

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE TOWN OF BERLIN, CONNECTICUT**  
**AND**  
**FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**  
**BERLIN POLICE UNION, LODGE 56**

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## **AGREEMENT**

This AGREEMENT is entered into as of July 1, 2015 by and between the Town of Berlin (hereinafter called the "Town"), and the Fraternal Order of Police, Berlin Police Union, Lodge 56 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").

It is the intention of the parties in entering into this Agreement to maintain a harmonious relationship between them recognizing the legitimate rights and needs of the employees of the Police Department as well as the obligation of the Town to protect the public safety consistent with the traditions exhibited in the line of duty by Police Officers everywhere.

Wherever necessitated in this Agreement, the Berlin Police Department shall be referred to as the "Department", and the Department Head shall be referred to as the "Chief".

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual obligations contained herein the parties agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I UNION RECOGNITION**

1.1 The Police Commission of the Town of Berlin, Connecticut, pursuant to the authority of MERA, as amended, having been furnished with satisfactory evidence that a majority of the members of the Berlin Police Department have designated the Fraternal Order of Police, Berlin Police Union, Lodge 56, as the exclusive bargaining representative for all employees in the classification of Officer, Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant on the Berlin Police Force excluding all other members.

**ARTICLE II**  
**THE RIGHTS OF THE TOWN**

2.1 Unless expressly limited or relinquished below by a specific section of this Agreement, the rights, powers and authority held by the Town and any of its Departments, Agencies, Commissions or Boards pursuant to any Charter, General or special statute, ordinance regulation or other lawful provision, over matters involving the municipality and the complete operational control over the policies, practices, procedures and regulations with respect to employees of the Police Department shall remain vested solely and exclusively in the Town of Berlin.

2.2 It is expressly agreed that practices with respect to wages, hours and conditions of employment that are not addressed by a specific provision of this Agreement are mandatorily negotiable in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Employee Relations Act.

**ARTICLE III**  
**UNION SECURITY**

3.1 All present employees who are members of the Union upon the effective date of this Agreement shall remain members of the Union in good standing.

3.2 All employees who are hired hereafter, as a condition of continued employment, shall become and remain members in good standing of the Union or pay a service fee to the Union equal to the portion of Union dues that are applied towards the costs of Collective Bargaining, Contract Administration and grievance adjustment, on and after their date of appointment.

3.3 The Town agrees to deduct the monthly dues from the wages of all Union members covered by this Agreement, and transmit same to the Financial Secretary of the Union not later than the third pay period of the month. The Union agrees to submit to the Town an authorization card signed by each individual employee covered by the Agreement authorizing the aforesaid

deduction. This authorization card shall be in accordance with the requirements of the law.

3.4 The Union agrees to indemnify and save the Town harmless against any claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Town for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Article.

#### **ARTICLE IV SENIORITY/PROMOTION TESTING**

4.1 Seniority shall be defined by total continuous length of service in the employee's job classification except that in the case of vacations and layoffs, seniority shall be determined by the employee's total continuous length of service in the Department.

4.2 Whenever more than one (1) person is appointed to the Department on the same day, the seniority of each individual as it relates to others appointed on the same day shall be determined by their relative position on the qualifying examination, with the greatest seniority being granted to the individual standing highest on the list amongst those appointed and so on down in that order.

4.3 Each employee shall serve a one (1) year probationary period commencing with the date of certification. During such period, the employee may be discharged by the Town without recourse to the Grievance and Arbitration provisions of this Agreement by either the Union or the employee. During the first six (6) months of the probationary period, an employee may be scheduled by the Chief to a particular shift, for training and experience.

4.4 In filling any promotional vacancy within the bargaining unit, the Board of Police Commissioners shall appoint one of the three (3) candidates or employees from the Department with the highest passing marks on the examination. Notice of the examination shall be posted on the Union Bulletin Board at least sixty (60) days prior to said testing date.

Examinations will be created by an independent, outside entity chosen by the Town. and shall be composed of:

PARTS

Written Test.....	60%
Oral Test.....	40%

Candidates must meet minimum experience and training and other requirements to be admitted to the examination. Once admitted, all candidates may take all phases of the examination. No designated passing grades shall be used for any one phase of the examination process. When all phases are complete, the combined weighted score must be 70% or greater to be deemed passing. If the candidate standing highest on the promotional eligibility list is bypassed for promotion, at said candidates written request, within thirty (30) days of posting the Town shall explain to said candidate the reason for the bypass.

When an employee invokes a review and appeal of test procedures pursuant to General Order 34.1.1.IVA2a, the appeal provided for therein must be filed within (7) seven days of the employee's completing the test. Employees shall have the following additional rights.

1. Candidates may review only the items that they got wrong;
2. Candidates may be told which incorrect answer they selected;
3. Candidates may not be told what the correct answer is-they are to defend their answer or to challenge all provided answers;
4. Candidates may bring in reference materials from which documentation can be provided for their selected answer;
5. Candidates may not review their answer sheet or the answer stencil;
6. Candidates may not copy down or reproduce answers;

7. The review must take place one-on-one with a Town official authorized by the testing authority.

In the event, after making a good faith effort, the Town is not able to retain an independent, outside testing entity that will accept items 1-7 of this paragraph for a particular test, then the challenge procedure shall be determined by the Union's election to either (A) accept the review policies and procedures of said testing authority or (B) use those portions of General Order 34.1.1.IV A 2 a as amended above, which the testing authority will accept.

The recommendations of the reviewing authority shall be implemented and the results of the review and appeal procedure set forth in revised Article 4.4 shall be binding on all parties and not subject to further grievance and appeal beyond step 2 of the collective bargaining agreement.

4.5 An employee's seniority shall be considered as broken if he/she voluntarily quits, is discharged or terminated for just cause, is absent from work when scheduled for three consecutive days without notifying the Department or fails to return to work within fifteen (15) days after notice of recall from a layoff. Seniority that is "broken" shall mean that it is reduced to zero (0).

4.6 In the event of reduction in the force, layoff shall be in inverse order of hiring and recall shall be by seniority.

4.7 A seniority list of members in the Department shall be given to the Secretary of the Union by the Chief and the list shall be kept up to date by the Chief.

4.8 All members assigned temporary duty or performing duties of a higher classification shall be paid a higher rate of pay. That rate being of the same rate normally paid for the duties being performed. When speaking of job classification, it is to mean any and all duties not normally performed in one's own classification. However, no member shall be entitled to the higher rate

of pay if they are serving in the post for on-the-job training purposes only, as designated by the Chief. Said training period shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days in length and shall not be used more than once every twelve (12) months for the same member, nor shall any member have more than one ninety (90) calendar days training period in any year, and provided further that such trainee shall not be used for replacement purposes for a regular employee assigned to that division.

4.9 One (1) Detective position will be a tested promotional position. An Officer shall have three years of experience to be eligible for promotion to detective. Any other Detective positions will be acting positions not to exceed four (4) years in duration. The Youth Officer shall be deemed an Acting Detective during tenure as Youth Officer, but shall not be subject to the four (4) year limitation. Absent exigent circumstances, a 14-day notice will be provided to a person whose assignment is changing.

## **ARTICLE V HOURS OF WORK**

5.1 The basic workweek for Officers assigned to the patrol division shall be as follows: Each Officer will alternate weekly working five (5) days with two (2) days off, then work five (5) days with three (3) days off. Each workday shall consist of eight and one half (8 1/2) hours. In any calendar week an Officer may work between thirty-four (34) and forty-two and one half (42 1/2) hours on a regular assigned basis and will receive forty (40) hours pay for the workweek. The basic workweek for Sergeants assigned to the patrol division shall be as follows: Each Sergeant will work five (5) days with three (3) days off. Each workday shall consist of nine (9) hours. In any calendar week an Officer may work between thirty-six (36) and forty-five (45) hours on a regular assigned basis and will receive forty (40) hours pay for the workweek.



The patrol division shall consist of a day/evening rotation and a midnight bid shift. Anyone who is assigned to work patrol duties on the midnight shift, or any part thereof (2245-0715), will receive a shift differential for all hours worked on that shift of \$1.25 per hour above the officer's base rate of pay. The shift differential shall not be included in the calculation of the overtime rate. The day and evening shifts shall rotate after the completion of four (4) workweeks. Such change of shift shall commence upon return to work from scheduled days off. Sergeants assigned to the patrol division may need to adjust their day/evening rotation to maximize supervision of their assigned personnel. Such adjustment shall be mutually agreeable between labor and management and usually during the fourth rotation cycle. The midnight shift shall work sixteen (16) consecutive weeks (midnight shift rotation). The number of personnel that shall be assigned to each shift shall be as the Chief deems necessary. Minimum staffing will remain at 3 patrol Officers and a supervisor for each shift.

The Union shall be solely responsible for filling the midnight shift positions. The Union shall provide the Chief with a list of Officers to be assigned to the midnight shift with at least sixteen (16) weeks notice prior to any midnight rotation. New employees may enter the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. The FTO program is where a new employee is assigned to a trained Police Officer for field training purposes. It is recognized that a new employee may be required to be transferred to different shifts and/or divisions, and that his/her days off may be changed to correspond with his/her Training Officer's days off to facilitate a better training environment.

