to the Town. The Department Head may authorize an extension of this continued health insurance with the approval of the Select Board.

Vacation and sick time will not accrue during an extended military leave of absence. Any accrued vacation and sick time will be frozen during the military leave of absence and monthly accruals will be reinstated upon returning to work for the Town of Goffstown.

Employees who voluntarily leave the Town's employ to enlist into full-time active uniformed services are not eligible to receive the pay differential or continued insurance coverage, other than the required COBRA benefits.

### ARTICLE 23. OTHER LEAVE

- 23.1 Emergency/Bereavement Leave. Emergency leave may be granted by the appointing authority or designee without loss of pay for emergency purposes, which shall include: critical illness or death in the immediate family; if an employee is subpoenaed to appear before a court and such other situations considered meritorious by the appointing authority or designee who shall certify allowance or disallowance of the emergency leave sought. Emergency leave shall be supplementary to and not in restriction of, annual leave as herein provided.

Use of emergency leave shall not replace the provisions of FMLA leave referenced under Article 25.2 of this contract. Employees whose emergency leave event qualifies for FMLA leave under current federal law, must apply for FMLA leave and provide the necessary documentation to determine the need. Pay for FMLA qualifying events will be covered by the applicable provisions of FMLA leave.

For the purposes of this section, immediate family shall be defined as being a spouse, and children of the employee, children of the spouse, grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, sister and brother of either the employee or the employee's spouse, or others at the discretion

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of the appointing authority or designee.

This provision shall not be construed to supersede the payment of wages at the overtime rate in accordance with Article 15 of this contract for subpoenas related to the employee’s work for the Town of Goffstown.

23.2 Family Medical Leave Act. The Collective Bargaining Agreement follows the Town of Goffstown Personnel Plan related to the Family Medical Leave Act, as well as the federal law.

ARTICLE 24. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

24.1 The following days only shall be recognized and observed by the Police Department as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Martin Luther King Jr Day*	Columbus Day
Presidents’ Day	Veteran's Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Juneteenth	Christmas Day
Independence Day	Floating Holiday

\*On April 1, 2024, all members will be granted twelve (12) additional hours of floating holiday for use in 2024 in place of Martin Luther King Jr Day in the first year of this contract. Beginning January 1, 2025 all holidays listed above will be recognized on their respective calendar days as outlined below.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, employees covered by this agreement will receive twelve (12) hours of floating holiday which shall be defined as accrued time that can be taken at any time, as long as it is mutually agreed upon between the employee and the Chief of Police or his/her designee. Any employee that does not take the annual floating holiday during the calendar year shall receive pay for that holiday in the last pay period of the year, in conformance with the terms of this article relating to holidays actually worked.

Employees shall be paid the overtime rate of pay for actual time worked on a holiday plus 1/5 of their normal work week at regular pay, as holiday pay. The Town may pay 1/5 of employee's normal work week at straight time, as holiday pay, in lieu of working the employee or if not scheduled. Accrued time scheduled on holidays shall allow the employee to schedule an additional day off or receive pay for 1/5 of a regular work week at straight time, in addition to the use of their accrued time.

If any employee is working an overtime shift on Christmas or Thanksgiving, they shall be paid 40 hours of straight time, plus 1/5 of employee’s normal work week at straight time, as holiday pay, and double time rate of pay for actual time worked on Christmas or Thanksgiving. Under this provision, an employee who worked twelve hours as an overtime shift on Christmas or Thanksgiving would receive 48 hours of straight pay and an additional 12 hours of pay at the double time rate.

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Any employee shall forfeit the right to payment for any holiday if there is an inexcusable absence on the last regular workday preceding such holiday, or on the next regular work day following such holiday. If an employee calls out sick on their last regularly scheduled shift prior to the holiday, or their first regularly scheduled shift after the holiday, it will be considered an inexcusable absence.

An employee on a leave of absence for extended military service shall not be paid for a holiday, which occurs while the employee is on such leave. Employees on short-term disability or worker's compensation, will be paid 1/5 of a workweek at straight time to be used towards their supplementary pay as defined in those sections. Employees on other types of leave will receive the holiday at straight time pay in accordance with paragraph two above, in lieu of working the employee.

