

A G R E E M E N T

Between The

BOROUGH OF WALDWICK

And The

PBA LOCAL NO. 217, WALDWICK, NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 1, 2026 through DECEMBER 31, 2030

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1 day of January, 2026 by and between **THE BOROUGH OF WALDWICK**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, in the County of Bergen (hereinafter referred to as the "Borough"); and **PBA LOCAL NO. 217**, Waldwick, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "PBA").

WHEREAS, the parties have conducted negotiations through their respective representatives concerning the terms and conditions of employment for Employees of the Borough covered hereby, such negotiations having been conducted in good faith for the purpose of reaching an agreement in order to continue to cooperate and maintain the mutually satisfactory conditions of employment and the harmonious relationship heretofore existing, all parties desiring to make every effort to maintain such atmosphere; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an agreement to cover the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants contained herein the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be in force from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030. All provisions shall remain in full force and effect until a new contract is executed, except as otherwise herein provided.

ARTICLE II
RECOGNITION AND UNION RIGHTS

- Section 1:** The Employer hereby recognizes the **POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 217** as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent (representative) for all full-time Police Officers, with the exception of the Chief of Police.
- Section 2:** Collective negotiations with respect to rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment and bargainable issues shall be conducted by the duly authorized negotiating committee of each of the parties. The Local's labor agreement negotiating committee shall consist of no more than five (5) persons and no more than two (2) Employees shall be permitted to attend regularly scheduled negotiating sessions without loss of pay. No other payment will be made to the Local's representatives for or in connection with the said negotiating sessions.
- Section 3:** On such days that the State PBA Delegate of the Local attends a regularly scheduled meeting of the State PBA, he shall be excused from duty, without loss of pay, in the event that such meeting takes place on a day he is assigned to duty. The parties shall use their best efforts to alleviate the cost of overtime through the scheduling of Employees for duty when the PBA Delegate attends a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE III
WAGES and WORK SCHEDULE

- Section 1:** Employees covered by this contract shall receive base salaries as set forth in Schedule A-2 and A-3 annexed.
- Section 2:** Police Officers, excluding Lieutenant(s) and Detective(s), will work rotating 12 hour shifts from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm – 7:00 am, or 3:00 pm – 3:00 am. Other 12 hours shifts may be assigned by the Chief of Police, or their designee, based on a temporary departmental need.
- Section 3:** All vacation, sick, personal and leave time shall be taken in hours rather than days. All references to days in this agreement shall be converted to hours by calculating each day by a factor of 8. Each employee shall be permitted his or her allotted time off in hours rather than days when used with the 12-hour shift.
- Section 4:** The work year consists of 2080 hours. Any excess work hours scheduled shall be provided back to each officer in time off, excluding Lieutenant(s) and Detective(s).

ARTICLE IV
OVERTIME

- Section 1:** Overtime for covered personnel shall be at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for all overtime computed on the basis of time in excess of twelve (12) hours per day including overtime for court appearances, including Municipal Court and Grand Jury, in or required by the County, State and Federal Court.
- Section 2:** When an Employee covered under this Agreement shall be required to travel to and from any of the court or administrative bodies, such travel time shall be considered and included in the computation of the amount of overtime to which the Employee is entitled. Provided, however, that such travel time shall be computed between the Borough of Waldwick and the pertinent court or administrative body, except that there shall be no overtime computation or payment for travel time when the pertinent court or administrative body is within five (5) miles of the Borough of Waldwick.
- Section 3:** Whenever a court appearance is canceled on less than twelve (12) hours notice then the effected Employee(s) shall receive two (2) hours of overtime compensation for each such event.
- Section 4:** In the computation of overtime for each day, time shall be rounded to full hours by counting as a full hour a portion of an hour in excess of twenty (20) minutes and disregarding a period of twenty (20) minutes or less; provided, however, a covered Employee shall be paid for a minimum of two (2) hours at the overtime rate when court appearance is required other than during his regular duty hours. Consecutive court appearances on the same day shall be considered as one (1) continuous appearance in computing overtime.

Section 5: Employees shall have the option of being paid for eighty-four (84) hours in compensatory time off in a calendar year earned. If an employee wishes to exercise this option the supervisor is to be notified immediately after the overtime is worked so that time can be recorded properly. Compensatory time shall be approved in accordance with the police department policy for requesting time off. Compensatory time shall not cause overtime in the department. Before December 15th of each year, an Employee can submit for a cash payout for unused compensatory time up to a maximum of 36 hours, at the rate it was earned. This cash payout option is only available once per year per Employee. Compensatory time cannot be carried over to the following year.

