

## OFFICE OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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## Darlene A. Kloeppel, County Executive

## MEMORANDUM

## TO: County Board Members

FROM: Darlene Kloeppel, County Executive
DATE: November 17, 2022
RE: Additional Materials from Workforce Study

Our Gallagher consultants have finalized additional documents related to their recent presentation on the county's Workforce Study. The original workplan to complete a county workforce study focused on improving recruitment and retention of county employees that included:

- Review of county job descriptions
- Review of hiring process and practices (talent acquisition)
- Recommendations for salary administration (employee compensation)
- Recommendations to improve equity, inclusion \& diversity
- Strategies for employee retention

The contract agreement provided $\$ 173,240$ for these tasks, with a project timeline anticipating project completion by the end of September 2022.

The County's oversight for this project was provided by Bill Colbrook, Director of Administration. As work commenced, it became clear that additional effort would be needed to prioritize obtaining employee input through on-site focus groups and a custom survey. As a result, there was not enough time for a more specific analysis of diversity/inclusion issues and the completion timeframe was extended to November.

Analysis of the county's recruitment and compensation issues were summarized during the consultants' presentation on November 9, 2022, and additional report items supporting this analysis in more detail are attached here for consideration as officials determine best steps for moving forward with these recommendations. In addition, the complete Gallagher report will include two videos.

My thanks to the board for finally appropriating financial resources to complete this project and begin the process for a revamping of the county's human resources efforts. I thought it also might be helpful for newer board members to include the 2019 Draft 6-Year Workforce Plan developed by my office (under the coordination of Isak Griffiths), which includes a spreadsheet and the beginning review of the personnel policies for recommended changes that were also put on hold as the pandemic struck. All are being posted online as handouts for this board meeting and for future reference by a potential committee/task force.

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FROM: Darlene Kloeppel, County Executive
DATE: November 9, 2022
RE: County Workforce Recommendations
As part of the current job market experiencing the "great resignation" and younger generations entering the marketplace post-pandemic, county workforce issues will be one of the biggest challenges for all county departments in the next few years. Realizing a vision for Champaign County government as a leading community employer will require:

- Department heads that accomplish the county's work in a fiscally responsible manner, minimizing liabilities to the county and improving the quality of life for county residents
- Supervisors that attract, hire, train and retain the best talent available
- Employees that are competent, efficient, ethical and engaged


## Baseline Workplace Environment

In 2019, the Executive's Office solicited all departments' input for suggestions to position the county as an employer of choice. A proposed workforce plan incorporating those suggestions was presented, but not adopted by the board at that time. Focusing on items that could be implemented within their resources and despite the pandemic, department heads successfully worked on the following ideas to recruit and support staff since that time:

Recruitment/onboarding -

- New employee onboarding templates were developed and posted online for reference; a curriculum for in-person 1-day orientation was developed, but was tabled shortly thereafter due to the pandemic
- Supervisor templates were developed and posted online for reference; a curriculum for in-person $1 / 2$ day training for new supervisors was developed, but was tabled due to the pandemic
- Board member onboarding resources were developed and posted online for reference
- Added 9 positions to reduce overtime - Sheriff, Animal Control, Coroner, Public Defender, IT
- Expanded recruitment events/postings/networking (difficult during the pandemic)
- Increased use of college interns
- Added lateral hire and sign-on bonuses for public safety staff
- Implemented revised AOIC qualifications for court services staff

Professional development -

- Provided user training for new/upgraded county software, vehicles and equipment
- Offered lunch-n-learn and workshop training opportunities for supervisors and middle managers
- Updated/expanded library of online trainings for employees on work-related topics - supervision, sexual harassment, diversity, insurance, health/mental health, legal issues, safety and best practices

Work environment/technology -

- Added wellness/lactation rooms at Brookens and Courthouse
- Added hallway art and revision of signage, including some Spanish and more Braille signage, at Brookens for better wayfinding
- Arranged summer food truck options at Brookens during the pandemic
- Offered regular on-site blood donation opportunity at Brookens
- Significant employment milestones and retiring employees were recognized annually
- Procured new ERP system to include payroll/personnel management modules - payroll is going live in November; other HR functions in 2023
- Developed and continue to offer some remote work options
- Improved security of county buildings


## Baseline Compensation Environment

Personnel funds are the largest ongoing expense in the county's budget; with the 2023 personnel budget at $\$ 67,459,514$. Increased $13.3 \%$ from $\$ 59,533,389$ in 2019 - in addition to annual COLA raises, we:

- Moved all employees to at least $\$ 15 / \mathrm{hr}$. wage
- Procured an Employee Assistance Program
- Provided administrative leave, reduced/flexed work schedules and retained all employees through the COVID-19 pandemic with no lay-offs
- Provided ARPA-funded premium pay bonus for most employees
- Added a retirement plan advisor for our employee 457 (b) Nationwide program participants
- Expanded stipend for employees that speak languages other than English, as needed by office
- Paid out accrued comp time for employees that were unable to take time off in a timely manner due to staffing shortages (if they preferred this option)

As staff turnover occurs, officials with larger staff/budgets have more flexibility than smaller departments to make many additional personnel decisions within their budgets that may increase future budgets, including. giving mid-year raises and hiring employees at higher than starting salaries. In 2022, there were 37 mid-year salary increases given to General Fund employees and over 50 transactions that were outside of the personnel/bargaining unit policies, some of which were used as a strategy to recruit or keep competent staff in an increasingly competitive labor environment. Wage compression is occurring between new hires coming in above entry level salaries and existing staff with tenure. Some departments are negotiating separate MOUs that are not transparently communicated nor equitable to all members of bargaining units. Staff are aware of inconsistencies within/among departments, lowering morale and leading to feelings of unfairness and lack of trust in management. Consistency is needed.

## Baseline Emplovee Environment

Turnover of employees for the last 4 years has led to the following observations, which indicates a need for more flexible compensation packages and some redundancy in positions to reduce county risk when vacancies occur.

The Great Resignation -

- many employees hold key positions that only they know how to do
- training of entering employees is often done through call-back of previous employees
- 2-3 employees are needed to replace employees with years of institutional knowledge

Job Applicants -

- increasingly applicants are entering the workforce with "soft skill" deficits
- increasingly applicants are unwilling to work evening/night/weekend shifts
- increasingly applicants are unwilling to learn a job defined as "hard" or "complicated"
- employee values are more diverse regarding work/life balance, work loyalty, dress code, holidays, compensation priorities, etc.
- increasingly employees prefer a fast sequence of raises commensurate with learning skills needed
- increasingly employees prefer more time off to higher wages


## Workforce Plan

In spring of 2022, Gallagher was hired to perform a Workforce Study to expand our understanding of the current work environment through a talent acquisition and retention assessment, an employee survey and focus groups, and a compensation administration analysis. Their recommendations are included in their presentation and concur with the workforce plan outlined previously.

Focused action steps will be needed to make progress on our consultants' recommendations, and some recommended strategies will have impacts on future budgets. Again, I ask that the board consider adopting a 3-5 Year Workforce Plan with action steps that can be tied to the budget. As a start:

## Year 1-2023 already budgeted

 Recruitment strategies- Continue AIOC waiver for detention officers to enable a broader pool of applicants
- Continue hiring bonuses and lateral hires for public safety staff
- Implement ERP HR functions (onboarding, training, offboarding)
- A $\$ 20,000$ placeholder for some type of recruitment strategy (applications/social media/marketing)


## Retention strategies

- January 1 wage increases
- Transition to different employee investment options through Nationwide 457(b) Plan
- Implement ERP HR functions for employee on-boarding, training, performance management

Work environment

- Increased IT support for courthouse departments
- Consolidation of the jails resulting in better depth of staffing coverage for corrections positions
- Renovations to County Plaza to accommodate space needs, better natural light in offices, better security of staff, a wellness/lactation room, coffee stations and break room on every floor
- Continuing support of the county's facility routine maintenance and deferred maintenance plan


## Year 1-2023 other tasks requiring department time/no additional funds

- Determine an updated job description format
- All departments review/update job descriptions consistent with recommended salary scales
- Begin offering regular (monthly) in-person onboarding for new employees and new supervisors
- Prioritize next steps in a 3-5-year plan that can be budgeted annually


# County of Champaign Workforce Study 



2022

Recruiting \& Retention Study:
Findings \& Recommendations Summary

Karen Blackwell | 11/9/2022

## Gallagher

## Section Overview: Recruiting \& Retention Study

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A. Recruiting \& HR Practices
B. Retention Practices

## Project Approach

- Confidential Employee Survey
- Human Resources Interviews
- Manager Interviews
- Onsite Employee Focus Groups
- Candidate Experience Review
- Brand \& Social Media Review
- Collaboration with Compensation Study



## Project Goals

- Determine near-term and long-term ways to improve recruiting and retention
- Determine long-term strategies to improve recruiting \& retention
- Identify opportunities to improve the Recruiting function to serve Department leaders and their employees better



## Employee Survey \& Focus Groups:

Survey:

- Confidential
- Administered by Gallagher
- 326 Responses (59\%)

Employee Focus Groups:

- Onsite 3 days: 6/21-6/23
- Virtual Focus Groups
- 3 Additional Employee Sessions
- 4 Leader/Manager Group Sessions
- 8 One on One conversations (SMEs and Elected Officials)


## Employee Survey

## Top Themes

1. Compensation
2. Overworked due to understaffing / inappropriate staffing (All dpts)
3. Negative impact of politics on work and relationships
4. Cost of Health Benefits
5. Retirement Benefits have been / are deteriorating

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## Employee Survey Results

## Highlights

Employee Advocacy: Would you refer a family member/friend to the County?

- $37 \%$ of the 307 respondents said, "No", they would not refer.
- $63 \%$ said "yes" they would


## Employee Retention Indicators:

- $22 \%$ of respondents said they are likely to leave within the next three months
- $11 \%$ were "passive" and could be at risk if their satisfaction deteriorates slightly
- $68 \%$ said no, they were not looking to leave in the next three months.


## Employee Survey Results

## Highlights

## Employee Satisfaction:

- $47 \%$ of the respondents said they were "not satisfied"
- $34 \%$ were passive and
- $19 \%$ said they were satisfied

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## Employee Survey Results

## Employee Engagement:

When asked about engagement, the results were not aligned to the satisfaction question. While not unheard of, it's unusual to have employees report being more engaged when reporting they were very dissatisfied.

- $36 \%$ said they were engaged
- $33 \%$ said they were neutral on the topic or "passive"
- $30 \%$ said they were not engaged


## Survey Theme: Compensation

## Details

- Employees were asked to rate their "Overall Compensation Package" and were given a definition of overall compensation.
- $36.3 \%$ said it was poor to very poor

| 50 | Very Poor | $15.5 \%$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 67 | Poor | $20.8 \%$ | $36.3 \%$ |
| 67 | Okay | $20.8 \%$ |  |
| 79 | Good | $24.5 \%$ |  |
| 13 | Great | $4.0 \%$ | $28.6 \%$ |
| 46 | Did not move the scale which <br> was at a default "okay" | $14.3 \%$ |  |
| 322 |  | $100.0 \%$ |  |

## Survey Theme \#1: Compensation

## Themes

- Perception that local retail employers such as Costco, Amazon and Target paying workers higher wages than the County.
- Employees on family health benefit plans said paying the premiums erode wage increases they've received YOY.
- Recent inflation and yearly rise in cost of living have outpaced small increases YOY.
- Employees with tenure are feeling salary compression
- (New employees making close to what tenured employees are making; devaluing the tenured employees experience and loyalty)

Survey Theme \#3: Politics at work

## Details

"Politics" are negatively impacting the Employee Experience:

- Fairness (Treatment being politically influenced)
- Lack of accountability \& professionalism
- Political conflicts impact employees' ability to get their work done


Other Survey Themes:

## Notable and/or Red Flags

- Employees feel appreciation and recognition are declining
- Employees are afraid to speak up / provide feedback
- Many mentioned hiring standards are now low due to the talent shortage
- Trust is eroding; skepticism increasing
- DEI: Awareness and importance placed on diversity is low


## Employee \& Manager Focus Groups

## Summary

- Survey feedback and employee focus group feedback were very similar
- No notable differences
- Manager Focus Groups:
- Similar feedback
- Plus, multiple mentions of wanting more recruiting support
- Mentions of JDs being out of date and in need of updating



## Employee Feedback Overall

## Bottom Line:

Positive Take-aways:

- High feedback engagement
- Your employees enjoy their co workers
- Your employees enjoy serving your community


## Red Flags:

- Employees are experiencing burnout and mental health impacts
- Employee skepticism is high
- Employee Satisfaction and Morale are Low

Candidate Experience Assessment

## Results

- The County is not front and center for Champaign-area talent
- Search logic did not lead to Champaign Law Enforcement / CO openings on either tool
- Its difficult to find the County's careers page and apply
- Talent competitors are using better technology and social medial strategy


## Employer Brand \& Social Media Review

## Results

- The County has a limited
presence in social media platforms therefore does not show up in social media searches
- The County does not advertise job openings often via social media
- On some platforms, potential profile/account names are already usurped.
- The County's brand and
employer value proposition is not coming through
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## Recommendations

Recruiting \& Retention:


## Recruiting

## Near Term

## Applicant Flow:

- Purchase a job bundle on Indeed.com or governmentjobs.com
- Due Diligence is needed: Applitrak is not flowing all jobs to Indeed.com; and/or indeed.com is not "finding them" and therefore advertising them


## Social Media \& Brand:

- Secure a profile or account for all major social media platforms; even if the County is not able to actively post near-term
- Consider creating a recruiting video for law enforcement
- Hire or identify a Social Media Coordinator
- How does it "feel" to be part of Champaign County?


## Recruiting

## Long Term

- Adopt a new Human Resources support model
- Create a social media recruiting playbook for all Departments
- Consider robust and cohesive HR software such as neogov.com
- Add recruiting as a function of the Human Resources Department
- Create a County "Alumni Outreach" program
- Create a yearly social media / communications recruiting campaign



## Recommendations

- Compensation: Act promptly where applicable
- Build trust with employees: Transparency builds trust. Communicate the results of the work study
- Continue retention bonuses for critical staff
- Provide managers with a "Stay Interview Toolkit"
- Open lines of communication - EE and Leadership / HR
- Highlight the County's EAP Program with employees during 2022 OE
- Ensure departments have set aside ample employee recognition dollars for 2023


## Budgetary: 2023

- Ensure the County as a whole and/or departments have set aside ample "Employee Recognition Program" monies for 2023.
- Budget for a 2023 Leaders Retreat / Team building exercise.
- Budget for a return of the "Summer Picnic" or a Veterans Day event in addition to other social employee appreciation events
- Consider a "Total Rewards" exercise in 2023
- Budget for a compensation study refresh in Q4 2023
- Budget for a yearly confidential employee engagement survey



## Recommendations

- Expand Human Resources to support departments:
- Recruiting Strategy Support
- Onboarding, Off boarding
- Employee Relations
- Compliance \& risk mitigation
- Job protected leave management
- Manager training \& development
- HR Technology \& Recruiting resources need upgrading
- Special Projects: Job Description overhaul, compliance audit


## Shared Culture, Mission and Values

## Shared Social Media Practices

## Core HR, Benefits \& Recruiting Practices \& Support

| Dpt./Elected Official: | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official | Dpt./Elected Official |
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| Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach | Customized Approach |

Unified Employer Brand \& Face to the Community

More Consistent Employee and Candidate Experience

## Priorities

In this order

- Calibrate Compensation
- Task Force: Create new recruiting \& social media strategy
- Expand HR Support
- Evolve HR Technology
- Begin your DEI Journey



## Thank You!

## Next:

Compensation Study
Findings \& Recommendations Summary

County of Champaign
Workforce Study - 2022


## Study Background \& Objectives

- Analyze the County's personnel salary/benefit administration of approximately 430 employees in 168 job classifications and recommend strategies to improve recruitment and retention.
- The objectives of the study were to:
- Collect market salary data utilizing custom and published survey sources.
- Compare and analyze current salaries to the market in terms of base compensation.
- Review job duties for all positions to ensure correct internal placement in the current pay grade structure.
- Provide internal equity and external competitiveness recommendations based on market analysis.