### ARTICLE 25. INSURANCE

25.1 Plans Offered and Eligibility: On the first day of the month following date of hire, full-time regular employees shall be eligible for participation in the following insurance and benefit plans:

- Health Insurance Plans
- Dental Insurance
- Section 125 Flex Benefit Plan
- Disability Insurance (STD and LTD)
- Life Insurance

25.2 Employer Contribution: The Town of Goffstown will contribute the following percentages each year towards the premiums of health and dental insurance plans in which the employee is enrolled:

#### PLANS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

#### EMPLOYER SHARE

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| • Access Blue (AB)                                      | 84.5% |
| • Access Blue – Site of Service (AB-SOS) 20/40 1/3K DED | 90%   |
| • Lumenos 2500 (This is an H.S.A. eligible plan.)*      | 80%   |

\*For employees that elect the Lumenos 2500 Plan, the Town will contribute into an Employee's Health Savings Account in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Plan Type</u>	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Town's HSA Contribution</u>
Lumenos Single	\$2,500/yr	80% = \$2,000/year
Lumenos 2-Person	\$5,000/yr	80% = \$4,000/year
Lumenos Family	\$5,000/yr	80% = \$4,000/year

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| • Delta Dental 1S (BPM 2000) | 85% |
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The Town of Goffstown pays 100% of the disability (STD and LTD) and Life Insurance Premiums. Life Insurance coverage equals the employee's base salary and is capped at the plan limit. Participation in the disability and life insurance plans are not optional.

- 25.3 Family members employed by Town: In the event a dependent or spouse is also employed by the Town, the Town shall provide one health and dental insurance benefit to the family, at the applicable benefit level. The Town shall pay up to 100% of the cost of the Access Blue (AB) plan for health, and up to 100% of the cost for the Delta Dental plan for dental coverage.
- 25.4 Declination of Health Insurance: An employee must select at least one health insurance option unless they can demonstrate coverage from another source. Any employee not participating in a town health insurance plan will receive an additional \$147.50 per week in their paycheck. The employee can elect to take all or part as cash, deposit all or part into a Sec.457 Deferred Compensation or a Sec.125 Flex Plan.
- 25.5 Federal/State Laws related to Health Insurance:

The parties agree to work cooperatively and to negotiate in good faith to avoid the imposition of all taxes (hereinafter "penalties") that may result from the Affordable Care Act of 2009, or any other federal/state laws related to health insurance that would result in "employer penalties" if offered. Any health insurance plan which is subject to a penalty will not be offered in the year such penalty would take effect.

### ARTICLE 26. SEPARABILITY, EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND COMPREHENSIVENESS

- 26.1 This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the parties, and no amendment, alteration or variation of the terms of provisions of the Agreement shall bind the parties hereto unless made and executed in writing by such parties. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement to any employee or group of employees covered by this Agreement is found contrary to law, then such provision or application will not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law, provided however, that all other provisions of this Agreement and application thereof shall continue in full force and effect as long as such remaining parts or portions can be reasonably construed without reference to the invalid provisions. The parties agree to meet to negotiate with respect to the specific article, section or portion of this Agreement which has been found to be contrary to law or unenforceable but neither party will be required to make any concessions in order to reach agreement on the article, section or portion of this Agreement in question.
- 26.2 Any agreement reached which requires the expenditure of public funds for its implementation shall not be binding upon the Select Board, unless and until the necessary specific appropriations have been made. If such funds are not forthcoming, the Select Board and the Union shall resume negotiations regarding the matters affected.
- 26.3 In the event that it is necessary to call a special Town meeting for the review of this contract, the Town and the Union shall divide equally the cost of said meeting, regardless of whether



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such meeting results in ratification of the contract. Nothing herein shall be construed to bind the Town to call or otherwise request a special Town meeting for the ratification of this Agreement. Any portion of the expense of said Town meeting which would normally be paid by the Union may be made in the form of an in kind contribution of police protection services at such meeting.

### ARTICLE 27. OUTSIDE DETAILS

- 27.1 Outside details shall be offered to all qualified full time employees of the Department and distributed on an equitable rotational basis. A rotational list shall be established to ensure that outside details are so distributed. The list shall be established in order of seniority. Future full time officers shall be placed in the list so that they shall be the last to receive upcoming special detail assignments as of the date, which they are placed. A list of current part-time or special officers will be established in order of seniority in the event that the outside detail is not covered by a qualified full time employee. In the event that no such employees are desirous of working a particular special detail, the Department may require any qualified employee to work same.

