

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
(Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.)

For consideration, the parties hereby enter into the following Employment Agreement.

I. Parties and Definitions

This agreement is by and between Christopher L. Maples (“**Employee**”) and the City of Sparks, a municipal corporation, (“**CITY**”) as employer.

Employee is affirmed:

The “**Effective Date**” is September 16, 2016.

The “**Initial Expiration Date**” is December 31, 2017.

The “**Initial Salary**” shall be \$168,709.00 per year.

There is no “**License Requirement**” for the position.

The “**Position**” to be occupied and performed by Employee is Chief of the Sparks Fire Department (Fire Chief).

II. Recitals

Based on Employee’s experience and qualifications and information provided to the City during interviews and negotiations leading up to this agreement, the City desires to hire Employee to perform executive functions of the Position.

Employee desires to be employed by the CITY in the Position.

III. Employment.

The CITY hereby employs Employee and Employee agrees to assume the responsibilities and perform the services of the Position on the terms and conditions stated in this agreement.

IV. Duties of Employee.

A. Employee shall perform the duties of the Position generally described in Exhibit A, in the job description and as may be established and changed from time-to-time by the City Manager. (Exhibit A is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.) Employee shall be

responsible for overseeing the actions of all departments, divisions or functions assigned to Employee. Employee shall assure proper performance of all public services assigned to Employee and further to assure compliance with all resolutions, ordinances, directives and policies of the City Manager as well as all applicable laws.

B. Employee represents that Employee currently meets the Licensing Requirement defined above, if any, and agrees to continuously maintain that requirement. Any disciplinary action taken against Employee by the licensing authority may be grounds for termination for cause, and any revocation of any required license or certificate is grounds for termination for cause.

C. The Position is a public official executive position involving the administration of public programs and protection of public funds, which requires a high degree of skill, integrity and managerial competence, which Employee agrees to provide. Employee also understands the existence, duties, responsibilities, structure and direction of the Position depends in a large degree on public perception and the political process and, therefore, may be subject to changes in political process, public perception, and the needs of the City as determined by the City Manager. Employee may be judged not only based on Employee's skill, integrity, and managerial competence, but may also be judged by public perception of the need for and the actions and performance of the departments, divisions or functions which Employee supervises. Because of the public and political nature of the Position, both parties acknowledge the Employee serves at the pleasure of the City Manager as well as Employee's own pleasure.

V. Compensation and Benefits; Executive Resolution; Performance Reviews.

A. General. CITY agrees to pay compensation and provide those benefits as set forth and changed from time-to-time for the Position by resolution of the Sparks City Council. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the current "Executive Resolution" pertaining to the Position, which is incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

B. Salary and Bonus. The Employee salary is established at a pay rate equal to the Initial Salary Rate defined above commencing on the Effective Date of this agreement, and together with all benefits and privileges set forth in the Executive Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit B. The City Manager, subject to City Council approval, may amend the annual compensation to the Employee at any time during the calendar year, based upon the completion of a written evaluation.

C. Evaluations. No later than November of each year, the City Manager will conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness and performance of the Employee, with any recommendations or changes in compensation or performance bonus provided to the Employee with the first pay period in December of each year, if any.

D. Vehicle Allowance. Employee shall be provided with vehicle allowance as provided for in the Executive Resolution.

E. Mobile Phone Allowance. Employee shall be provided with a mobile phone or phone allowance as provided in the Executive Resolution.

F. Retiree Medical Insurance. Under this agreement, when employee qualifies for retirement benefits under Nevada Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), employee will be entitled to the following benefit:

1. The City will pay 60% of the health insurance premiums (health, vision, dental and life) under the City's Group Health Insurance Plan for the retired employee and employee's spouse at the time of retirement and so long as married to the retiree. However, this benefit cannot be combined with any employer subsidy required under Nevada law.

2. When the retired employee reaches the eligibility age for Medicare benefits, the City agrees to pay 50% of the health insurance premiums (health, vision, dental and life) only for the retired employee. The retired employees' benefit will continue until the retired employee's death.

3. Spousal survivor benefits: In the event of the retiree's death, the covered spouse's benefit shall continue until the spouse's death, remarriage or the date the retiree would have reached the age of Medicare eligibility, whichever occurs first.

4. Sick leave conversion benefits pursuant to the Executive Resolution may be applied toward the remaining portion of the monthly health insurance premium so long as there is a balance of accumulated sick leave conversion funds.

5. Upon retirement, if Employee does not continue medical coverage under the City of Sparks group health policy, retired Employee and spouse will not be eligible for the benefits outlined above in Sections F1 through F3 of Paragraph V. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 287.0205 retired Employee or spouse may reinstate coverage in January of any even numbered year as long as the City of Sparks was Employee's last Nevada public employer. Upon reinstatement retired Employee or spouse will pay in full the current health plan premium.

Any employee who retires under the Nevada Public Retirement System (PERS) after ratification and approval may continue group health insurance for that portion not covered under the Executive Resolution by paying in advance the monthly premium amount calculated for employee/dependent(s) to the Director Financial Services.

VI. Term of agreement; renewals; general obligations upon termination.

A. General. If approved by the City Council of the City of Sparks, this agreement commences on the Effective Date and expires on the Initial Expiration Date, unless sooner terminated as provided herein. For administrative convenience, the CITY may, but is not obligated to, extend the expiration or early termination date to the end of a pay period; any such extension is not considered a renewal.

B. Renewals. This agreement expires on the Initial Expiration Date. If renewed after the Initial Expiration Date, it becomes a year-to-year agreement, with each “Contract Year” beginning on January 1, and ending on December 31. At the end of the Initial Expiration Date and at the end of each Contract Year thereafter, this agreement is deemed automatically renewed unless either party gives 30 calendar days prior written notice of nonrenewal. Either party may elect not to renew this agreement for any reason or for no reason at all, and it is agreed if either party elects not to renew this agreement, the party is not obligated to give a reason. It is further agreed successive renewals do not imply any obligation to continue this employment relationship or create an expectation that either party will continue to renew this agreement.