Section 6: When an Employee covered under this Agreement is called back to work after having completed his or her regularly scheduled shift, or who is called in for duty for other matters regarding his or her expertise, assignment or other department needs, shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½) the straight time hourly rate of pay with a minimum guarantee of two (2) hours.

- a. If an Employee is required to report for duty less than two (2) hours prior to his or her scheduled shift, overtime shall be calculated in accordance with **Article IV, Section 4** of this Agreement.
- b. At the conclusion of said call back time in **Section 6** of this Article the Employee shall be considered off duty, regardless of the duration of the assignment.

ARTICLE V
LONGEVITY

Section 1: For Officers hired prior to February 1, 2006 longevity shall be paid at the rate of one percent (1%) of base pay beginning at the fifth (5th) year of service and .375% for each additional year of service up to the twenty-second (22nd) year of service. Effective with the twenty-third (23rd) year of service and thereafter, each Employee shall receive a ten percent (10%) annual longevity benefit. Longevity payments shall be made to coincide with regular payments.

Starting Year of Service

5	-	1%
6	-	1.375%
7	-	1.75%
8	-	2.125%
9	-	2.5%
10	-	2.875%
11	-	3.25%
12	-	3.625%
13	-	4%
14	-	4.375%
15	-	4.75%
16	-	5.125%
17	-	5.5%
18	-	5.875%
19	-	6.25%
20	-	6.625%
21	-	7%

22	-	7.375%
23	-	10%
		Thereafter

Section 2: For Officers hired after February 1, 2006 to December 31, 2013 longevity shall be paid at the rate of one percent (1%) of base pay beginning at the eleventh (11th) year of service and .375% for each additional year of service up to the twenty-second (22nd) year of service. Effective with the twenty-second (22nd) year of service and thereafter, each Employee shall receive a five percent (5%) annual longevity benefit. Longevity payments shall be made to coincide with regular payments. Starting Year of Service

11	-	1%
12	-	1.375%
13	-	1.75%
14	-	2.125%
15	-	2.5%
16	-	2.875%
17	-	3.25%
18	-	3.625%
19	-	4%
20	-	4.375%
21	-	4.75%
22	-	5%
23	-	5%
		Thereafter

Section 3: For Officers hired after January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016 longevity shall be paid at the rate of one half of one percent (0.5%) of base pay beginning at the eleventh (11th) year of service and .1875% for each additional year of service up to the twenty-second (22nd) year of service. Effective with the twenty-second (22nd) year of service and thereafter, each Employee shall receive a two and half percent (2.5%) annual longevity benefit. Longevity

payments shall be made to coincide with regular payments

Starting Year of Service

11	-	0.5%
12	-	0.6875%
13	-	0.875%
14	-	1.0625%
15	-	1.25%
16	-	1.4375%
17	-	1.625%
18	-	1.8125%
19	-	2.0%
20	-	2.1875%
21	-	2.375%
22	-	2.50%
23	-	2.50%
Thereafter		

Section 4: This provision shall not be offered for Officers hired after January 1, 2017.

ARTICLE VI
VACATIONS AND PERSONAL DAY

Section 1: All covered personnel are entitled to eight hours of vacation per month up to one (1) year of service; thereafter, vacation time shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

One (1) Year, but less than Seven (7) Years	96 Hours
Seven (7) Years, but less than Fifteen (15) Years	144 Hours
Fifteen (15) Years or More	192 Hours

Holidays falling within a vacation period shall not be counted as vacation days.

An Employee may accumulate vacation time earned during the previous year and may be taken in tandem with vacation time earned in the current year only.

If an Employee is on vacation and becomes sufficiently ill so as to require in-patient hospitalization, he may have such period of illness and post-hospitalization period charged against sick leave at his option upon proof of hospitalization and a physician's certificate.

To the extent possible, the choice of which vacations each Employee shall have, shall be determined by a rotating seniority schedule.

Section 2: All covered personnel shall receive eight hours of personal time in addition to current vacation and holiday entitlement. Requests will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Employees may use this time at their discretion. The personal time may not be taken on any of the following days:

1.	New Year's Eve	5.	Labor Day
2.	New Year's Day	6.	Thanksgiving Day
3.	Memorial Day	7.	Christmas Eve
4.	Independence Day	8.	Christmas Day

If the maximum allowable Employees are on vacation, only one (1) Employee at a time can take personal time. No roll over to the following year of personal time is permitted.