Upon the occasion of unusual events which in the opinion of the Chief of Police require the utilization of a particular officer due to his knowledge, training, experience or background then the Chief of Police shall have the right to appoint any such officer as the head of a special occasion detail without reference to the above policies.

- 27.2 Detail Summer Uniforms – Officers have the ability to purchase an alternative extra duty uniform at their own expense which is subject to established departmental appearance standards. Use of extra duty uniforms will follow the summer uniform dates as established in General Order 303.2. Extra duty uniforms shall only be worn for extra duty traffic details such as construction and maintenance of utilities and roads. Additional outerwear, i.e holster, belt, shoes and department issued baseball hat will be subject to approval by the Chief of Police or his designee.
- 27.3 Members of Local 24 will have access to the present (IMC PAGING SYSTEM). This is meant to allow members to facilitate exchanges of details (or other assignments, shifts) between themselves. It is not meant or to be used as an email or communication medium for any other purpose. Should a member arrange an exchange it is the responsibility of the member to notify (in writing) the OOC and the Captain, (or any other person assigned the responsibility of scheduling) of the exchange. Without that notification, the originally scheduled member will be held accountable for a missed or late shift.
- 27.4 The SRO (School Resource Officer) shall have first refusal on all Goffstown High School and Mountain View Middle School functions involving students on school property. The SRO has 24 hours to accept the detail put out via the (IMC) system, before the rest of the persons eligible for details will be afforded the opportunity to take that detail.

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ARTICLE 28. RESIDENCY

28.1 All employees covered by this Agreement shall reside within a ten (10) mile radius of the current location of the Goffstown Police Station. The Chief of Police may, in his sole discretion, grant up to six exemptions from the provisions of this section to the employees covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 29. DURATION


29.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective upon approval by Town meeting and shall continue and remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2026, unless written notice of desire to cancel or terminate this Agreement is approved by both parties.


29.2 The parties agree to meet on or before 180 days prior to the date in the preceding paragraph to renegotiate this Agreement. The parties further agree that this provision shall satisfy any notice requirements in respect to such negotiations, which may be required by New Hampshire RSA 273-A.


29.3 The non-economic provisions of this agreement shall continue in force and effect beyond the expiration date until and unless a subsequent agreement is reached or the parties agree to the cancellation of this agreement in its entirety. The economic terms of this agreement shall continue and be extended beyond its termination date, except as provided above, but it is understood and agreed that all economic provisions including wages, benefits and insurance shall remain at the level in effect upon the termination date of this agreement and shall not increase or otherwise be modified without further subsequent agreement by and between the parties except in the event of the cancellation of this agreement in its entirety in which case all members of the bargaining unit shall be subject to the personnel plan of the Town of Goffstown.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto executed this.

NEPBA Local 24

  
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Ashley O'Brien

  
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Matthew Pelletier

  
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Date of Signing

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

  
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Kelly Boyer, Chair

  
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Peter Georgantas, Vice Chair

  
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**APPENDIX A.1 – PAY MATRICES**

<b>NEPBA, Local No. 24 Matrix effective 07/01/2024</b>							
<b>PATROL OFFICER 3.25% between Steps</b>							
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>
Start (non-certified)	After successful probation (1yr)	July 1st, after 18 months	July 1st after 3yrs	July 1st, after 4yrs	July 1st, after 6yrs	July 1st, after 8yrs	July 1st, after 10yrs
\$ 28.00	\$ 28.91	\$ 29.85	\$ 30.82	\$ 31.82	\$ 32.85	\$ 33.92	\$ 35.02
<b>SENIOR PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 36.77 (5% over Patrol Officer Step 8)							
<b>MASTER PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 38.61 (5% over Senior Patrol Officer)							

<b>NEPBA, Local No. 24 Matrix effective 07/01/2025</b>							
<b>PATROL OFFICER 3.25% between Steps</b>							
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>
Start (non-certified)	After successful probation (1yr)	July 1st, after 18 months	July 1st after 3yrs	July 1st, after 4yrs	July 1st, after 6yrs	July 1st, after 8yrs	July 1st, after 10yrs
\$ 29.12	\$ 30.07	\$ 31.05	\$ 32.06	\$ 33.10	\$ 34.18	\$ 35.29	\$ 36.44
<b>SENIOR PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 38.26 (5% over Patrol Officer Step 8)							
<b>MASTER PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 40.17 (5% over Senior Patrol Officer)							

