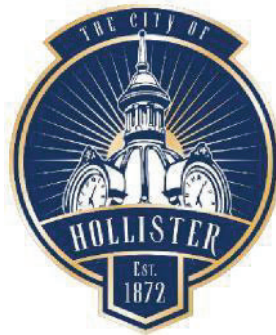


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF HOLLISTER
AND
THE HOLLISTER PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (H.P.O.A.)**



JULY 1, 2025– JUNE 30, 2026

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ARTICLE 1. PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by the City of Hollister, hereinafter referred to as City, and the Hollister Peace Officers Association, hereinafter referred to as Association. This Memorandum of Understanding hereinafter referred to as M.O.U., is subject to Sections 3500-3510 of the Government Code of the State of California, otherwise known as the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, and the Employer-Employee Relations Resolution of the City of Hollister.

ARTICLE 2. NO DISCRIMINATION

The City and the Association will cooperate in pursuing a policy of no discrimination of affirmative action. Any management established City advisory employee committee relating to affirmative action shall provide for Association representation on said committee. The City and Association further agree that no person employed by, or applying for employment, shall be discriminated against because of race, religion, creed, political affiliations, color, national origin, ancestry, age, or sex, unless defined as a bona-fide occupation qualification as defined by Federal or State law. The employer also agrees not to discriminate against any employee for his/her activity on behalf of, or membership in, the Association. Any employee alleging a violation of this article shall have the burden of proving the existence of a discriminatory act or acts and of proving that but for such act or acts the alleged injury or damage to the grievant would not have occurred.

ARTICLE 3. RECOGNITION

Pursuant to Section 3500-3510 of the Government Code, the City certifies the Association as the recognized employee organization for a unit including the sworn classifications of Police Officer, , Police Sergeant, Police Lieutenant and the non-sworn classifications of Animal Control Officer, Animal Control Officer Assistant, Animal Control Supervisor, Police Officer Trainee, Community Services Officer, Police Services Officer, Multi-Services Officer, and Police Services Supervisor.

ARTICLE 4. MAINTENANCE OF BENEFITS

The articles included in this agreement constitute a full and complete agreement with the City and Association on all matters within the scope of representation for the period stated in Article 20. Term. All present resolutions, ordinances, rules and regulations, practices and policies covering matters within the scope of representation will continue in force and effect during said period without change, except to conform to the terms of this M.O.U., subject to meet and confer. Notice of any matter proposed to be changed will be provided to the Association in a timely fashion.

ARTICLE 5. SALARY AND SPECIAL COMPENSATION

A. Salary Schedules

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 – Effective the first day of the first payroll period following Association ratification and City Council approval of this MOU, all positions shall receive a zero percent (0.00%) wage increase to base salary.

Supervisor Salary Separation

- a. The City agrees to maintain a fifteen percent (15%) salary differential between the Police Sergeant and Police Officer during the term of this M.O.U.
- b. The City agrees to maintain a fifteen percent (15%) salary differential between the Police Services Supervisor and Police Services Officer during the term of this M.O.U.

B. Deferred Compensation Plan

The City shall continue, during the term of this M.O.U., to provide a voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan for all employees of this unit.

C. Longevity Bonus

1. Non-Sworn Employees

Non-sworn members in this bargaining unit, who complete the following specified consecutive years of service prior to or after the effective date of this MOU, shall be paid the following:

<u>Number of Consecutive Years</u>	<u>Longevity Bonus</u>
5-9 years	Three percent (3%) of base salary
10-14 years	Six percent (6%) of base salary
15-19 years	Nine percent (9%) of base salary
20 or more years	Twelve percent (12%) of base salary

2. Sworn Employees

Sworn employees may contribute to the PORAC Retiree Medical Trust by contributing on their own behalf.

Sworn members in this bargaining unit, who complete the following specified consecutive years of service, shall be paid the following:

<u>Number of Consecutive Years</u>	<u>Longevity Bonus</u>
5-9 years	Three percent (3%) of base salary

10-14 years	<i>Six percent (6%) of base salary</i>
15-19 years	<i>Nine percent (9%) of base salary</i>
20 or more years	<i>Twelve percent (12%) of base salary</i>

D. Standby Assignment

The City reserves the right to assign employees in sworn classifications to standby (on-call) status during non-work hours, including weeknights, weekends, and holidays. Employees assigned to standby are required to be available for immediate return to work upon notification by a supervisor or a Police Department Communications Dispatcher.

When assigned to standby, the following conditions will apply:

- a. The employee shall be available at all hours by telephone or pager.
- b. The employee shall be able to respond to work in a reasonable amount of time.
- c. The employee shall refrain from activities which would impair the ability to respond to emergency situations. Impairment shall be defined by Police Department administrative policies, including pertinent Lexipol policies

Standby assignments shall be scheduled as far in advance as possible and the City will attempt to evenly distribute the standby assignments to the extent possible. The parties understand, however, that adjustments to standby assignments may be necessary due to illness, staffing levels, or other needs of the department. The meet and confer process shall be utilized prior to any changes to the standby procedures or policies.

Employees assigned to standby assignment shall receive one hour of compensation, paid at one and one half (1 1/2) their regular rate of pay, for each day so assigned.

Any employee in a sworn classification who is assigned to standby (on-call) duty and that fails to report when called to respond shall not be eligible for the Standby Assignment pay differential and shall also be subject to the progressive discipline process as outlined in the HPOA MOU and/or City policy.

The City will make reasonable efforts to accommodate unpredictable events outside of the employee's control in the event an employee fails to fully perform standby and/or call-back duties.

E. Retirement

1. Sworn Unit Contributions

Tier 1

- a. Effective the first full pay period after the execution of the MOU, and the City's subsequent adoption of the Resolution changing the CalPERS Retirement Employee Contribution Rate, all unit employees under the Public Safety - Police CalPERS "3% @ age 50" Retirement Benefit Plan shall pay nine percent (9%) of their Compensation as part of the Employees' contribution.

Tier 2

- b. Effective the first full pay period after the execution of the MOU, and the City's subsequent adoption of the Resolution changing the CalPERS Retirement Employee Contribution Rate, all unit employees under the Public Safety - Police CalPERS "3% @ age 55" Retirement Benefit Plan shall pay nine percent (9%) of their Compensation as part of the Employees' contribution.

Tier 3

- c. Effective on or after January 1, 2013, all new employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, and who are defined as a "new member" under the Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), AB 340 shall pay the employee contribution rate as established by State of California law.

2. Non-Sworn Unit Contributions

Tier 1

- a. Effective the first full pay period after the execution of the MOU, and the City's subsequent adoption of the Resolution changing the CalPERS Retirement Employee Contribution Rate, all unit employees under the Miscellaneous CalPERS "2.5% @ age 55" Retirement Benefit Plan shall pay eight percent (8%) of their Compensation as part of the Employees' contribution.

Tier 2

- b. Effective the first full pay period after the execution of the MOU, and the City's subsequent adoption of the Resolution changing the CalPERS Retirement Employee Contribution Rate, all unit employees under the Miscellaneous CalPERS "2% @ age 60" Retirement Benefit Plan shall pay seven percent (7%) of their Compensation as part of the Employees' contribution.

Tier 3

- c. Effective on or after January 1, 2013, all new employees hired on or after January 1, 2013, and who are defined as a "new member" under the Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), AB 340 shall pay the employee contribution rate as established by State of California law.

