

**RESOLUTION NO. 245-49**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF ARCATA ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL  
EMPLOYEES**

**July 16, 2025**

*BE IT RESOLVED* by the City Council of the City of Arcata that the following list of management and confidential classifications, which are not represented by a union or association, shall receive the supplemental compensation and benefits contained within. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 245-43 and is effective the first full pay period after July 16, 2025, unless specifically indicated otherwise in the resolution.

**Senior Management Employees**

Assistant City Manager	Director of Environmental Services
Chief of Police	Finance Director
City Engineer	Human Resources/Administrative
Director of Community Development	Services Director

**Mid-Management Employees**

Assistant City Engineer	Juvenile Diversion Counselor I/II
Building Official	Police Business Manager
City Clerk	Police Lieutenant
Contracts and Special Projects Manager	SCADA Systems Manager
Deputy Director Community Development	Senior Human Resources Specialist
Deputy Director Environmental Services (Community Services)	Senior Planner
Deputy Director Environmental Services (Streets/Utilities)	Senior Projects Manager (Engineering)
Deputy Director Information Technology	Wastewater Operations and Compliance
Equity Arcata Manager	Manager
Environmental Programs Manager	
Finance Manager	

**Confidential Employees**

Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk  
Information Technology and Digital Media Technician  
Human Resources Specialist

Those employees identified above shall receive the following supplemental compensation and benefits to be administered in accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

It is further noted that per Arcata Municipal Code Title II, Chapter 2, Section 5, Department Heads are considered At Will and not part of the Competitive Service. Therefore, in determining eligibility and applicability of supplemental compensation and benefits, the individual

Employment Agreement between the employee and City shall supersede this Resolution. Any items not included in the individual Agreement will be subject to this Resolution. *(added 7/2008)*

### **Section 1. Paid Vacation**

#### **A. Annual Accrual Rate**

8 hours per month beginning year 0 through year 3 of service.  
10 hours per month beginning year 4 through year 6 of service.  
12 hours per month beginning year 7 through year 11 of service.  
14 hours per month beginning year 12 through year 15 of service.  
16 hours per month beginning year 16 through year 19 of service.  
18 hours per month beginning year 20 through year 23 of service.  
20 hours per month beginning year 24+ years of service *(added 2008; amended 2013)*

- B.** Once per fiscal year, senior management employees may cash out up to ten (10) days vacation and mid-management employees may cash out up to five (5) days vacation.
- C.** In addition to provision 1.B., senior and mid-management employees may cash out vacation time once per fiscal year as follows: employees with 10-15 years of service may cash out an additional five (5) days vacation. Employees with 16+ years of service may cash out an additional ten (10) days vacation.
- D.** Confidential employees may cash out vacation time each fiscal year as follows: employees with 3-7 years of service may cash out 40 hours vacation time; employees with 8-11 years of service may cash out 80 hours vacation time, and employees with 12+ years of service may cash out 120 hours. An employee may cash out up to twice (2X) per fiscal year, so long as the combined total hours cashed out for the fiscal year do not exceed the maximums listed above. *(amended 2021)*
- E.** Vacation time may be accumulated up to a maximum amount equal to an employee's allowable vacation credits for two (2) years.
- F.** Accrued vacation leave is compensable in a lump sum upon termination of employment.

### **Section 2. Management Leave (Senior and Mid-Management Classifications Only)**

- A.** All senior management employees, the mid-management classifications of Deputy Director, Assistant City Engineer, and Police Lieutenant are entitled to fourteen (14) days management leave per fiscal year, and other mid-management employees are entitled to ten (10) days management leave per fiscal year. Management leave is pro-rated for management employees whose employment with the City does not extend through the full fiscal year. Management leave is over and above vacation entitlement, in lieu of overtime pay or compensating time off. *(updated 2021)*
- B.** Management leave may not be accumulated from one fiscal year to the next.
- C.** Other than as shown in item D. below, management leave is not compensable to management employees upon termination of employment.

D. Senior management employees and the mid-management classifications of Deputy Director, Assistant City Engineer, and Police Lieutenant, may cash out up to 72 hours and other mid-management employees may cash out up to 56 hours of their annual combined management leave and floating holidays per fiscal year. An employee may cash out up to twice (2X) per fiscal year, so long as the combined total hours cashed out for the fiscal year do not exceed the maximums listed above. (amended 2021)

**Section 3. Compensation for Authorized Overtime (Confidential Classifications Only)**

A. Normal Work Period – Forty (40) hours within the period beginning at 12:00 a.m. Sunday and ending 11:59 p.m. the next succeeding Saturday, unless otherwise designated by the City Manager in accordance with the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

B. Overtime Defined – Hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week, or on an authorized holiday.

C. Overtime Compensation – Overtime shall be compensated as compensating time off (CTO) or paid in cash at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) the number of overtime hours worked. Payment in cash shall be at the employee's regular rate of pay as defined by FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act).

