

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-050-2025

Proposed by The Chair (by request- Acting County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Harrison, Dernoga, Ivey, Watson, Olson and Hawkins

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 29, 2025

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Compensation and Benefits,

3 General Schedule Employees - Salary Schedule G

4 For the purpose of amending the Salary Plan of the County to reflect modified pay rates for
 5 General Schedule Employees.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 903 of Article IX of the Prince George's County Charter
 7 and Section 16-125(a) of the Prince George's County Code, amendments to the County's Salary
 8 Plan are to be submitted to the County Council in resolution form; and

9 WHEREAS, the Salary Plan must at this time be amended by the approval of a salary
 10 schedule to reflect the new pay rates for General Schedule Employees.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 12 County, Maryland, that Salary Schedule G, submitted and recommended by the County
 13 Executive on April 9, 2025, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, setting forth the
 14 following modification: two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to be effective
 15 April 6, 2025, be and the same is hereby approved.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on the day it is
 17 adopted.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Edward P. Burroughs, III
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

SALARY SCHEDULE G

SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES - GENERAL SCHEDULE

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

FISCAL YEAR 2025

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1. SCHEDULED PAY RATES

**SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES – GENERAL SCHEDULE
COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT 2.0% - EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2025**

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND

GRADE		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
G01	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G02	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G03	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G04	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G05	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G06	HOURLY	15.3000		28.0695
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2245.56
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,385
G07	HOURLY	15.3000		28.2239
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2257.91
	ANNUAL	31,824		58,706
G08	HOURLY	15.3000		29.6345
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2370.76
	ANNUAL	31,824		61,640

GRADE		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
G09	HOURLY	15.3000		31.1167
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2489.33
	ANNUAL	31,824		64,723
G10	HOURLY	15.3000		32.6721
	BIWEEKLY	1224.00		2613.76
	ANNUAL	31,824		67,958
G11	HOURLY	15.9037		34.3058
	BIWEEKLY	1272.29		2744.47
	ANNUAL	33,080		71,356
G12	HOURLY	16.6990		36.0213
	BIWEEKLY	1335.92		2881.70
	ANNUAL	34,734		74,924
G13	HOURLY	17.5336		37.8222
	BIWEEKLY	1402.68		3025.78
	ANNUAL	36,470		78,670
G14	HOURLY	18.4102		39.7137
	BIWEEKLY	1472.81		3177.09
	ANNUAL	38,293		82,604
G15	HOURLY	19.3310		41.6991
	BIWEEKLY	1546.48		3335.93
	ANNUAL	40,208		86,734
G16	HOURLY	20.2978		43.7838
	BIWEEKLY	1623.83		3502.71
	ANNUAL	42,219		91,070
G17	HOURLY	21.3120		45.9729
	BIWEEKLY	1704.96		3677.83
	ANNUAL	44,329		95,624

GRADE		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
G18	HOURLY	22.3781		48.2723
	BIWEEKLY	1790.25		3861.79
	ANNUAL	46,546		100,406
G19	HOURLY	23.4970		50.6857
	BIWEEKLY	1879.76		4054.85
	ANNUAL	48,874		105,426
G20	HOURLY	24.6716		53.2195
	BIWEEKLY	1973.73		4257.56
	ANNUAL	51,317		110,697
G21	HOURLY	25.9053		55.8804
	BIWEEKLY	2072.42		4470.43
	ANNUAL	53,883		116,231
G22	HOURLY	27.2007		58.6745
	BIWEEKLY	2176.05		4693.96
	ANNUAL	56,577		122,043
G23	HOURLY	28.5608		61.6081
	BIWEEKLY	2284.86		4928.65
	ANNUAL	59,406		128,145
G24	HOURLY	29.9887		64.6886
	BIWEEKLY	2399.10		5175.09
	ANNUAL	62,377		134,552
G25	HOURLY	31.4884		67.9235
	BIWEEKLY	2519.08		5433.88
	ANNUAL	65,496		141,281
G26	HOURLY	33.0627		71.3192
	BIWEEKLY	2645.02		5705.53
	ANNUAL	68,770		148,344