<b>NEPBA, Local No. 24 Matrix effective 07/01/2026</b>							
<b>PATROL OFFICER 3.25% between Steps</b>							
<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>	<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Step 4</b>	<b>Step 5</b>	<b>Step 6</b>	<b>Step 7</b>	<b>Step 8</b>
Start (non-certified)	After successful probation (1yr)	July 1st, after 18 months	July 1st after 3yrs	July 1st, after 4yrs	July 1st, after 6yrs	July 1st, after 8yrs	July 1st, after 10yrs
\$ 30.28	\$ 31.26	\$ 32.28	\$ 33.33	\$ 34.41	\$ 35.53	\$ 36.68	\$ 37.87
<b>SENIOR PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 39.76 (5% over Patrol Officer Step 8)							
<b>MASTER PATROL OFFICER</b>							
\$ 41.75 (5% over Senior Patrol Officer)							

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**APPENDIX A.2 – PLACEMENT ON THE MATRIX (07/01/24)**

	<b>Employee ID</b>	<b>Position/Grade</b>	<b>Step</b>
1	6623	Patrol Officer	04
2	5820	Master Patrol Officer	01
3	5821	Patrol Officer	08
4	6691	Patrol Officer	03
5	6758	Patrol Officer	01
6	6553	Patrol Officer	05
7	6680	Patrol Officer	01
8	6624	Patrol Officer	04
9	6589	Patrol Officer	05
10	6468	Senior Patrol Officer	01
11	6346	Patrol Officer	05
12	6582	Patrol Officer	05
13	5822	Master Patrol Officer	01
14	6441	Patrol Officer	07
15	6730	Patrol Officer	01
16	6759	Patrol Officer	01
17	6545	Patrol Officer	05
18	6777	Patrol Officer	01
19	Vacant	Patrol Officer	01
20	Vacant	Patrol Officer	01
21	Vacant	Patrol Officer	01
22	Vacant	Patrol Officer	01

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**APPENDIX B – FOUR-YEAR TRAINING AGREEMENT**

Per Article f, this AGREEMENT is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "CANDIDATE") and the Town of Goffstown, a municipal corporation in the County of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire (hereinafter referred to as "TOWN").

WHEREAS the CANDIDATE has applied for the position of police officer, and will start said employment on \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "DATE OF HIRE").

WHEREAS, the TOWN has accepted the CANDIDATE'S application and will invest time and money in the training of the CANDIDATE as a police officer and expects to receive in return the services of a fully trained professional and ethical police officer:

NOW THEREFORE, the CANDIDATE and the TOWN do hereby mutually covenant and agree that:

- 1) The CANDIDATE agrees to undertake the Goffstown Police Department's in-service training and training at the New Hampshire Police Standards & Training Facility commencing on the first day of employment. He/She agrees to serve as a probationary police officer, and subsequently as a police officer in any duty assigned by the police department. The CANDIDATE further agrees to devote full time to the training and subsequent services to perform all assignments in a satisfactory, professional and ethical manner.
- 2) The TOWN agrees to provide the law enforcement training specified above, and to pay the candidate a wage during and subsequent to training, as specified in the Town of Goffstown's Personnel Plan, and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the TOWN and the Police Patrolman's Union.
- 3) Because many costs involved in training are difficult to allocate with exactitude, and damage for breach of this AGREEMENT are, likewise difficult to assess, the CANDIDATE agrees to pay the TOWN the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), not as a penalty, but as agreed upon liquidation damages, in the event that he or she terminates his or her employment with the TOWN during training, or within the first forty-eight (48) months from the DATE OF HIRE. Damages will be prorated according to the amount of training completed, in the event liquidation damages become payable before the completion of training by the CANDIDATE.
- 4) No liquidation damages will be payable in the event that the CANDIDATE fails to satisfactorily complete the training, or is dismissed during the basic training camp, or in the event that he/she is required to terminate his/her employment due to a disabling illness or injury.
- 5) The CANDIDATE further agrees that if he/she voluntarily leaves the employment of the TOWN to enter a law enforcement or law enforcement related position, either public or private, or any other employment directly related to the training provided by the TOWN, where the CANDIDATE'S employability of value has been enhanced by the training received through the TOWN, the CANDIDATE understands that he/she is obligated to

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reimburse the TOWN, in full, a prorated portion of the expenses of training provided based on the number of months of the employment obligation above that has not been completed. The rate of compensation recognized for each month of completed employment is set forth fully in paragraph 6 of this AGREEMENT.