Upon successful completion of the FTO program, a new employee shall be assigned to positions available on any patrol shifts. Members who remain on either the day/evening rotation or midnight shift shall not have their days off changed. Members transferring from the

day/evening rotation to midnights, or midnights to days/evenings may be required to have their new days off changed to correspond with their new assignments. When such change occurs, the member's days off will stay as consistent as possible. If the workweek does not remain consistent, his/her days off shall be separate so that the member does not work an excessive amount of consecutive days.

5.2 All other Police Officers, Acting Detectives and Detectives shall work a three (3) week rotation schedule consisting of either a five (5) days on two (2) days off, five (5) days on two (2) days off, four (4) days on three (3) days off; or a five (5) days on two (2) days off, five (5) days on three (3) days off, four (4) days on two (2) days off work schedule. In either case each employee shall work 8.5 hours each day.

The basic work week for Lieutenants, the Sergeant of Detectives and the Support Services Sergeant will be two (2) week rotation of either a five (5) days on two (2) days off, four (4) days on three (3) days off or a five (5) days on three (3) days off, four (4) days on two (2) days off schedule. In either case, each employee shall work 8.75 hours each day.

5.3 The workday shall consist of the following shifts:

Officers

Days	0645-1515
Eves	1445-2315
Mids	2245-0715

Sergeants

Days	0630-1530
Eves	1430-2330
Mids	2230-0730

5.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Department from utilizing the services of any member thereof when absolutely necessary regardless of his/her regular work schedule or status in or out of the bargaining unit, provided that any alleged abuse of this

provision maybe grieved in accordance with the provisions of Article XII of this Agreement.

5.5 All employees working eight (8), eight and one half (8 1/2), eight and three quarters (8.3/4) or nine (9) hour shifts shall be entitled to a thirty (30) minute lunch period and two (2) fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks, providing that no two (2) members of the same division shall take such lunch period or coffee breaks at the same time. Any member working a four (4) hour block of overtime shall be allowed one (1) fifteen (15) minute coffee break during the four (4) hours.

5.6 Exchange of shifts within the same pay period may be permitted when feasible, within the requirements of the Department, with the approval of the Chief. Such requests for exchange shall be submitted seven (7) days in advance of the exchange when practical. Reassignment of shifts and days off to permit attendance at training schools and similar functions shall be permitted when feasible within the requirements of the Department. Such reassignments shall only affect those Officers attending training schools and similar functions. Notification of such reassignments will be made at least seven (7) days prior to the date(s) of reassignment. Officers who have days off reassigned for this purpose shall have first refusal of any overtime created on their newly assigned days off.

5.7 No Police Officer shall work for an outside employer while the Officer is employed by the Town of Berlin, unless the outside employer and the work hours are approved by the "Outside Employer Committee." The "Outside Employer Committee" will be composed of the Chief and a Union representative.

## **OVERTIME**

5.8 All overtime duty shall be paid at the rate of time and one half for all hours or any portion thereof in excess of the basic workweek or workday as referenced to in Sections 5.1, 5.2, and

5.3. An Officer, Detective or Acting Detective will not work more than seventeen (17) hours in any 24-hour period without permission of the Chief or his/her designee. A Lieutenant or Sergeant will not work more than eighteen (18) hours in any 24-hour period without permission of the Chief or his/her designee.

5.9 When an employee is called to return to duty from home or other off-duty locations and the hours of such duty are not contiguous with the terminal hours of a regular shift or tour of duty, he shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay in the event that his/her services are not required for such a period or the prescribed rate of pay times the number of hours worked, whichever is greater.

5.10 Overtime assignments shall be allocated by means of the distribution system, mutually agreed to between the parties as follows:

Overtime and private duty assignments shall be allocated by means of "InTime Staff Scheduling and Time Management" software system. The system posts assignments by date, time, and in the case of private duty details, the employer and the location of the jobsite. It then automatically fills the detail on a total hours-worked basis, assigning the member with the least amount of cumulative hours who signs up for the job. It is the responsibility of the Union to determine time parameters of the posts and fillings. See Appendix II regarding Mandatory Overtime.

5.11 Employees shall be allowed to work overtime on vacation time, holiday time, or personal time, except during their regularly scheduled hours.

5.12 The use of Sick Leave, Injury Leave, Earned Time, Union Time, Holiday Time, Vacation Time, Funeral Leave or Compensation Time shall not be a penalty in determining time and one-half for hours of overtime worked. These days shall be counted as days worked for the purpose of computing overtime pay.

5.13 In lieu of pay for Department non-grant overtime, any member may opt to receive compensating time off for any overtime they work during the year based on 1 ½ times the number of hours actually worked. Section 5.8 shall apply to this section. Compensatory time will be tracked by days or fractions thereof (e.g. one-half (.5) day, three quarters (.75) day). No member shall be credited with more than nine (9) days of compensating time during any fiscal year based on six (6) days of work. One-half day (.5) minimum will apply for the purpose of compensating time. Members shall be allowed to take compensatory time off in blocks, one-half day (.5) or whole days, except that requests for compensatory time off shall be denied if it creates overtime. Unused compensatory time shall be carried over from fiscal year to fiscal year with a maximum accumulation six (6) days during any fiscal year. No member can be ordered to take compensating time in lieu of pay by the Town for any reason.

5.14 Court Time: Each employee who may be required by the Town or compelled by valid subpoena to attend any State or Federal Court or administrative agency for any purpose connected to his/her official duties and while off-duty, except as otherwise provided herein, shall receive time and one-half for all hours worked and shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours time, except as otherwise provided for herein. Any fees received by an employee from third parties for such court appearances, official hearings or other legal proceedings, shall be signed over to the Town by the employee, provided the employee is compensated by the Town under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE VI MINIMUM STAFFING**

6.1 Consistent with available resources, operational requirements, and available funds, the Chief will attempt to arrange the Departmental schedule so that each shift or tour of duty shall consist of a supervisor and three (3) officers when such persons are available. Any Officer promoted to Detective after 7/1/04 shall not be considered a supervisor eligible for any sergeant or supervisory overtime.

6.2 During the Berlin Fair weekend, beginning Friday at 1500 hours, and continuing through Sunday at 1900 hours, all personnel of the Berlin Police Department may be required to work, and shall be paid according to the terms of this agreement if so required to work. Requests for time off will not be approved except by special request and approval of the Chief.

During the Berlin Fair weekend, the "Order In" Process described in section marked as Appendix II is not intended to be utilized for the time period. Instead a list of volunteers will be solicited from Union members. Once the volunteers are scheduled, a list will be created of personnel working that time period.

Personnel with the lesser amount of overtime hours scheduled will be assigned in reverse seniority e.g. a person with no hours scheduled will be assigned first. Two Officers with equal hours, the more junior Officer will be scheduled.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**EXTRA OR SPECIAL POLICE DUTY**

7.1 The terms “EXTRA POLICE WORK” or “EXTRA POLICE DUTY” for the purpose of this Article shall mean duty for which the Town bills the user of the employees’ services and which is paid for through the Town’s payroll as set forth in this Article.

7.2 (a). Employees working on private duty assignments which are paid for by an outside vendor or contractor shall be paid at the rate of time and one half at top step Sergeant rate with a four (4) hour minimum. (Employees at the rank of Lieutenant will receive their regular hourly rate at time and one half) Employees working assignments involving any extra duty paid for by the Town shall be paid at the rate of time and one half their regular hourly rate. Assignments involving more than four (4) hours, but less than eight (8) hours, will be paid on the basis of the above rate. Employees will receive their regular rate of pay at time and one half when working Private Duty posts at the Berlin Fair. NOTE: (The Town will sign a side-letter limiting its “surcharge” to no more than 25% of the hourly rate.)

(b). Notwithstanding subsection (a), members working road construction, utility, or any other extra duty assignment outside the boundaries of the Town of Berlin on Sundays or holidays, shall be paid double time.

7.3 All extra duty assignments (private work) will be made through the Department by the Chief of Police or his/her designee in accordance with the distribution system attached in appendix labeled Extra Duty Distribution System. Members shall be paid at their overtime rate for those assigned. Any member wishing extra duty work must at all times comply with the distribution system agreed upon between the parties. A member’s only remedy for alleged violations of the distribution system shall be limited to preferential assignments of extra duty outside of normal rotation.

## **ARTICLE VIII SICK LEAVE**

8.1 Each employee shall be entitled to fifteen (15) working days of sick leave each fiscal year. Sick leave shall be earned at the rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month for the first five years of employment. After the fifth (5th) anniversary of employment, the fifteen (15) days annually shall be allocated as follows:

Seven and one-half (7 1/2) days on July 1st and seven and one-half (7 1/2) on January 1st. Any portion of sick leave which has been or shall be unused shall be accumulative up to two hundred (200) working days. Up to 1/4 of the total accumulated sick leave may be paid upon retirement after achieving the "Normal Retirement Date" criteria as defined in the Town of Berlin Retirement Income Plan, Amended and Restated Effective July 1, 1998. No more than 50 (1/4 of 200) days will be paid.

