

CITY OF MANITOWOC

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for the seasonal employment process including: recruitment, selection, training, and performance evaluation. This seasonal employment process is different from that of the City’s regular employment processes because the department supervisors are empowered to make hiring decisions for their seasonal needs. The City of Manitowoc establishes clear and consistent guidelines to assist City supervisors and to ensure equal and unbiased treatment of all applicants and employees.

II. POLICY

The City of Manitowoc will recruit and select the best qualified applicants for positions within the City. The Human Resources Department is responsible for developing and facilitating an active seasonal recruitment and selection program designed to meet the current and anticipated City departments’ seasonal employment needs. The procedure will be consistent with Affirmative Action goals and will comply with all Equal Employment Opportunity guidelines.

III. PROCEDURES

1. **Recruitment:** When it is determined to be in the best interest of the City of Manitowoc, seasonal employees may be hired as budgeted. Such employees shall not be eligible to receive City of Manitowoc fringe benefits unless specified. The department shall establish position descriptions for each seasonal position within their department. The position descriptions must be approved by the Human

Resources Department. Seasonal position pay rates will be established and reviewed as needed by the Personnel Committee.

2. Hours: No seasonal employee shall exceed 1199 worked hours if they do not have creditable service with a WRS employer prior to July 1, 2011 (599 worked hours if they have creditable service with a WRS employer prior to July 1, 2011) in any 12-month period unless previously authorized by the Personnel Committee. Payroll shall monitor the hours worked by each seasonal employee, and notify the affected department, so as not to exceed the applicable maximum. In the event a seasonal employee exceeds the applicable maximum, the employee shall be enrolled in Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and shall be responsible for payment of the employee portion of the WRS pension payment. Employees shall not work more than 40 hours per week except in bona fide Fair Labor Standards Act qualified recreational positions (*See Appendix A*). If an employee's position is listed on *Appendix A*, all hours worked over 40 hours per week shall be paid at straight time. If an employee is in a position not listed in *Appendix A* and works more than 40 hours in a week, he or she must have prior department head approval and shall be paid at a rate of one and one-half time for each hour worked in excess of 40 for that week. A seasonal employee who is scheduled to work on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Eve Day will be compensated at the rate of time and one half for the work performed on the actual holiday.
3. Advertising and Publicity: The Human Resources Department shall post the openings for online applications. This is normally done beginning in February. Advertisement shall include publication on the City's website and other methods of publication as deemed appropriate by the Human Resources Director to ensure that a diverse population has access to the postings. During all other times of the year, departments shall determine their recruiting needs. The Human Resources

Department will work with the departments to post the positions. Solicitation of applications by “word of mouth” only is not appropriate as a means of advertising to a diverse population.

4. Application Process: All City of Manitowoc seasonal applications for employment must be completed online through the City website. Resumes will be accepted only as a supplement to the application, not in lieu of an application, and must be attached to the online application. Returning seasonal employees must re-apply through the City website.

Applicant Tracking: When a completed application is received by the Human Resources Department, the application will be tracked. Tracking is completed through the City’s application management system. Hiring supervisors will have access to view applications and communicate with Human Resources about candidates they wish to interview.

5. Candidate Selection: The hiring supervisor will screen the applications based on the job requirements outlined in the position description. After selections are made, candidates will be scheduled for an interview. All candidates for similar positions will be asked the same questions. Please refer to the [WI Department of Workforce Development guidance](#) which must be adhered to by hiring supervisors. All applicants not chosen from the interview process will be notified.

6. Hiring Process: After a candidate has been selected, the hiring supervisor will follow the process set in place by Human Resources to initiate the hiring process.

7. Criminal Background Checks & Drug Screen: All employees require a background check and pre-employment drug screen. Pre-employment drug screens must be completed at the clinic of choice by the City. All seasonal employees must have a drug screening annually prior to the first date they work in a calendar year. An

applicant who fails a drug screening may reapply after six months have passed since the initial screening. Background checks will be conducted through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, and the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry. Out-of-state applicant's background must be checked in the state in which they reside as well. Based on the Background Check Policy, Human Resources will determine whether or not any adverse information is relevant to the type of position the applicant will occupy. No applicant will be hired or denied employment until this process is complete. Documentation of the Criminal Background Checks will be held in the Human Resources Department.

8. Verification of Certification/License: The department supervisor is responsible for verification of any necessary certifications required for the position which is being filled. The department supervisor is also responsible for verification of a valid driver's license and ATV/UTV Safety Certification, if required for the position. Documentation of the verification must be forwarded to Human Resources.