This section will apply in any situation where the candidate voluntarily leaves the employment of the TOWN, per section three (3), to enter private or public employment that is not law enforcement, or law enforcement related, and then later re-enters another full- or part-time law enforcement or related position. The TOWN may opt to seek full reimbursement for the prorate portion of the expenses within two years of separation.

- 5) The exceptions in paragraph 4 shall not apply in the event that there is substantial evidence that the candidate has been dismissed as a result of misrepresenting his/her basic qualifications for employment, or has caused his or her dismissal, failure, illness or injury in an attempt to avoid paying liquidation damages under the terms of this AGREEMENT.
- 6) Once training is completed, if the candidate voluntarily leaves the employment of the TOWN for any law enforcement or law enforcement related position, or position where his/her employability has been enhanced by the training provided and paid for by the TOWN, the CANDIDATE will be responsible for reimbursing the TOWN a prorated portion of the training expenses based on the number of months of the employment obligation specified above that have not been completed, and hereby authorizes an appropriate deduction from any final wages to reimburse the obligation to the extent possible. The CANDIDATE further understands that the full amount of this agreement will be fulfilled at a rate of \$1,041.67 per month.

In the event that the final wages cannot cover the full prorated repayment amount due, the employee will negotiate in good faith a repayment agreement with the Select Board and will sign a promissory note detailing said repayment plan. The Board shall have the option to demand payment in full, in lieu of settling on a repayment agreement if no acceptable agreement can be reached within thirty (30) days of separation. The Board's decision shall be final and not subject to grievance.

- 7) In the event the CANDIDATE is called to active military duty, has his/her probationary period extended, or is granted a leave of absence during the period covered by this AGREEMENT, the period of the AGREEMENT shall be extended accordingly.
- 8) The CANDIDATE states that he/she meets the basic qualifications for employment as outlined below:
  - a) Be at least 21 years of age;
  - b) Vision correctable to 20/20 and not below borderline color blindness;
  - c) Good moral character;
  - d) Good physical condition;
  - e) G.E.D. or High School Diploma;
  - f) United State Citizenship;
  - g) No felony or disqualifying misdemeanor convictions;
  - h) Valid New Hampshire Driver's License or ability to obtain one.

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CANDIDATE also states that the information placed upon his/her formal application, and personal history is accurate and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. He/She also recognizes that any breach of this AGREEMENT will be reported to future employers making inquiry.

- 9) The AGREEMENT shall become effective on the DATE OF HIRE, and shall remain in full force and effect for forty-eight (48) months, unless extended as provided in paragraph 7 above.
- 10) The CANDIDATE further agrees to pay all costs including reasonable attorneys fees incurred by the TOWN, should legal action become necessary to recover training expenses associated with this agreement.

This document embodies the whole agreement between the parties hereto, and there are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions or obligations made or entered into by the TOWN other than contained herein.

The foregoing provisions are understood and agreed to by the undersigned. In witness whereof the parties have executed this AGREEMENT at Goffstown, NH.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CANDIDATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH  
BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE & TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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APPENDIX C

EDUCATIONAL TUITION AGREEMENT

1. WHEREAS, I desire to continue my education and participate in the Town of Goffstown's Tuition Reimbursement Program, I hereby enter into this Agreement dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by and through the Town of Goffstown, NH (hereinafter referred to as the "TOWN") and, \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as the "RECIPIENT").

