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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

#### KING COUNTY DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

#### MEMORANDUM

The Honorable John D. Spellman, County Executive T0:

FROM: Albert G. Ross, Personnel Manager

SUBJECT: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The signatory organizations hereto and the County Negotiating Team, having completed the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement, hereby recommend it for approval by the County Council by Ordinance and for your signature.

Operating Engineers Local 302

Albert G. Ross, Chairman County Negotiating Committee

Local 131

Boilermakers Local 104

Plumbers Local

Teamsters Local 882

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# AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS AND KING COUNTY

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These articles constitute an agreement, terms of which have been negotiated in good faith, between the King County

Labor Negotiating Team and the signatory organization subscribing thereto. This Agreement shall be subject to approval by Ordinance by the County Council of King County, Washington.

#### ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to promote the continued improvement of the relationship between King County and its employees by providing a uniform basis for implementing the right of public employees to join organizations of their own choosing, and to be represented by such organizations in matters concerning their employment relations with King County, and to set forth the wages, hours, and other working conditions of such employees in appropriate bargaining units provided the County has authority to act on such matters and further provided the matter has not been delegated to any civil service commission or personnel board similar in scope, structure and authority as defined in Chapter 108, Extraordinary Session, 1967, Laws of the State of Washington.

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Section 1. The County Council recognizes the signatory organization as representing their members whose job classifications are listed in Article VII hereof.

Section 2. It shall be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this agreement who are members of the Union in good standing on the effective date of this agreement shall remain members in good standing and those who are not members on the effective date of this agreement shall, on the thirtieth day following the effective date of this agreement, become and remain members in good standing in the Union. It shall also be a condition of employment that all employees covered by this agreement and hired or assigned into the bargaining unit on or after its effective date shall, on the thirtieth day following the beginning of such employment, become and remain members in good standing in the signatory organization.

Provided however, that nothing contained in this section shall require an employee to join said Union who can substantiate that there exists bona fide religious tenets or teachings of a church or religious body of which the employee is a member, in which case an amount of money equivalent to regular union dues and initiation fee shall be paid to a non-religious charity or to another charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the public employee affected and the bargaining representative to which such public employee would otherwise pay the dues and initiation fee. The public employee shall furnish proof that such payment has been made.

All initiation fees and dues paid either to the Union or 1-79

or charity shall be for non-political purposes.

Section 3. Dues deduction. Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by a bargaining unit employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount of dues as certified by the secretary of the signatory organization and shall transmit the same to the treasurer of the signatory organization.

The signatory organization will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any claims made and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues for the signatory organization. The signatory organization agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error on account of the check-off provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

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(1) The union recognizes the prerogatives of King County to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities and powers of authority.

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(2) King County Management has the right to schedule overtime work as required and consistent with requirements of public employment.

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(3) It is understood by the parties that every incidental duty connected with operations enumerated in job descriptions is not always specifically described.

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(4) King County reserves the right to discipline and discharge for just cause. King County reserves the right to lay off personnel for lack of work or funds; or for the occurrence of conditions beyond the control of King County; or when such continuation of work would be wasteful and unproductive. King County shall have the right to determine reasonable schedules of work and to establish the methods and processes by which such

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work is performed.

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shall be construed as delegating to others or as reducing or abridging the following management responsibility:

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a. The responsibility of the Office of Personnel for determining classification, status and tenure of employees, establishing rules, initiating promotions

(5) No policies or procedures covered in this agreement

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and disciplinary actions and certifying payrolls.

