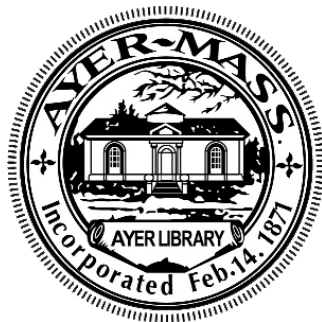


**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF AYER
AND
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE AND COUNTY AND
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
AFSCME 93 Town Hall Clerical Union**

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2026



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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into by the Town of Ayer, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, and Local 1703, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the Union, has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union, the establishment of an equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences; and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work, and other conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 1 - Recognition

Section 1 - The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the positions listed in **Appendix D**.

Section 2 - The Union recognizes the Employer as a public body established under and with powers provided by the statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to derogate from or impair any power, right or duty conferred upon the employer by Statute or any rule or regulation of any agency of the Commonwealth. As to every matter not specifically mentioned or provided for in this Agreement, the Employer retains all powers, rights and duties that it has by law without such exercise being made the subject of any grievance or arbitration proceeding hereunder.

Section 3 - For the purpose of this contract, a full-time employee is defined as a permanent employee working 20 hours or more in a work week. A part-time employee is defined as an employee working less than 20 hours per week. Full-time employees working 40 hours per week are entitled to full benefits with those working between 20 and 39 hours per week are entitled to benefits on a pro rata basis. Part-time employees are not entitled to benefits, with the exception of those listed in Article 22, Section 3.

Section 4 - The parties acknowledge that the position of CDBG Program Manager is yearly salaried position exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and not subject to the overtime provisions in this contract.

Section 5 - A work day is defined as the number of hours regularly worked per week divided by five.

ARTICLE 2 - Severability

Section 1 - Should any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement be superseded or nullified or otherwise affected by any legislation (federal or state) or should any provision of this Agreement be found to be in violation of any federal or state law Chapter 150 E General Laws by a court of competent jurisdiction, such other provisions of this Agreement as may not be affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of this Agreement.

Section 2 - Should any Article, Section, or portion thereof of this Agreement be held unlawful and unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall apply only to

the specific Article, Section, or portion thereof directly specified in the decision; upon the issuance of such a decision, the parties agree immediately to negotiate a substitute for the invalidated Article, Section or portion thereof.

ARTICLE 3 - Employer's Management Rights

Except to the extent that there is contained in this agreement an express and specific provision to the contrary, the town retains, whether exercised or not, all of the authority, power, rights, jurisdiction, and responsibility provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to such town for the control, direction and management of the town and its workforce, including, but not limited to: the exclusive right to manage the town, direct the working forces, contract and sub-contract, procedures, the schedules and work assignments. The right to hire, lay off, promote or demote, transfer, assign, discipline or discharge, maintain discipline, require the observance of the Employer's reasonable rules and regulations, determine and maintain equitable standards of performance, attain and maintain efficiency in the exclusive and sole right of the employer. Unless an express, specific provision to this agreement clearly provides otherwise, the town, acting through its Town Manager or other appropriate officials as may be authorized to act on their behalf, retains all the rights and prerogatives it had prior to the signing of this agreement either by law, custom, practice, usage or precedent to manage and control the offices of Town Hall, Council on Aging and the Department of Public Works. The Town Manager may exercise their rights under this section without said actions being subject to the grievance and arbitration clause of this contract.

ARTICLE 4 - No Discrimination

The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination against any employee because of race, creed, disability, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, genetic information, marital status, military service, gender identity and/or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE 5 - No Coercion

Section 1 - The Employer of the Town of Ayer agrees that they or their agents will not interfere with, restrain, discriminate against or coerce any employee of the Town of Ayer for his participation in recognized Union activity as defined under Chapter 150 E of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Section 2 - The Union agrees that there will be no coercion or discrimination by members against any employee because of his non-membership in the Union. The Union further agrees that there will be no coercion or discrimination against any employee for his adherence to any provision of this Agreement or order of instruction issued by the Employer or his representatives.

ARTICLE 6 - Strikes and Work Stoppages

It shall be unlawful for any employee to engage in, induce or encourage any strike, work stoppage, slowdown or withholding of services from the Employer, such employee shall be subject to

disciplinary action, including discharge, and the employee shall have the right to take up, under the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement, only the question of whether or not he engaged in, induced or encouraged such strike, work stoppage, slowdown, or withholding of services from the Employer.

ARTICLE 7 - Union Dues

Section 1 - Employees may tender membership dues by signing the Authorization for Payroll Deductions from dues form. During the life of this Agreement and in accordance with the terms of the form of Authorization of Check-Off and Dues, the Employer agrees to deduct Union membership dues levied in accordance with the Constitution of the Union from the pay of each Employee who voluntarily executes or has executed such form and remit the aggregate amount to the Treasurer of Local 1703 along with a list of employees who have said dues deducted. Such remittance shall be made following each biweekly payroll.

Section 2 - The notification to the union membership of changes in dues is the sole responsibility of the union.

ARTICLE 8 - Drug and Alcohol Policy

Employees shall be subject to the drug and alcohol policy as shown in **Appendix A**.

ARTICLE 9 - Electronic Communication Policy

Employees shall be subject to the Town's Electronic Communication Policy as shown in **Appendix B**.

ARTICLE 10 - Discipline and Discharge

Section 1 - The Employer shall have the right to discharge, suspend or discipline any employee for just cause.

Section 2 - Any grievance relating to the discharge or discipline of an employee may be taken up and determined by the employee's Appointing Authority under the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement except as otherwise specifically limited in this Agreement. Notwithstanding the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement, a grievance involving discharge must be in writing and must be received by the Employer within ten (10) working days from the date of discharge. In the event a grievance involving discharge is not filed within such time, the discharge shall be deemed to be for just cause and shall not be subject to arbitration. A grievance involving discharge shall start at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

Section 3 - Bargaining unit members that report to Boards/Commissions/Committee (Administrative Coordinator, Board of Health Assistant, Conservation Agent) shall be under the day-to-day supervision of the Town Manager.

Section 4 – Just Cause

Disciplinary action may be initiated for failure of an employee to fulfill his/her responsibilities as an employee, including, without limitation, any standards set forth in this agreement and in relevant Town of Ayer policies. Failure to comply with Town policies, rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action. Actions which are to be considered sufficient cause for disciplinary action shall include, but are not intended to be limited to, the following:

Incompetence or continuing inefficiency in performing assigned duties; Refusal to perform a reasonable amount of work or violation of any reasonable official order or failure to carry out any lawful and reasonable directions made by a proper supervisor; Habitual tardiness or absence from duty; Falsification of time sheets or any official document or record; Use or possession of illegal narcotics or alcohol while on duty; Inability to carry out essential functions of the position as a result of use or the possession of illegal drugs or alcohol; Theft, misuse or unauthorized use of town property; Fraud in securing appointment; Intended or actual disclosure of confidential information; Abuse of sick leave/absence without leave; Violation of safety rules, practices and policies; Engaging in sexual or other harassment or discrimination; Acceptance of gratuities; Verbal or physical assault or abuse; Conviction of a felony; Inappropriate political activity while on duty.