2.  It is my intent to enroll in the following course(s) as a non-matriculated student:  
College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course (number, title, credits): \_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

It is my intent to enroll in the following program as a matriculated student:  
College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree:  Associate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bachelor Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Masters Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctorate Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits: \_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Town and the RECIPIENT do hereby mutually agree as follows:
- a. The TOWN shall reimburse the RECIPIENT 50% of tuition and book fees upon completion of each approved course.
  - b. The RECIPIENT shall complete and achieve a passing grade in each course listed on this form, or a grade otherwise indicated in the RECIPIENT's union contract, if applicable.
  - c. Should the RECIPIENT fail to complete and achieve a passing grade, in the course(s) listed on this form, the RECIPIENT shall not be eligible for the reimbursement set forth in Section 1, provided, however, that if more than one course is named, the reimbursement amount paid by the TOWN shall be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
  - d. Upon satisfactory completion of the course listed on this form, a non-matriculated RECIPIENT shall continue in the employ of the TOWN for a minimum period of one (1) year from the date of completion of last course.
  - e. Upon satisfactory completion of the degree program, the matriculated RECIPIENT shall continue in the employ of the TOWN for the duration as follows: Associate's Degree one (1) year; Bachelor's Degree two (2) years; Master's Degree/Doctorate Degree three (3) years. If the RECIPIENT separates from employment prior to serving the term required, then the term will be pro-rated starting from the date the degree was conferred.



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- f. Should the matriculated RECIPIENT not complete the degree, then the percentage of program completion will be applied to term of employment as stated above with a minimum one-year commitment. For example, if matriculated RECIPIENT completed 50% of a Masters Degree, then the RECIPIENT is expected to continue in the TOWN's employ for one and one half (1.5) years from the completion of the last class.
- g. Should the RECIPIENT breach any of the conditions set forth in this agreement, the RECIPIENT shall pay to the TOWN a sum equal to all monies previously paid by the TOWN for the RECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement, provided, however, that the RECIPIENT shall receive credit for each month in which he/she is employed by the TOWN subsequent to the date upon which the named course(s) are satisfactorily completed, the value of said credit to be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- h. Repayment may be: (1) a lump sum at time of separation; or (2) monthly payments over the term allowed with the first payment due at time of separation and each first (1st) of the month thereafter. The employee (or former employee) shall sign a promissory note at the time of separation. The term allowed shall be set by the Select Board during a non-public meeting prior to separation. There will be a late payment charge of \$10 for any monthly payment received after the 10th of each month. (See Appendix D, Promissory Note).
- i. Section h. shall not apply to a member killed in the line of duty or who retires due to a duty related injury. Should a member die after leaving the service of the Town while still owing a debt under this article, the Town shall not seek reimbursement through the estate of the former member.
- j. The member (or former member) retains the right to request an extension of payback time periods for reasons to include, but not limited to, financial hardship, death of a family member, or injury. The member (or former member) may request such an extension from the Select Board through the Chief of Police or designee. The decision of the Select Board shall be final and not subject to grievance.
- k. The RECIPIENT shall not raise any set off or counterclaim against the TOWN in any action brought by the TOWN to collect any amount due under this Agreement.
- l. Should any amount be found due to the TOWN in any action brought against the RECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement, the TOWN shall, in addition to said amount, be entitled to an award of costs and a reasonable amount in attorneys' fees.
- m. Repayment is due in full, at employee's option, at the time of separation, unless a financing program as outlined in section h. is effectuated by a Promissory Note.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the TOWN, in her/her official capacity only, and without personal liability, and the RECIPIENT, have hereunto set their hand on the date first above written.

RECIPIENT

THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

NOTARY/JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

On this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, \_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to with within the instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes herein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX D: PROMISSORY NOTE**

\_\_\_\_\_

name

to

Town of Goffstown.

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED,** (name) \_\_\_\_\_, of (address) \_\_\_\_\_, New Hampshire, promises to pay, upon demand, to the Town of Goffstown, 16 Main Street, Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the terms herein.

The maker shall make monthly payments in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, said payments due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month commencing \_\_\_\_\_, until the entire amount of principal and interest is paid.

Any payment received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month shall be subject to a ten dollar (\$10.00) late penalty which shall further apply for each additional period of 30 days that the payment remains unpaid.

Upon default of any term, the entire unpaid principal and balance shall be due and payable to the holders hereof.

All parties, whether makers, accommodation parties, or otherwise, hereby waive demand, notice and protest and assent to an extension or postponement of the time of payment or other indulgence. In the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the maker hereof, this note shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable forthwith.

If this notice is subject to collection litigation, attorney's fees may be awarded pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 361-C.

**I HEREUNTO SET MY HAND** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

On this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, personally appeared the above named \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he/she has executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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