8.2 For any period of absence, not service connected, consisting of three (3) or more consecutive working days, or three (3) days for the same illness recurring within (10) calendar days, or for suspected abuse, the Chief may require evidence of eligibility for sick leave in the form of a medical doctor's certificate.

8.3 An employee's absence from work shall be authorized and shall qualify him for sick leave and sick leave pay, if it is due to or arises out of:

- a) Illness, incapacity or injury to the employee, except where they arise out of or during the performance of duty.
- b) The need to undergo medical, optical or dental treatment that cannot be accomplished during off-duty hours.
- c) Illness, incapacity or injury to the employee's spouse or child requiring his/her personal attendance.



- 8.4 A list showing the sick leave of all members of the Department shall be kept up to date by the Chief and a copy shall be given to the Secretary of the Union.
- 8.5 Maternity Leave shall be granted in accordance with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

**ARTICLE IX  
FUNERAL LEAVE**

9.1 Special leave of five (5) working days with pay for any days that the employee may be scheduled for duty shall be granted an employee in the event of the death of his/her:

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| Spouse  | Sister                                     |
| Father  | Son or Daughter                            |
| Mother  | Relative domiciled in employee's household |
| Brother |  |

9.2 Special leave of three (3) working days with pay for any days that the employee may be scheduled for duty shall be granted an employee in the event of the death of his/her:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Father-in-law | Brother-in-law  |
| Mother-in-law | Son-in-law      |
| Sister-in-law | Daughter-in-law |
| Grandmother   | Grandfather     |
| Grandchild    |                 |

9.3 Special leave of one (1) working day with pay for any days that the employee may be scheduled for duty shall be granted an employee to allow attendance at local services in the event of the death of his/her:

- |       |        |
|-------|--------|
| Aunt  | Uncle  |
| Niece | Nephew |

**ARTICLE X**  
**VACATIONS AND PERSONAL DAYS**

10.1 Employees hired prior to January 1, 1995, upon completion of the following periods of service with the Department as of the anniversary date of their appointment, shall receive vacation with pay according to the following schedule:

One year of service	11 days
Five years of service	16 days
Twelve years of service	21 days
Twenty years of service	26 days

Employees hired on or after January 1, 1995, upon completion of the following periods of service with the as of the anniversary date of their appointment, shall receive vacation with pay according to the following schedule:

One year of service	11 days
Five years of service	16 days
Twelve years of service	18 days
Fifteen years of service	21 days
Twenty-five years of service	26 days

10.2 Vacations between June 1 and September 15 shall be for no more than two (2) weeks.

An employee may take any additional vacation to which he is entitled as scheduled with the approval of the Chief. No vacation may be accumulated from year to year.

10.3 Requests for vacation must be submitted in writing to the Chief by March 1 of each year if the vacation is desired between June 1 and September 15th. In return, a reply from the office of the Chief shall be returned to the person submitting said request by April 1st approving or denying the request. A copy of such approval or disapproval shall be forwarded to the union president.

10.4 When a holiday occurs during a regular vacation, the employees shall be entitled to Holiday Pay in addition to vacation pay.

10.5 In the Patrol Division, employees shall choose vacations in accordance with seniority, with no more than one (1) Officer from each shift to be off on vacation at the same time. Personnel may be substituted so as to permit more than one person to take a vacation on the same shift, at the same time, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police. Overtime may be authorized by the Chief to allow for two (2) persons to be on vacation at the same time when a short-term overlap occurs.

10.6 Vacation pay, pro-rated on the employee's service with the Town, shall be granted to any member who leaves the force with two weeks notice, and returns all Town-issued equipment.

10.7 In the event of any employee's death, his/her pro-rated accumulated vacation pay shall be paid to his/her estate.

10.8 Excluding vacation requests of three (3) or more consecutive days or requests submitted in accordance with section 10.3, all other written requests for time off or change in work schedule will be submitted no more than twelve (12) weeks in advance of the dates requested. Written requests submitted for time off or change in work schedule by any employee must be answered and returned to such employee within three (3) working days, (excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) of the administration receiving such requests. Failure by the administration to do so shall result in the request being automatically granted to such employee.

10.9 Vacation periods shall start and end any day of week desired by the employee.

10.10 Vacation and Personal Time shall expire as of the anniversary date of the employee.

10.11 Employees shall be allowed to take up to eleven (11) vacation days of their annual vacation in periods of one (1) or more days.

10.12 During any fiscal year, an employee may elect to receive pay in lieu of vacation for any vacation he is entitled to in excess of ten (10) vacation days, such payment to be made when requested by the employee.

10.13 Each employee shall be entitled to five (5) personal days per year, based on date of hire.

10.14 Request for personal days shall be in half day increments. No such time off shall be permitted, if an overtime situation is created, without special permission of the Chief of Police. During any fiscal year if an employee's request for personal days creates an overtime situation, the Town will attempt to fill up to two (2) days of personal days through the use of the overtime system. If the Town is unable to fill the vacancy through the overtime system, the request shall be denied. Employees shall note on their request if they desire to exercise this option. Only one (1) employee per shift may use a personal day that requires the Town to attempt to fill through the use of the overtime system and employee requests shall be honored on a first requested basis.

10.15 There shall be no advance vacation pay.

**ARTICLE XI  
HOLIDAYS**

11.1a Employees shall receive eight (8) hours holiday pay for each of the following holidays not worked (excluding workers' compensation leave):

New Years' Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King Day	State Observed Holiday
President's Day	State Observed Holiday
Good Friday	State Observed Holiday
Memorial Day	State Observed Holiday
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	State Observed Holiday
Columbus Day	State Observed Holiday
Veteran's Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	State Observed Holiday
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>

11.1b Employees, in lieu of holiday pay, shall have the option to receive a day off (excluding workers' compensation leave). Holiday time must be used in the year that it is earned (based on date of hire).

11.1c Employees may take holidays, with the exception of Memorial Day, off in lieu of holiday pay, keeping within the minimum staffing requirements outlined in Article VI, provided such days off do not create a "mandatory" overtime situation. Requests for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day will be granted by seniority before September 1. After September 1, requests will be granted on a first come, first served basis.

11.2 An employee working on a holiday shall receive double time pay for all hours worked on a holiday plus holiday pay as provided in Section 11.1a provided the Officer works the day before the holiday and the day after the holiday unless one of these days is a scheduled day off.

## **ARTICLE XII GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### **12.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of the grievance procedure shall be to settle employee grievances on as low an administrative level as is possible and practicable, so as to insure efficiency and employee morale.

### **12.2 DEFINITION**

A grievance, for the purpose of this procedure, shall be considered to be an employee or UNION complaint concerned with:

- a) Discharge, termination, suspension or other disciplinary action;
- b) Interpretation and application of specific rule(s) and regulations and Policy(s) of the police Department;
- c) Matters relating to the interpretation and application of specific article(s) and section(s) of this agreement.

### **12.3 Any employee may use this grievance procedure with or without Union assistance.**

Should an employee process a grievance through one or more of the steps provided herein prior to seeking Union aid, the Union must (if the Union decides to join the grievance) continue from the next succeeding step following that which the employee has utilized. The Union shall not be entitled to process the grievance anew.

No grievance settlement made as a result of an individually processed grievance shall contravene the provision of this Agreement.

Step One - Any employee who has a grievance shall reduce the grievance to writing and submit it to the Chief within ten (10) days of the date of act or omission, and he shall use his/her best efforts to settle the dispute. The Chief's decision and the basis thereof shall be submitted in

writing to the aggrieved employee and his/her representative, if represented, within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance.

Step Two - If the complainant and his/her representative, if represented, are not satisfied with the decision rendered by the Chief, the employee or his/her representative shall submit the grievance in writing within ten (10) days to the Board of Police Commissioners to be heard at their next scheduled meeting unless the grievance relates to a financial matter. Such grievances related to financial matters shall be forwarded to the Town Manager.

The Board of Police Commissioners or the Town Manager, where appropriate shall render its decision and the basis thereof to the aggrieved employee and his/her representative, if represented, within five (5) days from the date of the meeting. At any point of the grievance procedure if the grievant or his/her representative fails to take an appeal within the appropriate period, the grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of the Town's decision.

Step Three - Within twenty (20) days of the union's receipt of the decision at Step Two and if the complaint and his/her representative, if represented, are not satisfied with the decision rendered, he/she or his/her representative may submit the grievance to the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration ("CSBMA"), and the decision rendered by the tripartite panel of Arbitrators shall be final and binding upon both parties. Notice of the submission to the CSBMA must be forwarded, by the Union to the Town, at the time of submission. In instances of suspension, termination or economic loss suffered by the employee and within twenty (20) days of such notice of submission, the Town or the Union may elect to have the grievance arbitrated through the rules of the American Arbitration Association. If the Town or Union makes such election, all administrative costs and fees assessed by AAA shall be equally shared. The decision rendered by the AAA arbitrator shall be final and binding upon both parties.

#### 12.4 MEDIATION

The mediation services of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration may be used in second or third step negotiations provided both parties mutually agree on the desirability of this service.

#### 12.5 MEETINGS

If either of the parties related to the grievance process desire to meet for the purpose of oral discussion, a meeting shall be requested and scheduled in accordance with Steps One, Two and Three.

