

MASTER AGREEMENT

CITY OF MILWAUKEE 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS

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CITY OF MILWAUKEE 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN MASTER AGREEMENT

The Employer hereby establishes and restates the Master Agreement for the City of Milwaukee Deferred Compensation Plan for Governmental Employers (the "Plan").

The Plan is established pursuant to applicable state and local law and is intended to comply with the provisions of Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Income Tax Regulations thereunder and applicable law including Section 5.50 of the City Charter of 1971, as amended. The Plan consists of the provisions set forth in this Plan Master Agreement and is applicable to each Eligible Individual.

This Master Agreement of the Plan will constitute an amendment and restatement in its entirety of a previously established 457(b) Plan of the Employer which was effective October 8, 1974. The effective date of this Master Agreement shall be ~~July 30, 2024~~October 14, 2025.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

As used in this Plan, the following words and phrases will have the meanings set forth herein unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context.

1.1 "Administrator" means the person(s), committee(s), or organization(s) appointed by the Employer pursuant to Section 5.2 to administer the Plan and perform administrative functions for the Plan as specified by the Employer (i.e., the Board for the Plan and/or Plan staff).

1.2 "Adoption Agreement(s)" means separate agreements that may be executed by a Related Employer other than those specifically enumerated in Section 1.34 of this Master Agreement, which specifies the Related Employer's participation in the Plan. An Adoption Agreement is considered a part of the Plan and subject to all of the terms, conditions, procedures, operations, and rules of the Plan, including but not limited to this Master Agreement.

1.3 "Affirmative Election" means a Participation Agreement submitted by an Eligible Individual to the Administrator in accordance with Section 2.4 and in a format determined appropriate by the Administrator that provides instructions (a) to defer a specific amount of Compensation or not to defer any amount of Compensation as an elective Deferral to the Plan; (b) to automatically increase the elective Deferral by an elected percentage at an elected time each year or not to have any such automatic increase in the Deferral each year, if applicable; and (c) how to invest Deferrals, if applicable. A Participant's Affirmative Election is effective as early as administratively practicable.

1.4 "Age 50 Plus Catch-Up Contribution" means the catch-up contribution for Participants who attain age 50 by the end of the calendar year, as permitted under Code Section 414(v) and pursuant to Section 3.3.

1.5 "Beneficiary" means the individual, individuals or trust designated by the Participant in writing on a form acceptable to the Administrator, and received by the Administrator before the Participant's death, to receive any undistributed amounts under the Participant Account which becomes payable upon the Participant's death. A Beneficiary may designate his own Beneficiary. If a Participant or Beneficiary does not designate a Beneficiary in a form acceptable to the Administrator, then his estate will be deemed to be his Beneficiary. In addition, any Beneficiary designation will meet the requirements of applicable state law.

1.6 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as hereafter amended. All citations to sections of the Code are to such sections as they may from time to time be amended or renumbered.

1.7 “Compensation” means for an Employee all cash compensation for services to the Employer, including salary, wages, fees, commissions, bonuses, and overtime pay, that is includible in the Employee’s gross income for the calendar year, plus amounts that would be cash compensation for services to the Employer includible in the Employee’s gross income for the calendar year but for a compensation reduction election under Code Sections 125, 132(f), 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) (including an election under Article III to defer Compensation under the Plan). For purposes of an Independent Contractor, “Compensation” will mean all amounts payable to a Participant from the Employer as remuneration for services rendered which would be includible in income for federal tax purposes if not deferred under this Plan, subject to the provisions of the current Code.

1.8 “Covered Employee” means an Eligible Individual who fails to make any election during the Enrollment Period, except that no employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement with respect to wages, hours and conditions of employment for public safety employees pursuant to section 111.70(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes shall be a Covered Employee.

1.9 “Default Deferrals” means Deferrals contributed to the Plan under the EACA on behalf of Covered Employees who have not made an Affirmative Election. Such Default Deferrals will be allocated to a Default Investment.

1.10 “Default Investment” means a qualified default investment alternative selected by the Administrator under the EACA and shall be an age-appropriate target date fund or other such fund as further specified in the Plan’s Investment Policy Statement.

1.11 “Default Percentage” means the percentage of a Covered Employee’s Compensation contributed to the Plan under the EACA for the Plan Year. The Default Percentage shall be three percent (3%); however, the Administrator may increase the Default Percentage to no more than five percent (5%) in its best fiduciary judgment beginning at the earliest in 2017. Note that no Default Percentage would apply to any Participant that has affirmatively elected a Deferral greater than the Default Percentage.

1.12 “Default Annual Percentage Increase” means the percentage increase applied annually to a Covered Employee’s Default Percentage under the EACA. The Default Annual Percentage Increase shall be zero percent (0%), unless and until the Administrator increases the Default Percentage Annual Increase to no more than one percent (1%) annually, to reach a maximum Deferral of no more than fifteen percent (15%), in its best fiduciary judgment, which may be implemented at the earliest beginning in 2017.

1.13 “Deferral(s)” means the amount of Compensation deferred to the Plan on a whole percentage basis either (a) by a Participant voluntarily pursuant to a Participation Agreement including, if elected by the Participant in a Participation Agreement, Roth 457(b) Contributions; or (b) by a Covered Employee pursuant to an EACA, and such Deferrals may include sick pay, vacation pay, and back pay, as further limited and specified by state and local law, including but not limited to the terms of any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

1.14 “EACA Effective Date” means the date on which a Default Deferral, Default Investment, Default Percentage, Default Annual Percentage Increase shall take effect for Covered Employees.

1.15 “Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA)” means an arrangement that satisfies the requirements of the Code and applicable regulations whereby the Employer makes certain elections on behalf of Covered Employees who do not make Affirmative Elections during an Enrollment Period with respect to whether to join the Plan, how much to contribute to the Plan, how much to increase contributions each year, and/or how to invest contributions (i.e., Default Investment, Default Percentage, and/or Default Annual Percentage Increase).

1.16 “Eligible Individual” means any Employee over the age of 18 and meets any additional criteria set forth in the Plan’s Operating Procedures and may not include Independent Contractors.

1.17 “Employee” means any common law employee who is employed by the Employer and who performs services for the Employer for which Compensation is paid.

1.18 “Employer” means any Related Employer and/or the City of Milwaukee, as the context requires.

1.19 “Enrollment Period” means (a) October 1 through October 31 of each Plan Year for current Participants and Eligible Individuals who are not Participants; and (b) for new Employees, the thirty day period following either (i) the date on which a new Employee completes their new employee orientation; or (ii) the mailing of an enrollment packet or similar materials to the new employee by the Provider, both of which shall provide documentation that includes EACA notice as described in Article 3.1(b)(3).

1.20 “Federal Disaster” or “Federally Declared Disaster” means a disaster determined by the President of the United States to warrant assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and for which the IRS identifies the disaster and incident period in published guidance (including news releases and disaster relief notices).

4.191.21 “Incident Period” means the start and end dates for a Federal Disaster as announced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or the Internal Revenue Service.

4.201.22 “Includible Compensation” means an Employee’s actual wages in box 1 of Form W-2 for the Employer, but increased (up to the dollar maximum) by any compensation reduction election under Code Section 125, 132(f), 402(g)(3) or 457(b). The amount of Includible Compensation is determined without regard to any community property laws. Pursuant to Section 1.457-4(d)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations, Includible Compensation will include any payments made to a Participant who has had a Severance from Employment, provided that the Includible Compensation is paid by the later of 2 ½ months after the Participant’s Severance from Employment or the end of the calendar year that contains the date of such Participant’s Severance from Employment. In addition, pursuant to Section 1.457-4(d)(1) of the Income Tax Regulations, Includible Compensation will include payments made to an individual who does not currently perform services for the Employer by reason of qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)(5)) to the extent those payments do not exceed the amount the individual would have received if the individual had continued to perform services for the Employer rather than enter qualified military service. Includible Compensation will not include Employee pick-up contributions described in Code Section 414(h)(2).

