

AGREEMENT

between

COUNTY OF MACOMB

and

MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

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AGREEMENT

MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

THIS AGREEMENT entered into on the first day of January, 2011 between the COUNTY of MACOMB, hereinafter referred to as the Employer and the MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, hereinafter referred to as employee and/or Association.

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to all employees regardless of race, color, national origin or creed, sex or age.

PURPOSE AND INTENT: The general purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly and peaceful labor relations for the mutual interest of the Employer and employees and the Association.

The Parties recognize that the interest of the community and the job security of the employees depend upon the Employer's success in establishing a proper service to the community.

To these ends the Employer and the Association encourage to the fullest degree friendly and cooperative relations between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.

ARTICLE 1

RECOGNITION

The County of Macomb hereby recognizes the MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION as the exclusive bargaining representative for a unit consisting of: all budgeted employees designated as full-time Environmentalists II, III, IV, Environmental Toxicologists, Program Development Specialist/Health Planner, Water Quality Analyst and part-time Environmentalists of the Environmental Health Division of the Macomb County Health Department, excluding the Director, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, Environmental Health Supervisor, contracted Housing Inspectors, and the Public Health Engineer.

ARTICLE 2

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- A. The Employer retains and shall have the sole and exclusive right and authority to manage and operate its affairs, including all of its operations and activities; to decide the number of employees; to establish the overall operation, policies and procedures of the Employer; to assign employees to shifts in order to adequately staff shifts with experienced personnel; to schedule the shifts of all employees; to direct its working force of employees; to determine the type and scope of services to be furnished, and the type of facilities to be operated; to determine the methods, procedures and services to be provided.

- B. The Employer, in addition to the rights set forth in A. above, shall have the right to hire, promote, assign, transfer, discipline (up to and including discharge), layoff and recall; to establish work rules, and to fix and determine penalties for the violation of such rules; to maintain discipline and efficiency among the employees, provided that such rights shall not be exercised by the Employer in violation of any of the express terms and provisions of this Agreement.

- C. The Employer retains and shall have the sole and exclusive right to administer, without limitation, implied or other, all matters not specifically and expressly covered by the provisions of paragraphs A. and B. of this Article, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

SPECIAL CONFERENCES

Special Conferences mutually agreed upon, will be arranged between the President of the Association and the Human Resources Director, or his/her designated representative, for purposes of discussion of important matters. Such meetings shall be up to three (3) representatives of the Employer and up to three (3) designated representatives of the Association. Arrangements for such Special Conferences shall be made in advance and an agenda of the matters to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented at the time the conference is requested and agreed upon. Matters taken up in Special Conferences shall be confined to those included in the Agenda. This meeting may be attended by a legal representative of the Association. The members of the Association who are regular employees on the active payroll, shall not lose pay for time spent in such Special Conferences, but must notify their division director/designee of the date, time and location of such Special Conference, and must report to their immediate supervisor at the conclusion of the Special Conference during regular working hours.

ARTICLE 4

NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE AND REPRESENTATION

- A. It is recognized that no final agreement between the Parties may be executed without ratification by a majority of the membership of the Association and without ratification by the County of Macomb, but the Parties mutually pledge that representatives selected by each, shall have the necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals and make concessions in the course of negotiations, subject only to such ultimate ratification.
- B. The Employer agrees that up to four (4) designated Association representatives who are regular employees shall be entitled to be released, with pay, to conduct negotiations with the Employer, at times approved by the Parties. The Association shall be allowed to have an outside representative attend its negotiation sessions.
- C. Designated members in Section B. of this Article, must notify their Division Director/Designee of the date, time and location of such negotiation and representation activities and must report to their immediate supervisor at the conclusion of the negotiation and representation meeting during regular working hours.
- D. The Association President or designee shall be permitted up to one hour per day, non-cumulative, to represent the Association or its members in negotiations, special conferences, intradepartmental conferences, grievance processing, Appeal Board and/or arbitration proceedings, or other Labor Relations matters. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to notify the Human Resources Director and the Department Head/Designee of the identity of those members engaged in the above mentioned activities within a reasonable time prior to implementation of the recognition process outlined herein. Recognition of the Association representative designated as the Association President and/or his/her designated alternate engaged in grievance processing shall be limited to a regular employee on the active payroll. However, the Parties agree that an employee on layoff or approved leave of absence, who previously served as Association President will be allowed to represent the Association in the continued processing of a grievance that was initiated prior to his/her layoff or leave of absence.

ARTICLE 5

EMPLOYEE DEFINED

- A. One who is hired on a budgeted basis to fill a budgeted position which requires thirty (30) hours per week or more and/or any other employee who shall have worked thirty (30) hours per week or more for a period of at least six (6) consecutive months, PROVIDED, such status as a budgeted employee shall continue so long as the foregoing minimum standard is complied with. An employee will further be defined as a part-time Environmentalist as included in the bargaining unit as set forth in Michigan Employment Relations Commission Case #R96-A-9.
- B. A regular full-time employee who does not receive pay for an average of thirty (30) hours per week for six (6) consecutive months is no longer a regular full-time employee for all purposes of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, except for Workers Compensation and Leave of Absence Articles.

ARTICLE 6

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Probationary period for new employees will be a period of one hundred thirty (130) working days, actually worked, during which new employees must serve on the job to determine their ability to perform duties assigned them. At any time during this period, the Employer may dismiss the employee and such employee shall not have recourse to the Grievance Procedure provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 7

SALARY INCREMENTS

After employment, each employee may be entitled to one normal increment after each thirteen (13) continuous complete pay periods. Such increment will become effective the first day of the fourteenth (14th) complete pay period. All increments to be approved by the Department Head/Designee before becoming effective, providing any disapproval of an increment by a Department Head/Designee shall be set forth in writing together with the reasons therefore and a copy thereof furnished to the employee and the Association President and the Human Resources Department.

ARTICLE 8

ANNUAL LEAVE (VACATION)

- A. Full time employees, except for participants in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, shall be entitled to earn Annual Leave (Vacation) time according to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Consecutive Service Completed:</u>	<u>Days Earned Per Bi-Weekly Period:</u>	<u>Up to an Annual Maximum of:</u>
less than 5	.38	10 days
5	.57	15 days
10	.65	17 days
13	.77	20 days
20	.80	21 days
21	.84	22 days
22	.88	23 days
23	.92	24 days
24	.96	25 days

- B. Annual Leave days may be accumulated to a maximum of thirty (30) work days.
- C. Annual Leave days cannot be used by an employee until he/she has been on the payroll for thirteen (13) completed continuous pay periods.
- D. Upon termination of employment, an employee who has worked at least thirteen (13) continuous bi-weekly pay periods shall be compensated for his/her accrued vacation leave at the rate of pay said employee received at the time of termination.
- E. Employees who are working as regular employees but for a period each week less than the hours of normal employment, shall be entitled to Annual Leave as above on a basis proportionate to the time they have worked.
- F. County of Macomb employees who have been in the Armed Services of the United States under Military duty from Macomb County, shall, upon reinstatement if within ninety (90) days following separation from military duty, be given an Annual Leave Bank at the rate of one day for each month or part thereof spent in the Armed Service. Such annual leave not to exceed two (2) weeks in any single year or an accumulated total of twenty-four (24) days.
- G. Annual Leave schedules for employees of all departments shall be developed by the Department Heads and must have their approval.
- H. Annual Leaves will be granted at such times during the year as are suitable, considering both the wishes of employees and efficient operation of the department concerned.

Split Annual Leaves may be granted only when written notification has been given to the Department Head and with his/her approval.
- I. Annual Leave time in excess of two (2) days must be requested at least three (3) weeks in advance, unless otherwise approved by the Department Head.
- J. When a holiday falls and is observed within an employee's scheduled Annual Leave period, the Annual Leave may be extended one or more days, or portion of a day, as applicable, continuous with the Annual Leave. Holidays referred to are as specified in the Holiday Benefits Article of the Agreement between the Parties.

- K. Current Annual Leave practices in effect at the Public Health Department for employees covered by this Agreement, providing for five (5) additional Annual Leave days in lieu of overtime and/or compensatory time off, will continue.
- L. ANNUAL LEAVE FOR DROP PARTICIPANTS: Employees who are participants in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) shall not be subject to sections A., B., D., and E. of Article 8, above, and shall receive annual leave in the following manner:
1. DROP participants shall receive, on January 1st of each year of DROP participation, a number of hours of annual leave equal to the number of hours of annual leave accumulated in the calendar year immediately preceding the commencement of DROP participation.
 2. Employees whose DROP participation begins at a time of year other than January 1st, shall receive a pro-rata share of annual leave for the balance of the calendar year computed in the same manner as paragraph L.1., above.
 3. Annual Leave not utilized by an employee by December 31st of a calendar year shall be forfeited.
 4. There shall be no compensation for annual leave time remaining in an employee's annual leave bank upon separation from employment.
 5. DROP participants who utilize annual leave in an amount in excess of a proportionate share prior to voluntarily or involuntarily discontinuing employment shall be obligated to compensate the Employer for all annual leave time used in excess of such proportionate share. This provision shall not apply to an employee whose involuntary discontinuance of employment is caused by duty related death or disability.

ARTICLE 9

SICK LEAVE

- A. Every full time employee, except for participants in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, shall be entitled to Sick Leave with full pay of one-half (1/2) day (computed at straight time) for each completed two (2) week pay period of service.
- B. For sick leave usage only, the unused sick leave accumulation maximum that an employee can earn will be one hundred eighty (180) work days.
- For accumulated sick leave payoff purposes, as provided in Article 10, Accumulated Sick Leave Payoff, the maximum sick leave accumulation will retain its cap of one hundred twenty-five (125) work days.
- C. An employee may utilize earned sick leave allowance for absences:
1. Due to personal illness or physical incapacity caused by factors over which the employee has no reasonable immediate control. Personal illness includes a woman's actual physical inability to work as a result of pregnancy, child birth, or related medical condition.
 2. Necessitated by exposure to contagious disease in which the health of others would be endangered by attendance on duty.

3. Due to illness of a member of his/her immediate family who requires his/her personal care and attention, not exceeding fifteen (15) sick leave days in any one calendar year. The term "immediate family" as used in this Section shall mean current spouse, parents, grandparents, children, brothers, or sisters of the employee or of the employee's current spouse. It shall also include any person who is normally a member of the employee's household.
 4. To report to the Veteran's Administration for medical examinations or other purposes relating to eligibility for disability pension or medical treatment.
 5. Personal Days: An employee may use a maximum of two (2) earned sick leave days per calendar year for personal business reasons, subject to prior mutual agreement. Personal Business days must be used within the calendar year earned.
- D. Any employee absent for one of the reasons mentioned above shall inform his/her immediate Supervisor of such absence as soon as possible and failure to do so within the earliest reasonable time, may be the cause of denial of sick leave with pay for the period of absence.
 - E. The employee may be required to produce evidence, in the form of a medical certificate, or otherwise, of the adequacy of the reason for absence during the time for which sick leave is granted.
 - F. Sick Leave shall be taken upon a regularly scheduled work week basis. Holidays falling within a period of sick leave shall not be counted as work days, except as provided for in the Holiday Pay provision of this Agreement.
 - G. Sick Leave shall not accrue during a Leave of Absence Without Pay; provided, however, that Sick Leave time accumulated at the time of commencement of leave of absence shall be restored upon return to active employment by the employee, provide such leave of absence does not exceed the approved length of the leave of absence; otherwise such accumulated Sick Leave time shall be forfeited.
 - H. A non-probationary employee who is seriously ill for more than five (5) days while on annual leave, may, upon application, have the duration of such illness charged against his/her sick leave reserve rather than against annual leave. Notice of such illness must be given immediately. Proof of such illness in the form of a physician's certificate shall be submitted by the employee.
 - I. Employees shall not be entitled to use Sick Leave until the completion of six (6) two (2) week periods of continuous full time service, except in cases of injury incurred in the line of duty.
 - J. Employees participating in the DROP program shall not be subject to Article 9, Sections A., B., and G. above and shall be entitled to Sick Leave calculated in the following manner:
 1. DROP participants shall be provided with six (6) days of Sick Leave on January 1st of each year the employee participates in the DROP program.
 2. Employees who begin DROP participation at a time other than January 1st, shall receive a pro-rata share of six (6) Sick Leave days for the balance of the calendar year.
 3. After the exhaustion of the six (6) Sick Leave days provided for in paragraph J.1., employees may utilize that Sick Leave, accrued pursuant to Sections 9.A. and 9.B. above during the period of employment prior to the effective date of DROP participation, for which the employee was not compensated pursuant to Article 10, ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE PAYOFF, at the time the employees DROP participation begins.