#### 12.6 TIME EXTENSIONS

Time-extensions beyond those stipulated in this grievance procedure may be arrived at by mutual agreement of both parties concerned and in writing except for the initial filing of a grievance.

#### 12.7 RECORDING OF MINUTES OR TESTIMONY

Either party shall have the right to employ a public stenographer at any step in this procedure.

#### 12.8 REPRESENTATION

Employees and the Police Union shall have the right and choice of representation whenever representation is desired by either an employee or the Police Union.

12.9 Grievances involving discharge, termination, demotion or suspension of more than three (3) days may be processed beginning at Step Three.



**ARTICLE XIII**  
**DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

13.1 No employee, except probationary employees, covered by this Agreement shall be discharged, terminated, suspended, demoted or disciplined except for just cause.

13.2 Any disciplinary actions including discharge except in a strike situation may be appealed to the Grievance Procedure of this Agreement as to the existence of just cause and the appropriateness of discipline applied.

13.3 Any disciplinary action other than an oral warning shall be stated in writing, giving the reason for same, and a copy to be given to the employee and the Union Grievance Committee at the time of such action.

13.4 At all disciplinary inquiries or hearings conducted by the Chief or his/her designee which may lead to a suspension or referral to the Board of Police Commissioners, and all disciplinary inquiries or hearings conducted by the Board of Police Commissioners or any other tribunal that may be created by the Town for such purpose, all witnesses shall be sworn, and members of the Department involved in any disciplinary action shall have the right and choice of representation. The grounds for referring the employee for a hearing shall be sent to the employee not later than five (5) business days prior to the hearing, provided, the five (5) day notice requirement shall not apply to Internal Affairs inquiries conducted by the Internal Affairs Division. Such hearings shall be closed to the public, including the press, unless such member shall request that it be an open hearing. With the exception of inquiries or hearings conducted by the Chief or his/her designee, where the use of recording equipment may be at the option of the Town or the member involved, recording equipment shall be used in all other hearings to record all testimony. The accused will receive a letter advising him of the disposition of his/her hearing with a copy to the Union, whenever the Union is a party to such hearings.

13.5 Any employee who has been disciplined or discharged and who is subsequently exonerated shall be reinstated in conformity with the arbitrator's award.

13.6 Whenever a civilian complaint is made against a member or group of members of the Department relating to his/her or their conduct as an Officer, or the manner in which such Officer discharges his/her duties and such complaint results in a Court hearing, said member shall be entitled to be represented by an attorney and the same shall be provided by the Town, unless it is determined that the behavior was willful, wanton, or reckless.

13.7 Employees who may be required to attend such hearings when off duty shall be compensated for such appearance by being paid a sum of money that is equal to the number of hours spent at such hearing times their regular hourly rate of pay with a minimum of four (4) hours paid such employee. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Board of Police Commissioners from calling employees before it for investigation or inquiry without payment.

13.8 A written warning or reprimand received by a member shall be inadmissible and of no force or effect for any purposes whatsoever three (3) years afterward, unless during such three (3) year period the member received another written warning or reprimand for the same or similar reason. Records of other penalty and disciplinary actions will similarly be voided if no further action has been taken after five (5) years following the date of the incident. Records of voided disciplinary action shall be temporarily removed from the member's personnel file during promotional exam review.

**ARTICLE XIV  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

14.1 All members of the Department shall receive an annual clothing allowance of Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$850.00). New Hires shall receive the equipment specified in the following list during the first calendar year of their employment:

Academy equipment	1--Sweat Shirt PT
	1--Traffic Vest
2--Khaki Pants	1--Uniform Shirt
2--Khaki Shirts	1--Uniform Pants
Emblems	1--Emblems
1--Belt	
1--Sneakers	
1--Black Shoes	Foul Weather Gear
1--Collar Pins	Depending on Season
1--B.B. Cap	
1--8pt Hat	1--Winter Coat
1--Black Tie	1--Light Coat
1--Tie Bar	1--Long raincoat.
2--T. Shirts PT	
2--Shorts PT	
1--Sweat Pants PT	

14.2 The Town shall reimburse any member for loss or damage of clothing and/or personal property suffered in the performance of duty. Such claim for loss or damage shall be supported with reasonable proof of the loss or damage and of the value of the loss or amount of the damage.

14.3 The Department summer uniform will be worn April 15 to October 15 of each year.

14.4 The standard navy blue duty uniform is designated as the normal daily patrol uniform.

14.5 The wearing of the Department dress uniform or traditional grey uniform (summer or winter) may be required for specific dates and/or occasions as determined by the Chief.

**ARTICLE XV  
INSURANCE, PENSION & DISABILITY**

The Town of Berlin agrees to provide the following program of life, hospitalization, surgical and medical insurance:

**15.1 HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES, SPOUSE AND DEPENDENTS**

Health Insurance benefits shall be provided in accordance with the Coalition Agreement regarding Health Insurance, as attached hereto at Appendix V.

**15.1.1 WAIVER OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Upon presentation of documentation that an active employee is covered under a health insurance policy existing elsewhere, (e.g. a spouse's policy, a policy issued by the military, etc.) that employee may elect to waive, in writing all health and dental insurance coverage, and in lieu thereof; may receive \$500.00 per year for employee, \$1,800 per year for two-person, and \$2,500 per year for family coverage after providing proof of other insurance. Payment to those employees waiving such coverage shall be made quarterly and retrospectively, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, July, October, and January. Each calendar quarter shall constitute enrollment and waiver dates. Notice of intention to waive insurance coverage must be sent to the Town Manager's Office not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the publicized enrollment period cut-off date, and may be subject to any regulations or restrictions which may be prescribed by the appropriate insurance carriers. Any employee may elect to resume Town provided insurance coverage effective the next enrollment period, upon written notice to the Town and subject, however, to any regulations or restrictions, including waiting periods, which may then prescribed by the appropriate carriers; provided, however, that an employee may in extraordinary circumstances, re-enter the medical plan during the year upon review by the Town Manager's Office. In such an event, any payment received by the employee in lieu of coverage will be

discontinued and/or re-paid to the Town. Extraordinary circumstances are those such as divorce, loss of employment by spouse or death which results in loss of the alternative insurance coverage because of which the employee discontinued coverage with the Town. Upon initial selection or waiver of insurance only one (1) change will be allowed in a twelve (12) month period.

#### 15.2 POLICE POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL FUND (103) [retiree section]

The Town will continue to make the specified deductions from each member's bi-weekly pay for the Police Post Medical Retirement fund (103), and continue to make the dispersals to the eligible retired members, as enumerated in the addendum entitled "Police Post Medical Retirement Fund". *As permitted by law, the parameters of the Fund may be unilaterally changed by the Union from time to time with regard to the financial solvency of the Fund.*

#### 15.3 DISABILITY BENEFITS

Eligibility for Disability Benefits: A participant in the Defined Benefit Pension Plan shall be eligible to receive a Disability Benefit under this Plan if he meets the following requirements:

- a. He/she is permanently disabled as a result of injury sustained in the performance of his/her duties as a member of the Berlin Police Department.
- b. His/her disability is such that it will preclude his/her performing the required duties of a member of the Berlin Police Department.

Determination of Disability: A participant's disability as described in Section 1 shall be determined through examination by two (2) physicians, one (1) of whom shall be selected by the participant and one (1) of whom shall be selected by the employer. If the two (2) physicians selected do not concur in the determination of the participant's disability, then a third physician acceptable to both parties will be appointed, and his/her decision shall be final and binding.

Amount of Disability Benefits: Upon the determination of such participant's eligibility for disability benefits, hereunder, he shall receive yearly disability benefits equal in amount to 60% of his/her basic annual rate of pay as shown on his/her yearly contract then in effect less any payments from the following sources:

- a. Any periodic cash payments provided on account of the employee's disability:
  1. under any group insurance coverage or similar arrangement coverage for individuals in a group paid for by the Town;
  2. by one-half of the Federal Social Security Act, excluding benefits payable to the employee's dependents on account of the employee's disability;
  3. by any state or federal government disability or retirement plan;
  4. under or on account of any worker's compensation or similar law; which become payable on or after the commencement of the disability for which monthly income is payable; and
- b. Any Federal Old Age Benefits provided under the Federal Social Security Act.

For the purposes of items (1) and (2) above, each employee who is covered under the Federal Social Security Act will be considered to be receiving periodic cash payments under such Act, in an amount equal to the amount he would receive were he receiving such payments, unless the employee submits proof that such payments have been applied for but are not payable. Such benefits shall be payable directly from the pension fund and shall be payable monthly commencing on the first of the month following the determination of such disability. Cessation of Disability Benefit: Upon the participant's attainment of his/her Normal Retirement Date, disability benefits will immediately cease and Retirement Annuity payments will begin. The Retirement Annuity payments received will equal the amount determined on his/her Normal

Retirement date assuming that his/her pre-disability earnings did not change for each year that he was disabled in accordance with the terms of this Section.

15.3(a) Participants of the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan shall be provided Long Term Disability Insurance through Lloyd's of London. Participants of the Defined Benefit Retirement Plan shall be provided Long Term Disability Insurance through the Town's existing long-term disability plan. The Town will pay for the premiums for these Long Term Disability Insurance benefits.