4.211.23 “Independent Contractor” means any person to whom Compensation from the Employer is payable for services rendered pursuant to one or more written or oral contracts, if such person is not a common-law employee.

4.221.24 “In-Plan Roth Rollover” means an eligible rollover contribution to the Plan that consists of a distribution, including without limitation, those from a 457 Pre-Tax Account, a Rollover Account, or a separately accounted for Rollover from a Qualified Plan Account under the Plan that the Participant rolls over to the Participant’s Roth Conversion Account or Roth Qualified Conversion Account in the Plan, in accordance with Code Section 402A(c)(4).

4.231.25 “Investment Product(s)” means any investment(s) or investment arrangement(s) used to hold Participant or Plan assets as approved by the Administrator and/or as further specified in the Administrator-approved Investment Policy Statement, which may or may not, according to the Administrator’s best fiduciary judgment, include a Self-Directed Brokerage Account option, Managed Account Services, or distribution products as further specified in Article IV of this Master Agreement.

4.241.26 “Managed Account Services” means an investment management arrangement, selected by a Participant, provided by a vendor selected by the Administrator, whereby personalized investment management services and fiduciary advice are provided to a Participant consistent with 29 U.S.C. § 1002 (38) and other applicable laws and regulations.

[4.251.27](#) “Normal Retirement Age” means the age as elected by the Participant that is between (a) the earlier of the earliest retirement age under the Employer’s pension plan at which the Participant immediately could receive unreduced retirement benefits or age 65; or (b) age 70 ½, except for police or firefighters, where the “Normal Retirement Age” means age 70 ½, unless the Participant designated an alternate Normal Retirement Age prior to termination of service which is not earlier than the earliest retirement age at which the Participant could receive unreduced benefits under the Employer’s pension plan. This is the age used for the Special 457 Catch-up Contribution election under Section 3.2. The Employer is not permitted to have more than one Normal Retirement Age for any individual Participant.

[4.261.28](#) “One-Time Investment Reallocation” means the reallocation of all assets in Participant Deferral Accounts into a Default Investment that will occur after business hours only on Monday, October 31, 2016 and the allocation of all future contributions to the Default Investment, unless a Participant Affirmatively Elects during the 2016 Enrollment Period either that (i) no such reallocation should occur (i.e., that the Participant’s existing Affirmative Elections as to investments should continue to apply); or (ii) makes any other Affirmative Election as to investment allocation with respect to either current Account balances and/or future contributions. The One-Time Investment Reallocation shall not reallocate any moneys or funds held in a Participant’s SDBA.

[4.271.29](#) “Participant” means any individual who has entered into a Participation Agreement to make Deferrals under the Plan or has previously made Deferrals under the Plan and who has not yet received a distribution of his entire Participant Account under the Plan. As appropriate, a Participant means a Beneficiary or an alternate payee as defined in Code Section 414(p)(8).

[4.281.30](#) “Participant Account” means all accounts established for the benefit of the Participant and maintained by the Administrator for each Participant, including any earnings and losses attributable thereto. The Participant Account may include the following sub-accounts and other sub-accounts that may be added at the direction of the Administrator:

- (a) Participant Deferral Account per section 1.29 and SDBA per section 1.37 (a.k.a. “457 Pre-Tax Account”);
- (b) Roth Account per section 1.36(d),
- (c) Rollover Account per section 3.8(b),
- (d) Rollover from a Qualified Plan Account per section 3.8(b),
- (e) Roth Rollover Account per section 3.8(c),
- (f) Roth Qualified Plan Rollover Account per section 3.8(c),
- (g) Roth Qualified Plan Conversion Account per section 3.8(d), and
- (h) Roth Conversion Account per section 3.8(e).

[4.291.31](#) “Participant Deferral Account” means a Participant’s Plan account holding all Participant Deferrals and earnings and/or losses allocable thereto, except for assets held in a Participant’s Self-Directed Brokerage Account.

[4.301.32](#) “Participation Agreement” means an agreement (which may be executed electronically), which meets the requirements of Section 2.4, entered into between an Eligible Individual and the Employer pursuant to which an Eligible Individual elects Deferrals, which may include Roth Contributions, to the Plan and thus to become a Participant.

4.341.33 “Plan” means the City of Milwaukee 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Governmental Employers.

4.321.34 “Plan Year” means the 12-month consecutive period commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.

1.35 “Provider” means Voya Institutional Plan Services, LLC or such other provider entity as the Administrator may approve.

1.36 “Qualified Individual” (Disaster) means (with respect to a Federal Disaster) a Participant whose principal residence at any time during the Incident Period is located in the disaster area and who has sustained an economic loss by reason of the disaster. The Administrator may rely on a Participant’s self-certification of eligibility.

4.331.37 “Qualified Disaster Recovery Distribution” (QDRD) means a distribution to a Qualified Individual (Disaster) from the Plan that meets the requirements of SECURE 2.0 §331, including the aggregate dollar limit per disaster set forth in §4.15(b) below. A QDRD is intended to receive the federal income-tax treatment provided under §331 (e.g., inclusion in income over three years and right of recontribution), is not an eligible rollover distribution, and is not subject to mandatory income-tax withholding.

4.341.38 “Related Employer” means any political subdivision of the City of Milwaukee, or any agency or instrumentality of the City of Milwaukee, which satisfies the definition of Code Section 457(e)(1)(A) (together with any other entity required to be aggregated with such governmental employer under Code Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o)), including the Housing Authority for the City of Milwaukee, the Redevelopment Authority for the City of Milwaukee, the City of Milwaukee Employees’ Retirement System, and the Wisconsin Center District. Related Employers beyond those specifically enumerated herein must execute an Adoption Agreement to formally join the Plan; those Related Employers specifically enumerated herein are hereby part of the Plan and shall be bound by its terms, provisions, rules, Master Agreement, Operating Procedures, Administrative Rules, Investment Policy Statements, etc., as amended from time to time, unless and until such enumerated Related Employer in writing declines to be part of the Plan.

4.351.39 “Rollover Contribution” means contributions made by a Participant (or, if applicable, Eligible Individual) of “eligible rollover distributions” in accordance with Code Section 402(c)(4).

4.361.40 “Roth Contributions” means contributions that are:

- (a) made by the Employer on behalf of the Participant to the Plan pursuant to a Participation Agreement entered into by a Participant, which qualifies as a “designated Roth contribution” within the meaning of Code Section 402A;
- (b) irrevocably designated by the Participant at the time of the cash or deferred election as a Roth Contribution that is being made in lieu of all or a portion of the elective Deferrals the Participant is otherwise eligible to make under the Plan;
- (c) treated by the Employer as includible in the Participant’s income at the time the Participant would have received that amount in cash if the Participant had not made a cash or deferred election; and
- (d) maintained in a separate and segregated Roth Account.

4.371.41 “Self-Directed Brokerage Account” or “SDBA” means a Plan sub-account provided by a third-party selected by the Administrator, whereby a Participant can select specific assets and investments that are not vetted by the Plan or the Administrator as to fees, performance, risk, or any other factor. SDBA investments are not subject to the same fee and performance disclosure requirements that may apply to other Plan Investment Products and SDBA investments may be significantly more expensive

than other Plan Investment Products. Participants who elect to invest in the SDBA accept all risks associated therewith, including the risk of loss of the Participant's entire investment.

1.381.42 "Severance from Employment" means the date on which the Employee dies, retires or otherwise has a severance from employment with the Employer, as determined by the Administrator.

