

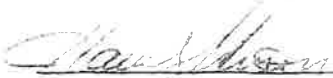
Section 5.13 – Paid Parental Leave (New Section)

An employee wishing to take paid parental leave must apply and be eligible for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave. An employee is eligible for FMLA leave if they have been employed by the City for at least 12 months before taking the leave and has worked at least 1250 hours during the 12-month period immediately prior to the leave. Effective January 1, 2023, eligible employees may be granted the following paid parental leaves, in conjunction with and as part of an approved FMLA leave:

- Up to twelve (12) work weeks of paid parental leave for either the birth of the employee's biological child or children, (including the employee's biological children born using gestational surrogacy), or for the adoption or foster of a child or children by the employee. Any paid parental leave is to be taken within the first year following either the child or children's date of birth, or the initial date of placement in the employee's home in the case of adoption or foster care. Paid parental leave may only be taken once per birth or placement event and must be used before a biological child turns one (1) year old or prior to the one (1) year anniversary of initial placement in the case of adoption or foster care. Any unused paid parental leave will be forfeited at the end of such a rolling year period.
- Up to eight (8) work weeks of paid leave for employees who are acting as gestational surrogates for their own recovery for routine childbirth. If postpartum complications arise that require additional leave, the employee may receive a maximum of twelve (12) work weeks of paid leave, provided that sufficient medical certification is provided to the employee's department. Such paid leave may only be taken once per birth event and must be taken within one (1) year following the event. Any unused paid leave will be forfeited at the end of such a rolling year period.

Procedures for requesting and returning from paid parental leave, including complying with the leave process, are governed by the City's Paid Parental Leave Policy.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, paid parental leave shall be granted as part of an approved FMLA leave.



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