C. Termination. For purposes of interpreting this Agreement, whenever the general term “terminate” or any of its derivative forms is used, such terms shall generally mean separation from employment, whether or not cause is established. The use of the term “termination” is not intended to, and does not create any legal requirement that termination be premised on a determination of cause or breach of this Agreement. The services of Christopher L. Maples as Fire Chief may be terminated by any of the following methods:

1. Mutual Agreement. Termination of employment in accordance with a written mutual agreement which is executed by both parties with terms of the termination and any potential compensation as agreed to by the parties in the Agreement.

2. Termination Without Cause. At any time, CITY, by appropriate City Manager action or Employee, individually, may terminate Employee’s employment without cause, by providing thirty (30) days advance written notice (may be referred to as “Termination Without Cause”). During such thirty (30) day period, the City Manager, in Manager’s sole discretion, may determine if Employee is to maintain regular business hours for CITY or if Employee should be placed on leave with pay until the termination date of contract.

3. Termination For Cause. Notwithstanding any other terms and condition of this Agreement, at any time and without prior notice, CITY, acting through City Manager, may terminate Employee’s employment as Fire Chief for cause, as is defined hereafter. A “Termination for Cause” shall mean termination of employment because of any of the following: “Cause” includes, but is not limited to: (i) breach of any provision in this agreement, (ii) violation of any City of Sparks resolution, ordinance, (iii) violation of any county, state or federal constitution, charter, ordinance, statute or regulation (except minor traffic or parking violations), (iv) commission of any act of dishonesty (including but not limited to misrepresentation, fraud, false statements made under oath, false statements made on any official report, false statements made during any administrative or governmental proceeding, false or misleading statements made on any employment application or during interviews leading to employment, any act of misappropriation or failure to account for public funds, or commission of any act of moral turpitude or any act which would tend to derogate public confidence in the government of the City of Sparks should Employee remain in the Position), (v) neglect of duties (including but not limited to excessive absences, failure to exercise the care, skill and diligence of a

reasonably prudent executive responsible for administering public programs and safeguarding public funds).

4. Termination Obligations. Upon termination, for any reason, Employee shall be obligated to perform all of the following:

a. Duties of Employee. Employee agrees to (i) leave the premises of CITY if requested, (ii) immediately turn over all records, books, papers, computers (including all computer devices), computer disks or other storage devices, keys, phones, uniforms, tools, credit cards, identification cards or badges, and all other property owned by the CITY or used by Employee in connection with Employee's duties, (iii) discuss with anyone designated by the CITY all work in progress and to reveal all information that may be needed by a person who will perform the duties of the Position, (iv) participate in a termination interview with representatives of the CITY, if requested, and (v) to reimburse or indemnify the CITY.

b. Cooperate in Pending Work and Litigation. Following any termination of Employee, Employee shall fully cooperate with the CITY in all matters relating to winding down of or transfer of pending work and duties to the successor Fire Chief. Employee shall also cooperate in defense of any litigation or administrative action brought against the CITY that relates in any way to Employee's acts or omissions while employed as the Fire Chief. If after date of termination Employee's cooperation in defense of any such litigation or administrative action requires more than five (5) hours of time, Employee shall be paid at an hourly rate not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for Employee's time and all reasonable associated expenses.

5. Severance Payment for Termination Without Cause. If CITY terminates Employee without cause, CITY shall pay to Employee within two (2) weeks following of the end of the 30 (thirty) day notice period one of the following severance package a(i) or a(ii) whichever is greater and (b) and (c). Employee is not entitled to any other remedies, contractual or otherwise, for Termination without Cause:

a(i). CITY agrees to pay EMPLOYEE a total of six (6) months of base salary plus the cash value of six (6) months of CITY benefits as defined in this contract: **OR**

a(ii). The remainder of the payments due under this contract plus cash value of defined benefits but not to exceed the remaining value of contract term;

b. All salary and benefits, as benefits are defined by this contract, earned and owing associated with the position of Fire Chief due at the time of termination; and

c. Payment for all unused accrued annual leave and personal leave.

6. Severance Payment for Non-renewal of Contract. If Manager does not renew Employee's contract, within thirty (30) days of termination date of contract Employee shall receive the following Non-Renewal Package:

- a. Six (6) month's base salary;
- b. All salary and benefits, as benefits are defined by this agreement, due and owing to Employee associated with the position of Fire Chief earned up to the time of termination;
- c. Payment for all unused accrued annual leave, personal leave; and
- d. One-time payment equivalent to the cost of six (6) months of CITY paid benefits as benefits are defined by this agreement.

7. Employee Terminated Contract. If Employee unilaterally terminates this Agreement for any reason, no severance package will be due and owing to Employee. Employee shall receive payment for unused annual and personal leave and any pay owing.

8. Limitation on retroactive pay or benefits. Notwithstanding any other provision in this agreement to the contrary, any changes to salary, compensation or benefits which are approved by the City Manager or City Council after the expiration or termination of this agreement but made retroactive to a date before the expiration or termination of this agreement will not apply to Employee.

VII. Indemnification.

Employee hereby indemnifies the City against loss of money, securities, and other personal property and further against liability sustained by the City by reason of any act of fraud, dishonesty, forgery, embezzlement, wrongful abstraction, willful misapplication, intentional torts, or criminal acts by Employee.

VIII. General Terms

A. No assignment. Neither party shall delegate any duty or assign any right under this agreement, such delegation or assignment is void. As to Employee, this agreement is a personal service contract and is not binding on nor inures to the benefit of any heirs, successors, or assigns of Employee.

B. Modification. Except for changes to Exhibits A and B, any modification of this agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party and may be subject to ratification by the City Council.

C. No waiver. The failure of either party to this agreement to insist on the performance of any of the terms and conditions of this agreement shall not constitute a waiver unless expressed in writing, and any written waiver shall not be construed as or create an implication or expectation that any future waivers will be given.