3. 1959 Survivor's Death Benefit

The City agrees to continue the Fourth Level of the CalPERS 1959 Survivor's Death Benefit for all eligible unit members represented by the Association. The City further agrees to continue to pay the employer rate contribution with the employees represented by the Association continuing to pay the member rate contribution.

4. One Year Final Compensation Benefit

- a. The City agrees to continue the CalPERS Section 20042 "One Year Final Compensation" benefit for eligible Non-Sworn (Local Miscellaneous Members as defined by CalPERS) and Sworn Association Members.
- b. The City shall pay all of the employer contributions to CalPERS for each eligible member of the Association for this benefit.

5. Modifications

The City agrees not to make any other modifications in the current CalPERS contract without a vote of all affected employees.

F. **Retiree Medical Trust (RMT)**

1. Participation. The Hollister Police Officers' Association will establish participation in a retiree medical plan administered by the PORAC Retiree Medical Trust, and the cost of establishing the Trust shall be at no cost to the City. The City is not a party to the Trust, aside from transferring funds, and has no obligations to the management, regulatory compliance or performance of the Trust.
2. Payroll Contribution to the PORAC Retiree Medical Trust. The City will comply with rules and policies set by the Trust Office in regard to payment of contributions.
 - a. Employee Contributions. The City will transfer a mandatory pre-tax employee contribution of \$100.00 per month for each employee currently working in the bargaining unit represented by the Association. As the same predetermined dollar amount will be contributed on each employee, no employee election forms designating the amount will be needed, allowed or requested; and there shall be neither an employee election to opt in or out of employee contributions, or to determine the amount of the contribution.
 - b. Retirement Credit. The contribution shall be included as salary for the purpose of calculating retirement benefits.
 - c. Remittance of Employee Contributions. The contributions discussed in this section shall be paid by ACH transfer to the Trust's bank account in accordance with the rules set by the Trust Office.
 - d. Deadline to Remit Employee Contributions. The contributions discussed in this Section B shall be remitted to the Trust as required herein no later than 30 days after the payroll payment date.
 - e. Late Contributions. If the contributions required under this MOU are paid later than the 90th day after the payroll payment date to which the contributions are related, interest will be charged to the City on all contributions at the rate provided by applicable law, for the period starting with the payroll payment date.
3. Reporting and Audit Rules. The City hereby acknowledges receipt of the Trust Agreement governing the Trust and will comply with rules set by the Trust Office in regard to reporting and transferring the required contributions set forth above.
 - a. Demographic Information Report and Updates.
 - i. Initial Report. City shall electronically provide an initial report of demographic information, which shall include: Social Security Number (or unique identifier), first name, last name, gender, address (city, state, zip code), contact information (email address

and phone number), birth dates, and hire dates, for all participating employees.

- ii. Updates. City shall send updates to this information to the Trust Office whenever the City has notice of changes to the information and also whenever the City has a newly hired employee included in the Regular Contribution Report, or has dropped a terminated employee.
 - iii. Deadline. The City shall send the Demographic Information Report under this Section a.i within 15 days of the first contribution to the Trust. The City shall send updates to this report within 15 days of receipt of the updates to the information included in the Demographic Information Report or within 15 days of including a new employee on the Regular Contribution Report. This Demographic Information Report shall be furnished in the format that the Trust Office requests.
- b. Regular Contribution Report. The City shall electronically submit to the Trust Office a Regular Contribution Report with each transfer of contributions to the Trust. This Regular Contribution Report shall be sent in the format requested by the Trust, and received by the Trust Office within five (5) days of each receipt of contribution funds. This Regular Contribution Report shall include the data that the Trust Office requests concerning employees and contributions, including at least:
- i. Leave funds. Identify the employees receiving a transfer of leave funds to the Trust and the amount received on behalf of each employee; and
 - ii. Terminations. The reason that an employee was dropped off of the Regular Contribution Report, e.g., involuntary termination, voluntary termination, retirement, resignation, promoted out of bargaining unit, leave without pay.
- c. Failure to Provide Reports. The City hereby acknowledges that the Trust may refuse to accept contributions or take other legally permissible actions with respect to the City's contributions and employees' benefits from the Trust if the City does not comply with the Trust Office's rules regarding the aforementioned contribution reports.
- d. Payroll Audit. The City and Hollister Police Officers' Association hereby acknowledge receipt of the Trust Agreement governing the Trust and will cooperate with the Trust in allowing a payroll audit for the purpose of ascertaining if the proper amount of contributions have been made. The City and Hollister Police Officers' Association shall timely cooperate with the Trust Office's audit rules and any requests made or authorized by the Trust's auditor.
4. Exclusive Purpose of Trust. The monies contributed to the Trust shall only be used for retiree health insurance premiums or health care expenses, as allowed by law. There shall be no employee election/option available to take such amount in unrestricted cash.

5. Separate Trust. The purpose of this Trust shall be to provide for retiree health care expense reimbursement benefits. The Trust shall be and remain separate and apart from any City health insurance funding program, unless changed by mutual written agreement of the parties.

The Association shall have the option, during the term of this Agreement, to direct City to prospectively increase the employee contribution rate in Section 2.a by some multiple of \$25 for each employee, subject to approval of the Association members according to the Association's internal rules and as long as the modification is mandatory for all employees covered by this Agreement. The Association will give the City sixty (60) days' notice of a change in employee contributions

6. Renewal or Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding. Following the renewal or ratification of this Memorandum of Understanding, the City or Association shall electronically send the executed Memorandum of Understanding to the Trust Office within 14 days of such renewal or ratification. At the same time, the City and Association shall each provide the Trust Office with the name, phone number, and email address of the person(s) that the Trust Office should contact with any questions regarding the Trust.

G. Overtime

1. An employee authorized or required to work overtime in excess of the assigned scheduled shift shall be compensated for either compensatory time or overtime compensation at the additional rate of time and one-half.
2. At the time overtime is worked, the employee has the option to request either overtime compensation or compensatory time.
3. Unit members may accrue up to a maximum of two hundred eighty (280) hours of compensatory time. Unit members may not take more than sixty (60) hours of accrued compensatory time in conjunction with any other accrued leave balances. An employee in this unit shall be allowed to cash out any portion or all of their compensatory time balances at any time.
4. Whether or not the requested compensatory time is granted, in lieu of overtime pay, shall be at the sole discretion of Management.
5. Requests for compensatory time off should be made to an employee's immediate supervisor a minimum of five (5) work days prior to the beginning of the first work day requested off.
6. Management shall approve or reject a request for compensatory time off within two (2) management working days of the request.
7. The City agrees that additional hours devoted to training, the employee has the option to request either overtime compensation or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half.

H. Call Back Pay

1. Any member of this unit who is called back to work after he/she has worked their scheduled shift and has departed from the place of employment shall be compensated for a minimum of 3 hours at their overtime rate of pay, regardless of the actual time worked, unless the employee's actual time exceeds this minimum.
2. If the actual time worked exceeds the minimum guaranteed hours, the employee shall be compensated for all hours worked according to applicable overtime regulations and City policies.

Call Back Pay shall commence at the time the employee is contacted by a supervisor or their designee and shall conclude when the employee completes the assigned tasks.

I. Court Time/DMV Hearing/Telephone Standby Pay for Court/Parole Hearing

1. An employee of this unit who is required to attend/standby court/hearing shall be compensated a minimum of four (4) hours callback time at time and one-half, and for each hour thereafter at the employee's regular hourly rate of pay.

