

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 37

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT WITH MARK CIFALOGGIO, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE, FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2017, Ordinance No. 2017-55 was adopted and established the salary range for the position of the Deputy Chief of Fire of the Vineland Fire Department for the City of Vineland, said ordinance having been subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland currently recognizes and employs Mark Cifaloglio as the full-time Deputy Chief of Fire of the Vineland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Chief of Fire shall be classified as a “managerial executive” position, and therefore not permitted in any collective bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to have clearly defined salaries, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment for such employees; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize the salary, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment provided to Mark Cifaloglio.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Vineland that an employee agreement concerning salary, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment with Mark Cifaloglio is approved from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, and the execution thereof for and on behalf of the City of Vineland is hereby authorized and directed in the form and substance similar to the attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Vineland may enact any ordinance, rule or regulation required to fully carry out the terms and conditions of the agreement herein approved.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

AGREEMENT

Between

THE CITY OF VINELAND

A Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey

&

DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE

January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

Changes are in **Bold**

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This Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ by and between the City of Vineland, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the “City” and Mark Cifaloglio, the City of Vineland Fire Deputy Chief, hereinafter referred to as the “Deputy Chief”.

### **Article 1 - Recognition**

It is the intention of the parties that this Agreement be construed in harmony with New Jersey statutes, Civil Service Commission rules and regulations, City ordinances, and Fire Department rules and regulations, but no City ordinance or Fire Department rule and regulations shall amend or alter any provision of this Agreement.

For the purposes of this Agreement, the Deputy Chief is pursuant to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission described as the Deputy Chief of the Vineland Fire Department.

### **Article 2 - Management Rights**

It is recognized that the management of the City, the control of its properties, and the maintenance of order and efficiency, is a right and responsibility of the City, including the right to enforce rules and regulations, policies or other statements of procedure not inconsistent with this Agreement or the laws and constitutions of the State of New Jersey and the United States, whether or not such enforcement has occurred in the past.

### **Article 3 - Maintenance of Standards**

The City will not seek to diminish or impair any benefit or privilege not covered by this Agreement but provided by law, rule or regulation for the Deputy Chief without prior notice to the Deputy Chief and when appropriate without negotiation with the Deputy Chief unless required by law. This Agreement shall be construed consistent with the free exercise of rights reserved to the City by the Management Rights Clause of this Agreement.

### **Article 4 - Fully Bargained Provision**

This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties on all negotiable issues. During the term of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

### **Article 5 - Extra-Contractual Agreements**

The City shall not enter into any other agreement with its Deputy Chief, which in any way would conflict with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

### **Article 6 - Severability**

In the event that any provision of this Agreement between the parties shall be held by operation of law or by a court or administrative agency of competent and final jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of such Agreement shall not be affected thereby, but shall be continued in full force and effect.

### **Article 7 - No-Strike Pledge**

Neither the Deputy Chief nor any person acting on his behalf will cause, authorize, or support any strike. (e.g., the concerted failure of an employee to report for duty, willful absence from their position, work stoppage or abstinence in whole or in part from the full faithful and proper performance of the employee's employment duties). Such participation in any strike related activity as specified will constitute a material breach of this Agreement, and be grounds for termination, subject to the grievance procedure set forth in the City Policy Manual.

### **Article 8 - Responsibilities of the Deputy Chief**

The City hereby recognizes the Deputy Chief to serve as deputy to the Chief of the City of Vineland Fire Department (Fire Chief). The Deputy Chief shall report to, respond to and assist the Fire Chief in the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department and perform such duties as determined by the Fire Chief and Director of Fire. The Deputy Chief shall act as designee to the Fire Chief in the event of the absence of the Fire Chief due to scheduled leave or other unscheduled leave.

### **Article 9 - Workweek**

The Deputy Chief shall spend sufficient time at his job to ensure the smooth and responsible operation of the Fire Department over which he has supervisory control. The Deputy Chief shall work at least 40 hours per week. The work week is seven consecutive days beginning at 0000 Sunday and ending 2359 Saturday.