ARTICLE VII
HOLIDAYS

Section 1: All covered personnel are entitled to the following paid holidays, which equates to eight hours of time off:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Presidents' Day	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Friday Following Thanksgiving
Independence Day	Christmas Eve
Labor Day	Christmas Day

Section 2: In addition to the paid holidays specified above, all covered personnel are entitled to one Floating Holiday, to be chosen each year by the Mayor and Council.

Section 3: All covered personnel shall have the option of applying any three (3) of their holidays as personal leave time, which may be taken at their discretion.

Section 4: To the extent possible, the choice of which holidays each Employee shall be off duty and the selection of additional days off, as hereinabove set forth, shall be determined by a rotating seniority schedule. The said additional days off shall be without any financial impact on the Borough and the selection thereof shall at all times be subject to the scheduling and manning requirements of the Department as determined by the Chief.

Section 5: Covered personnel will not receive additional days off that may be granted to other Borough employees as emergency days off or time off due to weather conditions or other emergencies which may arise.

ARTICLE VIII
MEDICAL INSURANCE

- Section 1:** The Borough will provide and pay for Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and Major Medical Insurance for Employees covered by this Agreement and their families, or similar type coverage with the same or substantially similar benefits as are available under the State Health Benefits Plan.
- Section 2:** The Borough shall maintain the dental program implemented January 1, 1985 with benefits equivalent to that provided under New Jersey Dental Plan II-B. Single Employees shall pay Two (\$2.00) Dollars per week and Employees with families of two (2) or more persons shall pay Four (\$4.00) Dollars per week, if they elect coverage, an orthodontic rider may be purchased by a covered Employee for his family at his own expense. The Borough retains the right to change carriers provided the level of benefits remain the same.
- Section 3:** The Employer shall implement the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan "Direct 15" or its equivalent as it is then constituted. The Employee may to participate in any other plan offered by State Health Benefits. The contribution towards the premium of health insurance shall be based upon the formula contained in P.L. 2011c.78.

ARTICLE IX
BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

- Section 1:** All permanent, full time Employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to three (3) workdays' leave with pay upon the death of a member of his immediate family or the death of a relative who resides with the Employee. Immediate family shall include spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents of Employees or spouse. Such funeral leave shall not be charged against the Employee's vacation or sick leave. Such leave shall commence upon the day of death and shall end on the day after the funeral, but shall not span more than four (4) days. The Administration may grant special consideration.
- Section 2:** One (1) additional day of bereavement leave shall be granted to all Employees covered by this Agreement and is to be taken within thirty (30) days of the death of an immediate family member for the purposes of administration of the estate and decedents affairs.
- Section 3:** In the event of a death in the family not mentioned in Section "1" above, one (1) personal day of bereavement leave shall be granted to the Employee.

ARTICLE X
SICK LEAVE

Section 1: All permanent, full time Employees covered by this Agreement shall be granted sick leave with pay of eight hours for every month of service during the remainder of the first calendar year of service and 120 hours in each calendar thereafter which shall accumulate from year to year.

An Employee absent on sick leave shall submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness, if requested by the Borough.

All covered personnel shall be entitled to a credit of unused accumulated sick leave time at the time of retirement, provided, however, that no Employee shall be given credit for accumulated sick leave beyond five hundred twenty (520) hours. All Employees hired after December 31, 2010 shall be capped at \$15,000 in accumulated sick leave time.

All covered personnel may request approval of the Borough to terminate work and to continue to be compensated during the length of time equal to accrued vacation time and/or allowed accumulated sick leave time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a member is entitled to a credit of unused accumulated sick leave time at the time of retirement, he may elect to receive a lump sum cash payment or severance pay equivalent to the unused accumulated sick pay up to five hundred twenty hours, capped at \$15,000 for those employees hired after December 31, 2010. The employee may have the option of breaking down their payments and receiving their payment for up to three years. Such option must be exercised by the member by giving written notice to the Mayor and Council on or before January 1 in the year in which the cash payment is

sought. This provision shall in no way affect said member's pension rights.

The beneficiary of a deceased Employee entitled to receive unused accumulated sick pay shall have the option of receiving a lump sum payment of the cash value of the deceased Employee's unused sick leave. For the purposes of this **Section**, beneficiary shall mean that person or persons designated as a beneficiary in the life insurance policy of the deceased Employee, issued by the Borough under **Article XII** of this Agreement.

Should any court ruling or administrative decision invalidate any of the preceding paragraphs, then same prospectively will be of no force and effect and will be severed from this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI
CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

In the event a Police Officer in another Department in the State of New Jersey is killed in the line of duty, the Borough shall permit, subject to approval by the Chief of Police, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, at least one (1) full-dressed, uniformed Police Officer of the Borough to participate in the funeral service(s) of said deceased Officer.

Subject to the availability of same, the Borough will permit a Borough Police vehicle to be utilized by the members in the funeral service.

Police Officers participating in such funeral service shall not be entitled to any compensation during the time in which they are participating in said funeral service.

ARTICLE XII
INSURANCE

Section 1: During the term of this Agreement, the Borough agrees to provide insurance coverage for all covered personnel for life, accidental death and dismemberment in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars. Presently afforded coverage shall continue.

Section 2: The Employer will indemnify all Employees covered by this Agreement from civil suits arising out of the performance of their duties including but not limited to the following: False arrest, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation of character, privileged occupancy and the invasion of civil rights. Employees covered by this Agreement shall be fully indemnified and defended by the Employer for all circumstances in which the Employee renders first aid, whether on duty or off duty.

ARTICLE XIII
SCHOOLING

All personnel hired before December 31, 2013 shall be entitled to compensation to a maximum of Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12.50) *per annum* for each college credit of approved police related schooling courses earned while in the employ of the Borough of Waldwick to a maximum of sixty (60) credits, provided, however, that in any course for which the additional compensation is claimed, a grade of C or better must be attained. In the event that the aforesaid provision dealing with compensation or college credits earned only while in the employ of the Borough of Waldwick is determined to be invalid, then same shall be severable from the within Agreement and considered null and void. This provision shall not apply to any employees hired after January 1, 2014.

ARTICLE XIV
ALLOWANCES

Section 1: All Police Officers shall be entitled to a clothing and equipment allotment of \$825 total *per annum* in 2026, 2027 and 2028. Effective January 1, 2029, \$875. Effective January 1, 2030, \$925. Police Officers shall be permitted to utilize said allotment to purchase items of clothing and equipment as authorized by the Chief of Police or his designee. Payment to recognized and established uniform and equipment companies shall be paid by the Borough, up to the aforementioned amount, upon presentation of an invoice or purchase order. Officers may submit receipts for authorized purchases for non-taxable reimbursement to the Officer, up to the aforementioned amount.

Section 2: Police Officers with less than seven (7) completed years of employment with the Borough, may elect to receive up to One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of said allotment as a *uniform maintenance allowance*. Police Officers with seven or more completed years of employment with the Borough, may elect to receive up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) of said allotment as a *uniform maintenance allowance*. The total of the clothing and equipment reimbursement and uniform maintenance allowance shall not exceed Eight hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$825.00) per annum.

In order to obtain any eligible uniform maintenance allowance amount, a voucher shall be filed by the Police Officer. The allowance is paid through payroll and is considered taxable income. No receipts or supporting documentation are required to receive uniform maintenance allowances. Employees entitled to uniform maintenance allowances shall be paid no later than the first pay of December of each year.

Section 3: In the event Police Officers obtain Emergency Medical Technician certificates, the Borough will pay each Officer Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) in 2026 and 2027. Effective January 1, 2028, \$2,600. Effective January 1, 2029, \$2,700. Effective January 1, 2030, \$2,800. To be eligible for the EMT Stipend the Employee must be a member of the Waldwick Police Department and an EMT for two (2) full years.

- a. These Officers will be determined by the submission of a list by the PBA Local No. 217 with the names of those Officers who have obtained certification. If the list is not presented on or before January 1st then the amount paid by the Borough shall be prorated from the date the list is presented. An Officer dropping off the list will no longer receive an allowance. Upon presentation of the substitute name, the substitute will receive the allowance of the dropped member, prorated from the date the substitute is added to the list. There shall be no rollover into any succeeding year of any payments made under this **Section**.
- b. The EMT allowance shall be handled and paid in the same manner as the college credit allowance.

ARTICLE XV
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN PERSONNEL

Section 1: In addition to the compensation hereinabove set forth, the Borough Detectives shall receive additional compensation at the rate of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) each year.

