

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD
AND
LOCAL 2050, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FIREFIGHTERS, AFL-CIO
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2026**

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AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

This agreement is made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2023, by and between the Town of Smithfield ("Town" or "Employer") and Local 2050 of the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO ("Local 2050" or "Union"). It is made and entered into pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 28-9.1-1 et seq., known as the "Firefighters' Arbitration Act". With respect to the terms and conditions of employment for the period between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2026, it is intended that this Agreement shall supersede the previously entered collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Local 2050 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

The Town and Union encourage practical, friendly and cooperative relationships among their respective representatives at all levels with a view toward facilitating the adjustment of any dispute, which may arise.

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ARTICLE I

Section 1: Recognition

The Town recognizes Local 2050, I.A.F.F., AFL-CIO, as the exclusive bargaining agent for all permanent employees of the Smithfield Fire Department with the exception of Chief of the Smithfield Fire Department with the right to bargain collectively concerning wages, rates of pay, and other conditions of employment. The provisions of this Agreement shall be observed for the orderly settlement of all questions pertaining to wages or rates of pay or other terms and conditions of employment.

Section 2: Union Security

- a) The Town agrees not to discharge or discriminate in any way against employees of the permanent Fire Department for Union membership or activities and shall permit the use of bulletin boards in fire stations for the posting of notices concerning union business and activities.
- b) All permanent employees of the Fire Department shall not be required to become members of Local 2050 during the term of this Agreement.
- c) Under *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et.al.* United States Supreme Court “Neither an agency fee nor any other payment to the union may be deducted from a non-member’s wages, nor may any other attempt be made to collect such a payment, unless the employee affirmatively consents to pay. Each employee shall sign a form expressing his option and choice, by affirmative consent, whether to join or not join the Union.

Upon being hired, employees of the fire department shall make one of the following elections with respect to Union membership:

Option 1 - Employees may elect to become a member of the union and shall pay membership dues and assessments as determined by Local 2050.

Option 2 - Employees may elect not to become a member of the Union. The provisions of R.I.G.L. § 28-9-1-18 shall apply to any employee who has elected this option.

An employee wishing to change their membership status may do so by providing written notice to the Town and Local 2050. The change in membership status shall take effect upon written receipt of the notice by the Town and Local 2050.

The Treasurer of the Union shall certify to the Finance Director the amount of membership dues and assessments (Option 1). The Union shall give the town thirty (30) days' notice prior to any change of these amounts.

Upon receipt of a signed consent form, the Town agrees to withhold from the employee's pay any membership dues and assessments from each payroll check. These withheld amounts shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Union for the previous month's deductions, not later than the 29th of each successive month.

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town from any lawsuits, damages, judgements, result, ramifications, and /or effects occurring pursuant to any deductions made regarding any membership dues and/or assessments made by the Town at the request of the Union.

- d) Local 2050 officers, up to three (3) in number for each meeting, may be allowed time off to attend monthly meetings including Executive Board Meetings of the State Firefighters Association (not to exceed three (3) per calendar year for each Local 2050 Officer), the annual meetings of the National Convention of Firefighter's Association and the Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters, the annual Health, Safety and Labor Seminar of the Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters, the annual Legislative Conference of the International Association of Firefighters, and for the purpose of attending seminars as approved by the Chief of the Fire Department and relating to firefighting services and activities, without loss of pay and without the requirement to make up such time. For the purposes of the monthly meetings of the State Firefighters Association, the term "Local 2050 Officers" shall mean Delegates and Alternate Delegates.
- e) All employees who are officers of Local 2050 or who are appointed by Local 2050 as members of the collective bargaining negotiating team (said team not to exceed four (4) in number) shall be allowed time off for official union business (preparation, proceedings,

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and all other meetings associated) in negotiations, arbitrations or conferences with the Town Council or the Town Council's designee, the Rhode Island Department of Labor, or the State Labor Relations Board, with pay and without the requirement to make up said time.

- f) Employees who are on leave of absence for active military service shall be entitled to none of the benefits of this Agreement except to the extent they are expressly granted eligibility for certain benefits in other sections of this Agreement or as may otherwise be provided for by law.

Section 3: Payroll Deduction of Union Dues

The employer agrees to deduct from the wages of each employee who has authorized the employer in writing to do so, such initiation fees and monthly dues as the Union shall designate. Such deduction shall be made weekly and shall be remitted monthly to the Treasurer of Local 2050.

Section 4: Indemnification

The Union shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town and any of its agents and employees performing required duties of the Town against any and all claims, suits, orders and judgments brought or issued against the Town as a result of the Town's reasonable compliance with Section 3 of this Article.

Section 5: Management Rights

Any and all rights concerned with the management and operation of the Fire Department are exclusively that of the Town unless otherwise provided by the terms of this Agreement. The Town has the authority to adopt rules for the operation of the Department and the conduct of its employees in the performance of their duties, provided such rules are not in conflict with the provisions of the Agreement nor with the applicable laws and with the duly established past practices of the parties as defined by law. Such rights shall include, but are not limited to, the following: to determine the standards and level of services to be offered by the Fire Department; the standards applicable to selection for employment; to direct employees in the conduct of Fire Department business; to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work

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or for economic reasons; to issue rules and regulations applicable to employees; to maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the Town's operations are to be conducted; and to determine the content of job classifications; and to hire and assign and transfer employees within the department. The parties agree that the provisions and benefits provided by the Town under the Personnel Ordinance of the Town of Smithfield and the Rules and Regulations of the Smithfield Fire Department to the employees herein covered by this Agreement, but not specifically enumerated herein, shall continue to apply. No provision of this agreement shall be applied or construed to limit, impede or abridge any of the Town's authority or obligations granted to it under municipal, state or federal law.

ARTICLE II

Section 1: Rules and Regulations

Local 2050 shall be permitted to make suggestions regarding department rules and regulations. Such suggestions shall be submitted in writing to the Chief of Department. Said suggestions for rules and regulations will be given due consideration and adopted if deemed advisable by the Town. The Town agrees to furnish each employee with a complete and up-to-date set of rules and regulations governing the Smithfield Fire Department.

ARTICLE III

Section 1: Wages

Salaries for the permanent employees of the Smithfield Fire Department shall be as follows:

Contact Year 1 (7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)

	<u>7/1/2023 - 12/31/2023</u>	<u>1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024</u>
Deputy Chief (SR)/Fire	\$1,785.04	\$1,818.51
Deputy Chief/EMS	\$1,768.97	\$1,802.14
Deputy Chief/Fire	\$1,753.88	\$1,786.77
Captain/Training & Safety	\$1,686.27	\$1,717.88
Captain/Fire Prevention	\$1,686.27	\$1,717.88
Captain/Fire	\$1,622.80	\$1,653.22
Captain/EMS	\$1,622.80	\$1,653.22
Lieutenant/Fire Prevention	\$1,546.70	\$1,575.70
Lieutenant/Fire	\$1,475.25	\$1,502.91
Lieutenant/EMS	\$1,475.25	\$1,502.91
Private, 3rd Year	\$1,321.12	\$1,345.89
Private, 2nd Year	\$1,145.18	\$1,166.65
Probationary Private	\$1,020.46	\$1,039.60
Civilian Secretary	\$1,189.79	\$1,212.10
Probationary Civilian Secretary	\$1,130.30	\$1,151.50
Fire Alarm Superintendent	\$1,212.31	\$1,235.04

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Civilian Dispatcher 3rd Year	\$1,127.73	\$1,148.87
Civilian Dispatcher 2nd Year	\$907.04	\$924.05
Probationary Civilian Dispatcher	\$816.35	\$831.66

Contact Year 2 (7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025)

	<u>7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024</u>	<u>1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025</u>
Deputy Chief (SR)/Fire	\$1,859.43	\$1,901.27
Deputy Chief/EMS	\$1,859.43	\$1,901.27
Deputy Chief/Fire	\$1,826.97	\$1,868.07
Captain/Training & Safety	\$1,826.97	\$1,868.07
Captain/Fire Prevention	\$1,826.97	\$1,868.07
Captain/Fire	\$1,690.42	\$1,728.46
Captain/EMS	\$1,690.42	\$1,728.46
Lieutenant/Fire Prevention	\$1,690.42	\$1,728.46
Lieutenant/Fire	\$1,536.73	\$1,571.30
Lieutenant/EMS	\$1,536.73	\$1,571.30
Private, 3rd Year	\$1,376.17	\$1,407.13
Private, 2nd Year	\$1,192.90	\$1,219.74
Probationary Private	\$1,062.99	\$1,086.90
Civilian Secretary	\$1,239.37	\$1,267.25
Probationary Civilian Secretary	\$1,177.40	\$1,203.90

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Fire Alarm Superintendent	\$1,262.83	\$1,291.25
Civilian Dispatcher 3rd Year	\$1,174.72	\$1,201.15
Civilian Dispatcher 2nd Year	\$944.84	\$966.10
Probationary Civilian Dispatcher	\$850.37	\$869.51

Contact Year 3 (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)

	<u>7/1/2025 - 12/31/2025</u>	<u>1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026</u>
Deputy Chief (SR)/Fire	\$1,944.05	\$1,987.79
Deputy Chief/EMS	\$1,944.05	\$1,987.79
Deputy Chief/Fire	\$1,910.11	\$1,953.08
Captain/Training & Safety	\$1,910.11	\$1,953.08
Captain/Fire Prevention	\$1,910.11	\$1,953.08
Captain/Fire	\$1,767.35	\$1,807.11
Captain/EMS	\$1,767.35	\$1,807.11
Lieutenant/Fire Prevention	\$1,767.35	\$1,807.11
Lieutenant/Fire	\$1,606.66	\$1,642.81
Lieutenant/EMS	\$1,606.66	\$1,642.81
Private, 3rd Year	\$1,438.79	\$1,471.17
Private, 2nd Year	\$1,247.18	\$1,275.24
Probationary Private	\$1,111.36	\$1,136.36
Civilian Secretary	\$1,295.77	\$1,324.92

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Probationary Civilian Secretary	\$1,230.98	\$1,258.68
Fire Alarm Superintendent	\$1,320.30	\$1,350.01
Civilian Dispatcher 3rd Year	\$1,228.18	\$1,255.81
Civilian Dispatcher 2nd Year	\$987.84	\$1,010.06
Probationary Civilian Dispatcher	\$889.07	\$909.08

Section 2: Probationary Employee

Any person appointed as a permanent employee shall receive the pay for that position commencing with the first pay period after he has completed one (1) year of service.