D. Vacation time, holidays, sick leave and CTO shall be included in regular working hours.

E. No compensating time off (CTO) or overtime pay shall be made for overtime work which, in the aggregate with regular working hours, does not exceed forty (40) hours within the normal work week.

F. Overtime worked by a confidential employee can be compensated by overtime pay or CTO at the option of the employee.

G. Confidential employees who have accrued CTO shall be permitted use of such time with advance approval of the supervisor and with due regard to the wishes of the employee and the convenience of the City.

H. Per 29 C.F.R. 553.21, unused compensatory time off (CTO) is payable to the employee upon separation from employment with the City, at a rate of compensation no less than (1) the average regular rate received by such employee during the last three (3) years of employee's employment, or (2) the employee's final regular rate, whichever is higher.

I. Employees may cash out up to eighty (80) hours of CTO per fiscal year. An employee may cash out up to twice (2X) per fiscal year, so long as the combined total hours cashed out for the fiscal year do not exceed the maximums listed above. Cash outs will be paid on the next regular pay day, provided that a request is made at least one week prior to such pay day. (amended 2019)

J. Confidential employees may accumulate a maximum of 240 hours compensating time off. Compensating time off in excess of 240 hours shall be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay as defined by FLSA.

*(Confidential consolidated with Management 7/2008)*

**Section 4. Paid Holidays** (amended 2025)

A. The following paid holidays are authorized:

New Year's Day (January 1)  
 Martin Luther King Day (Third Monday in January)  
 Presidents' Day (Third Monday in February)  
 Cesar Chavez Day (March 31)  
 Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)  
 Juneteenth  
 Fourth of July  
 Labor Day (First Monday in September)  
 Veterans Day (November 11)  
 Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)  
 Friday following Thanksgiving  
 Christmas Eve (December 24)  
 Christmas Day (December 25)  
 Four (4) floating holidays per fiscal year

B. The floating holidays may be taken as time off only with advance approval by the City Manager for department heads; or by department heads for all other management and confidential personnel and scheduled with due regard to the wishes of the employee and convenience of the City. A new employee hired after January 1 in any fiscal year shall be entitled to not more than one-half of the applicable floating holiday entitlement for the balance of the fiscal year. Floating holidays may not be accumulated from one fiscal year to the next. Any unused floating holidays remaining at the end of a fiscal year or upon separation of employment are not subject to compensation.

C. Once each fiscal year, senior management employees and the mid-management classifications of Deputy Director, Assistant City Engineer, and Police Lieutenant may cash out up to 72 hours, and mid-management employees may cash out up to 56 hours of their annual combined management leave and floating holidays. Confidential employees may cash out up to 16 hours of floating holidays. (amended 2021)

D. If an authorized holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be granted off. If an authorized holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be granted off.

When Christmas Eve falls on a Friday and Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, the Christmas Eve paid holiday will be observed on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> (i.e. the paid days off will be Thursday 12/23 for Christmas Eve and Friday 12/24 for Christmas Day). When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday and Christmas Day falls on a Monday, the Christmas Eve paid holiday will be observed on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> (i.e. the paid days off will be Monday 12/25 for Christmas Day and Tuesday 12/26 for Christmas Eve).

**Section 5. Family Illness/Bereavement Leave**

A. *Family Illness:* Management and confidential employees are entitled to six (6) days family illness leave with pay per fiscal year, which will be charged against the employee's accumulated sick leave. Family illness leave is applicable when the employee's presence is necessary to provide or arrange care for an ill member of the employee's immediate

family; such family shall include spouse, domestic partner, parents and children. Misuse of family illness leave is grounds for disciplinary action.

- B. *Bereavement Leave:* Management and confidential employees are entitled to up to five (5) days of bereavement leave per fiscal year. Bereavement leave is applicable when death occurs in the employee's immediate family; such family shall include spouse, domestic partner, parents, children, and other close relatives (as approved by the City Manager). Misuse of bereavement leave privileges is grounds for disciplinary action.
- C. For purposes of this section, domestic partner is subject to the following:
  - 1. The employee and domestic partner are not related to each other, have assumed mutual obligations for the welfare and support of each other, have been in the domestic partnership for at least six months, and they so state to the City in writing.
  - 2. The employee must immediately notify the City in writing upon the termination of the domestic partner relationship.