D. Attorney Fees. In the event that any proceeding (including appeals to the City Council, arbitration, mediation, or litigation) in relation to this agreement, each party will pay its own attorney's fees regardless of who prevails in any such proceeding. Costs may be allocated between the parties under the rules of such proceedings, but if the rules do not provide for allocation of costs, then each party will bear its own costs of the proceeding.

E. Partial Invalidity. The invalidity of any portion of this agreement will not and shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other provision. In the event any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid, the parties agree the remaining provisions shall be deemed to be in full force and effect as if they had been executed by both parties subsequent to the expungement of the invalid provision.

F. Governing Law; jurisdiction, venue. The ordinances and resolutions of the City Council as well as the laws of Nevada shall govern this agreement without regard to conflicts of laws principles. Any action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of or based on any right arising out of this agreement may be brought against either party in the District Court for the State of Nevada, in which case the proper venue is the Second Judicial District in and for Washoe County, or, if federal jurisdiction is obtained, in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, in which case the proper venue is the Northern Division.

G. Notices. Notices under this agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given at the earlier of (1) when actually received by the City Manager for notices given to the City, (2) when actually received by Employee for notices to Employee, or (3) three business days after mailed to either party by U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, mailed to the City at the current address for City Hall or to Employee at the current address appearing in City employment records.

H. Entire Agreement. This agreement, together with the Exhibits attached hereto as those Exhibits may change from time to time, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and

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any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated in this agreement.

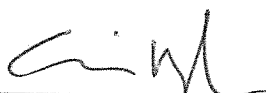
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CITY

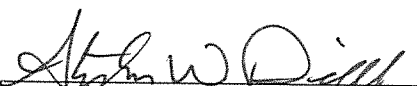
EMPLOYEE

The City of Sparks

By: _____
Geno Martini
Mayor



Christopher L. Maples
Fire Chief

By: 
Stephen W. Driscoll
City Manager

Approved as to Form:

Attest:

City Attorney

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A



Fire Chief

Class Code:
FRCHF

Bargaining Unit: Executive Resolution

CITY OF SPARKS
Established Date: Jul 1, 2006
Revision Date: Jun 16, 2016

DESCRIPTION:

Plan, organize, coordinate and direct all activities and programs of the Fire Department; provide expert professional assistance to City leadership in areas of expertise; foster cooperative working relationships with citizen groups and other agencies on fire matters

EXAMPLE OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Plan, organize, coordinate, and direct through deputy chiefs and leadership staff all City fire service functions including fire prevention, inspection, suppression and administrative services

Develop and direct the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures and work standards for the department; direct the preparation and administration of the annual budget for the department

Work closely with the City Manager, City Council, City departments, public and private organizations and citizen groups in developing programs and implementing projects to solve fire service problems and provide technical assistance, directly or through subordinate staff; advise the City Manager and others on fire services issues and programs

Respond to major fire alarms and other emergencies and may personally direct fire prevention and suppression activities at the site

Direct the development of management systems, procedures and standards for program evaluation; monitor developments related to fire service matters, evaluate their impact on City operations, and implement policy and procedure improvements; prepare and recommend plans for fire service programs; develop specific proposals for action on current and future City needs

Make interpretations of City fire regulations and ordinances, codes and applicable laws to ensure compliance and consistency of application

Direct the selection, supervision and work evaluation of department personnel; provide for staff development and varied training programs for all levels

Coordinate the preparation of a variety of reports or presentations for City management or outside agencies

Perform related duties and responsibilities as required and other duties which may be assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education

Equivalent to a Masters Degree in fire science, fire administration or a related field; successful completion of Fire Executive Program may replace 16 credits of education; and three years command experience equivalent to the city's class of Fire Battalion Chief; acting time as Fire Battalion Chief may be substituted for the command experience to a maximum of two and a half years

Or

Equivalent to a Bachelors Degree or 120 Credits in fire science, fire administration or a related field; successful completion of Fire Executive Program may replace 16 credits of education; command experience exceeding the required five years may be utilized for education on a year for year basis to a maximum of two years; and five years command experience equivalent to the city's class of Fire Battalion Chief; acting time as Fire Battalion Chief may be substituted for the command experience to a maximum of two and a half years

Or

Equivalent to a Associates Degree or 60 Credits in fire science, fire administration or a related field; successful completion of Fire Executive Program may replace 16 credits of education; command experience exceeding the required seven years may be utilized for education on a year for year basis to a maximum of two years; and seven years command experience equivalent to the city's class of Fire Battalion Chief; acting time as Fire Battalion Chief may be substituted for the command experience to a maximum of two and a half years

Licenses & Certificates

Must possess a valid Nevada Class C driver's license within 30 days of hire

Knowledge of:

Administrative principles and methods

Principles and practices of municipal fire administration, including suppression, prevention, inspection and damage control

Principles, practices, techniques and equipment used in medical, chemical and hazardous materials, rescue and a variety of other emergency responses

Applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations

Principles and practices of budget development and administration

Ability to:

Plan, organize and coordinate fire suppression, prevention services and related programs
Select, motivate and evaluate staff and provide for their training and professional development

Develop and implement goals, objectives, policies, work standards and internal controls
Analyze complex technical and administrative fire services problems, evaluate alternative solutions, and adopt effective courses of action

Prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence and other written materials

Exercise sound independent judgment within general policy and administrative guidelines

Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with a variety of citizens, public and private organizations, boards and commissions and City staff

Physical Demands

Requires ability to work in a typical office setting and use standard office equipment

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Must pass a detailed background investigation
This position reports to the City Manager or designee
This is an at-will appointive position exempt from the City of Sparks Civil Service System
This position is exempt under FLSA guidelines

EXHIBIT B

CITY OF SPARKS
EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEE RESOLUTION
JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

RESOLUTION NO.3278

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION DENOTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AS EXECUTIVE; PROVIDING FOR SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES IN THESE POSITIONS; PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR THESE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

IT IS RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sparks as follows:

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SECTION 1: ADMINISTRATION

Article A: PREAMBLE

The City Manager shall administer the pay plan in accordance with the provisions established herein.