## Classification Study

## Methodology

- Gallagher collected job descriptions in order to understand each job's essential responsibilities, knowledge and skills.
- Using information gained from the job descriptions, Gallagher analyzed current internal hierarchical levels to ensure consistency and differentiation in level of work performed.


## General Characteristics of Classification Structure

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27 Job Series

## Classification Study - Internal Slotting

## Methodology

- Developed and utilized broad job level definitions to identify an internal hierarchy of positions establishing clearly distinguishable job levels.
- This is beneficial in:
- Streamlining classifications that are performing similar scope and level of work.
- Clearly distinguished job levels and gives current and future incumbents a better picture of their potential career paths.
- New positions are easy to integrate.
- Based on this approach we identified potential internal hierarchical levels for all levels of the organization.
- These levels can be used for the development of new and changed job descriptions, along with the potential of managing the placement of jobs into pay ranges in the future.


## Compensation Study

## Data Collection Methodology

Market Comparison Analysis
Market Comparison Findings \& Results

## Data Collection Methodology

## Survey Sources

- Gallagher conducted a custom salary survey and supplemented market data from published survey sources representing the local, regional, and national labor markets where applicable.
- Gallagher partnered with Champaign County project team to identify peer organizations for administering a custom salary survey.
- 28 comparable peer organizations identified representing local and regional comparator organizations (public sector).
- The following slide provides a list of peer organizations surveyed for compensation and pay practice information.


## Custom Survey Participant Organizations

- 7 participant organizations (or $18 \%$ of total list ) participated in the custom salary survey.
- Additionally, Gallagher data mined information for 5 participant organizations using official published job descriptions and salary ranges.


## Participant Name

St. Clair County
Madison County
Winnebago County
McHenry County
Kane County
Will County
Sangamon County
Peoria County
McLean County
Rock Island County
Ford County
Iroquois County
Vermillion County
Edgar County

Douglas County
Piatt County
City of Urbana
City of Champaign
City of Decatur
City of Bloomington
City of Danville
City of Savoy
City of Rantoul Champaign-Urbana Transit
Champaign Unit 4 School District Urbana School District 116

UIUC
Parkland College

## Data Collection Methodology

## Published Survey Sources

- We supplemented the custom survey data with published survey sources using private sector and public sector data cuts where applicable.
- The following annually published survey sources were referenced:
- Willis Towers Watson Surveys, 2021
- Mercer Surveys, 2021
- Compdata Benchmark Pro Survey, 2021
- Economic Research Institute
- The utilized above published sources meet the following standard compensation criteria:
- Conducted by a reputable salary survey firm.
- Survey data is not self reported.
- Survey is conducted on a continual basis instead of a one-time event.
- Survey reports its data sources, the effective date of the data, and was tested to ensure accurate.

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## Data Collection Methodology

## List of Benchmark Jobs

- Market salary data was collected for the following list of 65 benchmark jobs:

| 1st Assistant Public Defender | Corrections Sergeant | Facility Maintenance Director | Legal Advocate Manager |
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| Accountant | County Clerk Senior Specialist | Facility Maintenance Manager | Legal Clerk |
| Accounting Assistant | County Clerk Specialist | Facility Maintenance Worker | Legal Services Advocate |
| Administrative Assistant | County Clerk Supervisor | Facility Maintenance Worker, Senior | Legal Services Assistant |
| Administrative Clerk | County Engineer | Financial Services Manager | Legal Services Investigator |
| Administrative Supervisor | Court Administrator | GIS Director | Legal Support Director |
| Animal Control Director | Court Clerk | GIS Programmer | Librarian |
| Animal Control Officer | Court Services Coordinator | GIS Specialist | Maintenance Specialist |
| Animal Control Worker | Court Services Director | GIS Technician | Master Control Officer |
| Assessment Analyst | Court Services Officer | Highway Maintenance Engineer | Mental Health Director |
| Assessment Technician | Court Services Supervisor | Highway Maintenance Foreman | Mental Health Program Associate Director |
| Assistant Animal Control Director | Custodian | Highway Maintenance Mechanic | Mental Health Program Coordinator |
| Assistant County Engineer | Data Analyst | Highway Maintenance Worker | Paralegal |
| Assistant Public Defender | Deputy Coroner | Human Resources Director | Payroll Accountant |
| Assistant State's Attorney | Deputy County Clerk | Insurance Specialist | Planner |
| Associate Planner | Deputy Director of Finance | IT Analyst | Program Coordinator |
| Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk | Deputy EMA Coordinator | IT Director | Public Defender |
| Chief Deputy Coroner | Deputy Sheriff | IT Manager | Senior Accountant |
| Chief Deputy County Clerk | Deputy Sheriff Captain | IT Specialist | Senior Court Services Officer |
| Chief Deputy Recorder | Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant | IT Technician | Senior Executive Assistant / Office Manager |
| Chief Deputy Sheriff | Deputy Sheriff Sergeant | Jury Commission | Senior Planner |
| Chief Deputy Treasurer | Director of Planning \& Zoning | Jury Coordinator | Structural Engineer |
| Circuit Clerk Supervisor | EMA Coordinator | Juvenile Detention Assistant Superintendent | Supervisor of Assessments |
| Corrections Captain | Engineering Technician | Juvenile Detention Superintendent | VAC Superintendent |
| Corrections Lieutenant | Evidence Property Officer | Lead Custodian | Veterinarian |
| Corrections Officer | Executive Assistant | Lead Prosecutor | Zoning Officer |
|  |  |  | Zoning Technician |

## Data Collection Methodology

## Data Collection and Job Match Validation

- In accordance with WorldatWork* guidelines, Gallagher reviewed participant job matches to ensure they reflect at least $80 \%$ of the duties outlined in the Job Descriptions.
- Market salary data gathered for actual salaries and salary range (structure minimum and maximum).
- Gallagher follows the U.S Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission guidelines, which states five job matches should exist per job in order to conduct statistical analyses or for drawing conclusions.
- Market data was available for 64 of the 65 of the benchmark positions


## Data Collection Methodology

## Aging Salary Data

- The market salary data represents information aged to January 2023.


## Adjusting Salary Data

- We applied geographic differentials to published salary data only to ensure that the data was reflective of Champaign County's labor market and economic conditions.
- All the market salary data were geographically adjusted for the Champaign, IL labor market using the Economic Research Institute's (ERI) Geographic Assessor for cost of labor to establish geographic differentials.


## Findings and Analysis

- For each benchmark comparison, the percentage difference was calculated between Champaign County's actual salary and the market:
- Positive (+) figures indicate that the County pays above the market.
- Negative (-) figures indicate that the County pays below the market.
- The following guidelines are used when determining the competitive nature of current actual compensation:



## Analysis and Findings

## Base Salary

- Overall, the County actual average salaries is competitive with the Full Market (custom and published private and public sector data) at $-2.5 \%$ below market 50th percentile for actual salaries (or median).
- The County actual average salaries are highly competitive with the custom survey labor market at $-0.2 \%$ below market 50th percentile for actual salaries (or median).
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## Percentage Difference

County Actual (Base) Salary vs. Market

| Labor Market <br> Group | Market 50th <br> (All Benchmarks) | Market 50th <br> (General Government) | Market 50th <br> (Law Enforcement/Corrections/ <br> Detention/Probation) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full Market | $-2.5 \%$ | $-1.5 \%$ | $-7.7 \%$ |
| Custom Survey Group | $-0.2 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ | $-7.7 \%$ |
| Published Surveys | $-5.4 \%$ | $-5.4 \%$ | $n / a$ |

## Analysis and Findings

Below are the benchmark job titles where the County actual pay was more than $+/-15 \%$ off the market $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile. These are individual positions for specific review, although the recommended salary range placement addresses the market rate and would place the positions in a range that allows the County to pay competitively:

Animal Control Officer<br>Chief Deputy Coroner<br>Corrections Officer<br>Deputy County Clerk<br>Chief Deputy County Clerk<br>Maintenance Specialist<br>Deputy Director of Finance<br>Highway Maintenance Worker<br>Human Resources Director<br>Deputy Sheriff<br>Legal Services Assistant<br>Legal Services Advocate<br>Legal Support Director<br>Zoning Technician<br>Zoning Officer

## Market Comparison Findings \& Results

- While the County's compensation is competitive with the market on an overall basis, individual jobs vary significantly, with some jobs being further above or below the market than the overall amounts.
- Some of the job titles that are significantly misaligned (>+/-15\% difference) with the market, do not necessarily mean misalignment. Factors such as performance, turnover and longevity will impact actual salaries and may explain some of the differences between the County and the market actual salaries for individual jobs.
- The purpose of gathering market data was the development of an updated salary structure and determining potential costs for implementation in order for the salary the budget


## Salary Structure Development

- Gallagher developed a salary structure that is anchored in the market:
- The lowest market data point collected and placed that $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile at the midpoint of the first grade.
- Utilized a $10 \%$ midpoint to midpoint differential from midpoint to midpoint
- Slotted jobs into the salary range with the midpoint that most closely aligns with the market rate.
- If the position did not have market data, align with jobs of a similar level or the current midpoint (ensuring salary ranges did not decrease)
- This method recognizes market influence and balances the internal equity for those positions without valid market data.
- Utilized consistent range spread ( $40 \%$ difference between minimum to maximum), which is a consistent practice in the local labor market.


## Proposed Salary Structure

| Anchor using lowest data point |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade | Minimum | Midpoint | Maximum | Range Spread | Midpt Diff |
| 1 | $\$ 15.50$ | $\$ 18.60$ | $\$ 21.70$ | $40 \%$ |  |
| 2 | $\$ 17.05$ | $\$ 20.46$ | $\$ 23.87$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 3 | $\$ 18.75$ | $\$ 22.51$ | $\$ 26.26$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 4 | $\$ 20.63$ | $\$ 24.76$ | $\$ 28.88$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 5 | $\$ 22.69$ | $\$ 27.23$ | $\$ 31.77$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 6 | $\$ 24.96$ | $\$ 29.95$ | $\$ 34.95$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 7 | $\$ 27.46$ | $\$ 32.95$ | $\$ 38.44$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 8 | $\$ 30.20$ | $\$ 36.24$ | $\$ 42.29$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 9 | $\$ 33.22$ | $\$ 39.87$ | $\$ 46.51$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 10 | $\$ 36.55$ | $\$ 43.86$ | $\$ 51.17$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 11 | $\$ 40.20$ | $\$ 48.24$ | $\$ 56.28$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 12 | $\$ 44.22$ | $\$ 53.07$ | $\$ 61.91$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 13 | $\$ 48.64$ | $\$ 58.37$ | $\$ 68.10$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 14 | $\$ 53.51$ | $\$ 64.21$ | $\$ 74.91$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 15 | $\$ 58.86$ | $\$ 70.63$ | $\$ 82.40$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| 16 | $\$ 64.74$ | $\$ 77.69$ | $\$ 90.64$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

Proposed Salary
Structure Metrics

| Comb MKT <br> Min 50th | Comb MKT <br> Max 50th |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 18.60$ | $\$ 81.67$ |
| County Min | County Max |
| $\$ 16.34$ | $\$ 80.03$ |
| MKT Avg Range Spread |  |
| $40 \%$ |  |

## Cost Implementation

- It is important for Champaign County to implement the proposed salary ranges through consistent pay implementation process to reduce potential salary compression issues and impact of inflation.
- Potential cost implementation options to bring employees into the proposed structures include the following:

| Implementation | Benefit | Potential Drawback |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bring to Minimum | Brings all employees within competitive range <br> Cost effective | $\checkmark$ Does not factor in time in position |
| Bring to Position in Range, Up to Maximum (based on time in current position) | Brings all employees within competitive range <br> Factors in time in position for placing employees | $\checkmark$ Expensive <br> $\checkmark$ Potentially places employees near the maximum of the new range |

- The implementation strategy/plan is based on the following aspects:
- No pay cuts will occur.
- Existing salaries may fall above the new pay range maximum.


## Implementation Costs

## Option 1- Bring to Minimum

- Employees below the minimum in the proposed structure are moved to the new range minimum.
- If an employee is currently paid above the new salary range minimum, no adjustment is made in this option.


## Option 2 - Bring to Step Based on Years of Service (up to maximum)

- All employees are moved to appropriate progression salary rate within the proposed salary range, referencing years of service in current position.
- Each progression salary rate increment is equal to a approximately $3 \%$ general increased for each year of service in the current position.
- If an employee is currently paid above the new salary rate, then no adjustment is made in this option.


## Implementation Costs

## Cost to Implement Proposed Salary Structure

The following table outlines costs associated with placing employees into the proposed structures. Costing includes FTE adjustments:

| Structure Implementation - All |  |  | Structure Implementation - Government Services |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bring to Min | Cost | \$149,670 | Bring to Min | Cost | \$110,957 |
|  | \% of Group Payroll | 0.5\% |  | \% of Group Payroll | 0.6\% |
|  | \# Increases | 28 |  | \# Increases | 21 |
| Bring to Years of Service Step | Cost | \$1,719,175 | Bring to Years of Service Step | Cost | \$1,167,832 |
|  | \% of Group Payroll | 6.18\% |  | \% of Group Payroll | 6.49\% |
|  | \# Increases | 183 |  | \# Increases | 129 |


| Structure Implementation - Public Safety (JDC, <br> Corrections, Probation, Law Enforcement) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Bring to Min | Cost | $\$ 38,713$ |
|  | \% of Group Payroll | $0.4 \%$ |
|  | \# Increases | 7 |
| Bring to Years of <br> Service Step | Cost | $\$ 551,343$ |
|  | \% of Group Payroll | $5.61 \%$ |
|  | \# Increases | 54 |

## Next Steps

- Adopt the proposed new classification structure incorporating consistency across the County job classes while allowing flexibility and identifying transparent potential employee career paths.
- Select proposed salary structure implementation method that aligns with County priorities and budget.
- Utilize cost implementation estimate for budgeting purposes.


## Ongoing System Maintenance

## We recommend the following classification guidelines for maintaining internal equity:

- The County should annually review its internal alignment and classification of jobs to ensure proper leveling between jobs.
- We recommend using a classification structure framework that provides a comprehensive and consistent framework for establishing and defining potentially similar level of work.
- The internal hierarchical levels identified provide a consistent internal framework that can be modified to include new levels of work as required.


## Ongoing System Maintenance

> Looking ahead, conduct regular review of the compensation system and relevant market data to ensure that a competitive structure is maintained:

- The salary structure should be adjusted by a structure movement trend factor every year to remain competitive with the market.
- Salary advancement through the structure should be at a higher rate than the salary structure adjustment.
- In addition to adjust the salary structure each year to keep pace with the market, the County should conduct a comprehensive market compensation study similar to the salary study part of the project at least every three to five years.