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The responsibility of department heads governed by charter provisions, ordinances, and Administrative

Procedures and Rules of Career Service Employees

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1 which include, but are not limited to the following: 2 1. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take other 3 disciplinary action against employees for just cause; 5 To relieve employees from duties because of lack 2. 6 of work, lack of funds, or for disciplinary 7 reasons; 3. To determine methods, means, and employees 8 9 necessary for departmental operations; 4. 10 To control the departmental budget; and 11 5. To take whatever actions are necessary in 12 emergencies in order to assure the proper 13 functioning of the department. (6) Nothing in this contract shall be construed to delete, 14 add, or restrict any provision of the King County Charter. Any 15 16 provision or part thereto of this contract shall be void if found to be in conflict with the King County Charter. 17 The County will not aid, promote, or finance any labor 18 group or organization purporting to engage in collective bargain-19 ing or make any agreement with any such group or organization 20 which would violate any rights of the union under this contract. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

ARTICLE IV: HOLIDAYS

Section 1. All employees shall be granted the following holidays with pay:

New Year's Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving

January 1st
February 12th
Third Monday in February
Last Monday in May
July 4th
First Monday in September
November 11th
Fourth Thursday in November
Friday following the fourth
Thursday in November
December 25th

Christmas Day

and any day designated by public proclamation of the chief executive of the state as a legal holiday.

Section 2. Whenever a holiday falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday shall be observed as the holiday, and any holiday falling on a Saturday shall be observed on the preceding Friday.

Section 3. Work performed on holidays shall be paid at one and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  times the regular rate in addition to the regular holiday pay.

Section 4. Whenever a holiday occurs during an employee's regularly scheduled day off, such employee shall receive compensation for the holiday on the basis of eight (8) hours of the employee's straight time rate.

Each employee shall receive two (2) additional personal holidays to be administered through the vacation plan. One day shall be added to accrued vacation on the first of October and on the first of November of each year. These days can be used in the same manner as any vacation day earned.

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Regular, full-time employees shall receive Section 1. vacation benefits as indicated in the following talbe:

Years of Continuous	Monthly Vaca-	Equivalent Annual	Max. Vacation
Service	tion Credit	Vacation Credit	Accum. Allowed
Upon completion of one (1) year of service		(80 hours) 10 days	
More than one (1) but less than three (3) years of contin- uous service	(6.66 hours) .833 days	(80 hours) 10 days	(160 hours) 20 days
Less than twelve (12) years of continuous service; more than three (3) years of continuous service	(10 hours)	(120 hours)	(240 hours)
	1.25 days	15 days	30 days
Twelve (12) years or more of continuous service and over	(13.33 hours)	(160 hours)	(320 hours)
	1.66 days	20 days	40 days

For purposes of this section, one (1) day of vacation pay shall be computed as 1/26 of the employee's annual salary in effect at the time of vacation or upon termination, and for payroll purposes, a year shall be considered to contain 2,080 hours. (Thereby annual salary divided by 2,080 will result in the hourly rate for purposes of this section.)

Vacation accrual shall date from the first of the month following the month in which the employee commenced such continu-If such commencement date was the first working day ous service. of the month, the year of service for vacation purposes shall date from the first of the month in which the service began.

Section 2. After six (6) months of full-time service a regular employee may, at the department head's discretion, be permitted to use up to one-half of the accruing vacation

(40 hours) as an essential extention of used sick leave. If an employee does not work a full 12 months, any vacation credit used for sick leave must be reimbursed to the County upon termination.

Section 3. The department head shall be responsible for scheduling the vacation of employees in such a manner as to achieve the most efficient functioning of the department of the County service. No person shall be permitted to work for compensation for the County in any capacity during the time of his paid vacation from the County service.

Section 4. Any person separating from County service who has not taken his earned vacation, if any, shall receive the hourly equivalent of his salary for each hour of earned vacation based on the pay rate in effect for each person on the last day actually worked. When separation is caused by death of an employee, payment shall be made to the estate of such employee, or in applicable cases, as provided by Chapter II, R.C.W. A person receiving pay in lieu of unused vacation may not be re-employed by King County in any capacity until a number of working days equal to the number of days paid vacation has elapsed following the effective date of separation. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as preventing a department head from filling a position vacated by separation immediately following the effective date of separation.

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- (1) Every regular, full-time employee shall accrue sick leave benefits at the rate of one work day for each month in County service, except that no employee shall earn sick leave credit during a calendar month in which he is absent without authorization or in which he is absent without pay more than three working days.
- (2) Every employee holding a regular part-time position shall accrue sick leave with pay in proportion to the relationship his basic work week bears to forty (40) hours. No such employee shall earn sick leave credit during a calendar month in which he is absent without pay more than 15% of the regularly scheduled working hours for the position.
  - (3) Extra help employees shall not accrue sick leave.
- (4) Sick leave may be applied to absence caused by illness or injury of an employee. Sick leave may be used for medical, dental, or ocular appointments when absence during working hours for this purpose is authorized by the department head. In any instance involving use of a fraction of days sick leave, the minimum charge to the employee's sick leave account shall be one hour. The department head shall be responsible for control or abuse of the sick leave privilege. The employee may be required to furnish a certificate issued by a licensed physician or other satisfactory evidence of illness to the appointing authority.
- (5) An employee who enters the service of King County as a regular employee shall begin earning sick leave dating from the first of the month following the month in which the employee 1-79

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commenced continuous service, unless such eommencement date was the first working day of a month, in which case, the first day of sick leave accrual shall date from the first of the month in which the service began.

(6) Family Care and Death. Not more than three days of sick leave annually may be granted to an employee for absence due to care of or attendance to members of his immediate family when death is imminent. Not more than three days of sick leave may be granted to an employee for each absence due to death of members of his immediate family. In the event a holiday or regular day off falls within the said three days, it shall not be charged to sick leave. Immediate family is defined in Number 10 below.

Regular full-time employees shall be entitled to three (3) working days bereavement leave a year due to death of members of their immediate family.

- (7) Sick leave shall not be used in lieu of vacation, but vacation or compensatory time off may be used in lieu of sick leave, after accrued sick leave has been exhausted.
- No County employee shall be entitled to sick leave while absent from duty due to the following causes:
  - Disability arising from any sickness or injury а. purposely inflicted or caused by willful misconduct.
  - Sickness or disability sustained while on leave of b. absence without pay.
  - Inability to properly perform required duties С. because of intemperance or intoxication (not to be construed as alcoholism).

- (9) Termination of an employee's continuous service, except by reason of temporary lay-off for lack of work or funds, shall cancel all sick leave accrued to the time of such termination. Should the employee resign in good standing and return to County employment within one year, he shall have his accrued sick leave restored. No payment shall be made to any employee for unused sick leave accumulated to his credit at the time of termination of employment, regardless of the reason therefore, except as provided for in Article XVII. The date of termination of employment shall be considered as the date ce-tified by the department head as the last day worked and shall not include the equivalent time involved in any overtime or vacation payoff made at the time of termination. The provisions of this rule include termination of service by death.
- (10) For the purpose of this section, the member of the immediate family is construed to mean persons related by blood or marriage or legal adoption as follows: grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, or sister of the employee or any relative continually living in the employee's household. Other distant relatives who have resided in the home for at least one year shall also be construed as being members of the immediate family.
- (11) Hospitalization of a member of the immediate family is a valid reason for sick leave under the following conditions:

Up to one day's absence may be authorized for the employee to be at the hospital on the day of an operation, on the day of the birth of his child or in the event of critical illness of a member of the immediate family.

- (12) Sick leave because of an employee's physical incapacity will not be approved when the injury or illness is directly traceable to employment other than with the County of King.
- (13) Employees who use sick leave as a result of alcoholism must produce proof of seeking and receiving treatment for alcoholism in a recognized and approved alcoholic treatment center. King County reserves the right to specify the alcoholic treatment center.

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, 1	ARTICLE VII: CLASSIFICATION & WAGE RATES					
2	Wage rates shall be in accordance with the job classifica-					
3	tions as	listed below:		•		
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6		Public Works	Per	Hour		-
7	6133	Auto. Mach. I	\$10.8661	(\$11.9527)	2nd	shift
8	6127	Machinist	\$10.8661	(\$11.9527)	2nd	shift
9	6135	Auto.Mach.II (Foreman)	\$11.2558	(\$12.3813)	2nd	shift
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11		CARPENTERS LU 13	31			
12		Public Works and Facilit	ties			
13	6101	Carpenter I	\$ 9.8061		• .	
14	6103	Carpenter II (Foreman)	\$10.3908			
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16	et i	BOILERMAKERS LU	104			
17		Public Works				•
18	6125	Welder	\$11.0298			
19		Welder (Foreman)	\$11.4195			
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21		IBEW LU 46				
22		Public Works and Facilit	ies			
23	6121	Electrician I	\$13.0801			
24	6123	Electrician II(Foreman)	\$14.2883			
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2		Public Works
3	6046	Equipment Op. I \$10.7649 - \$12.1756 (35 hr)
5		Screedman Steelroller Sweeperman
6		Front End Loader (under 2½ yds) Bulldozer (under D-9) Aggregate Spreader and/or Belt Loader
8	6047	Equipment Op. II \$10.9364 - \$12.4711 (35 hr)
9		Backhoe
10		Crane-Truck Bulldozer D-9 Shovel
11		Front End Loader (2½ - 4 yds) Rotary Snow Plow
12		Grader (over 10 tons - Model 12 or similar) Refuse Compactor (over 20 tons)
- 13		Tournapull Scraper Slope Mower
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15	6021	Oiler Equipment Service \$10.6246
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17		PAINTERS LU 5
18		Public Works and Facilities
19	6107	Painter I \$ 9.7124
20	6111	Sign Painter \$ 9.7124
21	6112	Striping & Marking Painter \$ 9.7124
22	6109	Painter II (Foreman) \$10.2970
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25		PLUMBERS LO 32
26		<u>Facilities</u>
27	6117	Plumber I \$13.1346
28	6119	Steamfitter I \$13.1346
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3	6001	Utility Worker Hire-in \$8.3664 After 6 mos.	\$ 8.7848
4	6005	Utility Lead	\$10.1025
5	6007	Utility Worker (Airport)	\$ 9.0733
6 _	6021	Garage Service (Outside)	\$10.6246
7		Summer Help \$5.44/hr No Benefits	

1980 and 1981 rates shall be determined in accordance with the established formula using A.G.C. rates or equivalent where applicable.

ARTICLE VIII: HOURS OF WORK & OVERTIME

## Section 1. Hours of Work.

A. The standard work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive standard work days not to exceed eight (8) hours each, and not to exceed forty (40) hours per week, Monday through Friday inclusive.

The working hours of each day shall normally be between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., for which the regular hourly rate shall be paid as set forth in Article VII of this agreement. No employee shall have his work-week schedule altered for the purpose of avoiding the payment of overtime. No employee shall be required to work on his scheduled day off in lieu of his scheduled work day. Nothing herein shall, be construed as meaning that any employee shall receive overtime pay for Saturday or Sunday work unless such work is performed according to Section IV of this Article.

B. On a multiple shift operation with the first shift starting time no later than 7:00 a.m., eight (8) hours of continuous employment, exclusive of lunch period, shall constitute a full shift. The pay or such full shift shall be eight (8) times the basic hourly rate as set forth in Article VII. On the second shift, commencing no later than 3:30 p.m., eight (8) hours of continuous employment, exclusive of lunch period, shall constitute a full shift and shall be paid for at eight (8) times the regular hourly wage rate plus ten percent (10%) as set forth in Article VII.

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Section 2. Schedules. The supervisors and foremen may change the scheduled hours and provide special schedules for special operations, such as snow removal, flood control, and sanding operations, and other special schedules such as watchmen or other personnel on special activities.

Section 3. Special Schedules. Normally at least eight (8) hours advance notice shall be given the employee prior to the commencement of a special schedule or shift change, except in the case where snow removal, flood control, or sanding operations may be anticipated, in which case an "alert" or "standby" status advance warning is sufficient.

## Section 4. Overtime.

- A. Employees on a five (5) day schedule shall be compen sated at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for time worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week, or on a holiday recognized in this agreement (in addition to the holiday pay therefore).
- B. There shall be no practice of compensatory time off except by written mutual agreement between the employee and the employer. In accordance with State Law all requests for compensatory time in lieu of cash payment for overtime must be initialed by the employee. Compensatory time shall be earned at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate.
- C. All overtime shall be authorized in advance by the department head or his designee in writing, except in emergencies. Saturday and Sunday work is not overtime when it is a regularly scheduled work day for the individual crew.

