



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between

**CITY OF CORNING**

and

**OPERATING ENGINEERS UNION LOCAL NO. 3**

of the

**INTERNATIONAL  
UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS  
AFL-CIO**

for

***PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES***

**Effective:  
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for Public Safety Employees**

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This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into between the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as "**Union**", and the designated representatives of the CITY OF CORNING, hereinafter referred to as the "**City**", pursuant to the provisions of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Government Code Section 3500, et seq.). This Memorandum of Understanding supersedes and replaces all previous Memorandum of Understandings between the parties.

**ARTICLE 1  
GENERAL PROVISIONS - DEFINITIONS**

**1.1 DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Employer:** The term "Employer", as used herein, shall refer to the City of Corning.
- B. Union:** The term "Union", as used herein, shall refer to the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO.
- C. Employee:** The term "Employee", as used herein, shall mean all Employees of the Peace Officer Unit as established under the provisions of the Employer-Employee Relation Policy of the City of Corning.
- D. Employment Anniversary Date:** The term "employment anniversary date", as used herein, shall mean the anniversary date of the employee's employment with the City.
- E. Step Anniversary Date:** The term "step anniversary date", as used herein, shall mean the date upon which an employee has finished serving the requisite amount of time in order to be eligible for a salary step increase. A new time period for such requisite service shall commence upon the occurrence of any of the following events: Promotion, reclassification, implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding provision or Side Letter of Understanding specifying a movement into a new step or an increase in the rate paid for the step currently held by the employee.

**ARTICLE 2  
RECOGNITION**

- 2.1** The Employer hereby recognizes the Union as the only organization entitled to meet and confer on matters within the scope of representation.

**ARTICLE 3  
HIRING PROVISIONS**

- 3.1** No Employee covered by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be discriminated against by the Employer or by the Union by reason of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.
- 3.2** The Employer shall not discharge, or otherwise discriminate against any Employee by reason of Union activities not interfering with the proper performance of his work.

**ARTICLE 4  
CHECK OFF**

- 4.1** Dues and other Union-Sponsored Benefit Program Deductions:
  - 1.** The employer shall honor an employee's check-off authorization for dues, or other Union-sponsored Program, which are submitted in writing, through electronically recorded phone calls, via online deduction authorization, or by any means of indicating agreement

allowable under state and federal law, regardless of whether the employee is a member of the Union.

2. Deductions for dues or other Union-sponsored program shall start the pay period after the employer receives notification of the authorization. The employer may transmit such payment to the Union through electronic funds transfer (EFT). However, transfer of funds shall not be later than thirty (30) days after the deduction from the employee's earnings occurs.
3. Employee requests to authorize dues/other deduction(s), or requests to change status regarding such deductions, shall be directed to the Union rather than the employer. The employer shall rely on the Union's explanations in a certified list, submitted by a representative of the Union who has authority to bind the Union, regarding whether an authorization/change in deduction(s) has been requested by the employee.
4. The Union shall not be required to provide the employer a copy of the employee's authorization unless a dispute arises about the existence or terms of the authorization.
5. The Union shall indemnify the employer for any claims made regarding such deductions.
6. Violations of this Section of the MOU are grievable.

#### 4.2 Data Pertaining to Deductions:

Upon request from the Union. The employer shall produce to Operating Engineers' Local Union No. 3, a malleable electronic file containing the following information:

1. Full Name (first, middle, last, suffix)
2. Employee Number
3. Job Classification
4. Job Type (full-time, part-time, per diem, as needed)
5. Bargaining Unit
6. Hours worked in the preceding payroll period, which are the basis for the dues deduction.
7. Pay Step
8. Pay Rate
9. Department
10. Division (sub code of the department)

#### 4.3 Regular Receipt of Bargaining Lists:

It shall be the City of Corning's responsibility, once notified by Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, to provide a list of all current employees covered by this Agreement, which shall include each employee's name, home address, home and cell phone numbers, personal and work e-mail addresses, work locations, department, employee identification number, hourly rate of pay, hours worked and gross pay. This list will include all employees newly hired, rehired, reinstated, transferred into or out of the bargaining unit, transferred between departments, promoted, reclassified, downgraded, placed on leaves of absence of any type including disability, placed on, or recalled from layoff, separated (including retirement), added or deleted from preceding bi-monthly period.

#### 4.4 Protect Contract Biographical and/or Demographic information of Unit members from third parties:

In order to protect bargaining unit employees from harassment or invasion of privacy, the employer shall immediately notify the Union of any third-party request for contact, biographical and/or demographic information about the bargaining unit employees. The employer shall promptly provide the Union a copy of the request and any materials submitted with the request. The employer shall provide the Union at least ten (10) days to review the request and challenge the scope of the request prior to the employer responding to the request. The employer agrees to consider the Union's response prior to disclosing to the third party any contact, biographical, and/or demographic information about the bargaining unit employees.