The Deputy Chief is hereby designated as an exempt employee for the purpose of receiving overtime and compensatory time under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Deputy Chief shall normally work 40 hours per week and his employment shall be based on a seven day work period. The Deputy Chief's normal work week shall consist of eight hours per day, Monday through Friday. As an exempt employee, the Deputy Chief shall not receive overtime compensation or compensatory time for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. This shall include, but not be limited to, responding to fire emergencies, fire incident calls or any other duties in connection with his position of Deputy Chief.

### **Article 10 - Essential Personnel**

The Deputy Chief is an essential personnel and, therefore, is expected to report to work and work his regularly scheduled work hours even in the event that non-essential personnel are not required to report to work or are not required to work their regularly scheduled work hours for any reason including but not limited to a weather-related event or an unscheduled holiday declared by the Mayor. Therefore, the Deputy Chief shall receive no additional compensation or time off for reporting to work and working his regularly scheduled work hours on a day where non-essential personnel are not required to report to work or do not work their regularly scheduled work hours for any reason including, but not limited to, a weather-related event or an unscheduled holiday declared by the Mayor.

### **Article 11 - Overtime and Compensatory Time**

As provided for under Article 9 of this Agreement, the Deputy Chief is designated an exempt employee under the Fair Labor Standards Act and shall not be entitled to overtime or compensatory time for any hours worked in excess of 40 in a workweek.

### **Article 12 - Travel Allowances**

- §1. The Deputy Chief shall be permitted to attend and be compensated for, at his regular pay, fire-related meetings or training seminars as determined by the Fire Chief.
- §2. The Deputy Chief will be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred while on City business consistent with the Travel **and Training** Policy of the Policy Manual.
- §3. The Deputy Chief will be reimbursed mile for mile for the use of his personal vehicle while on City business at the prevailing IRS rate. In order to receive reimbursement, the Deputy Chief shall complete and submit the appropriate travel form pursuant to City Policy.

### **Article 13 - Professional Development**

The City acknowledges that the Deputy Chief may be selected or asked to serve on County, State or Regional committees or boards that are related to the furthering of public fire safety or the causes or missions of the fire service in general, including but not limited to, the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission and Burn Foundation. The City acknowledges that such service shall be considered part of the Deputy Chief's regular job duties and that they play a positive role for the Fire Department and the City.

**Article 14 - Legal Aid**

Whenever the Deputy Chief is a defendant or named in any legal action or legal proceeding arising out of and directly or indirectly related to the exercise of his duties in the capacity of Deputy Chief for the City Fire Department or otherwise acting in an official capacity for the City, the Deputy Chief shall be entitled to full legal representation as mutually agreed upon by the parties. The City will be responsible for the cost of this legal representation.

**Article 15 - Vacations**

- §1. The Deputy Chief shall receive 216 vacation leave hours annually, for his continuous service with the City, except as otherwise provided herein.
- §2. Where in any calendar year, vacation leave or any part thereof is not granted nor taken due to pressure of Fire Department business, as determined and approved by the appropriate authority, such vacation leave shall accumulate and may be taken during the next succeeding calendar year only.
- §3. Vacation pay will be granted to the Deputy Chief upon termination of his employment. The number of hours to be paid will be the proportional number as accrued during the year of termination. The rate of vacation pay shall be based on the Deputy Chief's regular rate of base pay.

**Article 16 - Holiday Pay**

The Deputy Chief shall receive the following paid holidays off at straight time:

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| New Year's Day         | Labor Day              |
| Martin Luther King Day | Columbus Day           |
| President's Day        | Veteran's Day          |
| Good Friday            | General Election Day   |
| Memorial Day           | Thanksgiving Day       |
| <b>Juneteenth</b>      | Day After Thanksgiving |
| Independence Day       | Christmas Day          |

- 1. A paid holiday shall begin at 0000 (midnight) of the official observed day, which may be the actual holiday or the weekday closest to any holiday falling on a weekend.
- 2. If the Deputy Chief works for any reason on a paid holiday he will not receive any additional compensation.
- 3. Paid holidays that are observed while the Deputy Chief is on vacation leave shall not be counted as a vacation leave.