4. Up to three (3) unused Sick Leave days, of the six (6) provided in Section J.1. above, will be paid by the Employer at the end of each calendar year of DROP participation.
5. There shall be no compensation for any Sick Leave time remaining in the employee's Sick Leave bank upon separation from employment.

ARTICLE 10

ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE PAYOFF

- A. Retirement: An employee, who leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, shall be paid for fifty percent (50%) of his/her accumulated and unused Sick Leave at employee's then current rate of pay.
- B. Deferred Retirement: An employee, who leaves employment and elects to defer retirement benefits, shall receive payment representing fifty percent (50%) of his/her accumulated and unused Sick Leave computed on the basis of the employee's salary at termination of employment. This payment shall not be made until the former employee begins to receive retirement benefits. In case the former employee dies prior to the time that the retirement benefits are to begin, said accumulated payoff shall be made to the deceased employee's Sick Leave payoff designee and shall be paid at the time of death.
- C. Payoff When There Is No Retirement: In case of death of an employee, payment of fifty percent (50%) of his/her accumulated and unused Sick Leave, at deceased employee's then current rate of pay, shall be made to the deceased employee's Sick Leave Payoff designee.
- D. DROP Participants: At the conclusion of the employee's participation in the DROP Program, there shall be no compensation for any Sick Leave time remaining in the employee's Sick Leave bank upon separation from employment.

ARTICLE 11

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Upon presentation of proper proof as required by the County, such as, but not limited to, newspaper death or obituary notices, the following Bereavement Leave Policy will apply:

- A. A regular full-time employee will be granted three (3) days off with pay due to a death in the employee's immediate family. The term immediate family shall mean: mother, father, current spouse, children and grandchildren. It shall also include any person who is normally a member of the employee's household.
- B. A regular full-time employee will be granted one (1) day off with pay for the death of one of the following: mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister. Upon request, an employee may use two (2) additional bereavement leave days for the death of a relative listed in this paragraph B. These two (2) additional bereavement leave days will be charged against the employee's Sick Leave bank, if a bank is available.

- C. A regular full-time employee will be granted up to three (3) bereavement leave days for the death of one of the following: grandparents, nephews, nieces, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law of the employee; it shall also mean grandparents, nephews, nieces of the employee's current spouse. Bereavement leave days used in this Section C. shall be charged against the employee's Sick Leave bank, if a bank is available.

ARTICLE 12

WORKER'S COMPENSATION DISABILITY

A County employee who has incurred bodily injury arising out of and in the course of actual performance of duty in the service of the County, which bodily injury totally incapacitates such employee from performing any available County employment, shall be entitled to disability compensation upon the following basis and subject to the following provisions:

- A. The employee must be eligible for and receive Worker's Compensation on account of such bodily injury.
- B. The total incapacity, as above set forth, must continue for the duration of the period of compensation.
- C. Any employee suffering an injury within the meaning and definition of this paragraph shall immediately notify his/her supervisor. If instructed by the supervisor, the injured employee shall report to a medical facility approved by the County.
- D. The employee, so incapacitated, shall be continued on the County payroll during the period of disability compensation hereinafter set forth.
- E. For the period during which the employee is disabled and receiving pay supplemental to his/her Worker's Compensation, the employee will accumulate seniority, Sick Leave and Annual Leave time.
- F. The County shall have the right to fill the position vacated by the employee receiving Worker's Compensation, through temporary appointment or hire, for the entire period in which the position is temporarily vacant, notwithstanding Article 5, Employee Defined. A current employee filling the position on a temporary basis shall not accrue classification seniority. The position shall become a regular vacancy at the time the active employment relationship is terminated with the employee receiving Worker's Compensation.
- G. An employee returning from Worker's Compensation shall be placed in the same position, provided that said employee has produced medical certification that he/she can return to duty and perform the essential functions of the job with or without accommodation.
- H. Disability compensation shall be made to such County employee in the following manner and upon the following basis:

1. The compensation received by such employee under the Worker's Compensation Act shall be supplemented by payment from his/her accumulated Sick Leave Reserve (and the employee's Annual Leave Bank if the employee so chooses) of that amount of money necessary to equal his/her regular salary and the employee's Sick Leave Reserve (and Annual Leave Bank if the employee had so chosen) shall be charged only the same proportion as his/her Sick Leave Reserve (and Annual Leave Bank if the employee had so chosen) payment is to his/her regular wage or salary for the day, week, half-month, or other period. This supplement shall continue for 104 weeks or until the employee's Sick Leave Reserve (and Annual Leave Bank if the employee had so chosen) has been depleted, whichever occurs first.
 2. If the employee's Sick Leave Reserve (and Annual Leave Bank if the employee so chooses) has been depleted and the employee has been receiving Worker's Compensation payments for less than 104 weeks, the County of Macomb shall pay to such employee a sum of money, in addition to Worker's Compensation payments, whereby the combination of Worker's Compensation payments and such County supplement shall equal two-thirds (2/3) of the employee's regular wage or salary. The County's two-thirds (2/3) pay supplement shall be made for a period not to exceed twenty-six (26) weeks; however, in no case shall the combination of the supplement payments (H.1 and H.2) exceed 104 weeks.
 3. Upon the expiration of the 104 weeks an employee unable to return to duty shall be terminated by the County. The County will have no further obligation to the former employee, unless the employee qualifies for and receives retirement benefits as provided in Article 17, Retirement System and the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance.
 4. Any Sick or Annual Leave earned and accrued once the County 2/3rds pay supplement begins shall be paid to the former employee upon termination of the active employment relationship.
- I. The foregoing provisions shall neither restrict nor enlarge upon the provisions and benefits accorded by the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance relative to total and permanent disability provided for therein.

ARTICLE 13

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- A. A leave of absence may be requested in writing for any of the following reasons:
1. Personal illness/injury
(Personal illness includes a woman's actual physical inability to work as a result of pregnancy, child birth, or related medical condition).
 2. Illness/injury in immediate family
 3. Education
 4. Personal reason (Personal reason includes the birth of a child, to care for a newborn, the adoption of a child or the placement of a child in foster care).

B. General Provisions:

1. Leave of absence may be with pay or without pay.
2. An employee absent from work for more than five (5) consecutive days shall be required to apply for and submit a request for a leave of absence in writing with the required documentation.
3. Failure to report for duty upon expiration of a leave of absence shall be considered a resignation. Exceptions may be approved by the Employer in situations that are beyond the control of the employee.
4. Waiting periods for Leaves of Absence eligibility:
 - a. Employees must have six (6) months or more of continuous service to be eligible for any of the following Leaves of Absence:
 - Illness/injury in immediate family
 - Education
 - Personal reason
 - Personal illness/injury
 - b. Employees shall not be required to complete a waiting period in order to be eligible for the following Leaves of Absence:
 - An illness/injury for which an employee is eligible for and receiving Workers Compensation benefits.
5. Duration of Leaves of Absence:
 - a. An approved leave of absence shall not exceed six (6) months, except that the following types of leaves of absence may have extensions of up to six (6) months granted:
 - Personal illness/injury
 - Education
 - b. All requirements for such requested extensions must be fulfilled. Extensions shall be granted or denied in writing. The aggregate total time of all extensions shall not exceed an additional six (6) months from the expiration of the original leave of absence.
6. The Department Head and the Human Resources Director shall approve or disapprove all requests for Leave of Absence, except for Worker's Compensation claims which shall be governed by applicable statutes.
7. An employee who receives a leave of absence without pay shall not accrue benefits during the time which the employee is on said leave of absence without pay.

8. Family and Medical Leave Act: The Employer reserves the right to determine whether or not a requested leave is provided pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act. The Employer shall provide information regarding the Family and Medical Leave Act as requested by the employee.

C. Types of Leaves of Absence:

1. Personal Illness/injury:
 - a. All requests for this type of leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Department Head or designee. In proper circumstances, the Employer may waive the requirement that said request be in writing.
 - b. The written request for a leave of absence must be accompanied by a physician's statement which includes the following information:
 - (1) General nature of personal illness/injury
 - (2) Dates of incapacity, including the anticipated date of return to work
 - (3) Physician's name, signature, address and telephone number
 - c. If an employee becomes ill or injured, and said employee has a Sick Leave accumulation, the employee will be required to have the time not worked charged against the Sick Leave accumulation.
 - d. Request for an extension must be submitted in writing at least five (5) working days prior to the expiration of the original leave of absence. The request for an extension must be accompanied by a physician's statement which includes the information in Section C, paragraph 1.b, of this Article.
 - e. The Employer may exercise the right to have the employee examined by a physician selected by the Employer before approving and granting such request for leave of absence and/or extension at the Employer's expense.
 - f. Prior to returning from a Personal Illness/Injury Leave of Absence, regardless of whether said leave is with pay or without pay, the employee shall submit to the Employer evidence in the form of a medical certificate or other written medical documentation; said certificate or documentation shall indicate the anticipated date of return and that the employee has the ability to perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation. At the Employer's sole discretion, it may require that a medical examination be conducted; said examination shall be at the Employer's expense.
2. Illness/Injury of a Member of the Employee's Immediate Family:

- a. A leave of absence may be requested because of illness/injury suffered by a member of the employee's immediate family. The term immediate family as used in this section shall mean current spouse, parents, grandparents, children, brothers or sisters of the employee, or of the employee's current spouse. It shall also include any person who is normally a member of the employee's household. All requests for this type of leave of absence must be submitted in writing to the Department Head or designee. In proper circumstances, the Employer may waive the requirement that said request be in writing.
 - b. In addition to the written request for a leave of absence, a letter from the physician attending the ill/injured member may be requested to evaluate the request.
3. Education:
- a. All requests for this type of leave of absence shall be submitted in writing to the Department Head or designee.
 - b. All requests for this type of leave of absence must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of leave.
4. Personal Reasons:
- a. All requests for this type of leave of absence shall be submitted in writing to the Department Head or designee.
 - b. All requests for this type of leave of absence must normally be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of leave.

ARTICLE 14

NOTICE OF MILITARY SERVICE

The Employer complies with the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Right Act (USERRA), 38 USC, Chapter 43 Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services. An employee whose absence from employment is necessitated by reason of duty in the uniformed services, shall notify the Department Head or designee of the upcoming military service requirements.

