



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/03/2022
ITEM NO: 15

DATE: April 27, 2022
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Approve an Amendment to the Classification Plan to Create a Flexibly Staffed Communications Dispatcher Job Series

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an amendment to the Classification Plan to create a flexibly staffed Communications Dispatcher job series.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Los Gatos Personnel Rules and Regulations (Section 4.4) and the Municipal Code (Section 2.30.925) require that amendments and revisions to the classification plan are effective upon approval by Town Council. Changes must be presented to Council for approval as part of the formal budget adoption, through the labor negotiations process, or as needed.

DISCUSSION:

The Town has an existing Communications Dispatcher classification series that was revised in August 2015. In the process of a recent review of the classification, it was determined that a flexibly staffed classification series would better meet the needs of the Police Department to provide a mechanism for succession planning and a career ladder for existing and future employees.

In accordance with the Town's existing Flexibly Staffed Classes procedure, flexible staffing is the alternate use of two or more classes in a designated series. Flexibly staffed classes allow Departments to hire at the entry-level and provide a career incentive as employees become proficient and gain more experience which ultimately benefits the Town through retention and reduced training time. Alternatively, Departments may hire new employees at the more advanced levels within the series depending on the complexity of assignments and experience needed when vacancies exist.

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DISCUSSION (continued):

The revised Communications Dispatcher series would contain the following classifications: Communications Dispatcher, Senior Communications Dispatcher, and Communications Dispatcher Lead. If approved, the Senior Communications Dispatcher would be added to the Salary Schedule for TEA Classifications (Attachment 1) with appropriate advances in salary ranges that have been calculated using external and internal compensation data to ensure equity.

Since this is a Town Employees' Association (TEA) represented classification, staff has met its obligation to meet and confer regarding the proposed classification and salary range changes.

CONCLUSION:

Staff is requesting the approval of an amendment to the classification plan to create a flexibly staffed series for the Communications Dispatcher classification that would result in the addition of Senior Communications Dispatcher to the plan. The Town's Personnel Rules and Municipal Code require Council approval of classification plan amendments. The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), that provides the Town's employee pension benefits, requires that any changes proposed to Town salary schedules are formally approved by a municipal agency governing body (Town Council).

FISCAL IMPACT:

If a vacancy occurs or the department chooses to promote an existing staff member, the cost will be absorbed into the Department's existing operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachment:

1. Salary schedule for TEA Classifications Effective June 27, 2021 and proposed changes