Section 5 – Progressive Discipline

The parties agree that corrective and disciplinary action, when imposed, shall be implemented in progressive stages. Progressive disciplinary actions may include, but are not intended to be limited to: Oral reprimand (with written notice of oral reprimand in the employee's personnel file), written reprimand, suspension without pay, discharge. Nothing in this article shall prevent the Town from issuing more serious disciplinary action up to and including discharge for an employees' first offense if such serious disciplinary action is warranted.

ARTICLE 11 - Grievance and Arbitration Procedure

The parties agree that a grievance is a complaint involving the interpretation or application of any provision of this agreement. No grievance shall be considered unless a meeting regarding the alleged grievance is requested, in writing, within ten (10) calendar days of the alleged action or inaction, which is the subject of the alleged grievance. The parties further agree that it shall be in the best interest of the parties to settle grievances at the lowest step in the procedure.

The parties may mutually agree to extend the time limits in this article provided that such extensions are agreed to in writing. If the grievance is not responded to by the town within the time limits, at any step, it shall be considered to have been denied and the union may proceed to the next available step.

Step 1

The first step of the procedure shall be an informal verbal conference with the employee's immediate supervisor unless the complaint involves the immediate supervisor. If the grievance involves the immediate supervisor then step one may be bypassed. Any disposition of a grievance at this level must be put in writing and must be approved by the Town Manager. If the matter is not

resolved at this level, the grievant may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the written step 1 decision, proceed to step 2. If the position of immediate supervisor is not filled, the grievance process shall start at Step 2.

Step 2

The second step of the process shall be a written statement sent to the Town Manager, and it shall contain the following: the name of the grievant, the specific contract provision alleged to have been violated, the date of the alleged violation, and the remedy sought. A copy of the immediate supervisor's decision must be included. A meeting to discuss this grievance shall be held promptly, but not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the receipt of the grievance by the Town Manager. The decision of the Town Manager shall be confirmed in writing no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the close of the grievance meeting. If the matter is not resolved at this level the grievant may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the written step 2 decision, proceed to step 3.

Step 3

If the matter is not resolved at this level then either the union or the town within fourteen (14) calendar days of the written step 3 decision submit the matter to the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties as is provided by Massachusetts General Laws. The arbitrator shall be requested to submit his/her decision within thirty (30) calendar days after the close of arguments or the submission of briefs.

The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this agreement, and in reaching his/her decision, he/she shall interpret the agreement in accordance with the commonly accepted meaning of the words used herein and the principle that there are no restrictions intended on the rights or authority of the Employer other than those expressly set forth herein.

The parties may, by mutual consent, submit more than one pending grievance to the same arbitrator for consideration.

The expenses for the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.

ARTICLE 12 - Hours of Work

The hours of work of all employees shall be determined by the Town Manager. For weather related closings, see **Appendix F**.

The hours of work for all employees shall be determined by the Department Head, with approval from the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 13 - Overtime

Section 1 - Employees covered by this Agreement may be required to work overtime at the direction of the Town Manager or the Appointing Authority.

Section 2 - An employee covered by this Agreement shall be paid overtime at the overtime rate for work authorized in excess of forty (40) hours in any given week. Overtime pay shall be paid to employees on the pay period immediately following the period that an employee has worked overtime.

ARTICLE 14 - Job Posting and Bidding

Section 1 - The Town shall fill vacancies in its sole discretion.

Section 2 - The Town shall post vacancies within the bargaining unit for at least five business days prior to advertising the position.

Section 3 - Internal applicants shall receive preference over all outside applicants based on qualifications.

Section 4 - Any member who has taken another position covered by this collective Bargaining Agreement shall have a 30-day probationary period. Both parties may mutually agree to extend the probationary period to provide additional training or other (i.e., Performance Improvement Plan). If the employee decides to return to their previous position, they must do so within the 30-day probationary period.

Section 5 - A newly hired employee shall be considered a probationary employee for the twelve (12) months of their employment. A probationary employee may be discharged as exclusively determined by the Employer, and no such discharge of a probationary employee may be made the subject matter of the grievance or arbitration provisions of this Agreement. A probationary employee who is continued in the employ of the Employer beyond the probationary period shall receive continuous service or employment credit from his most recent date of hire

ARTICLE 15 - Union Representatives

Section 1 - A written list of Union Stewards and their representatives shall be furnished to the Employer immediately after their designation and the Union shall notify the Employer of any changes.

Section 2 - The steward, or his designee, shall be granted reasonable time off during normal working hours to investigate and settle grievances without loss of pay. Such reasonable time off shall be discretionary with the approval of the Town Manager or Appointing Authority. Should the investigation of the grievance continue beyond the normal quitting time, there will be no pay and no consideration for pay while the grievance continues to be investigated after the quitting time.

Section 3 - A duly authorized member of the bargaining unit may be granted an unpaid leave of absence, at the discretion of the Town Manager or Appointing Authority, not to exceed two days in any one calendar year for the purposes of attending seminars and meeting, including conventions, of the Council, State or National bodies of the Union.

ARTICLE 16 - Breaks/M Meal Periods

An employee must take at least a ½ hour paid lunch break if the employee works six (6) hours or more per day. Employees are also allowed one 10-minute break every four (4) hours.

ARTICLE 17 - Holidays

Section 1 - The following holidays shall be recognized by the Town on the day on which they are legally observed by the Commonwealth, and on these days, employees, without loss of pay, shall be excused from all duty except in cases where the Town Manager determines that the employee is required to maintain essential Town services:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King's Birthday	Presidents' Day
Patriot's Day	Memorial Day	Juneteenth Independence Day
Independence Day	Labor Day	Columbus Day
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Day After Thanksgiving Day
½ day Christmas Eve when Christmas Day falls on Saturday or Sunday	Christmas Day	½ day before New Year's Day when New Year's Day falls on Saturday or Sunday
½ Day Christmas Eve		½ New Years Eve

Section 2 - To be eligible for holiday pay, an employee shall be in a planned paid status or have worked on the regularly scheduled day before the holiday and on the next regularly scheduled workday following the paid holiday.

Section 3 - Benefits eligible employees working at least 20 hours per week shall be entitled to time off with pay for each scheduled holiday based on their base pay rate and shall receive Holiday Pay for their regularly scheduled work hours on the day of the week on which the Holiday falls.