Benefits provided for employees absent under this Article shall be provided consistent with the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Right Act (USERRA), 38 USC, Chapter 43 Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services and/or current policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE 15

HOLIDAY BENEFITS

- A. The designated holidays are:

New Year's Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
The day AFTER Thanksgiving
Christmas Day
Floating Holiday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
One-half (½) day Good Friday
Independence Day
Columbus Day
Thanksgiving Day
December 24th
December 31st
General Election Day in the
EVEN numbered years

- B. Employees covered by this Agreement who normally work a regularly scheduled five (5) day week, Monday through Friday, shall be granted time off with pay for the designated holidays.
1. The holiday designated must fall on the week days, that is, Monday through Friday.
 2. Should the holiday fall on Saturday, the immediately preceding Friday shall be observed as the designated holiday for that year.
 3. Should the holiday fall on Sunday (except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, which are detailed in B.4 of this Article) the immediately succeeding Monday shall be observed as the designated holiday for that year.
 4. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve:
 - a. Should Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Friday, the preceding Thursdays will be observed as the designated holidays for that year.
 - b. Should Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Sunday, the preceding Fridays will be observed as the designated holidays for that year.
 5. The foregoing shall not apply if New Year's Day falls on Saturday in any year which is subsequent to the year of expiration of this Agreement.
 6. An employee shall receive holiday pay provided that he/she works the scheduled day before and the scheduled day after the holiday, or is excused with pay for the entire day from work. Failure to receive approval by not calling in or properly notifying the Employer regarding an absence on the day before or the day after a holiday shall result in the denial of holiday pay.
 7. Effective May 18, 2000, new hires will not be eligible to utilize the Floating Holiday during his/her first six (6) months of employment.

ARTICLE 16

INSURANCE BENEFITS

A. Life Insurance:

1. Active Employees (including DROP Participants):

- a. The life insurance death benefit provided by the Employer shall be equal to the employee's annual salary rounded to the nearest thousand dollars and \$4,500 additional accidental death and/or dismemberment (AD&D) benefit. The amount of life insurance shall be computed by using the employees' annual base salary as of January 1st of each year of this Agreement.

The Employer will provide a payroll deduction option for employees wishing to purchase additional death benefit life insurance. The amount of coverage shall be equal to 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 times the employee's annual salary (rounded to the nearest thousand dollars) and based on the Employer's and individual's combined level of coverage. The amount of life insurance shall be computed by using the employee's annual base salary as of January 1st of each year of this Agreement. Rates and conditions shall be subject to those established by the insurance carrier.

- b. Waiting Period: Employees who are eligible for life insurance benefits will be covered on the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of continuous employment.
2. Retirees: The Employer will provide a death benefit, in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to employees covered by this Agreement who retire on or after January 1, 1981, and are eligible for and receive benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance.

B. Hospital-Medical Insurance:

1. Active Employees (including DROP Participants): The Employer shall provide fully-paid Blue Cross Blue Shield Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) coverage or its substantial equivalence and Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) coverage or its substantial equivalence to all regular employees and their eligible family members, including prescription drug coverage, as outlined in Appendix A.

Employees who have a spouse employed with Macomb County, will be entitled to one insurance plan for both employees and all dependants. Such employee shall not be eligible for the benefit listed in section B.1.b.

Effective as soon as possible after ratification, employees will no longer be eligible for Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage.

- a. Waiting Period: Employees who are eligible for hospital-medical insurance benefits will be covered on the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of continuous employment.

Any regular employee laid off and subsequently returned to work, will be eligible for employer-paid insurance coverage as soon as administratively possible after the date of his/her return to work.

- b. Each employee who elects not to participate in any County-sponsored health care plan and who has coverage provided by another employer, shall be paid \$1,500 annually. Pro-rated payments up to \$750 will be made semi-annually to each employee who has not been enrolled in any County-sponsored health care program.

Employees shall be required to show proof annually of coverage from another employer that includes the employee before said employee will be declared eligible to receive payment in lieu of coverage.

Employees, whose spouse's or parents' health care plans cease to cover the employee, shall be allowed to enroll in a County-sponsored health care plan by showing proof that the spouse's or the parents' coverage has ceased. In such cases, the employee shall be allowed to enroll in a County-sponsored plan as soon as administratively possible and the payments in lieu of coverage shall cease as soon as administratively possible.

2. Retirees: The Employer will provide fully paid Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) coverage or its substantial equivalence to the employee and the employee's spouse, after eight (8) years of actual service with the Employer, for the employee who leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, based upon the following conditions and provisions:

For all employees hired on or after January 1, 2006, the Employer will provide fully paid Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) coverage or its substantial equivalence to the employee and the employee's spouse, after fifteen (15) years of actual service with the Employer, for the employee who leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, based upon the following conditions and provisions:

For all employees hired on or after ratification, the Employer will provide fully paid Blue Cross Blue Shield Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) coverage or its substantial equivalence for the employee's spouse, after twenty (20) years of service with the Employer, for the employee who leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, based upon the following conditions and provisions:

Effective on or after ratification, an employee who retires after fifteen (15) years of service and before twenty (20) years of service with the Employer, will be provided the option of paying for spousal health care under the County group health plan at the time the employee becomes eligible for health care coverage.

- a. Coverage shall be limited to the current spouse of the retiree, at the time of retirement or DROP, provided such employee shall retire on or after January 1, 1974. Coverage for the eligible spouse will terminate upon the death of the retiree unless the retiree elects to exercise a retirement option whereby the eligible current spouse receives applicable retirement benefits following the death of the retiree.
- b. Preferred Rx Managed Prescription Drug Program: An eligible retiree, and the person who is said retiree's spouse at the time of retirement, covered by the traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield indemnity health care plan will be enrolled in the Preferred Rx Managed Prescription Drug Program. Coverage is as follows:
 - (1) The employee leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance.

- (2) Co-pays for prescriptions received from an approved Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Rx network pharmacy will be \$5.00.
- (3) Co-pays for maintenance prescriptions, received from an approved Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Rx provider by mail-order, will be \$2.00.

Effective January 1, 2006, an eligible retiree, and the person who is said retiree's spouse at the time of retirement, covered by a Blue Cross/Blue Shield health care plan will be enrolled in the Preferred Rx Managed Prescription Drug program. Coverage is as follows:

- (1) The employee leaves employment because of retirement and is eligible for and receives benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance.
- (2) Co-pays for prescriptions received from an approved Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Rx network pharmacy will be \$5.00.
- (3) Co-pays for maintenance prescriptions, received from an approved Blue Cross/Blue Shield Preferred Rx provider by mail-order, will be \$5.00.
- (4) Mandatory Mail-Order for Maintenance Drugs.

c. Retired employees and/or their current spouse, shall apply and participate in the Medicare Program, if eligible, at their expense as required by the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, a part of the Social Security Program, at which time the Employer's obligation shall be only to provide "over 65 supplemental" hospital-medical benefit coverage. Failure to participate in the aforementioned Medicare Program, shall be cause for termination of Employer paid coverage of applicable hospital-medical benefits, as outlined herein for employees who retire and/or their current spouse.

d. Employees who retire under the provisions of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, and/or their current spouse, who subsequently are gainfully employed, shall not be eligible for hospital medical benefits, during such period of gainful employment, as hereinafter defined:

Gainful employment is defined as applying to retiree and/or spouse of retiree who are employed subsequent to the employee retirement. If such employment provides hospital-medical coverage for both retiree and spouse, the County is not obligated to provide said coverage unless and until the coverage of either person is terminated. If the coverage is not provided to retiree and spouse, the County will provide hospital-medical coverage for the person not covered.

e. Employees who retire under the provisions of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance and current spouse, shall, if eligible apply for and participate in ANY National Health Insurance program offered by the U.S. Government. Failure to participate, if eligible, shall be cause for termination of Employer paid hospital-medical benefits as outlined.

f. The Employer shall offer retirees the option of selecting the "Preferred Provider Organization" program.

- g. Each retiree who is eligible for hospital medical insurance and elects not to participate in any County-sponsored health care plan and who has coverage provided by another employer, shall be paid \$1,500 annually. Pro-rated payments up to \$750 will be made semi-annually to each retiree who has not been on any County-sponsored health care plan.

Retirees shall be required to show proof annually that a spouse has health care coverage that includes the retiree before said retiree will be declared eligible to receive the \$1,500 annual payment.

Retirees whose spouse's health care plans cease to cover the retiree, shall be allowed to enroll in a County-sponsored health care plan by showing proof that the spouse's coverage has ceased. In such cases, the retiree shall be allowed to enroll in a County-sponsored plan at the next billing period.

C. Health Maintenance Organization (see Appendix A):

1. Active Employees (including DROP Participants): The Employer will provide a Health Maintenance Organization option for regular employees covered by the present hospital-medical surgical program under this Insurance Section of this Agreement, provided the premium does not exceed the cost of the present insurance.

Employees who have a spouse employed with Macomb County, will be entitled to one insurance plan for both employees and all dependants. Such employee shall not be eligible for the benefit listed in section B.1.b.

2. Waiting Period: Employees who are eligible for hospital-medical insurance benefits will be covered on the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of continuous employment.

Any regular employee laid off and subsequently returned to work, will be eligible for employer-paid insurance coverage as soon as administratively possible after the date of his/her return to work.

3. Retirees: The Employer will provide a Health Maintenance Organization option for current and future retirees of the bargaining unit, provided the premium does not exceed the cost of the present insurance.

A retiree will have the option of retaining his/her HMO coverage at time of retirement or converting from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to HMO coverage during the County's annual open enrollment period.

D. Dental Insurance: A Dental Insurance Program will provide the following:

1. Effective June 1, 2000, employees (including DROP Participants) covered by this Agreement and their dependents will be covered by a 75/25 Class I, 50/50 Class II, maximum \$1,000.00 per year, per person, Delta Dental Plan, or its substantial equivalence with the Employer paying the premium for said coverage.
2. Waiting Period: Employees who are eligible for dental benefits will be covered on the first day of the month following six (6) months of continuous employment.

Any regular employee laid off and subsequently returned to work, will be eligible for employer-paid dental insurance coverage as soon as administratively possible after the date of his/her return to work.

E. Optical Program: An Optical Insurance Program will provide the following:

1. Employees (including DROP Participants) covered by this Agreement and their dependents will be covered by a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Vision Care Program known as Series A80, or its substantial equivalence.
2. Waiting Period: Employees who are eligible for optical benefits will be covered on the first day of the month following sixty (60) days of continuous employment.

Any regular employee laid off and subsequently returned to work, will be eligible for employer-paid optical insurance coverage as soon as administratively possible after the date of his/her return to work.

F. Liability Insurance: The County shall provide for each regular employee (including DROP Participants) Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Insurance while acting within the scope of his/her duties and Personal Injury Insurance including "false arrest" when also arising out of and in the line of duty and in the conduct of duly constituted Employer business. The cost of this insurance will be borne by the Employer.

G. Long Term Disability: Employees (including DROP Participants) covered by this Agreement will be provided a Long Term Disability program with benefits as currently provided by the present provider, or its substantial equivalence.

H. Determination of substantial equivalency, as expressed herein, will be subject to review and agreement by the Parties to this Agreement, prior to implementation of same.

I. Reimbursement Account Program: The Employer shall offer a pre-tax Reimbursement Account Program, as authorized by Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Reimbursement Account Program shall be limited to the Health Care and Dependent Care provisions of the IRS Code. Employees shall have the option of participating in the Health Care and/or Dependent Care program.

J. Short Term Disability: The Employer will provide a payroll deduction option for employees (including DROP Participants) wishing to purchase Short Term Disability Insurance that may be provided by the Union.

The Union agrees that it will protect, indemnify and save harmless the Employer from any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability, in any manner or fashion related to said short term disability insurance, including but not limited to, the existence of coverage, the extent of coverage, the qualification for benefits and any other issue with the exception of proper Employer compliance with the written payroll deduction authorization of the employee.

ARTICLE 17

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

A. Retirement Benefits: The Employer shall continue the benefits as provided by the presently constituted Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, and the Employer and the employee shall abide by the terms and conditions thereof, provided, that the provisions thereof may be

amended by the Employer as provided by the statutes of the State of Michigan and provided further, that an annual statement of employee's contributions will be furnished to the employees.

- B. Employee Contribution: For any employee hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, the employee's contribution to the retirement system is three and five tenths percent (3.5%) of his/her compensation.

Effective as soon as possible after ratification, for employees hired on or after January 1, 2002 the employee's contribution to the retirement system is two and five tenths percent (2.5%) of his/her compensation.