The employer agrees that it will not create a report for a non-exclusive representative requester that does not already exist. If the employer is required by law to furnish a non-exclusive representative requester with a report, it agrees not to provide it in a malleable electronic format.

The employer shall not permit a non-exclusive representative to access bargaining unit members during working hours or in work areas.

The employer agrees that non-exclusive representatives are prohibited from soliciting bargaining unit members on the employer's property.

The employer agrees to adopt further safeguards against harassment or invasion of privacy by non-exclusive representatives, including but not limited to establishing filters in the employer's email system to block emails from non-exclusive representatives.

#### **4.5 Employee Opt-Out**

Notwithstanding sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, and limited to the express purpose of Assembly Bill 119 requirements only, an employee may opt out via written request, initiated by the employee, to the City (copy to the Union) to direct the City to withhold the disclosure of the employee's home and personal cellular telephone numbers, personal email addresses on file with the employer, and home address.

### **ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

**5.1** The Employer retains the exclusive right to manage the City. All the rights, powers, functions, and authority of the Employer, which it had prior to the time the Union became certified as representative of the Employees of the Employer, and which are not limited or modified by specific provisions of the Memorandum, are retained by the Employer. The Employer specifically retains the right to manage and supervise its Employees as follows:

1. To hire, promote, transfer, assign, classify positions, retain employees, and to suspend, demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against Employees.
2. To lay-off or demote Employees from duties because of lack of work, lack of funds, in the interest of economy, or other legitimate reasons.
3. To determine the policies, standards, procedures, methods, means and personnel by which City operations are to be conducted.
4. To take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the City in situations of emergency.
5. To limit or prohibit the right of Employees in certain positions or classes of positions from forming, joining, or participating in employee organizations as provided in the California Government Code, and designating such employees in the current schedule of Departments and Authorized Positions adopted by resolution.
6. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to interfere with the City's right to manage its operations in the most economical and efficient manner consistent with the best interests of all citizens, taxpayers, and employees in the City.

**ARTICLE 6  
UNION RIGHTS**

- 6.1 The Union recognizes its obligation to cooperate with the Employer to assure maximum service of the highest quality and efficiency to the citizens of the City of Corning consistent with its obligations to the Employees it represents.
- 6.2 Employer and Union affirm the principle that harmonious Employer-Employee relations are to be promoted and furthered. When a person is hired in any of the covered job classifications, the City shall notify that person that the Union is the certified representative for the Employees and shall notify the Union of such hiring.
- 6.3 The Employer shall provide the Union space to erect a bulletin board in each area where Employees covered by this Memorandum are assigned.
- 6.4 Business Representatives of the Union shall have reasonable access to Employees, provided such access does not interfere with City business. Department Heads and First-Line Supervisors will be notified by the Employer of the provisions of this Section. Solicitation for membership shall not be conducted during working time.
- 6.5 Business representatives of the Union shall have access to any Employee or Employees presenting a grievance; and Employees have the right to have the Union Business Representative represent him/her at all stages of disciplinary action.
- 6.6 The Union may select two (2) Employees as Union Stewards.
- 6.7 In addition to his regularly assigned work, the Union Steward shall be permitted reasonable time during working hours to notify the Business Representative of any violations of this Memorandum. Employees are authorized to contact their Union Steward during working hours to report a grievance or violation of this Memorandum.

**ARTICLE 7  
PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE**

- 7.1 The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding recognize and acknowledge that the services performed by the City Employees covered by this Memorandum are essential to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the City of Corning. The Union agrees that under no circumstances will the Union recommend, encourage, cause or permit its members to initiate, participate in, nor will any member of the bargaining unit take part in, any strike, sit-down, stay-in, sick-out, slow-down or picketing (hereinafter collectively referred to as work stoppage), in any office or department of the City, nor to curtail any work or restrict any production, or interfere with any operation of the City. In the event of any such work stoppage by any member of the bargaining unit, the City shall not be required to negotiate on the merits of any dispute, which may have given rise to such work stoppage until said work stoppage has ceased.
- 7.2 In the event of any work stoppage during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, whether by the Union or by any member of the bargaining unit, the Union, by its officers, shall immediately declare in writing and publicize that such action is illegal and unauthorized, and further direct its members in writing to cease the said conduct and resume work. Copies of such written notice shall be served upon the City. If in the event of any work stoppage the Union promptly and in good faith performs the obligations of this paragraph, and providing the Union has not otherwise authorized, permitted or encouraged such work stoppage, the Union shall not be liable for any damages caused by the violation of this provision. However, the City shall have the right to discipline, including discharge, any Employee who instigates, participates in, gives leadership to, any work stoppage activity herein prohibited, and the City shall also have the right to seek full legal redress including damages, as against any such Employee.