Article B: REPEAL OF PRIOR RESOLUTIONS

All previous Resolutions pertaining to the matter of employees covered by this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Benefits provided under this Resolution shall not be revised unless notice is given to all covered employees and opportunity is provided to meet and confer with the City Manager with the right to appeal to the City Council.

Article C: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be effective as of July 1, 2015 and shall continue in force until June 30, 2017 or until a successor resolution has been approved by City Council.

Article D: RECOGNITION AND APPLICATION

The Executive positions of the City are listed on Appendix A and include the City Manager and Department Heads. All Executive employees will be appointed and will negotiate an employment agreement with the City prior to being hired. This employment agreement shall not conflict with the provisions of this Resolution.

It is understood under this Resolution, that the City Manager's benefits and salary other than those specified by contract, are to be approved by the City Council.

The employees appointed by the City Manager under this Resolution have individual employment agreements with defined pay, benefits and job duties including specified termination and renewal clauses.

The City Manager, at his discretion under this Resolution, may alter that renewal clause of the appointed employee. Under no circumstance should an appointed employee under this Resolution be given less than one hundred and eighty (180) days separation benefits upon notice of non-renewal, which shall include severance pay and/or benefits as determined by the City Manager and/or the employee's individual employment agreement.

SECTION 2: PAY RATES

Article A: PAY RATES

1. Pay Rates:
 - a. Base salary maximum rates and individual pay rates for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year will increase two percent (2%) over the June 30, 2015 rate, except as may be adjusted due to reclassification.
 - b. Base salary maximum rates and individual pay rates for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year will increase two percent (2%) over the June 30, 2016 rate, except as may be adjusted due to reclassification.

2. Pay Periods: Each two (2) week period shall constitute a pay period. The pay period shall commence on Monday at 12:00 a.m. and end on Sunday at 11:59 p.m. The dates of payment shall be established by the City.
3. Work Week: The basic work week shall commence on Monday at 12:00 a.m. and end on Sunday at 11:59 p.m.
4. Initial Appointment: Upon entering an appointive position, an employee shall receive compensation commensurate with their education and experience as determined by the City Manager.
5. Demotions: When an employee is demoted to a position in a class allocated to a lower pay range the employee shall be reduced five percent (5%) or to the maximum rate of the new class, whichever is lower.
6. Reduction of Pay: The City Manager may reduce an employee from any increment of the salary range, other than the first increment, to any appropriate lower increment of the salary range, upon failure of the employee to maintain the standard of work set forth for the increment of the salary range upon which the employee has been placed. In such event, the City Manager may again raise the increment to any increment not higher than that from which the employee was reduced should the employee's standard of service be reestablished.
7. Reclassification of Position: When an employee's position is reclassified to a higher pay range, the employee shall be placed into the new pay range with a minimum five percent (5%) increase. Under no circumstances, however, shall any employee be paid more than the top of the employee's salary range.

In those cases where an employee's position is reclassified to a lower pay range, the employee shall be placed into the new pay range at the same pay rate at which the employee is presently serving, or the top of the new range, whichever is less.

8. Full-Time Service: For the purposes of determining eligibility for merit advancements and accrual of benefits, the term "full-time service" shall mean the number of days actually worked on a job including all absences with pay. Leave of absence without pay shall not be credited as full-time service.
9. Special Pay Considerations: In special circumstances, and with City Manager approval, an employee may choose to reduce their individual pay rate, waive payment of longevity or other pay considerations. These reductions are voluntary and will require the submission of a written request, effective for the Fiscal Year of the request only.
10. Voluntary Reductions in Salary or Benefits: Should an employee voluntarily make a reduction in pay, benefits, or hours worked the City Manager may make non-monetary considerations for the benefit of such employees.

Article B: MERIT ADVANCEMENTS

1. Merit Increases: An employee who has not reached the maximum in the pay range shall be eligible for a merit pay increase, contingent upon the employee's level of job performance, effective with the first full pay period in December. The City Manager has the option to provide merit pay increases or bonus pay at any time during the fiscal year. An employee who may otherwise be eligible for a merit increase, but who was denied such an increase, shall be eligible for review at the discretion of the City Manager for a merit salary increase at any subsequent time during the next twelve (12) months.

Employees hired under this Resolution shall be reviewed by the City Manager at the end of six (6) months employment and, if appropriate, may be given a merit increase at that time.

Article C: COMPENSATION

Executive positions shall be compensated on an annual, salaried rate basis and shall not be entitled to Night Differential Pay; Overtime Pay and Worked Holiday Pay. The pay of executive employees is not subject to deductions for absences of less than one work day.

Article D: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY

Employees covered by this Resolution are entitled to Longevity Pay in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) net, each year, to be paid no later than the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving.

Employees terminating during the year prior to the payout date will receive a full longevity payout.

Article E: CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEM ALLOWANCE

1. Uniform Allowance: The Police Chief and Fire Chief are required to maintain uniforms and shall be paid a uniform allowance in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per week.
2. Watches, Cellular Phones and Eyeglasses: The City agrees to reimburse employees to a maximum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each incident for each pair of eyeglass frames and cellular phones, and the actual cost of prescription lenses, and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for each watch, which is lost, damaged or destroyed while performing job related duties, as certified by the Department Head and approved by the City Manager. If an employee has a City issued cellular phone, the reimbursement for cellular phone will not apply.

Article F: AUTO ALLOWANCE

This allowance is provided in lieu of utilizing a City vehicle. At City Manager discretion, an employee may be afforded the use of a City vehicle in lieu of an automotive allowance. Employees receiving an auto allowance from the City are not entitled to use a City vehicle unless authorized in advance by the City Manager. This rate will be reviewed and adjusted by the I.R.S. published increase or decrease in allowable expense, effective the first day of the first full pay period of July each year.