- C. County Pension Maximum: For any employee hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, the County pension shall not exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of an employee's final average compensation.

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2002, the County pension shall not exceed sixty-six percent (66%) of an employee's final average compensation.

- D. Pension Multiplier: For any employee hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, the pension multiplier is two and four tenths percent (2.4%) for the first twenty-six (26) years of credited service and one percent (1%) for each year of credited service thereafter.

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2002, the pension multiplier is two and two tenths percent (2.2%) for all years of service.

- E. Final Average Compensation Formula: For any employee hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, the formula for computing final average compensation, used for calculating pension benefits for eligible bargaining unit members, shall be based on the average of an employee's four (4) highest consecutive years of compensation out of the last ten (10) years of service.

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2002, the formula for computing final average compensation, used for calculating pension benefits for eligible bargaining unit members, shall be based on the average of an employee's five (5) highest consecutive years of compensation out of the last ten (10) years of service.

- F. Pension Calculation: For any employee hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, the County pension, which when added to an employee pension, will provide a straight life retirement allowance equal to the number of years, and fraction of a year, of an employee's credited service multiplied by the sum of 2.4% of the employee's final average compensation for the first twenty-six (26) years of service and one percent (1%) for each year of service thereafter.

For employees hired after January 1, 2002, the County pension, which when added to an employee pension, will provide a straight life retirement allowance equal to the number of years, and fraction of a year, of an employee's credited service multiplied by the sum of 2.2% of the employee's final average compensation for all years of service.

- G. Eligibility: Any member hired on or before December 31, 2001 or who is vested as of May 1, 2009, who meets the following criteria may retire upon his/her written application filed with the Retirement Commission:

1. Attained age 60 years and has 8 or more years of credited service; or
2. Attained the age of 50 with at least 8 years of credited service, if the employee's age, when added to the employee's years of credited service, equal the sum of 70 or more.

For employees hired on or after January 1, 2002, any member who meets the following criteria may retire upon his/her written application filed with the Retirement Commission:

1. Attained age 60 years and has 8 or more years of actual service; or
2. Attained the age of 55 with 25 years of actual service.

Upon his/her retirement, the employee shall receive a retirement allowance as provided in Section 22 of the Retirement Ordinance.

- H. Retroactive Effect: Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 (11) and 2 (12) of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System Ordinance, when an employee's Final Average Compensation is calculated, any retroactive wages provided shall be counted as if the retroactive wages were paid to the employee when the wages were earned, not when they were received by the employee.
- I. Annuity Withdrawal: Members of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System may elect to take an Annuity Withdrawal. The utilization of this option shall be governed by any applicable Annuity Withdrawal provisions of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System Ordinance.
- J. Purchase of Military Service Credits: A member who wishes to purchase military service credits as provided in Section 20 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance shall be allowed to purchase said credits through payroll deduction. A member who chooses the payroll deduction option may spread his/her purchase of military service credits over the same number of years that the member is purchasing (i.e., if two years of credits are being purchased, the member will have two years to use the payroll deduction option).
- If a member chooses the payroll deduction option, the cost of such credit shall be computed as provided in Section 20 of the aforementioned Ordinance, and the cost shall be adjusted every January 1, as appropriate.
- K. Option D: A retirant shall have the option of selecting survivor's benefits in conjunction with the retirement option described in Section 26(a) of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance commonly known as "Option D - Level Income Option". Said survivor's benefits shall correspond to those benefits known as Option A - 100% Survivor Allowance, Option B -50% Survivor Allowance and Option C - Allowance For 10 Years Certain and Life Thereafter, as described in Section 26 of said Ordinance.
- L. Pop Up Option: A retirant may elect this option in combination with Option A or B of Section 26 of the Ordinance. Under this option, a reduced retirement allowance is payable during the joint lifetime of the retirant and his/her beneficiary nominated under Option A or B, whichever is elected. Upon the death of the retirant, his/her beneficiary will receive a retirement allowance for life equal to the percentage specified by Option A or B of the reduced retirement income payable during the joint lifetime of the retirant and his/her beneficiary. Upon the death of the beneficiary, the retirant will receive a retirement allowance equal to one hundred percent of the amount specified by Section 26 (a) of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance for the remaining lifetime of the retirant. The reduced retirement allowance payable during the joint lifetime of the retirant and

his/her beneficiary together with the retirement allowance payable to one upon the death of the other will be actuarially equivalent to the retirement allowance provided by Section 22 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance as a single life annuity. This provision shall be without force or effect unless or until the retirant submits acceptable documentation of the death of his/her beneficiary to the Secretary of the Retirement Commission.

- M. Deferred Retirement Allowance Option: In the event a bargaining unit member, who has eight or more years of credited service, leaves the employ of the County prior to the date he/she has satisfied the age and service requirements for retirement provided in Section 21 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, for any reason except his/her disability retirement or death, he/she shall be entitled to retire at the normal retirement age and be subject to the retirement formula in effect at the time he/she left County employment and as provided for in Section 22 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, provided that he/she does not withdraw his/her accumulated contributions from the employees savings fund. His/her retirement allowance under the plan in effect at the employee's termination of County employment shall begin the first day of the calendar month next following the date his/her application for same is filed with the Commission after the employee would have become eligible for retirement under the plan had the employee's employment not been terminated, but not later than 90 days after the employee becomes 65 years of age.

A vested former member who withdraws accumulated member contributions and voluntarily forfeits credited service in the System thereby forfeits all rights in and to the portion of the pension attributable to the forfeited credited service.

- N. Non-Duty Death Before Retirement, Beneficiary Nominated: Any bargaining unit member who continues in county employment on or after the date he/she either 1) has acquired 25 years of credited service, or 2) has attained age 60 years and has eight or more years of credited service, may at any time prior to the effective date of his/her retirement elect Option A provided in Section 26 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System Ordinance in the same manner as if he/she were then retiring from county employment, and nominate a beneficiary whom the retirement commission finds to be dependent upon the said member for at least 50 percent of his/her support due to lack of financial means. Prior to the effective date of his/her retirement a member may revoke his/her said election of Option A and nomination of beneficiary and he/she may again elect the said Option A and nominate a beneficiary as provided in this section. Upon the death of a member who has an Option A election in force his/her beneficiary, if living, shall immediately receive a retirement allowance computed in the same manner in all respects as if the said member had retired the day preceding the date of his/her death, notwithstanding that he/she might not have attained age 60 years. If a member has an Option A election in force at the time of his/her retirement his/her said election of Option A and nomination of beneficiary shall thereafter continue in force; provided, that prior to the effective date of his/her retirement he/she shall have the right to elect to receive his/her retirement allowance as a straight life retirement allowance or under Option B provided in Section 26 of the Ordinance. No retirement allowance shall be paid under this section on account of the death of a member if any benefits are paid or will become payable under Section 35 of the Ordinance on account of his/her death.

- O. Non-Duty Death Retirement Allowance, Automatic Provisions: Any bargaining unit member who continues in the employ of the County for more than ten years and has not nominated a beneficiary as provided in the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, and (1) dies while in County employment and (2) leaves a spouse, the spouse shall immediately receive a retirement allowance computed in the same manner in all respects as if the member had (1) retired the day preceding the date of his/her death, notwithstanding that he/she might not have attained age 60 years, (2) elected Option A in Section 26 of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance and (3) nominated his/her spouse as beneficiary.

- P. DROP Program: The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) is attached to and is incorporated by reference as part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18

LONGEVITY

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a policy of payment of additional compensation to those County employees having a record of long continued employment and service with the County of Macomb, as recognition of the value of experience gained by such length of service and to encourage same.

- A. All employees represented by the bargaining unit shall be included in the Macomb County Longevity Compensation Policy.
- B. The basis of longevity compensation is as follows:
1. Eligibility of an employee shall initially commence when such employee shall have completed five (5) full years of continuous employment on or before October 31st of any year.
 2. Credit shall be given retroactively for continuous employment years of service by County employees existent as of the effective date of this Longevity Policy.
 3. Continuous employment, for the purpose of this policy shall not be considered as interrupted when absences arise as paid vacations, paid Sick Leave, paid Worker’s Compensation period not to exceed one year, or Leave of Absence Without Pay authorized by the Department Head or his/her Designee and approved by the Human Resources Director; provided such approved Leave of Absence Without Pay shall not be considered in the computation of years of service for longevity compensation.
 4. The compensation used as a basis for computation of longevity for employees shall be based on a rate of the annual salary, not exceeding \$18,000, paid to such employee as of October 31st, provided, such employee qualified as to length of service as paragraph B.1, provided, that the compensation to be utilized for computation purposes of a part-time employee entering upon full time employment shall be the average compensation received by such employee in the previous five (5) years of employment until such time as five (5) years of service of full time employment is attained.
- C. The following schedule of payment shall apply and the percentage shall not exceed ten percent (10%) nor apply to a salary in excess of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).

<u>STEP</u>	<u>CONTINUOUS YEARS SERVICE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31st OF EACH YEAR</u>	<u>PERCENT USED BUT ON BASE NOT IN EXCESS OF \$18,000</u>
1	5 through 9	2%
2	10 through 14	4%
3	15 through 19	6%
4	20 through 24	8%
5	25 and thereafter	10%

- D. Longevity payments may be pro-rated and paid to eligible employees when they return from an approved leave of absence without pay as stated in the following provisions. Employees who retire and are eligible for and receive benefits under the Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance, or who die prior to October 31st, may receive a pro-ration of longevity payments regardless of date of retirement or death, as stated in the following provision D-1 below.
1. Employees who qualify will receive 1/12th of the applicable amounts as provided for in the Longevity Compensation schedule of payment formula for each complete calendar month of service actually worked from the preceding November 1st to October 31st. In no case shall less than ten (10) days of service rendered in a calendar month be credited as a month of service.
 2. Employees voluntarily leaving the employ of the County or dismissed for cause prior to October 31st of any year shall not be entitled to longevity payments for the year of leaving nor for any portion thereof.
 3. An approved leave of absence without pay for reasons of personal illness/injury, shall qualify an employee for a pro-rated longevity payment at the same time that other employees receive their payment. Employees who are on a Leave of Absence Without Pay for illness/injury in immediate family, education and personal reasons will be required to return to active employment from said leave to qualify for a pro-rated longevity payment.
- E. Military duty time will be included as continuous service time in the computation of future longevity payments, PROVIDED, the employee returns to the employ of the County within ninety (90) days after release from service with a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- F. Longevity compensation shall be added to the regular payroll check, when due, for eligible employees. It shall be considered a part of the regular compensation and, as such subject to Federal and State withholding tax, social security, retirement deductions, regulations and ordinances of the County of Macomb and other applicable statutes.
- G. Payments to employees eligible as of October 31st of any year shall be included in the first regular payroll check of December. The annual period covered in computation of longevity shall be from November 1 of each year through and including October 31st of the following year.
- H. DROP Participants: At the time an employee elects to participate in the DROP Program he/she shall receive, as part of their payoff, a prorated amount of longevity compensation as described in Section D, above. Payment for the balance of the DROP years' longevity payment and subsequent longevity payments shall be made in December of each year as described in Section G, above. For DROP participants, the amount of longevity compensation paid in subsequent years shall be determined by the step level achieved by the employee at the time they elected to DROP. (Step levels are described in Section C, above).

ARTICLE 19

JURY DUTY

In the event an employee is called for jury duty, the employee shall promptly provide a copy of the official notice to his/her immediate supervisor. The employee's schedule may be adjusted by the Employer, provided, however, no employee shall be required to work any number of hours, when added to the number of hours the person spends on jury duty, that exceeds the number of hours normally and customarily worked by the person during a work day. An employee working second shift, whose schedule has not been adjusted,

shall be released from the shift scheduled for the same date as the scheduled jury duty. An employee working third shift, whose schedule has not been adjusted, shall be released from the shift schedule on the date prior to the scheduled jury duty.