Full-time employees working in the Town Hall the hours of operation for Town Hall approved by the Town Manager and listed in Article 11, Section 1, Hours of Work will determine the hours of Holiday Pay. The Holiday schedule for the term of this collective bargaining agreement is as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Thursday, July 4, 2024	Friday, July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 4, 2023	Monday, Sept 2, 2024	Monday, Sept 1, 2025
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct 9, 2023	Monday, Oct 14, 2024	Monday, Oct 13, 2025
Veterans Day	Friday, Nov 10, 2023	Monday, Nov 11, 2024	Tuesday, Nov 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov 23, 2023	Thursday, Nov 28, 2024	Thursday, Nov 27, 2025
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov 24, 2023	Friday, Nov 29, 2024	Friday, Nov 28, 2025
½ Day Christmas Eve	None	Tuesday December 24, 2024	Wednesday December 24, 2025
½ Day Christmas Eve When Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday	None	None	None
Christmas Day	Monday, Dec 25, 2023	Wednesday, Dec 25, 2024	Thursday, Dec 25, 2025

½ Day New Year's Eve	None	Tuesday December 31, 2024	Wednesday December 31, 2025
½ Day New Year's Eve <i>when New Year's Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday</i>	None	None	None
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan 1, 2024	Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025	Thursday, Jan 1, 2026
Holiday	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, Jan 15, 2024	Monday, Jan 20, 2025	Monday, Jan 19, 2026
President's Day	Monday, Feb 19, 2024	Monday, Feb 17, 2025	Monday, Feb 16, 2026
Patriot's Day	Monday, Apr 22, 2024	Monday, Apr 21, 2025	Monday, Apr 20, 2026
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024	Monday, May 26, 2025	Monday May 25, 2026
Juneteenth Independence Day	Wednesday, June 19, 2024	Thursday, June 19, 2025	Friday, June 19, 2026

Section 4 - If an hourly employee is required to work on a holiday he shall be paid holiday pay plus the overtime rate.

ARTICLE 18 - Longevity

Qualified employees are entitled to longevity payments based on continued years of service with the Town. **See Appendix E.**

ARTICLE 19- Vacations

Section 1 - The town provides vacation leave for all regular, full-time employees and for all regular part-time employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours weekly. Annual vacation may be taken as earned, if approved by supervisor. For the purposes of determining vacation eligibility, prior public service may be considered, at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

All bargaining unit employees shall receive paid vacation leave, at their regular hourly rate as follows:

Less than one (1) full year to five (5) years of service:	10 Vacation days per year
Five (5) years to ten (10) years of service:	15 Vacation days per year
Ten (10) years to twenty (20) years of service:	20 Vacation days per year
Twenty (20) years' service or more:	25 Vacation days per year

Vacation time is granted on July 1st of every year. Employees hired after July 1 of any fiscal year will have their vacation leave prorated based upon the number of workdays remaining in the fiscal year. Additionally, upon separation of employment, any unused vacation time will be pro-rated.

Section 3 - Vacation leave may not be accumulated to more than two times the applicable vacation leave rate for an employee; provided, however, that the limit shall be extended to more than two times the employees earned rate if departmental scheduling or other extenuating circumstances relating to the functioning of the department preclude the use of vacation leave at the time.

Documentation of reasons for the extension and circumstances must be put in writing, approved by the Appointing Authority, a copy given to the Treasurer's Office and a copy placed in the employees personnel file.

Section 4 - Vacation leave shall be taken in one-hour increments.

Section 5 - Department Heads should request projected leave schedules at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Section 6 - Whenever employment is terminated the employee shall be paid at his/her current rate of pay an amount equal to the vacation allowance as earned and not taken. A termination report must be completed by the supervisor and submitted to the Treasurer's office.

Section 7 - Whenever employment is terminated by death, the beneficiary of the deceased shall be paid an amount equal to the vacation allowance accrued but which had not been taken.

Section 8 - Pay in lieu of vacation is not allowed except in the case of employee termination or death.

Section 9 - Approval and timing of vacations shall be determined by the department supervisor or department head with due regard to the wishes of the employee.

Section 10 - The Treasurer's Office and/or Department Head will keep track of each employee's vacation leave balance. Employees may at any time contact the Treasurer's Office to determine their balance of vacation leave that can be utilized by the employee.

ARTICLE 20 - Sick Leave

Section 1 - All regular full-time employees working 40 hours per week shall earn ten (10) hours per month sick leave. Sick leave accruals will be earned on the last day of each month.

Section 2 - Employees working a regular work schedule of 20 to 39 hours per week will earn sick leave on a pro-rata basis. Sick leave accruals will be earned on the last day of each month.

Section 3 - Sick Leave shall be considered as a privilege which may be used only in the case of actual illness or disability; sick leave may be used for personal illness, family illness, disabling non-work related accidents, prescribed medical examinations, appointments and absences as deemed justifiable by the department supervisor. Sick leave shall be taken in half-hour increments. Employees shall be compensated for accrued but unused sick leave upon retirement from their employment in the Town of Ayer as follows:

Employees with 10+ years of continuous employment shall be compensated up to \$2,500 for their remaining sick leave time.

Employees with 20+ years of continuous employment shall be compensated up to \$5,000 for their remaining sick leave time.

Section 4 – Employees who as a result of sickness are absent from employment for a period of more than three (3) consecutive days may be required to present a doctor’s certificate to the Town Manager stating the reason and an estimated period of time the employee will be absent from work to be eligible for paid sick leave.

Section 5 - Sick leave time may accrue up to a maximum of 2,080 hours for employees hired prior to July 1, 2020. Sick leave time may accrue up to a maximum of 1,560 hours for employees hired after July 1, 2020.

Section 6 – See **Appendix C** for Voluntary Sick Leave Bank

ARTICLE 21 - Bereavement Leave

Section 1 - The Town Manager and/or Department Supervisor, if necessary, may grant bereavement leave, to an employee, not to exceed three paid days at the time of the funeral. Such leave may be granted only in the event of the death of the employee's parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, spouse, brother, sister or parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law son and daughter-in-law and for foster and step-children. Additional bereavement leave may be granted by the Town Manager, if necessary, for extensive travel.

Section 2 – One (1) bereavement day may be granted by the Town Manager to attend the funeral of a close family member or friend, not covered in Section 1.

ARTICLE 22 - Personal Leave

Section 1- Employees shall be granted three (3) days of personal leave per year usable in one hour increments.

Section 2 - The employee may use such leave for any purpose subject to advance approval by the Department Supervisor. Said leave must be used during the year it was earned and will not be allowed to accumulate from year to year.

Section 3 – Part time employees in this bargaining unit who work less than 20 hours per week will receive 8 (eight) hours of personal time per fiscal year that can be taken in 1 (one) hour increments which cannot be carried over to the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 23 – Flex Time

Section 1- The use of earned flex time must be authorized at least one day in advance by the Town Manager.

Section 2 – Every effort should be made to ensure that all offices are open during the use of an employee’s Flex Time.

Section 3 – Flex time may not be used for the purposes of taking extended time off (more than (4) consecutive calendar days), nor may they be used to create overtime.

