

Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

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A resolution adopting a new pay plan for the general employees of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, excluding employees of the Board of Health, Board of Education, and the Police and Fire Departments, effective July 1, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Civil Service Commission has, pursuant to Section 12.10 of the Metropolitan Charter, assigned each employment classification to a salary grade as of July 1, 2022, with such assignments being equitably related to each other; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission has adopted the salary ranges for each grade; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Personnel for the Civil Service Commission has recommended, after the Commission's approval, desirable salary ranges for each grade to the Director of Finance; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RS2021-985, a one-year pay plan was approved by the Metropolitan Council to go into effect on July 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the pay plan that was adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 included increment pay increases that are earned at various time intervals; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire for these increment increases to continue; and,

WHEREAS, it is further the desire that employees who are paid pursuant to open pay ranges be eligible, at the discretion of the employee's Appointing Authority, to receive merit pay increases; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recognizes that the pay scales included in the pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 should be modified by applying a cost of living increase as of July 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recommends that the pay scales be increased by 5% as of July 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission also recognizes the need to make adjustments to the Trades and Labor Pay Table, for equity and competitive purposes, by extending the ranges and increasing salaries for all classifications; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission further recognizes the need to make adjustments on the Correctional Officers Pay Table, for equity and competitive purposes, by increasing the starting salaries for Correctional Officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission also recognizes the need to make adjustments to the Directors Pay schedule by reducing the number of grades from three to two; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 12.10 of the Metropolitan Charter the Civil Service Commission has created the new employment classifications of Apprentice, Compliance Monitor - Senior, Compliance Monitor, Human Resources Specialist, Safety Specialist, Short Term Rental Inspection Chief, Short Term Rental Inspector, Treasury Analyst - Senior, and Treasury Analyst, necessitating the need to amend the pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 by adding these classifications; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12.10 of the Metropolitan Charter, having been advised of its full budgetary

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implications, the Mayor has modified and approved the plan, such modifications not affecting the relationships between the grades approved by the Civil Service Commission, and recommends its adoption, as modified, by the Metropolitan Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: The pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 and which went into effect on July 1, 2021, for the general employees of the Metropolitan Government, excluding employees of the Board of Health, Board of Education, and the Police and Fire Departments, from and after July 1, 2022, shall be as provided in Exhibit "A". Exhibit "A" reflects an increase in the amount of 4% and the continuation of step increment adjustments. Exhibit "A" further reflects:

- Adjustments to the Trades and Labor Pay Table by extending the pay range from 5 steps to 10 steps, with a difference between steps of 3%.
- Adjustments to the Correctional Officer Pay Table by increasing the pay range for each grade by approximately 9%.
- Adjustments to some classifications by changing the title and upgrading the salary assigned to that position, as set out in the worksheets submitted to the Metropolitan Council.

Exhibit "A" is incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set out herein.

Section 2: The pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 and which went into effect on July 1, 2021, for the general employees of the Metropolitan Government, excluding employees of the Board of Health, Board of Education, and the Police and Fire Departments, from and after July 1, 2022, shall include the classifications of:

- Apprentice Class# 11173 Grade TG10
- Compliance Monitor Class# 11175 Grade OR04
- Compliance Monitor Senior Class# 11176 Grade OR07
- Human Resources Specialist Class# 11182 Grade OR07
- Safety Specialist Class# 11194 Grade OR06
- Short Term Rental Inspection Chief Class# 11197 Grade OR05
- Short Term Rental Inspector Class# 11198 Grade ST11
- Treasury Analyst Class# 11200 Grade OR04
- Treasury Analyst Senior Class# 11201 Grade OR06

Section 3: The pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 and which went into effect on July 1, 2021, for the general employees of the Metropolitan Government, excluding employees of the Board of Health, Board of Education, and the Police and Fire Departments, from and after July 1, 2022, shall exclude the classifications of:

- Building Maintenance Mechanic Certified Class# 10104 Grade TG11
- Computer Operator 1 Class# 01430 Grade ST05

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- Computer Operator 2 Class# 04540 Grade ST06
- Computer Operator 3 Class# 07268 Grade ST07
- Emergency Vehicle Technician 1 Class# 03057 Grade TG12
- Emergency Vehicle Technician 2 Class# 05975 Grade TL12
- Emergency Vehicle Technician Supervisor Class# 05974 Grade TS12
- Engineer Manager Class# 10880 Grade OR10
- Environmental Compliance Officer 1 Class# 07741 Grade OR01
- Environmental Compliance Officer 2 Class# 07742 Grade OR03
- Environmental Compliance Officer 3 Class# 07743 Grade OR05
- Homemaker Class# 06311 Grade ST05
- Human Resources Assistant 1 Class# 01472 Grade ST06
- Human Resources Assistant 2 Class# 06931 Grade ST07
- Info Sys Customer Support Rep 1 Class# 10114 Grade ST07
- Info Sys Customer Support Rep 2 Class# 10115 Grade ST08
- Radio Technician 1 Class# 06613 Grade TG08
- Radio Technician 2 Class# 04040 Grade TG11
- Radio Technician 3 Class# 06213 Grade TL13
- Training Coordinator Class# 06210 Grade OR07
- Training Specialist Class# 10159 Grade ST11
- Utility Maintenance Supervisor Class# 06904 Grade TS09
- Utility Supervisor Class# 10982 Grade ST11
- Utility Technical Specialist 2 Class# 10984 Grade OR06
- Utility Treatment Plant Technician 1 Class# 10994 Grade TG08
- Utility Treatment Plant Technician 2 Class# 10995 Grade TG11
- Utility Treatment Plant Technician 3 Class# 10996 Grade TL11
- Water Quality Analyst 1 Class# 10464 Grade OR01
- Water Quality Analyst 2 Class# 10465 Grade OR03
- Water Quality Analyst 3 Class# 10466 Grade OR05
- Water Maintenance Technician Class# 10858 Grade TG05

- Water Maintenance Technician Senior Class# 10859 Grade TG07
- Water Maintenance Leader 1 Class# 10167 Grade TL07
- Water Maintenance Leader 2 Class# 10168 Grade TL09
- Water Maintenance Supervisor Class# 10169 Grade TS08

Section 4: Additional funding shall be provided to each department in the amount of 3% of that department's total annual open range salary budget so that employees in Open Range pay classifications will have the opportunity to receive merit-based salary increases, at the discretion of the Appointing Authority, as reflected in Exhibit "A". Eligibility for Open Range salary increases for FY23 will become effective as of July 1, 2022

Section 5: Upon the adoption of the pay plan attached as Exhibit "A" and upon it becoming effective, the pay plan adopted pursuant to RS2021-985 is hereby repealed.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2022, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

<u>Analysis</u>

This resolution is the pay plan for the general Metropolitan Government employees to take effect July 1, 2022. The primary effect of this resolution would be to continue the pay plan, continue increment pay, provide a 4% cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA), and provide for the possibility of merit pay increases for open range employees. Step increases known as "increments" are pay increases for certain employment classifications on a six month, one year, eighteen month, or two year interval, depending upon the position. In addition to step increases, the equivalent of an additional 3% merit pay increase would be available for open range employees that do not receive increments. The amount of individual raises for open range employees are determined by department heads. The pay plan contemplates that open range employees are to be paid based upon merit, not length of service.

The Civil Service Commission recommended an additional 1% COLA for employees. However, the Director of Finance and Mayor, exercising their authority under Section 12.10 of the Metro Charter, removed the additional COLA.

Per section 12.10 of the Charter, pay plans may not be amended by the Council except by making uniform modifications of all employment grades (because the relationship between pay grades must remain the same under the Charter). The pay plan amendments submitted by this resolution have been approved by the Civil Service Commission, Finance Director, and the Mayor.