## Thank you!



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# Candidate Simulation Exercise: Findings 

Prepared for Champaign County, IL<br>Prepared By: Karen Blackwell, Senior Consultant | HR Consulting

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## Background:

Champaign County recruits its Law Enforcement Deputies and Correctional Officers through processes outside of Applitrack. Interested parties begin with the National Testing Network. Applicants that pass the test are sent to Champaign County. The County then engages the recruit. Court Services Officers are hired as other County jobs are through the Applitrack process.

## Approach:

Gallagher conducted its discovery and analysis by using the following approaches:

- Two Videos capturing the Candidate Simulation Exercises
- Screenshot captures with commentary provided as a supplement findings tool


## Findings

Through the two candidate exercises, Gallagher found that it is a dead-end and/or difficult for an applicant to find Champaign County Law Enforcement or Correctional Officer roles by searching on www.indeed.com or on Google. A potential applicant would have to 1. Know that the County has openings and 2. Know to go directly to the County's public-facing website.

## Efficiency:

- From the County's Home/public-facing landing page, it takes 5 clicks to reach the area in which a potential applicant would begin the application process for non-patrol or CO roles. It is not intuitive or instructive to the applicant that starts on the home page that they do not click on the "Jobs" area of this page.
- Instead, they should click on "find a department", then, find the Sheriff's Department page. Then, the applicant must notice that "Recruitment" is on the left hand side of the screen in a column; third bullet down. Once the potential applicant clicks on "Recruitment", then prompts are more clear and intuitive on what steps to take next.
- Once on the County's job page, it is a 30 to 60 minute process to create an Applitrack account and to apply to a job opening.


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## In Summary:

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- For passive and potential candidates interested in law enforcement jobs in the Champaign area, the County is not front and center.
- "Competitors" like the City of Champaign and the University are advertising their openings more prominently and make it easy to find them.
- There are many practices that other Counties that link to indeed.com are following for their own law enforcement roles. However, despite the varying ways, one theme emerges: It is "easy" for an applicant to find the jobs and to begin the process.

Other Counties and their Approach: Other Counties in Illinois advertised Deputy Patrol openings on Indeed.com and have other pathways for applying. Some examples where:

- Union County, IL: Applicants click on "Apply" in the indeed.com job advertisement. The applicant applies through the indeed.com portal. Gallagher stopped short of submitting and actual application to the job. Unsure of next steps after applying through indeed.com
- McLean County, IL: Applicants click on "Apply" in the indeed.com job advertisement. The applicant then applies through the County's online HR portal. They use: CivicPlus HR. https://www.civicplus.com/civichr/human-resource-software-local-government
- Peoria County, IL: Applicants click "Apply" on indeed.com and are routed to a landing page on the County's internal site. There, they are directed to this link: https://www.peoriacounty.org/FormCenter/Sheriffs-Office-5/Application-Deputy-SheriffCorrection-Off-93 It appears to be a "home grown" part of the County's internal website environment
- St. Clair County, IL: Applicants click "Apply" on indeed.com and are directed to what appears to be the County's internal HR ATS area: https://stclaircountyil.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/JobSeeker/applyTo/10

The Candidate Simulation Exercises are detailed in the remainder of this report

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## Candidate Exercise Details:

## Candidate Exercise I:

| Tool | Indeed.com |
| :--- | :--- |
| Candidate Profile: | Has not been referred to County; is a resident of Champaign, looking to get back into law <br> enforcement; is open to either City, County or other law enforcement roles. |

The first natural search phrase "champaign county police officer" does not bring back a result:
Find jobs Company reviews Find salaries
What champaign county police officer a Where champaign

The search champaign county police officer jobs in champaign did not match any jobs

You may want to try:

- Champaign County Police jobs in Champaign, IL (about 7 jobs).
- County Police Officer jobs in Champaign, IL (about 8 jobs).
- Champaign County Police Officer jobs within 100 miles of Champaign, IL (about 3 jobs).
- Champaign County Police Officer jobs in Illinois (about 3 jobs).


## Search suggestions:

- Try more general keywords
- Check your spelling
- Replace abbreviations with the entire word

The next phrase, "champaign county police" pulls back one County-related result for the "Police Training Coordinator" role. No other roles came back in the result screen.

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Next, "Champaign county law enforcement" was searched. It produced the same result, one Police Training Coordinator role.



Upload your resume - Let employers find you
Champaign County law enforcement jobs in Champaign, Il
Sort by: relevance - date $\quad$ Page 1 of 1 jobs (2)
Police Training Coordinator
Champaign County 3.8 \&
Urbana, IL 61802
\#Full-time $+1 \quad$ Monday to Friday

- The Police Training Coordinator prepares supplemental training grant
applications accessing funds set aside by the state for training areas, such as
traffic,...
Posted 30+ days ago . More...

Police Training Coordinator
Urbana, IL 61802
Full-time, Temporary
You must create an Indeed account before continuing to the company website to apply
Apply on company site $\bigcirc$

## Job details

Job Type
full-time
Temporary

Benefits
Pulled from the full iob description
Dental insurance Health insurance Tuition reimbursement

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Next, "Champaign county corrections" pulled back two County openings: The JDC role and the Records Clerk role. (Would all applicants know to put "Court Services Officer" or "Detention Officer" as a search input to pull Champaign jobs?)


Some potential applicants may think the role is called "Correctional officer" - this input produced the same two openings again.

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Search Phrase "Deputy Patrol" produced one non-Champaign County related opening.

## indeed

Find jobs Company reviews Find salaries


## Probationary Police Officer

City of Danville, IL
Danville, IL 61832
\$56,654 a year - Full-time
4 Responded to $51-74 \%$ of applications in the past 30

## Apply now <br> $\bigcirc$

Job details
Salary
\$56,654 a year
Job Type
Full-time

## Qualifications

- High school or equivalent (Require - US work authorization (Required)


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## Candidate Exercise II:

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| Tool | Google Search |
| :--- | :--- |
| Candidate Profile: | Same Profile: Has not been referred to County; is a resident of Champaign, looking to get back <br> into law enforcement; is open to either City, County or other law enforcement roles. Does not <br> know what the different agencies call their Law Enforcement roles |

Beginning search phrase "Champaign County police officer":

- The result produces an "even result" in that the County and City of Champaign content looks equally represented on the results page.
- Note: If the applicant cares about reviews, these numbers are potentially discouraging.


The next search phrase, "correctional officer champaign IL" produces a better results list with the County's links at the top and forefront. The Sheriff's office recruitment page is the first link; that is good.

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An added bonus is that the County Sheriff's office Facebook page link is within the first few lines. The review rating is high; that is good.


If the potential applicant types, "champaign county police jobs", again it puts the City of Champaign in a more prominent position vs. the County.

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| Gogogle | champaign county police jobs |  |  |  |  | $\times$ | ¢ $Q$ |
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|  | Q All | [1] News | [images | $\bigcirc$ Shopping | $\bigcirc$ Maps |  | Tools |
|  | About 4,180.000 results ( 0.45 seconds) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jobs <br> - Near Champaign, IL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Past 3 days Full-time Work from home No degree Police officer Police $>$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Experienced Police Officer <br> City of Champaign <br> Champaign, IL <br> via Government Jobs <br> \$ 70,529.26-76,288.82 a year Full-time 近 No degree mentioned |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Entry-Level Police Officer <br> City of Champaign <br> Champaign, IL <br> via Monster <br> Full-time No degree mentioned |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Police <br> City of Champaign, IL. <br> Champaign, IL <br> via Tarta.ai 6 days ago Full-time No degree mentioned |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\rightarrow 11$ more jobs |  |  |  |  |  |  |

http://wnww co champaign.il. us , sheriff ; applicanttesting
Sheriff's Office - Recruitment - Champaign County
There are a variety of support positions at the Sheriff's office. Some include records clerk,
isitation clerk. administrative assistant. master control
https://champaignil.gov > police , about-us , recruitment
Police Recruitment - City of Champaign
Basic Requirements - Must be a U.S Citizen or legally authorized to work in the U.S. At least 21 years of age - Proof of a high school diploma or equivalent.
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## YouTube / Law Enforcement Recruitment Videos

## Examples

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Research of law enforcement recruitment videos on YouTube.com
Conducted by: Karen Blackwell, Senior Consultant | Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. | HR Consulting

## Background:

Studies show an increase in video content popularity amount young to middle-aged demographics. "Telling a story" through video can be a powerful way to highlight "how it feels" to be a law enforcement professional with Champaign County. Gallagher believes this should be explored as part of the County's recruiting strategy.

## Approach:

Find examples of other County/City recruitment videos that strike the right balance of explaining how it "feels" to work for xyz county and the "why" behind the employees doing the jobs.

## Findings:

Poor Videos:

- There were videos that focused only on the physical elements of the job. It was the organizations idea of what a recruit would find "exciting". The swat gear, the hunting down of the bad guys, the forced entries, etc. A show of force. This approach will not appeal to a broader, more diverse demographic.
- These videos missed the mark on the right "why" of policing. They feel into stereotypical tropes of police work centered on the physical reactive activities versus building relationships with communities, helping people in need, etc. And, they lacked diversity.
- Special Note: Gallagher chose to not highlight videos that we deem as "poor" to avoid alienating possible current or future public sector clients.

General Findings:

- More video content was found for police officers versus Correctional Officers.
- There were some videos that were well done. They highlighted officer stories. The "why" behind their decision to join the force. They discussed the outcome of hard work in community relations and relationship building.
- The best videos had diversity represented; women and minorities in the force
- There are many of these recruitment videos that "fell in between"


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## Videos that appear to strike the right balance:

Themes: Shows diversity of talent. More about how the job makes the employee feel.
https://youtu.be/YyUb5aEi42Q

Starts with a compelling story - then begins a highlight of each part of the Sheriff's office. "It's our honor"... includes Cos
https://youtu.be/fd4tfZz7tDI

City PD: Well done - tells a story - the "why" begin becoming an officer. Diversity here. Treating community with respect
https://youtu.be/NNT9Ce-geTU

## Correctional Officer - specific:

This video highlights one CO - "his story - his "why" and the difference he makes. Short but impactful. https://youtu.be/W0uYkoeOazM

Same thing here: A female and her "why"
https://youtu.be/4cxjeRYukus
Here's all of them together: https://youtu.be/utl 5UusCsc

Specifically for Cos / Detention:
https://youtu.be/4wx2WuUv690

This one is pretty simple and straightforward:
https://youtu.be/SrgDqpikOs8
And last but not least - Just for fun if you have a huge budget! This was very "extra" but fun to watch. Well done!
https://youtu.be/ VPhQ0QRJLY

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# Recruiting / Employer Brand: A Social Media Review 

Prepared for Champaign County, IL
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## Background:

Champaign County relies primarily on referrals, indeed.com and Applitrack to seek applicants for open positions. Occasionally, the County participates in community recruiting events which are advertised on the County's social media accounts.

At the time of this report, Champaign County, as its own entity, has a presence on Linkedin.com only. Gallagher research did not reveal that the County has its own accounts or profiles on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linkedln.com or TikTok. There are several Elected Officials that have their own managed accounts. But they do not align to or point back to an overall County website.

## Approach:

To assess the County's depth of presence online, Gallagher searched for Champaign County in major social media platforms both online and on a mobile phone. Gallagher searched in Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok.

## Findings:

Gallagher research found that the County has a limited presence on social media platforms and does not advertise job openings often. On some platforms, others are using hashtags and "handles" that the County should have already secured for its own use.

## Recommendations:

All of Gallagher's recommendations and Social Media strategy best practices will be detailed in the final report. Near-term recommendations for improving Social Media recruiting strategies will be in the general preliminary report.

## This Report:

The remainder of this report highlights this research by way of screenshots and accompanying commentary. And, it is followed by 2022 social media statistics for these same platforms:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Linkedln.com

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## Facebook:

## Observations:

Champaign County does not have a Facebook Page.
A search for "Champaign County Illinois" reveals a private citizen has created a Group Facebook page called "Champaign County Illinois". It is private and has taken the most appropriate Group Page name the County would use.


Champaign County Illinois Homepage
A Private group 1.5 K members

## About this group

Made this account with love patient and care, no need to be concerned about getting kicked out for just being yourself. Only one favor I ask a... See more

A Private
Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.
© Visible
Anyone can find this group.

- Champaign County, Illinois • Danville, Illinois • Bloomington, Illinois - Rantoul, Illinois... See more

㦙: General

- Tags

Environmental Activism
(1) History

Group created on October 11, 2020. Name last changed on October 25,2020 . See more

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Several Champaign County public offices like the County Clerk's office and The Sheriff's Office have their own Facebook profile:


## On the Sheriff's Office page:

A post from July 26 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2022$.

- 74 shares is positive/good.
- Post should have hashtags and align to a linked/similar Instagram post.
- This post should be put on Facebook on a weekly cadence to stay "fresh" and at the top of the feed.


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Champaign County Sheriff's Office
July 26 at 10:09 AM-
It's an exciting time to join our Corrections division as we've closed the downtown jail and work toward an updated, consolidated facility.
We are currently offering free applicant testing for the position of Correctional Officer. Newly hired entry-level and experienced Correctional Officers are eligible for a $\$ 5,000$ sign-on bonus. Applicants who qualify for our Experienced Correctional Officer Hiring Program may a iso be elioible for a starting salary equivalent to their years of full-time correctional officer experience, up to five years.

Do you have what it takes to heip reshape the future of corrections? Learn more at
www.champaigncountysheriff.com and click on "Recruitment.


The following screenshot is from a Career Fair Post from July $7^{\text {th }}$

- For Facebook, 20 likes and 35 shares is low.
- Hashtags to a similar Instagram post should be here as well as tagging the FB pages of all participating agencies.
- If the event had other aspects that would be a draw, they should be listed here. I.e. your target audience is going to be either young and/or older with children. Were there activities for children? (Tour the firetrucks outside, etc.) Demonstrations that would be of interest to attendees? (Like the K9 dogs at the BBQ event)
- Then, after the event positive pictures from the event should be posted. (Similar to the BBQ event)


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The following post is from the National Testing Network and highlights Champaign County. It is from year 2020.
Gallagher recommends prompting the NTN to post more material if that is possible.

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## Promoted

National Testing Network @NationalTesting • Sep 29, 2020
The Champaign County Sheriff's Office (Urbana, IL) is building an ongoing eligibility list for Correctional Officer!

Website: co.champaign.il.us/sheriff

The department requires the candidate PHQ.

For more information, visit nationaltestingnetwork.com
\#Corrections \#Hiring \#jobs


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## Instagram:

Champaign County does not have an Instagram Profile
Instagram is a very popular app geared towards videos with the ability to "link" to other social media platforms and topics others are interested in via hashtags.

A quick Google search on "Champaign County" and "Instagram" revealed that the City of Champaign, a Visitors group for Champaign County, and the Economic Development Center all have Instagram accounts.

Google Search for Champaign County and Instagram:


## Instagram Online:

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What comes up?
Searches for hashtags related to Champaign County produced the following results. Upon further inspection the hashtags are not affiliated with Champaign County as a civic organization. They are random pictures from various sources.

Special Note: There is a "Champaign County" in Ohio. When searching social media, it's important to include "IL" or "Illinois" to discern the difference. This can sometimes be problematic but unavoidable.