Section 2: An Employee, with concurrence of the Appropriate Authority, who is assigned to substitute for an Employee of higher rank, due to that higher ranked Employee's absence or vacancy, not caused by vacation time, shall receive the pay of the higher ranked Employee beginning on the thirty-first day of acting in that capacity. When said assignment terminates, the Employee's pay will be returned to the rate it was prior to the assignment being made. Appropriate Authority shall mean the Borough Administrator as authorized by Borough Ordinance. The Appropriate Authority shall serve as the liaison to the Mayor and Council for knowledge of payment only. The Borough shall not take any direct action to circumvent the payment of this additional compensation to that Employee without cause.

Section 3: Whenever a Patrol Officer is the senior ranking Officer on a Patrol shift and there is no Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Chief of Police working during the shift, such Officer shall be afforded senior officer compensation. The Patrol Officer must be the senior ranking officer on the patrol shift for six (6) or more hours to be eligible for senior officer compensation. The senior officer compensation shall be a flat rate of \$45 per shift.

ARTICLE XVI
ON THE JOB INJURIES

Employees who are injured on the job and who are awarded temporary disability benefits by Worker's Compensation shall receive the difference between the weekly Worker's Compensation awarded and normal take-home pay.

These payments shall be payable to a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) work days and shall not be charged to the Employee's sick leave.

ARTICLE XVII
NO STRIKE PLEDGE

Neither the PBA nor its members shall engage or participate, either directly or indirectly, in strikes of any kind, slowdowns, or interruptions of work, or to jointly withhold their services from the Borough. In the event of any of the aforesaid, the PBA Local will use its best efforts to end any of the above, order it stopped and return the men to work and will immediately post notices and communications to the members that the PBA does not support such violation.

ARTICLE XVIII
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A "grievance" is hereby defined as any difference or dispute between the Borough and any Employee covered by this Agreement by means of which such Employee or representative of such Employee may appeal the interpretation, application or violation of policies, agreement and administrative decisions affecting the Employees' terms and conditions of employment. Alleged arbitrary changes in scheduled working hours made within seventy-two (72) hours of the time a scheduled shift is to begin so as to avoid overtime payment to an Employee may be grievable. This procedure for settlement of grievances shall be as follows:

STEP ONE: The aggrieved Employee or the PBA representative designated shall present and discuss the grievance with his immediate supervisor within fifteen (15) calendar days of the occurrence of the same. The name of any such designated representative shall be immediately communicated to the Employer. Any grievances not presented within fifteen (15) calendar days of occurrence are deemed waived. The immediate supervisor must reply to the grievance within ten (10) calendar days of its presentment to him.

STEP TWO: If the grievance is not settled at **STEP ONE**, it shall be reduced to writing by the aggrieved party within five (5) working days of the reply from the Supervisor. One (1) copy shall be given to both the Administrator and the Head of the Department involved. The Department Head and the PBA representative shall meet within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the written grievance to attempt to settle the grievance. Any grievance not reduced to writing and presented to the Department Head and the Administrator within ten (10) working days of failure to settle pursuant to **STEP TWO** is deemed waived. A written receipt will be given by the Borough Administrator.

STEP THREE: If after completion of **STEP TWO** the parties have not arrived at a mutually satisfactory settlement of the grievance, then a meeting shall be arranged between a representative of the PBA, the aggrieved Employee and the Borough Administrator with the object of settling the grievance. Both parties may consult with other persons as they deem necessary. The parties shall meet within seven (7) working days of completion of **STEP TWO**. They may, however, by written mutual consent, extend the time to meet.

Nothing contained in this Article shall limit the right of any Employee to process his own grievance provided, however, the PBA shall be notified by the Borough of all such situations and shall have the right to be present during the same, and, further provided, that any agreement reached with any such Employee shall not violate this Agreement.

Failure to proceed within the times set forth in this Article shall be conclusively deemed a waiver of the right to grieve and the right to a determination.

All management rights and prerogatives shall be excluded from the grievance procedure contained in this Article unless specifically included hereinafter.