GRADE		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
G27	HOURLY	34.7161		74.8853
	BIWEEKLY	2777.29		5990.82
	ANNUAL	72,209		155,761
G28	HOURLY	36.4515		78.6293
	BIWEEKLY	2916.12		6290.34
	ANNUAL	75,819		163,549
G29	HOURLY	38.2740		82.5608
	BIWEEKLY	3061.92		6604.86
	ANNUAL	79,610		171,726
G30	HOURLY	40.1879		86.6898
	BIWEEKLY	3215.03		6935.19
	ANNUAL	83,591		180,315
G31	HOURLY	42.1971		91.0233
	BIWEEKLY	3375.77		7281.87
	ANNUAL	87,770		189,329
G32	HOURLY	44.3073		95.5750
	BIWEEKLY	3544.59		7646.00
	ANNUAL	92,159		198,796
G33	HOURLY	46.5226		100.3530
	BIWEEKLY	3721.81		8028.24
	ANNUAL	96,767		208,734
G34	HOURLY	48.8488		105.3712
	BIWEEKLY	3907.90		8429.70
	ANNUAL	101,605		219,172
G35	HOURLY	51.2911		110.6395
	BIWEEKLY	4103.29		8851.16
	ANNUAL	106,685		230,130

GRADE		MINIMUM		MAXIMUM
G36	HOURLY	53.8555		116.1712
	BIWEEKLY	4308.44		9293.70
	ANNUAL	112,019		241,636
G37	HOURLY	56.5485		121.9801
	BIWEEKLY	4523.88		9758.41
	ANNUAL	117,621		253,719
G38	HOURLY	59.3757		128.0789
	BIWEEKLY	4750.06		10246.31
	ANNUAL	123,501		266,404
G39	HOURLY	62.3448		134.4831
	BIWEEKLY	4987.59		10758.65
	ANNUAL	129,677		279,725
G40	HOURLY	65.4616		141.2073
	BIWEEKLY	5236.93		11296.58
	ANNUAL	136,160		293,711
G41	HOURLY	68.7345		148.2676
	BIWEEKLY	5498.76		11861.41
	ANNUAL	142,968		308,397
G42	HOURLY	72.1716		155.6814
	BIWEEKLY	5773.73		12454.51
	ANNUAL	150,117		323,817
<p>The minimum wage rate increased to \$15.00 on January 1, 2024 due to State law changes and was incorporated herein. The minimum and maximum hourly rates are the January 24, 2024 rates multiplied by 1.02. For administrative purposes, the hourly rates are the controlling rates. Biweekly rates are the hourly rates multiplied by 80. Annual rates are the hourly rates multiplied by 2080 and rounded to the nearest dollar.</p>				

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. Hours Worked – All time an employee must be on duty, or on the employer’s premises or any other prescribed place of work, from the beginning of the first principal work activity of the workday to the end of the last principal work activity of the workday. Scheduled hours of work fulfilled by leave, either with or without pay, do not constitute “hours worked” for purposes of overtime pay. “Hours worked” also includes all time engaged in employer authorized training and special assignments away from the usual workplace.
- B. Premium – A rate paid over and above the base rate for the hours worked.
- C. Paid Leave Status – Hours in which no work is performed but employee is receiving pay during an absence from the work schedule.

3. WAGES

A. Cost of Living Adjustment

- 1. Employees covered by this Agreement will receive a two percent (2%) Cost of Living Adjustment effective the first full pay period in April 2025.

B. Merit Increases

- 1. Employees who are eligible to receive a merit increase in FY 2025, will receive a merit increase on their initial hire/rehire anniversary date.
- 2. For employees in the Exempt Service, the County Executive has the discretion to provide any combination of merit increase and/or bonus in an amount less than or not to exceed 3.5% of the employee’s current salary, to be awarded on their initial hire/rehire anniversary date or a date certain identified by the County Executive within FY2025.

C. Salary Adjustments

Salary increases upon promotion or upward reallocation and salary decreases upon demotion or downward reallocation shall be in accordance with established procedures.

4. WORKWEEK AND BIWEEKLY PAY PERIOD

The workweek is the seven (7) consecutive day period commencing at 12:01 AM. Sunday and ending the following Saturday midnight.

- A. The standard number of hours in a workday for full-time employees is eight (8) hours.
- B. The standard number of hours in the workweek for full-time employees is forty (40) hours.
- C. The biweekly pay period consists of two consecutive workweeks as established by the County. The standard number of hours in the biweekly pay period for full-time employees is eighty (80) hours.