Section 4 – Employees may accrue up to 8 hours of flex time, which must be used within 30 days of accrual.

Section 5 – Flex time may be used in one-hour increments.

Section 6 – Employees are responsible for tracking their flex time and providing the Town Manager with a document tracking the accrual and usage of Flex Time. This must be presented to the Town Manager with the initial request for Flex Time.

Section 7 – Flex time shall not be paid out to Employees upon separation from service to the Town.

ARTICLE 24 - Jury Duty

If an employee is called to jury duty, he shall receive an amount equal to the difference between his normal compensation at straight time rates and the amount (excluding any travel allowance) received from court, upon presentation of evidence of the amount paid by the court.

ARTICLE 25 - Leave of Absence

Leaves of absence may be granted by the Town Manager but shall be without compensation or further accrual of benefits. Leaves of absence of over six (6) months duration shall be considered a break in employment and upon return to work the employee shall have the status of a new employee unless an extension of leave beyond six (6) months has been authorized by the Town Manager in advance.

ARTICLE 26- Military Training

Full time employees with continuous employment by the Town, who are required to report for temporary summer or like period of training in the military forces of the Nation or the Commonwealth, shall be paid an amount equal to the difference between compensation for a normal working period of two (2) weeks and the amount paid for military training. An employee, on request, may combine his military leave with his regular vacation period.

ARTICLE 27- Labor Management Relations

Section 1 - The union shall designate a standing committee of three (3) employees of the bargaining unit whose rates and conditions of employment are covered by this agreement; which committee may, at the request of either party, meet with the Town Manager from time to time for the purpose of discussing matters coming within, or out of, the scope of this agreement, such meetings shall be held at times and places convenient to both parties.

Section 2 - The party requesting the meeting shall submit to the other party at the time of the request an agenda of matters to be discussed.

Section 3 - There shall be no deduction in pay for the standing committee attending meetings with department officials during working hours while settling personal and personnel matters. The Town Manager shall notify, or cause notice to be given, to all persons affected. The standing committee will not receive any compensation for time spent attending such meetings outside of normal working hours.

ARTICLE 28 - Wages

Section 1 - Bargaining unit members shall receive a two percent (2%) wage increase each fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026, see **Appendix H**.

ARTICLE 29 - Health and Welfare

The employee may select, at his or her discretion, from any of the comprehensive health plans offered by the employer. The employer shall contribute 75 percent of the premium towards any of the Town's offered health plans.

The health insurance payroll "credit" shall be retained only for employees hired prior to September 1, 2007.

ARTICLE 30 – Dress Code

Section 1 - Recognizing that the Town of Ayer is a professional municipality serving the public, all employees are required to maintain an appropriate appearance and wear appropriate business attire while at work. This is determined by the requirements of the department that the employee works. Employees shall be dressed in professional attire during the work week. Jeans are not to be worn Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays shall be considered a “casual day” when jeans (without holes, frays, etc.) are acceptable in conjunction with appropriate casual attire.

At no time are the following items permissible: sweatshirts (including hooded sweatshirts); sweatpants; pajama pants; baseball caps; shorts; flip-flops; and any clothing with images and/or wording that may be construed as offensive and/or unacceptable in the municipal workplace.

Employees who are improperly attired may be counseled by their immediate supervisor or Town Manager and may be required to leave the workplace to change their attire. Continued violations may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

All Employees are required to wear their Town-issued employee identification badge during their hours of work (including field work if applicable).

Section 2 – Upon submittal of a receipt, and approved via signature by the Town Manager, the Town of Ayer will compensate the following positions for work-related clothing/accessories as available in the Department’s Budget: Animal Control Officer, Conservation Administrator, Custodian, Nutrition Coordinator and Van Coordinator.

ARTICLE 31 - Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1 - Employees are entitled and subject to the following:

1. School: Time off to attend job related courses if held during working hours and approved by the immediate supervisor.
2. Paid if called as witness or subpoenaed by the Town.

Section 2 - Access to Premises

The Employer agrees to permit representatives of the American Federation of State, County and municipal Employees, AFL-CIO and/or Council 93 to enter the premises at reasonable times to discuss working conditions with individual members of the bargaining unit, provided care is exercised by such representatives that they do not interfere with the performance of duties assigned to employees, and provided the Town Manager has been so notified prior to said entry onto the premises.

Section 3 - The Town shall prepare position descriptions which shall be distributed to employees.

Section 4 - Both parties agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement during the period between the date of expiration and the date of execution of a new agreement.

Section 5 - All employees shall be subject to an annual performance review in accordance with the process attached and incorporated as **Appendix G**, a copy of which shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Section 6 - This contract shall be gender neutral. Any gender specific references shall be deemed to be applied neutrally.

Section 7 - All current and future employees covered under this Agreement are required to have direct deposit for all pay. Payday is Thursday in accordance with the Town's biweekly payroll schedule.

ARTICLE 32 - Employee Expenses

Section 1 - When an employee is authorized to use his/her personal automobile for travel related to his/her employment, he/she shall be reimbursed at the IRS rate. Employees on authorized travel will be reimbursed for parking and tolls upon submission of receipt.

Section 2 - Employees shall not be reimbursed for commuting between their home and office or other regular work location.

ARTICLE 33 - Bulletin Board

The Town will provide the Union with a bulletin board in the Town Hall (i.e. first floor mail room or second floor break room) and the staff room at the Council on Aging. The Town agrees to permit

the Union to post union meetings and election notices. All other notices must be mutually approved by the Town Manager and the Union President or their designee prior to posting.

ARTICLE 34 - Out of Class Work

Any employee who is assigned by his/her supervisor to a position in a higher pay grade for a period of more than thirty (30) days shall receive the salary rate for the higher position from the first day of assignment, provided such assignment has the prior approval of the Appointing Authority or his/her designee.

ARTICLE 35 – Education and Training

The Town agrees to pay a \$100 annual stipend to Employees who have attended classes/workshops/trainings (outside of mandatory Town trainings) that is related to their job responsibilities with the Town of Ayer.

Employees may take up to four (4) classes/workshops/trainings per fiscal year (Employees may earn up to \$400 per fiscal year).

Classes/workshops/trainings must be pre-approved by the Town Manager.

The \$100 annual stipend (maximum of \$400 per year for up to four (4) classes) will be paid in June of each fiscal year. The stipend will be pro-rated should an eligible Employee leave employment prior to June.

The Town agrees to pay a \$225 annual stipend to Employees who maintain a valid Commonwealth of Massachusetts Notary Public and provide Notary services to the public at the Ayer Town Hall during regular office hours.

ARTICLE 36 – Education Benefits

Employees working twenty (20) or more hours per week shall receive a stipend to be paid bi-weekly for either a job related, professional certification; Associate degree; Bachelor's Degree; or Master's Degree as follows:

Professional Certification	\$450.00 Annually
Associate's Degree	\$700.00 Annually
Bachelor's Degree	\$1,200.00 Annually
Master's Degree	\$1,700.00 Annually

ARTICLE 37 – Termination of Agreement

This Agreement will remain in effect until June 30, 2026. At the end of June 30, 2026, either party may terminate this Agreement providing such termination is transmitted through the Certified U.S.

Mail to the responsible signatories to this Agreement. In no case may a termination notice be sent less than thirty (30) days prior to the termination date herein agreed.

ARTICLE 38 – Renewal of Agreement

Should neither party to this agreement send a notice of termination as described in Article 37 the terms of this agreement shall continue until a successor collective bargaining agreement is negotiated by the parties.

ARTICLE 39 – Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall be effective from the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Employer, in the name of the Select Board of the Town of Ayer has caused this Agreement to be executed and the Union has executed this Agreement in its name and behalf and in the name and behalf of the employees represented by the Union by the officers duly authorized to do so by Local 1703, State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL- CIO.

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

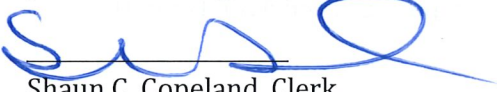
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Jannice L. Livingston, Vice-Chair



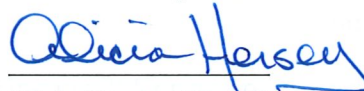
Shaun C. Copeland, Clerk

Date: _____

FOR THE UNION:



Heather Hampson, President



Alicia Hersey, Vice-President

Gerry Mills

AFSCME 93 Representative

Date: _____

APPENDIX A – Town of Ayer Alcohol and Drug Policy

I. GENERAL

PART I applies to all employees of the Town of Ayer, including those employees also subject to the requirements of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The Town of Ayer has a strong commitment to its employees to provide a safe work place and to establish programs promoting high standards of employee health. Consistent with the spirit and intent of this commitment, the Town of Ayer has established this policy regarding drug and alcohol use or abuse. The goal is to establish and maintain a work environment that is free from alcohol and drug use.

Employees of the Town of Ayer are visible and active members of the communities where they live and work. They are inescapably identified with the Town and are expected to represent it in a responsible and creditable fashion.

While the Town of Ayer has no intention of intruding into the private lives of its employees, the Town does expect employees to report for work in condition to perform their duties. The Town recognizes that employee involvement with drugs and alcohol can have an impact on the work place and on the Town's ability to provide an alcohol and drug-free environment.

Therefore, the following conduct is prohibited:

1. The illegal manufacture, distribution, use, sale or possession of a narcotic or a controlled substance while on the job or on property leased or owned by the Town, or reporting for work under the influence of a narcotic or controlled substance. Such conduct may be proper cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Any illegal substances confiscated will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
2. The possession or consumption of alcohol or narcotics, drugs or controlled substances, while on the job or on property leased or owned by the Town, or reporting for work under the influence of alcohol. Such conduct may be proper cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

These prohibitions also apply to all breaks, without limitation.

Some of the drugs which are illegal under federal, state or local laws include, among others, marijuana, heroin, hashish, cocaine, hallucinogens and/or depressants not prescribed for current personal treatment to a licensed physician. Other drugs may also be illegal, depending on current laws in effect at the time.

Employees are expected to follow any directions of their health care provider concerning prescription medications, and must immediately notify their supervisor if any prescription drug is likely to have an impact on job performance.

All employees will be provided information regarding available drug counseling, rehabilitation and/or employee assistance programs for substance abuse. In addition, employees found in violation of this policy may also be required to participate in a drug or alcohol assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

Questions about Part I of the Town's Alcohol and Drug Policy should be referred to the Town Manager.

APPENDIX B – Town of Ayer - Electronic Communication Policy

Adopted by the Ayer Board of Selectmen on July 17, 2018

The Town of Ayer (“the Town”) owns and maintains the following forms of electronic communication: internal and external electronic mail (email), voice mail, Intranet and Internet access (“Systems”). These Systems exist in order to further the Town’s interests and support its operation and mission.

Some limited, non-business use is acceptable provided that the non-business use does not interfere with the Town’s business needs or operation and does not violate state or federal law or any aspect of this policy.

All electronic communication systems are the property of the Town. All passwords, messages, attachments composed, sent, or received are the Town’s property. Users should consider all messages or retained files to be Public Records.

I. Legal Liability

This policy is in place to minimize the risk of legal liability to users and to the Town that might result from the use of our electronic communication and Systems.

E-mail is made available as a business communication tool and Town employees are obliged to use this tool in a responsible, effective and lawful manner. Although email might appear to be less formal than other written communication, it is subject to the same laws that apply to other forms of communication, such as those against defamation or those protecting intellectual or personal property rights. The Town’s existing policies prohibiting sexual and other forms of harassment apply equally to the use of Town and other system components.

If you should create or transmit any message or material with libelous, defamatory, harassing, offensive, racist or obscene content, you may incur personal liability for civil damages and/or be criminally prosecuted.

If you violate client confidentiality by sharing or forwarding confidential information, other than on a need to know basis, and in accord with Town policy, you and/or the Town may be held liable for damages.

The use of Town or other Systems components in disregard or violation of the Electronic Communication Policy may result in disciplinary action and/or personal liability to the user.

II. Systems Monitoring

The Town has the right to, and will, monitor any and all employee, and/or town hall personnel electronic communications and usage on Town of Ayer computer equipment. Employees and town personnel must have no expectation of privacy in anything they create, store, send or receive on the Town’s computer Systems.

Your electronic communications can be monitored without prior notification if the Town deems this necessary, in its sole discretion. All incoming and outgoing voice and messages and attachments are subject to access, review and disclosure in the ordinary course of administering the Systems, including communications that are password protected. Similarly, Internet web sites visited, private email systems and online email accounts and files downloaded will be evident to those employees responsible for administering that system. Additionally, the Town uses automated monitoring tools to continuously detect, block and/or quarantine files that may violate our policies or threaten the integrity of our Systems.

Employees responsible for administering the Systems are required to report any abuses of the Systems to the Town's IT Director and/or Town Manager. Certain illegal and unethical uses of the Town's Systems are subject by law to be reported to the proper local, state, and/or federal authorities.

Violations of any part of the Electronic Communications Policy may result in disciplinary action, which, depending upon their severity or frequency may range from warning, suspension of privileges to possible discharge from employment with the Town of Ayer.

All e-mail created or received by an employee of the Town of Ayer is a public record.

All Town Employees and Special Town Employees (i.e. appointed and elected board/commission/committee members; volunteers; etc.) MUST use an official Town-issued E-mail (in the form @ayer.ma.us) for all Town-related business. Using your personal E-Mail to conduct Town business is strictly prohibited and may be subject to disciplinary action and/or personal systems at risk for subpoena or discovery. ALL electronic communications are Public Records.

III. Activities Expressly Prohibited

The Town expressly prohibits the use of its Systems to:

- Commit a crime or violate any law, regulation or Town policy.
- Create, transmit, display or retain messages or materials that could reasonably be considered offensive, abusive, threatening, intimidating, hostile or harassing. Sending unwanted and/or offensive messages may constitute harassment if they are persistent enough to create an intimidating or hostile environment. Examples of such messages or materials include, but are not limited to:
 - Those with sexual content or requesting sexual favors.
 - Web sites containing: sexually explicit images or cartoons; racial or ethnic slurs; and/or comments that inappropriately concern any person's age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry or disability. For further explanation and examples, please refer to the Town's Sexual Harassment Policy and Harassment Policy (additional copies attached hereto).
- Use of the Systems to make an unauthorized attempt to enter into another employee's computer, or the computer of any third party (commonly referred to as

“hacking”). Such an action is a violation of the Federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) 18 U.S.C. § 2510.

- No employee shall send email under another employee’s name without authorization and no employee shall change any portion of a previously sent email message without authorization.
- Employees are prohibited from storing information as outlined below on personal storage devices as outlined in the Town’s Portable Storage Devices Policy. All employees are required to follow the basic steps required to ensure the safety of portable storage devices.
 - Do not leave portable devices unattended
 - Lock screen when PC powered on but not in use
 - Portable devices need to be password protected
 - Critical data needs to be Encrypted
 - Portable devices need to be secured when not in use
- Engage in computer games or gambling activity. Including Town-issued phones, tablets, and other devices.
- Create or transmit “chain letters,” or otherwise engage in “spam.”
- Knowingly download or distribute pirated software or data.
- Conduct private or personal business, including any manner of non-Town related solicitation, whether commercial ventures, political, religious or other personal causes by any employee.
- Maliciously use or disrupt the Town’s computers, networks, Internet services; or breach the Systems’ security features; or misuse or damage the Town’s computer equipment.
- Misuse computer passwords or accounts; or attempt to access unauthorized sites. Use of the Town’s computers, networks and Internet services after such access has been denied or revoked; nor shall employees attempt to delete, erase or otherwise conceal any information stored on a Town’s Systems that violates this Policy.
- Load, or download any software applications including (ie - themes, games, clocks, and weather), icons or screen savers of any kind to any computer unless previously authorized. Download or install Cellular phone software or comparable software without authorization and without coordinating with the IT Director for assistance to ensure appropriate security measures are in place.
- Allow any former employee, unauthorized persons, former elected persons to access the Town’s Systems, and transmit or share in any form any Town materials or confidential materials to former employees, unauthorized persons, former elected persons without the express permission of the Town Manager and/or IT Director.
- Violate copyright law and license agreements regarding software or publications accessed or downloaded from the Internet. The Town does not condone and will not defend violations of copyright laws and licenses.
- Open any attachments unless they are reasonably sure that the content is safe.
- Use any unauthorized computer (such as a home computer) to remotely access Town Systems.
- Engage in any activity that subjects the Systems to unwarranted exposure to viruses, malware or other potential damage.
- Attaching computers or other computer hardware that is not owned by the Town to the Town’s Systems or Network.
- Employees are prohibited from sharing passwords and will be held accountable for all usage of the Systems under their passwords. No employee is to keep an

unsecured written record of his or her passwords. If it proves necessary to keep a record of a password, then it must be kept in a locked controlled access area.

- Network passwords must be changed every 90 days. Passwords must be at least 8 characters in length and contain at least one UPPERCASE character, one lowercase character and one number or special character.

All Town email is archived and subject to Public release in accordance with the Public Records Law. The Town routinely backs up system information and retains backup copies of all documents, including email messages produced and received on the Town's computer system. Email, once transmitted, can be printed, forwarded, and disclosed by the receiving party without the consent of the sender. Information within the Systems, including that stored in backup files, may be subject to disclosure in response to litigation discovery.

IV. Professionalism and Etiquette in Electronic Communications

E-mail should display care and professionalism, therefore, please adhere to the following practices:

- Write well-structured emails.
- Label every message with a short, descriptive subject, distinctive from other similar messages.
- Always use the spell check function before you send an email, in addition to visually scanning each message to detect errors not identified by spell check.
- Send only emails the content of which could be displayed on a public notice board. If they cannot be displayed publicly in their current state, consider rephrasing the email, marking the as confidential or using other means of communication.
- Mark an email as important only if it is justified.
- Do not indiscriminately copy all who may be on the sender's copy list when responding.

V. Questions

If you have any questions or comments about this Electronic Communications Policy, please contact the IT Director or the Town Manager.

Declaration

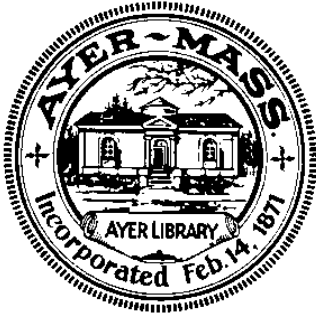
I have read, understand and acknowledge receipt of the **Electronic Communication Policy**. I will comply with the guidelines set forth in this policy and understand that failure to do so might result in disciplinary or legal action.

Employee Signature

Date

APPENDIX C- Voluntary Sick Leave Bank

1. The purpose of the Bank is to provide extended sick leave coverage to any permanent, regular employee working 20 to 40 hours per week who has exhausted all leave benefits (Sick, Vacation, Personal) and who is a member of the Voluntary Sick Leave Bank pursuant to paragraph 2 below. An employee may access the Voluntary Sick Leave Bank for absences due to or resulting from an extended and/or serious illness or disability as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act.
2. To be eligible to participate in the Bank, an employee must have completed one (1) year of employment and must contribute one regularly scheduled work day of their accumulated sick leave to the Bank by August 15 or each year. The maximum single contribution to the Bank by any individual employee is 40 hours. Contributions to the Bank will be made using the Sick Leave Bank Contribution Form.
3. The Bank will be administered by a committee of four persons, two members representing the Town and two members representing the Union, to be known as the Sick Leave Bank Committee ("Committee")
4. All requests for distribution of sick time from the Bank shall be directed to the Committee. The Committee may approve a distribution in an amount up to 20 regularly scheduled work days (4 work weeks). Subsequent requests for distribution from the Bank for the same illness or disability will require an additional request. The maximum distribution for any single illness or disability shall not exceed 60 regularly scheduled work days (12 work weeks). A request for a distribution from the Bank will be made using the Sick Leave Bank Distribution Form and any appropriate medical documentation; subsequent requests will require an additional Distribution Form and current medical documentation.
5. The Committee shall consider the following criteria when considering any Distribution from the Bank:
 - a. Adequate medical evidence
 - b. Prior utilization of sick leave and/or the bank
 - c. Reasons for and propriety of prior use of sick leave
 - d. The applicant's intent to return to service
6. To be eligible for Bank benefits in subsequent years, the member must return to work for a period of time at least equal to the period for which the member received a Distribution from the Bank. The Committee may waive this provision in extraordinary circumstances.
7. The decisions of the Committee are final and are not subject to the Grievance and Arbitration Procedure.