**ARTICLE 8**

## **PAYMENTS**

- 8.1** This Memorandum is intended to cover all aspects of wages, hours, and working conditions for Employees covered herein, therefore, nothing in this Memorandum shall prevent the Employer from modifying any fringe benefits or benefit plans not specifically provided for in this Memorandum such as retirement plans, salary continuation plans, etc., subject to meet and confer.
- 8.2** If an Employee covered by this Memorandum is permanently assigned work of a substantially new or different nature so as to constitute a new job classification, the Employer and the Union shall determine the wage rate through the established procedures.
- 8.3** The pay period for all employees covered by this MOU will be bi-weekly.  
The work period will be the 80 hours bi-weekly allowed under the provisions of the FLSA 7K exemption for Safety employees.
- 8.4** In the event an error has been made in the payment of an employee's wages, overtime payment, leave accruals, balances, or usages, the City shall, for the purposes of future compensation, adjust such compensation to the correct amount, giving written notice to the employee. Such adjustments are limited by the three-year statute of limitations set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure section 338.
- 8.5** In the event an employee receives an overpayment in wages, reimbursement to the City shall be accomplished by either:
- a. Lump-sum payment by the employee;
  - b. A one-time deduction from usable vacation or compensatory time off (CTO), or unused holidays worked, equivalent to the overpayment at the employee's current hourly rate;
  - c. A repayment schedule through payroll deductions; or
  - d. Other means as may be mutually agreed between the City and the employee.

No repayment schedule shall exceed forty-eight (48) pay periods in duration, except that if the employee does not agree to a voluntary repayment schedule, the overpayment collection shall not exceed twenty-four (24) pay periods. If an employee terminates City employment prior to completing his/her repayment schedule, any amounts still due the City will be applied against the employee's final paycheck.

## **ARTICLE 9 PREVAILING RIGHTS**

- 9.1** This Memorandum of Understanding contains all of the covenants, stipulations and provisions agreed upon by the parties. It is understood that all items relating to Employees' wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment not covered in this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain the same, except as specifically mentioned in this Memorandum; therefore, for the life of this Memorandum, neither party shall be compelled to bargain with the other concerning any mandatory bargaining issues, whether specifically bargained about prior to the execution of this Memorandum or which may have been omitted in the bargaining which led up to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, except by mutual agreement of the parties or as specifically mentioned in this Memorandum.
- 9.2** In the event the City General Fund Reserves fall below \$1,000,000, the City and Union agree to meet within fifteen days and discuss; provided, however, that this provision shall not be considered a contract reopener, and further provided that this contract provision shall not be used by the City in any action or proceeding to interpret this contract.

## **ARTICLE 10 WAGES**

### **10.1 Wage Increase**

- A. Effective January 1, 2023, all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase of 10%.
- B. Effective January 1, 2024, all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase to their base monthly salary of not less than the percentage as represented in year ending November column of the preceding year CPI-W "West" schedule for urban and clerical workers, with the floor of 3.0% and a ceiling of 5.0%.
- C. Effective January 1, 2025, all members represented by this Memorandum of Understanding shall receive a salary increase to their base monthly salary of not less than the percentage as represented in year ending November column of the preceding year CPI-W "West" schedule for urban and clerical workers, with the floor of 3.0% and a ceiling of 5.0%.

A salary schedule reflecting wages in hourly base rate for all steps shall be attached to the Memorandum of Understanding reflecting each contract year as determined above.

### **10.2** Employees may advance to the next step in the pay schedule upon satisfactory completion of the required time in the lower step. The time required to advance from step A to B, and B to C is currently six (6) months. For employees hired after July 1, 2005, the time required between step A and B shall remain six (6) months. For employees hired after July 1, 2005 advancement from step B to C, C to D and D to E shall be twelve (12) months between each step.

### **10.3** Employees transferring into the unit from other public agencies or from other departments within the City shall be placed on whatever salary step the City determines is appropriate based on their qualifications. However, an Employee receiving a promotion within the department shall not be placed in a step requiring a lower salary than was earned in the previous position.

### **10.4** Longevity Pay: Employees will be eligible for longevity performance incentive pay under the following conditions:

- A. Annual satisfactory performance evaluations will be required to receive and maintain annual pay increase.
- B. A performance evaluation will be made 30-days before the employee's anniversary date.
- C. Qualifying employees will receive a longevity performance incentive pay increase to be added to their base rate as follows:
  - 1. 3% after 10 years, effective the first pay period after anniversary date.
  - 2. 6% after 15 years, effective the first pay period after anniversary date, (not compounded with the 3%).
- D. In the event the employee is denied a longevity performance incentive pay increase, the employee may request the City Manager for review and to make final determination. The matter may not be filed under any other grievance procedure.
- E. The plan will be implemented for all eligible employees effective the pay period closest to the date the City Council ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The initial performance increase will be effective the first pay period following a satisfactory performance evaluation. The initial evaluation is to be made as soon as administratively feasible following the adoption of the MOU. Such increase will remain in effect to the employee's next anniversary date prior to which time a reevaluation is required.