1.391.43 "Special Section 457 Catch-up Contributions" means the catch-up contribution for a Participant in the three consecutive years prior to the year in which the Participant reaches Normal Retirement Age, as permitted under Code Section 457(b)(3) and pursuant to Section 3.2.

| 1.401.44 "Unforeseeable Emergency" has the meaning given it under ~~2~~46 C.F.R. § 1.457-6(c), specifically, a severe financial hardship of the Participant resulting from certain enumerated events, as further defined and explained by applicable regulations, other regulatory guidance, and subject to the provisions of Section 4.6 of this Master Agreement, as well as other rules and procedures established by the Provider and/or Administrator.

ARTICLE II PARTICIPATION

2.1 Eligibility

Each Eligible Individual will be a Participant in the Plan when he or she satisfies the additional eligibility requirements, if any, specified in the Plan's Operating Procedures and (a) has executed a Participation Agreement; or (b) is part of an EACA.

2.2 Determination of Eligibility and Effective Date of Participation

(a) The Employer will determine whether an Eligible Individual has satisfied the eligibility requirements and such determination will be conclusive and binding and the criteria for such determination will be applied uniformly to all Participants.

(b) The Participant will provide investment direction for contributions made to an Investment Product on such forms as may be required by the Provider. If the contribution is made pursuant to an EACA, then such deferrals will be allocated to a Default Investment selected by the Administrator.

2.3 Termination of Eligibility

In the event a Participant will go from a classification of an Eligible Individual to a non-Eligible Individual, such Participant will not be able to make Deferrals to the Plan until he is again reclassified as an Eligible Individual. The Participant Account of such inactive Participant will continue to be allocated any attributable earnings and losses based on the investment direction supplied by the Participant.

2.4 Participation Agreements

(a) To elect to participate in the Plan, a Participant must complete a Participation Agreement that includes all necessary information and file such Participation Agreement in a manner and method determined by the Administrator.

(b) A Participant's Affirmative Election with respect to Deferrals is effective as soon as administratively practicable.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a new Employee who becomes a Participant prior to or on the first day on which services are performed for the Employer, in which case the Affirmative Election is effective as of the calendar month during which he or she first becomes an Employee.

(d) An amendment to the Participation Agreement will be effective as early as administratively practicable.

(e) A Participant may, by amendment of a Participation Agreement or by any manner as the Administrator may prescribe, do any of the following:

- (1) change the specification of the investment for any contributions to a Participant Account under an Investment Product; or
- (2) change prospectively the amount of Deferrals; and
- (3) change prospectively the automatic annual increases to Deferrals and/or the timing thereof, if any.

2.5 Information Provided by the Employee

Each Eligible Individual enrolling in the Plan should provide to the Administrator at the time of initial enrollment, and later if there are any changes, any information necessary for the Administrator to administer the Plan, including, without limitation, whether he is a participant in any other eligible plan under Code Section 457(b).

2.6 Contributions Made Promptly

All contributions under the Plan will be transferred to the applicable Investment Product(s) within a period that is not longer than is reasonable for the proper administration of the Participant Accounts. For purposes of this requirement, Deferrals under the Plan by a Participant must be transferred to the Investment Product within 15 business days following the month in which these amounts would otherwise have been paid to the Participant.

2.7 Leave of Absence

Unless an election is otherwise revised, if an Employee is absent from work by leave of absence, Deferrals under the Plan will continue to the extent that Compensation continues.

ARTICLE III CONTRIBUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3.1 Deferrals

Deferrals shall occur either by Affirmative Election or through an EACA, according to the terms and limitations of this Master Agreement and other applicable Plan rules.

(a) **Affirmative Election.** Except as provided in Section 3.2 and 3.3 and subject to any applicable law or under any applicable collective bargaining agreement, the maximum amount of Deferrals which may be made by a Participant in any taxable year will not exceed the lesser of (1) the applicable dollar amount provided under Code Section 457(b)(2) (adjusted for cost of living under Code Section 457(e)(15)) or (2) 100% of the Participant's Includible Compensation.

A Participant may elect to make Deferrals from accumulated sick pay, accumulated vacation pay, and back pay, provided the Participant enters into a Participation Agreement pursuant to Section 2.4 to make such Deferrals before the amounts would otherwise be paid or made available. A Participant who is a former Employee may make Deferrals from accumulated sick pay, vacation pay and back pay, provided that the Participant enters into a Participation Agreement pursuant to Section 2.4 to make such Deferrals before the amounts would otherwise be paid or made available, provided that such amounts are payable within the later of 2 ½ months after the Participant's Severance from Employment or the end of the calendar year that includes the date of the Participant's Severance from Employment.

(b) **Eligible Automatic Contribution Arrangement (EACA).** The Plan shall operate an EACA with the following Default Deferral, Default Investment, Default Percentage, and/or Default Annual Percentage Increase provisions:

- (1) **Participants Subject to EACA.** A Covered Employee subject to the EACA as of the EACA Effective Date may include current Participants, Eligible Individuals who are not Participants, and newly Eligible Individuals (i.e., new hires).
 - (i) Except for new hires, the EACA Effective Date shall be at the end of the business day on October 31 of each Plan Year or the end of the following business day if October 31 does not fall on a business day.
 - (ii) For new hires, the EACA Effective Date shall be no less than thirty days after the earlier of either (a) the new hire's new employee orientation; or (b) mailing of an enrollment packet or similar materials to the new

employee by the Provider, both of which shall provide documentation that includes EACA notice as described more fully below.

- (iii) Current employees and new hires shall become Covered Employees subject to the EACA only if the Employee fails to make an election during the Enrollment Period.
- (2) Uniformity. The same Default Percentage will be withheld as Default Deferrals and the same Default Annual Percentage Increase shall be applied to all Covered Employees.
- (3) EACA Notice.
 - (i) Deemed reasonable notice. The Administrator is deemed to have provided timely notice if the Administrator provides each Covered Employee a comprehensive notice of the Covered Employee's rights and obligations under the EACA, written in a manner reasonably calculated to be understood by the average person, at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to Covered Employee's EACA Effective Date.
 - (ii) The notice shall accurately describe: (A) the amount of Default Deferrals that will be made on the Covered Employee's behalf in the absence of an Affirmative Election; (B) the Covered Employee's right to elect to have no Deferrals made on his or her behalf or to have a different amount of Deferrals made; (C) that the Covered Employee's Default Deferrals will be invested in the Default Investment in the absence of the Covered Employee's investment instructions; (D) the Covered Employee's right to elect investments other than the Default Investment; (E) the amount of Default Annual Percentage Increase that will apply in the absence of an Affirmative Election; (F) the Covered Employee's right to elect to have no Default Annual Percentage Increase made on his or her behalf or to have a different percentage increase made; and (G) the Covered Employee's right to request a refund of Default Deferrals according to the procedures and within the time period following the Covered Employee's EACA Effective Date as specified further herein and in any applicable Plan Operating Procedures.
- (4) EACA Operation. After the close of business on the EACA Effective Date for any Covered Employee, the following shall occur:
 - (i) The Covered Employee shall be automatically enrolled in the Plan, whereby the Default Percentage of the Covered Employee's Compensation shall be contributed to the Covered Employee's newly-created Participant Account;
 - (ii) Upon election by the Administrator and notice to the Provider, the Covered Employee's Default Percentage shall be automatically increased each Plan Year according to the Default Annual Percentage Increase, unless a Participant has a Deferral greater than the Default Percentage; and/or
 - (iii) The Covered Employee's Default Deferrals shall be automatically allocated on the Covered Employee's behalf into the Default Investment unless the Covered Employee was already a Plan Participant, in which case the Covered Employee's Default Deferrals shall be allocated pro rata according to the Covered Employee's existing allocation elections at the

time the Deferral is contributed except in 2016, in which case Section 3.9 shall apply.