15.4 The Town will provide payment of premium for the Lloyds of London Insurance benefits (Union Lifestyle Benefits) for all members who are not participants in the Defined Benefit plan. It is understood that any workers' compensation-related absences extending beyond ninety (90) days may be offset by this benefit and that is at the discretion of the carrier. When an employee is out on non-work-related sick leave beyond ninety (90) days and becomes eligible for the disability benefit, the Town will reduce the employee's utilization of sick leave benefits so that the employee is kept whole with pay and benefit deductions (including employee contributions to health insurance and 401 contributions). This will continue until the employee returns to work or their sick leave bank is exhausted.

15.5 The Town will continue to provide double indemnity life insurance for members, without costs to the member, in an amount rounded off to the nearest \$1,000.00 level of base salary.

15.6 The Town will provide at its expense accidental death and dismemberment insurance in the amount of One Hundred Thousand dollars for each employee.

15.7 The Town may change insurance carriers as long as benefits and coverages remain equivalent to those provided under the Alternatives.

15.8 The Town agrees to continue, and employees shall be entitled to, all pension benefits in

effect at the time of execution of this Agreement, provided further that all employees who are members of the "Town of Berlin Retirement Income Plan Amended & Restated Effective July 1, 1998, as Modified - Defined Benefit Plan" (The Plan) shall never have their benefits under The Plan decrease below those benefits provided and agreed as of July 1, 2000. Said benefits shall remain as the minimum benefits provided to said members of the Defined Benefit Plan through June 30, 2030. Said benefits may be increased without prohibition at any time in accordance with this Agreement, the Plan, and laws of the State of Connecticut. The Union shall not be obligated to negotiate over those terms and conditions of employment which are otherwise mandatory subjects of bargaining, and which affect the Defined Benefit Plan, until June 30, 2030 or thereafter. Provided, however, that should the Union propose improvements to the Defined Benefit Plan in 2009 or thereafter, the Town can make counterproposals to the Defined Benefit Plan provided the savings of the counterproposals do not exceed the cost of the proposed improvements.

15.9 In the event an employee is killed in the line of duty, the Town shall continue to provide the same health insurance benefits with applicable riders, that were in effect at the time of death without cost to the employee's dependents until each reaches the ages of 18 years (22 if a full-time college student) or the spouse remarries.

15.10 Employees on Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) shall continue to pay to the Town their health insurance premium contribution, and disability insurance premium contribution. (Out of pocket) The Town shall continue to make its corresponding payment to ensure the maintenance of the health insurance benefits, provided the employee continues to make their contribution.



15.11 The Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans are hereby incorporated by reference. The Defined Contribution Plan shall be modified effective July 1, 2017, as follows: For employees in the Defined Contribution Plan hired on or after July 1, 2017, employees may contribute between one percent (1%) and twelve percent (12%) of their base wages. Any such contribution up to and including four percent (4%) by the employee will be matched at 200% by the employer. (Example: An employee contribution of 4% of his/her base wages will be eligible for an employer match of 8% of his/her base wages.) Employees hired on or after July 1, 2017, shall be vested in the contributions after five (5) years of service.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGE SCHEDULE**

- 16.1    a.     Each employee shall receive the next highest step in the wage schedule on the first (1st) of July immediately following the anniversary date of his/her employment.
- b.     New employees hired between July 2nd and December 31st of any year shall receive the next highest step in the wage schedule on the first (1st) of July immediately preceding the anniversary date of his/her employment.
- c.     New employees hired between January 1st and June 30th of any year shall receive the next highest step in the wage schedule on the first (1st) of July immediately following the anniversary date of his/her employment.
- d.     Each newly promoted Detective, Sergeant, or Lieutenant shall receive the next step in the wage schedule on the anniversary date of his/her promotion.

16.1.1 A Patrol Officer, while discharging Field Training Officer’s duties, shall be compensated at the rate of a first step Sergeant.

16.1.2 A Sergeant, while discharging Field Training Officer supervisory duties, shall be compensated at the rate of a first step Lieutenant.

16.2 Employees hired on or before July 1, 2017 shall, in addition to their regular pay, receive longevity pay in accordance with the following schedule:

After 5 years.....	\$450.00
After 10 years.....	\$500.00
After 15 years.....	\$600.00
After 20 years .....	\$700.00

16.3 On becoming eligible for longevity pay, such pay shall be prorated from the employee’s anniversary date to the start of the next fiscal year (July 1st). Thereafter, employees shall receive

longevity pay in two payments on the paydays following December 1st and June 1st. Longevity shall be paid only as earned and not in advance.

16.4 Police Department Wage Schedule on Appendix titled Wage Scale attached hereto.

Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2015, wages shall be increased by 2.25% over the schedule of wages provided effective July 1, 2014;

Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2016, wages shall be increased by 2.25% over the schedule of wages provided effective July 1, 2015;

Effective and retroactive to July 1, 2017, wages shall increase by 2.25% over the schedule of wages provided effective July 1, 2016;

Effective July 1, 2018, wages shall increase by 2.25% over the schedule of wages provided effective July 1, 2017;

Effective July 1, 2019, wages shall increase by 2.25% over the schedule of wages provided effective July 1, 2018.

16.5 A Canine handler for the Police Department shall be compensated an additional one-half hour each day for the care of the canine. Compensation shall be a ten-dollar (\$10.00) an hour rate. Payment for overtime due to caring for the canine will be calculated using the ten-dollar (\$10.00) an hour rate.

16.6 Effective July 1, 2017, all bargaining unit members shall be paid bi-weekly on Friday, by noon via mandatory direct deposit.

**ARTICLE XVII  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

17.1 The provisions of this Agreement shall be applicable to all employees covered in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws.

17.2 The Town shall provide a room at Police Headquarters where Union meetings may be held.

17.3 Employees shall not be required to attend meetings or assemblies while on vacation or on a day off.

17.4 If any article or any section of this contract is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the other articles and sections or portions thereof which shall be valid.

17.5 Union Officers and delegates of the Union shall be allowed time off to attend meetings, conferences and conventions without loss of pay provided no such time off shall be permitted if an overtime situation is created without special permission of the Chief. Total leave shall not exceed one hundred twelve (112) hours annually.

Whenever possible, notice shall be given to the Chief at least seven (7) days prior to the time proposed to be taken. No more than two (2) members of the Union scheduled to be on duty shall be absent on such leave at any time, without special permission of the Chief.

17.6 All members of the local Executive Board of the Union shall be allowed to attend all local meetings of the Board or body while on duty with the understanding they will answer any police calls as the need arises.

17.7 A joint committee shall be formed consisting of no more than two (2) members of the Union and such representatives of the Department as the Police Board shall designate. Meetings shall be held to review and recommend safety and health conditions in the Department and

attempts shall be made to correct such conditions and problems. Meetings shall be held as requested by either party.

17.8 The Town will indemnify and defend any Police Officer in any action involving emergency medical treatment or care occurring during the official performance of that Officer's duties whether on or off duty.

17.9 No individual employee in the bargaining unit or representative agent or employee of the Town may enter into any separate agreement or understanding which will be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

17.10 The Town and the Union agree it is the responsibility of each employee to achieve and maintain a reasonable level of physical fitness and general good health. Each member of the Department shall be given a complete physical examination in accordance with the age/frequency schedule authorized by the current Town Health Insurance provider.

The Town and each member shall be given a copy of the doctor's report of findings upon completion of the physical exam. Physical examinations shall strictly adhere to Form BPD Report of Medical Examination and Attachment (herein incorporated as Appendix) and may be administered by a qualified physician licensed by the State of Connecticut of the member's own choosing. It is the express intent of this contract provision to provide timely medical information which the Officer shall use to maintain a job-related state of health and fitness. It is therefore incumbent on each Officer to demonstrate to the Town that he is, in good faith, making every reasonable effort to follow all recommendations his/her physician stipulates. It shall be clearly understood that no action shall be taken by the Town based on the Officer's success or failure in achieving a physician's recommended goal. Rather, disciplinary action may only be taken if the Officer fails to commence and/or continue good faith efforts to follow such physician's

recommendations. All employees will be tested on the basis of percentage of body fat per the skin folds test.

17.11 Copies of all memorandums, letters, and evaluations placed in the employee's file shall be given to the employee. No document shall be placed in the employee's file without the employee's knowledge.

17.12 The Town will reimburse all funeral and related expenses for any Police Officer killed in the line of duty, not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00.

17.13 Three (3) members of the Union Negotiating Committee shall be granted leave from duty with full pay for all meetings between the Town and the Union for the purpose of negotiating the terms of a collective bargaining agreement when such meetings take place at time during which such members are scheduled to be on duty. The Town shall be given written notice of the members of the Negotiating Committee contemporaneous with any written notice of intention to propose amendments.

17.14 Two (2) members of the Union Grievance Committee and the grievants shall be granted leave from duty with full pay for all meetings between the Town and the Union for the purpose of processing grievance including mediation meetings, when such meetings take place at a time during which such members are scheduled to be on duty. The Town shall be given written notice of the members of the Grievance Committee by December 15th of each year.