## **ARTICLE 11 HEALTH AND WELFARE INSURANCE**

### **11.1** Currently, the City offers a choice of five (5) Health Insurance Policies; (2) Operating

Engineers Public Employees' Health and Welfare Plans; and (3) different tier Blue Shield Savings Account Plans. All Employees and their dependents may participate in the Operating Engineer Public Employees' Health and Welfare Plans, or any of the Blue Shield Savings Account Plans, with the City contributing to the cost of such plan up to \$1,935.00 per month toward the rate. The employee shall pay any remaining costs of insurance.

Future annual increases to the City Contribution shall be \$45 per month per year. However, the total City contribution shall not exceed the employee plus family premium rate of the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan A (Full Benefit).

**Overage Payment:** The difference between the cost of the Health Insurance Policy selected by the employee and the City Contribution, if any, shall, at the election of the employee, be paid into the Health Savings Account to the maximum allowed under the law; once this account is maximized, all overage shall go into the employees 457 deferred compensation account. Should the employee select a plan other than a Health Saving Account, then all overage shall be paid to the employee's 457 deferred compensation account. Overage payments, in total, shall not exceed \$700 per month per employee. This Overage Payment shall be limited to employees hired on or before adoption and ratification of this MOU by the City Council.

For those employees who otherwise have medical insurance and opt-out of the city medical insurance completely, the City will provide \$900.00 per month which may be paid to a 457 deferred compensation plan, added to salary compensation, or divided between both and only be changed once a year, unless employee encounters an unforeseen circumstance.

- 11.2 The City shall pay the fee for Employees who are not members of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 in order to participate in the Union's Health and Welfare Plan.
- 11.3 The City shall provide life insurance in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and will continue to pay the life and disability insurance premiums.
- 11.4 The City shall have the option of replacing the Operating Engineers Public Employees Health and Welfare Plan with a plan of the City's choosing. If the City exercises this option, the City shall maintain coverage that is comparable and substantially equivalent to that provided currently under the present plan.
- 11.5 A Health Plan Review Committee consisting of one employee from each bargaining unit will be established and coordinated by the City Manager to review alternate health plans. A non-binding Committee Report will be made to the City and the Union. The committee will study both the health plan and the short-term disability and "cafeteria" plans. Upon receipt of the committee's report, the City, or the Union, upon the request of either, will meet and confer on the recommendations of the committee.
- 11.6 The City will make an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) available to each regular employee. The EAP provides personal, family and career counseling to employees along with financial counseling referral, and legal referrals to employees.

## **ARTICLE 12 WORKDAY AND WORKWEEK**

### **12.1**

- A. The regular workday for employees assigned to patrol shall be twelve (12) hours, inclusive of mealtime. The regular work period is two weeks in duration and consists of seven (7) regularly scheduled shifts amounting to eighty (80) hours of regular time and four (4) hours of scheduled overtime, subject to Article 12.1.C. All time worked in excess of the regular scheduled workday or work week shall be considered overtime regardless of hours worked during the pay period.
- B. Voluntary shift schedule changes ("trades") must occur in the same work period, must receive supervisor advance approval in writing, and shall not be considered subject to overtime.



- C. Approved time off (vacation, sick leave, compensatory time off (CTO) and use of any time from an employee's time banks) shall not be considered "time worked" and shall be excluded from overtime. In the event an employee takes approved time off, they shall record on their time sheets leave hours consistent with the number of hours scheduled.
- D. When the department schedules an employee for training in lieu of their regularly scheduled work day, which reduces the employees' total number of hours below the minimum eighty (80) hour work period, as defined in Article 8.3, the employee shall be paid a minimum of eighty (80) hours; provided however, in the event an employee can return to work before or after training to complete their regularly scheduled workday, the employee shall not be entitled to compensation for hours the employee is not in training. In the event an employee has less hours than their regularly scheduled workday, they shall be able to use time from their vacation or compensatory time banks to complete their full days' work schedule.
- E. Employees shall not be entitled to training compensation when the employee is not acting in the capacity as the field training officer.

- 12.2 The Chief of Police may designate an alternate work schedule for employees on special assignment or training with a regular schedule of eighty (80) hours per work period.
- 12.3 The City may institute an optional work schedule to the 12-hour shift. If another shift is considered, it is the understanding that management retains the right to schedule in the best interests of the department, and for the safety of the citizens of Corning.