5. WORK SCHEDULES

Work schedules mean written times of the required daily hours of work within a workweek prescribed by an Appointing Authority for individual employees and/or various groups or units of employees under the Appointing Authority's jurisdiction as approved pursuant to Section 16-114 of the Personnel Law. Appointing Authorities may allow an alternate shift schedule based on operational needs.

6. DESIGNATION OF MEAL PERIODS

Any employee who works five (5) or more hours in any workday shall receive an unpaid one-half hour meal period during that workday.

7. PAY IN EXCESS OF BASE SALARY

A. Overtime Pay

1. General Provisions:

a. Subject to the limitations noted in Section 2 and Section 7.A.2., employees who are allocated to job classes within the General Schedule shall be eligible to earn overtime compensation for each hour or part thereof worked in excess of the number of productive hours constituting the standard workweek for the employee as set forth in this Salary Plan.

b. Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)-non-exempt employees are entitled to receive overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half (150%) times the employee's regular rate of pay when total "hours worked" in a workweek exceeds forty (40). Prior to reaching the FLSA threshold of forty (40) "hours worked" per workweek, all FLSA non-exempt employees are entitled to earn overtime compensation at the County overtime rate of one and one-half (150%) times the employee's base rate of pay.

c. FLSA-exempt employees assigned to General Schedule can earn County overtime compensation at the rate of one and one-half (150%) times the employee's base rate of pay when productive hours exceed eighty (80) in a biweekly pay period.

d. All paid leave status hours shall be considered productive hours for County overtime computation purposes but are excluded for FLSA overtime computation purposes.

e. Each Appointing Authority shall be responsible for specifically directing and/or authorizing overtime work for employees under his/her jurisdiction. In addition, Appointing Authorities are responsible for ensuring fund availability for overtime pay.

2. Limitations:

a. Employees assigned to General Schedule **Grades 01 through 24**, inclusive, shall be entitled to earn overtime compensation only upon the written approval of the appropriate

Appointing Authority.

b. FLSA exempt employees assigned to General Schedule **Grades 25 through 33** who use the Electronic Timesheet System (E-Time Entry) or Kronos System to capture machine-stamped or “real-time” daily hours of work are eligible to earn County compensatory leave at a straight-time rate (100%) with the written approval of the Appointing Authority. Overtime compensation in the form of pay at either the straight-time rate (100%) or the one and one-half rate (150%) requires the written approval of the Chief Administrative Officer.

c. FLSA exempt employees assigned to General Schedule **Grades 25 through 33** who use the Electronic Timesheet System (E-Time Sheet) or Kronos System to manually enter work and leave hours - up to eighty (80) hours per pay period - are precluded from earning overtime compensation unless specifically authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer.

d. Employees assigned to **General Schedule Grades 34 and above** are precluded from earning overtime compensation unless specifically authorized by the Chief Administrative Officer.

e. All **temporary and/or seasonal FLSA-non-exempt employees** shall be entitled to earn FLSA overtime pay only upon the written approval of the appropriate Appointing Authority. These employees are precluded from receiving any County overtime compensation.

3. Compensatory Leave in Lieu of Overtime Pay

Permanent employees assigned to grades in the General Schedule who are entitled to earn overtime pay pursuant to this Section may elect to earn compensatory leave in lieu of overtime pay. (See Section 8.F.)

B. Premium Pay for Holiday Work

1. Grades 1 through 24:

Employees occupying classes allocated to Grades 1 through 24 in the General Schedule required to work on designated County holidays shall be paid holiday work hours at 100% and a holiday premium pay at 100% of the employee’s base rate of pay for all hours worked as provided for in Section 16-219 (g) & (h) of the Personnel Law.

2. Grades 25 and above:

No employee occupying a position allocated to a class in the General Schedule above Grade 24 shall be eligible for holiday premium pay (100%) for holiday work. However, when expressly directed in writing by the Appointing Authority to perform such holiday work, such employee shall receive up to eight (8) hours of County compensatory leave for all hours worked on a holiday in addition to holiday work hours at the employee's base rate of pay.

3. Holiday on Regularly Scheduled Day Off:

Should a holiday fall on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall receive eight (8) hours of County compensatory leave that can be used for an alternative day off which is mutually agreed to by the Appointing Authority and employee.