## **Section 6. Sick Leave**

- A. Earned at the rate of one (1) day per month of service.
- B. Unlimited accumulation.
- C. Treatment of Sick Leave at Retirement
  - 1. If, upon retirement, an employee is eligible to receive PERS service retirement benefits, and has been in the employ of the City for less than 10 years, the employee's remaining sick leave balance may be reported to PERS in accordance with the requirements of the PERS optional provision 20965, at the request of employee. *(amended 7/2008)*
  - 2. If, upon retirement, an employee is eligible to receive PERS service retirement benefits and has been in the employ of the City for ten years or more, employee shall have the choice of 1) receiving, from the City, cash payout of 50% of their entire final sick leave balance at the current base salary rate and having the remaining 50% credited as service credit under the PERS optional provision 20965; or 2) having their entire final sick leave balance credited as service credit under the PERS optional provision 20965 and not receiving any City cash payout. *(amended 7/2008)*
- D. There shall be one-half (1/2) pay for up to nine hundred sixty (960) hours accumulated sick leave when an employee resigns after fifteen or more years of service under favorable circumstances and not as a result of adverse action. *(added 7/2008)*

## **Section 7. Worker's Compensation**

- A. All employees are covered by workers' compensation insurance in accordance with state law.
- B. In the event of lost time due to job-related injury or illness, the City shall supplement temporary disability benefits so that the employee's normal salary level is continued for a period not to exceed thirty (30) workdays.

## **Section 8. Unemployment Insurance**

All employees are covered by unemployment insurance administered by the State Employment Development Department in accordance with state and federal law.

## **Section 9. Retirement System**

A. Non-sworn employees (PERS Local Miscellaneous Members) Retirement Formulas:

1. If employed on or after January 1, 2013, AND a “New” PERS member (*New member as defined by PERS*), employee shall receive the 2%@62 PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
2. If employed on or after January 1, 2013, AND a “Classic” PERS member (*Classic member as defined by PERS*), employee shall receive the 2%@55(Modified) PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
3. If employed on or after June 24, 2012, and prior to January 1, 2013, employee shall receive the 2%@55(Modified) PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
4. If employed prior to June 24, 2012, employee shall receive the 2.7%@55(Full) PERS retirement formula, with the final compensation defined as the single highest year. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.

B. Sworn Law Enforcement Employees (PERS Local Safety Members) Retirement Formulas:

1. If employed on or after January 1, 2013, AND a “New” PERS member (*New member as defined by PERS*), employee shall receive the 2.7%@57 PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
2. If employed on or after January 1, 2013, AND a “Classic” PERS member (*Classic member as defined by PERS*), employee shall receive the 3%@55(Modified) PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
3. If employed on or after June 24, 2012, and prior to January 1, 2013, employee shall receive the 3%@55 (Modified) PERS retirement formula, with final compensation defined as the 36 highest paid consecutive months. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.

4. If employed prior to June 24, 2012, employee shall receive the 3%@50(Modified) PERS retirement formula, with the final compensation defined as the single highest year. Employee pays the PERS employee contribution.
- C. Effective with the August 2, 2017, adoption of this Resolution, it is agreed that the City's PERS contract shall again be amended as it regards Government Code Section 20516 (Employees Sharing Additional Cost).

In addition to the current applicable PERS employee contribution, Classic Safety, Classic Miscellaneous, and New Miscellaneous employees in this group shall pay 3.0% of PERS reportable compensation towards the City's PERS employer contribution.

For New Safety employees in this group, in addition to the current applicable PERS employee contribution, employees shall continue to pay an additional 1.5% of PERS reportable compensation toward the City's PERS employer contribution.

- D. The management/confidential employees may request two (2) PERS benefit actuarial reports per fiscal year to be paid for by the City.

## **Section 10. Insurance**

- A. 1. Management and confidential employees are provided City paid, vision and dental insurance under the REMIF (Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund) plan.