**ARTICLE 13  
OVERTIME**

- 13.1 Overtime shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half, which will be paid in the same manner as other wages, except C.T.O.
- 13.2 An Employee shall, upon termination of employment, be entitled to be paid all unpaid accumulated overtime together with the Employee's normal wages.
- 13.3 All cash payments for overtime worked will be made on the regular salary check in which it was earned. The only exception is holiday pay. (See Article 19 regarding holidays.)
- 13.4 All overtime worked shall be first approved by the Chief or Shift Sergeant.
- 13.5 Compensatory Time in Lieu of Overtime (CTO): Members of the bargaining unit may accrue up to a maximum of two hundred (200) hours annually upon the Department Head's discretionary authority. CTO time may be carried into the following year, but at no time can it exceed two hundred (200) hours. Management shall approve when employees can take time off, taking into consideration the desire of the employees and the operational needs of the department. The Department Head and employees may mutually agree to pay out any or all CTO time. All unused CTO shall be paid upon termination. All CTO in excess of two hundred (200) hours shall be paid to the employee as part of their normal pay cycle.

Members of this bargaining unit shall not log CTO for hours worked responding to mutual aid.

**ARTICLE 14  
SPECIALTY PAY**

- 14.1 Employees in the classification of Police Officer shall receive in addition to regular pay a 5% premium when assigned, in writing by the Police Chief, to serve and perform as a Field Training Officer (FTO).
- 14.2 Out of Class Pay. An Employee who is temporarily assigned, in writing, the duties of a supervising position shall receive premium pay of five percent (5%) above his/her present salary.

- 14.3** Officers assigned by the Chief of Police to the K-9 Unit shall be required to spend fifteen (15) minutes per day, in addition to their regular hours, in the routine care and maintenance of their police dog, and shall be compensated for this time at the overtime rate.
- 14.4** Officers certified and assigned by the Chief of Police as bi-lingual shall receive a total of 5% for the incidental duties related to the assignment effective the first pay period in 2016 following City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Police Chief shall establish reasonable standards to qualifying Officers and for ongoing review of skills.
- 14.5** Effective the first pay period in 2016 following City Council approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Officers certified and assigned by the Chief of Police as Range Master shall receive an additional 3% of a qualifying Officer's base wages when actively instructing (Estimated at no more than 40 hours per year in total for all qualifying Officer's.)
- 14.6** Graveyard Shift is defined as a regularly assigned shift during which at least fifty percent (50%) of the hours occur between the hours of 2200 and 0600. Unit members assigned to work the Graveyard Shift shall receive an additional one dollar (\$1.00) for each hour worked between 2200 and 0600 hours.

**ARTICLE 15  
STAND-BY COMPENSATION**

- 15.1** When the Employer requires an Employee to remain available for call back at any time, the Employee shall receive stand-by pay.
- 15.2** When an Employee is required to stand by, he shall be compensated for such stand-by at the rate of two (2) hours of straight time compensation by cash for each accumulated eight (8) hours of stand-by.

**ARTICLE 16  
CALL-BACK COMPENSATION**

- 16.1** When the City requires an employee to return to work other than his regularly scheduled workday, or for hours that are not contiguous to the beginning or end of an employee's normal shift, the employee shall be entitled to call-back compensation.
- 16.2** The City shall compensate the employee a minimum of three (3) hours of overtime compensation irrespective of the actual time worked when an employee is physically called back to work. In the event the task exceeds three hours duration, the total overtime compensation shall be for the hours actually worked.
- The City shall compensate the employee a minimum 30 minutes of overtime compensation irrespective of the actual time worked when an employee receives a work-related phone call. In the event the phone call exceeds 30 minutes duration, the total overtime compensation shall be for the full duration of the phone call.
- 16.3** Employees who are required to report for court duty on their non-scheduled work hours or a scheduled day off shall be paid overtime compensation for the actual time worked but in no event less than three (3) hours of compensation. In the event the court subpoena is cancelled within 24 hours preceding the court appearance the employee shall be paid two (2) hours, subject to verification to be developed.