17.15 The President or one (1) executive board member of the Union and the grievant shall be granted leave from duty with full pay to attend hearings AAA Arbitration hearings or State Board of Mediation and Arbitration hearings, for the purpose of processing grievances, when such hearings take place at a time during which such members are scheduled to be on duty. At least two (2) weeks prior to an arbitration hearing(s), the Town shall be given written notice of

the executive board member who needs leave from duty to attend such hearing(s).

17.16 Dispatching will be done by civilians, hired by the Town, who will not be in the bargaining unit. Sworn personnel will not perform duties of Dispatcher except to relieve dispatchers for lunch and coffee breaks. Sworn personnel may perform dispatching duties during any emergency and for training purposes. This provision will not be used to fill a dispatcher vacancy.

17.17 Any employee hired after the effective date of this Agreement who voluntarily leaves the Department and accepts employment elsewhere as a Police Officer within eighteen (18) months from the date of State Certification as a Police Officer shall reimburse the Town and/or the Department in full for any and all costs and expenses paid by the Town and/or the Department for professional training and certification of the employee. In furtherance hereof, any employee hired after the effective date of this Agreement shall be required to execute a Reimbursement Agreement, the form of which is attached as an Addendum to this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT**

18.1 During the course of this Agreement, there shall be no strike, slowdown, suspension or stoppage of work in any part of the Town's operation authorized by the Union, nor shall there be any lockout by the Town in any part of the Town's operation. Union members going on strike contrary to Union approval shall be summarily dismissed from service without recourse to the grievance procedure.

**ARTICLE XIX  
INJURY LEAVE**

19.1 In the event that an employee is absent due to an injury or illness suffered in the line of duty or arising out of and in the course of his/her employment, including his/her departure from his/her place of abode to duty, and his/her return to his/her place of abode after duty, he/she shall receive from the Town of Berlin a weekly amount equal to that to which he would be entitled under the Worker's Compensation Act until such time as he begins receiving payments directly from the Worker's Compensation insurance carrier; and, at that time, all sums advanced by the Town of Berlin under the provisions of this paragraph shall be returned by the employee to the Town of Berlin.

19.2 The Town shall not withhold Federal taxes or apply any deductions against that portion of the weekly advance payment made under the provisions of 19.1 that represents an amount equal to Worker's Compensation payments.

19.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 hereof, the full amount of the payments required to be made by Section 1 shall be included in determining any pension benefits to which the employee may be entitled.

19.4 Any member injured or otherwise disabled while making or attempting to make an arrest, during his/her off-duty time, shall be entitled to those benefits provided for under Article XIX - Injury Leave.

**ARTICLE XX  
COLLEGE INCENTIVE**

20.1 The Town shall pay tuition and book cost for any member at any accredited college or university for any police related courses or degrees, but in no event shall the Town pay any more than \$4,000.00 on behalf of all members of the unit in any one contract year.



In order to be reimbursed for these expenses, the member must advise and seek the approval of the Chief of Police in advance of taking the course of his/her intention and the cost of such course and books. The member must show proof of a grade of "B" or better for the course and the invoice for such costs within thirty (30) days of receipt of grades. In the event that the unit's reimbursable expenses exceed \$4,000.00 in any fiscal year, members shall receive equal reimbursement amounts or reimbursement for the amounts actually incurred, whichever is less, all to be paid at the end of the fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE XXI LATER HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS**

21.1 The Police Department may hire qualified and experienced Police Officers as Officers in the Berlin Police Department.

21.2 The Police Department may offer as incentive to attract lateral hires the following:

21.2.1 For a Police Officer with no more than three (3) years of police service no more than Step 3 of the police collective bargaining agreement.

21.2.2 For an experienced Police Officer with more than three (3) years of police service but less than five (5) years of police service a salary of no more than Step 5 of the police collective bargaining agreement.

21.2.3 For an experienced Police Officer with more than five (5) years of police service a salary of no more than Step 6 of the police collective bargaining agreement.

21.3 Personnel hired as qualified and experienced Police Officers shall accrue vacation time and earn seniority, promotion and shift rights the same as a new employee.


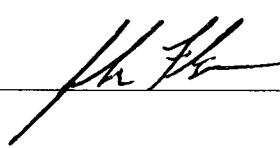
**ARTICLE XXI**  
**DURATION**

This AGREEMENT shall be effective as of July 1, 2015 and shall remain in effect for five (5) years from that date until June 30, 2020 and thereafter shall continue in effect from year to year, except that it may be altered or modified at any time by mutual agreement or prior to the termination date of said Agreement by giving to the other party not less than 150 days written notice of intention to propose amendments. Negotiations upon proposed changes in the terms of this Agreement shall begin not later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the notice.

Dated at Berlin, Connecticut this 9<sup>th</sup> day of **September**, 2017.

FOR THE TOWN OF BERLIN

FOR THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE,  
BERLIN POLICE UNION, LODGE 56

Appendix I

PATROL OFFICER

Wage  
Schedule

YEAR

Effective

Date	Start	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
7/1/2015	29.33	30.60	31.87	33.21	34.49	35.75	37.35
7/1/2016	29.99	31.29	32.59	33.96	35.27	36.55	38.19
7/1/2017	30.66	31.99	33.32	34.72	36.06	37.37	39.05
7/1/2018	31.35	32.71	34.07	35.50	36.87	38.21	39.93
7/1/2019	32.06	33.45	34.84	36.30	37.70	39.07	40.83

DETECTIVE

Effective

Date	Start	Max
7/1/2015	38.61	39.86
7/1/2016	39.48	40.76
7/1/2017	40.37	41.68
7/1/2018	41.28	42.62
7/1/2019	42.21	43.58

SERGEANT

Effective

Date	Start	Max
7/1/2015	41.43	42.93
7/1/2016	42.36	43.9
7/1/2017	43.31	44.89
7/1/2018	44.28	45.9
7/1/2019	45.28	46.93

LIEUTENANT

Effective

Date	Start	Max
7/1/2015	44.69	46.44
7/1/2016	45.70	47.48
7/1/2017	46.73	48.55
7/1/2018	47.78	49.64
7/1/2019	48.86	50.76

## Appendix II

### MANDATORY OVERTIME

If an overtime assignment needs to be filled, the overtime distribution system will be used. If none of the Officers who signed up for the particular time slot are willing to work the assignment, the Assigning Officer will reference the Mandatory Overtime Record and order-in the highest listed Officer with the least number of previous order-ins. If that Officer cannot be contacted, the Assigning Officer will contact the next Officer on the list and so on until the assignment is filled.

Officers will be listed in ascending order of seniority on the Mandatory Overtime Record. A new record will be generated on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, with each Officer's total number of order-ins being reset to zero.

A separate Mandatory Overtime Record will be maintained for supervisory overtime. The same system of mandatory overtime assignment will be used for the Supervisors.

Overtime worked that is integral to one's position in the Department will not be considered to be mandatory overtime, whether or not the Officer wanted the assignment. This includes but is not limited to Dive Team call-outs, Detective Division call-outs, and overtime worked past the end of one's shift to complete casework or to assist other Officers with their cases.

At his/her convenience, the Assigning Officer may attempt to contact Officers who have not indicated a desire to work the particular slot and offer it to them. In addition, an Officer ordered-in under the mandatory system may attempt to get another Officer to work the assignment. If successful, the credit for the order-in would then be expunged from the Mandatory Overtime Record.

**REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the undersigned (hereinafter "applicant") is seeking employment with the Department of Police Services as a recruit in the Police Academy;

WHEREAS, if the applicant completes a training and education program offered by the Department of Police Services and is ultimately appointed as a police officer for the Town of Berlin, the Department of Police Services will have spent substantial sums of money on his or her training and education leading to certification as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the applicant will be offered employment as a police officer in the Department of Police Services of the Town of Berlin if the applicant successfully completes said training and education program and becomes certified as a police officer.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the applicant being offered an opportunity to receive the training necessary to become certified as a police officer and to be paid therefore, the applicant agrees as follows:

- 1. In the event that applicant, after being certified as a police officer, accepts employment elsewhere as a police officer within eighteen (18) months from the date of said initial certification, applicant shall submit a letter of resignation, notifying the Board of Police Commissioners and Chief of Police that his or her resignation is for employment elsewhere as a police officer.
- 2. Under the circumstances enumerated above, applicant shall reimburse the Department of Police Services the cost of his or her training and education, as follows:

1160 Hours of Department Field Training with FTO (\$23.20/hour) .....	\$26,912.00
400 Hours of Department Field Training ..... With FTO (\$3.21/hour)	\$ 1,284.00
80 Hours of Department Supervised Training with Sergeant (\$1.40/hour).....	\$ 112.00
Testing Expense .....	\$ 1,500.00
Psychological                 \$380.00	
Polygraph                    \$430.00	
Physical                      \$690.00	
Uniforms Expenses Initial Issue + (\$650.00/2 years) .....	\$ 2,480.00
TOTAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT .....	<u>\$32,288.00</u>

Entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant  
  
Name of Applicant:  
Address:  
Rev. date 1/3/08

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness  
  
Name of Witness:

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Report of Medical Examination  
For Information and Guidance of Physician

Name of Examinee : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print)                      Last                                      First                                      Middle