Article G: CELLULAR PHONE REIMBURSEMENT

At the employee's request, the City Manager may approve a reimbursement of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per month paid for use of a personal cellular phone. If an employee has a City issued cellular phone, the reimbursement for cellular phone will not apply.

SECTION 3: BENEFITS

Article A: GROUP HEALTH, LIFE AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

1. Eligibility: All employees are eligible for group health insurance (medical, dental, vision, pharmacy, life) and long term disability insurance, and may on the first of the month following employment, be eligible to enroll in the City's group health insurance plan and long term disability insurance, provided however, such employee is not excluded from enrollment by conditions of the Group Health Plan Document.
2. City - Employee Share of Premium:
 - a. The City shall pay the entire premium for group health and life insurance for each employee and for the employee's eligible dependents for employees hired on or before June 30, 2006.

- b. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2006 and before July 1, 2010 the City shall pay the entire premium for group health and life insurance for each employee and seventy five percent (75%) of the actuarially determined premium for the employee's eligible dependents enrolled in the City's plan and employees shall pay twenty five percent (25%) of the monthly insurance premium for their eligible dependents.
 - c. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2010 the City shall pay the entire premium for group health and life insurance for each employee and fifty percent (50%) of the actuarially determined premium for the employee's eligible dependents enrolled in the City's plan and employees shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the monthly insurance premium for their eligible dependents.
 - d. The City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the total premium for the basic long-term disability plan offered by the City. Additional premium for any "buy-up" to the plan is the employee's responsibility.
3. Status While on Leave of Absence: An employee on unpaid Leave of Absence from the City may continue to carry the City group health and life insurance and long-term disability policy by making the full premium payment in accordance with applicable federal regulations.
 4. Long-Term Disability Insurance Upon Separation from City Service: Employees who separate from City service may be eligible to convert the long-term disability coverage through the insurance company. The individual is responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the premium cost and shall pay the premium directly to the insurance company.
 5. Group Health Insurance Committee: The purpose of this Committee is to discuss cost containment measures and to recommend to the City Council any benefit changes to the City's self-insured group health and life insurance plan.

The Committee shall be comprised of three (3) voting members and one alternate member from each of the following represented groups:

- Operating Engineers (OE3)
- Sparks Police Protective Association (SPPA)
- International Association of Firefighters (IAFF)

The Committee shall also be comprised of one non-voting member and one alternate member from each of the following represented and non-represented groups to provide input to voting members:

- Operating Engineers Supervisory Unit
- Confidential
- Management Professional/Appointed
- Classified Chief Officers

One (1) retired employee and alternate will serve to provide input on the effect of any changes upon retirees.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice-chairperson will be appointed by the City Manager and will not have a vote on the Committee.

The voting member of each recognized bargaining unit shall have the authority to bind said bargaining unit to any modification in benefits recommended to the City Council subject to ratification of at least two (2) of the voting members (OE3, SPPA, IAFF). Any two (2) of the listed three (3) bargaining units can bind the remaining bargaining units to changes to the City's self-insured group health and life insurance plans.

Any modification in benefits agreed to by the City Council on recommendation of the committee shall be binding upon each represented and non-represented group.

Article B: GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE UPON RETIREMENT

1. **Eligibility:** Upon termination or retirement, an employee may choose to elect conversion of accumulated sick leave, or cash out accumulated sick leave, provided minimum years of service are met.
2. **Conversion of Accumulated Sick Leave:** Employees separating from the City of Sparks may elect to convert a percentage of the employee's accumulated Sick Leave to an unfunded City account for the purpose of paying for future coverage under the City's then existing group health insurance plan on a monthly basis in accordance with the following table:

Years of Service	Percentage of Sick Hours Converted
10	50%
11	60%
12	70%
13	80%
14	90%
15	100% (no max)

The account is assigned a present value as of the date of retirement equal to the number of hours of accumulated Sick Leave times the employee's base hourly rate times the conversion percentage at the time of retirement. The City will account for a retiree's accumulated Sick Leave, and debit said account on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

The City will pay the retiree's group health insurance so long as there is a balance of accumulated Sick Leave adequate to cover the monthly premium.

When a retired employee becomes eligible for Medicare or other federal programs, the retiree will receive Medicare supplemental coverage so long as there is a balance of accumulated sick leave adequate to cover the monthly premium, or if the retiree has made arrangements to pay for the City coverage directly.

A surviving spouse will continue to receive group health insurance under this benefit so long as there is a balance of accumulated Sick Leave adequate to cover the monthly premium, or if the spouse has made arrangements to pay for the City coverage directly.

This benefit is nontransferable and does not survive the retiree except as to a surviving spouse as described above.

The fund to which the accumulated sick leave is credited does not accrue interest and does not have cash value. The City pays for the retiree's group health insurance coverage by debiting the monthly cost of such coverage from the retiree's accumulated Sick Leave balance and paying the actual cost of such coverage out of the appropriate City fund.

The retiree may request an annual summary of their sick leave conversion balance.

3. Sick Leave Cash-Out Provision: As an alternative to Sick Leave Conversion, employees, upon retirement, may elect a cash out of this benefit as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Cash-Out Percentage</u>
10	50%
15	60%
20	65%
21	75%
22	85%
23	90%
24	95%
25 or more	100%

Employee may elect an annual payment of conversion dollars in annual payments that provide equal payout over time.

Maximum annual payment will not exceed twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Once election is made, it may not be changed. Upon death of the employee, payments will cease.

If the employee chooses the cash out option, the employee is not eligible to continue on the City's group health insurance plan for themselves and dependents. However, employee may return per NRS on any even-numbered year and pay the full cost of coverage and annual cash payments may continue as selected.

Article C: RETIREMENT

The retirement rights of the employees are as provided by the Statutes of the State of Nevada. The City will pay 100% of the employee's retirement contribution to the Retirement System. Eligible compensation and service credit is determined at the sole discretion of PERS.