**ARTICLE 17  
SICK LEAVE**

- 17.1** Sick leave is available to an employee to use in case of illness, bodily injury, exposure to a contagious disease, medical or dental appointment or attendance upon seriously ill member of employee's immediate family, as defined by these rules. An employee may take paid sick leave after the first month of employment. Every effort by the employee shall be made to schedule appointments during non-working hours.
- 17.2** Sick leave with pay shall be granted to all employees. Sick leave shall be earned at the rate of eight (8) hours per calendar month of service, not to exceed a total maximum accumulation of one thousand four hundred forty (1440) hours. No sick leave shall be earned once the maximum accrual is reached.
- 17.3** The City agrees to pay fifty percent (50%) of Employee's unused accumulated sick leave upon retirement or death effective the start of the first pay period in 2016 occurring after the City Council approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Upon reduction in force, the City shall pay twenty-five (25%) of Employee's unused accumulated sick leave.
- 17.4** Employees who have less than thirty-six (36) days of sick leave accumulated may, in lieu of taking vacation, bank said vacation time under sick leave.
- 17.5** Family Leave shall be administered in accordance with applicable State and Federal law.
- 17.6.1** In the event of a death in the immediate family, the Employee may take off up to four (4) days. The immediate family shall be defined as husband, wife, child, stepchild, mother, father, brother, sister, in-laws, grandparents, and grandchildren. Bereavement leave must be taken within two months following the death of the immediate family member. Leave shall be taken in full day increments.
- 17.7** When an employee is off work as a result of a valid on-the-job injury sustained in the service of the City, the employee is entitled to use their accrued Sick Leave during the period of disability to make up the difference between their regular pay and the Workers Compensation Temporary Disability Payments. The City shall pay only that amount necessary to make up the difference between the employee's monthly rate and the amount payable to the employee as temporary disability payments from the Worker's Compensation Insurance Plan of the City. To take advantage of this benefit, the employee must forward their Temporary check to the City.
- 17.8** The City may require verification of the necessity for sick leave. Such verification may be in the form of a written statement from a doctor or a personal affidavit from the Employee. The City reserves the right to specify which of the two verification procedures will be required in any particular situation. If the City requires verification from a physician, the City shall pay for the cost of such verification to the extent such cost is not reimbursed by the Employee's health insurance.
- 17.9** If the City determines that an Employee has abused the provisions of the sick leave policy, the Employee shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- 17.10** Sick Leave Conversion Upon Retirement: In lieu of a cash out of sick leave, an employee, upon retirement under PERS, may choose as an option, to convert a percentage of the dollar value of the sick leave at the employee's current hourly base rate of pay as of the date of retirement, to pay the pre-paid health insurance premium up for a period of time up to age 65 according to the following conversion plan:

<b><u>Employee's year of Service with City</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage value of employee's accrued Sick Leave</u></b>
Through 15 years	50 %
16 through 19 years	70 %
20 or more years	80 %

The following is the procedure to account for the percentage value of converted sick leave:

- (A) At the written request of the retiring employee, the City Staff will compute the dollar value of the accrued sick leave according to the percentages shown above, and maintain an accounting in the employee's name, deducting the amount of monthly City health insurance premium for the "balance".
- (B) The value of sick leave does not accrue in a cash fund for each employee; therefore, no actual funds are held in trust. The City simply agrees to pay the retiree's premium for a period of time until the balance value of the conversion is depleted.
- (C) Should a retired employee want to stop their insurance premium payments under this Section, the employee must notify the City Manager in writing, giving the date payments should end, and City Staff will do an accounting of the actual dollar amount paid out. Should this amount still be less than the fifty percent (50%) value provided for in the sick leave payoff provisions of this MOU, Section 17.3 the balance will be paid to the employee.
- (D) Should a retired employee die prior to fully using this benefit, any dependents covered under the health insurance may, if permitted to, continue insurance coverage by the insurance carrier and receive the continuation of this benefit until fully expended. The benefit shall have no cash value to the employee's estate, nor can the City accept any claim for payoff by heirs.
- (E) Employees not choosing to remain in the City's offered health plan may use the benefits set out in these sections, to be applied to the cost of a private health plan. The retired employee will be reimbursed on a quarter year basis, such amounts as provided in these sections, upon submission of a written claim and proof of a paid premium by the retired employee. The form, manner of claim, and proof will be as prescribed by the City.

**ARTICLE 18  
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

- 18.1 The City agrees to pay all members of the Public Safety Employees Bargaining Unit covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, a uniform allowance, also to include Body Armor Shell, of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200) per year, payable on the Employee's employment anniversary date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City reserves the option to implement a system by which the City will purchase and maintain the uniforms required of Employees at City's expense in lieu of providing the aforementioned uniform allowance.
- 18.2 The Employer agrees to replace, at no cost to the Employee, any item of uniform clothing damaged in the line of duty.

**ARTICLE 19  
HOLIDAYS & HOLIDAY PAY**

- 19.1 Members of the bargaining unit shall receive "Holiday in Lieu". The amount shall annually be equal to one hundred sixteen (116) hours pay.
- 19.2 Employees hired into full-time positions during each calendar year shall have their Holiday in Lieu pay prorated based on the number of full months worked in relationship to twelve (12) months. This section applies only to initial hires by the City, not employees who promote during the year.
- 19.3 Annual payment is to be made on the last pay period in November.

**ARTICLE 20  
457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The City will match employee's contributions to their 457 Deferred Compensation Plan up to \$60 per month. The City match is only available for one (1) Deferred Compensation Plan even if employees are enrolled in more than one (1) Plan. Employees must commit to maintain their 457 contribution for one full year.