- a) All new probationary firefighters of the Department shall, as a condition of employment, possess a Rhode Island state certified EMT license. Moreover, as a condition of employment, all firefighters shall be required, to maintain an EMTC license or Paramedic license as certified by the state and maintain said license for a period of nine (9) consecutive years. After such nine (9) years, Firefighters may drop EMTC / Paramedic licensure only as long as this would not reduce the number of EMTC / Paramedic licensed Firefighters in fire companies on any platoon below two (2) for all permanently staffed rescue units plus one (1) at any other engine or ladder company unless the Chief of the department determines that it is not necessary for a firefighter to maintain his/her EMTC / Paramedic license.
- b) As a condition of employment all firefighters hired after 7/1/2019, shall be required to maintain a minimum of an EMTC license as certified by the state.
- c) A probationary employee disciplined or terminated during the one-year probationary period provided herein shall not have any right to grieve or arbitrate the imposition of any form or measure of discipline or his/her termination of employment.

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Section 3: Deferred Compensation Annuity

The Town shall provide at least one (1) public employee deferred compensation plan for all employees of the Department. The parties agree that any change in the deferred compensation plan shall be agreeable to both the Town and the Union.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: Hours of Work

- a) The Smithfield Fire Department shall be organized operationally by the Chief.
- b) The hours of duty for each employee assigned to the Fire Fighting units (Engine, Ladder Truck, or Rescue Truck) and Fire Alarm dispatchers shall be an average of forty-two (42) hours per week on shifts as determined by the Chief of the Fire Department. The Deputy Chief/EMS (EMS Coordinator), Civilian Secretary, Fire Prevention Bureau, and Training Division of the Fire Department shall work an average of forty (40) hours per week with the option of working four (4) ten (10) hour days between Monday and Friday each week as approved by the Chief.
- c) The regular work schedule for members of the rotating shift, Engine, Ladder Truck, Rescue Truck, and Fire Alarm Dispatching shall be an average of forty-two (42) hours per week; the work schedule to consist of four (4) platoons working two (2) consecutive ten (10) hour days each, two (2) consecutive fourteen (14) hour nights, followed by four (4) days off. The four (4) platoons are designated as: A platoon, B platoon, C platoon and D platoon.
- d) The Fire Prevention Division includes the Fire Marshall (Captain/Fire), Fire Prevention Inspectors (2 Lieutenants/Fire); Training and Safety Division includes the Training Director (Captain/Fire); EMS Division is overseen by the EMS Coordinator (Captain/EMS until June 30, 2020, then Deputy Chief/EMS beginning on July 1, 2020); Civilian Secretary, shall receive all holidays, according to Article IX, Section 1 of this agreement, as time off with pay unless required to be called back during an emergency which they shall receive in addition to the regular days' pay time and one-half (1-1/2) for all hours worked.

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- e) Daytime only apparatus operating seven (7) days a week shall be staffed by E-platoon and F-platoon.
- f) E-platoon shall be followed by F-platoon on a continuous rotation for the purpose of staffing daytime only apparatus. Members working on E-platoon and F-platoon shall work four (4) days on, followed by three (3) days off, on a rotating seven-day schedule. Platoons E and F will overlap one day per week resulting in a one (1) day overlap of the daytime schedule.
- g) Daytime rescue staffing:
 - 1) On the fourth day of the shift, the Rescue Truck Private shall be assigned to the Ladder Truck back step riding position as part of his/her BID assignment.
 - 2) On the fourth day of the shift, the Rescue Truck Officer shall be assigned to the EMS Division Office to assist with administrative and training duties as part of his/her BID assignment.
 - 3) The oncoming daytime Platoon shall then be assigned to the daytime Rescue Truck.

Section 2: Overtime

- a) All authorized hours worked in excess of the normal daily work shift shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2), computed in minimum of one-half (1/2) hour increments.
- b) Overtime in the fire alarm office shall be offered to off-duty civilian dispatchers first and then to qualified off-duty firefighters. Should no fill-in be secured from either of these two groups, then the least senior off-duty dispatcher shall be ordered to fill the vacancy.
- c) Compensatory Time:
 - 1) For each hour worked that is requested as compensatory time, the employee will receive one and one-half hours credited to the employee's compensatory time accumulation. For a 10-hour day shift, the employee will receive 15 hours. For a 14-hour night shift, the employee will receive 21 hours.

- 2) An employee is allowed a maximum compensatory time accumulation of two hundred and eighty hours (280) per contract year in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. However, an employee will only be allowed to use a maximum of two hundred (200) hours as time off in a contract year.
- 3) Compensatory time taken will be deducted in hourly increments, charged at a minimum of four (4) hours. If an employee takes a day shift off, 15 hours are deducted. If any employee takes a night shift off, 21 hours are deducted. Headquarters positions will be hour for hour taken.
- 4) If an employee cashes-in any compensatory time, the payment will be at the employee's normal hourly rate of pay.
- 5) All employee compensatory time balances must be at zero (0) no later than June 15th. This may be accomplished by the Town paying the employee the monetized value of all remaining compensatory time hours or discharged as compensatory time off if allowable by the chief of the department.
- 6) In year three (3) of the union contract, there will be a historical review of the compensatory time process.

Section 3: Call-Back and On-Call Pay

- a) Employees called back for duty, for emergency calls only, on an individual basis shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) their regular salary, with a minimum of three (3) hours guaranteed. Time worked in excess of the three (3) hour minimum will be paid in one-half hour increments. Employees will be provided the option to work an additional hour beyond the three (3) hour minimum. Permanent employees responding to alarms on off-duty time shall be paid at their overtime rate of pay.
- b) For the purpose of this Agreement, voluntary substitution shall be defined as work performed for another employee in his absence, on a substitute basis. The rate of pay for such work shall be computed on a straight time basis, and such time worked shall not be considered in computing overtime. Voluntary substitution must be approved by the Chief or his designee and will only be allowed for regular shifts. A voluntary substitution shall be allowed for a full day shift, a full night shift, or a four (4) hour partial shift.

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- c) For the purpose of this Agreement, on-call pay shall be defined as when an employee of the Department is required to be available for duty up to eight (8) consecutive hours but not physically present at his place of duty. He/ she shall be entitled to pay for such on-call on the following basis:
 - 1) Three (3) hours' pay at the regular rate for each weekday or Saturday.
 - 2) Four (4) hours' pay at the regular rate for each Sunday or Holiday.
- d) A holiday is any day granted as such to employees in Article IX of this Agreement.

Section 4: Overtime Call Back Provisions

- a) In the event it is necessary to call back employees for overtime, there shall be established seniority lists which shall be used for such overtime call back and the lists shall be followed in rotation, provided the employee is qualified to do the work.
- b) Overtime shall be equally and impartially distributed in each contract year among employees who are qualified to perform such work. Employees who are excused by rejecting the position or benefit of such overtime shall be charged with overtime for purposes of equalizing the distribution.
- c) The Town shall keep records of call back overtime worked. In case of a grievance involving such records, the records shall be subject to examination by the Union President or his designee.

Section 5: Special Details

- a) For the purpose of this Agreement, special details are defined as work of non-emergency nature, specifically, standby as fire watch at public or private functions.
- b) Standby pay for public functions shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) per hour for all ranks, with a four (4) hour minimum guaranteed paid by the Town in the next pay period provided the employee submits the paperwork required by the Town upon completion of the detail.

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- c) Standby pay for private functions shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half per hour for all ranks, with a four (4) hour minimum guaranteed paid by the Town in the next pay period provided the employee submits the paperwork required by the Town upon completion of the detail.
- d) Standby public or private functions, which occur on the holidays of July 4th, Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving, shall be paid at the rate of twice the rate set forth in the preceding paragraph with a minimum of four (4) hours. The holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day shall be considered to commence at 6:00 p.m. on the eve of the holiday and end at 12:00 midnight on the day of the holiday.
- e) Assignment for standby for public or private functions shall be made from the overtime callback list. Any standby hours shall not be included in computing the regular forty-two (42) hour workweek, nor in computing overtime. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to restrict the Town's right to use on-duty personnel at straight-time rates to perform any detail.
- f) Whenever any firefighter who has been assigned to a private or public function is injured in the course of such detail, he shall be compensated by the Town for all medical and hospital expenses not covered by medical insurance, salary, etc. to the extent required by Section § 45-19-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended from time to time.