- (5) Default Deferrals under the EACA will be effective as early as administratively practicable following the EACA Effective Date.
- (6) EACA Refunds. A Participant newly enrolled into the Plan through the EACA may elect to receive a refund of all the Default Deferrals (inclusive of earnings/losses allocable to those Default Deferrals) under the provisions of this Subsection. Any distribution made pursuant to this Section will be processed in accordance with normal distribution provisions of the Plan except as otherwise specified herein but shall not be subject to any tax penalty under applicable federal laws and regulations. Partial refunds are not permitted. Also, refunds of Default Deferrals to employees already participating in the Plan prior to the application of an EACA are not permitted (i.e., where a current Participant's Deferral percentage is lower than the Default Percentage and the Participant fails to make an election during the annual Enrollment Period, and as a result, the Deferral percentage is increased to the Default Percentage, refunds of those additional Default Deferrals shall not be refundable).
 - (i) Amount. If a new Participant elects to receive a refund of Default Deferrals under this Subsection, then the Plan must make a distribution equal to the amount of the Default Deferrals made under the EACA through the pay date for the second payroll period that begins after the Covered Employee's refund request, plus or minus allocable gains and losses.
 - (ii) Fees. Notwithstanding the above, the Administrator may reduce the permissible distribution amount by any generally applicable fees. However, the Plan may not charge a greater fee for distribution under this Section than applies to other distributions. The Administrator may adopt a policy regarding charging such fees consistent with this paragraph.
 - (iii) Timing. The Participant may make an election to withdraw the Default Deferrals under the EACA no later than ninety (90) days after the date of the Covered Employee's EACA first contribution date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a new Participant shall not be eligible to receive a refund if the Participant makes an Affirmative Election during the ninety (90) day period.
 - (iv) Effect of Affirmative Election. A Participant's Affirmative Election(s) continues in effect until the Participant subsequently revokes or modifies those Affirmative Election(s) and/or his or her Participation Agreement or the next Enrollment Period. A Participant who makes an Affirmative Election is not thereafter subject to the EACA until the next Enrollment Period.

3.2 Special 457 Catch-Up Contributions

(a) In any one or more of a Participant's last three calendar years ending before the year in which the Participant attains Normal Retirement Age, the Participant may elect to make Deferrals in an amount not exceeding the lesser of (1) twice the dollar amount permitted as a general deferral under Section 3.1 or (2) the sum of the maximum deferral permitted under Section 3.1 for the current tax year and as much of the applicable deferral limit under Code Section 457(b)(2) in prior years before the current tax year that had not previously been used ("underutilized amount"). For purposes of this Section, a prior year will be taken into account only if such year began after December 31, 1978, and the Participant was eligible to

participate in the Plan during all or a portion of the prior year. A Participant may only make this election under this subsection once with respect to any plan under Code Section 457(b) of the Employer.

(b) In determining a Participant's underutilized amount, the Plan will take into consideration:

- (1) Prior to 2002, if a Participant made Deferrals to the Plan and deferrals to any other plan under Code Section 457(b), salary reduction contributions made to plans under Code Section 401(k), plans under Code Section 403(b), simplified employee pension (SARSEP) plans under Code Section 402(h)(1), simple retirement accounts under Code Section 408(p), and amounts deferred under any plan for which a deduction is allowed because of a contribution to an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(18), such deferrals to the other plans will be taken into account in determining a Participant's underutilized amount under Code Section 457(b)(2). In addition, Includible Compensation will be limited to the limitation in effect in the calendar year in which the deferrals were made. If such deferrals cumulatively exceed the then-applicable dollar amount in Code Section 457(b)(2) in the year that such amounts were deferred, then there will be no underutilized amount for that year.
- (2) To the extent that the Employer did not maintain a plan under Code Section 457(b), no underutilized limitation is available to a Participant for that prior year
- (3) After 2001, only deferrals to plans under Code Section 457(b) will be taken into account for purposes of determining the underutilized amount.
- (4) Age 50 Plus Catch-Up Contributions will not be taken into account for purposes of determining a Participant's underutilized amount.

3.3 Age 50 Plus Catch-Up Contributions

A Participant who attains age 50 before the close of the calendar year may elect Age 50 Plus Catch-up Contributions, or have excess 457 contributions reclassified as Age 50 Plus Catch-up. Such contributions are not subject to the limitations of Code Section 457(b). The maximum dollar amount of the Age 50 Plus Catch-up Contributions for a calendar year adjusted for cost of living under Code Section 414(v)(2)(C).

3.4 Maximum Amount of Catch-Up Contributions

Any catch-up contributions made by a Participant pursuant to Section 3.2 or Section 3.3 may not exceed the greater of (a) the amount that the Participant is eligible to make as Deferrals under Section 3.2 or (b) the amount that the Participant is eligible to make as Deferrals under Section 3.3.

3.5 Participant Covered by More than one 457(b) Plan

If a Participant is or has been a participant in one or more other plans under Code Section 457(b) in the same calendar year, then the Plan and all such other plans will be considered as one plan for purposes of applying the limitations of this Article III. For this purpose, the Administrator will take into account any other such plan of the Employer under Code Section 457(b) and, to the extent the Participant provides the Administrator with sufficient information concerning his participation, any such other plans under Code Section 457(b) in which the individual participated in the same calendar year.

3.6 Excess Deferrals

(a) In the event that the limit on Deferrals is exceeded pursuant to this Article III, the Administrator will direct the Provider as to the proper correction method permissible under applicable law, including calculation of any earnings or losses and the proper tax reporting with respect to such distributions

as soon as administratively practicable after the Administrator determines that the amount is an excess deferral.

(b) A Participant who participates in the Plan and another 457(b) plan of another employer will be responsible for complying with the deferral limits of this Article III. In the event of an excess amount, the Participant will notify the Administrator so that the excess may be distributed as soon as practicable after the Administrator determines that the amount is an excess deferral.

3.7 Transfers from Other Plans under Code Section 457(b)

(a) The Plan will accept transfers of amounts previously deferred under another plan under Code Section 457(b) maintained by another employer as defined in Code Section 457(e)(1)(A).

(b) A transfer under subsection (a) will only be permitted if:

- (1) the transferring plan provides for the transfer of such amounts, and
- (2) the Participant has a benefit equal to the amount immediately after the transfer that is at least equal to the amount under the Plan immediately before the transfer.

(c) The Administrator may require such documentation from the transferring plan as it deems necessary to effectuate the transfer in accordance with Section 1.457-10(b) of the Income Tax Regulations and to confirm that the transferring plan is an eligible government plan as defined in Section 1.457-2(f) of the Income Tax Regulations. The amount so transferred will be credited to the appropriate account under the Participant Account and will be held, accounted for, administered and otherwise treated in the same manner as amounts as held in the transferor plan, except that the transferred amounts will not be taken into consideration for purposes of Code Section 457(b)(2) for the year of transfer.

3.8 Rollovers to the Plan

(a) An Eligible Individual, whether a Participant at the time, will be permitted to rollover amounts that are considered eligible rollover distributions as defined in Code Section 402(c)(4) to the Plan from an eligible retirement plan, as defined in Code Section 402(c)(8)(B).

(b) Amounts (other than designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A) rolled over from another Code Section 457(b) plan maintained by an employer defined in Code Section 457(e)(1)(A) will be allocated to the Participant's Rollover Account. Amounts (other than designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A) rolled over from an eligible retirement plan that is not a Code Section 457(b) plan will be allocated to the Participant's Rollover from a Qualified Plan Account.

(c) Designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A rolled over from another Code Section 457(b) plan maintained by an employer as defined in Code Section 457(e)(1)(A) will be allocated to the Participant's Roth Rollover Account. Designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A rolled over from an eligible retirement plan that is not a Code Section 457(b) plan will be allocated to the Participant's Roth Qualified Plan Rollover Account.

(d) Designated Roth contributions relating to in-plan rollovers under Code Section 402A(c)(4) rolled over from an eligible retirement plan that is not a Code Section 457(b) plan will be allocated to the Participant's Roth Qualified Plan Conversion Account.

(e) Amounts attributable to In-Plan Rollovers will be allocated to an Roth Conversion Account. In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions will be subject to the Plan rules related to Roth Contributions.

3.9 Investments

Subject to Section 5.9, Deferrals shall be invested in an Investment Product(s) according to one of the following: (a) an Affirmative Election by a participant; (b) EACA for a Covered Employee; or (c) a One-Time Investment Reallocation. Deferrals will be allocated to a Participant Deferral Account or SDBA in accordance with this Article III, along with all related and allocable earnings and losses attributable thereto. If any provision of an Investment Product agreement is not consistent with the Plan provisions, the terms of the Plan will control.

(a) Deemed Reasonable Notice of One-Time Investment Reallocation. The Administrator is deemed to have provided timely notice if the Administrator provides each Participant potentially subject to the One-Time Investment Reallocation a comprehensive notice of the Participant's rights and obligations, written in a manner reasonably calculated to be understood by the average person, at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to October 31, 2016.

(b) Content of Notice of One-Time Investment Reallocation. The One-Time Investment Reallocation notice shall describe: (i) the One-Time Investment Reallocation; and (ii) the Participant's right to elect to have no One-Time Investment Reallocation of his or her investments completed or to elect whatever allocation the Participant wishes, as to current Participant Account balances and/or future contributions. The One-Time Investment Reallocation shall not reallocate any moneys or funds held in a Participant's SDBA.

3.10 Protection of Persons Who Serve In a Uniformed Service

(a) An Employee whose employment is interrupted by qualified military service under Code Section 414(u) or who is on a leave of absence for qualified military service under Code Section 414(u) may elect to make additional Deferrals upon resumption of employment with the Employer equal to the maximum Deferrals that the Employee could have elected during that period if the Employee's employment with the Employer had continued (at the same level of Compensation) without the interruption or leave, reduced by the Deferrals, if any, actually made for the Employee during the period of the interruption or leave. Except to the extent provided under Code Section 414(u), this right applies for five years following the resumption of employment (or, if sooner, for a period equal to three times the period of the interruption or leave).

(b) In the case of a Participant who dies while performing qualified military service (as defined in Code Section 414(u)), the Beneficiaries are entitled to any additional benefits (other than Deferrals relating to the period of qualified military service) provided under the Plan had the Participant resumed employment and then had a Severance from Employment on account of death.

ARTICLE IV BENEFIT DISTRIBUTIONS

4.1 Distributions Under the Plan. A Participant Account may not be paid to a Participant (or, if applicable, the Beneficiary) until one of the following events has occurred:

- (a) upon the Participant's Severance from Employment;
- (b) the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 ½;
- (c) an Unforeseeable Emergency, as further specified herein in Section 4.6;
- (d) the election of a small balance distribution within the meaning of and subject to Section 4.7; or
- (e) pursuant to a DRO under section 7.4;

- (f) the election of a distribution of all or any portion of the amount held in the Rollover Account per section 3.8(b) or 3.8(c);
- (g) the election of an Emergency Personal Expense Distribution under section 4.13;
- (f) the election of a Domestic Abuse Victim Distribution under section 4.14~~1~~;

(g) the election of a Special Disaster-Related Distributions under section 4.15.

4.2 Distributions from a Roth Account, a Roth Rollover Account, a Roth Qualified Plan Rollover Account, a Roth Qualified Plan Conversion Account, and a Roth Conversion Account, will be tax-free for federal income tax purposes if:

- (a) The distribution meets the requirements of Section 4.1(a);
- (b) The amounts are held for a 5-year holding period, measured from the first year that the initial Roth Contribution was made on behalf of the Participant to a Roth Account, and
- (c) The distribution is due to a Participant's attainment of age 59 ½, death, or in the event of the Participant's becoming disabled.

4.3 Determination of Benefits Payable to a Participant or Beneficiary

(a) Upon attainment of a distributable event described in Section 4.1, but in no event later than the requirement to commence minimum distribution payments in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Income Tax Regulations thereunder, a Participant may elect a benefit distribution option to which benefits will be paid.

(b) Upon a Participant's application for benefits, the Administrator will direct the distribution of a Participant Account in accordance with this Section 4.2.

(c) A Participant may choose from the following benefit distribution options: (i) joint and survivor annuity; (b) lump sum; (c) immediate or deferred annuity (including life annuities and installment payment annuities, which may be purchased with a lump sum distribution from the Plan); and (d) any other distribution option approved by the Administrator to the extent that the foregoing are permitted by applicable law and as specified in the Plan's Operating Procedures and/or Investment Policy Statement. In the event a Participant fails to make an election as to a benefit distribution option, any benefit payable to such Participant will be distributed in the form of an annuity payable over the life expectancy of the Participant that meets the requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) or as otherwise approved by the by the Administrator to the extent permitted by applicable law and as specified in the Plan's Operating Procedures and/or Investment Policy statement. The terms of any annuity contract purchased and distributed by the Plan to a Participant will comply with the requirements of the Plan.

4.4 Determination of Benefits Upon Death

(a) Upon the death of a Participant, the Administrator will direct that the deceased Participant's Participant Account be distributed to the Beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

(b) The designation of a Beneficiary will be made on a form satisfactory to the Administrator. A Participant or Beneficiary may at any time revoke his designation of a Beneficiary or change his Beneficiary by filing written or electronic notice of such revocation or change with the Administrator in a form satisfactory to the Administrator. In the event no valid designation of Beneficiary exists at the time of the Participant's or Beneficiary's death, the death benefit will be payable to the Participant's or Beneficiary's estate.

(c) The Administrator may require such proper proof of death and such evidence of the right of any person to receive payment of the value of the Participant Account of a deceased Participant or Beneficiary, as the Administrator may deem appropriate. Any beneficiary designation or subsequent change thereto will not be effective until it is received in proper form by the Administrator or Provider. If a Participant names his or her spouse as a Beneficiary and subsequently divorces that spouse, then the designation shall be void. The Administrator's determination of death and of the right of any person to receive payment will be conclusive.

(d) Death benefits payable to a Beneficiary will be made in a form as specified under Section 4.3 of this Master Agreement.

4.5 Minimum Distributions.

(a) All distributions under the Plan will comply with the minimum distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) and the Income Tax Regulations.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant or Beneficiary who would have been required to receive required minimum distributions for 2009 but for the enactment of Code Section 401(a)(9)(H) ("2009 RMDs"), and who would have satisfied that requirement by receiving distributions that are (1) equal to the 2009 RMDs or (2) one or more payments in a series of substantially equal distributions (that include the 2009 RMDs) made at least annually and expected to last for the life (or life expectancy) of the Participant, the joint lives (or joint life expectancy) of the Participant and the Participant's Beneficiary, or for a period of at least 10 years ("Extended 2009 RMDs"), will not receive those distributions for 2009 unless the Participant or Beneficiary chooses to receive such distributions. Participants and Beneficiaries described in the preceding sentence will be given the opportunity to elect to receive the distributions described in the preceding sentence.

(c) In addition, notwithstanding Section 4.8, 2009 RMDs and Extended 2009 RMDs will be treated as eligible rollover distributions as defined in Code Section 402(c)(4).

4.6 Unforeseeable Emergency Withdrawals

(a) A Participant or Beneficiary may request an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal subject to the following requirements:

- (1) The request for an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal will be determined by the Administrator based on the Participant's or Beneficiary's relevant facts and circumstances.
- (2) The request for an Unforeseeable Emergency may be made only to the extent that such emergency is or may not be relieved through:
 - reimbursement or compensation from insurance or otherwise;
 - liquidation of the Participant's or Beneficiary's assets, to the extent the liquidation of such assets would not itself cause severe financial hardship; or
 - cessation of the Participant's Deferrals to the Plan.
- (3) Distributions due to an Unforeseeable Emergency must be limited to the amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the emergency need (which may include any amounts necessary to pay federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution).
- (4) Distributions due to an Unforeseeable Emergency may be made from the Participant's Account.

(b) A Participant or Beneficiary may request an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal by submitting that request in any form approved by the Administrator to the Administrator or to any such entity as the Administrator will designate, provided that such entity has accepted the designation, who will review and approve or deny the request. If the request is denied, a request for review of the determination may be made in writing to the Administrator or to such entity as the Administrator may designate, provided that such entity has accepted the designation. If the review of the determination fails to confirm a claim of Unforeseeable Emergency, an appeal may be made to the appellate committee established by the Administrator in writing. If at any time a request of an Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawal is approved, the Employer may thereupon direct the Provider to distribute so much of the Participant Account as is necessary to provide the amount approved to meet the Unforeseeable Emergency, as determined by the Administrator.

(c) Further rules and procedures related to Unforeseeable Emergency withdrawals may be made by the applicable Provider and/or Administrator.

4.7 Small Balance Distribution

A Participant may elect to receive a small balance distribution, payable in a lump sum, if the Participant's Account equals \$5,000 or less, and the Participant has not made Deferrals to the Plan for a period of no less than two years before distribution. A Participant may take a small balance distribution under this Section only once while a Participant under the Plan, although the one-time election may be processed separately if more than one money source is involved (e.g., Roth and non-Roth). Alternately, the Administrator may distribute in a lump sum any Participant's Account value equal to \$5,000 or less if the Participant has not made deferrals to the Plan for a period of no less than two years before distribution.

4.8 Rollovers From The Plan

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, a Participant, a surviving spouse who is the designated Beneficiary of the Participant, or a spouse or former spouse who is the alternate payee will be permitted to elect to have any eligible rollover distribution as defined in Code Section 402(c)(4) paid directly to an eligible retirement plan as defined in as defined in Code Section 402(c)(8)(B) or to a Roth IRA established under Code Section 408A specified by the Participant. The Participant will, in the time and manner prescribed by the Administrator, specify the amount to be rolled over and the eligible retirement plan to receive such rollover. Any portion of a distribution which is not rolled over will be distributed directly to the Participant.

(b) A non-spousal Beneficiary may elect to roll over death benefits amounts in accordance with Code Section 402(c)(11) provided that:

- (1) such amounts are rolled over to an inherited IRA via a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer;
- (2) such election is made by December 31 of the year following the year of the Participant's death; and
- (3) the rolled over amounts are eligible rollover distributions as defined in Code Section 402(c)(4).

4.9 Permissive Service Credit Transfers

(a) If a Participant is also a participant in a tax qualified defined benefit governmental plan (as defined in Code Section 414(d)) that provides for the acceptance of plan-to-plan transfers with respect to the Participant, then the Participant may elect to have any portion of his Participant Account transferred to the defined benefit governmental plan in accordance with Code Section 457(e)(17). A transfer under this Section may be made before the Participant has had a Severance from Employment.

(b) A transfer may be made under subsection (a) only if the transfer is either for the purchase of permissive service credit (as defined in Code Section 415(n)(3)(A)) under the receiving defined benefit

governmental plan or a repayment to which Code Section 415 does not apply by reason of Code Section 415(k)(3).

4.10 Transfers to Other Plans under Code Section 457(b) Upon Severance From Employment

(a) Upon a Participant's Severance from Employment, a Participant may elect to have all or a portion of the Participant Account transferred to the plan under Code Section 457(b) of an employer defined in Code Section 457(e)(1)(A). Such amounts will be transferred at the Participant's election, provided:

- (1) The plan under Code Section 457(b) to which the Participant's benefit is being transferred provides for the acceptance of such amounts;
- (2) The Participant or Beneficiary has a benefit equal to the amount immediately after the transfer to least equal to the amount under the Plan immediately before the transfer; and
- (3) In the case of a transfer made on behalf of a Participant, such individual has had a Severance from Employment with the Employer and is performing services for an employer maintaining the receiving plan.

(b) Upon the transfer of amounts under subsection (a), the Plan's liability to pay benefits to the Participant or Beneficiary under the Plan will be discharged to the extent of the amount so transferred on behalf of the Participant or Beneficiary. The Administrator may require such documentation from the receiving plan as it deems appropriate or necessary to comply with this Section or effectuate the transfer pursuant to Section 1.457-10(b) of the Income Tax Regulations. If Roth Contributions are transferred, the receiving plan must permit Designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A.

4.11 Loans to Participants

(a) A Participant may receive a loan from his Participant Deferral Account and from the sub-accounts designated by the Administrator. Such loans may also be subject to the requirements of the Investment Product(s) and as set forth in the loan program created by the Administrator.

(b) For purposes of this Section, all plans of the Employer will be considered one plan in accordance with Code Section 72(p) and Income Tax Regulations thereunder, and the balance of all loans under any plan of the Employer under which the Participant participates must be aggregated in determining the maximum loan available under subsection (d).

(c) The Provider may, in accordance with the Administrator's direction, make loans to Participants under the following circumstances: (1) loans will be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis; (2) loans will bear a reasonable rate of interest; (3) loans will be adequately secured; and (4) will provide for periodic repayment over a reasonable period of time.

(d) No loan made pursuant to this Section will exceed the lesser of:

- (1) \$50,000 reduced by the excess (if any) of the highest outstanding balance of loans from the Plan to the Participant during the one-year period ending on the day before the date on which such loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan to the Participant on the date on which such loan was made, or
- (2) one-half (1/2) of the Participant Account.

For purposes of this Section, any loan from any other plan maintained by the Employer will be treated as if it were a loan made from the Plan, and the Participant's vested interest under any such other plan will be considered a vested interest under this Plan; provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph will

not be applied so as to allow the amount of a loan to exceed the amount that would otherwise be permitted in the absence of this paragraph.

(e) Loans will provide for level amortization with payments to be made not less frequently than quarterly over a period not to exceed five (5) years. However, loans used to acquire any dwelling unit which, within a reasonable time, is to be used (determined at the time the loan is made) as a principal residence of the Participant will, provide for periodic repayment over a reasonable period to be determined by the Administrator of time that may exceed five (5) years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event a Participant enters the uniformed services of the United States and retains reemployment rights under law, repayments will be suspended and interest will cease to accrue during the period of leave and the period of repayment will be extended by the number of months of leave in the uniformed services. In the event a Participant is on an Employer-approved, bona fide leave of absence without pay, loan payments may be suspended (but interest will continue to accrue) for the period of leave but not to exceed one year; however, the loan must be repaid by the original loan repayment date.

(f) An assignment or pledge of any portion of a Participant's interest in the Plan will be treated as a loan under this Section.

(g) Any security interest held by the Plan by reason of an outstanding loan to the Participant will be taken into account in determining the amount of the death benefit or single lump-sum payment.

4.12 Distributions from Governmental Plans for Health and Long Term Care.

Pursuant to Code Section 457(a)(3), annual distributions of up to \$3,000 from the Plan that would otherwise be taxable, are excludable for income tax purposes if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the distribution is used to pay for qualified health insurance premiums (accident, health insurance or long term care) for an eligible public safety officer, or spouse or dependent of the public safety officer; (2) the public safety officer is separated from service due to disability or attainment of the age which the Participant has the right to retire and receive unreduced retirement benefits from the Employer's basic pension plan; and (3) the distributions are paid directly to the insurer or to the administrator of a self-insured plan.

4.13 Emergency Personal Expense Distribution.

Upon eligibility for an Emergency Personal Expense Distribution, as defined under Section 115 of the SECURE 2.0 Act, a Participant may elect to receive one distribution per calendar year not to exceed \$1,000, subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by Section 115 of the SECURE 2.0 Act.

4.14 Domestic Abuse Victim Distribution.

Upon eligibility for a Domestic Abuse Victim Distribution, as defined under Section 314 of the SECURE 2.0 Act, a Participant may elect to receive a distribution in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$10,000 or (ii) 50% of the Participant's Plan Benefit, subject to the requirements and limitations imposed by Section 314 of the SECURE 2.0 Act

4.15 Qualified Disaster Recovery Distributions (QDRDs)

(a) Availability. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, upon a Federal Disaster the Plan may distribute a QDRD to a Qualified Individual (Disaster) in accordance with this §4.15. A QDRD may be made without regard to whether the Participant has otherwise incurred a distributable event under §4.1.

(b) Amount Limits. The total QDRDs to a Participant for any single Federal Disaster shall not exceed \$22,000 in the aggregate across all plans of the Employer and any Related Employer, or such other amount as may be prescribed by SECURE 2.0 §331 and subsequent federal guidance. The Administrator may rely on a Participant's reasonable representation of the amount received in other plans.

(c) Timing. A QDRD may be made during the period permitted under SECURE 2.0 §331 and any related IRS guidance for the applicable Federal Disaster.

(d) Tax Treatment; Reporting. A QDRD is intended to qualify for the special federal tax treatment under SECURE 2.0 §331, including (i) income inclusion ratably over three taxable years unless the Participant elects otherwise, and (ii) eligibility for recontribution under §4.15(f). A QDRD shall not be treated as an eligible rollover distribution and shall be subject to voluntary withholding only.

(e) Certification. The Administrator may rely on a Participant's written self-certification that (i) the Participant is a Qualified Individual (Disaster), and (ii) the requested QDRD amount complies with the statutory limits. Self-certifications shall be retained with Plan records.

(f) Recontribution Right. A Participant who receives a QDRD may, within three (3) years from the day after the date the QDRD is received, recontribute any portion of the QDRD to this Plan if the Participant is eligible to make a rollover contribution to the Plan at the time of recontribution. Recontributions shall be treated as rollover contributions and shall be allocated to the Participant's Rollover Account (or Roth applicable account if the QDRD was from a Roth source), and invested according to the Participant's current investment election.

(g) Qualified Home-Purchase Recontributions. If permitted for the applicable Federal Disaster under SECURE 2.0 §331 and IRS guidance, a Participant may recontribute to the Plan any Qualified Home-Purchase Distribution (Disaster) within the time period prescribed by federal guidance. Such recontributions shall be treated as rollover contributions to the extent allowed by law.

(h) Coordination with Other Distributions. QDRDs are separate from Emergency Personal Expense Distributions under §4.13 and Domestic Abuse Victim Distributions under §4.14. The Administrator will track statutory limits separately.

(i) Administrative Procedures. The Administrator may adopt additional procedures (including forms, documentation standards, and reasonable processing fees) to administer QDRDs consistent with this §4.15 and applicable law.

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Powers and Responsibilities of the Employer and/or Administrator

(a) The Employer and/or Administrator will have full power to interpret and construe the Plan in a manner consistent with its terms and the provisions of Code Section 457, including the applicable Income Tax Regulations and to establish practices and procedures conforming to those provisions. In all such cases, the Employer's and/or Administrator's determination will be final and conclusive upon all persons. It is recognized that unusual circumstances may occur and questions may arise that are not specifically covered by any provision of the Plan, and the Employer and/or Administrator will have the right to resolve all such questions. Notwithstanding the above, the Employer's and/or Administrator's power and responsibility under the Plan will not extend to, nor have any control over, those responsibilities and duties of the Provider.

(b) The Employer will be empowered to appoint and remove the Administrator from time to time as it deems necessary, under applicable local laws and regulations, for the proper administration of the Plan to assure that the Plan is being operated for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Code.

(c) The Employer and/or Administrator will periodically review the performance of any person to whom duties have been delegated or allocated by it under the provisions of this Plan or pursuant to procedures established hereunder. This requirement may be satisfied by formal periodic review by the

Employer and/or Administrator or by a qualified person specifically designated by the Employer, through day-to-day conduct and evaluation, or through other appropriate ways.

5.2 Designation of Administrative Authority

The Employer and/or Administrator may appoint one or more committees ("Committee(s)") of one or more persons to delegate to the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator. The Employer and/or Administrator may remove a Committee member for any reason by giving such member ten (10) days written notice and may thereafter fill any vacancy thus created, or as otherwise specified by applicable local laws and regulations. If the Employer and/or Administrator does not appoint a Committee to administer the Plan, the Employer and/or Administrator will be the Administrator.

5.3 Allocation and Delegation of Responsibilities

If more than one person is appointed as Administrator, the responsibilities of each Administrator may be specified by the Employer and accepted in writing by each Administrator. In the event that the Employer makes no such delegation, the Administrators may allocate the responsibilities among themselves, in which event the Administrators will notify the Employer in writing of such action and specify the responsibilities of each Administrator.

5.4 Powers and Duties of the Administrator

The primary responsibility of the Administrator is to administer the Plan for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and their Beneficiaries, subject to the specific terms of the Plan. The Administrator will administer the Plan in accordance with its terms and will have the power and discretion to construe the terms of the Plan and determine all questions arising in connection with the administration, interpretation, and application of the Plan. Any such determination by the Administrator will be conclusive and binding upon all persons. The Administrator may establish procedures, correct any defect, supply any information, or reconcile any inconsistency in such manner and to such extent as will be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose of the Plan; provided, however, that any procedure, discretionary act, interpretation or construction will be done in a nondiscriminatory manner based upon uniform principles consistently applied and will be consistent with the intent that the Plan will continue to be deemed a qualified plan under the terms of Code Section 457, and will comply with the terms of all Income Tax Regulations issued pursuant thereto. The Administrator will have all powers necessary or appropriate to accomplish his duties under this Plan. The Administrator will be charged with the duties of the general administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) the discretion to determine all questions relating to the eligibility of Employees and Independent Contractors to participate or remain a Participant hereunder and to receive benefits under the Plan;
- (b) determine the amounts to be contributed to each Participant Account;
- (c) to authorize and direct the Provider with respect to all disbursements to which a Participant is entitled under the Plan;
- (d) to maintain all necessary records for the administration of the Plan;
- (e) to maintain practices and procedures necessary to administer the Plan as are consistent with the terms hereof;
- (f) to determine the type of any Investment Product to be purchased from the Provider; and
- (g) to assist any Participant regarding his rights, benefits, or elections available under the Plan.

(h) Disaster Relief Certifications. In administering §4.15, the Administrator may rely on a Participant's self-certification of eligibility and of the aggregate amount received under other employer plans, unless the Administrator has actual knowledge to the contrary.

5.5 Records and Reports

The Administrator will keep a record of all actions taken and will keep all other books of accounts, records, and other data that may be necessary for proper administration of the Plan and will be responsible for supplying all information and reports to the Internal Revenue Service, Participants, Beneficiaries and others as required by law.

5.6 Appointment of Advisors

The Administrator may appoint/employ such agents, attorneys, actuaries, accountants, auditors, investment counsel, and clerical assistants, and other persons as the Administrator deems necessary or desirable in connection with the administration of this Plan.

5.7 Information from the Employer

To enable the Administrator to perform his functions, the Employer will supply the necessary information to the Administrator or Provider on a timely basis regarding the Participants under the Plan, including but not limited to Compensation, date of hire, date of death, Severance from Employment, and such other pertinent facts and data as the Administrator may require. The Administrator may rely upon such information as is supplied by the Employer and will have no duty or responsibility to verify such information.

5.8 Payment of Expenses

All expenses of Plan administration will be paid by the Participants by a method approved by the Administrator, which may be specified in the Plan's Operating Procedures. Such expenses will include any expenses incident to the functioning of the Administrator, including, but not limited to, fees of accountants, counsel, and other specialists and their agents, and other costs of administering the Plan.

5.9 Discontinuance of Provider

Notwithstanding Section 3.9, if any Provider ceases to be eligible to receive Deferrals under the Plan, the Administrator may direct that both existing amounts under Participant Accounts that were invested through such Provider and any future contributions be transferred to Investment Products through any other available Provider.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

6.1 Amendment

(a) The City of Milwaukee will have the right at any time to amend this Plan subject to the limitations of this Section. Any such amendment will become effective as provided therein upon its execution.

(b) No amendment to the Plan will be effective if it (i) authorizes or permits any Investment Products or portion(s) thereof (except as required to pay taxes and administration expenses) to be used for or diverted to any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of Participants or Beneficiaries; (ii) causes any reduction in the amount credited to the account of any Participant or Beneficiary; or (iii) causes or permits any portion of the Investment Product to revert to or become property of the Employer.

6.2 Termination

(a) The City of Milwaukee will have the right at any time to terminate the Plan by resolution of its governing board. In addition, the Employer or Administrator must deliver written notice of discontinuance of an Investment Product to the Provider.

(b) Prior to the full termination of the Plan, the Administrator will provide instructions to direct the distribution of the assets to Participants and Beneficiaries at full termination of the Plan, in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Article IV as soon as administratively practicable after termination of the Plan.

6.3 Transfer of Entire Plan Assets to Another Eligible Plan Within the Same State

Subject to this Section, the Employer may direct the transfer of all assets of the Plan to another plan under Code Section 457(e)(1)(A) and that is located in the same state, provided that the requirements of Code Section 457(b) and Section 1.457(b)-10 (b)(3) of the Income Tax Regulations are satisfied. If Roth Contributions are transferred, the receiving plan must permit Designated Roth contributions as defined in Code Section 402A.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 Assets For Exclusive Benefit Of Participants And Beneficiaries

All amounts in the Participant Accounts under this Plan, all property and rights which may be purchased with such amounts and all income attributable to such amounts, property or rights will be held in trust (or a custodial account or annuity contract described in Code Section 401(f)) for the exclusive benefit of Participants and their Beneficiaries. All such amounts will not be subject to the claims of the Employer's general creditors.

7.2 Participant Rights

This Plan will not be deemed to constitute a contract between the Administrator or Employer and any Participant or to be a consideration or an inducement for the employment of any Participant, Employee, or Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this Plan will be deemed to give any Participant, Employee, or Independent Contractor the right to be retained in the service of the Employer or to interfere with the right of the Employer to discharge any Participant, Employee or Independent Contractor at any time regardless of the effect which such discharge will have upon him as a Participant in this Plan.

7.3 Alienation

Subject to applicable state law (and Code Section 401(g) if the Investment Product consists of an annuity contract) and except as provided in Section 7.4, no benefit which will be payable to any person (including a Participant or his Beneficiary) will be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or charge, and any attempt to anticipate, alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber, or charge the same will be void; and no such benefit will in any manner be liable for, or subject to, the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements, or torts of any such person, nor will be subject to attachment or legal process for or against such person, and the same will not be recognized except to such extent as may be required by law.

7.4 Recognition of Approved Domestic Relations Orders

Notwithstanding Section 7.3, if a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a property settlement agreement) that relates to the provision of child support, alimony payments, or the marital property rights of a spouse or former spouse, child, or other dependent of a Participant is made pursuant to the domestic relations law of any State ("domestic relations order") and Code Section 414(p), then the amount of the Participant Account will be paid in the manner and to the person or persons so directed in the domestic

relations order. Such payment will be made without regard to whether the Participant is eligible for a distribution of benefits under the Plan. The Administrator will establish reasonable procedures for determining the status of any such decree or order and for effectuating distribution pursuant to the domestic relations order.

7.5 IRS Levy

Notwithstanding Section 7.3, if a Participant or Beneficiary is entitled to a distribution in accordance with Section 5, the Administrator may pay from a Participant's or Beneficiary's Account the amount that the Administrator finds is lawfully demanded under a levy issued by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to that Participant or Beneficiary or is sought to be collected by the United States Government under a judgment resulting from an unpaid tax assessment against the Participant or Beneficiary.

7.6 Distribution for Minor Beneficiary or Incompetent

If a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to receive any benefits hereunder is a minor or is adjudged to be legally incapable of giving valid receipt and discharge for such benefits, or is deemed so by the Administrator, benefits will be paid to such person as the Administrator may designate for the benefit of such Participant or Beneficiary. Such payments shall be considered a payment to such Participant or Beneficiary and shall, to the extent made, be deemed a complete discharge of any liability for such payments under the Plan.

7.7 Mistaken Contributions

If any contribution (or any portion of a contribution) is made to the Plan by a good faith mistake of fact, then within one year after the payment of the contribution, and upon receipt in good order of a proper request approved by the Administrator, the amount of the mistaken contribution (adjusted for any income or loss in value, if any, allocable thereto) will be returned directly to the Participant or, to the extent required or permitted by the Administrator, to the Employer.

7.8 Procedure When Distributee Cannot Be Located

The Administrator shall make all reasonable attempts to determine the identity and address of a Participant or Beneficiary entitled to benefits under the Plan. For this purpose, a reasonable attempt means (a) the mailing by certified mail of a notice to the last known address shown on the Employer's or the Administrator's records, (b) notification sent to the Social Security Administration or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (under their program to identify payees under retirement plans), and (c) the payee has not responded within 6 months. If the Administrator is unable to locate such a person entitled to benefits hereunder, or if there has been no claim made for such benefits, the funding vehicle shall continue to hold the benefits due such person.

7.9. Compliance for Group Trust Participation

(a) The Administrator may, unless restricted by law and/or the Plan's investment guidelines, transfer all or any portion of the assets of the Plan to a collective or common group trust, as permitted under Revenue Ruling 81-100, Revenue Ruling 2011-1, and Revenue Ruling 2014-24, or subsequent guidance, that is operated or maintained exclusively for the commingling and collective investment of monies, provided that the funds in the group trust consist exclusively of trust assets held under plans qualified under s. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, individual retirement accounts that are exempt under s. 408(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, eligible governmental plans that meet the requirements of s. 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, and governmental plans under s. 401(a)(24) of the Internal Revenue Code. For this purpose, a trust includes a custodial account or separate tax-favored account maintained by an insurance company that is treated as a trust under s. 401(f) or s. 457(g)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Any collective or common group trust to which assets of the Plan are transferred pursuant to par. a shall be adopted by the Administrator as part of the retirement system by executing appropriate participation, adoption agreements, or trust agreements with the group trust's trustee.

(c) The separate account maintained by the group trust for the Plan pursuant to paragraph (a) above shall not be used for, or diverted to, any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of the Participants and Beneficiaries of the retirement system.

(d) For purposes of valuation, the value of the separate account maintained by the group trust for the Plan shall be the fair market value of the portion of the group trust held for the Plan, determined in accordance with generally recognized valuation procedures.

7.10 Governing Law

The Plan will be construed, administered and enforced according to the Code and the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

7.11 Headings

Headings of the Plan have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are to be ignored in any construction of the provisions hereof.

7.12 Gender

Pronouns used in the Plan in the masculine or feminine gender include both genders unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

7.13 Priority of Documents. In the case of any conflict between this Master Agreement, the Plan's Operating Procedures, Investment Policy Statement, Administrative Rules, and/or Investment Management or other Plan vendor contracts, the documents shall have the following order of precedence:

1. Master Agreement
2. Investment Policy Statement
3. Investment Manager and Plan vendor contracts
4. Operating Procedures
5. Administrative Rules

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Milwaukee, a municipal corporation, has caused this Master Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officers as of this _____ day of _____,

202554.

IN THE PRESENCE OF:

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

COMPTROLLER

Approved as to Form and Execution

| this _____ day of _____, 202⁵⁴.