**ARTICLE 21**

## EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PAY

- 21.1 The Employer agrees to provide Incentive Pay for all Peace Officers at the following rates:
- A. All Employees to receive, monthly, two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) above base monthly pay for possession of a POST Intermediate Certificate or an Associate of Arts Degree.
  - B. All Employees to receive, monthly, five percent (5%) above base monthly pay for possession of a POST Advanced Certificate or a Bachelor's Degree.

## ARTICLE 22 VACATION TIME

- 22.1 Employees shall earn vacation according to the following:
- A. Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred twenty (120) hours per year after one (1) year and during the first seven (7) years of City employment.
  - B. Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of one hundred sixty (160) hours per year after completion of seven (7) years of City employment.
  - C. Employees shall earn vacation with pay at the rate of two hundred (200) hours per year after fifteen (15) years of City employment.
  - D. The maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over or have in a vacation account at the start of each new calendar year is two hundred (200) hours.
  - E. Employees who have more than two hundred (200) hours in their vacation account will have the excess vacation time paid off at the close of each calendar year.
- 22.2 The Employee shall have the option of converting up to fifty percent (50%) of unpaid accumulated vacation to cash payment in lieu of taking vacation. The Employee may exercise this payoff option only one (1) time per fiscal year with five (5) working days' notice to payroll.

## ARTICLE 23 SAFETY

- 23.1 The Employer agrees to furnish, at no cost to the Employee, all items of safety equipment including, but not limited to: weapon, holster, belt with ammo pouches, cuffs, nightstick and rain gear with waterproof boots, plus reflectorized traffic vests and traffic batons for each patrol car.
- 23.2 **Body Armor:** The City shall periodically choose a manufacturer and brand of body armor that meets the "Threat Level III-A" Standard published from time to time by the National Institute of Justice. Each employee represented by the Bargaining Unit will be provided "Threat Level III-A" body armor upon employment. Such body armor shall be replaced every four (4) years. Initial and replacement armor will include both the armor and the shell. The employee is responsible for the periodic replacement of the shell as part of the annual Uniform Allowance, as explained in Article 18. The Employee may select a higher priced unit (meeting this standard) by paying the difference. The body armor will be required to be worn at all times when the Officer is on duty.
- 23.3 **Vehicles:** The City Police Chief will consult with a representative of the Unit and consider Unit input when developing a maintenance inspection program for patrol cars. The program will include routine "certified" vehicle inspections at specific mileage and following an accident or high-speed chase involving the vehicle.
- 23.4 **Manning:** The Police Chief will consult with a representative of the Unit and consider Unit input when developing a plan for the scheduling and deployment of available staff to best meet the needs of the Department and the City population.
- 23.5 **Ammunition:** City will provide all duty ammunition and range qualification and ammunition for all City duty issued weapons.

- 23.6** A Physical Fitness Plan Committee, consisting of one employee from the bargaining unit and the Police Chief, will establish and coordinate the physical fitness plan. Officers who elect to participate in the physical fitness testing shall be covered by workers compensation in the event they should be injured during the testing process.
- 23.7** Employees who qualify under the physical fitness incentive plan shall receive a total of five percent (5%) pay increase.

#### **ARTICLE 24 LAY-OFF POLICY**

- 24.1** The City may lay-off Employees whenever it becomes necessary because of lack of work or funds, or whenever it is deemed advisable in the interests of the economy to reduce the force in a department or office.
- 24.2** Persons shall be laid off in the following order:
1. All extra help, temporary and provisional Employees in the same department and within the same job classification shall be laid off before any regular Employee is laid off.
  2. When it becomes necessary to reduce the force in any department or office by lay-off of regular Employees, seniority shall be the determining factor. In the case where seniority is equal, ability shall govern.
- The determination of ability shall be the exclusive responsibility of the department head, provided that in making such determination, consideration shall be given to skill, efficiency, knowledge, physical fitness, training, and attitude toward fellow Employees.
- 24.3** Seniority shall be measured from the Employee's initial appointment to City service, but shall not include any period during which such Employee was on leave without pay, or not actually in City employment because of the Employee's voluntary termination, lay-off or other cause; provided that, for any Employee who is reemployed after being discharged, seniority shall be measured from the date of the Employee's most recent appointment.
- 24.4** The City shall send written notice by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and correctly addressed to the last known mailing address of the Employee as found in the Employee's personnel file. In lieu of the above, the City may serve notice by personal service. Notice of lay-off shall be made at least (30) thirty-days prior to the effective date of the action.
- 24.5** In lieu of being laid off, a regular Employee may elect demotion and displacement in the same department to a classification previously held by said Employee with substantially the same or lower salary step and/or to a classification in which said Employee meets the minimum qualifications. Demotion and displacement rights to specified classifications shall be applicable only within the department and subject to layoff list provisions in this Section based on seniority and ability. Employees wishing demotion and displacement in lieu of layoff must notify the City Manager in writing of this election no later than seven (7) calendar days after receiving notice of layoff.