An employee of this unit who is required to be available by telephone for Court/DMV Hearing/Parole Hearing, shall be compensated a minimum of two (2) hours overtime at time and one-half, or one-half hour overtime at time and one-half for every hour on standby, whichever is greater.

J. Bilingual Allowance

Employees who perform technical bilingual skills (reading, writing and oral translation) for the benefit of the City on a regular and ongoing basis and who successfully pass a City-administered proficiency test shall receive an allowance based on the level(s) of bilingual competency listed below.

Level I – Oral Translation

For employees who demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively by way of successfully passing the oral proficiency test, shall receive an allowance of two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per month. Employees who become eligible for Level 1 will be required to serve as an oral translator on a regular and on-going basis, per the City's needs.

Level II – Written translation

For employees who successfully pass the written proficiency test, shall receive an additional amount of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per month. Each department within the City will be allowed 3 positions of level 2 bilingual services. If a department's need for bilingual services becomes greater than the allotted 3 positions, the department head may request to increase its bilingual services pending City Manager's approval.

Employees who become eligible for Level II will be required to serve s an oral translator and/or provide written translation in the course of the employee's duties on a regular and ongoing basis, per the City's needs. These employees may be called upon by other departments on an as need basis.

Such Level II Bilingual Translators shall perform written translations that are viewed by a large audience of city residents (i.e. City mailers, information brochures, inserts in City utility billings, social media, public notices, and any additional documents as needed.) Employees, who are currently receiving Level I Bilingual Allowance, will not be required to retest in order to continue receiving the monthly allowance.

K. Field Training Officer Assignment

Any personnel in a Sworn Police Officer classification, who is assigned as Field Training Officer shall receive premium pay of two and half percent (2.5%) of base salary while assigned to this position.

L. Senior Police Officer

The Chief of Police, at his/her own discretion, shall designate police officers/detectives as Senior Police Officer. To be eligible, officers/detectives must:

1. Not be on Probation or Special Evaluation, and;
2. Have a minimum of five (5) years total experience as a police officer, and;
3. Be recommended by Supervisors and Command Staff.

Qualification for designation of Senior Police Officer shall be based upon performance as reflected in the officer's/detective's previous performance evaluation, and is renewable on an annual basis. The minimum qualifying performance shall be based on the previous evaluation as follows:

OFFICERS

1. No "Below Standards" ratings, and;
2. At least fifty percent (50%) ratings as "Above Standards" or above in the following specific categories:
 - a. Section 2 "Quantity of Work," with at least one (1) "Above Standards" or above in either Subsection E (problem solving) or Subsection F (activity and service level);
 - b. Section 3 "Quality of Work";
 - c. Section 6 "Personal Relations"; and
 - d. Section 4 "Work Habits".

DETECTIVES

1. No "Below Standards" ratings, and;
2. At least fifty percent (50%) ratings as "Above Standards" or above in the following specific categories:

- a. Section 1 “Job Skills and Abilities”, with at least one (1) “Above Standards” or above in either Subsection D (accomplish your share of the work) or Subsection G (assist in handling the workload of the unit);
- b. Section 3 “Quality of Work”;
- c. Section 6 “Personal Relations”; and
- d. Section 4 “Work Habits”.

Failure to maintain the minimum qualifying performance may result in the suspension of the Senior Police Officer designation. Such suspension of the Senior Police Officer designation shall not constitute disciplinary action and shall not be appealable.

Senior Police Officers shall be eligible to serve as acting supervisors in the event no Police Sergeants are on duty or available. Unless designated as an acting supervisor, Senior Police Officers shall not exercise supervisory duties or authority.

Employees assigned in the capacity of Senior Police Officer shall receive premium pay in the amount of five percent (5.00%) of base salary per month.

Employees currently assigned to Detective Duty shall not be eligible for this Senior Police Officer premium pay.

Employees with a Master Police Officer designation, as described in the section below, may be assigned to serve as a Senior Police Officer. However, employees shall only receive one pay differential – either as a Master Police Officer or as a Senior Police Officer, not both.

Attached hereto is the revised Hollister Police Department Performance Evaluations (Exhibit B).

M. Master Police Officer

Effective the first full pay period after ratification of this MOU, the Master Officer Program shall be introduced.

To be eligible for initial designation as Master Police Officer, Police Officers must:

- a. Not be on probation or Special Evaluation
- b. Have a minimum of five (5) years’ experience as a full-time Police Officer with the Hollister Police Department.
- c. Have no “Below Standards” rating in their most recent evaluation.
- d. Have successfully completed one special assignment.
 - i. Special assignments that qualify for Master Police Officer designation include:
 - 1. Detective
 - 2. Mental Health Officer
 - 3. Motor Officer
 - 4. Canine Officer
 - 5. School Resource Officer
 - 6. Any other regularly assigned specialty assignment as determined by the Chief of Police.

- ii. A special assignment will be considered successfully completed after service in that assignment for at least two 12-month periods with no "Below Standards" evaluation ratings. The 12-month periods need not be consecutive.
- e. Have obtained POST certification as a Field Training Officer and served in that capacity with a trainee for at least 20 weeks.
 - i. If an employee is unable to serve as a Filed Training Officer solely due to a lack of hiring or other staffing reasons, the Chief of Police may assign other training-related duties (i.e. briefing trainings, in-service training) or other projects to satisfy the requirement to actually work as a Field Training Officer.

Master Police Officers will be expected to provide mentoring to new and current employees, serve as Field Training Officers.

Master Police Officers assigned as Detectives shall receive special compensation in the amount of two percent (2.00%) of base salary. Master Police Officers not currently assigned as Detectives shall receive special compensation in the amount of five percent (5.00%) of base salary.

N. Detective Assignment

The Chief of Police may appoint Police Officers and Sergeants to assignment as Detective. Those so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police and shall not gain any property interest in the assignment. Those assigned as Detective shall be paid a premium pay of five percent (5%) of base salary per month.

O. Motorcycle Pay

Upon Management's assignment, an employee may be assigned to motorcycle duty. Those assigned shall be compensated a premium pay at three percent (3%) of base salary per month.

Employees assigned to motorcycle duty shall receive an annual stipend of \$2,500 to cover all compensation associated with the time spent in an off-duty capacity for the routine daily storage and cleaning needs of their assigned vehicle and related equipment. However, this stipend shall be suspended and no payments shall be made during the term of this MOU (date agreement approved by City Council through June 30, 2026). The City shall remain responsible for the routine service (i.e. oil changes, etc.) and necessary repairs needed for all assigned vehicles. This payment shall be made the first full pay period after a member is assigned to motorcycle duty and annually thereafter.

Employees currently assigned to motorcycle duty shall receive a \$2,500 stipend upon ratification of this MOU and annually thereafter.

The \$2,500 stipend shall be considered full compensation for all overtime associated with the routine daily storage and cleaning needs of the City assigned vehicle.

P. Gang Enforcement Training Officer

The position of Gang Enforcement Training Officer has been eliminated. The functions previously performed by the Gang Enforcement Training Officer have been incorporated into the Special Investigations Unit within the Detective Division.

The premium pay of one point forty-four percent (1.44%) of base salary per month that was previously associated with the Gang Enforcement Training Officer assignment is discontinued effective with this MOU. Officers assigned to the Special Investigations Unit within the Detective Division shall be compensated according to the established pay provisions for detective assignments as outlined elsewhere in this MOU.