Town of Ayer Town Hall/Clerical Union Sick Leave Bank Contribution Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Full Time () or Part Time ()

Hours per week: _____

Number of Hours to be contributed to the Town Hall/Clerical Union Sick Bank: _____

The above named member of the Town of Ayer Town Hall/Clerical Union agrees to contribute the number of sick leave hours listed above to the Ayer Town Hall/Clerical Union Sick Bank.

Signature: _____

Signed:

Town Hall/Clerical Union President: _____

Date: _____

Town Hall/Clerical Union Representative: _____

Date: _____

Town Hall/Clerical Union Representative: _____

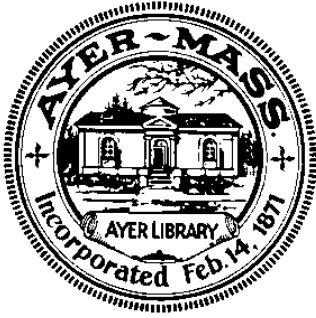
Date: _____

Town of Ayer Representative: _____

Date: _____

Town of Ayer Representative: _____

Date: _____



Town of Ayer
Town Hall/Clerical Union
Sick Leave Bank
Distribution Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Full Time () or Part Time ()

Hours per week: _____

Number of Hours to be **distributed from** the Town Hall/Clerical Union Sick Bank: _____

The above named member of the Town of Ayer Town Hall/Clerical Union agrees to the distribution and receipt of the number of sick leave hours listed above from the Ayer Town Hall/Clerical Union Sick Bank.

Signature: _____

Signed:

Town Hall/Clerical Union President: _____

Date: _____

Town Hall/Clerical Union Representative: _____

Date: _____

Town Hall/Clerical Union Representative: _____

Date: _____

Town of Ayer Representative: _____

Date: _____

Town of Ayer Representative: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX D – Position and Wage Matrix

Position	Hours per Week	Grade	Notes
CDBG Program Manager – Economic Development Office	40	5	2,3
Conservation Agent	40	5	
Assistant Accountant	40	5	
Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector	40	5	
Dept. Assistant – DPW	40	4	
Administrative Coordinator - Building, Planning, BOH	40	4	
Assistant Town Clerk	40	3	
Dept. Assistant – Board of Assessors	40	3	
Dept. Assistant – Accountant, Treasurer	32	3	
Records Clerk – Police Department	40	3	
Billing and Office Assistant – DPW	32	3	
Outreach Coordinator (COA)	35	3	
Nutrition Coordinator (COA)	30	2	
Dept. Assistant – Economic Development	8	2	3
Animal Control Officer – (weekly stipend based on 12h/week)	12	2	
Custodian	40	2	
MART Van Coordinator (COA)	40	2	
Part-time Administrator – Parks Department	10	2	
MART Van Coordinator (COA)	35	2	1
Meals on Wheels Drive (COA)	9	1	
Maintenance Technician			1

All Positions are appointed by the Town Manager

Notes

- 1 – Position Vacant
- 2 – Subject to grant funding between 24-40 hours
- 3 – Position held by same person

APPENDIX E – Longevity

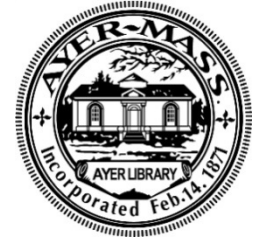
Longevity Pay Schedule		
Continuous Years of Service	Payment Increment	Payment Amount
After 5 years	\$400	\$400
6	\$50	\$450
7	\$50	\$500
8	\$50	\$550
9	\$50	\$600
10	\$50	\$650
11	\$50	\$700
12	\$50	\$750
13	\$50	\$800
14	\$50	\$850
15	\$50	\$900
16	\$50	\$950
17	\$50	\$1,000
18	\$50	\$1,050
19	\$50	\$1,100
20	\$50	\$1,150
21	\$50	\$1,200
22	\$50	\$1,250
23	\$50	\$1,300
24	\$50	\$1,350
25	\$50	\$1,400

APPENDIX F –Procedures for Weather Related Closings

The following will serve as the policy regarding how the closing of Town Hall will be determined during a winter storm for all employees who work in Town Hall.

- The Town Manager will determine if storm conditions warrant a delay or closure of Town Hall.
- In the event of an official declared "State of Emergency" or declaration is made that non-essential state personnel remain home by the Governor (and/or similar Federal Declaration) the Town Hall will be closed.
- Town Hall Employees are required to obtain info regarding delays or closure of Town Hall by calling my number (978) 772-8220 x100 after 7:00 AM. At which time you will hear a message from me indicating whether storm conditions warrant a delay or closure of Town Hall. Every effort will also be made to post any closures and/or delays on the Town's website and social media.
- In instances of delays or closures of Town Hall, all public safety employees (DPW, Fire, and Police) are still required to report to their respective positions and should contact their respective Chief or DPW Superintendent with any questions. The Council on Aging and the Library will close when the Ayer Shirley Regional School District is closed due to snow emergency.
- A closure or delayed opening (the duration of the delay) of Town Hall by the Town Manager shall be documented as an "Administrative Absence" which is not charged against the employees. Employees who choose to come into work regardless of the declared closure or delay do so at their own choosing and **will not** be awarded compensated time or other leave time.
- In instances where employees do not report to work when Town Hall is open or after a delay; said employees will have such time count against their accrued vacation and/or personal leave time.
- If employees have a scheduled vacation or personal day which occurs on a storm day in which a closure or delay is declared by the Town Manager, they will still be charged the appropriate time (vacation or personal) as the employee was not going to have to report to Town Hall due to a planned vacation and/or personal day.
- If a Town Hall closure or delay is called on a day in which an employee is **not** normally scheduled to work than that employee will **not** be credited "Administrative Absence" time.