## Action Item:

The hashtag \#champaigncountyilsheriff with one post is from the year 2020 and appears to have been created by someone from the Sheriff's Department, but it's not certain. (See following screenshot)

Gallagher recommends the County begin using this hashtag to informally "lay claim to it". Its length will prevent it from being a popular hashtag, but interested parties may look into it to get a feel for what type of pictures are associated with the Sheriff's department. Pictures and tone associated with the County and Sheriff's department hashtags paint a picture of the organizations culture.

Gallagher recommends the County begin using this hashtag among others

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The hashtag \#champaigncountyillinois has only 19 posts; most of which are random posts from citizens.
When recruiting, it is important to throw the net large and wide. Adding this hashtag may capture talent looking for work from out of state that wonder what it's like to live in Champaign County.


In Instagram, accounts are found by searching by the @ symbol. A search for a profile/account beginning with "Champaign County" revealed the following results.

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A search for "@ChampaignCountyil" revealed that no profiles existed for that particular phrase. (At the time of this report)

Gallagher recommends the County secure this handle immediately. Even if it sits "dormant" for the coming months. Much like website URLs, once an Instagram Profile name is taken, it cannot be used by another source.


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A search for a profile named "@champaigncountyilsheriff" produced no accounts.
Gallagher recommends the same approach here; secure this profile name as soon as possible. If a private citizen decides to create a profile with this name, it is theirs to keep.


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## Twitter:

Champaign County does not have a Twitter account.
Twitter continues to be very popular and many organizations have a presence. This social media app would be the least likely platform a possible candidate may search for the County's presence. However, the power of Twitter lies in an Employer's ability to "tie into" other trends, organizations and topics that have a lot of eyes.

Action Item: Based on its searches, Gallagher is unsure whether the following account named "Tester" is affiliated with the County. The one Follower is someone named Heather Wilkins. (See next screenshot)


If this account is not affiliated with the County, take no action.
If this account was created in 2011 by a County employee to "sit on the profile name", we recommend the County reach out to this profile creator with a request to take the reins.

The next, more expansive search revealed that no one, at the time of this report, had created an account with "@champaigncountyil".

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Gallagher recommends the County create an account immediately with this profile name to "lock it down" for now and until the County has the resources to maintain an active Twitter account.


## Example: The City of Champaign

The City of Champaign has a solid online presence in social media. However, on Twitter, they did not secure the "@CityofChampaign profile name. Instead, they have named their account "ChampaignCity" which a normal user would not search on.

Someone in 2011 created a profile for "@CityofChampaign (Screenshot 2)

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## City of Champaign

@champaigncity
Official account for the City of Champaign. Not monitored $24 \times 7$. Use of this page is subject to our use policy - bit.ly/ChampaignSocia...
© Champaign, Illinois $\mathcal{O}$ champaignil.gov 囲 Joined December 2008
50 Following $\quad 11.3 \mathrm{~K}$ Followers
Not followed by anyone you're following

Tweets
Tweets \& replies
Media
Likes

City of Champaign @champaigncity.4m
This summer @ChampaignFire held its 6th in-person Pinning Ceremony for new and promoted firefighters. Family and guests partake in the ceremony by pinning the new badge on the firefighter. Congratulations to all those


## Mr. City

@CityofChampaign
瞱 Joined April 2011
0 Following 1 Follower
Not followed by anyone you're following

## Tweets

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## Examples of recruiting posts and hashtag activity:

\#GetHiredChampaignCounty


Below, this PD has their own account just for recruiting called, "@GPDRecruitment"
In this post, they are hyping up an event and adding hashtags to pull in as many eyes as possible:
\#police \#PoliceOfficer \#PoliceJobs \#lawenforcementjobs
$\leftarrow \quad$ Tweet


Glendale Police Department Recruiting Unit @GPDRecruitment

를 BE GPD …
Just when you thought you've seen everything...
Rooster in a pet stroller
Be amazed at what you'll see:
bit.ly/BeGPDAugust2022
\#BeGPD \#police \#policeofficer \#policejobs
\#lawenforcementjobs \#seeeverything
\#officewithaview


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## .Linkedin.com

The County does have a Linkedln.com profile with over 2,000 followers. That is a great start.

## Observations:

- There have never been any posts
- The County should consider adding a clearer image of its crest.
- Under the "Jobs" section, there is only one job posted, the Administrative Legal Secretary role.




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Government Administration • Urbana - 2,252 followers
See all 229 employees on LinkedIn

## + Follow

Visit website $\mathbb{C}$ More

Home About Posts Jobs People Insights

## About

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## Recommendations:

- The page should be actively managed with new posts every few weeks and more information on the "About" and "Jobs" tabs. More recommendations for a social media strategy will be outlined in the final report.
- Once the page is developed more, send an employee communication for employees that have a Linkedln.com account to include and/or refresh their connection to the County.
- Elected Officials can "tag" the County's page when creating and posting their own content


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## Social Media Demographic Data:

SOURCE: Sproutsocial https://sproutsocial.com/insights/new-social-media-demographics/\#facebook-demographics The following statistics are from early 2022.

It's important to have a Social Media Strategy that reaches all ages and genders equally with a focus on diversity. However, the following statistics may guide you to which platform you want to prioritize in the coming months based on the demographics of your workforce that fill a majority of your roles. This approach is for a near-term, fill-jobs-fast strategy. It goes without saying, when the County's critical turnover is stabilized, it must explore ways to continue improving its diversity hiring strategy in order to leave no talent pool opportunity undiscovered.

## Facebook demographics and usage

- Number of monthly active users: $\mathbf{2 . 9 1}$ billion
- Largest age group: 25-34 (31.5\%)
- Gender: $43 \%$ female, $57 \%$ male (no data on other genders)
- Time spent per day: 33 minutes


## Instagram demographics and usage

- Number of monthly active users: $\mathbf{2}$ billion
- Largest age group: 25-34 (31.2\%), with 18-24 close behind at 31\%
- Gender: 48.4\% female, 51.8\% male (no data on other genders)
- Time spent per day: 29 minutes


## Twitter demographics and usage

- Number of daily active users: $\mathbf{2 1 1}$ million (up from 187 million)
- Largest age group: 18-29 (42\%)
- Gender: 38.4\% female, 61.6\% male (no data on other genders)
- Time spent per day: 31 minutes


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## Linkedln demographics and usage

- Number of monthly active users: $\mathbf{8 1 0}$ million
- Largest age group: 25-34 (58.4\%)
- Gender: 48\% female, 52\% male
- $63 \%$ of Linkedln users access the network weekly, and $22 \%$ daily


## Alternative Social Media Platforms:

TikTok and YouTube.com may seem too "untraditional" to incorporate into a civic social media strategy, but these two platforms are adding new users at a strong rate. This reflects younger audiences' continued interest in video content versus written content.

Having video content on either platform would send a message to younger generations that the County is progressive and may be a place to explore as an employer.

## TikTok demographic data and usage

- Number of monthly active users: 1 billion
- Largest age group: 10-19 (25\%)
- Gender: 61\% female, 39\% male (no data on other genders)
- Time spent per day: 89 minutes per day


## YouTube demographics and usage

- Number of monthly active users: 2+ billion
- Largest age group: 15-35 (highest reach)
- Gender: 46\% female, 54\% male (no data on other genders)
- Time spent per session: ${ }^{\sim} 30$ minutes

| Titling Group | Category | Possible Recommended Titte ${ }^{1}$ | Role Definition | Education/Experience ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXECUTIVE <br> (EXEMPT) | Leadership | Elected | Overall strategic and operational direction and management of the organization responsible for executing the goals and objectives of the Board. | n/a |
| MANAGEMENT (EXEMPT) | Director / Chief Deputy | Director / Chief Deputy | Supervisor of a major work unit, function, department. | $B A+6$ years of experience \& 2 years of supervisory experience |
|  | Exempt Manager | Manager | Supervision of exempt or non-exempt transaction processing staff or a function within a unit; or individual contributor performing advanced journey-level work including management oversight of program or function, without staff supervision. | $B A+5$ years of experience including lead/supervisory experience; BA + 5 years of journey-level analytical experience |
| PROFESSIONAL (EXEMPT) | Exempt Self Contributor | Senior Analyst / Coordinator / Generalist | Advanced journey-level work, typically analytical, asset management (no supervision) program coordination. | $B A+3$ to 4 years of experience |
|  |  | Analyst / Coordinator / Generalist | Entry to journey level analytical work. | $\mathrm{BA}+1$ to 2 years of experience |
| OPERATIONAL (NON-EXEMPT) | Non-Exempt Supervisor | Supervisor | Supervision of non-exempt operational staff within a unit. | HS + 5 years of experience |
|  | Non-Exempt Self Contributor | Senior Specialist / Technician | Specialized program support or complex administrative support for staff or complex transaction processing including review and verification. | HS + 3 years of experience |
|  |  | Specialist / Technician | Transaction processing, general administrative support, journey level. | HS + 2 years of experience |
|  |  | Assistant / Clerk / Representative | Transaction processing, general administrative support, entry to Journey level | HS + 1 year of experience |

Classification Study - Internal Slotting








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## 1

 Our vision is to be a recognized leader in local goverintegrity to serve the citizens of Champaign County.

The Champaign County Board is committed to the citizens of Champaign County by providing services in a cost-effective and responsible manner; which services are required by state and federal mandates, and additional services as prioritized by the County Board in response to local and community priorities.

Workforce
Taskforce
Help employees empower themselves to be excellent, efficient, ethical and engaged
Help supervisors empower themselves to be great employees, fair and equitable supervisors, and able to protect the interests of the County elp department heads empower them

Recruit, attract, hire, mentor, train, promote, retain, and retire the best talent available
Establish, promote, and maintain best practices throughout the County
Help ensure the County is operating in a fiscally responsible manner
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| $\mathbf{h r s}$ | only cost is staffing and prioritizing efforts |
| ---: | :--- |
| $\# \mathbf{k}$ | estimated cost, in thousands |
| • | work and or costs continue |
| $\mathbf{e r p}$ | cost included in the ERP system |
| $\mathbf{n} / \mathbf{c}$ | no significant cost |
| tbd | additional research needed to estimate cost |

Costs $\quad$ In most cases, the primary cost is staff time and energy or built into other county costs. However the tasks will only be completed
Budgeting and scheduling constraints may require adjustments over time; this is expected to be an evolving plan. if the county designates the resources -- including staffing -- and continues to prioritize workforce development.

## Timing

year
Year
Year
Year
Year
Year
Roll out
Re-assess

| Operate a high performing, open, transparent county government | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Diversity | Teamwork | Resp. to Public | Justice | Quality of Life |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Compile a list of all county services, noting mandated services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Identify list of county office mandates and descriptions <br> - Update list to include office of the County Executive <br> - Identify and implement appropriate job screening/readiness tools <br> - Total compensation re-evaluation and implementation (see notes below) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{n} / \mathrm{c} \\ & \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ | hrs | hrs | $\begin{aligned} & \text { hrs } \\ & \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ | - | - | + |  |  |  | + |
| 5 Improve communications with public and within county workforce |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Procure hire-to-retire HCM | erp | - | - | - | - | - |  | + | $+$ |  | + |
| - Implement hire-to-retire HCM | hrs | hrs | hrs | - | - | - |  | + | + |  | $+$ |
| - Celebrate successful ERP/HCM implementation |  |  | hrs |  |  |  |  | + |  |  | $+$ |
| - Automate compliance-related processes |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | - |  | + | + |  | + |
| - Automate onboarding and offboarding processes |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | - |  | + | $+$ |  | $+$ |
| - Automate training scheduling and tracking |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | - |  | + | + |  | + |
| - Add county-wide incentives for bilingual service in the budget |  | 10k | - | - | - | - | + |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |
| - Provide introductory language instruction for service staff |  |  | tbd | - | - | - | + | + | + |  | + |
| - Incorporate interpreter/translation certification |  |  | tbd | - | - | - | + |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |
| - Add county-wide incentives for interpretation/translation in the budget |  |  | 5 k | 碞 | - | - | $+$ |  | $+$ |  | $+$ |
| - Total compensation re-evaluation and implementation (see notes below) |  | hrs | hrs | hrs |  |  | + | + | + |  | + |
| 2 Develop strategies for retention of workforce and continuity of leadership |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| - Establish Employee Assistance Program (EAP) | 10k | - | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |  | + |
| - Employee toolkit | hrs | - | - | - | - | - |  | + | + |  | + |
| - New hire orientation | hrs | - | - | - | - | - |  | + | + | + | + |
| - Supervisor orientation |  | hrs | - | - | - | - |  | + | + | + | $+$ |
| - Supervisor toolkit | hrs | - | - | - | - | - |  | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ |
| - Establish annual training schedules (employees \& supervisors) | hrs | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |
| - Establish annual Sexual Harassment Prevention training | hrs | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | $+$ | + | $+$ |
| - Mentoring program for new hires and new supervisors |  | hrs | - | - | - | - | + | + | + |  | $+$ |
| - Toolkits for department heads and elected officials |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | - | + | $+$ | + | + | $+$ |
| - Total compensation re-evaluation and implementation (see notes below) |  | 30-50k | hrs | hrs |  |  | + | $+$ | + |  | $+$ |
| - Research training and professional development options |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | - |  | $+$ |  |  | + |
| - Re-research affordable replacement for lynda.com (see note) |  |  | tbd | - | - | - |  | $+$ | + |  | + |
| - Update Work Comp and FMLA processes; train supervisors | hrs | - | . | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| - Policy development and maintenance | - | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - | - | + | $+$ | $+$ | + | $+$ |
| - Develop and implement employee surveys and response methods |  |  | hrs | hrs | - | - | + | + | $+$ |  | + |
| - Introduce a restorative process for employee development |  |  |  | hrs | - | - | + | $+$ | + |  | + |
| - Train and mentor one department in restorative management |  |  |  | hrs | hrs | - | $+$ | $+$ | $+$ |  | $+$ |
| - Expand restorative practices to other offices and departments |  |  |  |  | hrs | - | $+$ | $+$ | + |  | + |
| - Re-assess and take the time to let the changes settle in |  |  |  |  |  | hrs | + | + | + |  | + |


1 Develop strategies for declining state financial support - Update process for recommending payroll budget changes
Example Diversity Training Topics: Cross-generational management, Unconscious bias, Microaggression, Civil Rights, Respect and inclusion, etc.
 umber of licenses, and then identify which small subset of county employees are granted access, regardless of the use (or lack of use) of those licenses. Online training providers are not currently offering a consumption based model of pricing that would make training and professional development equally available to all employees. We will keep monitoring options, as well as looking for other partnerships.
Timing: With the pending implementation of an ERP/HCM system, some elements cannot begin until that process is nearing completion, largely due to staff capacity.
Although several positions were re-evaluated in 2013, the majority of county positions and their descriptions were last assessed in 2008-2009, along with establishing the current Salary Administration Guidelines used by the County Board for personnel budget considerations. The county's salary administration process along with other compensation considerations need to be fully and professionally reassessed and updated.
This assessment needs to include

- Benefits of the implemented ERP/HCM solution
- FSLA assessment of all positions
- Comprehensive assessment of positions, wages, and ranges
- Establish a long-term strategy for wage increases and employment / career progression opportunities
- Consideration of other employment benefits, including increased access to training and professional development
- Research best-in-class bargaining agreements


## Specific cost calculations

- The EAP is $\$ 1.65$ per person per month; rounding the staffing up to 500 people in the general county, that is $\$ 9,900$ per year, or 10 k
- Some but not all staff who can provide direct service at the counter in languages other than English receive additional compensation of
.50 per hour. If the County had 20 people in these positions, it would be $\$ 9,750$ per year, or 10 k
- Interpretation and translation are specific skills, especially when the language has industry-specific concepts and lingo.
Because there are legal and financial liabilities created when forms and instructions are not correct, it might be in the county's best interest have these skills on staff. Interpretation and translation are both fields of study with separate training and certification tracks.
If the county were to employ interpreters and translators, the County could provide these services without contracting out. If the county were to employ interpreters and translators, the County could provide these services without contracting out.
If we had 5 employees and paid them 1.50 for the skill and certification, that would be an increased cost of $\$ 4,875$, of 5 k . If we had 5 employees and paid them 1.50 for the skill and certification, that would be an increased cost of $\$ 4,875$, of 5 k . The actual
incentive required would depend on the service, such as translating forms or web pages versus interpretation in court.
The County Executive is considering bringing in objective outside assistance to provide the initial comprehensive review,
The County Executive is considering bringing in objective outside assistance to provide the initial comprehensive review, and to
provide an implementation plan for the county. Depending on the firm and the scope, we estimate 30 k to 50 k .
TBD amounts will have three major parts: (1) Whether elected officials agree to fund these items in their departm
Adoption of this six-year workforce plan will prioritize the work of the county and funding through the county's annual budget
process. Because most of the work of the plan is performed by County staff, successful implementation of the entire plan
will depend on the ongoing commitment of the County Board to fund positions to conduct and facilitate the work of the plan. For now, the current timeline is built around the budgeted capacity of Administrative Services.


