

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-59 AC CMS**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO, AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT  
ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin, Ohio, and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) have completed negotiations relating to wages, hours and other conditions of employment for certain employees in the Oberlin Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the OPBA ratified and approved said agreement on June 27, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, five-sevenths (5/7ths) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the proposed agreement between the City of Oberlin, Ohio, and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA), on behalf of certain employees of the Oberlin Police Department, and as ratified by the OPBA on June 27, 2001, is hereby approved and ratified, and the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City of Oberlin.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to wit:

"to ratify an agreed upon collective bargaining agreement as soon as possible to insure the daily operation of the Oberlin Police Department",

and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - July 2, 2001 (E)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading -

ATTEST:

Kelly J. LaRosa  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

James M. Brennan  
CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: July 3, 2001

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 2001

# City of *Oberlin*

85 South Main Street, Oberlin, Ohio 44074  
(440) 775-1531

June 27, 2001

To: City Council

From: Robert DiSpirito, City Manager *RAD*

Re: Collective Bargaining Agreement with OPBA for Police Patrol Officers

Please find attached for your review a copy of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Police Patrol Officers). This contract would be retroactive to January 1, 2001 and expire on December 31, 2002. I have also attached a copy of an executive summary of the proposed revisions to the labor agreement.

This proposed contract stays within the economic parameters (ie., City budget) that we had set prior to the commencement of negotiations, and it is a fair agreement. The OPBA has voted to ratify this contract from their end. If Council is agreeable, I would respectfully request that Council consider approving this legislation on Emergency so that our employees can receive their pay increases now, rather than waiting to Council's August 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and time committed to this negotiation process by City Auditor Sal Talarico, Police Chief Mike Moorman and our labor consultant Joe Lencewicz. They did an exceptional job, in my opinion. I would also like to thank the OPBA and all of our Police Patrol Officers for engaging in good faith bargaining with the City. It was not necessary for the two parties to go to fact-finding, mediation or conciliation in order to achieve these results. It was a very positive and constructive process. Negotiations with the Police Sergeants may now commence.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Sal Talarico, City Auditor  
Michael Moorman, Chief of Police

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**SUMMARY of LABOR AGREEMENT REVISIONS  
RESULTING from NEGOTIATIONS with the  
OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA)  
and CITY of OBERLIN**

**Article 14 (Overtime Pay)** - Sick Leave hours paid will be excluded when determining the total number of hours to be computed for overtime purposes.

**Article 22 (Compensation)**

- First year increased 3 1/2% (January 1, 2001).
- Second year increased 4% (January 1, 2002).
- Reduce newly hired Patrol Officer progression period to top rate from 5 to 4 years.

**Article 23 (Longevity)** - Increase computed rate from \$6 per year of service per month to \$6.50 effective January 1, 2001 and decrease eligibility from 7 years to 5 years.

**Article 24 (Educational and Other Pays)**

- Increase Field Officer (FTO) pay from \$.50/hr to \$1.00/hr first year (January 1, 2001).
- Increase Officer-in-Charge (OIC) pay from \$.50/hr to \$.75/hr second year (January 1, 2002).
- Increase stipend for Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from \$300/year to \$350/year or \$400/year for a Bachelors Degree in Law Enforcement (new) in second year (January 1, 2002).
- Increase amount of continuing education in Law Enforcement from \$700 to \$750 in second year (January 1, 2002).

**Article 25 (Uniform Allowance)** - Increased amount to repair or replace personnel items damaged or destroyed on duty, up to a maximum of \$250, if not otherwise recoverable and not the result of a negligent act by the Patrol Officer (new).

**Article 26 (Insurance)** - Employee contribution will increase from \$50/month to \$60/month for family coverage and from \$35/month to \$40/month for single coverage in the first year (January 1, 2001). For the year 2002, the employee contribution will increase by the same percentage as the City's premium increases up to a maximum of \$75/month for family coverage or \$50/month for single coverage.

**Article 28 (Seniority and Layoffs)** - Revised language to mirror the Sergeant's. Seniority based on departmental seniority for layoff and recall and increased number of days to report from layoff from three (3) to ten (10) calendar days.

**Article 31 (Drug Testing)** - Reduced 2 1/2 pages of procedural drug testing language to two (2) paragraphs mirroring the Sergeant's Agreement. The net effect permits the Administration to test for "probable cause" and/or institute a drug testing program.

**Article 32 (Duration)** - 2 year Agreement - January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002.

**Letter of Understanding** - Retroactive pay adjustments apply to payments received by Patrol Officers in January 2001 regardless of when such payments were earned.

# COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

*between the*

CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO

*and*

OHIO PATROLMEN'S  
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION  
(PATROL OFFICERS)

EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2001

EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2002

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## **PREAMBLE**

Section 1 This agreement, entered into by the City of Oberlin, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association or its successor in interest, hereinafter referred to as the "OPBA", has as its purpose the following:

To comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code; to set forth the full and complete understandings and Agreements between the parties governing the wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment for those patrol officers in the Employer's Police Department included in the bargaining unit as defined herein; and to provide a peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences in accordance with the grievance procedure contained herein.

## **ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION**

Section 1.1 The Employer recognized the OPBA as the sole and exclusive representative for those employees of the Employer in the bargaining unit. Wherever used in this Agreement, the term "bargaining unit" shall be deemed to include those individuals employed full-time in the following classification:

Patrol Officers

Section 1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, management, confidential, professional, supervisory, part-time, temporary, seasonal, reserve and employees in the unclassified service shall not be included in the bargaining unit.

Section 1.3 All positions and classifications not specifically established herein as being included in the bargaining unit shall be excluded from the bargaining unit.

Section 1.4 The employer will furnish the OPBA a list of all employees in the included classification covered by this Agreement indicating their starting date of employment annually and supplement such list as new employees are hired.