**Article 17 - Personal Leave**

The Deputy Chief shall receive 32 personal leave hours annually. Personal leave shall not accumulate from year to year.

### **Article 18 - Funeral Leave**

- §1. The Deputy Chief shall receive leave with pay for up to a maximum of five days in the event of the death of the Deputy Chief's spouse, domestic partner, son, daughter, mother, father, step-mother, step-father, or step-child.
- §2. The Deputy Chief shall receive leave with pay for up to a maximum of three days in the event of the death of the Deputy Chief's grandfather, grandmother, sister, brother, father in law, mother in-law, son in-law, daughter in-law, brother in-law, sister in-law, grandchildren or step family members. Should funeral services for the deceased hereunder be held more than 500 miles away from the City of Vineland, then such funeral leave shall be for a maximum of five days.
- §3. To be eligible for funeral leave, the Deputy Chief must attend the funeral service.

### **Article 19 - Sick Leave**

- §1. Service Credit for Sick Leave. The Deputy Chief shall be entitled to sick leave with pay as specified hereunder:
- A. Sick leave for purposes herein is defined to mean absence from work of the Deputy Chief because of personal illness by reason of which the Deputy Chief is unable to perform the usual duties of the position. Sick leave may be used by the Deputy Chief when unable to work because of:
1. Personal illness or injury.
  2. Exposure to contagious disease.
  3. Care, for a reasonable period of time of a seriously ill member of the Deputy Chief's immediate family. "Immediate family" is defined by N.J.A.C. 4A: 1-1.3 as employee's spouse, child legal ward, grandchild, foster child, father, mother, legal guardian, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, father in law, mother-in-law, and other relatives residing in the employee's household. The City also recognizes step-father and step-mother to be part of the immediate family or other near relative.
  4. Death in the Deputy Chief's immediate family for a maximum of three days.
- B. If the Deputy Chief is incapacitated and unable to work because of an injury sustained in the performance of his duties, as evidenced by a certificate of a City designated physician or other physician acceptable to the City, he shall be granted in addition to annual sick leave with pay or any accumulations thereof, leave of absence with pay for a period of eight months or so much thereof as may be required, as evidenced by certificate of a City designated/acceptable physician but not longer than a period of which worker's compensation temporary disability payments are allowed.

If at the end of such eight month period the Deputy Chief is unable to return to duty, a certificate from the City designated/accepted physician shall be presented, certifying to this fact, and the Deputy Chief may elect if he so desires, to use all or any part of the sick leave accumulated to supplement compensation payments so that the combined compensation payments and sick leave and allowance will approximate the Deputy Chief's regular basic wage.



During the period in which the full salary or wages of the Deputy Chief on disability leave is paid by the City, any compensation payments made to or received by or on behalf of the Deputy Chief shall be deducted from the amount carried on the payroll for the Deputy Chief or shall be assigned to the City by the insurance carrier or the Deputy Chief.

Whenever the City designated physician acceptable to the City shall report in writing that the Deputy Chief is fit for duty, such disability leave shall terminate and the Deputy Chief shall forthwith report for duty.

Furthermore, if the Deputy Chief, during the period of his disability is fit to perform "other" light duties, the City may, at its discretion, allow or require the Deputy Chief to perform these light duties. The Deputy Chief's ability to perform such light duties shall be determined by a City designated physician acceptable to the City. The Deputy Chief, if authorized to report on "light duty", shall do so.

The Deputy Chief while on injury leave resulting from injury while on duty shall continue to accrue sick leave credits while he remains on the payroll.

- §2. Amount of Sick Leave. The Deputy Chief shall receive 120 sick leave hours annually, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4A:6-1.3, as long as the Deputy Chief remains actively employed. If the Deputy Chief is separated from employment, the 120 hours shall be prorated at 10 hours for each full month of employment.

Any sick leave not used in any calendar year shall accumulate to the Deputy Chief's credit from year to year to be used if and when needed for such purpose.