Any officer previously serving in the Gang Enforcement Training Officer assignment shall be reassigned in accordance with departmental operational needs and existing assignment procedures..

Q. Shift Differential

The City agrees to pay a premium pay shift differential of five percent (5.00%) of base salary per month for sworn personnel who work from 1800 hours to 0600 hours (one complete shift). This differential pay shall only be received when the primary shift assignment is from 1800 hours to 0600 hours. The City agrees to pay a premium pay shift differential of five percent (5.00%) of base salary per month for sworn personnel who work a "cover" or "relief" shift. If during the term of this M.O.U. the patrol work week/shift schedule is different than the current twelve (12) hour shift schedule, this Section will be reopened and a "Meet and Confer" will occur to discuss which hours of any new work week/shift will receive the shift differential pay.

The Chief of Police shall maintain complete and unilateral control to assign and move personnel assigned to these shifts, such that no personnel under these assignments shall retain the five percent (5.00%) shift differential pay if reassigned.

Any such reassignments shall not constitute disciplinary action, and shall not be appealable.

R. Retention Bonus Program

The City agrees to implement a retention bonus program that will prepay a five percent (5%) annual bonus to the Sworn members of the Association on the last pay period of December. If an Association Member leaves within the year after receiving the bonus, that Member must reimburse the City a prorated share of that annual bonus.

S. Recruitment Measures

1. Recruitment Bonus

Entry Level/Academy Grad Action	Bonus Amount Paid
Upon Hiring	\$3,000.00
Upon Completion of Probation (18 months)	\$4,000.00
Upon Completion of 1 Year After Probation Status Ends	\$5,000.00
Upon Completion of 2 Years After Probation Status Ends	\$6,000.00
Upon Completion of 3 Years After Probation Status Ends	\$7,000.00

<u>Lateral Police Officer Action</u>	<u>Bonus Amount Paid</u>
Upon Hiring	\$5,000.00
Upon Completion of Probation (18 months)	\$5,000.00

Upon Completion of 1 Year After Probation Status Ends \$10,000.00

Upon Completion of 2 Years After Probation Status Ends \$10,000.00

Recruiter Bonus: \$2,000.00 (\$1,000.00 at hire and \$1,000.00 at completion of probation). A recruiter is defined as a person whom referred, recruited and mentored the candidate through hiring process and probation.

Any employee in the chain of hiring employees (HR employees, City Administration and Hollister Police Department Administration) shall be exempt from collecting any bonus related to hiring of personnel.

2. Credit of up to 100 hours of Paid Time off (PTO) (sick leave or vacation employee's choice) determined by prior job position credit accrued, for any officer that possesses a Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST) basic certificate at the time of hire.
3. These measures would not be retroactive.

ARTICLE 6. INSURANCE

A. CalPERS Medical

1. Retiree Insurance Benefit

The City shall pay Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per month towards medical insurance for Sworn Unit Retirees who have earned a regular CalPERS Service Retirement after fifteen (15) or more years of service to the City of Hollister as a Sworn Officer. This benefit will be paid until the Retiree is Medicare eligible, at which time the benefit will cease. It is the Retiree's option as to which medical provider plan they use; either CalPERS or Blue Cross HMO. Retirees may choose to remain on the City's plan or seek their own medical insurance, in which case the Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) will be paid directly to the Retiree. This article will not apply to any new hires after November 1, 2017.

2. Description

The City of Hollister Flexible Benefits Plan/Cafeteria Plan (hereinafter "Plan") is available to full-time employees (hereinafter "Employees").

There will be three participation levels as referenced under Section [E]. Optional benefits are listed below. Once an election is made, it will remain in force until the next open enrollment period. A Third Party Administrator (T.P.A.) fee will be paid by the employees that participate in the Plan.

B. Health Insurance Options

The City shall provide employees with the choice of participating in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) program offered by CalPERS.

C. IRS Code Section 125 Flexible Benefits/Cafeteria Plan

1. The City shall provide for unit members an IRS Code Section 125 Flexible Benefits/Cafeteria Plan in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
2. The City shall contribute towards the PEMHCA medical, dental and vision care plan amounts allocated in accordance with the City's IRS Code Section 125 Flexible Benefits/Cafeteria Plan as specified below.
3. The City shall allocate specified amounts of "Flex Credits" to the employee's flexible benefit account. These amounts shall consist of the following:
 - A. Beginning July 1, 2025, or after City Council approval of this MOU, whichever is later, the City will contribute the amount shown below:

COVERAGE	CITY CONTRIBUTION
Employee Only	\$1,342.94
Employee Plus One	\$2,685.86
Employee Plus Family	\$3,491.63

- B. The City will contribute towards dental insurance in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	CITY CONTRIBUTION
Employee Only	\$49.80
Employee Plus One	\$100.63
Employee Plus Family	\$135.91

- C. The City will contribute towards vision insurance in the following amounts:

COVERAGE	CITY CONTRIBUTION
Employee Only	\$14.15
Employee Plus One	\$30.29
Employee Plus Family	\$30.29

4. In the event that surplus Flex Credits are available, all Association Employees shall have the option to allocate such Flex Credits to one or more of the following:
 - a. Union Employees' Flexible Spending Account.
 - b. Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
 - c. ICMA or City-authorized 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

If an Association Employee's residual "Flex Credits" are reduced, the employee will have the responsibility to pay the contribution no longer covered by the Surplus Flex Credits.

5. Employees who waive either dental and/or vision coverage shall have the option to apply available flex credits towards the cost of any optional premium listed in the respective sections below. The cost of the optional premium not covered by available flex credits shall remain the employee's responsibility.

6. Employees who elect to waive any or all health coverage shall be subject to the terms and provisions described under Section [J] below.

D. Terms for Health Care Participation

Participation and coverage in the medical, dental, and vision care plans shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance carrier.

E. Health Care Contributions

1. Employee-only Premium

The City shall contribute towards the medical, dental, and vision insurance plans an amount equal to the employee-only premium at the time of adoption of this MOU. The employee-only premium for medical insurance shall be in accordance with Section [C] above.

2. Employee Option for Dependent Coverage

For employees who elect the option for dependent coverage for medical, dental, and vision insurance plans, the City shall contribute monthly amounts equal to the employee plus one and employee plus family toward such dependent coverage in accordance with Section [C] above.

3. This section does not affect the coverage year in effect at the time of City Council approval of this MOU.

F. Vision Insurance

The City shall provide a vision care insurance plan which is available to eligible unit members and qualified dependents during the term of this M.O.U.

The City shall offer vision care insurance for employees and qualified dependents as a pre-tax flexible benefit option. Participation and coverage shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance carrier.

G. Dental Insurance

The City shall offer dental care insurance for employees and qualified dependents as a pre-tax flexible benefit option. Participation and coverage shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance carrier.

H. Life Insurance

The City shall provide term life insurance in the amount equal to \$50,000 for each member of the unit for the term of this M.O.U. Additional term life insurance may be purchased by the employee in increments of \$10,000 up to a total of \$250,000.

I. Long Term Disability Insurance

The City agrees to provide to all employees within this unit at City cost a Supplemental Long Term Disability Plan, coordinated with other existing benefits to provide no more than a thirty (30) day exclusion or elimination period; no less than a one-year benefit for accident or

illness; and a minimum scheduled benefit of sixty-six percent (66%) or two-thirds (2/3) of gross salary to a maximum of \$3,500.00 per month for the term of this M.O.U. The City in its sole discretion shall select the Supplemental Long Term Disability Plan carrier that meets these requirements.