ORDINANCE NO. 960
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

Adopted March 19, 2015

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## Statement of Applicability

Statement of Intent: This policy outlines the default policies for employees of Champaign County. A Champaign County Elected Official who utilizes this policy shall be treated as a Department

The policy in parts or as a whole may be may be superseded by policies set in writing or by statute by a collective bargaining agreement, an Elected Official, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Champaign County Mental Health Board, Champaign County Sheriff's Merit Commission, the Champaign County Board of Review, or Champaign County Court Services.

A department head who has the authority who has the authority to supersede some or all of these policies may only supersede this policy for employees in their own department.

This policy shall not apply to employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the Champaign County Board or a Champaign County Elected Official and a labor union. Nor shall this Policy apply if doing so would violate a collective bargaining agreement.

This Policy shall not apply to employees of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Champaign County Mental Health Board, or Champaign County Nursing Home, or to any employee subject to the Administrative Procedures and Rules and Regulations of the Champaign County Sheriff's Merit Commission.

This Policy shall not apply to the appointed Members of the Board of Review.
This policy shall not apply to the office of any Champaign County Elected Official absent a written notice from the same indieating he or she is adopting the policy, and specifying any portions of the policy he or she is not adopting. Elected Officials are requested to serve written notice upon the Chair of the Champaign County Board if this policy or any portion(s) thereof shall not apply to employees of the Official's department. Such notice is requested to be served within the first three months of the Elected Official's first term of office. Current copies of Elected Officials' written notices shall be maintained on file with the County Executive's Office. A Champaign County Elected Official Who adopts this policy shall be treated as a Department Head for purposes of this policy, except as otherwise stated.

Pursuant to 730 ILCS 110/0.01et seq., the following Sections of the Policy shall not apply to the positions of Court Services Officer, Senior Court Services Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Intake Officer, Court Services Supervisor, Assistant Director of Probation and Cout Services, and Director of Probation and Court Services, within the Champaign County Court Services Department.

| a. | Section 2-2.1- Recruitment Procedure |
| :--- | :--- |
| b- | Section 2-2.3- Application Process |
| c. | Section 2-2.4 | Interviewing \& Hiring Procedure

## DISCLAIMER

This Policy provides a guide for employees, the County Board, Administrative ServicesStaff, and Department Heads, including those Champaign County Elected Officials who elect to adopt it. It is also intended to acquaint new employees with County procedures. However, the employer reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate given the circumstances. Failure to follow the Policy shall not invalidate any action taken. Employees should not read this Policy as creating an employment contract, express or implied, or a promise that it will be followed in all cases. Except as otherwise stated in its collective bargaining and employment agreements, employees of Champaign County are employed at-will. Nothing in this Policy is intended to alter this employment-at-will relationship. The County Executive with the advice and consent of the County Board, its designated representative, and, as applicable, Champaign County Elected Officials,_may unilaterally revise, revoke, suspend, or amend this Policy at any time. Interpretation of this Policy is vested solely in the County BoardExecutive, or its-his/her designated
representative, or, in the case of Champaign County Elected Officials, in those Officials. However, the employer may not unilaterally revise, revoke, suspend, or amend Chapter 7-4 or 7-5, and said compensatory time shall be consideration for this disclaimer and all other changes in this Policy as of March 19, 2015.

## CHAPTER 1 - DEFINITIONS

1-1 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE - An employee who works in a position which is approved by the County Board, and which is generally budgeted based on a 37.5 or 40.0 hour work week, but must be budgeted for at least 30 hours per week. Full-time employees are eligible for County paid-time-off benefits, health/life insurance benefits; full-time employees are automatically enrolled in the retirement plan, and retirement benefits. Full-time appointed and elected department heads are also eligible for these benefits. $\qquad$
1-2 PART-TIME EMPLOYEE - An employee who works in an approved position, which is budgeted at less than 6.0 hours per day or 30 hours per week. Part-time employees are not eligible for health/life insurance benefits, but generally receive proportionate paid-time-off benefits. Parttime employees participate in the retirement plan if they work, or are expected to work, 1,000 hours annually, and do participate in the retirement plan.

1-3 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE - A person who is hired for a specific period of time or to complete a specific task. Temporary employees fill no-specific positioncannot be used to fill authorized positions. Hours worked and hourly rate are set by the department head within the constraints of a temporary salary budget approved by the County Board. Temporary employees are not eligible for health/life insurance benefits or for paid-time-off benefits. Temporary employees participate in the retirement plan if they work, or are expected to work, 1,000 hours annually.

1-4 PER DIEM EMPLOYEE - An individual, including Department Heads, who receives a standard sum of remuneration for each day worked is considered a per diem employee and is not eligible for County benefits, unless otherwise stated.

1-5 BOARD - The County Board of the County of Champaign, Illinois.

Commented [IG3]: The original language suggested that IMRF was a benefit option... it isn't... if you are eligible you cannot waive it.

## Commented [IG5]:

DARLENE ... maybe this would be an appropriate place to define the role and scope of this committee

1-7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE - The County Executive is responsible for human resource management. Employees in the Office of the County Executive who report to the County Executive are responsible for county-wide human resource functions including, but not limited to, payroll services and administration of employee benefits.

1-8 UNDERUTILIZATION OF MINORITIES - The employment of fewer minority workers in a particular job classification than would reasonably be expected by the minority workers' availability in the workforce.

1-9 JOB SHARING - The sharing of one full-time Champaign County non-supervisory position by two individuals.

1-10 DAYS - All references to number of days in this policy shall be understood to be working days, and shall not include weekends or legal state/federal holidays or when the County Offices are closed by order of the Sheriff of Champaign County

1-11 DOMESTIC PARTNER - Domestic Partners are persons who:
a. Are at least 18 years of age.
b. Are competent to contract at the time the domestic partnership statement is completed.
c. Are not legally married to any person and not related in any way that would prohibit marriage in our state of operation.
d. Are each other's sole domestic partner.

## e. Share permanent residence.

Domestic partners must have at least three of the following:
a. Joint lease, mortgage, or deed on which both the employee and his/her partner are identified as owners or tenants.
b. Joint ownership of vehicle.
c. Joint ownership of a checking account or credit account.
d. Designation of the domestic partner as beneficiary for the employee's life insurance or retirement benefits.
e. Shared household expenses.

## CHAPTER 2 - EMPLOYMENT, HIRING, ADA AND PROBATION

Amended 5/21/15, Ordinance 964;Amended 4/11/19 based on current IL law

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## 2-1 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY and AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

2-1.1 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Statement - Employees and applicants for employment at Champaign County can be assured fair and equitable treatment with the provisions of EEO. Under the laws enforced by EEOC, it is illegal to discriminate against someone (applicant or employee) because of that person's race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), pregnancy, , national origin, age, disability or genetic information. It is also illegal to retaliate against a person because he or she complained Commented [IG7]: https://lcbh.org/laws/illinois-human-rights-act about discrimination, filed a charge of discrimination, or participated in an employment discrimination investigation or lawsuit.

Additionally, in accordance with the Illinois Human Rights Act, it is illegal to discriminate against someone because of sexual orientation (including gender-related identity), ancestry, citizenship status, marital status, military service, unfavorable military discharge, order of protection status, or arrest record.

These laws apply to all aspects of employment including benefits, discharge, discipline, firing, harassment, hiring, promotion, recruitment, renewal of employment, selection for training or apprenticeship, tenure, terms and conditions of employment, training, transfer, and wages.

## 2-1.2 Affirmative Action Program (AAP)

a. Administration and Scope - The Champaign County Affirmative Action Program shall be administered by the County Executive, under the direction advisement of the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee. The Department of Labor's regulations prohibit discrimination in such employment practices as recruitment, rates of pay, upgrading, layoff, promotion, and selection for training. Employers may not make distinctions based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, or national origin, age, disability, or genetic information in recruitment or advertising efforts, employment opportunities, wages, hours, job classifications, seniority, retirement ages, or job fringe benefits such as employer contributions to company pension or insurance plans. The Affirmative Action Program shall be implemented in all cases, including, but not limited to employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, grievances, transfers, testing, advertising, lay off, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training.
b. Program Development - In order to develop and carry out the Affirmative Action Program, the County Executive through the Administrative Services

DepartmentOffice of the County Executive shall be responsible for the following functions:
(i) Preparing a brief analysis of sex and race of current personnel by job classification;
(ii) Preparing a brief statement for internal or external dissemination of the Personnel Policy and commitment to affirmative action;
(iii) Identifying problems, e.g., the underutilization of minorities by job classification and by salary range;
(iv) Suggesting the execution of programs or procedures designed to address underutilization of minorities;
(v) Reviewing promotion practices within each department or agency to determine whether employees are being promoted in accordance with established, reasonable goals and timetables;
(vi) Comparing job duties and rates of compensation to ensure that the rates of compensation for jobs which require equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions, are equal;
(vii) Disseminating this Policy and reminding all Department Heads of the purpose of this Policy;
(viii) Suggesting the execution of policy and procedures designed to eliminate discrimination against the protected classes specified in the Equal Employment Opportunities Statement (2-1.1); and
(ix) Other procedures recommended deemed necessary by the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee.

The Affirmative Action Program shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and be developed in consultation with legal counsel.
c. Reporting and Enforcement
(i) All county departments and agencies shall provide the affirmative action information requested by the County Executive in order to enable the County Executive to carry out the functions listed in Section 2-1.2(b).
(ii) All applicants for employment will be encouraged to complete a voluntary EEO/AAP self--identification form upon applying for employment with the County. The race, gender, age and disability information gathered as pre-employment information will be treated as confidential and secured in the EEO files of the County Executive's Office. The EEO/AAP self--identification form will be used to track applicant flow and utilized as a reference with the County's Affirmative Action Plan initiative. The EEO/AAP self-identification form will include a statement of the County's EEO/AAP policy.

## 2-2 RECRUITMENT and HIRING

2-2.1 Recruitment Procedure - Recruitment efforts for position vacancies shall be conducted in the following manner:
a. Recruitment efforts and publicity for available-posted positions available to external candidates will be directed to all appropriate sources of applicants in a geographic area wide enough to attract qualified candidates and to assure equal opportunity for the public to apply. Professional positions should be listed in appropriate professional journals. Referral agencies, such as the University of Illinois, Parkland Community College, City of Champaign Community Relations Department, City of Urbana Human Relations

Commission staff, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, PACE, Champaign Schools, News-Gazette, etc., should be utilized where appropriate. The County Executive's Office shall be notified of all posted position openings.
b. All position openings that are posted externally shall be listed with the Illinois State Employment Service-and shall be advertised in local newspapers, except:
(i)——Openings filled by the promotion of a County employec; ; $\square$ Commented [IG10]: Internal promotions would not necessarily be posted externally
(ii)(i) Temporary vacancies of fewer than twenty (20) working days; or
(iii)(ii) Positions filled by a Department Head who has advertised for a vacancy in the same job description within the previous four (4) months.
c. A position shall not be considered vacant if an employee appointed for a specified term is reappointed to continue to fulfill those job responsibilities for a new term.

## 2-2.2 Advertisement

a. All solicitations or advertisements for employment will state that the County adheres to Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action and no advertisement for employment shall make referencerefer to gender, except when gender is a bona fide occupational qualification.
b. Position advertisement shall include the following:
(i) Position title and classification;
(ii) A brief description of the job duties;
(iii) A brief summary of training, experience, knowledge and skills required for the position; and
(iv) Statement that the County is an EEO/AA/ADA Employer.
c. Advertisements about new or vacant positions shall be posted for the benefit of current employees who wish to apply for the position.
d. Each advertisement will include a date after which no applications or resumes will be accepted. If there are usually continual openings for that job classification, a deadline date does not need to be included in the advertisement.
e. Each advertisement announcing a vacant position shall be filed with the Office of the County Executive.

2-2.3 Application Process - Each applicant shall complete an application which shall be signed to certify the truth of all statements contained therein. Deliberately false or misleading statements shall be grounds for rejection of an application or immediate termination if discovered after employment begins. References shall be checked.

2-2.4 Interviewing and Hiring Procedure - Qualified applicants shall be notified of the time and place of the interview. Interviews shall be conducted by the Department Head. The Department Head may request the assistance of the County Executive's Office in conducting the interview. Job applicants shall not be asked about the existence, nature, or severity of a disability. However, job applicants may be asked about their ability to perform specific job functions. Medical examinations or inquiries may be made but only after a conditional offer of employment has been made and
only if required of all applicants for the position. In making employment decisions, the Department Head shall individually assess whether a qualified person with a disability meets the selection criteria. The selection criteria used to disqualify any individual must be job-related and consistent with business necessity.

All applicants who have either submitted an application or undergone an interview shall be notified when they are no longer being considered for a position. The Office of the County Executive shall be notified as to the person hired, job title and salary, and the effective date of employment.

2-2.5 Employee Promotion - Department Heads may, without open advertising, promote an employee from one position to another position in County government, as defined in Section 9-1.5 Transfer.

2-2.6 Department Head Hiring Procedure - Unless otherwise provided by statute, when a Department Head position becomes vacant, the County Executive may recommend determine to the County Board the-promoteion of another County employee to the vacant position subject to the advice and consent of the County Board. The need for recruitment and advertisement would thereby be eliminated. Alternatively, the County Executive may recommend determine the establishment of a selection committee to include: the County Executive, the County Board Chair; one Republican Board member and one Democratic Board member appointed by the Board Chair; and three other members to be appointed by the County Executive. The selection committee shall be responsible-process for recruitming, ent, and-interviewing, and assessing qualified applicants. -and recommending-selection by to the County Executive of a person to fill the vacant position. The County Executive shall make a recommendation to the Board for final approval.