C. Shift Differential

1. Any full-time employee whose regularly assigned tour of duty requires that at least 50% of the standard workday be between the hours of 6 PM. and 6 AM. will be eligible for shift differential pay of two dollars (\$2.00) per hour for all hours actually worked between 6 PM. and 6 AM.

2. Shift differential is considered as premium pay and shall not be included in the rate of base pay used to compute leave, as provided in Division 17 of the Personnel Law; holiday premium pay; retirement and insurance deductions and benefits.

D. Pyramiding of Overtime and Premium Pay

There shall be no pyramiding of overtime and premium rates. Only one overtime or premium rate will be paid for the same hours worked.

E. Special Compensation for Certain Health Department Employees

This provision shall be applicable to positions within the Division of Environmental Health, Environmental Sanitarian V, G-29, Associate Director, Health Department G-31 & G-33 and positions within the Division of Epidemiology and Disease Control, Disease Control Specialist V, G-29, Associate Director, Health Department, G-31 & G-33.

1. Weeknight Coverage (Monday through Friday, 4:00 PM. to 8:00 AM.)

a. Staff personnel designated to remain on-call for emergencies will receive two (2) hours compensatory leave for each day they provide weeknight coverage.

b. Time worked by telephone for the resolution of emergencies shall be compensated with County compensatory leave on an hour-for-hour basis.

c. Work time spent at an emergency site, including travel time to and from the emergency site, will be compensated at the employee's straight-time rate or by straight compensatory leave, at the employee's election.

2. Weekend and Holiday Coverage (8:00 AM. Saturday to 8:00 AM. Monday or 8:00 AM. on a holiday to 8:00 AM. the following day).

a. Staff personnel designated to remain on-call for emergencies on a weekend day will receive twenty-five dollars (\$25), forty dollars (\$40) for each holiday, or six (6) hours compensatory leave per day at the employee's election.

b. Time worked by telephone for the resolution of emergencies shall be

compensated with County compensatory leave on an hour-for-hour basis.

c. Work time spent at an emergency site, including travel time to and from the emergency site, will be paid at the employee's straight-time rate or by straight compensatory leave, at the employee's election.

F. Clothing Allowance for School Crossing Guard Supervisor

Employees occupying the classification of School Crossing Guard Supervisor who are required to wear uniforms shall be entitled to an annual clothing allowance as approved by the Chief of Police.

G. "On Call" Pay for Supervisor, School Crossing Guard and Assistant Supervisor, School Crossing Guard

Employees in the Supervisor, School Crossing Guard and Assistant Supervisor, School Crossing Guard classes of work who are assigned to remain on call during either evening or early morning hours to receive calls from Crossing Guards requiring sick or other emergency leave, and arrange for alternative post coverage, shall be compensated at a flat rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per week for the following periods when the work is actually performed:

1. Weeknight "On Call" Coverage (Sunday through Thursday, 7 PM. to 9 PM.)
2. Weekday "On Call" Coverage (Monday through Friday, 6 AM. to 7 AM.)

H. Special Compensation for Construction Standards Inspector and Related Classes of Work

Effective July 1, 2012, employees in the Construction Standards Inspector IV, G-26, Construction Standards Code Enforcement Officer, G-29, Chief Electrical Inspector, G-27, Assistant Associate Director Licenses and Inspections Group, G-31 and Associate Director, Licenses and Inspections Group, G-33, classes of work will receive a special duty pay supplement at a rate of six percent (6%) per hour above their regular base pay, provided they substantiate to the County that they have passed the applicable International Code Council (ICC) examination listed immediately below:

1. Residential Building Inspector (B1);
2. Residential Electrical Inspector (E1);
3. Residential Mechanical Inspector (M1);
4. Residential Plumbing Inspector (P1);
5. Commercial Building Inspector (B2); and,
6. Fire Inspector I (66).

Note: Employees who qualified for the Special Compensation under the Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) criteria previously used shall continue to be eligible for the compensation and cannot receive additional compensation by completing the above articulated testing.

Employees in those classes of work specified above who are situated in the Department of Public Works and Transportation or the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement will receive a special duty pay supplement at a rate of six percent (6%) per hour above their regular base pay provided that they substantiate to the County that they have passed a County recognized inspection certification program related to the Department of Public Works and Transportation or Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement inspection functions.

