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DATE: April 5, 2024

то: G.T. Bynum, Mayor FROM: Donald Spear, Safety Program Manager

Revision To HR Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

Section 965 – Seatbelt Usage

Attached is the final draft of Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Section 965- Seatbelt Usage, for your review and approval. The proposed revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Safety Oversight Committee and reviewed by AFSCME per the CBA Section 11.2.

The purpose of this revision is to define the policy scope, update HR policy references, and align with current operating procedures. Updates to this policy include:

- The addition of a policy scope that clarifies this policy only applies to non-sworn employees who drive vehicles and equipment used for city business.
- The Police Exemption Guidelines section was removed as Police Department employees are covered under a separate personnel policy.
- Outdated HR policy references were removed, and the remaining references were updated to include PPPM 903 (Cardinal Rules of Safety) and PPPM 411 Rule 10 (Safety).
- Program administration language was updated to ensure departments educate employees on the requirements of this policy.
- The Disciplinary Action section was updated to denote violations of this policy may be grounds for disciplinary action up to, and including, termination.
- Removal of policy language regarding the possible denial of injury leave for employees who are injured in a City vehicle/equipment while not wearing a seatbelt.

I respectfully request your review and approval of this policy revision.

965 <u>Seatbelt Usage</u>

.1 <u>Policy Statements</u>

Operators and passengers of vehicles/equipment being operated on behalf of the City of Tulsa shall be required to use seatbelts. Regardless of location, a seatbelt shall be worn during the operation of any motor vehicle or equipment that has been equipped with a seatbelt.

.2 <u>Purpose</u>

To enhance and protect the lives and safety of its employees, and to reduce the losses in work hours and productivity resulting from injuries from vehicle/equipment accidents, and to better serve its employees and the citizens of the City of Tulsa.

.3 <u>Scope</u>

This policy applies to all non-sworn employees who drive or operate vehicles and equipment used for city business.

- .4 <u>Program Administration</u>.
 - .41 The administration of the seatbelt use policy shall be the responsibility of the Safety and Health Section of the Human Resources Department.
 - .42 Departments shall be responsible for ensuring employees understand this policy and the requirements of proper seatbelt use.
 - .43 Each City department given control of City vehicles/equipment shall be responsible for properly maintaining seatbelts.
 - .44 Seatbelts that are not operational shall be grounds for removing a City vehicle or piece of equipment from service temporarily until maintenance, repair, or installation has been satisfactorily completed.
- .5 <u>Disciplinary Action</u>
 - .51 An employee who fails to use the seatbelt during the operation of, or as a passenger in, a vehicle/equipment being operated on behalf of the City of Tulsa, shall be considered in violation of this policy, Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (PPPM) Section 903 (Cardinal Rules of Safety), as well as PPPM Section 411 Rule 10 (Safety).
 - .52 Failure to use the seatbelt may be grounds for disciplinary action up to, and including, termination.

965. Seatbelt Usage-In/On City Vehicles/Equipment

Effective: 04/19/1993 Revised:

TBD04/28/2014; 4/24/2024

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- .52 Failure to use the seatbelt may be grounds for disciplinary action up to, and including, termination.isciplinary action of this section shall apply.
- .42 An employee not wearing a seatbelt who is injured in an accident/incident during operation of, or as a passenger in, a City vehicle/equipment being operated on behalf of the City of Tulsa, will be subject to denial of injury leave.
- .5 Police Exemption Guidelines

.51 Whenever a police officer may reasonably anticipate an emergency exit from the police unit, taking into consideration the officer's duty to report his status on the radio, or to obtain police equipment (i.e. police helmet, safety vest, shotgun) the officer is exempt from the seatbelt usage policy. This would necessitate a decision on the officer's part when to remove the seatbelt within a reasonable distance (normally hundreds of feet from any type of call).

.52 Operators and police passengers during routine transportation of prisoners may be free from seatbelt restraints if it is felt the person being transported could become violent or combative.