- §3. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave. Notification will be done in accordance with Fire Department rules and regulations.
- §4. Verification of Sick Leave. The Deputy Chief may be required to submit medical evidence substantiating the illness from a physician acceptable to the City when the Deputy Chief is absent on sick leave for five or more consecutive days, 10 or more days in one calendar year or whenever there is reason to believe that the Deputy Chief is abusing sick leave. The City may also require the Deputy Chief to be examined by a physician designated and paid for by the City.
- a. In case of a leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required prior to the Deputy Chief's return to work.
  - b. The City may require the Deputy Chief who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition of return to work, to be examined at the expense of the City, by a physician designated by the City. Such examination shall establish whether the Deputy Chief is capable of performing his duties and that his return will not jeopardize the health of other employees.
- §5. Payment of Accrued Sick Leave at Death. The City will pay upon the death of the Deputy Chief, if active on the payroll, 50% of all accrued and unused sick leave pay up to a maximum of \$15,000.

#### **Article 20 - Uniform Maintenance Allowance**

This benefit has been eliminated through negotiations.

## Article 21 - Retirement

For purposes of this Article, retirement shall mean an approved pension documented by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, Department of Treasury. Pensions can be in the form of service retirement, early retirement options, special retirement, veterans retirement, ordinary disability and accidental disability retirement.

1. The Deputy Chief retiring either on the regular pension or disability shall be paid for all accumulated vacation and compensatory time.
2. In case of death of the Deputy Chief, there shall be paid to the widow, beneficiary or estate, the amount or amounts due for any and all unused vacation, compensatory time coming and pay period due.
3. At retirement, the City shall pay the Deputy Chief 50% of all accrued and unused sick leave up to a maximum of \$15,000.
4. This supplemental compensation payment shall be computed at the rate of one-half (1/2) accumulated unused sick days multiplied by the Deputy Chief's daily rate of pay which is based upon the average annual base compensation received during the last year of his employment, prior to the effective date of retirement, provided however, that no such lump sum supplemental compensation payment shall exceed the amounts as specified above.
5. Payment shall be made promptly if funds are available, but not later than one month after the final adoption of the City budget for the year succeeding the effective date of retirement of the Deputy Chief.

The Deputy Chief shall receive supplemental compensation payment for sick leave as indicated above in the year of retirement if the City is notified in July preceding the fiscal budget year which begins the following January. Payment will be computed in accordance with City Ordinance No. 90-74 and paid in accordance with said original Ordinance No. 1005 and the amendments thereto, including No. 90-74, if advance notice is not provided as above stated.

## Article 22 - Health Benefits

- §1. The City shall provide health insurance to the Deputy Chief and his eligible dependents subject to any employee contribution or co-pay as required by New Jersey law. The Deputy Chief may transfer from plan to plan during open enrollment. The benefits are more specifically provided for and explained in a brochure available to employees. The Deputy Chief will be subject to any co-payment established by the medical coverage selected by the employee. The City retains the unilateral right to select the insurance carrier or to be self-insured for the provision of any health benefits, so long as the overall level of benefits or administrative procedures is substantially similar to the plans and coverages provided from time to time under the current plan.

**The City shall provide, as the base plan, the State Health Benefits Plan, New Jersey Horizon Direct 15/25 Plan. In the event the Deputy Chief chooses a plan with a higher premium, the Deputy Chief shall pay the difference in the premium between the NJ Direct 15/25 Plan and the plan selected. No reimbursements or compensation will be paid in the event the Deputy Chief chooses a plan with a lower premium than the NJ Direct 15/25 Plan.**

§2. The City shall provide a generic prescription plan to the Deputy Chief and his eligible dependents subject to any employee contribution or co-pay as required by New Jersey law. A federally approved generic equivalent, if available, will be dispensed for name brand unless the Deputy Chief's physician specifically requires name brand. If the Deputy Chief receives name brand when generic is available, the Deputy Chief shall pay the cost difference between the name brand and generic, except if the attending physician specifies no substitute for name brand. This cost will not be applied to the Deputy Chief's deductible. The co-pays are as follows:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Name brand, including mail-order</u> | <u>Generic, including mail-order</u> |
| \$25.00                                 | \$15.00                              |

§3. Upon retirement, the Deputy Chief shall receive the same prescription coverage as active employees, which may change from time to time, until the Deputy Chief:

- a. Obtains employment having prescription coverage comparable to active employees. However, the retired Deputy Chief may re-enroll in the City prescription program given to active employees should said employment cease; or
- b. Becomes eligible for a federal or state prescription program, such as Medicare.