I. Certification of Engineering Technician

Employees in the Engineering Technician class of work will receive a special duty pay supplement at a rate of five percent (5%) per hour above their regular base pay provided that they substantiate to the County that they have been awarded an Engineering Technician, Level III, and Certification from the National Institute for Certification of Engineering Technicians (NICET).

J. “On Call” Pay for Facilities Maintenance Supervisors

Employees in the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Grade G-23 class of work, who are assigned to remain “on call” for a one-week period, for all non-work hours shall be eligible to receive eight (8) hours pay at the applicable rate of pay.

K. Standby and Call-in Pay for certain employees in the Department of Public Works and Transportation

Employees assigned to the Department’s On-call Technical Support Program will be eligible to receive special compensation in the form of either “Standby” and “Call-in” pay as follows:

1. A minimum of two (2) hours pay if the employee is actually called in to respond to a traffic related issue or,
2. One and one-half (1 1/2) hours of compensatory leave as “Standby” pay for each day on “Standby”.

8. LEAVE PROVISIONS

A. Sick Leave

Sick leave may be accumulated from year to year.

All full-time employees earn four and one-half (4 1/2) hours of sick leave each pay period with a periodic adjustment to ensure that each employee earns fifteen (15) days of sick leave each leave year through the duration of County service. Each such day shall constitute eight (8) hours.

Employees who work on a year-round part-time basis for forty (40) or more hours per pay period shall accrue sick leave in proportion to the hours worked during each pay period.

B. Annual Leave

Full-time employees shall earn annual leave on the following basis:

Zero (0) through three (3) years of service	Four (4) hours per pay period
Four (4) through fifteen (15) years of service	Six (6) hours per pay period with periodic adjustment to ensure that each employee earns 20 days
Sixteen (16) or more years of service	Eight (8) hours per pay period

Employees who work on a year-round part-time basis for forty (40) or more hours per pay period shall earn annual leave in proportion to the hours worked during each pay period and based on years of service.

C. Maximum Accumulation of Annual Leave

1. A maximum of 360 hours of accumulated annual leave earned beginning with the first pay period in Fiscal Year 1996 may be carried over from one leave year to the next by an employee.

2. An employee shall be allowed to carry over annual leave earned as of the last full pay period in Fiscal Year 1995, even if such accumulated amount is in excess of the maximum allowed in Subsection C.1. above.

3. Annual leave hours in excess of the maximum allowed to be carried over to the next leave year shall be converted to new sick leave.

D. Sick and Annual Leave Disposition Upon Separation

1. The annual and sick leave balances accumulated by an employee shall, upon the employee's separation from employment, with proper notice of separation as determined by the employee's appointing authority, be liquidated in the following manner:

a. The employee may elect to retain all or any portion of the employee's sick and annual leave balances credited to the employee's leave record for the period of time equal to the employee's eligibility for reappointment as determined in accordance with Section 16-148(a)(8) of the Personnel Law;

b. The employee may elect to apply all or any portion of the employee's sick and annual leave balances to employment elsewhere, provided another employer has agreed to accept accumulated sick or annual leave balances for credit on behalf of the employee;

c. Except in the case of an employee who is entitled to credit for sick and annual leave balances under the terms of an applicable County sponsored pension plan, the employee may elect to receive cash payment for all or any portion of the employee's annual leave balance

in an amount equal to the total number of unused annual leave hours multiplied by the employee's final base hourly rate of pay, subject to the following limitation:

1. The maximum total amount of annual leave eligible for cash payment upon separation shall be the amount of remaining accumulated leave earned as of the end of the last full pay period in Fiscal Year 1995, or 360 hours, whichever is greater.
2. Any accrued annual leave not eligible for cash payment may be converted to sick leave.
- d. For all or any portion of the employee's sick leave balance earned as of the end of the last full pay period of Fiscal Year 1995, the employee may elect to receive cash payment in an amount equal to the total number of unused sick leave hours multiplied by one-half of the employee's base hourly rate of pay as of June 30, 1995. Sick leave earned beginning the first pay period of Fiscal Year 1996 is not subject to cash payment to the employee upon separation. Any employee who is entitled to credit for sick and annual leave under the terms of an applicable County sponsored pension plan will only be entitled to receive cash distribution for leave balances in accordance with the terms of the applicable pension plan.
- e. Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, an employee who is involuntarily separated from employment with the County for disciplinary reasons is not entitled to any payment for unused sick leave.
- f. Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the contrary, an employee who has been separated from employment under a separation-disability action pursuant to Section 16-189 of the Personnel Law shall forfeit any sick leave hours accumulated at the time of the employee's separation.
- g. Upon retirement, an employee shall be entitled to receive credit, on an actuarial equivalent basis, for unused sick leave for which an authorized cash payment has not been elected, as creditable service, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the State Personnel and Pension Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and the terms of any applicable County sponsored pension plan.