- a. For health plan years, 2025/2026, and 2026/2027 only, an employee who voluntarily opts out of the City's medical coverage due to having other non-City coverage, shall receive four hundred dollars (\$400) per month. This payment shall be made through the employee's regular bi-weekly payroll check (\$184.62/pp). Payments are taxable, subject to tax withholding. Per FLSA guidelines, for non-exempt employees, the payment may (in whole or in part) be included in the calculation of the employee's regular rate of pay for the purposes of overtime.

In order to be eligible to receive the opt-out payment, the employee must provide annual proof of adequate "minimum essential" non-City medical coverage for all applicable dependents and employee (self) and sign an agreement holding the City harmless. (amended 2019)

- b. If at any time during this contract, the City's health plan(s) (currently REMIF Self-Funded Medical Plan) or the REMIF Board changes or limits participation requirements or prohibits an opt-out payment, or such payment otherwise negatively impacts the City directly or its participation in the Plan(s), such payment shall be discontinued at that time. Discontinuance of such payment shall not be required to be offset or substituted by the City with any other pay or benefit.

2. City and management/confidential employees will share in the premium costs related to health insurance as follows:

EPO 250 Medical Plan:

- a. Beginning with the July 2025 premium paid in June 2025, management/confidential employees will pay the following semi-monthly contribution towards health insurance:

Employee Only - \$ 98.97

Employee + One - \$207.32

Family - \$296.10

- b. The City will be contributing the following to the 250 Medical Plan premium on a semi-monthly basis for plan year 2025/2026.

Employee Only - \$ 461.53

Employee + One - \$966.68

Family - \$1,380.40

- c. For future plan years, management/confidential employees will pay 40% of any increase over the following total monthly premium rates, for health insurance. This amount shall be added to the applicable employee contribution rates listed above. If there is a decrease or no increase in the listed premium rates, employees will continue to pay the applicable contribution rates listed above. Current monthly health insurance rates for the EPO 250 for the 2025/2026 plan year are as follow:

Employee Only - \$1,121.00

Employee + One - \$2,348.00

Family - \$3,353.00

EPO 500 Medical Plan *(added 2017)*:

- d. Beginning with the July 2025 premium paid in June 2025, management/confidential employees will pay the following semi-monthly contribution towards health insurance:

Employee Only - \$ 86.20

Employee + One - \$181.90

Family - \$259.10

- e. The City will contribute up to the following towards the EPO 500 Medical Insurance Plan monthly premiums:

Employee Only - \$ 798.60

Employee + One - \$1,673.20

Family - \$2,389.80

- f. Beginning the Plan Year 2026/2027, the City will pay sixty percent (60%) of any increase over the total monthly premium rates for the EPO 500 Medical Plan insurance 2025/2026 premium rates for subsequent plan years. (amended 2025)
- g. Beginning 2026/2027 Plan Year, management/confidential employees will pay 40% of any increase over the total monthly premium rates, for health insurance. If there is a decrease or no increase in the premium rates, employees will continue to pay the applicable contribution rates. (amended 2025)

**High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) (added 2025)**

- h. Beginning with the July 2025 premium paid in June 2025, management and confidential employees will pay the following semi-monthly contributions towards the HDHP premiums:
  - Employee Only - \$ 41.20
  - Employee + One - \$86.25
  - Family - \$123.10
- i. The City will be contributing the following to the HDHP 2025/2026 plan year premium on a semi-monthly basis.
  - Employee Only - \$ 370.80
  - Employee + One - \$776.25
  - Family - \$1107.90
- j. High Deductive Health Plan deductible minimum and maximum amounts are set by the Internal Revenue Service. For calendar year 2025, the minimum deductible for employee only is \$1650 and for employee +1 and family is \$3300.
- k. For future plan years, management/confidential employees will pay 40% of any increase over the following total monthly premium rates, for health insurance. This amount shall be added to the applicable employee contribution rates listed above. If there is a decrease or no increase in the listed premium rates, employees will continue to pay the applicable contribution rates listed above. Current monthly health insurance rates for the HDHP for the 2025/2026 plan year are as follow:
  - Employee Only - \$824.00
  - Employee + One - \$1,725.00
  - Family - \$2,462.00