§4. The Deputy Chief and his eligible dependents shall receive a basic dental care plan and choose from among a customary Delta 50/50 Dental Plan, Delta-Flagship Health Systems, Inc. or Delta Preferred Provider Option, or their successors.

§5. If the Deputy Chief should go on an approved Leave of Absence, he shall be responsible for his share of the payment of said health benefits in accordance with City Policy.

§6. The Deputy Chief shall pay a cost contribution for Health Insurance Plan coverage's in accordance with P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, Pension and Health Benefit Reform Law adopted June 28, 2011. Payments shall be made by the way of withholdings from the Deputy Chief's payroll checks. The City shall establish and adopt a Section 125 Plan so that said contribution would be 'pre-tax'. **Specifically, the Deputy Chief shall contribute a percentage of the premium as follows:**

| Salary Range     | Single | Member/Spouse/Partner<br>& Parent/Child | Family |
|------------------|--------|---|--------|
| 110,000 and over | 35.00% | 35.00%                                  | 35.00% |

§7. The Deputy Chief, if he so chooses, may waive all, or a portion, of the health benefits provided by this Agreement. In the event of a waiver, a waiver fee will be paid to the employee as follows:

|                                  |                |                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                                  | <u>Medical</u> | <u>Prescription</u> |
| Family Coverage Incentive:       | \$1,500        | \$1,000             |
| Husband/Wife Coverage Incentive: | \$1,300        | \$650               |
| Parent/Child Coverage Incentive: | \$1,400        | \$650               |
| Single Coverage Incentive:       | \$750          | \$400               |

The waiver incentive shall be considered a supplemental pay and subject to a flat tax in accordance with IRS rules. The City's policy to allow employees to waive coverage and the amount of the incentive is not negotiable and is subject to change from time to time. The City also reserves the right to discontinue the waiver payment at any time. In addition, in the event spouses or civil union partners are

both employed by the City, health insurance coverages provided herein, including but not limited to the Prescription Plan, shall be afforded to only one designated spouse with the other spouse covered as a family member. Further, eligible children can only be covered by one participating subscriber. No waiver payment shall be paid to any employee whose spouse or civil union partner is also employed by the City and receives his/her health insurance from the City.

### **Article 23 - Random Drug Testing**

Any random drug testing administered by the Fire Department shall maintain the privacy of the Deputy Chief's personal information via a sealed envelope and comply with all applicable law, notably the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Confidentiality Act, as well as NJ Attorney General Guidelines and City Policy.

### **Article 24 - Salary**

The Deputy Chief's annual base salary shall be as effective as follows:

- **January 1, 2022:** \$134,556.
- **Upon signature of this Agreement:** \$142,500.\*
- **January 1, 2023:** \$150,000.
- **January 1, 2024:** \$155,000.

**\* There shall be no retroactivity of wage increases. The Payroll Office will endeavor to process wage increases as quickly as possible.**

Grade Multiplier has been eliminated through negotiations.

Compensation for the attainment of college credits has been eliminated through negotiations.

### **Article 25 - Pay Period**

**The City shall, in its discretion, pay the Deputy Chief weekly or bi-weekly on the applicable Friday provided that weekly or bi-weekly pay is instituted for all City employees and 60 days' notice is given to the Deputy Chief. Should the payroll office be scheduled for closure on a Friday, paychecks shall be issued on the preceding day.**

**Article 26 - Term of Agreement**

This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of **January 1, 2022** and shall remain in effect to, and including **December 31, 2024**. This Agreement will remain in force until such time as it is re-negotiated by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers the day and year first above written.

By:

City of Vineland

Deputy Chief of Fire

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Cifaloglio

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk