

# **Town of Georgia Personnel Policy**

## **Addendum – Negative Vacation Balance**

| Effective Date: |  |
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# **Purpose:**

To allow full-time employees the ability to take vacation time before it is accrued, within the limits and conditions described below.

## **Negative Vacation Balance Allowance**

- Full-time employees may be permitted to carry a negative vacation balance of up to 80 hours.
- Approval to enter a negative balance must be granted in advance by the employee's Department Head and the Selectboard/Library Board of Trustees (or designee).

#### **Repayment Upon Separation**

- If an employee leaves employment (voluntarily or involuntarily) with a negative vacation balance, the equivalent value of the negative hours will be withheld from the next payroll processed following separation.
- If the final paycheck is insufficient to cover the amount owed, the Town reserves the right to collect the remaining balance through any lawful means.

#### **General Provisions**

- Negative vacation hours are considered an advance of unearned time and are not guaranteed.
- The Town may deny requests based on operational needs or other factors.
- This addendum does not alter the existing vacation accrual schedule or other provisions of the vacation leave policy, except as stated herein.

| Approved by:  |
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| Kristina Senna-Chair Date:  |
| Brian Dunsmore Vice Chair Date:   |
| Kellie Bosenberg-Member Date:   |
| Paul Jansen-Member Date:  |
| Carl Rosenquiest-Member Date:   |
| Adoption History  |
| Agenda item at regular Town of Georgia Selectboard meeting held on,  2025.  |
| 2. Read and approved at regular/special Town of Georgia Selectboard meeting |
| on, 2025 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were              |
| approved on   |



# **EMPLOYEE NOTICE – Negative Vacation Time Policy**

Effective \_\_\_\_\_\_, full-time employees may be allowed to "borrow" vacation time before they have earned it.

### **Key Points:**

- You may borrow up to 80 hours of vacation time.
- You must get approval before taking the time from both your Department Head and the Selectboard/Library Board of Trustees (or designee).
- If you leave your job and still owe vacation hours:
  - The value of those hours will be taken from your final paycheck.
- If your paycheck is not enough to cover the balance, the Town may collect the remainder by other legal means.

This change does not affect how you earn vacation time — it only allows limited borrowing when approved.