## **ARTICLE II - DUES DEDUCTION**

Section 2.1 The Employer agrees to deduct OPBA membership dues, fees and assessments in accordance with this Article for all employees eligible for membership in the bargaining unit upon the successful completion of their individual probationary periods, or 60 days from their date of employment, whichever is less.



Section 2.2 The Employer agrees to deduct regular OPBA membership dues once each month from the pay of any employee in the bargaining unit eligible for membership upon receiving written authorization signed individually and voluntarily by the employee. The signed payroll deduction form must be presented to the Employer by the employee. Upon receipt of the proper authorization, the Employer will deduct OPBA dues from the payroll check for the next pay period in which dues are normally deducted following the pay period in which the authorization was received by the Employer.

Section 2.3 The parties agree that the Employer assumes no obligation, financial or otherwise, arising out of the provisions of the Article regarding the deduction of membership dues, fees or assessments. The OPBA hereby agrees that it will indemnify and hold the Employer harmless from any claims, actions or proceedings by any employee arising from deductions made by the Employer pursuant to this Article. Once the funds are remitted to the OPBA, their disposition thereafter shall be the sole and exclusive obligation and responsibility of the OPBA.

Section 2.4 The Employer shall be relieved from making such individual "check-off" deductions upon an employee's: (1) termination of employment; (2) transfer to a job other than one covered by the bargaining unit; (3) layoff from work; (4) an unpaid leave of absence; or (5) revocation of the check-off authorization. Said revocation must be submitted to the Employer in writing during the first full week in January of any year.

Section 2.5 The Employer shall not be obligated to make dues deductions from any employee who, during any dues months involved, shall have failed to receive sufficient wages to make all legally required deductions in addition to the deduction of OPBA dues.

Section 2.6 The parties agree that neither the employees nor the OPBA shall have a claim against the Employer for errors in the processing of deductions unless a claim of error is made to the Employer in writing within thirty (30) days after the date such an error is claimed to have occurred. If it is found an error was made, it will be corrected at the next pay period that the OPBA dues deduction would normally be made by deducting the proper amount.

Section 2.7 Deductions provided for in this Article are subject to the approval of the City Auditor or designee and shall be made during one(1) pay period each month. In the event a deduction is not made for any OPBA member during any particular month, the Employer, upon written verification of the Union, will make the appropriate deduction from the following pay period if the deduction does not exceed the total of two (2) months regular dues. The Employer will not deduct more than two(2) months regular dues from the pay of any OPBA member.

Section 2.8 The rate at which the dues are to be deducted shall be certified to the payroll clerk by the Treasurer of the OPBA during January of each year. One (1) month advance notice must be given the payroll clerk prior to making any changes in an individual's dues deductions.

Section 2.9 The Employer agrees to remit a warrant in the aggregate amount of the deductions to the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

### **ARTICLE III - MAINTENANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3.1 All employees who, upon ratification of this Agreement, are members of the OPBA as evidenced by signed membership documents submitted to the Employer, or thereafter become members of the OPBA, either (1) shall maintain their membership in the OPBA, or (2) shall, if they resign from membership, pay to the OPBA a service fee in an amount equivalent to the annual dues for membership in the OPBA in accordance with ORC 4117.09.

Section 3.2 In the event that a service fee is to be charged to a member of the bargaining unit, the Employer shall deduct such fee in the same manner as dues are deducted as specified in Article II of this Agreement, entitled Dues Deduction."

### **ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Section 4.1 Except as specifically limited herein, the Employer shall have the exclusive right to manage the operations, control the premises, direct the working forces, and maintain maximum efficiency of operations. Specifically, the Employer's exclusive management rights include, but are not limited to, the sole right to hire, discipline and discharge for just cause, lay off and promote; to promulgate and enforce reasonable employment rules and regulations, to reorganize, discontinue, or enlarge any operation, or division within the police department; to transfer (including the assignment and allocation of work operations -divisions) within or to other operations -divisions; to determine the work methods and the number and location of facilities; to determine the manner in which all work is to be performed; to determine the size and duties of the work force, the number of shifts required, and all work schedules; to establish, modify, consolidate, or abolish jobs; and to determine staffing patterns, including, but not limited to assignment of employees, numbers employed, duties to be performed, qualifications required, and areas worked; subject only to the restrictions and regulations governing the exercise of these rights as are expressly provided herein.

Section 4.2 The OPBA recognizes and accepts that all rights and responsibilities of the Employer not expressly restricted or modified herein and as permitted by law shall remain the function of the Employer.

### **ARTICLE V - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

Section 5.1 An employee has the right upon request to the presence and advice of an OPBA representative at any pre-disciplinary hearing.

Section 5.2 Before an employee may be charged with any violation of the Rules and Regulations for a refusal to answer questions or participate in an investigation, he shall be advised that his refusal to answer such questions or participate in such investigation could be the basis of

such a charge.

Section 5.3 Questioning or interviewing of an employee in the course of an internal investigation will be conducted at hours reasonably related to the employee's shift, unless operational necessities require otherwise. Interrogation sessions shall be for reasonable periods of time and time shall be provided for rest periods and attendance to physical necessities. In addition, the employee may record such interrogation if he has recording device available so as not to delay the investigation. The Employer may have a transcript of such recording at the Employer expense.

Section 5.4 When an investigation moves from investigatory to accusatory and/or the affected employee reasonably believes disciplinary action may result, the affected employee shall have the right to request and have a Union representative present. Such request shall not unreasonably delay the continuation of the investigation.

Section 5.5 An employee may request an opportunity to review his personnel file, add memoranda to the file clarifying any documents contained in the file, and may have a non-employee representative of the OPBA present when reviewing his file. A reasonable request for copies of items included in the file shall be honored. All items in an employee's file with regard to complaints and investigations will be clearly marked, with respect to final disposition.

Section 5.6 In the course of an internal affairs investigation, a polygraph or computer voice stress analyzer (CVSA) examination will be administered only with the consent of the employee under investigation.

Section 5.7 Complaints by civilians which may involve suspension or discharge of an employee, shall be in writing and signed by the complainant. The Employer will furnish a copy of the complaint to the employee whom the complaint has been filed against prior to questioning or prior to the pre-disciplinary hearing, whichever occurs first.

Section 5.8 Records of disciplinary action that are more than three (3) years old shall be removed from the employee's personnel file and shall not be considered for purposes of progressive discipline. Calendar year begins with the date of infraction.

## **ARTICLE VI - NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT**

Section 6.1 The Employer and the OPBA recognize that a strike would create a clear and present danger to the health and safety of the public and that this Agreement provides machinery for the orderly resolution of grievances. The parties, therefore, agree to the following:

- A. During the term of this Agreement, the OPBA shall not authorize, cause, engage in, sanction or assist in any sick call, work stoppage, strike, sympathy strike, or slowdown which affects the Employer or his operations. Should any employee(s) engage in a sick call, work stoppage, strike, sympathy strike or slowdown, the OPBA

will promptly do whatever it can to prevent or stop such unauthorized acts, including the preparation of a letter addressed to the Employer stating "the strike action is not sanctioned by the OPBA and that all employees should return to work immediately. Such letter shall be signed by the ranking OPBA officer of the Local and the appropriate non-employee OPBA representative.

Section 6.2 In addition to any other remedies available to the Employer, any employee or employees, either individually or collectively, who violate Section 1 of the Article are subject to discipline or discharge by the Employer.

Section 6.3 During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall not cause, permit or engage in any lockout of its employees unless those employees shall have violated Section 1 of this Article.

Section 6.4 Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit or abridge the Employer's right to seek other available remedies provided by law to deal with any unauthorized or unlawful strikes.

## **ARTICLE VII - ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION**

Section 7.1 One (1) representative will be recognized by the Employer as the Union representative in accordance with this Agreement upon the receipt of a letter so identifying him and signed by an OPBA staff representative.

Section 7.2 The parties recognize that it may be necessary for an employee representative of the OPBA to leave a normal work assignment while acting in the capacity of representative. The OPBA recognizes the operational needs of the Employer and will cooperated to keep to a minimum the time lost from work by a representative. Before leaving an assignment pursuant to this section, the representative must obtain approval from his supervisor. The Employer will compensate a representative at the normal rate for the time spent in the good faith processing of grievances, and at any meetings at which the Employer requests a representative to be present during regular working hours.

Section 7.3 The Director or Assistant Director of the OPBA shall be allowed a cumulative total of twenty-four (24) hours off per year without pay to attend OPBA Director meetings. Such employees shall provide the Employer with at least thirty (30) days advance written notice of the date(s) being requested.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISCIPLINE**

Section 8.1 Disciplinary action taken by the Employer shall be for just cause.

Section 8.2 All non-probationary employees who are suspended, demoted or discharged, shall be given written notice regrading the reason(s) for the disciplinary action. Appeals of

disciplinary action shall be through the grievance and arbitration procedures contained herein.

Section 8.3 Prior to any discipline being imposed, the non-probationary employee shall be given a meeting to respond to the Chief of Police or his designee.

## **ARTICLE IX - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Section 9.1 The term "grievance" shall mean an allegation by a bargaining unit employee or the Employer that there has been a breach, misinterpretation, or improper application of this Agreement. It is not intended that the grievance procedure be used to effect changes in the Articles of this Agreement nor those matters not covered by this Agreement.

Section 9.2 If specific administrative agency relief of judicial or quasi-judicial nature is provided for by the ordinances of City of Oberlin, statutes of the State of Ohio or the United States for review or redress of specific matters (such as Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, etc.), such matters may not be the subject of a grievance or be processed as such. It is expressly agreed that all matters within the jurisdiction of the Oberlin Civil Service Commission, excluding the specific provisions as contained in the Labor Agreement, shall remain so and shall not be subject to a grievance within the meaning of this Article. All grievances must be processed at the proper step in order to be considered at subsequent steps and the following procedure will be observed:

- Step 1 An employee who has grievance must submit it in writing to the Captain within five (5) calendar days after the occurrence of the events upon which his grievance is based. The grievance shall include the name and position of the grievant, the provision(s) of the Agreement involved in the grievance; the time and place where the alleged events or conditions giving rise to the grievance took place, the identity of the party responsible for causing the said grievance; and a general statement of the nature of the grievance and the redress sought by the grievant. The grievance shall be signed and dated by the grievant and/or the steward. The Captain or his design shall give the answer within seven(7) calendar days after receipt of the grievance. The Captain's or his designee's answer shall be given to the grievant or the OPBA.

Step 2 If the employee's grievance is not satisfactorily settled at Step 1, the grievant shall, within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the Step 1 answer, present such grievance to the Chief. The Chief shall meet with the grievant representative of the OPBA within five (5) calendar days after the written grievance has been filed with the Chief, and a written answer shall be given within five (5) calendar days after the Step 2 meeting. The Chief's answer shall be presented to the grievant or the OPBA.

Step 3 If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled with the written decision at the conclusion of Step 2, a written appeal of the decision may be filed with the City

Manager within five (5) calendar days from the date of the rendering of the decision at Step 2. Copies of the written decisions shall be submitted with the appeal. The City Manager or his designee shall meet with the grievant and/or a representative of the OPBA within twenty (20) days after the receipt of the appeal. The City Manager or his designee shall issue a written decision to the employee and his OPBA representative within thirty (30) days from the date of the meeting.

Step 4 In the event a grievance is unresolved after Step 3, then within ten (10) days after the rendering of the decision at Step 3, the grievant may submit the grievance to arbitration. Within this ten (10) day period, the parties will meet to attempt to mutually agree upon an arbitrator. If such agreement is not reached, the parties will promptly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to submit a panel of arbitrators and will choose one(1) by the alternative strike method.

The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, or in any manner, alter the specific terms of this Agreement or to make any award requiring the commission of any act prohibited by law or to make any award that itself is contrary to law or violates any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The hearing or hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the "Rules of Voluntary Arbitration" of the American Arbitration Association.

The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room, if any, shall be borne by the losing party. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them. Neither party shall be responsible for any of the expenses incurred by the other party.

Employees who are reasonably necessary to the resolution of the grievance shall attend the arbitration hearing without the necessity of subpoena and shall be compensated at their regular hourly rate for all hours during which attendance is required by the Employer. Any request made by either party for the attendance of witnesses shall be made by either party for the attendance of witnesses shall be made in good faith, and shall not adversely affect the operations of the department.

Section 9.3 The time left set forth in the Grievance Procedure shall, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the City and the OPBA, be binding, and any grievances not timely presented, or timely processed thereafter, shall not be considered a grievance under this Agreement. Any grievance not timely processed by the Employer at any of the preceding steps may be immediately referred to by the OPBA to the next level.

Section 9.4 Calendar Days as provided within the Grievance procedure shall not include Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.

Section 9.5 An employee may present grievances and have them adjusted, without the intervention of a representative of the OPBA, as long as the adjustment, if any, is not inconsistent with the terms of the within Agreement.

## **ARTICLE X - NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Section 10.1 Neither the Employer nor the OPBA shall discriminate against any bargaining unit employee on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, or handicap, as defined in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, or Chapter 4112 ORC. The OPBA shall share equally with the Employer the responsibility for applying this provision of the Agreement.

Section 10.2 Where there is an alleged violation of the provisions of Title VII or Chapter 4112 ORC that qualifies for appeal under the rules of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, such matter shall not be appealable through the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement. However, the Employer, the employee and their representative, if desired by the employee, may meet in an effort to resolve the alleged violation prior to the appeal to any outside agency.

Section 10.3 The Employer agrees not to interfere with the rights of bargaining unit employees to become members of the OPBA, and the Employer shall not discriminate, interfere, restrain, or coerce any employee because of any legal employee activity in an official capacity on behalf of the OPBA, as long as that activity does not conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 10.4 The OPBA agrees not to interfere with the rights of employees to refrain or resign from membership in the OPBA, and the OPBA shall not discriminate, interfere, restrain, or coerce any employee exercising the right to abstain from membership in the OPBA or involvement on OPBA activities.

Section 10.5 All references to employees in this Agreement designate both sexes, and wherever the male gender is used, it shall be construed to include male and female employees.

## **ARTICLE XI - OBLIGATION TO NEGOTIATE**

Section 11.1 The Employer and the Union acknowledge that during negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining/negotiations and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement.

Section 11.2 Therefore, for the life of this Agreement, the Employer and the Union each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to, or covered in this Agreement, or with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this

Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated and signed this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE XII - CONFORMITY TO LAW**

Section 12.1 This Agreement shall be subject to and subordinated to any applicable present and future Federal laws. The invalidity of any provision(s) of this Agreement by reason of any such existing or future law shall not affect the validity of the surviving provisions.

Section 12.2 If the enactment of legislation, or a determination by a court of final and competent jurisdiction renders any portion of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such legislation or decision shall not affect the validity of the surviving provisions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid provision(s) thereof had not been included herein.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DUTY HOURS**

Section 13.1 The regular working period for all employees covered by this Agreement will be eighty (80) hours in a two (2) week period. It is expressly understood that scheduling of employees within such two(2) week periods is an exclusive management right.

Section 13.2 Employees shall normally be paid for an average of eighty (80) hours of work per pay period. An employee incurring an unexcused absence or unpaid absence shall have their pay appropriately reduced either in the pay period within which the unpaid absence (s) occur, or in the pay period immediately following in accordance with established payroll procedures.

Section 13.3 Employees shall not have their pay docked during pay periods where they may be scheduled for less than eighty (80) hours provided the employee works or is active pay status for the full work period or work schedule.

## **ARTICLE XIV - OVERTIME PAY**

Section 14.1 All employees for work performed in excess of eighty (80) hours in a pay period, when approved by the supervisor in charge or the Police Chief, shall be compensated at the employee's regular base rate of pay, times one and one-half (1-1/2), for all such hours of overtime.

Section 14.2 For purposes of this Article, all hours paid, except sick leave hours, shall be included in the computation of overtime.

## **ARTICLE XV - DOUBLE BACK/CALL-IN/REPORT PAY/COURT TIME/ STAND-BY/COMP TIME**

Section 15.1 If an officer is required to work in excess of eight (8) hours in any twenty-four



(24) hour period, excluding shift change, then the result shall incur overtime for that officer; i.e., double-backs. However, if an officer requests to work a double-back shift, then the officer shall not receive overtime for those hours worked. This does not preclude an officer from signing up for overtime which would result in a double-back situation.

Section 15.2 No employee shall be compensated for time fifteen (15) minutes prior to or after their regular shift without the specific prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designee. Any time worked past fifteen (15) minutes shall be compensated at the applicable rate of pay from the end of their regular shift in increments of tenths of an hour.

Section 15.3 An employee may elect to be compensated for overtime worked in the form of compensatory time. Compensatory time may be accrued up to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hours per calendar year. Requests for use of compensatory time shall normally be submitted by the tenth (10th) of the month preceding the date(s) being requested or as manpower needs otherwise allow. Approval of compensatory time requests shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police or his designee. Compensatory time earned but unused in any calendar year shall be paid in the last pay of December of the applicable year.

Section 15.4 Whenever an employee is called into work by the, Chief or his designee or is scheduled for court appearances on behalf of the Employer at a time disconnected from and not abutting his normally scheduled work hours, such employee shall be compensated for a minimum of three (3) hours at a time and one-half (1-1/2) the employee's regular rate of pay. Employee shall be required to log in and out with the dispatcher on duty. The Employer may require that employee work three hours of call-in time. However, any employee called into work who actually reports to work and is then sent home shall be compensated for one (1) hour of work at his regular rate of pay. Any employee called into work, and subsequently advised not to report shall not be entitled to call-in pay.

Section 15.5 Any employee scheduled in at a time which does not abut his regular scheduled work shift to attend in-service training or other departmental meetings shall be compensated for a minimum of two (2) hours at a time and one-half his regular rate of pay.

Section 15.6 When the Employer calls in an off-duty officer to fill a vacancy in the shift, the following shall apply: a rotating call-in roster shall be adhered to and maintained by the bargaining unit. In the event that all available off-duty officers in the bargaining unit are called to fill a vacancy and none of them agrees to work, the officer at the bottom of the roster shall be required to report for duty to fill in the vacancy.

Section 15.7 With the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designee, employees may be allowed to exchange shifts. overtime shall not be incurred as the result of such exchange and hours of work shall be calculated as if the affected employees worked their regularly scheduled shifts. Any employee involved in a shift exchange who subsequently calls off work on the work day to be exchanged shall be responsible for finding a timely replacement. Such replacement shall be

considered and recorded as an additional shift exchange and shall not result in an overtime situation.

Section 15.8 At the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, required or approved school or training time may be scheduled to replace an employee's regularly scheduled duty hours. Such designed school or training time shall not result in an overtime situation being incurred by the Employer. This provision shall not apply to internal departmental training sessions.

Section 15.9 Whenever an employee is required by the Chief of Police to "stand-by" for immediate call to duty, where the employee is engaged to wait for such call and is unable to leave the specified area of Lorain County, such employee shall be compensated at the rate of one-half (1/2) of his regular base rate of pay for all hours on "stand-by".

Section 15.10 All differential time slips shall be turned in prior to midnight at the end of the work week. Time not turned in will revert to compensatory time. Officer-in-charge pay will be lost.

## **ARTICLE XVI - HOLIDAYS**

Section 16.1 All full-time employees shall be entitled to holiday time for the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Washington's Birthday	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Columbus Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving	Christmas Day

Section 16.2 Holiday time shall be added onto an employee's vacation time at the rate of eight (8) hours per holiday. If an employee also works the holiday such employee shall be paid for all hours worked on the holiday at the rate of one and one-half times his regular hourly rate of pay. In order to receive holiday compensation, an employee must work the scheduled day before and the scheduled day after the holiday and the holiday itself. For purposes of the Article, medically documented sick leave and other approved paid leaves shall count as working a scheduled day.

Section 16.3 Holidays as set forth in Section 1 above shall be recognized on the date on which the holiday actually falls, as identified by a list of the dates provided by the bargaining unit and approved by the Employer. This list shall be submitted on or before January 1 of each year.

## **ARTICLE XVII - VACATIONS**

Section 17.1 Each full-time employee shall earn and be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Length of service</u>	<u>Vacation</u>
After one (1) year	10 days
After five (5) years	15 days
After fifteen (15) years	20 days
After twenty (20) years	25 days

Section 17.2 Earned vacation shall be awarded on the employee's anniversary date in accordance with the above schedule, provided the employee is employed by the Employer at that time. There shall be no proration of vacation time.

Section 17.3 Vacation time shall be taken at a time approved of by the Appointing Authority.

Section 17.4 Any employee who quits or is terminated or retires and has unused vacation time, shall receive such vacation time or shall be paid for such time.

Section 17.5 Vacation time shall not be carried over from one year to another without the express written authorization of the Employer. Any vacation time that is unused within the year granted shall be deemed forfeited unless otherwise approved by the Employer. Such approval shall be handled on an individual basis and shall not be unreasonably denied.

Section 17.6 Employees hired after January 1, 1992, shall not be permitted to carry-over prior service credit from other public employers for vacation purposes.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - SICK LEAVE**

Section 18.1 Sick leave shall be defined as an absence with pay necessitated by: (1) illness or injury to the employee; (2) exposure by the employee to a contagious disease communicable to other employees; or (3) serious illness, injury or death in the employee's immediate family.

Section 18.2 All full-time employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of 4.6 hours per pay period in active pay status up to a maximum of fifteen (15) days per year. Sick leave shall accumulate without limit from year to year.

Section 18.3 An employee who is absent on sick leave shall notify his supervisor or designee of such absence and the reason therefore prior to the start of his work shift each day he is to be absent. At least two (2) hours prior notification is preferred, but not required.

Section 18.4 Sick leave may be used in segments of not less than one (1) hour.

Section 18.5 Before an absence may be charged against accumulated sick leave, the Chief may require such proof of illness, injury or death as may be satisfactory to him, or may require the employee to be examined by a physician designated by the chief and paid by the Employer.

Section 18.6 If the employee fails to submit adequate proof of illness, injury or death upon request of the Chief, or in the event that upon such proof as is submitted or upon the report of medical examination, the Chief finds there is not satisfactory evidence of illness, injury or death sufficient to justify the employee's absence, such leave may be considered an unauthorized leave and shall be without pay.

Section 18.7 Any abuse of sick leave or the patterned use of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline as may be determined by the Chief.

Section 18.8 The Chief may require an employee who has been absent due to personal illness or injury, prior to and as a condition of his return to duty, to be examined by a physician and paid for by the Employer, to establish that he is not disabled from the performance of his normal duties and that his return to duty will not jeopardize the health and safety of other employees.

Section 18.9 When the use of sick leave is due to illness or injury in the immediate family, "immediate family" shall be defined to only include the employee's spouse, children or parents residing with the employee. When the use of sick leave is due to death in the immediate family, "immediate family" shall be defined to include only the employee's mother, father, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and grandparents or person who acts in loco parentis.

Section 18.10 An employee who transfers from this department to another department of the Employer shall be allowed to transfer his accumulated sick leave to the new department.

Section 18.11 Any employee who has accumulated sick leave earned from being employed by the State of Ohio or any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio and who has become employed by the Employer within ten (10) years from his termination from such other public employee, shall be allowed to transfer said accumulation to his sick leave accumulation with the Employer, providing that such sick leave accumulation shall be limited to the existing maximum accruable amount in effect at the time of transfer in this Agreement.

Section 18.12 Upon retirement, an employee shall be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to his daily rate of pay at the time of retirement, multiplied by the total number of accumulate but unused sick days earned by the employee and certified by the City Auditor, providing that such resultant number of days to be paid shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

Section 18.13 An employee eligible for cash payment pursuant to Section 17.12 above may, at his option, elect to take an early retirement with the monetary value of such cash payment being applied towards said early retirement.

## **ARTICLE XIX - PERSONAL LEAVE**

Section 19.1 All employees shall, in addition to all other leave benefits, be granted three (3) personal leave days each year which are to be taken within the year earned or be forfeited.

Section 19.2 Personal days shall only be taken with the advance approval of the officer in charge or Chief of Police.

## ARTICLE XX - INJURY LEAVE

Section 20.1 An employee who is disabled as a result of performing duties within the course and scope of his employment as a full-time employee of the City, if such disability prevents him from performing his duties, and such claim is approved by the State Bureau of Workers Compensation, shall be paid his regular compensation during the continuance of such service related disability, but for a period not to exceed twenty-six weeks from the date such service related disability was incurred, consistent with the following schedule:

<u>Service Seniority</u>	<u>Weeks of Full Pay</u>	<u>Weeks of Half Pay</u>
Less than 6 years	10	16
6 years but less than 8 years	11	15
8 years but less than 10 years	12	14
10 years but less than 12 years	13	13
12 years but less than 14 years	14	12
14 years but less than 16 years	15	11
16 years but less than 18 years	16	10
18 years but less than 20 years	17	9
Over 20 years	18	8

Section 20.2 The Employer shall have the right to require an employee to have a physical exam by a physician appointed and paid by the Employer, resulting in the physician's certification that the employee is unable to work due to the initial or recurring injury as a condition precedent to the employee receiving any benefits under this Article. The designated physician's opinion shall govern whether the employee is actually disabled.

Section 20.3 An officer directly involved in an incident requiring the use of "deadly force", in the course and scope of his employment, and in accordance with departmental policies and procedures, where such force results in a homicide or severe injury, shall be entitled to administrative leave, with pay, for a maximum of five (5) working days. Such administrative leave shall not be charged against sick leave or injury leave and shall be taken during the time period immediately following such incident as approved by the Chief of Police or his designee.

Section 20.4 An employee involved in an incident requiring the use of "deadly force" may be required to consult with a psychologist or psychiatrist as recommended by the City's Employee Assistance Program Consultant. The cost of up to three such consultations shall be paid by the Employer. The Employer will pay for the cost of that treatment not covered by the City Health Benefit Plan up to \$1,000 per year. The psychologist or psychiatrist may be required to certify to the

Employer whether or not the employee is able to work as the result of his involvement in such incident.

## ARTICLE XXI - JURY DUTY LEAVE

Section 21.1 Any employee who is called for jury duty, either federal, county or municipal, shall be paid his or her regular salary, less any compensation received from such court for jury duty, mileage, and /or witness fees. To receive compensation, the employee must furnish the Employer with a voucher from the Clerk of Court or other appropriate court official, stating the full amount of pay from the court.

## ARTICLE XXII - COMPENSATION

Section 22.1 Effective the first pay period of January 1, 2001, on employee anniversary dates where applicable, the rates of pay for all bargaining unit employees shall be established as follows:

	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Annualized Rate</u>
Start	\$15.43	\$32,094.40
After one (1) year	\$16.47	\$34,257.60
After two (2) years	\$17.49	\$36,379.20
After three (3) years	\$18.56	\$38,604.80
After four (4) years	\$19.57	\$40,705.60

Section 22.2 Effective the first pay period of January 1, 2002, on employee anniversary dates where applicable, the rates of pay for all bargaining unit employees shall be established as follows:

	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Annualized Rate</u>
Start	\$16.05	\$33,384.00
After one (1) year	\$17.13	\$35,630.40
After two (2) years	\$18.19	\$37,835.20
After three (3) years	\$19.30	\$40,144.00
After four (4) years	\$20.35	\$42,328.00

## ARTICLE XXIII - LONGEVITY

Section 23.1 Effective January 1, 2001, each full-time employee shall be entitled to a longevity benefit upon completion of five (5) full years of continuous service. The longevity benefit shall be computed at the rate of six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per year of service, per month.

Section 23.2 The longevity bonus will accrue each year on the anniversary of the employee's date of hire and be paid within 30 days of the employee's anniversary date.

## ARTICLE XXIV - EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER PAYS

Section 24.1 An employee who has received an Associate Degree in law enforcement shall receive additional pay in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually. Beginning January, 2002, an employee with an Associate Degree in law enforcement shall receive Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) annually or in the alternative, a Bachelor's Degree, Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

Section 24.2 An employee enrolled in continuing education in the law enforcement field shall receive assistance in the amount of \$75.00 per credit hour, and the cost of the textbook. Textbooks shall then remain the property of the Oberlin Police Department for future use. An employee must attain the grade of "C" or better. Course work must be approved by the Chief of Police or his designee prior to enrolling in the course. Reimbursement will be made upon completion of the course and documentation of the required grade. In no event shall an employee exceed payment of seven hundred dollars per year (\$700.00) for continued education. Beginning January, 2002, the payment shall be up to Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Section 24.3 Any employee who is designated by the Employer to act as the senior officer in charge of a shift and performs such duties by being in charge of a work shift for at least four (4) hours, shall receive an additional fifty cents (\$.50) per hour for each hour worked. Beginning January, 2002, the O.I.C. shall receive Seventy-Five Cents (75¢) per hour additional.

Section 24.4 Any employee required to utilize his personal vehicle to attend required or approved training shall be entitled to a mileage reimbursement consistent with the prevailing IRS mileage allowance rate. Such mileage reimbursement shall be deemed full reimbursement for all fuel, maintenance, repair and insurance costs. Additionally, employees attending such training shall be entitled to reasonable meal reimbursement at the applicable rate approved by the Employer.

Section 24.5 Employees assigned by management to perform K-9 handling and related duties shall be compensated six (6) hours per two (2) week period when performing those duties. The Chief or his designee shall determine how those six (6) hours during the two (2) week period are to be scheduled in relationship to the operating requirements of the department. Specifically, the canine handler may be scheduled to work seventy-four (74) hours per two (2) weeks, with the remainder of the normal two (2) week period consisting of the six (6) paid hours of off-duty canine responsibilities. Alternatively, the canine handler may be scheduled to work the normal eighty (80) hours per two (2) week period, or more, with the six (6) hours of canine responsibility being considered additional hours of work.

The canine (s) is the sole property of the City. Therefore, any related expenses (i.e. food, veterinarian care, kennel fees, dog handling equipment, etc.) will be the responsibility of the City of Oberlin consistent with the normal expense approval procedures of the Police Department.

Section 24.6 Employees assigned by management to perform Field Training Officer (FTO) duties shall receive an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) per hour when performing those duties.

## **ARTICLE XXV - UNIFORM ALLOWANCE**

Section 25.1 All newly hired probationary employees shall receive an initial issue including : two long sleeve shirts, two short sleeve shirts, two ties, two pairs of trousers, a winter jacket, severe weather gear, a lightweight jacket, a winter cap, an eight-point cap, a breast badge, cap ornamentation, a raincoat, a rain hat, a gun belt, all necessary leathers, a sidearm, a nightstick, two name plates, a whistle and whistle chain, handcuffs, a metal case for a citation book, and any other article required by the department.

Section 25.2 All non-probationary employees shall be entitled to an annual uniform allowance in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00). Uniform allowance payments shall be made on June 1 and December 1 of each year. Payments will be made in separate checks and will be subject to all applicable taxes in accordance with IRS rules and regulations.

Section 25.3 If an employee is employed for less than one (1) full year, or if the probationary period ends after January 1 of any year, the uniform allowance shall be prorated in accordance with the time of service of the employee. Time in service shall be computed on the basis of each full month worked and following completion of probation.

Section 25.4 Whenever personal items required in the performance of police duties are damaged or destroyed while on duty, the Employer shall repair or replace same, provided that it is not otherwise recoverable, up to a maximum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). It is understood that in the event that personal items are damaged and that the repair costs are recoverable, the Employer will pay for the replacement, up to Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), and will be reimbursed by the officer once he receives the reimbursement. This situation covers incidents where the damage was not the result of a negligent act of the officer.

## **ARTICLE XXVI - INSURANCE**

Section 26.1 The Employer will provide the health insurance coverage in effect as of January 1, 2001 or comparable coverage during the term of the Agreement. Upon execution of this Agreement each employee shall contribute \$60.00 per month for family coverage or \$40.00 for single coverage.

If during the life of this Agreement, the Employer's cost of insurance increases, each employee will contribute the same percentage amount of the increase, up to a maximum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for family coverage or Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for single coverage per month.

Section 26.2 The Employer will provide and pay the full premium for all full-time employees for a convertible life insurance policy in the face value of fifteen thousand dollars



(\$15,000.00).

## ARTICLE XXVII - BULLETIN BOARDS

Section 27.1 The Employer agrees to provide space on bulletin boards in agreed upon areas for use by the OPBA. However, the Employer shall not be obligated to purchase bulletin boards for the OPBA's use.

Section 27.2 All OPBA notices which appear on the bulletin boards shall be signed, posted and removed by the OPBA Director during non-work time. OPBA notices relating to the following matters may be posted without the necessity of receiving the Employers's prior approval:

- A. OPBA recreational and social affairs;
- B. Notice of OPBA meetings;
- C. OPBA appointments;
- D. Notice of OPBA elections;
- E. Results of OPBA elections;
- F. Reports of non-political standing committees and independent non-political arms of the OPBA; and
- G. Non-political publications, rulings or policies of the OPBA.

All other notices of any kind not covered in A through G above must receive the prior approval of the Employer or his designated representative. It is also understood that no material may be posted on the OPBA bulletin boards at any time which contain the following:

- a. Personal attacks upon any other member or any other employee;
- b. Scandalous, scurrilous or derogatory attacks upon the administration;
- c. Attacks on any employee organization, regardless of whether the organization has local membership; and
- d. Attacks on and/or favorable comments regarding candidates for public office, or for office in any employee organization.

Section 27.3 No OPBA related materials of any kind may be posted anywhere in the Employer's facilities or on the Employer's equipment except on the bulletin boards designated for

use by the OPBA.

Section 27.4 Violation of any provisions of this Article shall subject the OPBA to revocation of bulletin board posting privileges by the Employer.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII - SENIORITY AND LAYOFFS**

Section 28.1 Seniority shall be determined by the length of full-time service with the City of Oberlin Police Department since the most recent date of hire. In case of same date of hire, seniority shall be determined by the employee's standing on the Civil Service List.