#### **ARTICLE 25 PROBATION PERIOD AND EVALUATION**

- 25.1** All Employee evaluations should be made by the Employee's immediate Supervisor or the Employee's Department Head when possible. In the event the immediate Supervisor or Department Head is unable to complete the evaluation, the City Manager may complete the evaluation. The City reserves the right to conduct formal evaluation summaries every six (6) months. Nothing contained herein should be construed to limit the right of the City to continually monitor and assess Employee performance and provide feedback to the Employee regarding the Employee's performance.
- 25.2** All new, promoted, and reclassified Employees are on probation for one (1) year. The Police Chief may extend a probation period for a worker, on a day for day basis, which has been on a limited duty assignment or on leave, either compensated or non-compensated in excess of ten (10) days.

- 25.3** Current City Employees accepting a promotion to a higher classification retain the right to return to their former classifications if the City determines they are unable to satisfy the requirements of the new classification.
- 25.4** Time spent in a non-paid status will not be counted towards an employee's seniority. When an employee takes unpaid leave, only the unpaid hours off work will remain uncounted toward seniority.

## **ARTICLE 26 RETIREMENT**

For Public Safety Employees, the City provides retirement benefits under a contract with the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as follows:

- 26.1** The City confirms that all current PERS Tier 1 Safety Members are in the 3% at 50 Retirement Formula with single highest year salary retirement formula and:

The City and City of Corning Tier 1 Public Safety Bargaining Unit Members agree the total employee share of retirement costs shall be 9%.

- 26.2** The City confirms that all PERS Tier II Safety Members are in the 3% @ 55 Formula with three (3) year average salary retirement formula and:

The City and City of Corning Tier II Public Safety Bargaining Unit Members agree the total employee share of retirement costs shall be 9%.

- 26.3** Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, who are not eligible for reciprocity or are not current CalPERS members without a break in service greater than six (6) months, shall participate in legislatively mandated CalPERS contributions and retirement benefit formula plans established by Assembly Bill 340, the "Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013". This legislation is administered/interpreted by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). New employee members shall have the following retirement benefit formula and contribution rate:

For PERS Police and Fire Safety Members 2.7%@57, 3-year final compensation as defined by CalPERS. The Member contribution rate is up to 12.0%. (Currently 12.0%.)

The member contribution rate must comply with Section 7522.30 of the California Government Code. CalPERS may change this rate following actuarial review during the term of the MOU.

The City agrees that the retirement tier changes in 26.2 and 26.3 will not affect employees hired prior to January 1, 2012.

In the event the Legislature modifies the Cal PERS employee/employer contribution rates, the City and Union agree to meet within fifteen days and discuss; provided, however, that this provision shall not be considered a contract reopener; and further provided that this contract provision shall not be used by the City in any action or proceeding to interpret this contract.

**ARTICLE 27  
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

27.1 If any Article, Section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Memorandum of Understanding shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this Memorandum, it being expressly provided that this Memorandum and each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase hereof would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**ARTICLE 28  
TERM OF AGREEMENT**


- 28.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective January 1, 2023, upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Corning and shall remain in effect until the 31st day of December 2025.
- 28.2 Either party may, in writing, notify the other party within 120 days of the terminated date of this Memorandum of Understanding after start to negotiate a new Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

**CITY OF CORNING**



Kristina Miller,  
City Manager

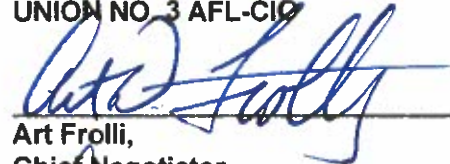


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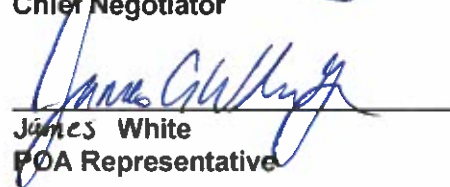


Lisa M. Linnet  
City Clerk

**OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL  
UNION NO. 3 AFL-CIO**



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**1/2023 PUBLIC SAFETY PAY SCALE**  
**Effective Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023**

	Step A		Step B		Step C		Step D		Step E	
	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly	Monthly	Hourly
Police Sergeant	6704	38.67	7056	40.71	7428	42.85	7819	45.11	8230	47.48
Police Detective	6364	36.71	6699	38.65	7052	40.68	7423	42.82	7813	45.08
Police Officer	5930	34.21	6242	36.01	6571	37.91	6917	39.91	7281	42.01

**Effective Payperiod starting 12/25/22 thru 12/23/23**  
**Proposed ratification by City Council on 5/9/2023**  
**(Retroactive to 1/1/23)**