

**Side Letter of Understanding  
By and Between  
The City of Milpitas and International Association of Fire Fighters**

The City of Milpitas, hereby referred to as "City" and the **International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)**, hereby referred to as "Union", collectively as "the parties" execute this Side Letter of Understanding ("LOU") regarding amendments to the existing Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). Any provision of prior LOUs or Side Letters of Understanding that are inconsistent with this LOU are no longer in effect.

MOU provision, Section 16.01 provides for compassionate leave of a predesignated, "when death occurs" to a member of the employee's immediate family member. The terminology "when death occurs" has been interpreted to mean that compassionate leave is limited to those working days immediately following the death of an eligible family member.

The parties recognize that due to COVID-19 and shelter in place orders, religious rituals and traditional end of life celebrations have been unable to occur. As such, the City and the Union agree as follows:

Section 16.01, which states:

16.01 The City agrees to provide compassionate leave when death occurs to a member of the employee's immediate family not to exceed one work week (56 hours).

Section 16.01.1 - 16.01.5 - (No Change)

Shall be modified as follows:

16.01 The City agrees to provide compassionate leave due to the death of a member of the employee's immediate family not to exceed one work week (56 hours). Compassionate leave shall be used within 1 year from the date of the death, unless otherwise authorized by the City Manager. An employee shall not be eligible to take compassionate leave during their last 56 hours of employment nor after they have submitted their resignation or notice of retirement.

16.01.1 - 16.01.5 (No Change)

**For the City of Milpitas:**

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City Manager

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Jon Powers  
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