D. Call-Out: A minimum of four (4) hours at overtime rate shall be allowed for each call-out. Where such overtime exceeds four (4) hours, the actual hours worked shall be allowed at overtime rates.

E. Emergency Work: Emergency work at other than the normal scheduled working hours, or special scheduled working hours not enumerated in this Article shall be credited as such, and will be compensated as overtime. In the event this overtime work is accomplished prior to the normal working hours and the employee subsequently works his regular shift, his regular shift shall be compensated at regular time.

Section 5. Standby. Employees assigned to standy status on non-duty days, by written authority of the Division Manager, shall be entitled to four (4) hours pay at the overtime rate (1½ pro rata). Any work performed on non-duty days while on standy status shall be compensated at the overtime rate for actual time worked.

Section 6. Shift Selection. "In multiple shift operations, bargaining unit seniority shall govern in shift selection, provided however that the employee must be capable of performing the work required of the position. When a vacancy occurs in either shift, employees will also be allowed a choice based upon bargaining unit seniority" and capability of performing the work of the vacant position.

ARTICLE IX: MEDICAL, DENTAL & LIFE PLAN

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King County presently has in effect group medical, dental, and life insurance plans for its employees, and agrees to maintain participation in the plans as determined by the insurance committee or its successor.

## ARTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS

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Any employee elected or appointed to a union office which requires a part or all of his time shall be given leave of absence without pay upon application.

All employees who have authorization to use their own transportation on County business shall be reimbursed at the curent rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile.

All County Road and River Improvement employees shall be allowed pay from time of reporting to a designated head-quarters and shall end when employee returns from the field to such headquarters.

Seniority lists, established in accordance with the provisions of Article XII: Seniority, shall be posted in the applicable work areas twice each year.

#### ARTICLE XI: SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The right to process and settle grievances is wholly, to the exclusion of any other means available, dependent upon the provisions of this article. The Union and Employer agree to act promptly and fairly in all grievances.

The term "Board" and/or "Board of Adjustment" Definition: as used in the Article shall be limited in its use as set forth in Step 2 hereof and shall not be construed so as to mean the "King County Personnel Board".

The existing wage structures are not to be subjected to the provisions of this Article for determination or alteration.

The Union shall not be required to press employee grievances if, in the Union's opinion, such lack merit. With respect to the processing, disposition and/or settlement of any grievance, including hearings and final decision of Boards of Adjustment and/or Arbitrators, the Union shall be the exclusive representative of the employee(s) covered.

Employees, whether Union members or not, shall have no independent unilateral privilege or right to invoke grievance procedures or to complain against the Union for failing or refusing to do so unless the Union is guilty of arbitrary or wrongful conduct and/or bad faith in its responsibilities of fair representation.

The processing, disposition and/or settlement by and between the Union and the Employer of any grievance or other matter shall, except as in the preceding paragraph provided, be

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absolute and final and binding on the Union and its members, the employee(s) involved and the Employer. Likewise, as to hearings and the final decisions of a Board of Arbitration.

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A Board of Arbitration shall have no power to add to or subtract from or to disregard, modify or otherwise alter any terms of this or any other agreement(s) between the Union and Employer or to negotiate new agreements. Board and/or Arbitrator powers are limited to interpretations of an a decision concerning appropriate application of the terms of this Agreement or other existing pertinent agreement(s), if any. Board and Arbitrator decisions shall be subject to provisions of applicable existing laws, including Court and NLRB decisions, and executive or administrative orders and/or regulations. Executive or administrative policies shall also prevail unless in conflict with this Agreement.

Failure to abide the final decision of a Board or Arbitrator shall be a violation of this Agreement. The Union or Employer may, if deemed expedient, seek Court enforcement of any final decision of a Board or Arbitrator. If either the Employer or Union fails, refuses or neglects to abide a final decision of a Board or Arbitrator, the Employer or Union may take any lawful economic action deemed advisable either in lieu of seeking Court enforcement or contemporary therewith.

STEP ONE. Should a matter coming to the knowledge of the Union or Employer, give rise to a grievance, such shall be submitted to the Union, by the Employer, or to the Employer by

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the Union, within ten (10) days. The submission must be in writing. The Union and Employer shall thereafter forthwith diligently seek to readh a fair informal settlement within three (3) working days of this submission.

STEP TWO: If an informal settlement is not reached pursuant to the three day provision of Step One, the matter shall, thereafter, within ten (10) days, be submitted, in writing, to the Union by the Employer or to the Employer by the Union with a request for a Board of Adjustment hearing. Within five (5) days of this submission and request the Board shall be created. Such shall consist of two appointees by the Union and two by the Employer. The Board shall have, except as herein otherwise provided, jurisdiction for the duration of the grievance. Compensation costs, fees or other remuneration, if any, for Board members must be derived solely from the appointing party. Board members, by acceptance of their appointments, agree to the provisions of this Article.

STEP THREE. The Board must hold hearing within ten (10) days of its creation. The hearing shall not be public. The Union and the Employer may be represented as desired and each may have a reporter, if desired.

The Union and Employer shall each have the privilege of making an opening statement, such may be oral or typewritten and may be made by Board members. The Union and Employer must be accorded a fair and reasonable opportunity to be heard, present

evidence, both documentary, including affidavits, and oral by Board members or others and also afforded liberal examination and cross-examination privileges in order to fully and accurately develop the facts. The Employer shall, when requested by a Board member and when practicable, make employees available as witnesses without loss of pay. Witnesses shall be free of restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal. The Board may, from time to time, by majority vote, provide reasonable continuances and postponements of the hearing(s) as deemed appropriate. 

If the Board is able to reach a majority decision it shall within fourteen (14) days of termination of the hearing(s) render a final typewritten decision. Such shall be dated and subscribed by all concurring Board members and a notation made of the dissenter, if any. The decision shall contain orderly and concise Findings of Fact. Copies, in duplicate, of all final decisions shall be forthwith forwarded to the Union and Employer and the original shall be delivered to the Union for filing and preservation.

In the event of death or other disqualification or unavailability of a member of the Board of Adjustment, a replacement may be made consistent with initial appointment provisions.

STEP FOUR: If within two (2) working days of termination of the hearing(s) provided in Step Three, the Board has failed to agree on disposition, the matter may, by majority vote of

the Board, be submitted to Arbitration. If the Board agrees on arbitration it may, by majority vote, select an Arbitrator. The Employer and Union may not take economic action commensurable with arbitration. If agreement to arbitrate is not reached or, if reached, the Board is unable to agree upon an Arbitrator, The Union and/or Employer may take any lawful economic action deemed expedient. EXCEPTION: Matters involving discharges, not otherwise settled, must be submitted to arbitration.

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STEP FIVE: If a majority of the Board agree on arbitration and select an Arbitrator, then within ten (10) days of his selection, unless otherwise agreed, the Arbitrator shall hold a hearing. The hearing shall not be public. The Arbitrator shall afford the Union and the Employer liberal rights to present evidence, exhibitory, documentary (including affidavits) and by witnesses, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses. The Union and Employer may be represented as individually desired and reporters with or without recorders, may be present. Upon the Arbitrator's or Union's request or Employer's desire, and when practicable, the Employer shall make employees available as witnesses. All employee witnesses shall be free of restraint. interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal, and, in wages, shall be kept whole. The Arbitrator's jurisdiction shall endure to final decision, except as herein otherwise provided.

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STEP SIX: At the conclusion of the hearing(s) an oral decision may be rendered. Within fourteen (14) days of the termination of the hearing(s) the Arbitrator shall render his

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final typewritten decision which shall be dated and which shall include orderly and concise Findings of Fact. Copies of the final decision shall, in duplicate, be furnished the Union and Employer and the original shall be delivered to the Union for filing and preservation. The Arbitrator shall have power to and may, from time to time, provide reasonable continuances and postponements of the hearing(s) as deemed appropriate or as agreed by the Union and Employer.

Fees for Arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Union and Employer. If the Union and Employer agree that a shorthand, stenotype or other report should take the proceedings, the costs incidental thereto shall be shared equally and each shall have access to the record. If the Union or Employer provide their own separate means for recording the proceedings such shall not, as a matter or right, be available to the other.

In the event of death or other disqualification or unavailability of the Arbitrator, a replacement may be made consistent with initial Arbitrator appointment provisions and, in such event, no fee shall be due the displaced Arbitrator.

Arbitrators agree, by accepting the position of Arbitrator, to abide and be bound by the provisions of this Article.

#### ARTICLE XII: SENIORITY

- a. <u>Seniority</u> is defined as total length of service with King County, subject to conditions set forth in the agreement.
  - b. <u>Departmental Seniority</u> is defined as total length of service within the Department.
  - c. <u>Bargaining Unit Seniority</u> is defined as total length of service within the departmental bargaining unit.
  - d. <u>Bumping Rights</u> are those rights exercised by more senior employees over less senior employees in matters restricted to job retention within the departmental bargaining unit.
- 2) In the event of reduction-in force, bargaining unit seniority shall have greater weight than departmental seniority.
- 3) Where two or more employees have the same seniority within the bargaining unit, then departmental and, if required, King County seniority shall apply.
- 4) a. An employee shall be entitled to bargaining unit seniority when such employee shall have completed a probationary period of six (6) consecutive months in a bargaining unit covered by this agreement.
  - b. Seniority shall date back to the beginning of the six(6) month probationary period, upon completion of same.
  - c. Employees laid off during their six (6) month probationary period may be recalled to bargaining unit work within ninety (90) calendar days of their lay-off; and, thereupon, they shall be credited with all days previously worked for purposes of computing bargaining

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unit seniority as set forth in paragraph 4 b) hereof.

- 5) Seniority rights shall be forfeited for either of the following causes:
  - a. Discharge for any justifiable cause.
  - b. Resignation; except, that if an employee having completed the six (6) months probationary period is rehired within the bargaining unit within twelve (12) months of termination or resignation, that employee shall be credited with bargaining unit seniority credits existing on the last day worked.
- Employees shall not suffer a loss of bargaining unit seniority rights or accumulation of same during absence caused by
  industrial disability. An employee who is unable to work
  because of a non-work related injury or illness shall not
  accumulate seniority during such absence after that absence
  exceeds his service credits relative to sick leave and
  vacation benefits.
- 7) Employees on an approved leave of absence without pay shall not accumulate seniority credits during such absence.
- 8) When an employee is, or has been promoted or transferred from the bargaining unit to another job so as to be excluded from coverage by this agreement, such employee may be returned to the unit by the County and he shall resume his seniority which he has as of the date of promotion or transfer; except that such employees outside of the bargaining unit in excess of six (6) months shall not have bargaining unit division seniority restored upon their return to the bargaining unit.

9) Employees laid off shall be recalled in the inverse order of layoff; namely, those laid off last will be recalled first.

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# ARTICLE XIII: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The employer or the union shall not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, religion, nation origin, age or sex, except as otherwise provided by law.

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ARTICLE XIV: SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any part hereof or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or portion of this agreement shall not invalidate the remaining portions of this agreement hereof; provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties agree immediately to meet and negotiate such parts to provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section 1. The employer and the signatory organization agree that the public interest requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the signatory organization shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown, or refusal to perform any customarily assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bonafide, or other interference with County functions by employees under this agreement and should the same occur, the signatory organization agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employees in the bargaining unit shall be deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred contrary to the provisions of this agreement. Being absent without authorized leave shall be considered as an automatic resignation. Such a resignation may be rescinded by the department head if the employee presents satisfactory reasons for his absence within three (3) calendar days of the date his automatic resignation became effective.

Section 2. Upon notification in writing by the County to the signatory organization that any of its members are engaged in a work stoppage, the signatory organization shall immediately, in writing, order such members to immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of such order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of the signatory organization shall publicly

order such signatory organization employees to cease engaging in such a work stoppage.

Section 3. Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this section will be subject in accord with the County's Work Rules to the following action or penalties:

- 1. Discharge
- 2. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.