Section 6: Overtime Rate of Pay

The hourly rate of overtime pay shall be equal to 1.5 times one forty-second (1/42nd) of the employee's weekly salary for employees who work an average forty-two (42) hour workweek. The hourly rate of overtime pay shall be equal to 1.5 times one-fortieth (1/40th) of the employee's weekly salary for employees who work an average of forty (40) hour workweek.

Section 7: Temporary Service Out of Ranks

- a) In the event of a temporary vacancy in the officer's rank on a particular platoon, any such vacancy shall be filled at once unless the Chief of Department in his opinion determines the vacancy should not be filled. Firefighters/officers who are on the appropriate promotional list shall govern selection of the firefighter/officer assuming the duties of a

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higher rank. If no firefighter/officer is available from the appropriate promotional list then the least senior qualified officer of the same rank shall be ordered in to assume the duties, provided that this firefighter/officer is not already working his/her normal work shift. As a last resort a firefighter/officer on the appropriate promotional list, who is working his/her normal daily work shift may be moved up to cover the temporary vacancy to avoid an order back, that position would then be covered. Temporary service out of rank shall be the basis for pay purposes when determining holiday and overtime pay, providing such service is for a period of one (1) full work shift.

- b) In any case where a firefighter serving out of rank for a period of one (1) full work shift or more, contracts an illness or suffers an injury in the performance of his/her duty, he/she shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this contract and all the benefits provided by R.I.G.L. § 45-19-1, including pay at the rate he/she was receiving while serving out of rank. The firefighters of the Smithfield Fire Department shall have the right to first choice to fill any temporary or permanent vacancies on the Smithfield Fire Department with the exception of the position of Chief of Department.

Section 8: Attendance at Court and Meetings

Whenever an employee is required to attend court or attend meetings or hearings in connection with his/her employment, such time shall be compensated as part of his/her regular workweek. Transportation shall be provided for the employee that attends depositions and hearings involving the carrying out of one's duty.

Section 9. Permanent Vacancies

- a) Vacancies in the private's and officer's ranks and civilian employees will be filled within ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs, providing there are physically fit and qualified candidates for the vacancy.
- b) The Town shall anticipate and plan for filling of vacancies on the department by having a list of physically fit and qualified candidates at all times.

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Section 10: Detail to Other Departments

The Town agrees that employees of the Smithfield Fire Department shall not be detailed or transferred to other departments of the Town without agreement of the employee. Local 2050 recognizes that agreement of the employee may be waived by the Town or the Chief of the Department in an emergency and the Town agrees that such details or transfers shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1.5) of employee's rate of pay for duties performed.

Section 11: Transfers Within Department

- a) The detailing or transferring from one unit to another within the fire department shall be the responsibility of the Chief of the Department.
- b) No employee transferred shall receive a rate of pay less than his/her highest rate of pay before being transferred. In any case, in so far as practicable, the qualified senior employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right to transfer to any vacancy in the Department. If no employee bids to transfer, then the employee with the least amount of seniority (qualified) on the department shall fill the vacancy. A bid to transfer shall be conducted after a permanent vacancy occurs or a new position is added to the Department.
- c) Employees taking headquarters staff positions will, upon returning to a Fire/EMS company, resume the rank and pay rate previously held in a Fire/EMS company before assuming the staff position. If an employee were promoted to a higher rank while working in Headquarters, then the employee would retain that rank.
- d) Fire Alarm employees shall have the right to transfer to any vacancy within the Fire Alarm Division only. A bid to transfer shall be conducted after a permanent vacancy occurs or a new position is added to the Division. If no employee bids to transfer, then the employee with the least amount of seniority (qualified) in the Division shall fill the vacancy.

Section 12: Miscellaneous Details

No employee covered by this Agreement shall be required to perform any service, except where required by law, for any public or private organization or any civic function, including any

parades or similar functions; however, any employee may parade or attend civic functions on a voluntary basis without pay.

Section 13: Minimum Manpower

In the interest of firefighters' safety the minimum manpower of the Department for EMS and Suppression on A, B, C & D platoons shall be as follows:

- (1) Deputy Chief/Fire
- (3) Captains/Fire or Lieutenants/Fire, (on an Engine or Ladder Truck)
- (2) Privates, (on Rescue Truck)
- (2) Captains/EMS or Lieutenants/EMS, (on Rescue Truck)
- (5) Privates, (on an Engine or Ladder Truck)

Thirteen (13) permanent firefighters, including officers on each platoon, manpower shall be dispersed as follows: (The Local agrees to suspend the above provision upon written request by the Town on a case by case basis. Request shall not be unreasonably denied.)

- a) During normal working hours, no Engine shall be put into service unless it is manned by three (3) permanent firefighters, one (1) of whom shall be a fire officer.
- b) During normal working hours, no Ladder Truck shall be put into service unless it is manned by two (2) permanent firefighters, one (1) of whom shall be a fire or EMS officer.
- c) Effective on or before October 1, 2019, during normal working hours, no Ladder truck shall be put into service unless it is manned by two (2) permanent firefighters, one (1) of whom shall be a fire officer.
- d) During normal working hours, no Rescue Truck shall be put into service unless it is manned by two (2) permanent firefighters, one (1) of whom shall be an EMS officer.
- e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) above, a permanent firefighter may be assigned at the scene of an emergency to a Rescue Truck from an Engine or Ladder Truck, when, in the discretion of the officer, it is necessary. Said Engine or Ladder Truck would remain in full service unless manpower was reduced to one (1) permanent firefighter.

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Special service vehicles may respond to the same incident with only one (1) firefighter in conjunction with an Engine or Ladder Truck from the same station using the back step firefighter as the driver or a firefighter may be called back to respond to an incident as a second run piece of apparatus to assist an apparatus manned in accordance with paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above. If they are manned by three (3) permanent firefighters, one of whom shall be an officer, they shall be available as a first run piece as well.

When an Engine crew is reduced to two (2) firefighters as in sub. Paragraph (a) and (e) above, Fire Alarm will dispatch at least one (1) additional Engine or Ladder Truck to supplement the undermanned piece to all fire calls. If no Smithfield apparatus is available, it shall be supplemented by mutual aid.

Effective on or before October 1, 2019, in the event that the Ladder Truck is placed out of service for maintenance, every attempt shall be made to replace it with a Reserve Ladder Truck. If a Reserve Ladder Truck cannot be obtained, the crew of the Ladder Truck shall utilize a Reserve Engine until such time that a Reserve Ladder Truck can be located or the Smithfield Ladder Truck returns in service. In no way shall a Reserve Engine be utilized as a permanent replacement for the Ladder Truck. In the rare circumstance that the department is utilizing a Reserve Engine as a temporary replacement for the Ladder Truck, a mutual aid Ladder Truck shall be utilized for all responses requiring a full first alarm assignment or greater.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: Sick Leave

- a) Leave of absence shall be granted at the rate fifteen (15) working days per year accumulative to one-hundred twenty (120) working days. Upon retirement, voluntary termination after ten (10) years of service in the Department, or death, an employee or upon his death, the employee's spouse shall receive a lump sum payment equal to one hundred percent (100%) of his/her accumulated sick leave hours, not to exceed a total of one hundred twenty (120) working days based upon an employee's salary at that time.

- b) Any employee who, as of June 30, of the contract year has a leave of absence accumulation of more than the one hundred twenty (120) working day limit shall forfeit said excess working days on said date; however, such qualified employees shall be granted one (1) working day additional vacation during the next fiscal year for each five (5) working days of unused leave of absence days so forfeited or employee may exchange two (2) working days of sick time for eight (8) hours of pay at their normal hourly rate. Compensation shall be made on or before July 31, of the contract year.
- c) The provisions of paragraph (a) above are not applicable to an employee who is terminated by the Town for disciplinary reasons.
- d) A maximum of one (1) working day shall be deducted from an individual's total leave of absence accumulation, for a day or a night shift. When an employee leaves the department the number of working days that he/she has shall be multiplied by eight (8) hours and paid at their normal hourly rate.
- e) Employees who use less than their allotted sick leave in a fiscal year shall receive a payment in accordance with the following schedule within thirty (30) days after the end of the fiscal year.
 - If no days are used - \$450.00
 - If 3.75 days or less are used - \$350.00
 - If 7.50 days or less are used - \$250.00
 - If 11.25 days or less are used - \$100.00

Section 2: Leave of Absence and Reasons for Leave

Leave of absence for employees of the Fire Department shall be granted for the following defined reasons:

- a) Personal illness or physical incapacity to such an extent as to be rendered thereby unable to perform the duties of his/her present position; provided that time taken shall be chargeable to accumulated leave of absence.

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- b) Attendance upon employees of the family within the household of the employee whose illness requires the care of such employee provided that not more than seven (7) working days with pay shall be granted to the employee for this purpose in any quarter, nor more than fifteen (15) working days in any one calendar year. In case of emergency, the leave may be extended (employees can be required to sign an affidavit stating there is no possible way to make other arrangements) upon recommendation of the Chief and upon approval of the Town Manager; provided that time taken shall be chargeable to accumulated leave of absence.
- c) Death of a mother, father, grandparent, step-mother, step-father, step-brother, step-sister, spouse, child, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, or other member of the immediate household, provided that in such cases the leave shall not extend more than one day beyond the date of burial of said deceased person provided that time taken shall not be chargeable to accumulated leave of absence.
- d) Death of other relative provided that in such cases the leave with pay shall be for not more than one (1) day to permit attendance at the funeral of said person. (Affidavit may be required.) Time taken shall not be chargeable to accumulated leave of absence.
- e) Sick leave may be taken without a doctor's certificate for three (3) days, but an employee on sick leave may be examined at any time by a doctor selected by the Chief or Acting Chief of the Department at the expense of the Town.
- f) The Chief of the Department may require a physician's certificate or other satisfactory evidence in support of any request of sick leave; however, such evidence shall be required for each sick leave with pay covering an absence of more than three (3) consecutive working days.
- g) Enforced quarantine arising from performance of duty when established and declared by the State Department of Health or other competent authority for the period of such quarantine only. Such time shall not be chargeable to leave of absence, but the employee shall receive his/her regular compensation during such quarantine.