B. **Retirees Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance:** The following shall apply to those eligible employees actively employed as of July 1, 2025, and who remain continuously employed full time until retirement from the City. Section 10(B) does not apply to employees who start full-time City employment after July 1, 2025. For employees who retire from the City of Arcata with at least ten (10) years of service but less than twenty (20) years of service with the City, and having been covered under the REMIF health plan for a minimum of five (5) full-time years up to the last day of work, and who continue

medical, dental, and/or vision insurance through a City-sponsored plan, the City will contribute two percent (2%) up to the applicable REMIF Early Retiree Single rate or Early Retiree Two-Party rate towards the insurance premium(s) for each year of service as an employee with the City rounded to the nearest whole year. For employees who retire from the City of Arcata after twenty (20) years of service with the City, and having been covered under the REMIF health plan for a minimum of five (5) full-time years up to the last day of work, and who continue medical, dental, and/or vision insurance through a City-sponsored plan, the City will contribute three percent (3%) up to the applicable REMIF Early Retiree Single rate or Early Retiree Two-Party rate towards the insurance premium(s) for each year of service as an employee with the City rounded to the nearest whole year. While City contributions will not continue past Medicare eligibility, a retiree or spouse may choose, if eligible, to continue the Medicare coverage available, if any, under the City's group plan at the retiree's or spouse's own cost. *(revised 7/2013)*

Note: For REMIF plans, per its eligibility guidelines, an employee, who has at least ten (10) years of continuous employment with a member entity before retirement and retires under CalPERS, may choose to continue medical, dental, and/or vision coverage. This will be at the retiree's own cost if he/she does not also meet the criteria above to be eligible for a City contribution towards the premium(s). For example, if the employee had 5 years service at another REMIF member entity and 6 years with the City of Arcata, the employee would not qualify for a percentage of the retiree premium to be paid by the City as outlined above, but would be able to continue coverage as a retiree (vs. COBRA) at the retiree's own cost. See Appendix A for additional information on City and REMIF plan eligibility guidelines.

- C. COBRA Premium Payments for Survivors: For the survivors of an employee who dies while employed by the City of Arcata, who elect to continue medical and dental benefits through COBRA coverage, the City will contribute two percent (2%) of the COBRA premium cost for each year of service achieved by the deceased employee rounded to the nearest whole year. Such contributions will not continue past the COBRA eligibility period.
- D. Life insurance is provided for full-time City employees under the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund with the City contributing the amount of premium paid under REMIF's plan of \$50,000 term life insurance per employee.
- E. The City will provide short-term disability insurance coverage, as described in the City of Arcata Personnel Rules and Regulations.
- F. Supplemental insurance policies are available for employee purchase through AFLAC. Open enrollment for AFLAC is May to June of each year, with a July 1 effective date.

## **Section 11. Education and Training Reimbursement**

In addition to training opportunities provided by the City at City expense, the City will reimburse employees the cost of tuition and books (up to \$500 per employee per fiscal year) for job-related courses. Approval in advance of course enrollment must be obtained from the department head and City Manager. The employee must demonstrate that he/she received a passing grade and completed the course.

**Section 12. Equipment Purchase**

The City will allow management and confidential employees to purchase equipment that is necessary to perform job duties, once each year, to be paid through payroll deductions within one (1) year of purchase date. Such purchases must be approved in advance by the City Manager. Purchases may not be made under this Section until any previous purchase has been paid in full. *(amended 7/2008)*

**Section 13. Additional Supplemental Compensation** *(amended 2025)*

## A. City of Arcata Residency Incentive

1. Those employees who can show actual residency within the city limits of the City of Arcata shall receive eighty dollars (\$80) per month incentive pay for as long as they remain a resident of the City of Arcata. This payment does not qualify as pensionable compensation reportable to CalPERS. The incentive shall be paid biweekly at thirty-six dollars and ninety-two cents (\$36.92) per pay period.
2. Should the employee opt to have the City contribute the monthly resident incentive pay to the employee's deferred compensation account the incentive payment shall be hundred (\$100) per month. The incentive shall be paid biweekly at forty-six dollars and fifteen cents (\$46.15) per pay period.
3. Employee agrees that should they no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the residency incentive pay that they will immediately notify the City. Employee agrees to repay the City for each month (or prorated portion of) in which the incentive pay was received but for which the employee did not qualify.

## B. Bus Pass

Management and confidential employees and their immediate families are eligible to receive a monthly pass for bus service as outlined in the City Employee Bus policy.