Article D: TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Upon proof of course completion with either a grade of 'C' or better or a certificate of completion for pass/fail courses, the City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of tuition, lab fees, required textbooks and ancillary written course materials, not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) per fiscal year for job related courses which are approved in writing in advance by the Human Resources Manager.

Article E: DEFERRED COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTION

For employees covered under this Resolution, the City will match dollar for dollar the employee contribution to a deferred compensation program up to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum as limited by Federal regulations. The City contribution, which will not exceed the current Federal limit, will be made only to the deferred compensation programs offered by the City.

Article F: EXECUTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Employee's covered by this Resolution may choose the physician who is to perform the physical examination or, at the employee's option, the employee may choose the Executive Physical Program offered by a provider contracted by the City.

1. **Examination:** The physical examination shall consist of all those essential elements to determine the physical fitness of the individual, as determined by the provider.
2. **Cost:** The cost of such medical examinations shall be paid by the City up to the cost of the Executive Physical Program offered by the City provider. The employee selecting the option of a private physician to perform the medical examination shall be responsible for any costs above the amount paid by City under the Executive Physical Program.

Article G: USE OF CITY VEHICLE

The City Manager may, at the request of an employee in lieu of Auto Allowance, designate employees covered under this Resolution to utilize a City owned vehicle for City business. Employees so designated shall be permitted to take the vehicle home for after hours or emergency response. Employees designated to receive this option shall not be entitled to an Auto Allowance.

SECTION 4: LEAVE BENEFITS

Article A: HOLIDAYS

1. The following holidays are established as legal holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	3rd Monday in January
Washington's Birthday	3rd Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Nevada Day	Last Friday in October
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday after Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day	December 25

And, any other day that may be declared a holiday by the Mayor of the City of Sparks, the Governor of the State of Nevada or a national holiday by the President of the United States. Special Holidays granted by the President of the United States for Federal Employees under Executive order 11582 are not City Holidays.

2. Holidays shall be observed as follows:
 - a. If a legal holiday falls on the first day of an employees scheduled day off, the day preceding shall be observed as a holiday.
 - b. If a legal holiday falls on the second or succeeding day of consecutive scheduled days off, the next succeeding work day shall be observed as a holiday.

Article B: ANNUAL LEAVE

1. **Eligibility:** For the purpose of determining eligibility for Annual Leave allowance, the term "continuous service" shall be that service commencing with appointment to a position and continuing until termination.

For the purpose of determining Annual Leave earned, the term "actual service" shall mean the number of days actually worked on the job; provided, however, that absence from work due to Sick Leave with pay, Annual Leave with pay, Voluntary Unpaid Leave as specified in Section 4, Article H, or injury or illness incurred in the City service shall be deemed actual service.

2. Accrual of Annual Leave:

<u>Years of Continuous Service</u>	<u>Accrual Rate per Bi-Weekly Pay Period</u>
Less than 10 years	6.5 hours
10 years or more	7.1 hours
15 years or more	7.9 hours
20 years or more	8.4 hours

No maximum is established, however employees in this category are expected to take a least three (3) weeks of annual leave per fiscal year and may be directed by the City Manager to utilize such annual leave as deemed necessary.

3. Authorizations: All Annual Leave shall be taken at such times of the year as may be approved by the City Manager as appropriate.
4. Annual Leave Policy: It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City that employees take their normal Annual Leave each year; provided, however, that for reasons deemed sufficient by the City Manager, an employee may take less than the normal Annual Leave one year with a correspondingly longer Annual Leave the following year. City Manager approval is required for all annual leave requests longer than three (3) consecutive weeks.
5. Resignation and/or Retirement: A person about to resign or retire under the provisions of PERS and who has earned Annual Leave may be granted an Annual Leave for the time so earned not to exceed the maximum for the employee's position. Such Annual Leave must be taken prior to the effective date of any such resignation or retirement. In lieu of such Annual Leave, an employee may be granted a lump sum payment for Annual Leave time accrued to the employee's credit. All other employees will be granted a lump sum payment for Annual Leave time accrued to employee's credit.
6. Death of Employee: Upon the death of a person presently on the employment records of this City, a lump sum payment for Annual Leave time accrued to the employee's credit will be made to the employee's beneficiaries or estate. The City Manager shall instruct the Director of Finance on the disposition of such cases.
7. Minimum Annual Leave To be Taken: The minimum Annual Leave time which may be taken at any one time by any employee shall be one (1) day.
8. Annual Leave on a Holiday: An employee covered by this Resolution who is on Annual Leave on a holiday shall not be charged Annual Leave for that holiday.
9. Annual Conversion: An employee may elect to cash out annual leave up to eighty (80) hours per fiscal year. Annual leave conversion must be taken in forty (40) hour increments. The employee must have a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) hours prior to the cash out to utilize this benefit.

Article C: SICK LEAVE

1. Eligibility: For the purposes of determining eligibility for Sick Leave, the term "continuous service" shall be that service commencing with appointment to a position and continuing until termination.

For the purpose of determining Sick Leave earned, the term "actual service" shall mean the number of days actually worked on the job; provided however, that absence from work due to Sick Leave with pay, Annual Leave with pay, Voluntary Unpaid Leave as specified in Section 4, Article H, injury or illness incurred in the City service, unpaid furlough day, and absence on temporary military duty shall be deemed actual service.

2. Accrual of Sick Leave:
 - a. Employees covered by this Resolution shall earn Sick Leave credits at the rate of five (5) hours per bi-weekly period or major fraction thereof, computed on the basis of calendar days of actual service.
 - b. Unrestricted Maximum: Accumulation of Sick Leave accruing to an employee's credit which is not used during the year in which earned may accumulate from year to year without restriction to a maximum amount.
 - c. Accrual of Sick Leave shall cease after any period of continuous Sick Leave having a duration of six (6) calendar months.
3. Authorized Use of Sick Leave: Sick Leave with pay, can only be granted in the case of a bona fide illness of an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family, defined as spouse or the employee's children or parents. Sick Leave may also be used for bereavement leave in the event of death of a relative to the third degree of consanguinity and affinity or domestic partner. (Table attached as an Appendix B.)