9. Pay Policy: All seasonal employees shall be paid in accordance with *Appendix B*. Supervisors may place employees at a rate within the appropriate range but must base the rate on years of experience and skill level. It is recommended that supervisors place new seasonal employees at the Minimum rate, unless the candidate has a proven record of experience or a specific skill set necessary for the position. If a supervisor plans to make an offer to a new seasonal candidate at a rate that is higher than the Minimum rate, supervisors are required to email, using the provided Seasonal Pay Rate Approval Request email template, their Department Head and Human Resources for approval, prior to making the offer. Supervisors are encouraged to offer an incremental wage increase to returning employees each year, keeping in mind that they must stay within the approved range. Any position not listed on *Appendix B* or wage rate which differs from *Appendix B* must be approved by the Personnel Committee.

Each seasonal employee is responsible for accurate reporting of his/her compensable time during each payroll period. Employees who inaccurately report time worked will be subject to disciplinary measures. If inaccurate or outdated bank information is provided by an employee, the fee that is assessed to the City by the financial institution will be charged to the employee.

10. Offer of Employment: Human Resources will make an offer of seasonal employment. Seasonal employees may not begin working until Human Resources has informed the hiring supervisor that all pre-employment processes have been successfully completed. Employees who are found to be working without appropriate screenings or paperwork will be sent home until all appropriate processes are followed.
11. Orientation and Training: The hiring supervisor is responsible for communicating with the employee regarding start date, location, training, and for scheduling the orientation of each seasonal employee. All new seasonal employees must bring acceptable forms of ID (see Appendix C for list) to verify employment eligibility to Human Resources during regular business hours, before their start date or within three working days of beginning work. Any employee who fails to do this will be sent home on the fourth day and may not return until their ID has been verified. Please call to schedule an appointment so someone is in the office and able to assist you. The supervisor is responsible for all required training for the position. The training documentation must be forwarded to Human Resources.
12. FICA Alternative Retirement Program: The City of Manitowoc utilizes a FICA Alternative Retirement Program (Pelion) for all seasonal and temporary employees. This is not a voluntary program. All temporary and seasonal employees must submit the enrollment form online through the HRIS.

13. Minors: When a minor under the age of 16 is hired, a work permit will be required and paid for by the department hiring the minor. The work permit will be maintained at the department. The department supervisor is responsible for compliance with all child labor laws. Documentation of compliance must be forwarded to Human Resources.

14. Nepotism: Chapter 20.03 of the City of Manitowoc Municipal Code must be followed when hiring relatives of elected officials, department heads, or other supervisory personnel. Please provide names of any seasonal you will be hiring that are related to an elected official, department head, or other supervisory personnel to Human Resources.

15. Safety and Protective Gear: The City will provide general protective gear (e.g. safety vest, goggles, hearing protection) when required for the position. The Employee will provide protective gear which is personal in nature (e.g. steel tip shoes, rain gear and long pants) when required for the position.

~~15-16.~~ Telephone/Cell Phone and Headphone/Earbud Usage: City phones and cellular phones are only to be used for City business only during working hours for City business. Personal use of cell phones is permitted while on breaks. Employees shall refrain from using cell phones or other electronic devices, such as headphones/ear buds or hearing protection with built in speakers, while operating City vehicles or machinery. Violation of this policy will be subject to discipline up to an including termination.

~~16-17.~~ Termination of Employment: Upon termination of employment for the seasonal employee, the department supervisor shall initiate an HR Action-Termination of employee within 2 days of their last day worked. This can be completed before their last day worked (*See Appendix D*).

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IV. DEFINITIONS

1. Seasonal Employment: Certain times of the year necessitate the hiring of temporary, non-benefited positions to assist with increased workloads or to fill recreational program activity positions.
2. Seasonal Employee: Temporary, non-benefited employees hired to perform seasonal work. Employment terminates at the end of the season. Employment is strictly “at-will.”
3. At-Will: “At-will” employees have the right to terminate employment at any time, with or without notice, and for any or no reason at all. Likewise, the City has the right to terminate employment at any time, with or without notice, and for any or no reason at all.

Appendices

- Appendix A-Fair Labor Standard Act Qualified Seasonal Recreation Positions
- Appendix B-City of Manitowoc Seasonal Employee Hiring Rates
- Appendix C-List of Acceptable Documents
- Appendix D-How to Initiate a Termination of an Employee in UKG