ARTICLE XIX
ARBITRATION

- Section 1:** If a grievance is not settled pursuant to **Article XVIII**, such grievance shall at the request of the Borough or the PBA, be referred to the Public Employment Relations Commission for selection of an Arbitrator according to its rules. Such referral must be made within seven (7) working days of the failure to settle the grievance under **STEP THREE**. Failure to proceed within the time set forth for arbitration shall be conclusively deemed a waiver of the right to arbitration.
- Section 2:** The decision of the Arbitrator shall be binding upon the parties. The expense of such arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties.
- Section 3:** It is expressly agreed that all managerial rights and prerogatives are not subject to arbitration. The Arbitrator shall only have the authority to interpret policies, agreements and administrative decisions affecting the Employee's terms and conditions of employment. He/she shall add nothing to nor subtract anything from the express terms of this Agreement and any rule or regulation governing the Police Department and Police force of the Borough.
- Section 4:** It is understood that no arbitration case under this Agreement shall be heard within twenty-one (21) days. If an Employee files an appeal to the Civil Service Commission he must abandon the arbitration proceeding.

ARTICLE XX
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1: Nothing in this Agreement shall interfere with the right of the Borough in accordance with applicable law, rules and regulations to:

- (a) carry out statutory mandate and goals assigned to a municipality utilizing personnel, methods and means in the most appropriate and efficient manner possible;
- (b) manage Employees of the Borough, to hire, promote, transfer, assign or retain Employees in positions with the Borough and in that regard establish work rules; and
- (c) suspend, demote, discharge or take other appropriate disciplinary action against an Employee for just cause, or to lay off an Employee pursuant to law.

Section 2: The Borough, if they shall deem it necessary for reasons of economy, may decrease the number of members and Officers of the Police Department.

When the services of a member(s) or Officer(s) is/are terminated, such termination shall be in the inverse order of their appointment.

ARTICLE XXI
DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Whenever disciplinary action involving suspension against any member of the Waldwick Police Department is taken, said member may request the following:

- (a) A written statement determining the charges against him signed by the party making said charges; said statement shall be furnished within five (5) days from the occurrence.
- (b) Within five (5) days of the occurrence of said charges, the Police Officer may request a hearing on said charges before the Police Committee of the Borough of Waldwick. Notwithstanding same, the grievance may be taken pursuant to the Grievance Procedure outlined herein.
- (c) Whenever disciplinary action involved something other than suspension, the Grievance Procedure outlined herein shall control.
- (d) The rights granted under this **Section** shall be considered to be in addition to any and all rights contained under the Civil Service Act or any other laws of the State of New Jersey. Insofar as any of the provisions of this **Section** conflict with said laws, they are to be considered void.

ARTICLE XXII
OFF DUTY POLICE RELATED ACTIVITY

Arrangements by non-municipal entities to secure the services of off-duty Police Officers to engage in Police-related activities on behalf of such entities within the Borough of Waldwick shall be made through the Department. Payment therefor shall be made through the Borough at the rate of remuneration which has been agreed to between such entity and the Police Officers. In no event shall the Borough be liable to the Officer in an amount greater than the payment it receives from such private entity, which payment shall include Employer payroll contributions. Remuneration for such off-duty employment shall not be considered as part of the Employee's base salary, overtime or computation of overtime.

An Officer engaged in such Police duty related activities shall be considered to be acting in his official capacity and shall be subject to all of the rights, duties, benefits and obligations of such status.

ARTICLE XXIII
PERSONNEL FILES

- Section 1:** A separate personal history file shall be established and maintained for each Employee. Personal history files are confidential records and shall be maintained and safeguarded, permanently, in the office of the Chief of Police. All awards, diplomas, certificates and commendations received by an Employee shall become the personal property of the Employee and a photocopy of same shall be entered into the Employee's personal file.
- Section 2:** Any Employee may, by appointment, inspect and review his personal history file. Any review of such file shall be made only in the presence of the Chief of Police or his designated representative.
- Section 3:** Whenever a written complaint or any derogatory memo is to be placed in an Employee's personal history file, a copy of such complaint or derogatory memo shall be made available to him, and he shall be given the opportunity to rebut it if he so desires, and he shall be permitted to place said rebuttal in his file.

ARTICLE XXIV
USE OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

Whenever an Employee's duty assignment requires vehicular transportation, the Borough will make reasonable effort to supply a Borough-owned vehicle, subject to the scheduling and manning requirements of the Department and the availability thereof, as determined by the Chief. Whenever an Employee is required to use his personal vehicle on Borough business, he shall be compensated for such usage at the rate of the General Service Administration's Privately Owned Vehicle mileage reimbursement rate.