C. Physical Fitness and Weight Management Program: *(added 2011; amended 2013, 2019)*

1. Management and confidential employees shall be eligible to receive up to ninety (\$90) dollars every three (3) months for reimbursement towards membership in physical fitness and/or weight management programs. This includes membership in a local health club/fitness center or martial arts program; membership for an online or downloadable physical fitness/personal training program; registration and meeting/workshop fees for weight management programs; or other fitness or wellness programs pre-approved by the City Manager or designee.
2. For the purposes of this Section, physical fitness memberships are intended to be for a local health club/fitness center or martial arts program, or digital physical fitness/personal training program whose main function is to provide strength training, cardio, and/or recognized martial arts discipline workouts (a facility that has a swimming pool and requires a paid membership is eligible for reimbursement). Weight management program membership reimbursement applies towards registration and meeting/workshop fees, either in-person, online or downloadable. The reimbursement does not apply to such things as home gym or other personal fitness/sports equipment,

organized sports teams/programs, food, supplements, or electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, watches, tablets) for the use of digital fitness or weight management programs.

3. Reimbursement is for employee only for up to \$30 per month. Reimbursement does not apply towards any initiation fee. Documentation for reimbursement will consist of a City reimbursement form and proof of payment, which must include information that identifies the facility or program the payments were made to and the months of membership the payments cover. If proof of payment includes a multi-person membership, only the portion of that membership attributable to the employee will be reimbursed.
4. Submittal of required documentation must be received by Personnel no later than fifteen (15) business days after the last day of the quarter in which the employee is requesting reimbursement.
5. It is understood this reimbursement must be treated as taxable income for both the employee and the City. Additionally, per notification to the City from the Compensation and Employer Review Unit of CalPERS, the reimbursement is not considered compensation for local safety members and not eligible to be reported to CalPERS.

#### **Section 14. Tobacco Cessation Incentive**

Employee who is a tobacco user can sign up for the “tobacco cessation incentive”. Employee must agree to enroll in and successfully complete a Tobacco Cessation Program of his/her choice. If an employee does not use tobacco for twelve consecutive months from the time of sign-up and certifies that he/she has not used tobacco for one year at the end of the twelve months, the employee will receive \$200. For the purposes of this Article, a tobacco user is defined as an eligible employee who attests he/she has used tobacco products (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco) at least 100 times in his/her lifetime, and, on average, currently uses tobacco products at least 15 days out of a month. This is a one-time benefit. *(amended 7/2008)*

#### **Section 15. Adoption**

The City provides \$500 cash benefit to employees adopting minor children.

#### **Section 16. Dependent Care Assistance**

The Dependent Care Assistance Program will be executed in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 125 with an open enrollment period each May to June to be effective July 1 of that Plan Year.

#### **Section 17. Unreimbursed Medical**

##### ***Flexible Spending Account (FSA)***

Flexible Spending Account - Employees may elect to tax defer a maximum of \$1,500 each fiscal year to be used for unreimbursed medical and or dental expenses. This program will be administered by a third-party administrator the City selects and will have an open enrollment period each May and/or June to be effective July 1 of that plan year.

### ***Health Savings Account (HSA)***

Health Savings Account – Employees who are enrolled in the High-Deductible Health Plan will be concurrently enrolled in a Health Savings Account. HSA will be administered by a third party the City selects. The City will make the following contributions to the HSA on the employee's behalf on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the 2025/2026 plan year.

Employee Only - \$1,650

Employee + One and Family - \$3,300

Employees with a start date after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the plan year will receive a prorated portion of the deductible contribution from the City based on the number of pay periods left in the plan year.

### **Section 18. Deferred Compensation**

Employees are entitled to participate in the City's deferred compensation plan(s) as administered by a third-party administrator selected by the City. The primary purpose of this plan is to provide retirement income and other deferred benefits to the employees of the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. *(amended 9/2015)*

For employees who elect to contribute at least \$25 per month (\$11.54/pp), the City will contribute to the deferred compensation plan in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>City Contribution</u>
0-10	1.5% of regular salary
11-15	2.2% of regular salary
16-20	3.2% of regular salary
21-25	4.2% of regular salary
26+	5.2% of regular salary

City contribution increases to an employee's Deferred Compensation account due to years of service will be effective the pay period which includes the employee's anniversary date.

### **Section 19. Additional Benefits for Sworn Police Management**

#### **A. Uniforms and Safety Equipment**

1. The City provides uniforms and safety equipment for sworn police management employees and provides for cleaning and maintenance of uniforms and safety equipment.
2. The monetary value, up to \$2,100 during first year of employment and up to \$1,100 for each subsequent year, associated with the purchase, maintenance and cleaning of uniforms for sworn employees *required* to wear uniforms shall be reported to PERS annually, for Classic members only, in June of each year, and upon termination of employment. *(added 2021)*

B. Sworn police management employees may purchase one weapon once each year to be paid through payroll deduction within one year of purchase.