APPENDIX G – Employee Evaluation



Town of Ayer Annual Employee Performance Evaluation

Name		Grade/Step	
Job Title		Department	
Anniversary Date with the Town		Anniversary Date in current position	
Review Period		Review Date	

Definitions for Ratings to be Applied

Commendable - Performance consistently demonstrated with an extraordinary level of skill and ability
Above Standard - Performance objectives have been met and demonstrated with a high level of skill and ability
Competent - Performance objectives have been met and demonstrated with a satisfactory level of skill and ability
Needs Improvement – Performance objectives have not been met or have been met only partly with a satisfactory level of skill and ability
Unsatisfactory – Significant performance objectives have not been met and/or performance indicates significant deficit in skill and ability

SECTION I – GENERAL OVERVIEW

A) Quality and Quantity of Work		Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Demonstrates knowledge of job	Commendable				
Performs work with accuracy					
Work is neat and presentable					
Work is thorough					
Organizes work appropriately					
Appropriate amount of work accomplished					

B) Work Habits	Commendable	Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Is in regular attendance at work					
Observes established working hours					
Completes work on time					
Demonstrates the ability to work without immediate supervision					
Complies with departmental and Town policies					
Complies with instructions, rules and regulations, including health & safety precautions					
C) Work Attitude	Commendable	Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Endeavors to improve work techniques					
Accepts new ideas and procedures					
Accepts constructive criticism and suggestions					
Accepts responsibility					
Exercises judgement					
Adapts to emergency situations					
D) Professional Relationships	Commendable	Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Works well with coworkers					

Works well with the public					
Cooperates with supervisors and other staff members					
Observes established channels of communication					
E) Supervisory Ability	Commendable	Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Demonstrates leadership ability					
Makes timely decisions					
Works effectively in a team environment					
Trains and instructs subordinates					
Maintains acceptable performance standard among employees					

SECTION II - PLAN FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

List elements from prior year's evaluation

Goal or Task:	Achieved	Pending	No Longer Applicable (explain)

SECTION III – COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYER

SECTION IV – COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE

SECTION V – ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Identify any extraordinary achievements, notable service and/or exemplary contributions to the Town outside of Section II

- The current Job Description has been reviewed and incorporated in this review - Attach copy

- Additional Recommendations and Comments - Attach additional signed and dated pages if necessary

SECTION VI – OVERALL PERFORMANCE RATING

	Commendable	Above Standard	Competent	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
<i>Check Box</i>					

Employee Signature

Date

Signature does not imply agreement or disagreement with this evaluation

Department Head/Appointing Authority

Date

APPENDIX H – Pay Grid

FY'24 HOURLY PAY GRID

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
Grade 1	\$18.45	\$18.87	\$19.29	\$19.73	\$20.17	\$20.62	\$21.09	\$21.56	\$22.05	\$22.54	\$23.05	\$23.57
Grade 2	\$20.67	\$21.13	\$21.61	\$22.09	\$22.59	\$23.10	\$23.62	\$24.15	\$24.69	\$25.25	\$25.82	\$26.40
Grade 3	\$23.15	\$23.67	\$24.20	\$24.74	\$25.30	\$25.87	\$26.45	\$27.05	\$27.66	\$28.28	\$28.91	\$29.56
Grade 4	\$25.92	\$26.51	\$27.10	\$27.71	\$28.34	\$28.97	\$29.63	\$30.29	\$30.97	\$31.67	\$32.38	\$33.11
Grade 5	\$29.03	\$29.69	\$30.36	\$31.04	\$31.74	\$32.45	\$33.18	\$33.93	\$34.69	\$35.47	\$36.27	\$37.09
2.25% between steps, 12% between grades												

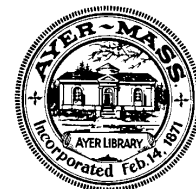
FY'25 HOURLY PAY GRID

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
Grade 1	\$18.82	\$19.24	\$19.68	\$20.12	\$20.57	\$21.04	\$21.51	\$21.99	\$22.49	\$22.99	\$23.51	\$24.04
Grade 2	\$21.08	\$21.55	\$22.04	\$22.53	\$23.04	\$23.56	\$24.09	\$24.63	\$25.19	\$25.75	\$26.33	\$26.92
Grade 3	\$23.61	\$24.14	\$24.68	\$25.24	\$25.81	\$26.39	\$26.98	\$27.59	\$28.21	\$28.84	\$29.49	\$30.16
Grade 4	\$26.44	\$27.04	\$27.65	\$28.27	\$28.90	\$29.55	\$30.22	\$30.90	\$31.59	\$32.30	\$33.03	\$33.77
Grade 5	\$29.61	\$30.28	\$30.96	\$31.66	\$32.37	\$33.10	\$33.84	\$34.61	\$35.38	\$36.18	\$37.00	\$37.83
2.25% between steps, 12% between grades												

FY'26 HOURLY PAY GRID

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	Step 11	Step 12
Grade 1	\$19.23	\$19.63	\$20.07	\$20.52	\$20.98	\$21.46	\$21.94	\$22.43	\$22.94	\$23.45	\$23.98	\$24.52
Grade 2	\$21.50	\$21.98	\$22.48	\$22.99	\$23.50	\$24.03	\$25.57	\$25.12	\$25.69	\$26.27	\$26.86	\$27.46
Grade 3	\$24.08	\$24.62	\$25.18	\$25.74	\$26.32	\$26.91	\$27.52	\$28.14	\$28.77	\$29.42	\$30.08	\$30.76
Grade 4	\$26.97	\$27.58	\$28.20	\$28.83	\$29.48	\$30.14	\$30.82	\$31.52	\$32.23	\$32.95	\$33.69	\$34.45
Grade 5	\$30.21	\$30.89	\$31.58	\$32.29	\$33.02	\$33.76	\$34.52	\$35.30	\$36.09	\$36.90	\$37.73	\$38.58
2.25% between steps, 12% between grades												

APPENDIX I – Overtime Authorization Form



Town of Ayer AFSCME 93-Town Hall Clerical Union Overtime Request Form

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Ayer and the American Federation of State and County and Municipal Employees, AFSCME 93 Town Hall Clerical Union includes the following:

Article 13 – Overtime, Section 1 – Employees covered by this Agreement may be required to work overtime at the direction of the **Town Manager or Department Head**.

Completion of this Overtime Request Form is required for approval of all Overtime for members of the AFSCME 93 Town Hall Clerical Union.

Department: _____

Employee Name: _____

Overtime Date: _____

Overtime Hours: Begin: _____ End: _____

Reason for Overtime :

Signatures:

Department Head: _____ Date: _____

Town Manager: _____ Date: _____

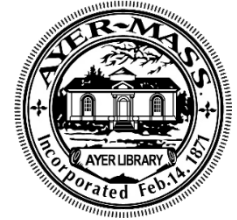
Overtime Approved: () Overtime Denied: ()

----- Please deliver completed Overtime Request Forms to the Benefits and Payroll Office -----

***** **Benefits & Payroll Office Use** *****

Payroll File: _____

APPENDIX J – Professional Development Request Form



Town of Ayer AFSCME 93-Town Hall Clerical Union Education and Training

Request to Attend a Class/ Workshop/ Training

Must be **preapproved** by the Town Manager

Name: _____

Date: _____

Department: _____

Position: _____

Title, and Date of Class/ Workshop/ Training: _____

*Please attach a copy of the brochure/website that gives details on
conference/workshop
(lists vendor name, address, and phone or fax number).*

Cost of Class/ Workshop/ Training	\$
Travel Expenses (e.g., mileage, tolls, etc.)	\$
Total Expenses	\$

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Town Manager Signature: _____

Date: _____