- h) The Chief of the Department may grant up to three (3) days emergency leave for good cause shown. This emergency leave may be further extended at the discretion of the Chief. Such emergency leave may be charged to vacation or leave of absence.
- i) Permanent employees of the Fire Department for good cause shown upon recommendation of the Chief and approval of the Town Manager shall have the right to borrow up to thirty (30) days against future accumulations of sick leave. In the event an employee terminates his/her employment for reasons other than sickness or job injuries, all borrowed sick leave must be repaid to the Town.
- j) A physician form, provided by the Town must be signed by the employee's duly licensed physician and shall include confirmation of the employee's functional impairment to perform his/her regular duties and responsibilities before returning to work after an injury or illness. The Town also reserves the right to require an employee to undergo a medical examination at its expense to the extent it is not covered by the employee's health insurance. Should an employee fail to comply with any of the provisions of this section, he/she may be placed on unauthorized, unpaid leave and shall be subject to discipline up to and including discharge.

Section 3. Leave of Absence Accrual

Any employee taking leave of absence without pay shall cease to accrue leave of absence entitlements during the period of such absence.

Section 4: Maternity Leave

- a) Employees who are disabled from performing their regular duties due to pregnancy or childbirth may be granted light duty, if such is available. If not, then the employee will be entitled to use accrued sick leave and/or vacation in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). If an employee qualifies for FMLA and has limited accrued time (meaning not enough accrued time to be paid for the total of 13 weeks), the remaining balance of the thirteen weeks under FMLA will be unpaid.

- b) Employees shall provide documentation satisfactory to the Town upon request. The Town may require medical examination and report by a physician appointed and paid by the Town.
- c) No benefits shall accrue or attach for employees on unpaid leave under this Agreement, except that the employee will continue to pay their weekly medical deduction and the Town will continue to make its full contribution for medical insurance during unpaid absences established by this Section.
- d) Employees' seniority time and pension time shall continue during unpaid absences established by this Section.
- e) Female firefighters with medical documentation shall have a prenatal light duty position made available to them. The same light duty position shall be made available to the female firefighter once maternity leave has been exhausted and approval from her doctor. The female firefighter shall return to normal duty after full recovery with the approval of her doctor.

Section 5: Military Leave

Any member of the National Guard or Military Reserve of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who is required to undergo field training therein shall be entitled to leave with pay for a maximum of fifteen (15) days per year. If the member receives payment for his/her services from the state or federal government, the member shall only receive from the Town the difference between the amount so received and the amount the member would normally receive for the period of service. Members required to serve in excess of fifteen (15) days shall be entitled to leave without pay. If a member is called to regular duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, he/she shall be granted leave of absence without pay.

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ARTICLE VI

Section 1: Injuries

- a) Firefighters of the Smithfield Fire Department who shall contract illness or sustain injury in the line of duty, may if appropriate, benefit by the provisions of Title § 45-19-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended. Permanent firefighters who are injured in the performance of their duty shall receive the salary they were receiving at the time of the injury and any future increases negotiated for the position the employee held at the time of the injury for that period of time they are unable to perform any type of duty as an employee, or until they are placed on disability retirement.

- b) In the event that an employee, who has been injured in the performance of his/her duty, is unable for a period of six (6) consecutive months to perform his/her regular assignment, the Town may thereafter elect to place the disabled employee on a disability retirement.

- c) All injuries and recurrences of injuries shall be reported as required by department regulations.

- d) Any employee who has been placed on disability retirement as a result of an injury in the performance of his duties for the Town may continue to receive all medical benefits as listed in Article X, Section 1(A) hereof, and dental benefits afforded by this Agreement. This applies to all disability retirements on or after July 1, 1985. This provision shall apply to his surviving spouse and dependent children subject however to the following conditions:
 - 1) The retiree is not eligible for similar benefits at another place of employment; if such is available, the Town's benefits end on the first day of eligibility for the similar benefits. This provision applies at all times throughout the retirement and once Town benefits have been discontinued, they shall be resumed by the Town Manager only upon written application by the retiree or eligible survivor.

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- 2) Continued coverage shall apply to a surviving spouse only so long as he or she is not eligible for similar benefits or he or she remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, benefits to the spouse cease on the last day of the month in which the marriage occurs.
- 3) Continued coverage shall apply to a surviving child only until one of the following occurs:
 - a) Age eighteen (18) years, if not married, or employed and receiving similar benefits at place of employment, or age twenty-one (21) if a full-time student.
 - b) Eligible for similar benefits under any other program.
- 4) The Town expressly reserves the right to seek and to prosecute for return of all costs involved in any case of fraud under the provisions of this section, including legal costs and reasonable interest.

Section 2: Medical Care for Injuries

The Town shall pay all medical expenses required to be paid by R.I.G.L. § 45-19-1 for firefighters injured in the line of duty and not covered by the health insurance coverage provided by the Town, or other medical insurance covering the firefighter, including medical, surgical, dental, optical, or other attendance or treatment, nurses, hospital and convalescence services, medicines, crutches, and apparatus for such period as necessary.

Section 3: Examination for Injury and Re-Injury

When an employee has suffered an injury in line of duty and subsequently claims a recurrence of that injury, he shall then be examined by a physician designated by the Fire Department. If the department physician finds that the present condition is not related to the previous injury, the employee shall then be entitled to be examined by the physician who attended him/her for the original injury. If the opinion of the employee's original physician is in conflict with that of the department physician as to whether or not the employee's condition is a recurrence of a previous injury in the line of duty, then a third physician mutually agreeable to the department's physician and the employee's physician shall examine said employee and the opinion of the physician so selected shall be conclusive on the parties. If it is finally determined that said injury is a

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recurrence of the previous injury, in line of duty, the Town shall be responsible for payment of the employee's medical expenses as previously provided under this contract.

The Town shall pay for all examinations by Town physicians required by the Town. If an employee believes an injustice has been done by reason of the report of a Town physician, he/she may notify the Chief in writing within twenty-five (25) days that he/she contests the report and he/she may be reexamined promptly by a physician of the employee's choosing with the Town paying the full cost of examination. If the two physicians disagree, they shall mutually agree upon a third physician who can examine the employee promptly and his/her decision shall be final and binding. The expense of the third physician shall be borne by the Town. All of the provisions of this Section 3 allowing for examinations by physicians, including without limitation, the dispute resolution provision for a final and binding decision of by a third physician, shall be construed and applied for all cases of alleged injury, re-injury, recurrence of injury and other disputes concerning or related to the nature, extent, causation or duration of any alleged injury, re-injury or recurrence of injury.

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ARTICLE VII

Section 1: Longevity

The Town shall pay each employee of the Smithfield Fire Department who has been in continuous service as an employee of the Smithfield Fire Department for a period of five (5) calendar years as determined from the date of appointment as an employee of the Smithfield Fire Department, a longevity supplement to basic salary according to the following schedule beginning of:

Year	Longevity %
6th year	5.0%
7th year	5.0%
8th year	5.0%
9th year	5.0%
10th year	5.0%
11th year	5.0%
12th year	5.5%
13th year	6.0%
14th year	6.5%
15th year	7.0%
16th year	7.5%
17th year	8.0%
18th year	8.5%
19th year	9.0%

Year	Longevity %
20th year	9.5%
21st year	10.0%
22nd year	10.0%
23rd year	10.0%
24th year	10.5%
25th year	10.5%
26th year	11.0%
27th year	11.5%
28th year	12.0%
29th year	12.5%
30th year	13.0%
31st year	13.5%
32nd year	14% cap

Any employee who is currently over the 14% cap will remain frozen at his/her current rate.

Such longevity payment shall be made to each eligible employee on a weekly basis commencing with the first payday of the service year in which the amount of entitlement starts; such weekly payment shall be equal to 1/52nd of the total annual longevity payment entitlement.

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ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: Vacations

- a) All probationary firefighters, commencing from their date of employment, shall be allowed ten (10) working days paid annual leave.

- b) All permanent employees, commencing from the date of employment, shall be allowed Fifteen (15) working days paid annual vacation, accumulated monthly. Those permanent employees so employed for five (5) calendar years, commencing from date of employment, shall be allowed nineteen (19) working days paid annual vacation, accumulated monthly. Those permanent employees employed for ten (10) or more years shall receive twenty-three (23) working days paid annual vacation, accumulated monthly. After the completion of fifteen (15) years, twenty-eight (28) working days paid annual vacation shall be paid. Officers with the rank of Deputy Chief shall receive twenty-nine (29) working days paid annual vacation, accumulated monthly. Any employee who is entitled to, and is granted, ten (10) consecutive working days' vacation and who makes a written request to the Chief of at least ten (10) days prior to the start of such vacation shall be paid for his vacation days at the same time he/she receives his/her weekly pay prior to the commencement of his vacation. A maximum of one (1) working day shall be deducted from an individual's total vacation accumulation, for a day or a night shift. When an employee leaves the department the number of working days that he/she has shall be multiplied by eight (8) hours and paid at their normal hourly rate.