Section 28.2 The probationary status of newly-hired Patrol Officers shall be for a period of one (1) year from date of hire.

Section 28.3 Employees in the bargaining unit may be laid off only for lack of work or lack of funds.

Section 28.4 In the event of a layoff, employees in the bargaining unit will be laid off in accordance with their departmental seniority with probationary employees being the first to be laid off, in accordance with their length of service and following with non-probationary employees in accordance with their departmental seniority with the Employer.

Section 28.5 An employee in the bargaining unit who is laid off shall be subject to recall from such layoff for a period of two (2) years.

Section 28.6 Recall from layoff will be based upon departmental seniority, with the last to be laid off being the first to be recalled, and processed on the basis of seniority. The Employer shall recall laid off employees by certified mail return receipt requested, sent to the last known address that the employee has on file with the Employer.

Section 28.7 Employees failing to respond to a recall from layoff within ten (10) calendar days of the date the Employer sent such recall notice to the employee's last known address as described in Section 28.6 above shall be deemed to have quit without notice.

## **ARTICLE XXIX - WAIVER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Section 29.1 In cases of emergency declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Board of Lorain County Commissioners, the Federal or State Legislature, the Police Chief, City Administrator, or Oberlin City Council, such as acts of God or civil disorder, the following conditions of this Agreement may automatically be suspended at the discretion of the Employer:

- (1) Time limits for management replies on grievances, or OPBA submissions of grievances.
- (2) Selected work rules and/or agreement and practices relating to the assignment of all employees.
- (3) The privilege of leaving work to perform OPBA representation in accordance with the terms of Article VII of this Agreement.

Section 29.2 Upon the termination of the emergency, should valid grievances exist, they shall be processed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Grievance Procedure and shall proceed from the applicable point in the Grievance Procedure to which they had properly progressed.

### **ARTICLE XXX - LABOR/MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

Section 30.1 In the interest of sound labor /management relations, unless mutually agreed to otherwise, once every quarter on a mutually agreeable day and time, the Chief and/or his designees shall meet with not more than two (2) representatives or the OPBA to discuss those matters addressed in Section 30.2 herein. Additional representatives may attend by mutual agreement of the parties.

Section 30.2 An agenda will be furnished and/or exchanged at least five (5) working days in advance of the scheduled meetings with a list of the matters to be taken up in the meeting. The OPBA shall also supply the names of those OPBA representatives who will be attending. The purpose of such meetings shall be to:

1. Discuss the administration of this Agreement;
2. Notify the OPBA of changes made by the Employer which affect bargaining unit members;
3. Discuss the grievances which have not been processed beyond step 3 of the grievance procedure, but only when such discussions are mutually agreed to by the parties;
4. Disseminate general information of interest to the parties;
5. Discuss ways to increase productivity and improve efficiency;
6. Give the OPBA representatives the opportunity to share the views of their members on topics of interest to both parties; and
7. To consider and discuss health and safety matters relating to employees.

Section 30.3 If special labor/management meetings have been requested, and mutually agreed upon, they shall be convened as soon as feasible.

Section 30.4 Labor/ management-meetings are not intended to be negotiation sessions to alter or amend the basic Agreement.

## ARTICLE XXXI - DRUG TESTING

Section 31.1 The Employer may implement a drug testing program or may require individual employees to be tested for drug and/or substance abuse. Such testing shall be upon probable cause with all testing costs paid by the Employer. Employees required to be tested on off-duty time shall be compensated for such time.

Section 31.2 Prior to the commencement of the drug testing program, the Employer will meet with the Union to discuss the procedure under which the testing will be administered.

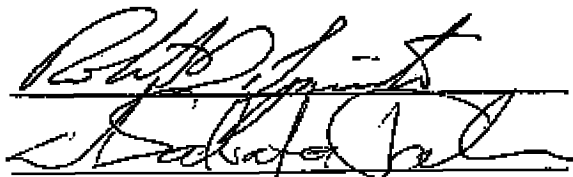
## ARTICLE XXXII - DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 32.1 This Agreement represents the complete agreement on all such matters subject to bargaining between the Employer and the OPBA, and except as otherwise noted herein, shall be effective January 1, 2001 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2002. If either party desires to terminate, modify or amend this Agreement for a period subsequent to December 31, 2002, notice of such desire shall be given in accordance with ORC 4417.14 (B) (1) (a). If such notice is given, this Agreement shall remain in effect until the parties reach agreement on a new contract.

## SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto signed by their authorized representatives this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of JULY, 2001.

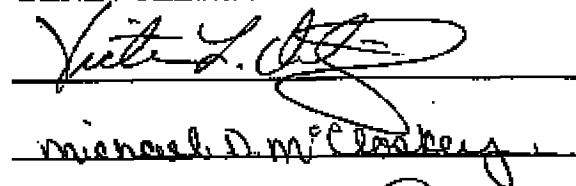
FOR THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO



Approved as to Form:

  
Eric R. Severs, City Solicitor

FOR THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S  
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

  
Colleen M. Bonk, OPBA Labor Counsel

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Ms. Colleen M. Bonk, Esq.  
The Halle Building  
1228 Euclid Avenue, Suite 900  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Re: Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Patrol Officers) and City of Oberlin  
Retroactive Pay Adjustments

Dear Ms. Bonk,

This will confirm our discussions during the 2000/2001 negotiations that retroactive pay adjustment would apply to payment amount received by Patrol Officer in January, 2001, regardless of the date(s) such payment amounts were earned, provided such payments were contractually proper.

Very truly yours,

Joseph F. Lencewicz,  
Labor Relations Representative  
City of Oberlin

Confirmed:

  
Colleen M. Bonk