E. Personal Leave

Twenty-four (24) hours of personal leave shall be granted to all permanent, full-time employees and sixteen (16) hours of personal leave shall be granted to all permanent, part-time employees eligible for annual leave.

F. Compensatory Leave

1. Accrual:

- a. Compensatory leave may be accumulated from year to year.
- b. An employee covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) can accrue up to

240 hours of FLSA compensatory leave. Any additional overtime work hours must be paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

2. FLSA Compensatory Leave (in lieu of FLSA overtime)

Eligible employees who elect to receive compensatory leave in lieu of FLSA overtime will be credited with the number of FLSA overtime hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours times 150%.

3. County Compensatory Leave

Employees who are entitled to earn County overtime pay pursuant to Section 7 of this Salary Plan may elect to earn compensatory leave in lieu of overtime pay.

4. Use and Approval:

a. Employees must use accumulated FLSA compensatory time, then annual leave prior to using accumulated County compensatory leave, receiving sick leave donations or acquiring a sick/annual leave advancement.

b. Employees may be granted compensatory leave by the Appointing Authority within a reasonable period after requesting leave if the use of compensatory leave does not unduly disrupt the operations of the agency.

5. Compensatory Leave Disposition Upon Separation

a. FLSA compensatory leave shall, upon termination of employment, be paid at the employee's final base rate of pay.

b. Upon termination of employment, any unused County compensatory leave is forfeited and ineligible for cash payment.

G. Administrative Leave for Bereavement

Bereavement leave shall be administered in accordance with the Personnel Law, not to exceed three (3) working days in the event of the death of an employee's spouse, child, or parent and not to exceed one (1) working day in the event of the death of any other member of the employee's family in accordance with Personnel Law 16-221. The term "family" as defined shall include the employee's grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, brother- or sister-in-law, mother- or father-in-law, or son- or daughter-in-law.

H. Military Leave

Any employee called up to active military service in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the resultant war on terrorism or other military action shall be eligible for the benefits set forth herein: Payment of a salary supplement equal to the difference between the employee's base rate of pay and the employee's base military rate of pay, without the exhaustion

of the employee's annual, personal and compensatory leave balances. Eligibility for health care benefits continues upon the employee entering a leave without pay status with both the employer and employee contributions of the premium being paid by the County. These benefits shall expire on March 1, 2025, unless otherwise extended.

I. Administration of Leave

The provisions governing the administration of the above types of leave, as well as other types of leave (holiday, administrative, parental, family and medical, disability, leave without pay, and absence without leave) are specified in Division 17 of the Personnel Law and Personnel Procedure 284.

9. INCENTIVE AWARDS

To the extent that funds have been appropriated for such purpose, employees may be granted incentive awards, subject to the provisions of Section 16-209 of the Personnel Law and Personnel Procedure 216, as approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

10. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Employees who are separated from County service may be entitled to unemployment compensation provided that they meet eligibility requirements established by Federal and/or State regulations.

11. RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFIT PROVISIONS

A. Employees paid in accordance with this Salary Schedule and who are enrolled in the Maryland State Employees' Retirement System shall pay retirement contributions at the rate of five percent (5%) or seven percent (7%) of base salary, depending on the plan in which the employee is enrolled.

B. Current participants in the Employees' Retirement System may transfer to the Employees' Pension System, which is non-contributory up to the Social Security Wage Base.

C. All classified employees hired on or after January 1, 1980, must enroll in the Employees' Pension System.

D. The County's contribution rate shall be that amount as established from time to time by the State. Employee contributions (where applicable) shall be made through payroll deductions. If changes/improvements in retirement benefits are made, contributions may be adjusted accordingly.

E. State Retirement Pick-up. Employee contributions (if any) to the Maryland State Pension System from wages that exceed the Social Security wage base are reported in box 14 of the Federal W-2 tax information form. These contributions are pre-tax (or exempt) for Federal purposes only and must be reported as an "addition to income" (or taxable income) on the applicable Maryland income tax form for state residents. Non-resident employees should seek

professional advice on any reporting requirements associated with these contributions for taxing authorities outside the State of Maryland.

F. Supplemental Pension Benefit

1. Benefit Accrual and Amounts.

Employees hired before January 1, 1991 covered by this Salary Schedule who elected to participate in the Supplemental Pension Plan and all employees hired on or after January 1, 1991, will participate in a supplemental pension benefit program pursuant to rules established in the Supplemental Pension Plan. The rate of accrual and amount of the benefit payable under this program are determined as follows:

a. For participants actively participating in the Plan on or after January 1, 2002, the benefit accrual is 1.0% times the number of years of actual and continuous service the employee has as a full-time and/or part-time Prince George's County employee, to a maximum of thirty (30) years of actual and continuous service, multiplied by the employee's average annual compensation, as determined pursuant to paragraph 5 below.

b. The Board of Trustees for the Supplemental Pension Plan may establish contribution and benefit accrual rates, maximum benefits and special retirement incentives or provisions as it deems appropriate; provided, however, that employee benefits under this plan may not be reduced without prior approval of the County Council.

2. Vesting.

a. Minimum Continuous Service Requirements

No employee covered by this Salary Schedule shall be entitled to any benefit described in this Section until the employee has completed a minimum of five (5) years of actual and continuous service as an employee for Prince George's County. See paragraph 7. below for modifications effective July 1, 2012.

b. Vested Benefit

An employee completing the minimum continuous service requirements of paragraph 2.a., above, shall be entitled to receive a monthly benefit as determined pursuant to the Plan; provided, however, that no employee terminated for disciplinary reasons will be entitled to any benefit under this Section.

3. Benefit Payment.

The benefit accrued by an employee under either paragraphs 1 or 2, above, shall not be payable until retirement at the earlier of age fifty-five (55) and fifteen (15) years of service or age sixty-two (62) and five (5) years of service; or after thirty (30) years of service regardless of age; or has attained State normal retirement date. See paragraph 7. below for modifications effective July 1, 2012.

4. Funding.

The cost of funding the supplemental pension benefit described in this Section F will be shared by the employee and the County through regular contributions each pay period. The employee shall contribute, through payroll deduction, an amount equal to one half (1/2) the cost of providing this benefit. Effective with the first full pay period beginning in July, the employee contribution rate for the Supplemental Pension Plan will be changed in accordance with the results of the actuarial study.

5. Definitions.

- a. Actual Service means service while employed as an employee of Prince George's County.
- b. Average Annual Compensation means an amount computed by dividing by three the compensation actually received by an employee during whatever period of thirty-six (36) consecutive months of continuous service will provide the largest total compensation for any such period. See paragraph 7. below for modifications effective July 1, 2012.
- c. Compensation means the basic compensation actually received by an employee for service rendered as an employee for Prince George's County, excluding any overtime or other premium pay, bonuses or other additional compensation.
- d. Continuous Service means the most recent unbroken period of employment as an employee of Prince George's County.
- e. Discontinued Service Benefit. In accordance with CR-41-1995, any employee separating from County Service on or after July 6, 1995 shall not be eligible for the Discontinued Service Benefit.

6. IRS Pickup Plan.

The County shall pick up, within the meaning of Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, the employee contributions required by paragraph 4. (Funding) hereof. Such amounts:

- (1) are designated as employee contributions to be picked up by the County within the meaning of Section 414 (h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall be treated as employer contributions in determining the tax treatment of such amounts under that Section;
- (2) shall reduce the taxable compensation of the employee in an amount that equals the employee contributions picked up by the County;
- (3) shall be paid by the County from the same source of funds that is used to pay compensation to the employee;

(4) shall, for all other purposes, be treated in the same manner and to the same extent as employee contributions made before establishment of the pickup plan.

Employees shall not be entitled to receive such amounts directly in lieu of having such amounts picked up by the County. This pickup plan becomes effective for pay periods beginning on or after its approval by the County Executive and the County Council. The County shall apply to the Internal Revenue Service for a private letter ruling or other approval with respect to the pickup plan, but neither the application nor the receipt of such a ruling or approval are prerequisites to the implementation of the pickup plan.