Sick Leave used for bereavement leave shall be limited to forty (40) hours per incident, except as approved in advance by the City Manager.

4. Certificate of Illness: Evidence in the form of a physician's certificate shall be furnished as proof of adequacy of the reason for the employee's absence during the time when sick leave was requested. Certificates may be required by the City Manager when there is:
 - a. Absence in excess of three (3) days or;
 - b. Whenever there is reason to believe that the Sick Leave privilege is being abused.
5. Forfeiture of Sick Leave: No City employee shall be entitled to Sick Leave while absent from duty on account of disability arising from any conduct which is in violation of federal, state or local statute, written City or departmental policy or direct order of the City Manager.
6. Advancing Sick Leave: Upon application to the City Manager, an employee may be advanced Sick Leave not to exceed sixty (60) working days and will be subject to the following:
 - a. Request for advancement of Sick Leave will be supported by a medical certificate.
 - b. All available accumulated Sick Leave will be exhausted before advancement.

- c. All available accumulated Annual Leave will be exhausted before advancement.
- d. All available Personal Leave Days will be exhausted before advancement.
- e. There is reasonable assurance that the employee will return to duty to earn and repay the advance credits.
- f. If the employee terminates prior to restoring advance sick leave any amounts owing will be deducted from the employee's final paycheck.

The City Manager will be the final approving authority on such request.

- 7. Recovery for Damages: If an employee recovers damages for time lost, the employee shall not receive Sick Leave pay under this Article for the same time; or having received sick leave prior to the recovery of damages, the employee shall repay the City for any amount paid therefore under this Article.
- 8. Minimum Sick Leave To Be Taken: The minimum Sick Leave time which may be taken at any one time shall be one day.
- 9. Payment for Accumulated Sick Leave:
 - a. In the event of a job related death or total permanent disability, the City shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the accumulated sick leave.
 - b. Employees in good standing with a balance more than 400 hours of sick leave may cash in a portion of the balance over four hundred (400) hours each year and shall be credited with twenty percent (20%) of the cashed in balance.

For example, an employee cashing in one hundred twenty (120) hours receives credit for twenty four (24) hours back (120 hours x .2 = 24 hours). To be eligible for the cash in privilege, employees must maintain a minimum sick leave balance of four hundred (400) hours and may not cash in more than four hundred (400) hours over their minimum required balance. The maximum cash in shall be eighty (80) hours (400 hours x .2 = 80 hours), which requires a minimum of eight hundred (800) hours on the books prior to the cash in.

This election must be made by June 1, with payment made to the employee with the second paycheck in July. The dollar amount of this cash-in credit, which will be paid at the employee's base salary as of July 1, will be paid directly to the employee.

Employees may elect to retain more than four hundred (400) hours before cashing in hours, or they may decide to not cash in any hours for one (1) or more years. The cash-in privilege is at the discretion of employees electing this benefit.

- 10. Return to Work: Any employee certified by a physician to be absent from work for a specified period of time due to illness or injury must present a physician's release if the employee wishes to return prior to the date originally specified by the physician.

Article D: WORKERS COMPENSATION LEAVE

If an employee is absent due to an industrial injury or occupational disease with the City of Sparks, employee shall receive current, full, regular pay of sixty (60) days in any twelve (12) month period, without being charged any Sick and/or Annual Leave. This leave shall be known as Workers' Compensation Leave.

Employees who have used all sixty (60) days of Workers' Compensation Leave, or those with an industrial injury or occupational disease with a different employer may elect to receive current, full, regular pay and benefits from the City instead of the wage replacement benefits pursuant to NRS 616 and 617. In order to receive this payment, one third (1/3) of the cost of the current, full regular pay must be charged first to an employee's Sick Leave bank until it is exhausted to a zero (0) balance, and second to an employee's Annual Leave bank until it is exhausted to a zero (0) balance.

If the employee does not wish to utilize Sick Leave and Annual Leave in this manner, the employee must notify Human Resources and shall accept as full compensation the amount received pursuant to NRS Chapters 616/617. Once this election is made, it may not be changed.

After all Workers' Compensation Leave, Sick Leave and Annual Leave are exhausted, the employee shall accept as full compensation the amount received pursuant to NRS Chapters 616/617.

If applicable, the employee shall promptly endorse workers' compensation checks and submit them to Human Resources. In no event shall an employee be allowed to receive workers' compensation as well as compensation from the City.

Article E: COURT LEAVE

Any employee appearing in any court or before the Grand Jury as a party to an action arising out of City employment or as a witness to either a civil or criminal case for the purpose of giving testimony as to facts or knowledge received in the course of City employment, shall receive full compensation as though actually on the job during such time.

The employee shall claim any jury, witness or other fee to which the employee may be entitled by reason of such appearance and forthwith pay the same over to the City to be deposited in the General Fund of the City. In all cases, however, the employee shall retain mileage allowance.

If the employee is on duty and witnesses an event not related to the performance of their duty, but as a bystander witness, they will not be compensated for the court appearance. Additionally, the employee will not be paid court pay for any court appearance as a witness against the City.

Article F: MILITARY LEAVE

Military leave shall be in compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment & Re-employment Rights Acts of 1994, and the City's Administrative Rule on Military Leave.

Any employee on authorized military leave is obligated to furnish a statement of gross base military pay for the number of regular work days for which the employee took military leave. Such statement shall be furnished upon the employee's return from military leave to the Finance Department.

Article G: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An employee who is absent for a full day is entitled to compensation for Sick Leave, Annual Leave, or other paid leave. Any employee who is absent for a full day due to illness or annual leave is only entitled to compensation in relation to the amount of accumulated Sick Leave, Annual Leave, or other paid leave.