Should any employee be released from jury duty prior to the end of that shift, the employee shall, when practicable, return to the department and work until the conclusion of that day's shift.

The employee shall be paid his/her normal daily wage for each day worked and/or assigned to jury duty. The employee shall pay the Employer an amount equal to any payment received as a result of jury duty service. Expenses provided to employees as a result of jury duty service, such as mileage, parking or meal expenses, may be retained by the employee.

ARTICLE 20

BEEPER/CALL-IN PAY

- A. Pay for beeper duty will be \$150.00 per week for each week that a beeper is assigned.
- B. Call-In Pay For Major Holidays Only: The County will provide compensatory time or overtime pay at a rate of one and a half times to Association members who are assigned beeper duty, as in Section A above, and who are actually called in to work on any of the following major holidays, only: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

The Environmental Health Division Director, on a case-by-case basis, will determine if the payment will be made by utilizing compensatory time or overtime pay.

- C. Call-in for the Toxicologist and Program Development Specialist/Health Planner Only: In those instances, where the Toxicologist or Program Development Specialist/Health Planner is contacted during non-work hours as a result of beeper duty only, he/she shall be provided compensatory time or overtime pay at a rate of one and a half times.

ARTICLE 21

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA)

- A. For the term of this Agreement, a cost-of-living-allowance (COLA) of twenty cents (\$.20) per hour will be paid for each credited payroll hour paid.
- B. Payments will be made quarterly, by separate check, no later than thirty-five (35) days following the last day of the previous quarter of a year.
- C. Effective for the quarter beginning January 1, 2006, cost-of-living-allowance (COLA) will be eliminated and \$.20 per hour will be added to and made a part of the maximum salary of all classifications.

ARTICLE 22

SALARY AND INCREMENT SCHEDULE

The Salary and Increment Schedule, is attached to and made a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 23

MILEAGE

Mileage reimbursement for employees required to use their personal vehicles in pursuit of assigned County business will be made in accordance with the State of Michigan's mileage reimbursement formula, disregarding any fraction of a cent. Adjustments to the reimbursement figure will be made annually.

ARTICLE 24

SENIORITY

A. New employees shall be on a probationary status for the first six (6) months of their employment with the Macomb County Health Department, in accordance with provisions of the probationary period provided for in this Agreement. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the employee's Departmental Seniority will be retroactive to their date of hire and computed as described in B. below.

B. Departmental Seniority:

1. Full-time employees shall accumulate Departmental seniority from their last date of full-time hire. Departmental seniority shall be computed on the basis of full-time service, unless otherwise abridged by this Agreement.
2. Part-time employees shall accumulate Departmental seniority based on the total number of actual paid hours from last date of hire as a part-time employee with each 7.5 hour period constituting one (1) day of seniority.
3. Date of entry into the Department (departmental seniority) will provide a seniority date that will prevail for the purpose of "bumping rights" for full-time employees in the event of a layoff.

Employees classified as part-time shall not be permitted to utilize departmental seniority for bumping purposes.

C. Classification Seniority:

1. Classification seniority is service time earned by an employee in a particular classification covered by this Agreement (e.g., Environmentalist II, III, IV, Toxicologist, Program Development Specialist/Health Planner, Water Quality Analyst and part-time Environmentalist) from the date of entry into that classification by date of hire, date of promotion, date of transfer or otherwise. Classification seniority will continue so long as the employee remains within the affected classification.
2. Upon transfer or promotion to a different classification within this bargaining unit, a new classification seniority date will commence on the date of such transfer or promotion. Upon return to a prior classification, the affected employee will be credited with seniority previously earned in that classification.
3. Classification seniority will prevail for purposes of layoff and recall rights within the classification that the employee occupies at the time prior to a layoff.

- D. Date of entry into County employment will provide a seniority date that will prevail for the purposes of annual leave and sick leave eligibility and accumulation, longevity, retirement and similar fringe benefits the Parties hereto may agree upon.
- E. The Employer shall post a seniority list once each year, during the month of July. The Association shall be notified every ninety (90) days of any changes in the list.
- F. Loss Of Seniority: An employee shall forfeit seniority for the following reasons:
 - 1. The employee voluntarily resigns.
 - 2. The employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the Grievance Procedure.
 - 3. The employee is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer. After such absence, the Employer will send written notification to the employee at the last known address that the employee has lost service credit and employment has been terminated. If the disposition made of any such case is not satisfactory, the matter may be referred to the grievance procedure. In proper cases, exceptions shall be made by the Employer.
 - 4. The employee does not return to work when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall procedure. In proper cases, exceptions may be made by the Employer.
 - 5. Return from Sick Leave and Leaves of Absence will be treated the same as 3 above.
 - 6. The employee, except for participants in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, withdraws his/her contributions from the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System.
 - 7. He/she retires.
- G. DROP Participants: DROP participants shall continue to accrue seniority in the same manner as Active Employees, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 25

LAYOFF

- A. Layoff is defined as a reduction in the working force.
- B. If a layoff becomes necessary the following procedures will be mandatory:
 - 1. Layoffs, as required, shall be made within the affected classification in the affected department.
 - 2. Such reduction will be made in the first instance by terminating probationary employees in the affected classifications.
 - 3. If a further reduction in force is required, such reduction, in the case of seniority employees, will be made in inverse order of seniority within the affected classification in the affected department.

- C. When an employee is laid off due to a reduction in the work force, he or she shall be permitted to exercise his/her seniority rights to "bump" or replace the least senior employee in classifications covered by this Agreement in the affected department only. Such employee may "bump" an employee in an equal or lower job classification under the following conditions:
1. The employee shall have seniority as required and as defined in Article 24, Seniority, of this Agreement.
 2. The employee shall have current ability to perform the available work, meet the qualifications and perform the duties of the job with minimal orientation as required and defined by the Employer.
 3. An employee who qualifies for rights as set forth above, shall have the right to exercise such right or to accept layoff. Failure of the affected employee to exercise such "bumping rights" at the time of layoff, will result in forfeiture of "bumping rights" during the term of such layoff.
- D. Employees to be laid off for an indefinite period of time will have at least fifteen (15) days notice of such layoff. The Association President shall receive a list from the Employer, of the employees being laid off, on the same date the notices are issued to the employees.

ARTICLE 26

RECALL

- A. Recall Procedure: When the working force is increased after a layoff, employees will be recalled according to seniority as outlined in Article 24, Seniority. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his/her last known address, as listed in his/her personnel file, located in the Human Resources Department, and sent by Certified Mail. If the affected employee fails to report for work within ten (10) days from date of mailing of notice of recall, his/her employment shall be considered terminated. Extension will be granted solely by the Employer, in proper cases.
- B. Recall rights for laid off employees will be limited to a period of one (1) year, or length of Departmental Classification seniority, whichever is greater, EXCEPT for employees hired on or after January 1, 1983 who after layoff shall have recall rights limited to length of Departmental Classification seniority but in no event to exceed a period of eighteen (18) months following date of such layoff. Upon expiration of either period whichever is applicable, the Employer shall be under no obligation to recall the laid off employee and such employee shall forfeit his/her seniority.

ARTICLE 27

DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

- A. DISCIPLINE: Disciplinary action or measures shall include the following: oral reprimand, written reprimand, suspension, discharge. Nothing in this action however, shall prevent the Employer from appropriately disciplining an employee should circumstances warrant, up to and including discharge. Copies of all disciplines which are affixed to the employee's personnel record shall be given to the employee and the Grievance Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Association President.

- B. Disciplinary action may be imposed upon an employee only for failing to fulfill his/her responsibilities as an employee. Any disciplinary action or measures imposed upon an employee may be processed as a grievance through the regular Grievance Procedure, or through the Special Conference provisions as provided for in this Agreement. If the employee does not want his/her Grievance Chairperson present at a disciplinary hearing, Management will provide the employee an opportunity to sign a waiver to that effect.
- C. DISCHARGE/SUSPENSION: The Employer shall not discharge or suspend any employee without just cause. If, in any case, the Employer feels there is just cause for discharge or suspension, the employee and his/her Grievance Chairperson, and in his/her absence, the Association President, will be notified in writing that the employee has been discharged or suspended. The employee's immediate supervisor or other designated management representative will discuss the action to be taken with the employee and his/her Grievance Chairperson before the employee is required to leave the premises, if circumstances permit.
- D. The Association shall have the right to take up the discharge or suspension as a grievance at the Third Step of the Grievance Procedure, and the matter shall be handled in accordance with this procedure.
- E. Discipline that is necessary will be of a corrective nature rather than punitive. Discussions between the employee and supervision shall be of a consultative nature, concerning minor disciplinary infractions, prior to a reprimand. Any and all disciplinary action shall be made within a timely manner. After an oral or written reprimand has been issued to an employee, the employee has the right to have that reprimand removed from his/her personnel file after a twelve (12) month period as long as no repeat or additional reprimands are issued.

ARTICLE 28

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. The Parties intend that the grievance procedure as set forth herein shall serve as a means for a peaceful settlement of all disputes that may arise between them concerning the interpretation or operation of this Agreement without any interruption or disturbance of the normal operation of the Employer's affairs.
- B. Any employee having a grievance in connection with his/her employment MUST present it to the Employer within fifteen (15) days after occurrence of alleged grievance as follows:
 - 1. STEP 1: VERBAL: The employee or one member of a group of employees must first discuss the specific grievance with the immediate Supervisor. At the request of the employee, the Grievance Chairperson may be present during the discussion. Reasonable time will be granted the employee for the purpose of appraising the Grievance Chairperson of the alleged grievance. The immediate Supervisor shall attempt to adjust the matter consistent with the terms of this Agreement as soon as possible, and shall, within five (5) days give a verbal answer to the employee.

2. STEP 2: WRITTEN:

- a. If the grievance is not settled at the verbal step, a written grievance may be filed by the Grievance Chairperson or Association President with the employee's Division Director within ten (10) days after the immediate Supervisor's response at Step 1. When a grievance is reduced to writing, it shall contain the name, address, position and department of the grievant, a clear and concise statement of the grievance, the issue involved, the relief sought, the date the incident or violation took place, the specific Section(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated, the signature of the grievant, the signature of the Grievance Chairperson and the date the grievance is reduced to writing. Inadvertent omission of minor information will not prejudice the processing of the grievance.
- b. A meeting shall be held between the Parties within ten (10) days, unless mutually waived in writing. Within five (5) days after the completion of the meeting, or the waiver thereof, the Department Head or designee shall give a written answer to the Grievance Chairperson.

3. STEP 3: DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES:

- a. If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, such grievance may be submitted by the Association President to the Human Resources Director, with a courtesy copy to the Department Head, within ten (10) days after the Department Head's written response has been received by the Grievance Chairperson. A grievance number shall be mutually assigned by the Parties when the grievance is submitted to the Human Resources Department.
- b. The Association President or designee must make a request in writing to conduct a Step 3 grievance meeting and the Parties shall conduct a Step 3 meeting within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the Association President's written request. The Association representatives at said meeting may include, at the Association's discretion, the Grievance Chairperson or designee and the grievant. In addition, a witness(es) may be in attendance if deemed necessary by both Parties.
- c. The decision of the Human Resources Director shall be given in writing to the Association President within ten (10) days of the completion of the Step 3 meeting.

4. STEP 4: APPEAL BOARD:

- a. If the Association does not accept the decision of the Human Resources Director in Step 3, the Association may review the matter and, within ten (10) days of receipt of said Step 3 decision, the Association President may submit the grievance in writing to the Appeal Board Step. The Association shall prepare a record which shall consist of the written grievance, all written answers to the grievance, and all other such written records, as may be appropriate. These shall be sent to the Human Resources Director at the same time as the Appeal to Step 4 is submitted.
- b. The Appeal Board shall be composed of up to three (3) representatives of the Association, and up to three (3) representatives of the Employer. The Association members shall be the Association President and the Grievance Chairperson, or designee(s).