7. Supplemental Pension Plan Modifications effective July 1, 2012

The Supplemental Pension Plan will be modified to incorporate the changes adopted by the Maryland State Employees' Pension System, which went into effect July 1, 2011.

Employees covered by this Salary Schedule and hired on or after July 1, 2012 will be subject to the following Supplemental Pension Plan modifications:

Vested Benefit/Minimum Continuous Service Requirement: 10 years eligibility service

Average Annual Compensation: Average of the five (5) highest consecutive years

Benefit Payment: The benefit accrued by an employee shall not be payable until retirement at the earliest of the following: (1) Rule of 90 (sum of age and eligibility service must equal 90); (2) Age 65 with 10 years of eligibility service; or (3) Age 60 with 15 years eligibility service

12. **GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**

A. The County shall contribute seventy-three percent (73%) to the cost of the preferred provider option health insurance plan for any employee who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-seven percent (27%).

Effective January 1, 2018, the County shall contribute seventy percent (70%) to the cost of the preferred provider option health insurance plan for any employee who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining thirty percent (30%).

B. The County shall contribute seventy-eight percent (78%) to the cost of a prepaid group health plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for any employee who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-two (22%).

Effective January 1, 2018, the County shall contribute seventy-five percent (75%) to the cost of a prepaid group health plan or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) for any employee who elects to participate in the program. Participating employees shall contribute the remaining twenty-five (25%).

C. Employees who provide proof of other medical coverage may choose to receive a credit instead of enrolling in a medical plan with the County.

D. The County shall contribute eighty-eight percent (88%) to the County's deductible prescription drug and vision care programs for any employee who elects to participate in either program. The participating employee shall contribute the remaining twelve percent (12%). Employees who choose not to enroll in the Prescription Drug Plan may choose to receive a credit instead.

Effective January 1, 2018, the County shall contribute eighty-five percent (85%) to the County's deductible prescription drug and vision care programs for any employee who elects to participate in either program. The participating employee shall contribute the remaining fifteen percent (15%). Employees who choose not to enroll in the Prescription Drug Plan may choose to receive a credit instead.

E. Two dental plans are available to employees, the cost of which is paid by the employee if the employee elects to enroll in either of the plans.

F. Employees may choose to enroll in a Long-Term Disability Program offering fifty percent (50%) or sixty percent (60%) of annual salary up to normal Social Security retirement age. Employees will pay the full cost of whichever option is chosen.

G. Employees may contribute annually up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in a dependent flexible spending account and up to two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) in a health care flexible spending account and is subject to change by the Internal Revenue Service.

13. LIFE INSURANCE

The County shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly premium for County basic life insurance for each employee in the amount of two (2) times the employee's annual salary up to a maximum amount of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00). Employees may choose to increase their life insurance from one to four times their annual salary up to a total of eight hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$825,000.00) including the base amount provided by the County. Employees will pay for the increased coverage at rates based on their age and amount of coverage.

The County shall pay an accidental death benefit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) upon the death of any County employee whose death results from an accidental personal injury arising out of and in the course of his/her employment in accordance with Section 16-232.01 of the Personnel Law. This accidental death benefit is also payable for a death due to a bodily injury arising outside of employment.

14. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

The County is required to comply with the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) that provides for a federal system of old-age, survivors, disability (Social Security or OASDI), and hospital (Medicare or HI) insurance. Effective January 1, 2012, each employee paid in

accordance with this Salary Schedule shall make contributions of 4.2% to the Social Security fund (FICA-OASDI) up to the wage base limit of one hundred ten thousand one hundred dollars (\$110,100.00); and 1.45% to the Medicare fund (FICA-HI) on all wages paid. Employee contributions shall be made through payroll deductions.

Subsequent changes in the Social Security tax rate and/or the taxable wage base as enacted through Federal legislation shall be applied in computing Social Security contributions by the County and each employee.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The County will provide, at its own cost, all benefits due to an employee pursuant to the Maryland Worker's Compensation Law, Title 9 of the Maryland Labor and Employment Code Annotated.

16. PAY PLAN POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the County that benefits afforded to employees in the Salary Plan are governed by the specific salary schedule to which an employee is currently assigned. If an employee is transferred, promoted, demoted, or in any way moves from one salary schedule to another, any benefits unique to or expressly a function of the former salary schedule are not carried over.