Appointed employees may be granted Leave of Absence as authorized by the City Manager, not to exceed one (1) year. Any employee on such leave shall receive no compensation from the City during the period of absence. The leave of absence shall be deemed to be of benefit to the City as well as the employee.

An employee must complete five (5) years of service to be eligible for Leave of Absence.

Article H: VOLUNTARY TIME OFF

In special circumstances, and with City Manager approval, an employee may choose to take up to four (4) weeks unpaid time off per fiscal year. During this period, the employee's benefits will remain in force, with all applicable accruals.

This unpaid time off is not considered a Leave of Absence as outlined in Section 4, Article G.

Article I: PERSONAL LEAVE

Employees covered by this Resolution shall be entitled to five (5) days of Personal Leave each fiscal year. Any leave balance remaining as of June 30 shall be forfeited.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2015, by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES: Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee

NAYS: Schmitt

ABSENT: None


APPROVED this 8th day of June, 2015, by:




GENO R. MARTINI, MAYOR

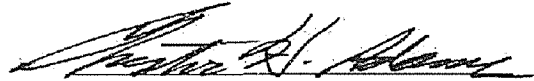
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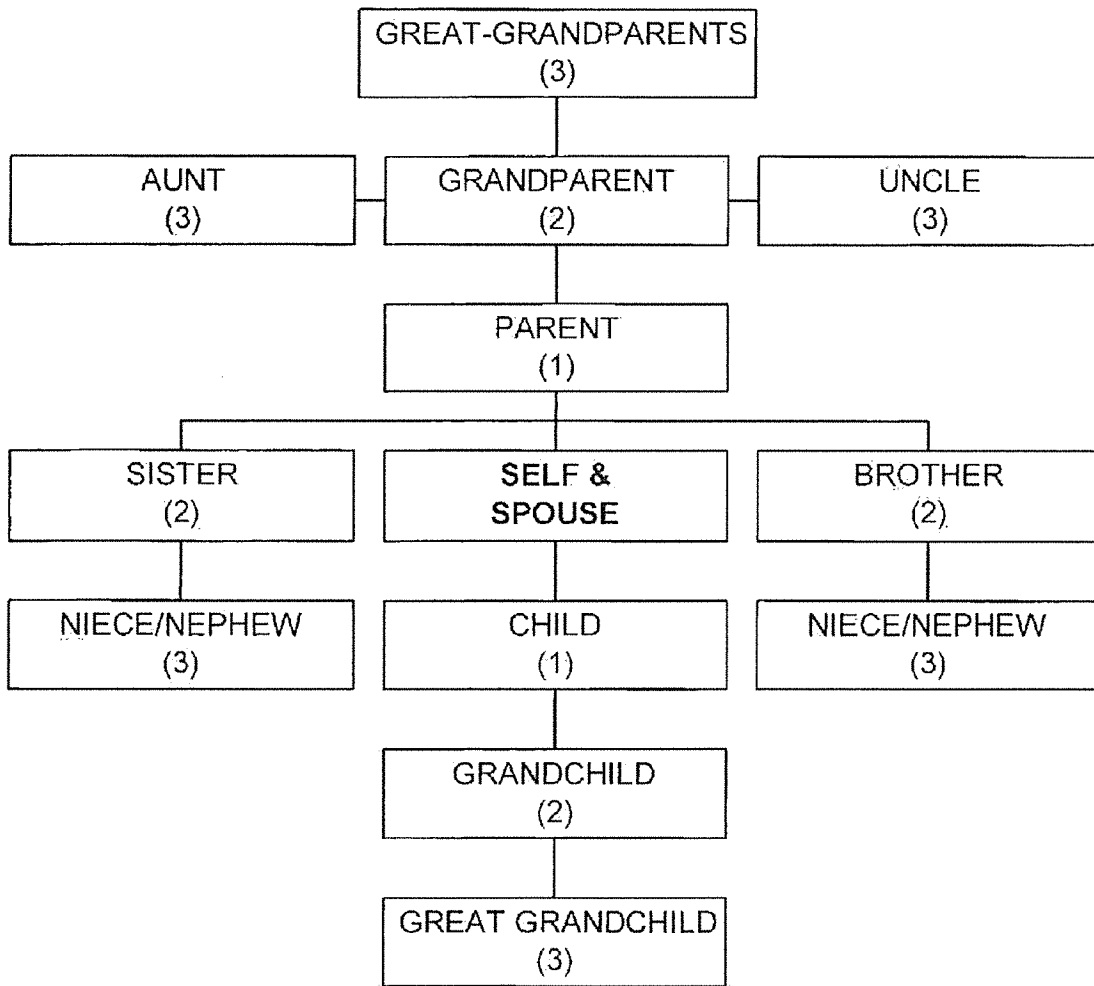
APPENDIX A – Job Class and Salary Wage Ranges *

Position	Effective:	7/13/2015	7/11/2016
		Maximum *	Maximum *
Administrative Services Director		\$148,851	\$151,828
Deputy City Manager for Community Services		\$165,400	\$168,708
Financial Services Director		\$148,851	\$151,828
Fire Chief		\$165,400	\$168,708
Parks & Recreation Director		\$148,851	\$151,828
Police Chief		\$165,400	\$168,708

* Dollar Amounts are rounded. For exact wage amounts, refer to the City of Sparks' "Position Report by Title"

APPENDIX B – DEGREES OF CONSANGUINITY AND AFFINITY

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Note – spouse includes domestic partner

APPENDIX A - Job Class and Salary Wage Ranges *

Position	Effective:	4/11/2016	7/11/2016
		Maximum *	Maximum *
Assistant City Manager		\$181,938	\$185,578
Administrative Services Director		\$148,845	\$151,819
Community Services Director		\$165,402	\$168,709
Financial Services Director		\$148,845	\$151,819
Fire Chief		\$165,402	\$168,709
Parks & Recreation Director		\$148,845	\$151,819
Police Chief		\$165,402	\$168,709

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