- c) Employees of the Fire Department shall be allowed their choice of vacation days in accordance with seniority as employees of the Fire Department. In the event that two persons desire the same vacation time and have equal seniority, then the employee having attained the oldest age shall be entitled to his preference.

- d) In recognition of the fact that unusual or emergency situations may arise which might leave the Fire Department shorthanded during the vacation period, the parties hereto agree that the Chief of the Fire Department shall have the right under such circumstances in emergency situations to cancel an employee's vacation or to limit the number of employees on vacation,

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but shall schedule such vacation at some other time agreeable to the employee or employees involved.

Section 2: Unused Vacation Time

- a) Unused vacation time may be accumulated up to a total of sixty (60) working days plus whatever working days are accumulated in the next employment year. Any vacation days earned in excess of sixty (60) working days must be taken in the employment year in which they are earned. No more than forty-five (45) accumulated working days may be taken in any one employment year. Up to ten (10) days of vacation time may be cashed in at normal rate of pay per contract year. All accumulated and unused vacation time shall be paid at the rate of pay that the employee is receiving at the time he terminates his employment with the Town.
- b) In the event an employee dies having accumulated unused vacation time, his/her designated beneficiary, or in the event he/she fails to designate a beneficiary, his estate, shall be paid for the unused time at the rate of pay he was receiving at the time of his/her death. An employee may designate in writing to the Town his beneficiary.

Section 3: Vacation Accrual

Except as expressly provided in other sections of this Agreement, any employee taking a leave of absence without pay shall cease to accrue vacation entitlements and all other benefits provided under this Agreement during the period of such leave of absence without pay.

Section 4. Working on Vacation

Any permanent employee, upon application to and with the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department, which approval shall not unreasonably be withheld, may work his/her vacation or any portion thereof. Any permanent employee so working shall be paid his/her regular hourly rate (not overtime or callback) in addition to his/her regular wages due him/her for that period of time.

Section 5. Good Attendance

All employees who use fifty percent (50%) or less of paid annual leave, in any employment year, shall receive one (1) day extra of paid annual leave for each year of good attendance accumulated

until retirement. This extra day shall be received by the employee no later than 30 days following this qualification of the previous employment year.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: Paid Holidays

Each employee shall be paid for the following holidays:

July 4	July 4th
Victory Day	2 nd Monday in August
Labor Day	1 st Monday in September
Columbus Day	2 nd Monday in October
Veterans' Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	4 th Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st
Presidents' Day	3 rd Monday in February
Martin Luther King Day	3 rd Monday in January
Good Friday	Good Friday
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Rhode Island Independence Day	May 4th

If work is performed by an employee on an approved paid holiday, said employee shall be paid regular time plus time and one-half (1-1/2) for all hours of work performed on said holiday in lieu of holiday pay.

Holiday pay is twenty (20%) percent of an employee's weekly base pay with longevity.

A Holiday starts at 12 midnight the eve of the holiday, and ends at 12 midnight the night of the Holiday.



Holidays for Headquarters personnel shall also use the following procedure for Holidays which fall on a weekend: Holidays falling on a Saturday, shall be observed on the preceding Friday, Holidays that fall on a Sunday shall be observed on the following Monday.

ARTICLE X

Section 1: Healthcare Coverage

- a) The Town shall assume the full cost of family coverage (when applicable) for all employees. The coverage shall be Medical coverage.
- b) All active employees shall be covered by the HSA \$2,000/\$4,000 deductible, 100/60 Plan with family coverage (when applicable) or individual coverage. The Town shall fund each employee's HSA account with \$4,000 for a family plan or \$2,000 for an individual plan on January 1 of each calendar year thereafter during which this HSA Plan is provided.

Effective 7/1/2023, each employee shall reimburse the Town in the amount of \$2,416.50 over the course of the calendar year through weekly payroll deductions of \$46.47 per week thereafter for each active permanent employee. Such deductions shall be made prior to taxes being deducted.

Effective 7/1/2024, each employee shall reimburse the Town in the amount of \$2,832.96 over the course of the calendar year through weekly payroll deductions of \$54.48 per week thereafter for each active permanent employee. Such deductions shall be made prior to taxes being deducted.

Effective 7/1/2025, each employee shall reimburse the Town in the amount of \$3,250.00 over the course of the calendar year through weekly payroll deductions of \$62.50 per week thereafter for each active permanent employee. Such deductions shall be made prior to taxes being deducted.

An employee who leaves Town employment during the calendar year shall pay to the Town within 30 days of the date of separation any portion of the HSA deposit which has not been reimbursed to the Town. The Town may deduct said unreimbursed funds from

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any monies due to be paid to the employee by the Town upon separation from employment.

An employee hired during the calendar year shall receive healthcare coverage under Article X, Section 1(A) above for the remainder of that calendar year, and thereafter shall receive healthcare coverage under this Article X, Section 1(B).

Any employee, spouse, or dependent who elects continued healthcare coverage pursuant to COBRA shall be covered under Article X, Section 1(A) above at their own expense.

- c) An active employee whose spouse attains age 65 shall remain eligible for family coverage.
- d) The Town will provide individual or family, as appropriate, health insurance coverage which is substantially equivalent (Including but not limited to the provider network RX and medical coverage) to the coverage provided to permanent employees as of the date of the execution of this agreement or such coverage as the insurer may create as a substitute if it discontinues a plan covering employees. In addition, prior to any future voluntary change by the Town, the union will assist the Town in reviewing all insurance proposals to assure substantially equivalent benefits at possible reduced costs to the town and employees.
- e) Employees who are deployed with the National Guard or Reserves shall retain their Town-sponsored health insurance plan. The Town shall waive the current health insurance co-pay for the duration of the employee's deployment. The employee is responsible to submit an official set of Government Travel Orders to the Town prior to being deployed.

Section 2: Medical Coverage for Retirees

- a) Fire Department retirees shall be covered under the Town Medical Coverage and Dental Plan provided for regular employees, provided, however, that the full cost of providing such medical coverage shall be borne by the retiree. Once a retiree has made an election to

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obtain such coverage and subsequently discontinues his/her enrollment for a period of six (6) months or longer, he/she may not re-enroll through the Town program.

- b) The Town shall pay, as hereinafter indicated, the full cost for continued full family or individual health care as listed in Article X, Section 1(A) hereof, for every employee of the Smithfield Fire Department who retires on or after July 1, 1984, if said employee was hired prior to July 1, 2013, and if said employee shall have served at least twenty (20) years in the department at the time of his retirement or was placed on disability retirement. The Town's obligation shall continue until: (1) the retiree or his/her spouse is eligible to receive the equivalent or better health care coverage from any other source (the Town shall pay any additional premium required to make the coverage equivalent, and if said additional payment is not accepted by the other insurer, the Town shall be obligated to continue health care coverage provided by the Town to said retiree and/or spouse) or (2) the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare or another federally subsidized health care program, or (3) the retiree dies, in which case a surviving spouse shall continue to receive the health care benefits provided to the retiree until the spouse remarries or is eligible to be covered by an alternative health plan from any other source, whichever event occurs first. If the equivalent or better health care program provided to the retiree or his/her spouse ceases to be provided at any time before the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare or another federally subsidized health care program, then the Town's obligation to pay for health care coverage as aforesaid shall resume.
- c) Each year, employees who are on pension shall be required to sign an affidavit as to any other medical coverage they or their spouse may be eligible to receive. Such affidavit shall be sent to each employee no later than April 1 of each contract year. Should said retiree fail to return said signed affidavit by June 1 of the contract year, he/she shall be ineligible for health care coverage from the Town for the following contract year.
- d) Employees hired on or after July 1, 2013 who retire after at least twenty-five (25) years of service in the Department at the time of retirement and attained age 55 shall be eligible to continue on the Town health care plan listed in Article X, Section 1(A) hereof at Town expense, with the retiree making the required co-payments and the same co-share

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reimbursement payments to the Town as active employees at the time of retirement until (1) the retiree or his/her spouse is eligible to receive the equivalent or better health care coverage from any other source (the Town shall pay any additional premium required to make the coverage equivalent, and if said additional payment is not accepted by the other insurer, the Town shall be obligated to continue health care coverage provided by the Town to said retiree and/or spouse) or (2) the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare or another federally subsidized health care program or (3) the retiree dies, in which case a surviving spouse shall continue to receive the health care benefits provided to the retiree until the spouse remarries or is eligible to be covered by an alternative health plan from any other source, whichever event occurs first. If the equivalent or better health care program provided to the retiree or his spouse ceases to be provided at any time before the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare or another federally subsidized health care program, then the Town's obligation to pay for health care coverage as aforesaid shall resume.

- e) All retirees who are eligible for equivalent or better health care coverage as defined in Article X, section 2(b) hereof must make prompt application therefor and may not reject, deny or forego such coverage.

Section 3: Dental

The Town shall provide individual or family, as appropriate, dental coverage which is substantially equivalent to Dental I, II, III and IV, with Orthodontic Rider to Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars per child or covered members, or such coverage as the insurer may create as a substitute if it discontinues a plan covering employees. The Town further agrees to extend the above dental coverage, upon written request of an individual on a case by case basis, to the fulltime student children of any employee, up to and including children twenty-five years of age. Request shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 4: Medical Coverage of Survivors

If any employee is killed in the line of duty, or dies as a direct result of illness contracted in the line of duty, the Town shall continue to provide Medical and Dental coverage for the surviving spouse and dependent children, or until the remarriage of said spouse. The coverage provided shall be the same as provided an active employee.