The following portions of the attached examination report form need not be completed:

Page 2, Nos:	3	9	14
	4	10	17
	8	11	

For all Examinees,

The Physician should answer the following questions:

- 1 Examinee ☐ is ☐ is not qualified for strenuous physical exertion.
- 2 Does examinee have any defects restricting or prohibiting his/her participation in defensive tactics and dangerous assignments which might entail the practical use of firearms?
- ☐ No ☐ Yes If "yes", please specify defects:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Does examinee have any defects prohibiting safe operation of motor vehicle?
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Results of percentage of Body Fat per skin fold test:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Examinee's frame is ☐ small ☐ medium ☐ large
- 6 Considering skin fold test results, the examinee's frame, and other individual physical characteristics, I consider his/her present weight: ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Excessive ☐ Deficient
- 7 Under proper medical supervision, employee should: ☐ lose \_\_\_\_\_ pounds ☐ gain \_\_\_\_\_ pounds

Based on the results of this medical examination, I make the following specific recommendations:

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

BPD I-Medical  
REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME				2. RANK OR POSITION		3. IDENTIFICATION NO.			
4. HOME ADDRESS (Number, street or RFD, city or town, State and ZIP Code) Employer Address: 240 Kensington Road Kensington CT 06037				5. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION		6. DATE OF EXAMINATION			
7. SEX		8. RACE		9. TOTAL YEARS TOWN SERVICE		10. AGENCY BPD			
						11. ORGANIZATION UNIT POLICE DEPARTMENT			
12. DATE OF BIRTH		13. PLACE OF BIRTH				14. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
15. EXAMINING FACILITY OR EXAMINER, AND ADDRESS				16. EXAMINER PHONE NO.					
17. SPECIALITY SERVICE (ie DIVER, ETC.)									
CLINICAL EVALUATION									
NORMAL				(Check each item in appropriate column; enter "NE" if not evaluated.)					
				ABNORMAL					
18. HEAD, FACE, NECK AND SCALP									
19. NOSE									
20. SINUSES									
21. MOUTH AND THROAT									
22. EARS - GENERAL									
23. DRUMS (Perforation)									
24. EYES - GENERAL									
25. OPHTHALMOSCOPIC									
26. PUPILS (Equality and reaction)									
27. OCULAR MOTILITY (Assoc. parallel movements, Nystagmus)									
28. LUNGS AND CHEST (include Breasts)									
29. HEART (Thrust, size, rhythm, sounds)									
30. VASCULAR SYSTEM (Varicosities, etc.)									
31. ABDOMEN AND VISCERA (Inc. hernia)									
32. ANUS AND RECTUM (Hemorrhoids, fistula, Prostate, if indicated)									
33. ENDOCRINE SYSTEM									
34. G-U SYSTEM									
35. UPPER EXTREMITIES (Strength range of motion)									
36. FEET									
37. LOWER EXTREMITIES (Strength, range of motion)									
38. SPINE, OTHER MUSCULOSKELETAL									
39. IDENTIFYING BODY MARKS, SCARS, TATTOOS									
40. SKIN LYMPHATICS									
41. NEUROLOGIC									
42. PSYCHIATRIC (Specify any personality deviation)									
43. PELVIC (Females Only) (Circle How Done)									
VAGINAL				RECTAL					
				LABORATORY FINDINGS (Continue in Item 73)					
44. URINALYSIS: A. SPECIFIC GRAVITY				45. CHEST X-RAY (Place, date, film number and result)					
B. ALBUMIN				D. MICROSCOPIC					
C. SUGAR									
46. SEROLOGY (Specify test used and result)				47. EKG		48. BLOOD TYPE AND RH FACTOR			
						49. OTHER TESTS			
MEASUREMENTS AND OTHER FINDINGS									
50. HEIGHT		51. WEIGHT		52. COLOR HAIR		54. BUILD <input type="checkbox"/> SLENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY <input type="checkbox"/> OBESE		55. TEMPERATURE	
56. BLOOD PRESSURE (Arm at heart level)								57. PULSE (Arm at heart level)	
A. SITTING		B. RECUMBENT		C. STANDING (3 min)		A. SITTING		B. AFTER EXERCISE	
SYS.		SYS.		SYS.		C. AFTER 2 MIN		D. RECUMBENT	
DIAS.		DIAS.		DIAS.		E. AFTER STANDING 3 MIN			

58. NOTES (Continued) AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

59. SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES (List diagnoses with item numbers)

60. RECOMMENDATIONS - FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)

61. EXAMINEE (Check)

- A. ☐ IS PHYSICALLY FIT FOR HIS/HER DUTIES
- B. ☐ IS NOT PHYSICALLY FIT FOR HIS/HER DUTIES

62. IF NOT PHYSICALLY FIT, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER

63. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN	SIGNATURE
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BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BPD - I (vision)  
Report of Vision Examination

Examinee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Examination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTANT VISION		REFRACTION			NEAR VISION	
RIGHT 20/	CORR. TO 20/	BY	S.	CX	CORR. TO	BY
LEFT 20/	CORR. TO 20/	BY	S.	CX	CORR. TO	BY

HETEROPHORIA (Specify distance( optional))

ES\*      EX\*      R.H.      L.H.      PRISM DIV.      PRISM CONV.      PC      PD  
CT

ACCOMMODATION		COLOR VISION(Test used and result)	DEPTH PERCEPTION	UNCORRECTED
RIGHT	LEFT			CORRECTED
FIELD OF VISION		NIGHT VISION(Test used and score)	RED LENS TEST	INTRAOCULAR TENSION

NOTES AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES

RECOMMENDATIONS - FURTHER SPECIALISTS EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)

For safe driving of motor vehicles, distant vision must test at least 20/40 in one ey and 20/100 in the other, corrected or uncorrected. Should examinee wear corrective glasses while operating a motor vecicle?

☐ YES   ☐ NO

If recommendation is based on a factor other than above standard, indicate basis.

EXAMINEE (Check)

- A. ☐ IS PHYSICALLY FIT FOR HIS/HER DUTIES  
B. ☐ IS NOT PHYSICALLY FIT FOR HIS/HER DUTIES

IF NOT PHYSICALLY FIT, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.
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BPDI - (Hearing)  
Report of Auditory Examination

Examinee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Examination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HEARING			AUDIOMETER								
RIGHT WV	/15 SV	/15		250	500	1000	2000	3000	4000	6000	8000
				256	512	1024	2048	2896	4096	6144	8198
LEFT WV	/15 SV	/15	RIGHT								
			LEFT								

NOTES AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES

RECOMMENDATIONS - FURTHER SPECIALIST EXAMINATIONS INDICATED (Specify)

EXAMINEE (Check One)

- A. ☐ Is physically fit for his/her duties
- B. ☐ Is not physically fit for his/her duties

IF NOT PHYSICALLY FIT, LIST DISQUALIFYING DEFECTS BY ITEM NUMBER

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF PHYSICIAN	SIGNATURE	PHONE NO.

Audiometer examinations must be afforded for all officers and candidates and decibel readings must be recorded at 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4,000 Hertz. Applicants will not be accepted if the hearing loss exceeds a 25 decibel average (ANSI) in either ear in the frequency range 1000, 2000, and 3000 Hertz. No single reading in that range may exceed 35 decibels and no applicant will be accepted if found to have a hearing loss exceeding 35 decibels at 500 or 45 decibels at 4000 Hertz.

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NOTES AND SIGNIFICANT OR INTERVAL HISTORY

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS AND DIAGNOSES

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COALITION BARGAINING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, by and between the Town of Berlin (the “Town”) and the following bargaining units (collectively the “Unions”): Berlin Blue Collar Employees (UE Local 222, CILU/CIPU, CILU #52); Berlin White Collar Employees (UE Local 222, CILU/CIPU, CILU #28); Home Care and School Health Care Workers of Berlin Unit #20 (Connecticut Health Care Associates National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, AFSCME); Berlin Middle Management Association; and Berlin Police Union (Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 56).

WHEREAS, the Town and the Unions wish to have a single health benefit plan for all Town employees;

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into a Medical Insurance Coalition Agreement (hereinafter “MICA”) in an effort to control rising insurance costs;

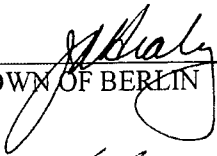
WHEREAS, a description of the 2017-2021 MICA insurance plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

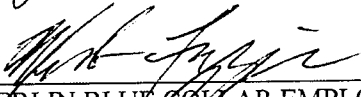
WHEREAS, except as otherwise provided herein, all terms and conditions of affected Town employees shall be set forth in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and each of the respective unions named above;

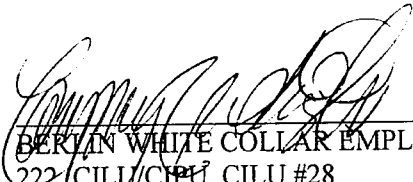
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Town and the Unions, acting of their own free will, hereby agree as follows:

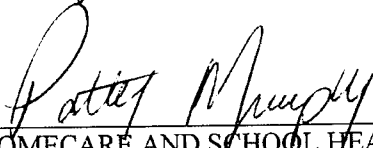
- 1. The updated MICA agreement effective July 1, 2017 shall replace the existing coalition health insurance provisions from the 2014-2017 agreement. It shall be available to those members of the Unions who are eligible for health insurance as of July 1, 2017.
- 2. MICA shall remain in effect from the date of the execution of this agreement until July 1, 2021.
- 3. If by June 30, 2021, no party seeks a change in the insurance plan that is in effect at the time of the execution of this agreement, the Town and a representative of each of the unions named above shall negotiate to develop a successor insurance plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this agreement this 8 of February 2017.

  
TOWN OF BERLIN

  
BERLIN BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES, UE LOCAL  
222, CILU/CIPU, CILU #52

  
BERLIN WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES, UE LOCAL  
222, CILU/CIPU, CILU #28

  
HOMECARE AND SCHOOL HEALTH CARE WORKERS OF BERLIN  
UNIT #20, CONNECTICUT HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATES NATIONAL  
UNION OF HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES, AFSCME

  
BERLIN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

  
THE BERLIN POLICE UNION FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 56

# TOWN OF BERLIN MEDICAL PROGRAM

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2021

## OPTION 1: Century Preferred PPO:

### NO CHANGE IN CURRENT PLAN DESIGN

<b>In-Network:</b> Hospital Co-pay Outpatient Surgery Co-pay Emergency Room Co-pay Urgent Care Office Co-pay (Prev/Sick/Specialist) Maximum <b>Out-of-Network:</b> Deductible (Ee/Ee+Sp/Family) 80% Coins to OOP Lifetime Maximum Dependent Child Age	<b>Employee Cost</b> \$100 Co-pay \$100 Co-pay \$100 Co-pay \$25 Co-pay \$0 / \$20 / \$20 Co-pay unlimited \$200 / \$400 / \$500 Deductible \$1000 / \$2000 / \$2500 OOP \$1,000,000 To age 26
<b>Prescription Drug:</b> Retail Co-pay Mail Order Co-pay Maximum Formulary	Managed Drug Plan \$10 / \$25 / \$40 Co-pay \$20 / \$50 / \$80 for 90 days No annual maximum 3 Tier Formulary Plan

### RIDERS INCLUDED WITH MEDICAL PLAN OPTIONS:

Vision:	Blue View Vision Plan BVMO
Dental:	Full
Rider A, B, C & D	Yes
Dependent Child Coverage	To age 26

### EMPLOYEE PREMIUM COST SHARES

Century Preferred PPO	
Plan Year 2017-2018	20% Employee Cost Share 80% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2018-2019	23% Employee Cost Share 77% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2019-2020	25% Employee Cost Share 75% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2020-2021	27% Employee Cost Share 73% Employer Cost Share

# TOWN OF BERLIN MEDICAL PROGRAM

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2021

## OPTION 2: High Deductible Plan & HSA:

\$2,000/\$4,000 High Deductible plan with HSA.

All Well Visits provided at no cost to the participant without impact on deductible.

Managed Rx with co-pays after deductible is met.

### Health Savings Account Funding:

Plan Year 2017-2018	Town Funds 100% of Deductible 50% on July 1, 2017 50% on January 1, 2018
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*During the initial year, if an employee has a medical situation that incurs an expense beyond the balance of their deductible prior to January 1, 2018, the Town will fund the remaining portion of the deductible early to accommodate the employee's need to pay the expense.*

Plan Year 2018-2019	Town Funds 50% of Deductible on July 1st
Plan Year 2019-2020	Town Funds 50% of Deductible on July 1st
Plan Year 2020-2021	Town Funds 50% of Deductible on July 1st

### RIDERS INCLUDED WITH MEDICAL PLAN OPTIONS:

Vision:	Blue View Vision Plan BVMO
Dental:	Full
Rider A, B, C & D	Yes
Dependent Child Coverage	To age 26

### EMPLOYEE PREMIUM COST SHARES

High Deductible with H.S.A.

Plan Year 2017-2018	16% Employee Cost Share 84% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2018-2019	16% Employee Cost Share 84% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2019-2020	17% Employee Cost Share 83% Employer Cost Share
Plan Year 2020-2021	17% Employee Cost Share 83% Employer Cost Share

**TOWN OF BERLIN MEDICAL PROGRAM**

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2021**

**WELLNESS INCENTIVE**

The Town will continue to offer a Wellness Incentive that provides a monetary incentive to employees who participate in the program. In order to be eligible, employees and their participating dependents must have completed all of their age appropriate screenings and have their physician certify completion of those screenings.

<b>Plan Year 2017-2018</b>	\$100 Single Option \$200 Employee plus One Option \$300 Family Option
<b>Plan Year 2018-2019</b>	\$200 Single Option \$300 Employee plus One Option \$500 Family Option
<b>Plan Year 2019-2020</b>	\$200 Single Option \$300 Employee plus One Option \$500 Family Option
<b>Plan Year 2020-2021</b>	\$200 Single Option \$300 Employee plus One Option \$500 Family Option

*Employees participating in the High Deductible/H.S.A. plan can elect to have their wellness incentive benefit deposited directly into their Health Savings Account*

**INSURANCE WAIVER BENEFIT**

Upon presentation of documentation that an employee is covered under a health insurance policy existing elsewhere, an employee may elect to waive, in writing, all health and dental insurance coverage. In lieu of such health insurance and dental coverage, such employee may receive on an annual basis the following amounts (paid quarterly):

Individual Coverage: \$500, Employee Plus One: \$1,800, Family: \$2,500

*\* Employees who elect to waive coverage and receive the In Lieu of Premium will not be eligible to enroll in benefits (or the Wellness Incentive) until open enrollment unless he/she has a qualifying event as defined in the federal regulations and which allows for changes midyear. At which point, the Waiver would discontinue.*

***If in any year of this agreement, the insurance premium increases more than 10%, the Coalition Agreement may be opened to re-evaluate premium cost shares.***



**ADDENDUM**  
**Police Post Medical Retirement Fund**

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In the 2000-2004 Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Town of Berlin (Town) and the Berlin Police Union (Union) established the Police Post-Retirement Medical Account (the Account). The Account is used for the payment of medical premiums as permitted under Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Account is included under the Town of Berlin Retirement Income Defined Benefit Plan (the Plan). The Plan is a Defined Benefit Plan intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, however, Union members in the Defined Contribution Plan are also entitled to the benefit described therein.

The Internal Revenue Code requires that contributions made to the Account be segregated from the general assets of the Plan, and prohibits those amounts from being used for non-medical purposes.

The Town and the Union agree to the following:

1. The Town shall have no obligation to make any payment into the Account.
2. Each employee shall contribute through payroll deductions an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the annual base earnings of a top step patrol officer to the Account. Said deductions shall be made on a pre-tax basis, where allowed by federal or state statute.
3. The Town will provide an accounting of this fund on an annual basis.
4. Any member who separates service from the Berlin Police Department prior to attaining eligibility for this benefit will not be eligible for the benefit or any refund of contributions made.
5. Prior Union members promoted to positions outside the Union, who continue making contributions into the Account, shall be eligible for this benefit.
6. Former eligible members who retired prior to January 1, 2013, will continue to receive a \$500.00 monthly benefit on their Town of Berlin healthcare plan until both the former member and spouse reach age 65.
7. Former eligible members who retired on or after January 1, 2013 but before the signing of this addendum shall receive either a \$500.00 monthly benefit on his Town of Berlin healthcare plan until both the former member and spouse reach age 65, or a \$600 monthly benefit on his Town of Berlin healthcare plan until the former member reaches age 65.
8. Eligible members retiring on or after the signing of this addendum shall receive a \$600 monthly benefit on his Town of Berlin healthcare plan until he reaches age 65.
9. Eligible retired members may elect to delay receiving the benefit without forfeiting the right to do so at any time up to age 65.
10. If an eligible retired member dies before reaching the age of 65, his spouse will receive the benefit until the member would have reached the age of 65.

The eligibility criteria for the Police Post-Retirement Medical Account are as follows:

1. The later of age 50 or the date the participant has reached the “Normal Retirement Date” criteria as defined in the Town of Berlin Retirement Income Plan, Amended and Restated effective July 1, 1998, and provided further that the employee has completed a minimum of at least twenty years of service to the Berlin Police Department, and continuing until age 65.
2. 55 years of age if the employee has less than 25 years of service to the Berlin Police Department, and continuing until age 65.

The subsidy will be applied under the following options:

- Option 1:** The retiree and eligible dependents enroll in continuation of coverage benefits with the Town of Berlin healthcare plan. The retiree receives the monthly benefit as a deduction in premium. The retiree is responsible for any remaining monthly premium. If the cost of the premium is less than \$600, only the full premium amount will be deducted.
- Option 2:** The retiree does not participate in the Town of Berlin healthcare plan. However, the retiree participates in a healthcare plan through another provider. The Town of Berlin will reimburse via the Account, any retiree premiums paid up to the monthly benefit amount for healthcare for the retiree and any eligible dependents on that plan. To ensure the Account remains compliant with Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, a valid receipt of payment must be provided, prior to any reimbursement from the Account. The retiree will be responsible for any resulting tax implications.