- c. The Parties shall arrange for a meeting(s) to discuss the particular grievance. The initial meeting shall be held within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the Association President's or designee's written request for a meeting, unless the time limit is mutually extended in writing.
 - d. If the Parties mutually agree to resolve the grievance, it shall cause its disposition to be reduced to writing; it shall be signed by all members of the Appeal Board and it shall become final. If the members are unable to resolve the matter, the Appeal Board shall sign a statement that it is unable to resolve the grievance. The Appeal Board shall have twenty (20) days from the Appeal Board's final meeting to make a final resolution.
5. STEP 5: ARBITRATION: If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled in Step 4, the Association President has thirty (30) days from the final answer to file for arbitration, by sending a letter to the Human Resources Director. If the Association President fails to request arbitration within the time limit, the grievance shall be deemed not eligible to go to arbitration.

C. SELECTION OF THE ARBITRATOR:

1. The Arbitrator shall be selected by the members of the Appeal Board, or, in the event they are unable to agree upon an Arbitrator within five (5) days, the Arbitrator shall be selected by the American Arbitration Association upon the request of either Party.
2. The Appeal Board shall submit to the Arbitrator all documents and facts regarding the grievance. No additional facts, not known to the other Appeal Board members shall be presented or accepted at the hearing, except as such facts or information may be made available to the Appeal Board members prior to the Arbitration hearing.

D. AUTHORITY OF THE ARBITRATOR:

1. The Arbitrator selected shall have only the functions set forth herein. The scope and extent of the jurisdiction of the Arbitrator shall only extend and be limited to those grievances arising out of and pertaining to the respective rights of the Parties within the four corners of this Agreement, and pertaining to the interpretation thereof. The Arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision contrary to, or inconsistent with or modifying or varying in any way, the terms of this Agreement or of applicable laws or rules or regulations having the force and effect of law.
2. The cost of the Arbitrator's services and expenses shall be shared by the Parties equally.
3. To the extent that the laws of the State of Michigan permit, it is agreed that any Arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on the Association and its members, the employee or employees involved, and the Employer, and that there shall be no appeal from any such decision unless such decision shall extend beyond the limits of the powers and jurisdiction herein conferred upon such Arbitrator.
4. The Association President, Grievance Chairperson and grievant involved with a grievance that requires arbitration, will be compensated for normally scheduled working hours that are required in connection with the actual arbitration procedure.

5. Each Party will be responsible for compensation to witness(es) as required by the respective Party.

E. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. Withdrawal of Grievances: A grievance may be withdrawn and if so withdrawn, all financial liability shall be cancelled. If the grievance is reinstated, the financial responsibility shall date only from the date of reinstatement. If the grievance is not reinstated within thirty (30) days from the date of withdrawal, the grievance shall not be reinstated.
2. Computation of Back Wages: No claim for back wages shall exceed the amount of wages the employee would otherwise have earned, offset by any other Employer paid benefits or compensation.
3. Time of Appeals: Any answer not appealed from within the time specified in the particular Steps of the Grievance Procedure shall be considered settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer and not subject to further review. In the event that the Employer shall fail to supply the Association with its answer in writing to the particular Step within the specified time limits, the grievance shall be automatically positioned at the next Step with the time limit for exercising said Appeal commencing with the expiration date of the Employer's grace period for answering. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to abrogate or limit the rights guaranteed by existing statutes.
4. Time Limits: Time limits may be extended at any Step of the Grievance Procedure by written mutual consent by the Parties.
5. All references to days as they pertain to the Grievance Procedure shall mean "working days". They do not include Saturdays, Sundays and designated holidays.

ARTICLE 29

NO STRIKE CLAUSE

- A. The Parties hereto also recognize that it is essential for the health, safety and public welfare of the County that services to the public be without interruption, that the right to strike is forbidden by the Statutes of the State of Michigan.
- B. Adequate procedures having been provided for the equitable settlement of any grievance arising under this Agreement, the Parties hereto agree that the Association, its officers, members, agents or principals will not engage in, encourage, sanction or suggest strikes or other similar action which would involve suspension of work and that may disturb or interfere with the welfare of the public.
- C. The County shall have the right to discipline or discharge any employee participating in a strike, slowdown or other such interference with the welfare of the public, and the Association agrees not to oppose such action. It is understood, however, the Association shall have recourse to the grievance procedure as to matters of fact in the alleged actions of such employees.

ARTICLE 30

USE OF FACILITIES/BULLETIN BOARDS

- A. The Association may use available rooms at the facility for Association meetings with the prior consent of the Employer.
- B. The Association shall have the right to use designated bulletin boards to announce local, regional, national or state meetings and to otherwise inform its members of matters of professional interest. The bulletin boards shall not be used by the Association for posting or distributing pamphlets, pertaining to political matters.
- C. The Association, upon making appropriate arrangements through the Department Director and/or Designee, may use other equipment for Association activities. The Association shall, upon billing by the facility, pay the cost of equipment or supplies used.

ARTICLE 31

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

As provided in Departmental Policy and Procedures, excused leave with pay for attendance at afternoon or evening classes of related educational courses or examinations may be granted employees covered by this Agreement after written request to and approval by their respective Department Head/Designee. Payment referred to shall cover regularly scheduled work hours only.

ARTICLE 32

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

At least fifteen (15) days written notice of termination of employment shall be given by the employee to the Division Director/Designee.

ARTICLE 33

AGENCY SHOP, SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP DUES, LIMIT OF EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY

To the extent that the laws of the State of Michigan permit, it is agreed that:

- A. Employees covered by this Agreement at the time "Agency Shop" becomes effective and who are members of the Association at that time shall be required to continue membership in the Association for the duration of this Agreement.
- B. Employees covered by this Agreement who are not members of the Association at the time "Agency Shop" becomes effective shall be required to become members of the Association or pay a service fee to the Association, which shall be equivalent to the Association monthly membership dues, for the duration of the Agreement. The time referred to herein will commence April 1, 1975.
- C. Employees hired, rehired, reinstated or transferred into the bargaining unit after the effective date of "Agency Shop" and covered by this Agreement, shall become members of the Association or pay an equivalent service fee to the Association.

- D. If the employee chooses not to exercise the Payroll Deduction of Association Dues and/or Service Fees, then monthly dues or the equivalent service fee shall be paid on or before the tenth (10th) day of the month in which they fall due.
- E. Employees who shall tender an initiation fee, if required (and if not already a member), and the periodic dues uniformly required, shall be deemed to meet the conditions of this Section.

Employees who do not elect to become members of the Association, shall pay, in lieu of initiation fee and periodic dues uniformly required, a service fee which shall be equivalent to the regular monthly dues. They shall then be deemed to meet the conditions of this Section.
- F. Employees shall be deemed to be in compliance with the meaning of this Section if they are not more than sixty (60) days in arrears in payments of membership dues or service fees.
- G. The Employer shall be notified in writing, by the Association, of any employee who is sixty (60) days in arrears in payments of membership dues or service fees.
- H. Failure of employees covered by this Agreement to comply with provisions of this Section shall, at the conclusion of the grace period of sixty (60) days referred to in Section "G" above, and upon receipt of written request and proof of failure to comply from the Association, the Employer shall terminate employment of such employee.
- I. Limit of Employer's Liability: The Employer shall not be liable to the Association by reason of requirements of this Agreement for the remittance or payment of any sum other than that constituting actual deductions made from wages earned by the employees, as authorized by them, under the Payroll Deduction for Association Dues and/or Service Fees Provision of this Agreement.

The Association will protect and save harmless the Employer from any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability, by reason of action taken or not taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with the Sections of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 34

DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES AND/OR SERVICE FEES

The Employer hereby agrees to deduct fees, service fees and/or initiation fees of the individual employee to the Association to the extent and as authorized by the laws of the State of Michigan and by such employee upon the following terms and conditions:

- A. Each employee who desires to have such dues, service fees and/or initiation fee deduction from his/her earnings shall execute the "AUTHORIZATION OF ASSOCIATION DUES" form in full, in triplicate.
- B. The Employer shall place such deduction or deductions in effect at the SECOND PAY PERIOD of the month following receipts of same and continue in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Authorization.
- C. The Employer shall transmit such deductions, together with a list of the employees paying same, to the Financial Officer of the Association designated in writing by the Association, and shall do so, as soon as possible after the deduction, but not later than the fifteenth day of the following month.

- D. The Employer shall notify the Association of the termination of employment of the dues and/or service fees paying employee or of the revocation, alteration or amendment by the employee of the Authorization for Deduction of Association Dues and/or Service Fees in accordance with the terms thereof.
- E. The "Authorization for Deduction of Association Dues and/or Service Fees" when executed, shall be binding upon the employee for the duration of this Agreement, except that any employee may revoke, alter or amend such Authorization for Deduction of Association Dues and/or Service Fees by notice in writing to the Employer within thirty (30) days, failing in which, the original authorization shall be automatically renewed under the same terms and conditions for the life of the subsequent Agreement.
- F. It is understood and agreed, that the provision for deduction of Association Dues and/or Service Fees, is for the benefit of the employees requesting same, and the Employer is under no obligation to demand or request that employees authorize such deductions as a condition of employment and further, that the obligation of the Employer does not extend beyond that herein before set forth, except as provided for under the Agency Shop provision of this Agreement.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DEDUCTIONS OF ASSOCIATION DUES AND/OR SERVICE FEES

I, _____, the undersigned, as an employee of the County of Macomb, in the Department and Unit of _____, do hereby request and authorize the County of Macomb to deduct the following sums of money from my earnings, once each month from the second pay of _____ and to pay same to _____ for initiation fees, dues and/or service fees, as the representative selected by me and as the exclusive bargaining representative for all employees in the above Unit. The foregoing authorization shall continue in full force and effect unless and until my employment is terminated or until thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement, during which thirty (30) day period the undersigned shall have the right to revoke, alter or amend the above authorization, failing in which same shall be automatically renewed under the same terms and conditions for the life of the subsequent Agreement.

Employee's Signature

ARTICLE 35

BENEFITS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Part-time employees employed pursuant to this Agreement shall be entitled to no fringe or other benefits as a result of part-time employment except as specifically set forth below:

- A. Part-time employees shall receive the following benefits or be subject to the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the following provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

1. Article 1, RECOGNITION
 2. Article 3, SPECIAL CONFERENCES
 3. Article 5, EMPLOYEE DEFINED
 4. Article 6, PROBATIONARY PERIOD
 5. Article 7, SALARY INCREMENTS
 6. Article 22, SALARY AND INCREMENT SCHEDULE
 7. Article 23, MILEAGE
 8. Article 24, SENIORITY
 9. Article 25, LAYOFF
 10. Article 26, RECALL
 11. Article 27, DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE
 12. Article 28, GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
 13. Article 29, NO STRIKE CLAUSE
 14. Article 32, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT
 15. Article 33, AGENCY SHOP, SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP DUES, LIMIT OF EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY
 16. Article 34, DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES AND/OR SERVICE FEES
- B. With respect to Article 17 of this Agreement, "Retirement System", should a part-time employee meet the eligibility requirements of the "Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance", such an employee shall be eligible for retirement benefits. This Collective Bargaining Agreement shall not enlarge or diminish the benefits provided by the "Macomb County Employees' Retirement Ordinance" for a part-time employee.

ARTICLE 36

SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any Section of this Agreement should be held invalid by operation of law, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and the Parties shall enter into collective bargaining negotiations for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such Section or Provision held invalid provided any mutually agreed upon replacement shall not be inconsistent with this Agreement or applicable law.