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Section 5: Voluntary Physical Fitness Program

The Town shall maintain and render operational such physical fitness equipment or apparatus as will be sufficient for the continuation of a voluntary physical fitness program for employees of the Smithfield Fire Department. The Town agrees to expend such funds as may be necessary to structure an occupationally relevant physical fitness program for firefighters and emergency medical service personnel. Any physical fitness equipment or apparatus acquired by the Town shall be and remain the sole and exclusive property of the Town.

The Town shall not be liable for any injuries or damages sustained by an off-duty employee while he/she is using said physical fitness equipment or apparatus. Injured on duty status shall not be granted to any off-duty individual injured while operating Department physical fitness equipment or while engaging in a voluntary physical fitness program.

The Town shall make available a voluntary smoking cessation program.

Section 6: Insurance Sellback

Upon evidence of alternative health care coverage satisfactory to the Town, any employee who desires to sell back their Town-provided health insurance coverage for the upcoming year may elect to do so based on the scale below. This shall be paid in the month of June for the upcoming contract year. All sellbacks will be for the period July 1 to June 30 of each contract year. The employee will not have the option to be added back to the group plan until July 1 of the next contract year. The employee may sell back only such coverage as he/she received the year prior to first enrolling in this program. Employees must maintain insurance coverage for on-the-job injury and illness so the Town is not liable to any greater extent than it would be if the employee maintained Town coverage.

Scaled Health Insurance Sellback

<u>Scaled</u>	<u>Amount per Employee</u>
1	\$3,000
2	\$3,000
3	\$3,500
4	\$4,000
5	\$4,500
6	\$5,000
7	\$5,500
8	\$6,000

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Section 7: Employee's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Contribution

Effective July 1, 2023 each employee shall contribute one point two, five percent (1.25%) of their annual salary (Article III, Section 1) and shall include longevity and holiday payments. Funds are to be deposited monthly into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund. The Employee's contribution shall be "pre-tax" pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

Effective July 1, 2025 each employee shall contribute one and a half percent (1.50%) of their annual salary (Article III, Section 1) and shall include longevity and holiday payments. Funds are to be deposited monthly into the Town's OPEB Trust Fund. The Employee's contribution shall be "pre-tax" pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI

Section 1: Retirement

- a) The Town Council shall provide a retirement plan for employees of the permanent Fire Department. Said plan shall continue to be the plan presently provided for employees under a policy of insurance with Principal Financial Group. Said plan is incorporated herein and made a part hereof and may not be changed without the consent of the parties to the Agreement. The Town and the Local shall meet with representatives of Principal Financial Group and John Hancock annually to review the pension plan, provided, however, that the Town shall not incur any overtime costs as a result of such meeting.
- b) Employees retiring or who are placed on disability pension after July 1, 1988 shall be entitled to three (3%) percent compounded cost of living increase on each anniversary date of retirement.
- c) Should Principal Financial Group and/or John Hancock in the future require premium payments in excess of those herein provided, such excess premiums shall be paid by the employees and not the Town.

Effective 7/1/2023

Employees' pension contribution shall be no less than ten and a half percent (10.5%) of their annual salary, which shall include longevity payments.

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The Town of Smithfield shall pay to Principal pension fund the sum of thirty-two point seven percent (32.7%) of the employee's base annual salary, which shall include longevity payments.

Effective 7/1/2024

The Town of Smithfield shall pay to Principal pension fund the sum of thirty-eight point nine percent (38.9%) of the employee's base annual salary, which shall include longevity payments.

Effective 7/1/2025

Employees' pension contribution shall be no less than eleven percent (11%) of their annual salary, which shall include longevity payments.

The Town of Smithfield shall pay to Principal pension fund the sum of forty-four point eight percent (44.8%) of the employee's base annual salary, which shall include longevity payments.

- d) Commencing July 1, 1990, employees who are injured in the line of duty and are placed on a sixty-six and two-thirds ($66\frac{2}{3}$) disability retirement benefit shall continue to receive the sixty-six and two-thirds ($66\frac{2}{3}$) benefit for the duration of their retirement. The additional cost for this change shall be equally shared by the Local and the Town. The Town shall provide to the Local any and all relevant information requested in writing by the Union regarding the calculation of such costs, as well as reasonably make the author of such information accessible to the Union at nominal expense, if any, upon written request by the Union.
- e) All firefighters hired on or after July 1, 2011 shall participate in the State Retirement System for municipal firefighters with Plan C COLA in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, in lieu of the Principal Plan. Employee and employer contributions shall be as determined by the State Retirement System. The parties agree to investigate the feasibility of allowing some active firefighters to transfer to the State Retirement System.

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All civilian employees hired on or after July 1, 2011 shall participate in the State Municipal Employees Retirement System with Plan C COLA in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, in lieu of the Principal Plan. Employee and employer contributions shall be as determined by the State Retirement System.

The Town of Smithfield shall make a one percent (1%) contribution for employees in the State Retirement System that will be put aside until a mutual agreed upon use is reached.

Section 2: Life Insurance

At its sole expense the Town shall provide each employee of the bargaining unit group term life insurance coverage in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). An employee who retires may elect to continue said coverage at the sole expense of said retiree on the condition that: (1) said employee notifies the Town in writing of his intent to continue said coverage prior to his effective date of retirement; and (2) the Union shall timely remit full payment of the cost of the premium for said coverage for each such retiree on or before July 21^s of each year. Should such premium payment for the coverage for any retiree not be remitted by the Union to the Town on or be July 21st of each year, then the Town may unilaterally cancel said coverage.

Section 3: Burial Expenses

The Town agrees to assume and pay the funeral expenses for an employee killed in the line of duty, such payment, however, not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

Section 4: Rescue Squad Duty

a) All personnel performing duty on the Rescue Squad shall receive in addition to his/her weekly salary the sum of Seventeen (\$17.00) Dollars for each shift for such service. A shift is defined as four (4) or more hours performing rescue squad duties.

b) EMTC Incentive Pay

All Firefighters who are EMTC on July 1 of each contract year shall be compensated with an incentive bonus of One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$1,750.00) Dollars.

c) Paramedic Incentive Pay

All Firefighters who are Paramedics on July 1 of each contract year shall be compensated with an incentive bonus of Two Thousand, Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars.

d) Dispatcher EMT Basic Incentive Pay

All Dispatches who obtain an EMT Basic License and maintain said license on July 1 of each contract year shall be compensated with an incentive bonus of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

Section 5: Specialized Duty Pay

Personnel with the rank of private assigned full-time duties that are in addition to their regular assigned duties or if assigned full-time to a position with greater responsibility, shall receive in addition to his/her weekly salary the sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars for such service.

Before a firefighter can become eligible for specialized duty pay it would have to be approved in writing by both the Chief of the Smithfield Fire Department and the Executive Committee of the Smithfield Firefighters Association Local 2050 IAFF before payment can be made.

Section 6: MAT Training

The Town of Smithfield recognizes Local 2050 as the administrator of the Fire Department's Members Assistance Team (MAT). The town shall reimburse MAT for all expenses to include but not limited to the certification, recertification of the MAT members and all training associated to the program. Reimbursement to MAT shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

ARTICLE XII

Section 1: Reimbursement for Education Expenses

- a) Employees covered by this Agreement will be reimbursed for educational training courses taken after obtaining the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department pursuant to the following:

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- 1) The training must be directly related to the required skill or education for the employees' current position. No reimbursement merely for promotion preparation.
- 2) Only full-time permanent employees who have been so employed for at least one (1) year will be eligible for reimbursement. Further, eligibility will be determined by the Chief of the Fire Department, in accordance with the department training program.
- 3) No employee will be reimbursed for more than three (3) courses per semester. No reimbursement will be affected if the cost is assumed by any other institution, scholarship or grant-in-aid.
- 4) Reimbursable expenses shall be restricted to tuition, course fees and required textbooks. While courses should normally be taken on the employee's own time, exception may be granted by the Chief of the Fire Department, in which case hours away from work must be charged to leave of absence.
- 5) To obtain reimbursement, a course must be taken from a recognized and accredited school.
- 6) Reimbursement will be affected on presentation of evidence to substantiate the expense, evidence of a passing grade.
- 7) The total amount to be reimbursed for all employees of the Department will be paid by the Town of Smithfield.
- 8) Any employee who is required by the Chief or his designee to attend any classes or seminars after his/her normal work hours shall be compensated at his/her overtime rate of pay for all the time he/she attends such classes or seminars.
- 9) There shall be no payment of wages for those employees who without approval of the Chief attend classes or seminars on a voluntary basis.
- 10) Should an employee voluntarily terminate his/her employment with the Town within one (1) year of receiving reimbursement under this section, he/she shall refund to the Town the amount it paid as tuition reimbursement during that fiscal year.

Section 2: Uniform Allowance

- a) The Town shall furnish to every newly appointed probationary firefighter a complete set of work uniforms. During the probationary period, this shall be the only uniform the firefighter shall be required to use. Upon appointment as permanent firefighter or promoted to a higher

rank, the Town shall furnish the necessary dress uniforms. Each Fiscal Year thereafter (July 1 - June 30), each firefighter shall be granted annually the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five (\$1,275.00) Dollars, as a uniform allowance which amount shall be paid on or before August 1, of each contract year, with which said firefighter shall be required to purchase all necessary work uniforms and accessories. They shall be a type and quality as previously designated by the Chief of the Department, such designation shall be posted not later than July 1 of the Fiscal Year for which the credit is received.

- b) The Town shall furnish to every newly appointed probationary dispatcher a complete set of work uniforms. During the probationary period, this shall be the only uniform the dispatcher shall be required to use. Upon appointment as permanent dispatcher, the Town shall furnish the necessary dress uniforms. Each Fiscal Year thereafter (July 1 - June 30), each dispatcher shall be granted annually the sum of Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars, as a uniform and maintenance allowance which amount shall be paid on or before August 1, of each contract year, with which said dispatcher shall be required to purchase all necessary work uniforms and accessories. They shall be a type and quality as previously designated by the Chief of the Department, such designation shall be posted not later than July 1 of the Fiscal Year for which the credit is received.
- c) In the event that the style of uniform designated by the Chief is changed, such that previously approved uniforms are no longer acceptable, then the Town shall provide each firefighter and dispatcher with an original issue of the newly designated item or items without charging such item to the uniform allowance provided by this contract. The Union recognizes that title to such items furnished remains with the Town.
- d) The Town agrees to grant every firefighter in the Department annually the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty (\$650.00) Dollars for the cleaning and maintenance of their uniforms, which amount shall be paid on or before February 1, of each contract year. The effective date in each contract year shall be July 1, for cleaning and maintenance payments.
- e) The provisions of this Section shall apply only to firefighters and dispatchers who are required to wear the distinctive firefighter's or dispatcher's uniform.

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Section 3: Protective Clothing

In addition to the uniform allowance, the Town agrees to furnish, where the nature of assigned duties dictates, a complete set of NFPA approved personnel protective clothing (PPC), personal alert devices which shall be provided for all firefighters in the Smithfield Fire Department and any other special protective clothing or device that the Chief of the Fire Department may feel necessary to the health and welfare of the firefighters. All protective clothing and equipment shall be purchased using the guidelines most recently published by the NFPA Standard 1500 for items being purchased. The Union recognizes that title to such items furnished remains with the Town.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1: Legal Assistance and Indemnification

In the event any employee covered by this Agreement is sued in any civil proceeding as a result of actions performed by said employee in the performance of his/her duties as an employee of the Smithfield Fire Department, the Town agrees to provide such employee with all necessary legal assistance and further agrees to pay any judgment rendered against such employee in any such proceeding.

This Section shall not apply to conduct of an employee which is willful, deliberate, or beyond the scope of this employment.

ARTICLE XIV

Section 1: Layoffs

In the case of a personnel reduction, the employee with the least seniority shall be laid off first. Employees shall be recalled in the order of their seniority. Seniority in the Fire Department shall constitute total seniority. No new employee shall be hired until all laid-off employees have been given ample opportunity to return to work.

Section 2: Employee Status Reports

- a) The Town shall furnish each employee the following statements at the following intervals of time:

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- 1) Sixty (60) days after any change in the base rate of pay and/or longevity increments, the Town will furnish the employee a statement showing his new rate of pay and the effective date.
 - 2) Once a year on the anniversary date of the employee's entry into full-time service, a statement showing:
 - the base entry date of service
 - accumulated sick leave
 - accumulated vacation leave
- b) For the purpose of this contract, vacation and sick leave shall be accumulated on a monthly basis.

ARTICLE XV

Section 1: Savings Clause

- a) Each and every clause of this Agreement shall be deemed separable from each and every other clause of this Agreement to the end that in the event any clause or clauses shall be finally determined to be in violation of any law, then, and in such event, said clause or clauses only, to the extent that any may be so in violation, shall be deemed of no force and effect and unenforceable without impairing the validity and enforceability of the rest of the Agreement, including any and all provisions in the remainder of any clause, sentence, or paragraph which such offending language may appear.
- b) In the event of such contract clause invalidation, both the Town and the Union agree to meet within ten (10) days of such determination and if possible to negotiate a valid clause reflecting the intent of the parties and reach such agreement concerning such valid clause within thirty (30) days. Said thirty (30) days may be extended by mutual consent of both parties.

Section 2: Contract Provision Coverage

All the provisions of this contract shall apply for the benefit of the employee whether he/she is acting in his/her capacity as an employee of the permanent fire department or when responding to emergency calls on his/her off duty time.

Section 3: Titles of Articles/Sections

None of the titles of Articles or Sections within this Agreement shall be given any substantive effect. The parties intend them only as a means of differentiating one section from another.

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1: Grievance Procedure

Alleged grievance of the members of the Fire Department or the Executive Committee of Local 2050 with respect to wages, rates of pay, hours, working conditions, or all other terms and conditions of employment, including this interpretation of this Agreement shall be handled in accordance with the following grievance procedure:

STEP 1:

When an employee covered by this Agreement, and/or Local 2050, believes there is a grievance, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee of Local 2050, within fourteen (14) calendar days of its occurrence, where if justified and approved by the Executive Committee of Local 2050, it shall present the grievance to the Chief of the Department or his/her designee. The Chief or his/her designee shall issue a written answer to the grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of said grievance, and such answer must contain a decision on the merits of the grievance. Should the Chief or his/her designee not respond within the time period set forth herein, it shall be presumed that the grievance has been denied. All grievances that are denied shall proceed to Step 2 if the Executive Committee of Local 2050 is in agreement to proceed forward.

STEP 2:

If the grievance is not settled at Step 1, it shall be presented in writing by the Union with any additional supporting material that has been approved by the Executive Committee, to the Town Manager, within fourteen (14) calendar days. The Town Manager shall give his written answer to the grievance to the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days. Should the Town Manager fail to respond within the time period set forth herein, it shall be presumed that the grievance has been denied and the grievance may proceed to the next step.

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STEP 3:

If agreement cannot be reached via the methods set forth in STEPS 1 and 2, Local 2050 may request arbitration of the grievance in writing no later than fourteen (14) calendar days from and after the response of the Town Manager is due.

Local 2050 shall file a demand for Arbitration with the American Arbitration Association. The selection of the arbitrator and the conduct of the proceedings shall be governed by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules for the American Arbitration Association.

WRITTEN PRESENTATION:

All grievances presented in accordance with these procedures shall be submitted in writing explaining the time and date of the grievance, the provision(s) of the agreement, if any, alleged to have been violated and remedy sought. All grievances shall be signed and dated by the duly authorized Union representative. The Fire Chief or the Town Manager may request a meeting with the employee and his /her duly authorized Union representative. A duly authorized member of the Union shall be granted reasonable time off during working hours to investigate and to seek to settle grievances, without loss of pay.

TIME LIMITATIONS:

Notwithstanding the time limitations set forth in this article, the Town and Union may extend them by mutual written agreement.

BINDING EFFECT:

The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto except that the Arbitrator shall not have the power to add to or subtract from the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF ARBITRATION:

The Fees of the American Arbitration Association and the fees and expenses of the arbitrator, any stenographer and facility fee to conduct said arbitration shall be shared equally by the Union and the Town.

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Section 2: No Strike Clause

In consideration of the rights of the employees covered by this Agreement, to the resolution of disputed questions under the grievance procedure hereinbefore set forth, the International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 2050, for itself and for all employees covered by the Agreement, hereby agree that no such employee shall have the right to engage in any work stoppage, slowdown, or strike. In the event that such work stoppage, slowdown, or strike shall take place it will immediately notify such employee or employees so engaging in such unauthorized activities to cease and desist and shall publicly declare that such work stoppage, slowdown, or strike is illegal and unauthorized.

ARTICLE XVII

PROMOTIONS

Promotion to the rank of Lieutenant/Fire, Lieutenant/EMS, Captain/Fire, Captain/EMS, Deputy Chief/Fire and Deputy Chief/EMS, of the Department shall be made from the top three (3) employees on the appropriate certified promotional list, and no employee on the promotional list can be passed over more than once before being promoted, i.e. an employee is passed over when someone lower on the certified list is promoted rather than himself/ herself.

Section 1: Promotional Procedures

Competitive examination within the Fire Department shall be subject to the following rules:

a) Eligibility - Lieutenants, Captains and Deputy Chiefs

- 1) No Private shall be eligible to test and become a Lieutenant/Fire unless he/she has served at least six (6) years of service in the Department as a Private and, prior to testing shall have, successfully obtained certification in NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service Instructor, and NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, Fire Officer I.
- 2) No Private shall be eligible to test and become a Lieutenant/EMS unless he/she has served at least six (6) years of service in the Department as a Private and, prior to testing shall have, successfully obtained certification in NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service

Instructor, and NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, Fire Officer I.

- 3) No Lieutenant/Fire shall be eligible to test and become a Captain/Fire unless he/she has served at least two (2) years of service as a Lieutenant/Fire in the Department and, prior to testing shall have, successfully obtained certification in NFPA 1521, Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications.
- 4) No Lieutenant/EMS shall be eligible to test and become a Captain/EMS unless he/she has served at least two (2) years of service as a Lieutenant/EMS in the Department, and, prior to testing shall, successfully obtained certification in NFPA 1521, Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications.
- 5) No Captain/Fire shall be eligible to test and become a Deputy Chief/Fire unless he/she has served at least two (2) years of service as a Captain/Fire in the Department and, prior to testing shall have, successfully obtained certification in FEMA NIMS ICS-300 and ICS-400.
- 6) No Captain/EMS shall be eligible to test and become a Deputy Chief/EMS unless he/she has served at least two (2) years of service as a Captain/EMS in the department and, prior to testing shall have, successfully obtained certification in FEMA NIMS ICS-300 and ICS-400, and certified as an EMS Instructor/Coordinator and BLS Instructor/Coordinator.
- 7) No Dispatcher shall be eligible to test and become a Fire Alarm Superintendent unless he/she has served at least six (6) years of service in the Department as a Dispatcher.
- 8) There shall be a Lieutenant/EMS, Captain/EMS, or Deputy Chief/EMS in charge assigned to each full time Rescue Truck. In order to remain a Lieutenant/EMS, Captain/EMS, or Deputy Chief/EMS, his/her EMTC/Paramedic Certificate must be kept current and failure to renew the EMTC/Paramedic Certificate and keep it current shall result in automatic reduction to Private status. If a Lieutenant/EMS, Captain/EMS or Deputy Chief/EMS transfers to the fire division, the rank of Lieutenant, Captain, or Deputy Chief will not be carried, and the Lieutenant/EMS, Captain/EMS or Deputy Chief/EMS who is transferred from the Rescue Division will return to the rank of Private unless promoted to a Lieutenant/Fire. If the Deputy Chief/EMS transfers from the EMS Coordinators position to a permanent position on the Rescue Truck, the rank of Deputy

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Chief will not be carried to the new position and he/she will maintain his/her previous rank of Captain/EMS.

- 9) The Deputy Chief/EMS shall be eligible to be in charge of a full time Rescue Truck prior to any EMS eligible officer on the promotional list only after an attempt has been made to contact all permanently assigned EMS officers and they are subsequently found unavailable to fill the EMS Officer vacancy.
- 10) Written examinations will be given to permit adequate evaluation of the degree of achievement and preparation for the rank involved and each candidate will be graded so that a possible score of 100 points may be obtained. Firefighters scoring 70 points and above will be placed on the promotional list. Upon promotion, a firefighter shall serve a six-month probationary period before being permanently assigned to the position. The firefighter will be evaluated, during the first six (6) months, by the Chief or his/her designee on a bimonthly basis. A promoted firefighter may be removed during his/ her probationary period for just cause.
- 11) Credit for seniority shall be given for actual service at the time of examination by the Human Resources Administrator or his/her designee. Seniority shall be computed as of the date of the examination. Credit for seniority shall be obtained by adding to the standard grade of 70 the following points:
 - One-half (1/2) point for each full year of service for the first ten (10) years.
 - One (1) point for each full year of service after the first ten (10) years.
- 12) Credit for college education shall be obtained by adding to the standard grade of 70 the following points:
 - One (1) point for thirty (30) college credits in an accredited firefighter, EMS or emergency management related degree program.
 - Two (2) points for an associate's degree or 60 credits in an accredited firefighter, EMS or emergency management related degree program.
 - Three (3) points for ninety (90) college credits in an accredited firefighter, EMS or emergency management related degree program.
 - Four (4) points for a bachelor's degree in an accredited firefighter EMS or emergency management related degree program.

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- Five (5) points for a master's degree in an accredited firefighter, EMS or emergency management related degree program.

13) There shall be a promotional list for all ranks in effect at all times, the promotional list shall run for three (3) years.

14) In the case of a tie after all points have been awarded, placement will be determined by seniority in rank.

b) Notification of Promotional Examination

At least ninety (90) days prior to any promotional examination, the Personnel Director or his/her designee shall cause notice of such examination to be posted on the Fire Department Bulletin Board of each station. Such notice shall contain, the source of all materials from which the written examination will be taken, the time and date of the exam, the date and time that all eligible applicants will be permitted to submit their request, along with any education or seniority points that may be rewarded in writing to the Chief or his/her designee.

Any written examination given which does not comply with the provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall be subject to grievance of contract.

c) Preparation of Written Examinations

The written examination shall be prepared by a nationally recognized testing agency agreeable to both the Town and the Smithfield Firefighters Association, Local 2050, IAFF.

Any changes made in study material for an upcoming promotional examination will be made no later than one (1) year prior to the date of the examination.

d) Verifying Testing Materials

The Chief and one (1) member of the Executive Board shall verify the content of all promotional exams no less than ninety (90) days prior to any scheduled promotional exam. The Chief and Executive Board member shall verify content by contacting the testing company and verifying satisfactory proof that the content of said promotional exam complies with the respective material identified on the department's Promotional Materials List. At no time will any member of the department have access to the actual test questions prior to the date of any promotional exam. All promotional exams shall remain sealed from the

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testing company until the actual day of the exam, at which time the exam will be opened in the presence of all candidates taking the exam.

e) Review Process

A review process of all promotional exams including a review committee that will include the Chief, an Executive Board Member and a neutral agreeable party. The review of the exam and any challenged question(s) shall not take more than fourteen (14) days upon receipt of the corrected exams. A promotional eligibility list shall not be posted prior to the neutral agreeable third-party review.

- f) In the rare circumstances that certification is unattainable due to lack of program availability, the Chief may, upon mutual agreement with the Union, allow a candidate to test without certification. Any candidate that tests without having the certifications must obtain certification at the next available opportunity or will be skipped for next available promotion until certifications have been obtained.

ARTICLE XVIII

DEFINITIONS

When used in this Agreement, the terms listed have the following meanings:

a)

- 1) The term "'Firefighter'" shall mean all permanent employees of the paid fire department of the Town with the exception of the civilian employees and the Chief of the Department.
- 2) The term "employee" shall mean all permanent employees of the paid fire department of the Town with the exception of the Chief of the Department.
- 3) Where terms are used in this contract using the male gender it shall be understood to also include employees of the female gender.

- b) The term "vacancy" shall mean that a position normally filled by an employee is not occupied.

- 1) "Permanent vacancy" shall mean that a position normally filled by an employee is not occupied because of death, retirement, resignation, or other termination of employment of an employee.
 - 2) "Temporary vacancy" shall mean that a position normally filled by an employee is not occupied as a result of the absence from work of an employee because of vacation, leave of absence, injury, illness or other reasons allowed under the provisions of this Agreement.
- c) The term "temporary transfer" shall mean the assignment of an employee to a position of higher rank, or the assignment to a different workstation for a limited period of time.
 - d) The term "work(ing) day," shall mean the normal daily hours of duty of an employee, as previously designated by the Chief consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
 - e) The term "Transfer within the Department" shall mean requiring an employee to perform services in an assignment different from his/her regular work assignment.
 - f) The term "date of employment" shall mean the first day for which an employee was paid as an employee of the permanent fire department.
 - g) Public Function... is where a "Firefighter" of the Smithfield Fire Department is assigned by the Chief of the Fire Department to standby as a fire watch at a function which held by a governmental unit of the Town of Smithfield.
 - h) Private Function... is where a "Firefighter" of the Town of Smithfield Fire Department is assigned by the Chief of the Fire Department to standby as a fire watch at a function held by a person or organization other than the Town of Smithfield and which shall be compensated by the parties holding such function.
 - i) Overtime shall be defined as any time worked in excess of the normal daily work shift and compensated at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2), including department drills if conducted outside of the normal daily shift and response to off-duty calls.
 - j) Time In Grade... The seniority of officers shall be determined by the length of time in rank. When more than one officer is appointed to the same rank on the same day, seniority shall be determined by the final standing in which they finished in the testing procedure established for that rank.

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ARTICLE XIX

PENSION COMMITTEE

There shall be a Pension Committee appointed by December 15, of each year between the Town and Local 2050 which shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Union, two (2) members appointed by the Town, and one (1) public member who shall be agreed upon by those members appointed by the Town and the Union. Decisions of the Pension Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Town Council.

ARTICLE XX

Section 1: Personal Days

All permanent employees who have been continuously in the employ of the Town for at least one (1) calendar year, commencing from the date of employment, shall be allowed two (2) working days leave with pay for the conduct of personal business. Such leave shall be granted upon prior written request of the employee consistent with the management rights of the Town to properly staff the Fire Department. Personal days may not be taken on or on the day prior to or after paid holidays as defined in Article IX of this Agreement. Personal leave shall not be accumulated from year to year. No employee shall be required to state the reason for utilizing such leave.

ARTICLE XXI

Section 1. Child of a First Responder Killed in the Line of Duty

The Chief of the Department will prepare a regulation which will give preference for appointment to the fire department a child of any firefighter, police officer, military personnel, or other first responder who was killed in the line of duty, provided said child meets all physical and mental qualifications for appointment and passes any examination required of applicants.

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ARTICLE XXII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1:

This Agreement shall be for the period commencing, July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Town of Smithfield has caused this instrument to be executed and its corporation seal to be affixed by Randy R. Rossi thereunto duly authorized by the Town Council of the Town of Smithfield, as of the day and year first above written, and the said Local 2050 has caused this instrument to be executed by Matthew D. Pearson, its President and Daniel J. Hopkins, its Secretary, thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year first above written.

EXECUTED IN THE PRESENCE OF

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

Donald A. Corrao

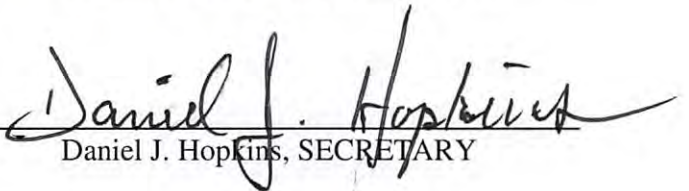
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