- C. The Police Lieutenant or Police Captain shall be eligible to receive overtime payment under the following circumstances: The Lieutenant or Captain is filling a shift assignment of a Police Sergeant or Police Officer because no other personnel were available to fill the vacant shift assignment and the overtime is approved by the Chief of Police. It is further understood this option shall be utilized as a “last resort” and shall only apply as allowed under Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA) *Section 645 Nonexempt and Occasional or Sporadic Work.* (amended 7/2008)
- D. Sworn police management employees will receive additional compensation of six percent (6%) for possession of a valid POST Intermediate Certificate and an additional six percent (6%) for possession of a valid POST Advanced Certificate. (added 2008; amended 2013) In accordance with CalPERS, POST Certificate Pay is reportable as special compensation for both Classic and PEPRA members. (added 2021)
- E. Sworn police management employees will receive a two hundred- and fifty-dollar (\$250) equipment reimbursement each fiscal year, payable when receipt for Police related equipment is submitted to Personnel. (added 7/2008) In accordance with CalPERS, this reimbursement is not reportable as special compensation for both Classic and PEPRA members. (added 2021)

#### **Section 20. Additional Benefits for Non - Sworn Police Management**

- A. One non-sworn management employee who manages the Dispatch Center for the Arcata Police Department will receive additional compensation of seven and a half percent (7.5%) for possession of a valid POST Intermediate and Advanced Dispatcher Certification. (added 2024)

#### **Section 21. Longevity Pay**

Upon completion of five (5) years of continuous employment with the City of Arcata, the employee shall receive an additional three percent (3%) of base salary as longevity pay. Upon completion of 10 years of continuous employment with the City of Arcata, the employee shall receive an additional three percent (3%) of base salary as longevity pay, for a total of 6%. Upon completion of 15 years of continuous employment with the City of Arcata, the employee shall receive an additional three percent (3%) of base salary as longevity pay (for a total of 9%). (amended 2024) In accordance with CalPERS, Longevity Pay is reportable as special compensation for both Classic and PEPRA members. (added 2021)

Longevity pay increases will be effective the pay period which includes the employee's anniversary date.

#### **Section 22. Salaries**

(added 2011)

- A. Effective the first full pay period after adoption of Resolution 234-54 by the City Council, employees received a five percent (5.0%) base salary increase.
- B. Effective the pay period that includes July 1, 2025, employees shall receive a three percent (3%) base salary increase.

C. Effective the pay period that includes July 1, 2026, employees shall receive a three percent (3%) base salary increase.

**Section 23. Classifications Allocated Less Than Full-Time (1.00 FTE)**

*(added 2011)*

A. Classifications allocated by the Council less than full-time (i.e., .75 FTE, .80 FTE), shall receive applicable salaries, benefits, pays, etc. as a pro rata share proportionate to a full-time equivalent.

B. Classifications allocated less than full-time shall only be eligible for those salaries, benefits, pay, etc. that do not specifically restrict eligibility to full-time employees, and, for which establishing or changing eligibility requirements are outside the City's control.

C. Pursuant to FLSA and City policy, for confidential classifications, overtime is calculated as hours worked over a forty (40) hour work period.

**Section 24. Effective Date**

The effective date of this resolution shall be July 16, 2025.

DATED: July 16, 2025

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata

APPROVED:

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Mayor, City of Arcata

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 245-49 passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, held on the 16th day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata





# REMIF Retiree Health Plan Eligibility Guidelines

## Eligibility Rules for Retiree Benefits

Each participating entity may establish more stringent eligibility standards but, in no event, shall any participating entity have the prerogative of adopting less stringent eligibility standards than those approved by the REMIF Board of Directors.

Each member entity will determine a retiring employee's eligibility for health, dental and vision care benefits based on applicable Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and/or employment agreements. Should a member entity provide health, dental and vision care benefits for retired employees through REMIF's programs, at a minimum the following eligibility guidelines must be met:

1. **Normal Service Retirement** – To any REMIF member entity employee who has at least ten (10) years of continuous employment with a member entity before retirement and who retires for service under the rules of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Coverage may extend to eligible dependents of the retired employee. Service with any REMIF member entity may be credited toward the years of service requirement at each entity's discretion, as determined by their MOUs and/or employment agreements.
  - a. As of 7/1/11: To be eligible, employees must be enrolled in a REMIF member entity's health program immediately prior to retirement.
  - b. As of 7/1/12: To be eligible, employees must be enrolled in a REMIF member entity's health program immediately prior to retirement; and must have been enrolled for a minimum of 1 year; except when termination is the result of a reduction in force or separation within 1 year from 7/1/12. In that case, refer to rule 1a.
2. **Permanent or Total Disability** – To any employee who has at least ten (10) years of continuous service with the member entity before retirement and who retires for reason of permanent or total disability. Coverage may extend to eligible dependents of the retired employee. Total disability will be determined according to the norms of workers' compensation law, and total disability is defined as a disability rating in excess of fifty percent (50%) as determined by such norms.
  - a. An employee retired for a **service connected disability** need not meet the requirements of ten (10) years of service. An employee who retires from service with a participating employer due to a PERS disability retirement (non-safety) or a PERS industrial disability retirement (safety) need not meet the requirement of ten (10) years of service. However, he or she must have worked the minimum number of years as required by the participating employer's labor agreement.
3. **Surviving Dependents of a Deceased Active Employee** – Eligibility for coverage for surviving spouse and eligible dependents must be approved and adopted by each REMIF member entity. Where eligibility for surviving dependents has been adopted, enrollment will be offered as follows: To a surviving spouse and eligible dependents of an active employee who had ten (10) years or more of continuous service with a member entity at the date of his or her death; who dies while still an employee of the member entity; and whose surviving spouse and eligible dependent children are enrolled at the time of death. Coverage may continue after the active employee's death for a covered spouse until such time as the covered spouse dies or remarries. Such benefits may also continue for the deceased employee's covered eligible dependent children, but not beyond the twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) birthday of the dependent child. New dependents acquired by the survivor(s) shall not be eligible for coverage.

4. **Surviving Dependents of a Deceased Retiree** – Eligibility for coverage for surviving spouse and eligible dependents must be approved and adopted by each REMIF member entity. Where eligibility for surviving dependents has been adopted, enrollment will be offered as follows: To a covered spouse until such time as the covered spouse dies or remarries. To a covered eligible dependent up to the twenty-sixth (26) birthday of the dependent child. New dependents acquired by the survivor(s) shall not be eligible for coverage.
5. **Coordination of Benefits** – Benefits provided under this policy shall be coordinated with Medi-Care, Medi-Cal, and any similar program which is available to the retiree, and where similar programs are available to the retiree coverage provided under this policy shall be secondary to and coordinate with such other coverage.
6. **Late Enrollment** – There is no late enrollment. If an eligible retiree does not elect to enroll in REMIF retiree benefits at the time of retirement, he/she will not be allowed to enroll at a later time.
7. **Disenrollment** – If a retiree elects to disenroll from REMIF benefits, he/she will not be allowed to re-enroll at a later time.

RESOLUTION NO. 956-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ARCATA SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HEALTH COVERAGE  
FOR RETIREES UNDER THE HEALTH SELF-INSURANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMF) set a policy relative to minimum standards for health coverage for retirees on January 27, 1984, amended July 1, 1987, March 27, 1991, and July 1, 1991: and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to assist its retiring employees by continuing health and dental care benefits in its REMIF self-insurance fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arcata that health and dental coverage be provided under the following conditions:

1. Retired employees must have been covered under the REMIF health plan for a minimum of five (5) years up to the last day of work.
2. a) For health insurance, the retiree must have a minimum of ten (10) years permanent and continuous full-time service with the City and is retiring for service or disability under the rules of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).  
b) For dental coverage, the retiree must have a minimum of ten (10) years permanent and continuous full-time service with the City and is retiring for service under the rules of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).
3. The retiree and dependents (dependents meaning those who are dependents at the time of retirement) will be covered under the REMIF health plan. If the retiree dies while covered, the coverage for the dependents will cease.
4. The retiree and dependents must pay for their premiums according to the rules set in the REMIF health plan. Payments are due prior to the tenth of the month preceding the month of coverage. Failure to make payment will cancel coverage.

5. The health benefits will be coordinated with Medi-Care, Medi-Cal, and any similar program which is available to the employee, and where similar programs are available to the employee, REMIF will be secondary and supplemental to such other coverage.

Resolution No. 956-08 supersedes Resolution No. 912-01.

Effective Date: July 1, 1995

DATED: July 5, 1995

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata

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Mayor, City of Arcata

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 956-08, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, California, on the 5th day of July, 1995, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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City Clerk, City of Arcata

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