ARTICLE XXV
OTHER ITEMS AND CONDITIONS

- Section 1:** It is agreed and understood that all existing terms and conditions of employment and all existing rules and regulations governing the Police Department and Police force shall continue in full force and effect. The foregoing may be implemented from time to time by Ordinance adopted pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey and rules and regulations and revisions thereof, approved by the Borough.
- Section 2:** In addition to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the PBA shall be entitled to all previous benefits contained in the Borough Personnel Ordinance, which are not in conflict with this Agreement.
- Section 3:** Unless a contrary intent is expressed in this Agreement, all existing benefits, rights, duties, obligations, and conditions of employment applicable to any Police Officer pursuant to any rules, regulations, instruction, directive, memorandum, statute or practice shall not be limited, restricted, impaired, removed or abolished. *De minimis* changes are not effected by this Article.
- Section 4:** This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by a written instrument duly executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

Kelley Halavitz
Clerk

BOROUGH OF WALDWICK

Thomas A. Gaylor
Mayor

Date: 7/13/2024

Date: 7/13/2024

WITNESS:

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SCHEDULE A
WAGES

	2026	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	(Jan-May)	(June-De c)	Salary	Salary	Salary	Salary
	0%	3%	3.50%	4%	4%	4%
Lieutenant	\$169,519	\$174,605	\$180,716	\$187,944	\$195,462	\$203,281
Sergeant	\$159,889	\$164,686	\$170,450	\$177,268	\$184,358	\$191,733
Thirteenth Step	\$148,352	\$152,803	\$158,151	\$164,477	\$171,056	\$177,898
Twelfth Step	\$138,582	\$142,739	\$147,735	\$153,645	\$159,791	\$166,182
Eleventh Step	\$128,811	\$132,675	\$137,319	\$142,812	\$148,524	\$154,465
Tenth Step	\$119,039	\$122,610	\$126,902	\$131,978	\$137,257	\$142,747
Ninth Step	\$109,268	\$112,546	\$116,485	\$121,145	\$125,990	\$131,030
Eighth Step	\$101,817	\$104,872	\$108,542	\$112,884	\$117,399	\$122,095
Seventh Step	\$94,367	\$97,198	\$100,600	\$104,624	\$108,809	\$113,161
Sixth Step	\$86,917	\$89,525	\$92,658	\$96,364	\$100,219	\$104,227
Fifth Step	\$79,466	\$81,850	\$84,715	\$88,103	\$91,627	\$95,293
Fourth Step	\$72,016	\$74,176	\$76,773	\$79,844	\$83,037	\$86,359
Third Step	\$64,566	\$66,503	\$68,831	\$71,584	\$74,447	\$77,425
Second Step	\$57,115	\$58,828	\$60,887	\$63,323	\$65,856	\$68,490
First Step	\$49,665	\$51,155	\$52,945	\$55,063	\$57,266	\$59,556

- Each employee in the step guide shall receive a step increase each year of the contract. The date for this increase shall be determined based on their date of hire as an officer. Those hired in the first half of the calendar year shall receive the step increase beginning with the first pay of the year. Those hired in the second half of the year shall receive the step increase beginning with the thirteenth pay of the year. For the purposes of this contract and to clarify where each employee falls under this, the following employees shall be considered as January and July dates.

January	Guide	2026 Step
Passaretti	A	Lt
Moore	A	Lt
Garcia	A	Sgt
Sinclair	A	Sgt
Sanchez	A	Sgt
Cron	A	Sgt
Chaney	A	13
Sherman	A	11
Palala	A	10
Ritondale	A	8
Wanamaker	A	8
Van Dyke	A	8
Bernhard	A	3
Jiminez	A	2

July	Guide	2026 Step
Loprinzi	A	Sgt
Zachmann	A	8/9
Freeman	A	8/9
Walsh	A	7/8
Palmieri	A	¾

- The following applies for all employees regardless of schedule. If any appointment is made to the position of Sergeant from the ranks of Patrol the difference in pay is to be calculated as follows:
 - a. If the appointee is in the highest grade in any schedule, they shall immediately receive the pay called for in the schedule for the position of Sergeant.
 - b. If the appointee is in the A schedule steps ten through twelve, the difference in pay rate is to be given half upon the promotion and the balance to bring them to the schedule rate upon one year of that promotion.
 - c. If the appointee is in schedule A and not covered by section b above the difference in pay rate is to be given a third upon the promotion, the second third upon one year of that promotion and the balance to bring them to the schedule rate upon two years of that promotion.