2-2.7 Orientation and Terms of Employment - Following the final selection of a candidate, the Department head or designee shall meet with the new employee to discuss the compensation for the position and criteria for job performance during the probation period. Upon hire of a new employee, the Department head or designee shall schedule the new employee for an orientation meeting at the Office of the County Executive during which the new employee shall register for payroll, IMRF, parking (if appropriate), and County-issued identification badge. During orientation, the employee shall receive an overview of County benefits and programs and a copy of the Personnel Policy, or the Policy will be made available by computer access.

The new employee will be asked to sign a receipt for the material presented during orientation. The employee will also be asked to sign an acknowledgement of receipt of an agreement to abide by the Champaign County Drug and Alcohol Policy (section 10 of this policy) and the County Information Technology Resource Policy.

Approximately 30 days prior to the employee's effective date for health and life insurance coverage, the employee will receive information outlining available benefits. A mandatory benefit orientation meeting for the employee will be scheduled by the Office of the County Executive, with notice of the meeting date and time provided to both the employee and Department Head.

2-2.8 Anti-Nepotism Policy - A Department Head, or person with authority to hire or promote or effectively recommend hiring or promoting employees within a department, shall not hire or reclassify or effectively recommend hiring or reclassifying within the department the following persons, whether related by blood, adoption or marriage: parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner. Persons hired in violation of this Policy shall be terminated, and persons reclassified in violation of this Policy shall be returned to their previous position, if vacant, otherwise they shall be terminated.

## 2-3 ADA REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION POLICY

2-3.1 Champaign County is committed to the fair and equal employment of individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It is Champaign County's policy to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified individuals with disabilities unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the organization. Champaign County prohibits any harassment of, or discriminatory treatment of, employees on the basis of a disability or because an employee has requested a reasonable accommodation.

In accordance with the ADA as amended, reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities to enable them to perform the essential functions of their jobs or to enjoy the equal benefits and privileges of employment. This policy applies to all applicants for employment and all employees.

2-3.2 Disability. "Disability" refers to a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual. A "qualified person with a disability" means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the job.

2-3.3 Reasonable Accommodation. Champaign County will seek to provide reasonable accommodation for a known disability or at the request of an individual with a disability. Many individuals with disabilities can apply for jobs and perform the essential functions of their jobs without any reasonable accommodations. However, there are situations in which a workplace barrier may interfere. A "reasonable accommodation" is any change or adjustment to the job application process, work environment, or work processes that would make it possible for the individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

There are three types of reasonable accommodation that may be considered:

- Changes to the job application process so that a qualified applicant with a disability will receive equal consideration for the job opportunity;
- Modifications to the work environment so that the qualified individual with a disability can perform the essential functions of the job; or
- Adjustments that will allow a qualified individual with a disability to enjoy the same benefits and privileges of employment as other similarly situated employees without disabilities.

2-3.4 Essential Job Functions. For each position, the job description typically will identify essential job functions. The Champaign County Job Content Evaluation Committee will review job descriptions on a periodic basis to evaluate job functions designated as essential. An employee's questions about a job's requirements should be directed to the employee's supervisor or Administrative Services.

2-3.5 Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation. An employee with a disability is responsible for requesting an accommodation from his or her supervisor or Administrative Services using the "Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form" and engaging in an informal process to clarify what the employee needs and to identify possible accommodations. If requested, the employee is responsible for providing medical documentation regarding the disability.

The employee should describe the problem created by a workplace barrier so that an appropriate accommodation may be considered. Typically, the supervisor and/or Administrative Services will work with the employee to identify possible reasonable
accommodations and to assess the effectiveness of each in allowing the employee to perform the essential functions of the job.

Based on this interactive process, a reasonable accommodation will be selected that is appropriate for both the responsible department and the individual employee. While an individual's preference will be considered, the responsible department is free to choose between equally effective accommodations with consideration toward expense and impact on the rest of the organization.

A request for reasonable accommodation may be denied if it would create an undue hardship for the responsible department. Factors to be considered when determining whether an undue hardship exists include the cost of the accommodation, the organization's overall financial resources, the financial resources of the particular facility at which the accommodation is to be made, the number of employees at the facility, the total number of employees of the County, and the type of operation.

2-3.6 Safety. All employees are expected to comply with all safety procedures. Champaign County will not place qualified individuals with disabilities in positions in which they will pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others or themselves. A "direct threat" means a significant risk to the health or safety of one's self or others that cannot be eliminated by reasonable accommodation. The determination that an individual with a disability poses a direct threat typically will be made by the responsible department and/or Administrative Services and will be based on factual, objective evidence. A written copy of the determination will be given to the employee so that he or she may submit additional information and/or challenge the determination that he or she poses a direct threat.

2-3.7 Confidentiality. All information obtained concerning the medical condition or history of an applicant or employee will be treated as confidential information, maintained in separate medical files, and disclosed only as permitted by law.

2-3.8 Complaint Procedure. It is the policy of Champaign County to prohibit any harassment of, or discriminatory treatment of, employees on the basis of a disability or because an employee has requested a reasonable accommodation. If an employee feels he or she has been subject to such treatment or has witnessed such treatment, the situation should be reported using the harassment complaint procedure. Champaign County's policy prohibits retaliation against an employee for exercising his or her rights under the ADA or applicable state civil rights laws. Any employee found to have engaged in retaliation against an employee for exercising his or her rights or for making a request for reasonable accommodation under this policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action up to and including discharge. If an employee feels he or she has been retaliated against, the situation should be reported to their unit ADA Coordinator.

## 2-4 PROBATIONARY PERIOD

## 2-4.1 Duration

a. Except as otherwise stated in its collective bargaining and employment agreements, employees of Champaign County are employed at-will.
b. New Hire - Each employee hired to fill an authorized full or regular part-time position must successfully complete a probationary period of six (6) months in order to continue employment beyond the six (6) months. Immediate supervisors shall conduct several informal meetings to orient the new employee to the position. At the close of the probationary period, the

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employee's employment will be changed to non-probationary status if the work is satisfactory as determined by the Department Head; however, employment may be terminated at this time, or earlier, if the employee's attendance or performance has not been satisfactory. A Department Head, or the County Executive-or,_in the case of employment of an Appointed Department Head, the-County Executive, may extend the probation period up to an additional six months, if the employee's performance is not satisfactory at the end of the initial probationary period. Each employee hired to fill a temporary position may be terminated at any time.
cb. Promotions - Each employee who has been promoted to fill an authorized full or regular part-time position must successfully complete a probationary period in the position to which they have been promoted of three (3) months. At the close of the probationary period, the employee's status in the promotional position will change to non-probationary if the work is satisfactory, as determined by the Department Head. However if the employee's work is not deemed satisfactory, every effort will be made to return the promoted employee to the position previously held, or a position of similar classifieation within the department. In addition, the Department Head may also consider termination of employment at the unsuccessful completion of the probationary period. A Department Head or, the County Executive in the case of an employee promoted to an Appointed Department Head position - the County Executive, may extend the probation period up to an additional three months, if the employee's performance is not satisfactory at the end of the initial probationary period.

Prior to the end of the probationary period, the County reserves the right to offer the employee the opportunity to return to their previous, subject to the approval of both Department Heads, or the offer the employee the opportunity to transfer to a different vacant position in the County of similar classification. |

A Department Head or, the County Executive in the case of an employee promoted to an Appointed Department Head position, may also consider termination of employment within the probationary period if the employee's attendance or work is not deemed satisfactory.

2-4.2 Evaluation - Employees serving a complete probationary period shall receive a written evaluation once during the six-month (6-month) period. The evaluation should be completed no later than the end of the fifth month. The supervisor shall discuss the evaluation and progress toward satisfactory performance with the employee.

## CHAPTER 3 - PERSONNEL RECORDS

## 3-1 MAINTENANCE

Employee personnel records shall be maintained for all employees at the Office of the County Executive and/or at the department. The County Executive or designee, Department Head or designee, and employee shall have the right to examine the employee's record. Personnel records shall be retained for a period of five (5) years after termination of employment.

## 3-2 CONTENTS OF EMPLOYEE RECORDS

3-2.1 Personnel records should contain the following information:
. A receipt for information received during orientation;
b. All evaluations;
c. Letters of reference, commendation or complaint;
d. Applications;
e. Memos of oral warnings and written employee warning records;
f. Training records;
g. Requests for leaves of absence;
h. Attendance, sick leave, vacation leave, compensatory time, and overtime (if applicable) records;
i. A record of persons seeking to examine documents in the employee's file and dates these documents were examined;
j. Resignation letters; and
k. All other job-related information used to determine the employee's qualification for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation, discharge, or other disciplinary action.

3-2.2 Any information obtained relating to an individual's physical or mental condition, medical history or medical treatment shall be collected and maintained on a separate form, in a separate medical file and will be treated as a confidential medical record, except that:
a. Supervisor and managers may be informed regarding necessary restrictions on the work or duties of the employee and necessary accommodations;
b. First aid and safety personnel may be informed, when appropriate, if the disability might require emergency treatment; and
c. Government officials investigating compliance with federal or state regulations may review an employee's confidential medical record.

3-2.3 The Department Head shall not gather or keep a record of an employee's associations, political activities, publications, communications or non-employment activities, unless the employee submits the information in writing or authorizes the Department Head to keep or gather the information. This prohibition shall not apply to the activities that occur on County premises or during the employee's working hours with the County which interfere with the performance of the employee's duties or the duties of other employees or activities, regardless of when and where occurring, which constitute criminal conduct or may reasonably be expected to harm the County's property, operations or business, or could by the employee's action cause the County financial liability. A record which is kept by the Department Head as permitted under this Subsection shall be part of the personnel record.

## 3-3 RECORDS OF UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

A record of each unsuccessful applicant will be retained by the County Executive and/or the Department Head in accordance with the requirements of the Local Records Act. The record shall contain the following information:

Sources of recruitment;
b. Advertisements for the position;
c. Letters of non-acceptance sent to candidates; and,
d. Copies of any rating sheets used in selection and rejection of candidates.

## 3-4 EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO RECORDS

3-4.1 Employee Access - All current employees, and all employees who have left the employ of Champaign County within one year of the date of their request, shall have access to their personnel file, as required by the Personnel Records Review Act. The request to inspect records shall be in writing and the inspection shall be during regular business hours. The employee may request access to records a reasonable
number of times per year but in any case shall have access, if requested, at least twice per year. The employer shall grant access within seven (7) business days of receiving the written request. The employee may designate in writing a representative to inspect the personnel record. The employee may obtain copies of any open documents in the file upon payment of the County's cost of duplication.

If the employee disagrees with any information in the file, and the employer does not remove or amend it, the employee may submit a written statement explaining his/her position which shall be attached to the disputed portion of the record.

3-4.2 Designated Representative Access - Notwithstanding Section 3-4.1, the right of the employee's designated representative to inspect his or her personnel records does not apply to the following, except as otherwise required by law:
a. Letters of reference for that employee;
b. Any portion of a test document, except that the employee may see a cumulative total test score for either a section of or the entire test document;
c. Materials relating to the County or Department Head's staff planning, where the materials relate to or affect more than one employee, provided, however, that this exception does not apply if such materials are, have been, or are intended to be used by the employer in determining an individual employee's qualifications for employment, promotion, transfer, or additional compensation, or in determining an individual employee's discharge or discipline;
d. Information of a personal nature about a person other than the employee if disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the other person's privacy;
e. Records relevant to any other pending claim between the County or Department Head and the employee which may be discovered in a judicial proceeding;
f. Investigatory or security records maintained by the County to investigate criminal conduct by an employee or other activity by the employee which could reasonably be expected to harm the County's property, operations, or business or could by the employee's activity cause the County financial liability, unless and until the County takes adverse personnel action based on information in such records.

3-4.3 Disclosure of Disciplinary Information - Except when disclosure is ordered to a party in a legal action or arbitration, or is otherwise required by law, the County shall not disclose any disciplinary information which is more than four years old to a third party. The County shall not disclose any disciplinary information without written notice except if disclosure is ordered to a party in a legal action or arbitration; information is requested by a government agency as a result of a criminal investigation by such agency; or disclosure is otherwise required by law. Notice shall be delivered by first class mail to the employee's last known address and shall be postmarked on or before the day the information is disclosed. Disciplinary information less than four years old may be disclosed without written notice if the employee has specifically waived written notice as part of a signed employment application with another employer.

## CHAPTER 4 - PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

## 4-1 EMPLOYEE APPRAISALS

Department Heads will be responsible for the completion of one appraisal during the probation period and an annual evaluation thereafter for each employee. Assistance for the
development of Annual evaluation forms and instructions on their use will be provided by the Office of the County Executive. Each completed appraisal will be maintained in the employee's departmental personnel file. Appraisals will be based upon performance of job duties and other criteria. It is the responsibility of each department head to maintain a file of individual employee appraisals.

## 4-2 APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEAD APPRAISALS

The County Executive will be responsible for the completion of the annual performance appraisal for each of the appointed department heads serving under appointment by the County Board. The results of each department head appraisal will be reported by the County Executive to the County Board in closed session.

## CHAPTER 5 - RESIGNATION, REDUCTION IN FORCE AND TERMINATION BENEFITS

## 5-1 RESIGNATION

5-1.1 A letter of resignation shall be given to the Department Head at least two (2) weeks before the employee's last working day. The letter should state the reason for resignation and the last working day

5-1.2 The Department Head shall notify the County Executive's Office of all resignations.
5-1.3 Prior to the last working day, or within 5 days of termination if involuntarily terminated, the employee may schedule an exit interview with the Human Resourees GeneralistDeputy Director of Administration, may complete an IMRF separation form or application for retirement at the County Executive's Office and may contact the Insurance Specialist to continue health insurance through Federal COBRA provisions.

## 5-2 REDUCTION IN FORCE

> 5-2.1 Partial Reduction - Whenever it becomes necessary to reduce the number of employees in a department, the Department Head shall terminate employees in accordance with guidelines adopted by the County Board.

5-2.2 Full Reduction - Total elimination of a department would take place upon the recommendations of the Parent Committee and-Finance Committee, with approval of the County Board.

5-2.3 Re-employment - Efforts will be made to transfer employees to vacancies in another department rather than terminate the employees due to a reduction in force. Employees should complete an application if they wish to be employed in another County position.

5-2.4 Involuntary Termination Appeal - An employee may appeal the termination pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-4.

## 5-3 NAME-CLEARING HEARING

5-3.1 Purpose - The purpose of the name-clearing hearing is to enable an employee to publicly rebut any public charges made against him or her in the course of that employee's termination or resignation. A name-clearing hearing is available to any such terminated or resigned County employee, whether or not the Department is subject to these policies. It is not intended that any adjudication will be made as to the truth or falsity of the charges.


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5-3.2 Appeal - A name-clearing hearing must be requested in writing directed to the County Executive within ten (10) days of termination or after the employee learns of the public statement. The letter must contain the statement or statements at issue, who made them, and where and when they were publicly made.

5-3.3 Scheduling/Composition of Committee - A hearing shall be scheduled within fifteen (15) days of the request unless it is continued with the consent of the interested persons or by the Hearing Committee for good cause. The Hearing Committee shall consist of the County Board Chair, three (32) members of the Policy, Personnel \& Appointments Committee, Committee members shall be appointed by the County Board Chair. $\qquad$


## CHAPTER 6 - GRIEVANCES, DISMISSAL AND DISCIPLINE

## 6-1 GRIEVANCES

6-1.1 Definition - Any claim by a non-probationary employee, unless the probationary employee has been employed by the department for a period of at least twelve months and is in probationary status only because of a recent promotion, that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the terms of these policies shall be termed a grievance. Grievances may involve issues of wages, hours, or working conditions and are initiated by an employee following an administrative action with which the non-probationary employee disagrees.

6-1.2 Purpose - The purpose of the grievance procedure shall be to settle employee grievances on as low an administrative level as possible so as to ensure efficiency and employee morale. No employee making good-faith use of this procedure shall be subjected to any reprisals.

6-1.3 Procedure - Grievances will be processed in the following manner and within the stated time limits. Time extensions beyond those outlined below may be arranged by written mutual agreement of the parties concerned. Grievances involving termination shall be processed as described in Section 6-4 (Involuntary Termination).

Step 1 - The aggrieved employee or group of employees will present the grievance in writing to the immediate supervisor. The grievance must be so presented within ten (10) working days of occurrence, not including the date of occurrence. The grievance shall be prepared in detail, including identification by section number of the policy alleged to have been violated, a brief statement of the conduct or act which is alleged to have violated the policy, and the remedy the grievant is seeking and dated. The supervisor will give a written answer within three (3) working days of the date of presentation of the grievance, not including the date of presentation. If the supervisor is a Department Head, appeal from Step 1 would be directly to Step 3.

Step 2 - If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, it shall be signed by the aggrieved employee or group of employees, and the immediate supervisor, and be presented to the Department Head within five (5) working days after the supervisor's written answer is given, or should have been given, not including the day the answer is given. The Department Head will reply to the grievance in writing within five (5) working days of the presentation of the written grievance, not including the day of presentation.

Step 3 - If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, it shall be signed by the aggrieved
employee or group of employees, and the Department Head, and be presented to the County Executive within five (5) working days after the Department Head's answer is given, or should have been given, not including the day the answer is given. The grievance shall be presented along with the pertinent correspondence to date. The County Executive shall reply within five (5) working days of the date of presentation of the written grievance, not including the day of presentation.

Step 4 - If the grievance is not settled in Step 3, it shall be signed by the aggrieved employee or group of employees, and the County Executive and be submitted to the Policy, Personnel \& Appointments Committee within five (5) working days after the County Executive's written answer is given, or should have been given, not including the day the answer is given. The grievance-shall be heard by the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee shall make such recommendations as it may deem advisable.

## 6-2 DISMISSAL OF AN APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEAD

6-2.1 An appointed Department Head may be given oral or written warnings by the County Executive. Such warnings are a preferred, but not required, step prior to action under Section 6-2.2.

6-2.2 Unless otherwise provided by statute, contract or the Reduction in Force Policy (Section 5-2), the following procedure will be used to dismiss an appointed Department Head:
a. One or more Board members shall present a written request to the County Executive recommending to the Board-County Executive whether or not the Department Head should be dismissed, or the County Executive shall determine that the Department Head should be dismissed. The request by the County Board or determination by the County Executive shall specify reasons for dismissal of the Department Head. A copy of the request shall be forwarded to the Department Head
b. After consultation with the Department Head, the County Executive shall report his/her recommendation to the Board.
c. The Board may take such action as they deem appropriate based on the County Executive's recommendation.

## 6-3 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

6-3.1 Policy - No employee shall be disciplined wholly or partially based on, or the perception of, an individual's sexual orientation; age; sex; race; color; religious belief or practice; national origin; ancestry; marital status; citizenship status; a physical or mental disability unrelated to an individual's ability to perform the essential functions of his or her job with or without reasonable accommodation; or an unfavorable discharge from the military as defined in the Illinois Human Rights Act. The County Board Chair shall take necessary action against a County Department or Agency Head, or staff member who is found not following the intent of this policy.

6-3.2 Recommended Disciplinary Procedures - Sections 6-3.2(a) through 6-3.2(d) are a recommended procedure for employee discipline consistent with legal guidelines and good personnel management. These may be utilized in the absence of a procedure provided by statute (e.g., Court Services Department).
a. Oral Warning - The immediate supervisor will give an oral reprimand and point out the area(s) in which an employee is having difficulties and assist in making the necessary corrections. A short memo will be made of the conversation. The supervisor and the employee will initial the record. The employee's initial shall document receipt of the warning; and shall not constitute agreement with the oral warning. An employee's refusal to initial an oral warning shall not preclude it from having effect. The original copy will be maintained in the employee's personnel file and a copy will be furnished to the employee.
b. Written Warning - If the employee continues to have difficulties in the same area(s), or if the violation or infraction is more serious, the immediate supervisor will prepare an Employee Warning Record which contains the 1) employee's name, 2) statement as to the date and the nature of the infraction, 3) employee's statements as to the alleged violations, 4) disciplinary action to be taken, and 5) signature of the employee and

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immediate supervisor or signature of the employee and immediate supervisor or Department Head. The original copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file and a copy will be furnished to the immediate supervisor and employee.
c. Suspension - The Department Head or designee may use suspension as an optional disciplinary action. Upon evidence or reasonable suspicion of a serious offense against the County or another employee and after consultation with the employee, the Department Head or designee may order an employee absent from duties without pay for a period not to exceed five (5) working days. The Department Head or designee shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of such action, prepare a written memorandum stating the grounds for such action and submit it to the County Executive and to the suspended employee. Such a memorandum shall be held confidential.
d. Dismissal - For severe violation or for repeated violations, the Department Head or designee may dismiss the employee. Before a Department Head concludes discharge is appropriate, the employee must be given adequate notice of the reasons for dismissal and a fair opportunity to present his or her version of events. The employee and County Executive's Office will be given a written report stating the reasons for dismissal.

6-3.3 Department Heads may consider the following factors in deciding whether discipline is appropriate in any particular case, and, if so, what level of discipline is appropriate. Regardless of whether an employee is covered by contract, bargaining agreement, or statute, or is an at-will employee, the following are offered as guidance to decision-makers who may apply them with fair consideration of the specifics of the particular case:
a. Notice: Did the employer give to the employee forewarning or foreknowledge of the possible or probable disciplinary consequences of the employee's conduct?
b. Reasonable Rule: Was the employer's rule or managerial order reasonably related to the orderly, efficient, and safe operation of the business?
c. Investigation: Did the employer make an effort to discover, fairly and objectively, whether the employee did in fact violate a rule or order?
d. Fairness: Was the investigation conducted fairly and objectively?
e. Proof: Did the investigator obtain substantial evidence or proof that the employee was guilty of violating the rule or order?
f. Equal Treatment: Has the employer applied its rules, orders and penalties even-handedly and without discrimination to all similarly-situated employees?
g. Penalty: Was the degree of discipline administered by the employer reasonably related to the seriousness of the offense and the employee's record of service?
h. Probationary status: If the probationary employee's conduct were to continue or to be repeated after the probationary period, would that conduct be grounds for formal disciplinary actions?

6-3.4 Appointed Department Heads - Recommended disciplinary procedures as outlined in Chapter 6-3.2 of this Policy shall apply to appointed department heads, with recommendation for said discipline to be determined by the County Executive.

## 6-4 INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION

6-4.1 Purpose - A non-probationary individual who believes their employment was terminated (including dismissal or reduction in force) in violation of these policies has ten (10) days from the date of the written notice of termination to request a termination hearing. A dismissal or termination in violation of these policies by a department of the County who's-whose Department Head is governed by the Champaign County Personnel Policy as an appointed official of the Champaign County Board or as an elected official who has agreed in writing to this section of the Champaign County Personnel Policy, is improper.

6-4.2 Department Head Action - Prior to every involuntary termination by a department of the County whose Department Head is governed by the Champaign County Personnel Policy as an appointed official of the Champaign County Board or as an elected official who has agreed in writing to this section of the Champaign County Personnel Policy, there shall be an investigation by the Department Head or person assigned by the Department Head. Prior to the conclusion of the investigation, the employee shall be informed, orally or in writing, of the reason for termination. The employee shall have an explanation of the evidence supporting the charges and the employee shall be allowed to respond orally or, upon consent of the Department Head, in writing.

An employee may be suspended with pay until a final decision is made by the Department Head. The investigation shall be concluded within a reasonable length of time after the basis for the charges comes to the attention of the Department Head.

## 6-4.3 Hearing Procedures

a. All Termination Hearings shall be heard and decided by a Hearing Officer. The Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments CommitteeCounty Executive shall designate three (3) individuals biannually, in January after County Board district representation elections, as potential Hearing Officers. When a hearing is requested, the County Executive shall choose one of that group toa qualified individual to serve as Hearing Officer to hear the evidence and decide the issues relating to each case in which a hearing is requested.
b. All requests for hearings shall be in writing and directed to the County Executive. All requests must be received by the County Executive within ten (10) days from the date of written notice of termination in accordance with Sections 6-4.1 and 6-4.4 of this Policy. The request shall specify the specific violation as stated in 6-4.1, the remedy sought, and give an address where correspondence regarding the hearing may be mailed. A Termination Hearing must be held within fifteen (15) days of the request, unless the same is continued by agreement of the employee and Department Head or by the Hearing Officer for good cause shown. Availability of the Hearing Officer may be considered good cause.

Should such continuance be granted by the Hearing Officer, the aggrieved employee shall make himself, or herself, available for a Termination Hearing within an additional fifteen (15) days' time period by offering three (3) times that he or she can be available for said hearing. If this is not done, the right to a termination hearing is waived by the aggrieved employee.
c. The County Executive shall inform the employee and the concerned Department Head of the date, time and place of the Termination Hearing by mailing notice to the parties at least seven (7) days before the hearing is scheduleddate. The personal attendance of the Department Head or immediate supervisor, and the employee is required.
d. The employee may be accompanied by counsel or other personal representative, but the County will not pay for, or provide, counsel for the employee. The Department Head shall be accompanied by counsel provided by the County (usually the State's Attorney as legal counsel of the County). If the State's Attorney is unavailable, counsel may be employed by the Department Head with the approval of the County Executive and the State's Attorney.
e. All Termination Hearings shall be informal and rules of evidence shall NOT apply. Both the employee and the Department Head may present relevant testimony, documentary and physical evidence. All testimony shall be given under oath. Both the employee and the Department Head, personally or through their representative, shall have the right to cross-examine the other party and all witnesses who testify on behalf of the other party.
f. A tape recording, or other verbatim record, of hearing shall be made. A transcript shall be prepared upon request and provided to any party requesting the same and paying the costs of producing a transcript to the County Executive.
g. The employee has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of evidence, that his/her termination was in violation of these policies.
h. All appeal proceedings and evidence taken therein shall be confidential, and the public shall not be permitted to attend hearings, unless both the employee and Department Head shall otherwise agree.
i. The Hearing Officer must decide an appeal within ten (10) days of the hearing. If, after hearing the facts of the termination, the Hearing Officer believes the individual has not been improperly terminated, the Department Head action will be upheld. If, however, the Hearing Officer determines the employment of the individual has been improperly terminated, according to the guidelines in Section 6-4.1, the employee will be reinstated and compensated any back pay resulting from the termination. The Hearing Officer shall not have the authority to reduce the discipline imposed, but may recommend to the Department Head appropriate discipline to be imposed, short of termination. A written decision containing findings of fact shall be made by the Hearing Officer and mailed to the employee, Department Head, and County Executive, and Chair of the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee within ten (10) days of the hearing.
j. If an employee does not request a termination hearing within ten (10) days of the written notice of the termination, the termination will be deemed proper.

## CHAPTER 7 - WORKING HOURS AND COMPENSATION

7-1 WORKING-OFFICE HOURS

7-1.1 Official Champaign County office hours shall be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday except for those departments which require twenty-four (24) hour staffing. Department Heads have the discretion to deviate employee work schedules from official office hours with the caveat that offices with public access shall be appropriately staffed during the County's official office hours.|, except for those departments which require twenty-four (24) hour staffing. Work hours which deviate from official County office hours may be arranged within individual departments.

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7-1.2 Employees who work for at least 7.5 consecutive hours will be permitted at least 20 minutes for a meal period no longer than 5 hours after the start of the work period.

7-1.3 Work breaks may be scheduled by the Department Head or Supervisor.

## 7-2 HAZARDOUS WEATHER DAYS

7-2.1 If a hazardous weather situation arises before the start of an employee's working hours the following procedures will be used:
a. An employee will not be required to forfeit a day's pay during times of natural disaster when, by order of the Sheriff or the County Board ChairCounty Executive, the County office building in which he/she works is closed.
b. If the County Office Building in which an employee works is not declared to be closed and the employee is unable to arrive at work, the employee may utilize personal, vacation or compensatory time, or make arrangement with his/her Department Head to work additional hours, to compensate for those hours missed.

7-2.2 If a hazardous weather situation arises after the start of an employee's working hours, the employee's Department Head may allow the employee to leave work early if consistent with office staffing requirements, and the employee may utilize personal, vacation or compensatory time, or make arrangement with his/her Department Head to work additional hours, to compensate for those hours missed.

7-2.3 The provisions of Section 7-2 should be considered to be advisory only as to elected Department Heads.

## 7-3 PAYCHECKS, PAYCHECK ERRORS AND DEDUCTIONS

7-3.1 Paychecks - Payroll periods end every other Saturday night at 12:00 P.M. and pay periods begin at 12:01 A.M. on Sunday morning. Payroll thecks-deposits are issued the first Friday following the end of a pay period. Bepartments are notified when paychecks are available to be distributed by the Department Head. Paychecks which have not been picked up by the employee will be mailed four days after distribution. All deductions from an employee's gross pay are printed on the stub of each paycheck.electronic payroll document provided to the employee.

7-3.2 Paycheck Errors - Any paycheck errors should be referred to the employee within the department who regularly prepares the payroll. Corrections will be made no later than the following pay period with the approval of the Department Head.

7-3.3 Deductions - The following deductions may be made from an employee's pay in accordance with established benefits, legal requirements and/or employee option:
a. Federal and State Income Tax;
b. FICA (Social Security);
c. IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund);
d. Benefit deductions as requested, including but not limited to health insurance, life insurance, and dental insurance;
e. Deferred Compensation;
f. Voluntary Charitable Contribution;
g. Credit Union;
h. Others as requested and/or approved.

## 7-4 COMPENSATORY TIME (EXEMPT EMPLOYEES)

Champaign County reviews each authorized position for appropriate classification as exempt or non-exempt when the position is created, when the position is re-evaluated, and when the laws determining exemption eligibility are changed. Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), exempt employees are not entitled to overtime pay.

7-4.1 Each Department Head shall establish the criteria for whether or not exempt positions in their department will be eligible to earn compensatory time off for work performed in the regular line of duty beyond the employee's regularly scheduled number of hours in a workweek, and shall establish the rate at which any compensatory time is accrued. Compensatory time ("hour for hour") is available to employees who are exempt under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act as time off for work performed in the regular line of duty beyond normal working hours. Compensatory time may not be accrued beyond seventy-five (75) hours. Each Department Head shall establish the rate at which compensatory time is accrued and shall-determine the staff positions subject to the compensatory time policy.
7.4.2 Compensatory time may not be accrued beyond seventy-five (75) hours.

7-4.32 Exempt employees shall keep a record of all compensatory time earned and expended to submit to the Department Head for verification-approval.

7-4.43 Accrued cEompensatory time may be taken at any time with prior approval of the Department Head or employee's supervisor. A maximum of one workweek of compensatory time may be taken off consecutively.