J. Health Insurance Waiver Option

1. Employees within this bargaining unit who elect not to participate in the City's health care insurance program will be compensated in an amount as follows:

\$535	Employee Only
\$1,075	Employee plus one
\$1,380	Employee plus family

The compensation will be based on the employer's contribution towards the premiums for the City's health plan at the level corresponding to the employee's verified coverage level (employee only, employee plus one dependent, or employee plus two or more dependents). To receive this benefit, employees must submit documentation demonstrating their enrollment in a qualified non-City health insurance plan at the applicable coverage level. This documentation must be provided at the time of waiver and during any subsequent verification periods as specified in Section [3] below. Upon verification of coverage, this cash amount will be paid as part of the employee's bi-weekly payroll.

2. Employees within this bargaining unit shall be eligible to elect not to participate in the City's health care program only after participating under the same level of the City's health care insurance plan for a minimum period of one year immediately preceding the election.
3. Employees within this bargaining unit electing not to participate in the City's health care insurance program must annually provide proof of medical insurance coverage and verify any dependents as if they were receiving coverage through the City in order to maintain payment under this waiver option.
4. In addition to the coverage options specified under Article 6. Insurance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hollister and Hollister Police Officers Association, the following optional health benefits shall be available to the employees of this bargaining unit.

K. Optional Health Benefits

Employees that have elected to participate in a City offered medical plan can also elect to participate in the optional benefits. If the employee has any surplus flex credits after making all elections required to participate in the medical insurance, the employee can use that surplus toward optional qualified insurance benefits or one or both of the pre-tax spending accounts. Employees that wish to participate in the optional benefits plan, but do not have any surplus credits, can elect to have pre-tax payroll deductions in an amount to cover the cost of their elections.

Employees may pay the premiums for the following benefits on a voluntary basis:

- Medical Insurance
- Dental Insurance

- Vision Insurance
- Group Term Insurance up to \$50,000 for Employees only
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
- Short Term Disability
- Cancer Insurance
- Supplemental Health Insurance
- Vision or Dental Insurance
- Accidental Only Insurance
- Intensive Care Insurance

L. Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA's)

The City agrees to establish a pre-tax dependent care reimbursement account up to the maximum reimbursement allowed by law.

The City agrees to establish a pre-tax medical reimbursement account, up to the maximum reimbursement allowed by law.

M. Voluntary Life Insurance

The City shall offer a voluntary supplemental life insurance plan through the flexible benefits plan for pre-tax contributions by the employees. Participation and coverage shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance carrier. Employees may also elect pre-tax payroll deductions to support other City sponsored voluntary supplemental insurance benefits.

N. Miscellaneous

The City of Hollister does not allow the employee to take the surplus credits in taxable cash. For employees who elect not to participate in the group medical coverage offered by the City, the City will provide dental and vision coverage for the employee and his/her dependents at no cost to the employee.

ARTICLE 7. POST CERTIFICATES / EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

A. POST Certificates – Sworn

1. Acknowledging the merits of POST Certifications, the City agrees to pay the following amounts in addition to base pay for unit members permanently filling the classification of Police Officer:
 - a. Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certificate - Three percent (3%) of base salary per month, or
 - b. Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate - Six percent (6%) of base salary per month.
2. The City agrees to pay the following amounts in addition to base pay for unit members permanently filling the classifications of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant:
 - a. Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificate – Six percent (6%) of base salary per month, or

- b. Supervisory P.O.S.T. Certificate – Seven percent (7%) of base salary per month.

3. Commencement of Payments

POST Certificate payments shall commence the pay period following submission of proof of completion to Human Resources. It is the employee's responsibility to provide these documents to Human Resources in a timely manner.

4. Eligibility

Employees can only receive POST Certificate pay when the minimum requirements of their job does not include they posses a certain POST Certificate. (Example: If a minimum requirement of a job includes possession of a POST Intermediate Certificate, that employee would not be eligible to receive a pay differential for meeting minimum qualifications of the job.)

B. Education Pay – All Unit Employees

1. Acknowledging the merits of continued education, the City agrees to pay the following amounts in addition to base pay:

- a. BA or BS Degree – Two and one-half percent (2.5%) of base pay.

2. Commencement of Payments

Educational incentive payments shall commence the pay period following submission of proof of completion to Human Resources. It is the employee's responsibility to provide these documents to Human Resources in a timely manner.

C. Professional Development Incentives - Non-Sworn

1. Non-sworn employees shall be eligible to receive a one-time incentive for obtaining certificates provided the employee has completed his/her probationary period. A Professional Development Incentive shall not be awarded if the certifications are a minimum requirement for the position.

Certificates must relate to the employee's current position or future lateral or promotional opportunities within the City.

Vocational Training, for purposes of this Section, is defined as a minimum of eight (8) hours of specific training in a career field which results in a certificate of completion. The minimum eight (8) hours shall be documented classroom time, or in the case of a correspondence program will be identified as the average length of time required to complete the program certification as documented by the certifying agency or institution.

A maximum of two (2) incentives per calendar year can be received by an employee.

- a. Professional Certificates - \$2,500 Lump Sum:

Certified Public Accountant
Paralegal Certificate

b. Technical Certificates* - \$2,000 Lump Sum:

Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS)
Evidence Technician Certification
Certified Code Enforcement Officer

c. Vocational Certificates* - \$20.00 per hour, Lump Sum:

{Paid by average length of time required to complete course. Lump sum payment to be a minimum of \$160.00 [eight (8) hours].}

Spreadsheet - Microsoft Excel
Word Processing - Microsoft WORD
Database - Microsoft Access
Presentation Graphics - Microsoft PowerPoint California POST Certified courses
LEAWE Online Tutorials
CA Association of Code Enforcement Officer Courses

* Additional courses/classes may be approved by the Chief of Police.

2. Professional Development Incentive payments shall commence on the next pay period following the issuance of the Degree and/or certification after submission to the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 8. JOB RELATED DISABILITIES AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

A. Job Related Disabilities

City agrees to comply with applicable provisions of the Labor Code of the State of California for employees within this unit deemed disabled or temporarily disabled as a result and because of such job related injury which requires them to be absent from active City service.

B. Americans with Disabilities Act

The parties recognize that the City may be required to make accommodations in order to carry out its obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Some of the accommodations may require actions which are contrary to the language or intent of existing provisions of this agreement. The parties agree that such accommodation relating to ADA shall not constitute a "past practice" or waiver by either party of its right to fully enforce such provisions in the future with regard to persons not subject to the protections of the ADA. The parties recognize that circumstances surrounding ADA compliance in individual cases may involve matters which are personal and require the utmost confidentiality. Specifics of an individual case may not be divulged by the City. Prior to taking action, the City shall notice the Association of a proposed accommodation, as it may apply to the working conditions of the unit, and shall give the Association opportunity for input. Actions taken by the City under this Article shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 9. UNIFORM ALLOWANCE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

A. Uniform Allowance

The City agrees to provide new hires attending the Academy all necessary uniforms. For all other new hires, the City agrees to provide two sets of uniforms upon hiring. If a unit member chooses to acquire any uniform items above this amount, that unit member shall pay out-of-pocket for those costs at no expense to the City.

The City also agrees to contribute forty-five dollars (\$45.00) per pay period, for each unit member, to cover all ongoing uniform costs.

Unit members shall use this uniform allowance to regularly maintain and/or replace their uniforms as needed. Unit members are responsible for maintaining and replacing uniforms to meet the standards of the Police Chief.

B. Boot Allowance

The City agrees to provide each employee in the unit with an annual reimbursement up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year upon presentation of satisfactory proof-of-purchase. Reimbursement will be made upon presentation of satisfactory proof-of-purchase for boots or over-the-counter or prescription orthotics which are approved and authorized by City management. Used boots that were purchased in the prior four years are the property of the City and shall be returned to the City. Used boots that were purchased four or more years prior may be retained by the employee upon replacement.

Employees may use all or a portion of the boot allowance for necessary repairs of existing boots, including insole or outsole replacement, recrafting, or other repair services. In no case shall the boot allowance for repairs and / or purchases exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per year.

C. Safety Equipment

The City agrees to continue to provide all necessary protective clothing and safety equipment for members in this unit. In addition, the City shall comply with all applicable State laws regarding damage and loss of uniforms and/or personal equipment. Personal protective vests will be replaced at City cost as per manufacturer's recommendations or repaired at City's option.

ARTICLE 10. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES: SWORN PERSONNEL

This grievance procedure shall be the sole and exclusive procedure for resolving grievances filed by sworn employees covered by this M.O.U.

A. Definition

A grievance is a claimed violation, misapplication or misinterpretation of a specific provision of this agreement which adversely affects the grievant.

B. Stale Grievance

A grievance shall be void unless filed in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date upon which the City is alleged to have misinterpreted or misapplied this agreement, or with fifteen

(15) calendar days from the time an employee might reasonably have been expected to have learned of the alleged misinterpretation or misapplication. Such discovery period shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180) days regardless of the date of discovery. In no event shall a grievance include a claim for money relief for more than the fifteen (15) day period plus such reasonable discovery period.

C. Informal Discussion with Employee's Supervisor

Before proceeding to the formal grievance procedure, an employee shall discuss his/her grievance with his/her immediate supervisor in private and attempt to work out a satisfactory solution. Any solution reached at this level must be confirmed in writing by the Human Resources Officer to assure compliance with this agreement before it has any binding effect.

D. Formal Written Grievance to Employee's Supervisor

If the employee chooses to formally pursue his/her grievance, he/she or his/her representative shall present the written grievance to his/her immediate supervisor within five (5) working days after the date upon which the grieving employee informally discusses the grievance with the supervisor. (In the event a group grievance is formally submitted by the recognized employee organization, its initial submission will be to the Department Head and subsequent steps will be followed as outlined in this Section.) The formal written grievance shall specify the provisions of this M.O.U. alleged to have been misinterpreted or misapplied; the remedy sought; and such other specific dates, times, places and persons and other facts necessary to derive a clear understanding of the matter being grieved. The immediate supervisor shall return a copy of the written grievance to the employee with the supervisor's answer thereto in writing within five (5) working days from receipt of the supervisor's answer within which to file an appeal to the next level.

E. Grievance to Department Head/City Manager

The Department Head or the City Manager, if the Department Head was the grievant's immediate supervisor, shall have seven (7) working days in which to review and answer the grievance in writing. Unless waived by mutual agreement of the employee or his/her representative and the Department Head or City Manager, a meeting is required at this level and the employee and his/her representative shall have the right to be present and participate in such a meeting. The time limits at this level may be extended by mutual agreement between the Department Head or City Manager and the employee or his/her representative.

F. Waiver of Appeal Steps

If the grievance is not resolved after the immediate supervisor has answered it in writing, the grievant(s) and the Department Head may, by mutual agreement, waive review of the grievance at Step E and proceed to present the grievance to the City Manager.

G. Advisory Fact Finding of Grievances

In the event the grievance is not resolved by the City Manager, the recognized employee organization may within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the decision of the City Manager, request that the grievance be heard by a Fact Finder.

H. Selection of a Fact Finder

The Fact Finder shall be selected by mutual agreement between the City and the Association. If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of a Fact Finder, they shall jointly request the State Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a list of five (5) qualified Fact Finders. The City and the grievant, or his/her representative, shall then alternately strike names from the list until only one name remains, and that person shall serve as Fact Finder.

I. Duty of a Fact Finder

1. Except when an agreed statement of facts is submitted by the parties, it shall be the duty of the Fact Finder to hear and consider evidence submitted by the parties and to thereafter make written findings of fact and a proposed disposition of the grievance which shall be advisory in nature.
2. The proposed disposition shall be based solely on the interpretation of the applicable provisions of the M.O.U. and other Personnel Rules if applicable to the grievance, and he/she shall not add to, subtract from, modify or disregard any of the terms or provisions of the M.O.U. or such Rules.

J. Payment of Costs

Each party to a hearing before a Fact Finder shall bear its own expenses in connection therewith. All fees and expenses of the Fact Finder shall be borne one-half by the City and one-half by the grievant. If the City does not implement the proposed disposition of the grievance made by the Fact Finder, the City shall pay all fees and expenses of the Fact Finder.

K. Effect of Failure of Timely Action

Failure of the employee(s) to file an appeal within the required time period at any level shall constitute an abandonment of the grievance. Failure of the City to respond within the time limit at any step shall result in an automatic advancement of the grievance to the next step.

ARTICLE 11. LEAVES

The City shall continue the current sick leave and bereavement leave rules as defined in this Article for the term of this M.O.U.

A. Bereavement Leave

Bereavement leave is a separate paid leave which is available to all employees at the time of death or funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family as defined below:

Wives/Husbands

Grandparent(s)

Grandparent(s)-in-law
Grandchildren
Fathers
Aunts
Fathers-in-law
Brothers
Nieces
Brothers-in-law

Children
Legal guardians
Mothers-in-law
Mothers
Uncles
Sisters-in-law
Sisters
Nephews

B. Family Sick Leave - Within Existing Benefit

An employee may be granted up to a total of forty (40) hours of sick leave in a twelve (12) month period for the purpose of caring for a spouse, parent, or children as defined below. The City Manager can make exceptions to the below upon request of an individual. This exception by the City Manager can include domestic partners.

1. Spouse means a husband or wife as defined or recognized under State law for purposes of marriage in the State where the employee resides, including common law marriage in States where it is recognized.
2. Parent means a biological parent or an individual who stands or stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a son or daughter as defined in (3.) below. This term does not include parents "in law".
3. Son or daughter means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis, who is either under age 18, or age 18 or older and "Incapable of Self-Care because of a Mental or Physical Disability."
 - a. "Incapable of Self-Care" means that the individual requires active assistance or supervision to provide daily self-care in three (3) or more of the "activities of daily living" (ADLs) or "instrumental activities of daily living" (IADLs). Activities of daily living include adaptive activities such as caring appropriately for one's grooming and hygiene, bathing, dressing and eating. Instrumental activities of daily living include cooking, cleaning, shopping, taking public transportation, paying bills, maintaining a residence, using telephones and directories, using a post office, etc.
 - b. "Physical or Mental Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual. Regulations at 29 CFR Sec. 1630.2(h), (i), and (j), issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., define these terms.
 - c. Persons who are "In Loco Parentis" include those with day-to-day responsibilities to care for and financially support a child or, in the case of an employee, who had such responsibility for the employee when the employee was a child. A biological or legal relationship is not necessary.
 - d. For purposes of confirmation of family relationship, the employer may require the employee giving notice of the need for leave to provide reasonable documentation or statement of family relationship. This documentation may take the form of a simple statement from the employee, or a child's birth certificate, a court document, etc. The employer is entitled to examine documentation such as a birth certificate,

etc., but the employee is entitled to the return of the official document submitted for this purpose.

ARTICLE 12. LAYOFF

The City shall have the sole right to determine which class(es) shall be subject to layoff.

A. Order Of Layoff

1. The order of layoff of employees within a class or classes subject to layoff, shall be:

- a. Provisional or Temporary Employees
- b. Part-time Employees
- c. Probationary Employees
- d. Permanent Employees

2. Within each of the first three (3) categories, the order of lay-off shall be at the discretion of the Appointing Authority. Order of layoff of probationary and permanent employees shall be according to seniority with the employee(s) having lowest seniority to be laid off first. Among employees with equal seniority, the order of layoff shall be determined by the Appointing Authority.

B. Seniority Determination

1. Each employee shall receive one (1) point per full month of service in the classification the employee is working at the time a layoff is being imposed. In addition, the employee shall receive one-half (1/2) of a point per full month of service in any other unit classification, which the employee has worked and one-quarter (1/4) of a point per full month of current services in any non-bargaining unit classification. The total of such points shall determine the employee's seniority.
2. Employees subject to layoff may first displace employees of lower seniority in any comparable classification, as determined by the City Manager. As a second alternative to layoff, employees subject to layoff may take a voluntary demotion to any lower classification within the same division of the unit in which the employee had prior permanent status, provided a vacancy exists, or the demoted employee has higher seniority than an employee working in that classification. As a third alternative to layoff, an employee subject to layoff may take voluntary demotion to a vacant position in a lower classification provided the employee can, through a non-competitive examination, establish proof to the satisfaction of the appointing authority that he/she is capable of performing the job.
3. In the event the demoted employee in all the above alternatives has equal seniority with the least senior employee working in the lower classification, the employee to be laid off shall be determined by total seniority with the unit. If such unit seniority is also equal, the employee to be laid off shall be determined by the appointing authority.

C. Re-employment

Employees laid off or demoted in lieu of layoff shall have a priority right of return to their prior class or to any lower class in the same or comparable classification series. This right shall remain effective for two (2) years from the date of demotion or separation from the service. The only exception being that any individuals that have been separated from the City will have to meet the current medical and background requirements.

ARTICLE 13. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Personnel Notices

Police Department management shall notice all officers of any intra departmental promotional possibilities and exams thereto at least thirty (30) days in advance of any exam or record review leading to such promotion.

B. Tuition Aid/Reimbursement and Tuition Reimbursement Advancement Program

"Tuition Aid" is defined as a full or partial payment or reimbursement of registration fees and the minimum requirement of tests for specialized individual academic training which is related to the employee's current job or which prepares an employee for a promotional opportunity within City service. Texts purchased for training by the City will become the City's property upon completion of the training. The individual will have the option of purchasing the texts from the City.

1. Tuition aid for specialized training shall be made to the employee only upon evidence of completion of the training. In those instances, where it is desirable because of the nature of the training to advance tuition aid, a Department Head may request payment of tuition aid prior to the training.
2. Tuition aid for academic training shall be made to the employee only upon evidence of satisfactory completion of the training. Satisfactory completion will be considered a grade of "C" or better, or a grade of pass in a pass/fail grading system.
3. The following procedure shall apply for obtaining tuition aid.
 - a. Employees who desire tuition aid for specialized individual training or academic training shall submit their requests to their department head.
 - b. Requests will be reviewed by the Department Head and forwarded with recommendation to the Human Resources Officer for authorization. Requests for aid and costs shall be processed within the administrative section of the department's budget. Prior authorization of the Human Resources Officer must be obtained before the training starts in order for the employee to qualify for the tuition aid. Employees will be required to pay the tuition costs themselves, prior to the course, but will be reimbursed if the course is authorized and successfully completed as provided for herein. When the training is completed, evidence of satisfactory completion of the training must be submitted to the Human Resources Officer for the purpose of obtaining reimbursement.
 - c. An employee being subsidized by another agency, either governmental or private, shall receive tuition aid only to the extent not reimbursed by such other agency.

4. The City will pay a maximum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per fiscal year to any eligible unit member that meets the above listed criteria for tuition aid.
5. A Tuition Reimbursement Advancement Program would allow police personnel who are in good standing, have completed their probationary period and has received approval from their supervisor to have amounts in excess of the Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$3,500 in one year.

The program would require the employee to enter into an employment contract with the city. The contract would specify how many years of advancement would be provided to the employee and the prorated amount of years the employee must stay employed. If the employee leaves employment for any reason, that employee would be required to refund the remaining amount of the prorated funds.

Example: an employee has tuition and book cost of (Seven Thousand Dollars) \$7,000.00 to finish his/her Bachelor's degree. The employee enters into a contract and the fund are paid in advance to the employee or school. However, (Seven Thousand Dollars) \$7,000.00 is equivalent to (two) 2 years of reimbursement. That would require the employee to remain an employee for two years. If the officer leaves employment after one year, that individual would be required to reimburse the city for the last year of tuition reimbursement that had been advanced.

C. Vacation Accrual And Vacation Allowance

1. The City agrees to provide vacation leave accrual for each represented unit member as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u> <u>Accrual</u>	<u>Annual Vacation</u>
<i>1st through completion of 3rd</i>	<i>12 Days</i>
<i>4th through completion of 7th</i>	<i>17 Days</i>
<i>8th through completion of 15th</i>	<i>22 Days</i>
<i>16th through completion of 20th</i>	<i>24 Days</i>
<i>beginning of 21st Year</i>	<i>27 Days</i>

2. Upon prior written approval by the City Manager, vacation accrual beyond two hundred eighty (280) hours may occur.
3. Unit Members may cash out vacation leave hours in increments of ten (10) hours as long as it has been budgeted and must have the City Manager's Approval. Compensation for vacation leave cashed out will be made at the employee's rate of pay at the time of cash out. Request for payment of vacation time shall be made in writing to the Department of Administrative Services at least thirty (30) days in advance.

Payments of cashed-out vacation leave will be made on the first full pay day which follows the end of the thirty (30) day advance. This payment will be made in the regular payroll check issued for that pay period.

4. Effective upon council approval of this agreement, lateral officers shall also accrue vacation time based on total time of service as a full time peace officer within the State of California. The City may approve, on a case by case basis, sworn peace officer service at the Federal level or out-of-state. This section may increase a current

employees accrual rate going forward and will not result in any adjustment to previously accrued hours.

D. CalPERS Credit For Unused Sick Leave

The City shall continue to provide the CalPERS Section 20965 "Credit For Unused Sick Leave" benefit for Police - Safety members as recognized by PERS, for the term of this agreement.

E. Sick Leave Conversion To Cash

Eligible unit employees may convert a percentage of accrued, unused sick leave to cash at death or retirement from City employment. The provisions for this policy are as follows:

1. Employees of this unit may not "cash out" or be compensated for any of the first two hundred forty (240) hours of sick leave accrued.
2. Any current employee of this unit having completed ten (10) years of continuous service with the City and who retires from City service by filing for Service Retirement with CalPERS, will be compensated for fifty percent (50%) of accrued, unused sick leave in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of retirement from City service.

The surviving spouse, beneficiary(s), dependent(s) or estate of any current employee of this unit who has completed ten (10) years of continuous service with the City and dies while employed by the City prior to retirement, will be compensated for fifty percent (50%) of accrued, unused sick leave in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of death.

Any current employee of this unit having completed ten (10) years of continuous service with the City and having an unused sick leave accrual balance exceeding five hundred (500) hours may, at their option, "cash out" up to a maximum of ninety-six (96) hours (12 days) of unused sick leave annually as long as the "cashed out" hours do not diminish the unused sick leave accrual balance to an amount less than five hundred (500) hours.

Compensation for unused, accrued sick leave will be made at the employee's rate of pay at the time of "cash out". Requests for payment of unused sick leave as described herein, shall be made in writing to the Finance Department at least thirty (30) days in advance of June 1st and December 1st of each year.

Payments of "cashed out" unused sick leave will be made on the first pay day which follows June 1st and December 1st of each year.

F. Probationary Period

1. All new sworn-unit members that are hired after the adoption of this M.O.U. will serve an eighteen (18) month probationary period.
2. All members who leave the City's employment and return to the City within one (1) year (364 calendar days) will be placed on a three (3) month probationary period as long as the employee:
 - a. Left the City of Hollister in good standing; and

- b. Achieved at least “satisfactory” on their last evaluation with the City of Hollister.

G. Separation in Good-Standing

A sworn employee who separates in good-standing from the City of Hollister Police Department, and within one (1) year submits an application to the City, will not be required to submit to an oral board as part of the application process. However, the applicant will remain subject to P.O.S.T. regulations.

H. Recruitment Incentives for Sworn Personnel

The following are recruitment incentives for Sworn Personnel:

1. New sworn employees will receive an advance of forty (40) hours of sick leave effective the date of employment. Accrual of future sick leave will begin six (6) months from the date of hire.
2. A One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) moving allowance will be provided to new employees who, when hired, lived one hundred (100) miles or more from the Hollister City Limits and who, upon successfully completing probation, have moved and are current residents of San Benito County. Employees who qualify must provide written proof of their primary residency within San Benito County.

I. Work Schedules

1. Non-Sworn Unit Classifications

a. Flexible Work Schedules:

Non-sworn members may work flexible work schedules (i.e., 4/10, 9/80) when feasible. It is agreed that implementation of flexible work schedules shall be evaluated on a work unit basis, and will only be approved in those units where flexible work schedules can be implemented without reducing service levels and cost effectiveness. A change to a flexible work schedule must be approved by the member's supervisor and the Chief of Police.

b. Temporary Flexible Schedule:

Non-sworn members may request to temporarily flex their normal work schedule or workday (i.e., an earlier start to and/or end of the workday, doctor appointments, child care needs, etc.) with the approval of their supervisor.

2. Sworn Unit Classifications

a. Three, Four Twelve (3/12, 4/12) work schedule

The work schedule for sworn personnel assigned to the “day or “night” shift shall be three 12 hour shifts one week of the pay period, and four 12 hour shifts the other week of the pay period.

b. Four-Ten (4/10) Work Schedule

The work schedule for personnel assigned to specialty positions shall be the Four Ten (4/10) schedule.

- c. For the 2025-2026 school year, personnel assigned to the School Resource Officer position(s) shall work a Five-Eight (5/8) schedule consisting of five eight-hour shifts per week, aligned with the academic calendar and school operational requirements.

J. Police Funeral Attendance

Any Member of the Association may attend a formal police funeral in an on-duty status within a two hundred fifty (250) mile radius of the City of Hollister. This means that the Member may attend in uniform and travel in an official vehicle with Chief of Police approval.

The Police Chief or City Manager may authorize attendance at a formal police funeral exceeding these parameters on a case-by-case basis.

K. New Employee Orientation

During New Employee Orientation, the bargaining unit will be allowed a total of thirty (30) minutes at the end of the orientation to provide a presentation when new employees of this unit are present and for those who wish to stay.

L. Automatic Payroll Deposit

All new unit members of the bargaining unit shall enroll in the automatic payroll deposit program at the time of their employment with the City or at the time of promotion to this unit.

ARTICLE 14. MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONS

The Association agrees that during the term of this M.O.U. and for the period of time necessary for the meet and confer process to conclude a successor M.O.U., neither the Association, nor any representative acting on its behalf, will cause, authorize, engage in, condone or sanction a strike, sick-in, work stoppage, slow down, picketing (other than informational picketing on the employees' own time), concerted or individual failure to report for duty, unauthorized absence, including compliance with a request of another unit's labor organization to engage in or honor such activities against the City, or any activity by any other euphemism known which results in less than the full and faithful performance of any duties of employment.

If the City determines that the Association has engaged in any activity mentioned above, the City may order the forfeiture of all rights and privileges, or any portion thereof, of the Association.

If the City determines that an employee has engaged in any activity above, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge from City service.

ARTICLE 15. PREVAILING M.O.U.

In the event of a conflict between a specific provision of this M.O.U. and a written rule, regulation, or resolution of the City or any of its divisions, the terms of the M.O.U. shall prevail and said written rule, regulation, or resolution shall be physically amended to conform to the specific provisions of this M.O.U.

ARTICLE 16. HOLIDAYS AND HOLIDAY PAY

1. Sworn Unit Classifications

Compensation equal to seventeen days (136.00 hours) shall be made to sworn personnel in semi-annual payments payable on the first pay day which follows June 1st and December 1st of each year. Sworn personnel may elect to have a portion or all of these hours credited to their compensatory time balance in lieu of payment.

2. Non-Sworn Unit Classifications

Non-sworn personnel shall have the same holiday schedule as employees in the miscellaneous employees bargaining unit.

a. Holiday Schedule

The City provides the following paid holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Cesar Chavez Day	March 31
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Friday after Thanksgiving	Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve – Half Day	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

If one of the holiday listed above falls on a Sunday, then it shall be observed on the following Monday. If one of the holidays listed above falls on a Saturday, then it shall be observed on the previous Friday.

Every non-sworn employee is also entitled to six (6) floating holidays per Fiscal Year.

ARTICLE 17. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The City's Drug Free Workplace Policy, City Personnel Rule 2.05, adopted by Resolution 92-116 (August 3rd, 1992), is incorporated by reference into this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE 18. SAVINGS CLAUSE

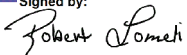
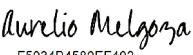
If any Article or Section of this M.O.U. should be found invalid, unlawful or unenforceable by reason of any existing or subsequent enacted legislation or by judicial authority, all other Articles and Sections of this M.O.U. shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this M.O.U. In the event of invalidation of any Article or Section, the City and the Association agree to meet within thirty (30) days for the purpose of meeting and conferring upon said Article or Section.

ARTICLE 19. UNION BUSINESS

Up to five (5) elected representatives of the Association shall be granted a maximum of three (3) days leave each during the fiscal year based upon need without loss of pay for Union Business to include but not be limited to attendance at conventions, conferences, and seminars. The release from duty shall be at the discretion of the City so as not to adversely affect staffing schedules.

ARTICLE 20. TERM

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall commence on July 1, 2025 and shall expire on June 30, 2026, unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. The signatures to this agreement may be executed in counterparts.

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