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ARTICLE XVI: WAIVER CLAUSE

The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this agreement. Therefore, the County and the signatory organization, for the duration of this agreement, each agrees to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this agreement.

## ARTICLE XVII: UNUSED SICK LEAVE

King County will reimburse those employees who have at least five (5) years service and retire as a result of length of service, or who terminate by death, twenty-five percent (25%) of their unused sick leave to a maximum of thirty (30) days. All payments shall be made in cash, based on employees base rate, and there shall be no deferred sick leave payments.

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#### ARTICLE XVIII: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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King County will maintain a self-insured form of unemployment compensation. The Unemployment Compensation will meet the following criteria:

- 1. Provide coverage for all full-time regular employees who have completed their probationary period: except that the foregoing does not include limited term employees.
- 2. Coverage will apply only to those employees who are laid off as a result of a reduction in work or funds.
- 3. Employees who are receiving compensation under this program must provide evidence of actively seeking employment.
- 4. The benefit will be the same as the State of Washington Unemployment Compensation, but shall be good for 26 weeks only (no extended benefits).
- 5. Employees who receive benefits under any other unemployment compensation program shall not be eligible to receive benefits from the King County self-insured program.

In the event of legislation being enacted that would require
King County to participate in a State regulated unemployment
compensation plan, the provisions of this Article will become
null and void.

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ARTICLE XIX: EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

Section 1. This agreement shall be effective commencing January 1, 1979, and shall continue in force and effect through December 31, 1981.

Section 2. Except by mutual written agreement, termination of this Agreement must, to the exclusion of all other methods, be perfected by giving written "Notice of Termination" not later than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date, whereupon the contract shall, on its expiration date, terminate. Effective termination eliminates automatic renewal.

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Section 3. Any "Notice of Opening" or "Notice of Termination" given less than sixty (60) days of any expiration date shall be absolutely null and void and completely in-effective for all purposes.

APPROVED this day toning SIGNATORY ORGANIZATIONS: Maleh L. Byun David McMally
District Council of Carpenters, Painters, Local 5

Operating Engineers, LU 302

Teamsters, (LU 882

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

#### KING COUNTY

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#### OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 302

This agreement shall become effective January 1, 1979, and shall continue in effect until midnight December 31, 1981, and establishes working conditions for Solid Waste Division

Operating Engineers assigned to a seven (7) on/seven (7) off schedule that differs from the construction crafts agreement.

In the event that the Solid Waste Division abandons the seven (7) on/seven (7) off schedule, then the provisions of this memorandum of agreement shall become null and void.

#### 1. RE: ARTICLE V: VACATIONS

For purposes of this agreement one (1) vacation day shall be charged as (10) hours of vacation.

#### 2. RE: ARTICLE VI: SICK LEAVE

For purposes of this agreement one (1) day of sick leave shall be charged as ten (10) hours of sick leave.

## 3. RE: ARTICLE VIII: HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

The standard work schedule shall consist of seven (7) consecutive work days of ten (10) hours each, exclusive of lunch periods, followed by seven (7) days off.

The working hours of each day shall normally be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., (ten (10) consecutive hours exclusive of lunch periods), for which the regular hourly rate shall be paid as set forth in Article VII.

Employees shall be required to work beyond ten (10) hours a day at the direction of their supervisor, and shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  for all time so worked.

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Employees called back to work on their regular day off will be paid at straight time for all hours worked, except that if the employee is required to work beyond the standard ten (10) hour shift, he will be compensated at time and one-half (13) for time so worked.

#### 4. RE: ARTICLE IV: HOLIDAYS

Employees on a "seven-on seven-off" work schedule shall not be entitled to holidays and holiday pay as set forth for employees on a regular five-on two-off schedule and in lieu thereof shall be entitled to three (3) holidays without reduction in pay, namely Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), Christmas Day (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1).

#### 5. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

All other provisions of the Construction Crafts Agreement not expressly amended by this memorandum of agreement shall apply and have full force and effect as though they were part of this memorandum.

30 day of January

King County Division of Personnel

Operating Engineers, Local 302