ARTICLE 37

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Chairperson of the Board has the sole authority to declare an inclement weather day. If an inclement weather day is declared, compensation will be provided to full-time employees, only, who are unable to report for work, as follows:

- A. An employee may choose to use one (1) day from his/her accumulated Annual Leave Bank, if available, or
- B. The employee may choose to use his/her Personal Day(s) from his/her accumulated Sick Leave Bank, if available.
- C. A full-time employee who is ineligible for either of the above, may borrow against a future Annual Leave Day and/or future Personal Day that would normally accrue to him/her within a ninety (90) day period of time.
- D. Employees who terminate their County employment and who are ineligible for Annual Leave and/or Sick Leave usage, and who receive compensation under this policy, shall have such compensation deducted from any accumulated and withheld monies due them at time of termination.

ARTICLE 38

JOB POSTINGS

- A. The Employer will post all openings that are to be filled, on the Departmental Bulletin Board, in all departments. Postings shall be made for ten (10) working days. Posting periods may be shortened or eliminated by agreement of the Parties.
- B. At the same time that the departmental posting is made, the Employer shall provide copies of the posting to the Union. The posting will include the following information: The job classification, department, salary range, hours, starting time, qualifications and any testing requirements.
- C. Any employee for which an opening would provide a promotion will be given consideration provided such an employee properly indicates his/her interest in the position by submitting an Application for Internal Candidates to the Human Resources Department before the close of the posting period. The employee must have a current passing score on any test required for the position before applying for the position.
- D. If necessary, a temporary appointment may be made by the Department head, but without prejudice to employees seeking the position.

ARTICLE 39

TERMINATION OR MODIFICATION

- A. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2011.

- B. If either Party desires to terminate this Agreement, it shall no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the termination date, give written notice of termination. If neither Party shall give notice of termination of this Agreement as provided in this paragraph or notice of amendment, as hereinafter provided, or if each Party giving notice of termination withdraws the same prior to termination date, this Agreement shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter subject to written notice of termination by either Party no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the current year's termination date.
- C. If either Party desires to modify or change this Agreement it shall no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the termination date or any subsequent termination date, give written notice of amendment in which event the notice of amendment shall set forth the nature of the amendment or amendments desired. If notice of amendment of this agreement has been given in accordance with this paragraph, this Agreement may be terminated by either Party on ten (10) days written notice of termination. Any amendments that may be agreed upon shall become and be a part of this Agreement without modifying or changing any of the terms of this Agreement.
- D. Notice of termination or modification shall be made in writing and shall be sent by Certified Mail. If said notice is made to the Association, it shall be sent to President, Macomb County Environmental Health Association, Macomb County Health Department; if said notice is made to the County, it shall be sent to the Macomb County Human Resources Director, County Building, 10 N. Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan, 48043; address changes shall be made available to the other party, where applicable.
- E. It is agreed and understood that the provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect so long as they are not in violation of applicable statutes and ordinances and remain within the jurisdiction of the County of Macomb.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Macomb and its Board of County Commissioners, by its Human Resources Director, and representatives of Macomb County Environmental Health Association, on behalf of its represented employees, hereby cause this Agreement and Appendices to be executed.

FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

DATED: _____

SALARY AND INCREMENT SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2011 – DECEMBER 31, 2011

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>72</u>
	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>MONTHS</u>
TOXICOLOGIST	\$47,175.09	\$48,747.59	\$50,320.10	\$51,892.60	\$53,465.10	\$55,037.60	\$56,610.11	\$58,182.61	\$59,755.11	\$61,327.62	\$62,900.12		
ENVIRONMENTALIST IV	\$42,314.24	\$44,665.03	\$47,015.82	\$49,366.61	\$51,717.40	\$54,068.19	\$56,418.98						
ENVIRONMENTALIST III	\$40,649.87	\$42,908.20	\$45,166.52	\$47,424.85	\$49,683.17	\$51,941.50	\$54,199.83						
ENVIRONMENTALIST II	\$37,304.24	\$38,340.47	\$39,376.70	\$40,412.93	\$41,449.16	\$42,485.38	\$43,521.61	\$44,557.84	\$45,594.07	\$46,630.30	\$47,666.53	\$48,702.76	\$49,738.99
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SPEC/HEALTH PLANNER	\$48,366.64	\$49,575.81	\$50,784.97	\$51,994.14	\$53,203.31	\$54,412.47	\$55,621.64	\$56,830.80	\$58,039.97	\$59,249.14	\$60,458.30		
WATER QUALITY ANALYST	\$47,099.53	\$48,277.02	\$49,454.51	\$50,631.99	\$51,809.48	\$52,986.97	\$54,164.46	\$55,341.95	\$56,519.43	\$57,696.92	\$58,874.41		

EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2011 – DECEMBER 31, 2011

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>	<u>STEP 5</u>	<u>STEP 6</u>
PART-TIME ENVIRONMENTALIST	20.62	21.77	22.91	24.06	25.20	26.35	27.49

NOTE: Employees listed above are eligible to move to next increment step after completing 975 hours of work.

Community BlueSM PPO Plan 6

Benefits-at-a-Glance – Macomb County Proposal 2008



This is intended as an easy-to-read summary. **It is not a contract.** Additional limitations and exclusions may apply to covered services. For a complete description of benefits, please see the applicable Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan certificates and riders. Payment amounts are based on the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan approved amount, less any applicable deductible and/or copay amounts required by your plan. This coverage is provided pursuant to a contract entered into in the state of Michigan and will be construed under the jurisdiction of and according to the laws of the state of Michigan.

In-network

Out-of-network

Deductible, copays and dollar maximums

Note: Services from a provider for which there is no PPO network and services from a non-network provider in a geographic area of Michigan deemed a “low access area” by BCBSM for that particular provider specialty are covered at the in-network benefit level. If you receive care from a nonparticipating provider, even when referred, you may be billed for the difference between our approved amount and the provider’s charge.

Deductible	\$250 for one member, \$500 for the family per calendar year Note: Deductible waived if service is performed in a PPO physician’s office.	\$500 for one member, \$1,000 for the family per calendar year Note: Out-of-network deductible amounts also apply toward the in-network deductible.
Copays • Fixed dollar copays • Percent copays	\$20 for office visits and \$100 for emergency room visits	\$100 for emergency room visits
	10% for general services, waived if service is performed in a PPO physician’s office , and 50% for mental health care, substance abuse treatment and private duty nursing	20% for general services and 50% for mental health care, substance abuse treatment and private duty nursing
Copay dollar maximums • Fixed dollar copays • Percent copays – excludes mental health care, substance abuse treatment and private duty nursing copays	None	None
	\$1,000 for one member, \$2,000 for two or more members per calendar year	\$2,000 for one member, \$4,000 for two or more members per calendar year Note: Out-of-network copays also apply toward the in-network maximum.
Dollar maximums	\$1 million lifetime per covered specified human organ transplant type and a separate \$5 million lifetime per member for all other covered services and as noted for individual services	
Preventive care services – *Payment for preventive services is limited to a combined maximum of \$500 per member per calendar year		
Health maintenance exam – includes chest x-ray, EKG and select lab procedures	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered
Gynecological exam	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered
Pap smear screening – laboratory and pathology services	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered
Well-baby and child care	Covered – 100%* • 6 visits, birth through 12 months • 6 visits, 13 months through 23 months • 2 visits, 24 months through 35 months • 2 visits, 36 months through 47 months • 1 visit per birth year, 48 months through age 15	Not covered
Childhood immunizations as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices and the American Academy of Pediatrics	Covered – 100%*	Not covered
Fecal occult blood screening	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered
Flexible sigmoidoscopy exam	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered
Prostate specific antigen (PSA) screening	Covered – 100%*, one per calendar year	Not covered

Mammography

Mammography screening	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
	One per calendar year, no age restrictions	

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In-network

Out-of-network

Physician office services

Office visits	Covered – \$20 copay	Covered – 80% after deductible, must be medically necessary
Outpatient and home medical care visits	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible, must be medically necessary
Office consultations	Covered – \$20 copay	Covered – 80% after deductible, must be medically necessary
Urgent care visits	Covered – \$20 copay	Covered – 80% after deductible, must be medically necessary

Emergency medical care

Hospital emergency room	Covered – \$100 copay, waived if admitted or for an accidental injury	Covered – \$100 copay, waived if admitted or for an accidental injury
Ambulance services – medically necessary	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible

Diagnostic services

Laboratory and pathology services	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Therapeutic radiology	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible

Maternity services provided by a physician

Prenatal and postnatal care	Covered – 100%	Covered – 80% after deductible
Includes care provided by a certified nurse midwife		
Delivery and nursery care	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Includes delivery provided by a certified nurse midwife		

Hospital care

Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies Note: Nonemergency services must be rendered in a participating hospital.	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Unlimited days		
Inpatient consultations	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Chemotherapy	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible

Alternatives to hospital care

Skilled nursing care	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible
Up to 120 days per calendar year		
Hospice care	Covered – 100%	Covered – 100%
Limited to dollar maximum that is reviewed and adjusted periodically		
Home health care – medically necessary	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible
Home infusion therapy – medically necessary	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible

Surgical services

Surgery – includes related surgical services	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Presurgical consultations	Covered – 100%	Covered – 80% after deductible
Colonoscopy	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Voluntary sterilization	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible

Human organ transplants

Specified human organ transplants – in designated facilities only, when coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (800-242-3504)	Covered – 100%	Covered – in designated facilities only
Limited to \$1 million lifetime maximum per member per transplant type for transplant procedure(s) and related professional, hospital and pharmacy services		
Bone marrow – when coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (800-242-3504)	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Specified oncology clinical trials	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Kidney, cornea and skin	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible

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In-network

Out-of-network

Mental health care and substance abuse treatment

Inpatient mental health care	Covered – 50% after deductible	Covered – 50% after deductible
	Unlimited days	
Inpatient substance abuse treatment	Covered – 50% after deductible	Covered – 50% after deductible
	Unlimited days, up to \$15,000 annual, \$30,000 lifetime maximum	
Outpatient mental health care • Facility and clinic • Physician's office	Covered – 50% after deductible	Covered – 50% after deductible
	Covered – 50%	Covered – 50% after deductible
Outpatient substance abuse treatment – in approved facilities	Covered – 50% after deductible	Covered – 50% after deductible
	Up to the state-dollar amount that is adjusted annually	

Other covered services

Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP)	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
Allergy testing and therapy	Covered – 100%	Covered – 80% after deductible
Chiropractic spinal manipulation	Covered – 100%	Covered – 80% after deductible
	Up to 24 visits per calendar year	
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 80% after deductible
	Limited to a combined maximum of 60 visits per member per calendar year	
Durable medical equipment	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	Covered – 90% after deductible	Covered – 90% after deductible
Private duty nursing	Covered – 50% after deductible	Covered – 50% after deductible
Prescription drugs	Not covered	Not covered

Optional riders

Percent copays – excludes mental health care, substance abuse treatment and private duty nursing copays	MOD: \$400 for one member, \$750 for two or more members per calendar year
Preventive care services – *Payment for preventive services is limited to a combined maximum of \$500 per member per calendar year	MOD: Payment for preventive services is limited to a combined maximum of \$750 per member per calendar year
Mammography screening	MOD: Covered – 100% after deductible
Allergy testing and therapy	MOD: Covered – 100% after \$10 co-pay
Chiropractic spinal manipulation	MOD: Covered – 100% after \$10 co-pay
Prescription drugs	MOD: \$5 Generic / \$25 Formulary / \$50 Non-Formulary
Prescription drugs – Mail Order	MOD: 2 times retail \$10 Generic / \$50 Formulary / \$100 Non-Formulary
Contraceptive Injections	CI
Prescription Contraceptive Devices	PCD
Prescription Contraceptives Medications	PD-CM
Exclusion of benefit for voluntary abortion	XVA

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Appendix A- Insurance Benefits Plan Designs

County of Macomb Plan Option as modified below (HAP)

Benefit	
Office Visit Primary Physician	\$10
Office Visit Specialist	\$20
Emergency Room Care	\$150
Urgent Care Visit	\$30
Prescription Drugs	
Generic	\$5
Formulary	\$15
Non-formulary	\$25
Mail-Order	2 X above co-pay

County of Macomb Plan Option as modified below (BCN)

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

between

COUNTY OF MACOMB

and

MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MCEHA)

The County and the Union agree for the calendar year 2011, each employee and DROP participant shall be furloughed/docked six (6) working days without pay. The Parties agree the County will shut down operations for six (6) furlough/dock days as follows: Friday, February 18, 2011, Friday, May 27, 2011, Friday, July 1, 2011, Friday, September 2, 2011, Wednesday, November 23, 2011 and Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

The Employer reserves the right to implement the following Alternative Plan as a substitute to the paragraph above. This Plan consists of six (6) furlough/dock days for the calendar year 2011; two (2) furlough/dock days to be utilized on President's Day, 2011 and the Day after Thanksgiving, 2011. The remaining four (4) furlough/dock days shall be requested and scheduled by the employee (in full day or half day increments) and will have Department Head approval. If an employee fails to take or schedule the remaining four (4) furlough/dock days by September 1, 2011, the balance of furlough/dock days will be scheduled and taken at the Employer's discretion prior to December 30, 2011. The Employer's decision to implement this Alternative Plan shall be made by December 1, 2010.

Furlough/dock days will not adversely impact an employee's seniority, time off accruals, discipline, holiday pay or health care benefits. The effect, if any, of the furlough/dock days on an employee's retirement benefits, will be as defined in the Macomb County Retirement Ordinance.

If an employee is scheduled to work or scheduled off on an Employer designated furlough/dock day, the employee, with Department Head approval, must take the furlough/dock day within 30 calendar days of the designated furlough/dock day, in no event later than December 30, 2011.

This letter of Agreement will expire on December 31, 2011.

FOR THE UNION:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Dated: _____

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

between

COUNTY OF MACOMB

and

MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MCEHA)

The County and the Union agree to suspend Longevity payments for all eligible employees and DROP participants for the year 2011.

This Letter of Agreement will expire on December 31, 2011.

FOR THE UNION:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Dated: _____

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN
FOR MEMBERS OF THE MACOMB COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

- A. Background: The Macomb County Environmental Health Association is a labor organization representing some employees of Macomb County. The union has bargained with the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and entered into a labor agreement whose term commenced January 1, 2005 and ends December 31, 2007. As part of the labor negotiations, the parties agreed to create a deferred retirement option plan for members of the Macomb County Environmental Health Association. Therefore, (Expressly contingent upon ratification by the Full Board of Commissioners on December 15, 2005), effective January 1, 2006, an employee of Macomb County who is a member of the Macomb County Environmental Health Association, may voluntarily elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan, hereinafter "DROP", upon obtaining the minimum age and service requirements for a normal service retirement. Upon commencement of DROP participation, the employee's DROP benefit shall be the dollar amount of the employee's monthly pension benefit computed by using the contractual guidelines and formula that are in effect on the date that the employee first participates in the DROP plan. During participation in the DROP, the employee will continue to enjoy full employment status and receive all future promotions and wage increases. Any fringe benefits paid to members of the Macomb County Environmental Health Association shall continue to be received by them, except for those specifically eliminated or modified by this agreement or the labor agreement.

The employee's DROP benefit will be credited monthly to the individual employee's DROP account, which will be established within the defined benefit plan of the Macomb County Employees Retirement System. The employee's DROP account will be maintained and managed by the Macomb County Employees Retirement System. Upon termination of employment, the retiree shall begin to receive payments from his/her individual DROP account as described hereinafter. The DROP payments are in addition to any and all other contractual retirement benefits. The employee is solely responsible for analyzing the tax consequences of participation in the DROP.

- B. Eligibility: (Expressly contingent upon ratification by the Full Board of Commissioners on December 15, 2005), effective January 1, 2006, as set forth in paragraph A, any current employee who is a member of the Macomb County Employees' Retirement System and the Macomb County Environmental Health Association bargaining group may voluntarily elect to participate in the DROP at any time after attaining the minimum age and service requirements for a normal service retirement.
- C. Participation: The maximum period for participation in the DROP is five (5) years (the "Participation Period"). There is no minimum time period for participation.
- D. DROP Payment: Upon termination of employment, the retiree shall receive the monthly retirement benefit previously credited to his/her DROP account. Failure to terminate employment at the expiration of the DROP Participation Period shall result in forfeiture of the employee's monthly pension benefit otherwise payable to the DROP account until termination of employment. Interest on the DROP account will continue to accrue during such a forfeiture, except as provided in Subsection J.

- E. Election to Participate: Participation in the DROP program is irrevocable once an employee begins participation. An employee who wishes to participate in the DROP shall complete and sign such application form or forms as shall be required by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. Such application shall be reviewed by the Human Resources Department within a reasonable time period and make a determination as to the member's eligibility for participation in the DROP. On the date upon which the member's participation in the DROP shall be effective, he/she shall be considered to be a DROP participant and shall cease to be an active member of the Macomb County Employees Retirement System. The amount of credited service, multiplier and final average compensation shall be fixed as of the employee's DROP date. When an employee's Final Average Compensation is calculated, any retroactive wages provided shall be counted as if the retroactive wages were paid to the employee when the wages were earned, not when they were received by the employee. Increases or decreases in compensation during DROP participation will not be factored into retirement benefits of active or former DROP participants. DROP participants accrue no service time credit for retirement purposes pursuant to the Macomb County Employees Retirement System.

Upon execution of this agreement by the Macomb County Environmental Health Association and the County of Macomb, employees who are represented by the Macomb County Environmental Health Association and who qualify for DROP participation may file the appropriate application forms with an effective DROP date no sooner than (Expressly contingent upon ratification by the Full Board of Commissioners on December 15, 2005) January 1, 2006.

- F. DROP Benefit: The employee's DROP benefit shall be the regular monthly retirement benefit to which the employee would have been entitled if he/she had actually retired on the DROP date, less the annuity withdrawal reduction as set forth in Subsection G, if applicable. The employee's DROP benefit shall be credited monthly to the employee's individual DROP account. At the time an employee elects to participate in the DROP, his/her choice of a straight life retirement allowance or an optional form of retirement allowance as set forth in the Macomb County Employee Retirement Ordinance shall be irrevocable.
- G. Annuity Withdrawal: An employee who elects to participate in the DROP may elect the Annuity Withdrawal option provided by the retirement ordinance at the time of electing DROP participation. Such election shall be made commensurate with the employee's DROP election, but not thereafter. Such annuity withdrawal will be utilized to compute the actuarial reduction of the member's DROP benefit, as well as the member's monthly retirement benefit from the Macomb County Employees Retirement System, after termination of employment.

The annuity withdrawal amount (accumulated contributions) will be disbursed from the Macomb County Employees Retirement System at the time of DROP election. All withdrawal provisions and options under the Retirement Ordinance, which are available to Retirement System members shall be available to the employee participating in the DROP at such time that he/she elects to participate in the DROP.

- H. DROP Accounts: For each employee participating in the DROP, an individual DROP account will be created in which shall be accumulated the DROP benefits, as well as interest on said DROP benefits. All individual DROP accounts shall be maintained for the benefit of each employee participating in the DROP and will be managed by the Retirement System in the same manner as the primary retirement fund. DROP interest for each employee who participates in the DROP shall be at a fixed rate of 3.5% per annum, calculated in the same manner as the interest in the employee savings accounts in the Macomb County Employees Retirement System.
- I. Contributions: The employee's contributions to the Macomb County Employees Retirement System shall cease as of the date that the employee begins participation in the DROP.

J. Distribution of DROP Funds: Within 45 days of termination of employment, the employee participating in the DROP must choose one, or a non-inconsistent combination of, the following distribution methods to receive payment(s) from his/her individual DROP account:

- 1) A lump sum distribution to the employee; AND/OR
- 2) A lump sum direct rollover to another qualified plan to the extent allowed by federal law and in accordance with any procedures established by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners or the Retirement System for such rollovers.

Failure to elect one of the above options and receive such distribution within 60 days of termination of employment shall result in the termination of any interest paid on said account.

All benefit payments under the Plan shall be made as soon as practicable after entitlement thereto, but in no event later than April 1 following the later of:

- 1) The calendar year in which the primary member attains age 70½ , or
- 2) The calendar year in which the employment is terminated.

If the accumulated balance in any former employee's account is more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000 (or such other amount as provided in the Internal Revenue Code, particularly Section 411(a)(11)(A)), then the Retirement System, in its sole discretion, shall have the option of distributing the former employee's entire account, in the form of a lump sum, to an individual retirement plan.

K. Death During DROP Participation: If an employee participating in the DROP dies either: (1) before full retirement, that is before termination of employment with the County, or (2) during full retirement (that is, after termination of employment with the County but before the DROP account balance has been fully paid), the employee's designated beneficiary(ies) shall receive the remaining balance in the employee's DROP account in the manner in which they elect from the previously mentioned distribution methods (Subsection J). If there is no such beneficiary, the account balance shall be paid in a lump sum to the estate of the employee. Benefits payable from the Macomb County Employees Retirement System shall be determined as though the employee participating in the DROP had separated from service on the day prior to the employee's date of death.

L. Disability During DROP Participation: In the event an employee participating in the DROP becomes totally and permanently disabled from further service in the employment of Macomb County, the employee's participation in the DROP shall cease, and the employee shall receive such benefits as if the employee had retired and terminated employment during the participation period.

M. Internal Revenue Code Compliance: The DROP is intended to operate in accordance with Section 415 and other applicable laws and regulations contained within the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. Any provision of the DROP, or portion thereof, that is in conflict with an applicable provision of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States is hereby null and void and of no force and effect.

N. Other Provisions: The Macomb County Employees Retirement System is a defined benefit plan. Should that plan be modified to include a defined contribution plan, this DROP account established is only part of a defined benefit plan. It is intended that this DROP be a "forward" DROP only and contains no DROP "back" provision, which would allow members to retire retroactively.

- O. Annual Leave, Sick Leave and Other Fringe Benefits: The collective bargaining agreement may provide for the crediting of both annual leave and sick leave banks for inclusion in determining an employee's final average compensation for purposes of computing retirement benefits.

At the effective date of an employee's participation in the DROP plan, an employee's annual and sick leave bank shall be "credited" and/or paid as provided for in the collective bargaining agreement or the Macomb County Employees Retirement Ordinance.

After the effective date of an employee's participation in the DROP, the employee's annual leave and sick leave shall be determined as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement between the Macomb County Environmental Health Association and the County of Macomb.

- P. Voting Rights and Retirement Commission Members: At the time an employee elects to participate in the DROP, he/she shall no longer be eligible to vote in any retirement elections nor shall said person be eligible to hold office pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Macomb County Employees Retirement Ordinance as an elected employee member.

FOR THE UNION:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Dated: _____

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFITS**

WHEREAS, The County of Macomb currently offers health insurance coverage to covered females that includes an elective abortion benefit and excludes prescription drug coverage for contraceptives and excludes coverage for voluntary sterilization; and,

WHEREAS, The Macomb County Board of Commissioners has, by resolution, forbidden the use of public funds for elective abortion;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County of Macomb and the Macomb County Environmental Health Association, hereby agree to remove elective abortion coverage from the health insurance offered through their Collective Bargaining Agreement and substitute prescription drug coverage for contraceptives and coverage for voluntary sterilization. Provided, however, nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall deny medically necessary care to a covered female, or apply in cases where pregnancy is the result of criminal sexual assault.

FOR THE UNION:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

Dated: _____

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