7-4.4 The provisions of Section 7-4 should be considered to be advisory only as to elected Department Heads.

## 7-5 COMPENSATORY TIME/OVERTIME (NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES)

Champaign County reviews each authorized position for appropriate classification as exempt or non-exempt when the position is created, when the position is re-evaluated, and when the laws determining exemption eligibility are changed. Under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), non-exempt employees must be compensated of a rate of at least one and one-half time for time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek. Non-exempt employees of a public employer may be compensated for overtime with cash pay or with compensatory time; compensatory time must be awarded at the same rate as cash overtime.

7-5.1 Statement of Intent It is the intent of this provision to compensate each-Each Champaign County employee who is not exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act on an hour for hour basis for all hours worked up to forty (40) hours per week and at the rate of 1-1/2 times the hours worked over forty (40) hours per week. This compensation will be in the form of regular pay, compensatory time or overtime pay. In order for a non-exempt employee to receive compensation in the form of compensatory time, the employee must agree to receiving compensatory time in lieu of cash pay prior to performing the work; in the absence of this agreement, a non-exempt employee shall be paid appropriately for overtime with cash pay.

7-5.2 Non-exempt employees normally scheduled to work 37.5 hours per week shall earn compensatory time on an hour for hour basis up to forty (40) hours worked per week.

7-5.3 All non-exempt employees shall earn compensatory time at the rate of $1-1 / 2$ times the extra hours worked over forty (40) hours per week.

7-5.43 At the end of each pay period, the number of hours worked beyond the normal scheduled hours will be converted to compensatory time/overtime hours according to the formula shown above. These hours will be added to the compensatory time hours previously earned less any compensatory time hours used during that pay period.

Compensatory time hours may be accrued up to a maximum of seventy-five (75) hours as determined at the end of each pay period. Hours of compensatory time earned over seventy-five (75) hours will be paid with that paycheck as overtime on an hour for hour basis.

7-5.54 Compensatory time earned and expended by non-exempt employees shall be documented in the County's timekeeping system as submitted and approved by the Supervisor/Department Head.

7-5.65 Compensatory time off shall be allowed to be taken with prior approval of the Department Head, if the use of such time does not unduly disrupt the department's operations. A maximum of one work week of compensatory time may be taken off consecutively.

## 7-6 FINAL PAYCHECK

Terminating employees will receive payment for accrued vacation and personal leave, and in the case of non-exempt employees for any unused compensatory time, in a lump sum with the regular biweekly paycheck for the final pay period worked. The rate of payment for unused compensatory time shall be based upon the average regular rate received by the employee during the last three years of the employee's employment, or the final regular rate received by the employee, whichever is higher.

## CHAPTER 8 - BENEFITS

## 8-1 HOLIDAYS

8-1.1 Official Holidays - Except as otherwise provided by statute, the annual holiday schedule for Champaign County will be as follows:
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
President's Day
Spring Holiday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving

January 1st
Third Monday in January
Third Monday in February Friday before Easter
Last Monday in May
July 4th
First Monday in September
Second Monday in October
November 11th
Fourth Thursday of November and the Friday after

| Christmas Eve Day | December 24th |
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| Christmas Day | December 25th |

When a holiday falls on a Saturday, the previous Friday shall be given as a holiday. When a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be given as a holiday.

8-1.2 Holiday Observance - Where an employee is scheduled and required to work on a holiday, equivalent time off will be granted within a reasonable period at a time convenient to the employee and consistent with the department's operating needs.

8-1.3 Holiday During Vacation - A holiday falling during an employee's regularly scheduled vacation period shall be counted as a holiday and not as a vacation day.

8-1.4 Eligibility for Holiday Pay - To be eligible for a paid holiday, the employee shall work the last scheduled work day before the holiday and the first scheduled work day after the holiday, unless absence on either or both of these work days is for good cause and approved by the Department Head. Part-time employees are eligible for holiday pay on a pro-rated basis equitable to the number of hours of regular service.

## 8-2 VACATION LEAVE

8-2.1 Employees with less than five years of continuous employment shall earn ten (10) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period, and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of twenty (20) working days.

8-2.2 Employees with more than five years and less than ten years of continuous employment shall earn fifteen (15) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period; and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of thirty (30) working days.

8-2.3 Employees with more than ten years and less than 15 years of continuous employment shall earn twenty (20) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period; and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of forty (40) working days.

8-2.4 Employees with more than 15 years and less than 20 years of continuous employment shall earn twenty-one (21) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period; and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of forty-two (42) working days.

8-2.5 Employees with more than 20 years and less than 25 years of continuous service shall earn twenty-two (22) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period; and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of forty-four (44) working days.

8-2.6 Employees with more than 25 years of continuous employment shall earn twenty-five (25) working days of vacation annually with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period; and shall be limited to a maximum accrual of fifty (50) working days.

No employee shall accumulate more than the maximum accrual as stated above. Hours gained above the maximum will not be credited to the employee's vacation balance, but will be forfeited. This Section shall apply to all current and future employees effective on December 1, 2003. For all current employees, any unused vacation time accrued prior to December 1, 2003 shall be frozen for future use or to be paid upon termination of employment with Champaign County, and shall not be counted toward the maximum accrual rates as stated above.

8-2.7 Vacation leave with full pay shall be taken on a scheduled basis and, subject to exigent circumstances, may be taken at any time with the approval of the Department Head, except that no vacation shall be taken prior to the successful completion of six (6) months continuous employment with the County.

8-2.8 Part-time employees shall earn vacation leave in proportion to the number of hours worked, i.e., employees working twenty (20) hours a week, based on a forty-hour-aweek schedule, will be entitled to fifty percent (50\%) of the vacation benefits.

## 8-3 SICK LEAVE

8-3.1 Employees with less than ten (10) years continuous employment shall be granted ten (10) working days sick leave annually, and employees with more than ten (10) years continuous employment shall be granted twelve (12) working days sick leave annually, with full pay at a proportionate rate per pay period, which may be accrued not to exceed one hundred thirty-five (135) working days except that a part-time employee shall be granted sick leave proportionately. An employee with less than six (6) months service shall be entitled to two (2) days sick leave.

8-3.2 Sick leave is defined as the absence of an employee due to illness, disability, or injury of the employee; or illness, disability, or injury of an employee's spouse, mother, father, children, domestic partner, or sibling if the sibling resides in the employee's household; an employee's medical appointment with a licensed medical care worker; or, attending a medical appointment with an employee's spouse, mother, father, children, domestic partner, or sibling if the sibling resides in the
employee's household.

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8-3.3 Payment for unused sick leave shall not be made at termination.
8-3.4 Employees shall notify their supervisor of their illness as soon as practicable and the approximate length of absence required. The employee's supervisor, within his or her discretion, may require a certificate by the appropriate physician.

8-3.5 Sick leave is a privilege granted by the County for the benefit of all County employees. Any abuse by an employee could result in this privilege being denied that individual.

## 8-4 PERSONAL LEAVE

8-4.1 Employees with not more than twelve (12) months continuous employment shall earn one (1) day personal leave annually, except that no personal leave shall be taken prior to the successful completion of the six (6) months probation period.

8-4.2 Employees with less than six (6) years but more than twelve (12) months of continuous employment shall earn two (2) days personal leave annually.

8-4.3 Employees with more than six (6) years and less than fifteen (15) years of continuous employment shall earn three (3) days of personal leave annually.

8-4.4 Employees with more than fifteen (15) years of continuous employment shall earn four (4) days of personal leave annually.

8-4.5 A part-time employee shall be granted personal leave proportionately.
8-4.6 Personal Leave is granted to every employee in the amounts specified above at the beginning of each year of employment. Effective upon each employee's anniversary date after December 1, 2003, uUnused personal days shall not be carried over from

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one year of employment to the next. This Section shall apply to all current and future employees effective on December 1, 2003. For all current employees, any unused personal time granted prior to December 1, 2003-shall be carried until the employee's next anniversary date, and on the anniversary date between December 1, 2003 and November 30, 2004, any unused personal leave shall be placed in the vacation reserve and frozen for future use or to be paid upon termination of employment with Champaign County.

8-4.7 Subject to prior approval by the Department Head or supervisor and exigent circumstances, this leave may be taken at any time.
8.4.8 For employees who had unused personal leave converted to vacation reserve in 2003, if any time remains from that conversion, the converted time will remain in vacation reserve under the terms of that conversion. $\overline{ }$

## 8-5 BEREAVEMENT

Full-time and part-time employees shall be granted paid bereavement leave for the scheduled working hours on five (5) consecutive workdays following the death of a spouse, child, parent, or domestic partner; and for the scheduled working hours on three (3) consecutive workdays following the death of a brother, sister, grandparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law or grandchild. The employee shall provide documented support of the loss to the Department Head; the Department Head shall maintain records of the bereavement days used by the employee..

## 8-6 JURY/WITNESS DUTY

8-6.1 Any employee who is called for jury duty shall be excused from work for the days served. The employee shall receive his/her normal rate of pay for each day of jury duty for which he or she would have worked. The employee shall give the supervisor reasonable notice of the needed leave for jury service, which requires the employee to deliver to the supervisor a copy of the summons within ten (10) days of the date of issuance of the summons to the employee. During this time, if the employee is not actually performing jury duty, the employee shall return to work for the remainder of the work day. The payment received for jury duty shall be returned to the County; however, the mileage reimbursement shall be retained by the employee.

8-6.2 If an employee is served a subpoena to appear for witness duty in a job-related capacity, or if requested to testify at a termination hearing, the individual will be paid his/her normal salary during the time the employee is required to be away from his/her place of work. If the testifying employee is not scheduled for a work shift during the time of a termination hearing, the employee will still be paid his/her normal wage for the time the employee has been requested to attend the hearing.

8-6.3 If an employee is served a subpoena to appear in court for a matter that is not related to his/her employment, the employee shall be granted unpaid time off in order to comply with the subpoena. The employee may choose to utilize accrued paid leave time instead.

8-6.4 Department Heads shall maintain records of the days on which jury and witness duty is served by the employee.

## 8-7 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

In accordance with The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, (FMLA, 29 CFR Part 825) eligible employees are allowed to take unpaid leaves of absence for certain specified purposes.

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consternation over the fact that brother-in-law and sister-in-law are not in this list. Some think that is unreasonable, and some think the time off is already more than ample. Do you have a position?
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8-7.1 Eligible Employees - An employee is eligible for FMLA leave if the employee has worked for Champaign County at least twelve-months and has performed 1,250 hours of service for the County during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the commencement of the leave.

8-7.2 Leave Requirements - The County will extend up to twelve (12) weeks of FMLA leave during any twelve-month period to eligible employees (the twelve-month period shall be a "rolling" 12-month period measured backward from the date an Employee uses any FMLA leave):
a. For the birth of a son or daughter and to care for the newborn child during the first twelve months after birth;
b. For the placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care within twelve months after the placement;
c. To care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent (or certain other persons in a "parent" capacity) with a serious health condition;
d. To attend to the employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his/her job;
e. For any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on active duty or call to covered active duty status (or has been notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty status).

The County will extend up to twenty-six workweeks of FMLA leave during any twelvemonth period to eligible employees (the twelve-month period shall be a "rolling" 12month period measured backward from the date an Employee uses any FMLA leave) to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness if the eligible employee is the servicemember's spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin (military caregiver leave).

8-7.3 Substitution of Paid Leave - Paid leave will run concurrent with FMLA leave under certain circumstances:
a. The County will require an employee to substitute any accrued paid vacation and personal leave for unpaid FMLA leave taken because of the birth or adoption of a son or daughter of the employee in order to care for the son or daughter, because of the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care, or in order to care for the spouse, son, daughter, or parent of the employee if the spouse, son, daughter or parent has a serious health condition.
b. The County will require an employee to substitute any accrued paid vacation, personal and sick leave for unpaid FMLA leave taken in order to care for the spouse, son, daughter, or parent of the employee if the spouse, son, daughter or parent has a serious health condition or because of the employee's own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the employee's position.
c. The County will require an employee to substitute any accrued paid vacation and personal leave for unpaid FMLA leave taken for any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a military member on active duty or call to covered active duty status (or has been notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty status).
d. The County will require an employee to substitute any accrued paid vacation, personal and sick leave for unpaid FMLA leave taken in order to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness if the employee is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the covered servicemember.
e. Employees may choose to use compensatory time for FMLA leave but are not required to do so.

8-7.4 Length of Leave - If medically necessary, a leave relating to a serious health condition may be taken intermittently or by reducing the usual number of hours worked per week or per day. However, an eligible employee may use intermittent or reduced schedule leave after the birth to be with a healthy newborn child only if approved by the County Executive.

An eligible employee is entitled to no more than a total of twelve workweeks of FMLA leave, during any twelve--month period except that an eligible employee is entitled to 26 workweeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness during a single 12-month period. The eligible employee is entitled to a combined total of 26 workweeks of leave for any FMLA-qualifying reason during the single 12-month period described in Leave Requirements (a-e) above, provided that the employee is entitled to no more than 12 workweeks of leave for one or more of the following: because of the birth of a son or daughter of the employee and in order to care for such son or daughter; because of the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care; in order to care for the spouse, son, daughter, or parent with a serious health condition; because of the employee's own serious health condition; or because of a qualifying exigency. If an eligible employee does not take all of his or her 26 workweeks of leave entitlement to care for a covered servicemember during this single 12-month period, the remaining part of his or her 26 workweeks of leave entitlement to care for the covered servicemember is forfeited.

When both spouses are employed by the County, the total number of workweeks of leave utilized by both spouses will be limited to twelve workweeks if the leave is taken because of the birth of a son or daughter and in order to care for the son or daughter, the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care, or to care for a sick parent of one of the employees if the parent has a serious health condition.

8-7.5 Notice and Certification - When leave is reasonably foreseeable, the employee must provide 30 days' advance notice of the leave to his/her department head.

When substituting paid sick, vacation, or personal leave for unpaid FMLA leave, the Employer may require a certificate from the appropriate physician. For unpaid leave, a medical certification of illness and its seriousness, both as to the employee and/or a family member, will be required. It must also state the expected duration of the leave. Forms for such certification are available from the County Executive.

If there is reason to doubt the validity of the certification, the County may, at its own expense, require the employee or family member to obtain a second opinion from a doctor of the County's choice. If a conflict arises, the County may require a third opinion. The third opinion shall be final and binding.

The County may also require that an employee obtain subsequent re-certifications on a monthly basis.

8-7.6 Compensation/Benefits During Unpaid Leave - During unpaid leave time, employees' wages and other benefits are not paid or accrued except for health and County paid life insurance, which will be continued on the same basis as if the employee continued in active status. The employee's portion of health insurance must be paid either through payroll deduction, or by direct payment by the employee to the County. The employee will receive a bill from the County for payment of
health, life and/or dental premiums. If the premium is not paid by the stated due date, coverage will be canceled.

8-7.7 Return to Work - At the conclusion of leave, an employee will be restored to the position he/she held at the time the leave began or to an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment, unless the employee's position would have been otherwise eliminated during the leave. Fringe benefits accrued prior to the leave will not be lost as a result of the leave. However, employees do not accrue additional seniority or employee benefits during the period of leave.

The County may deny reinstatement after leave to a salaried employee who is among the highest paid ten percent of its employees when denial is necessary to prevent substantial and grievous economic injury to the County. The County will provide prompt notification to the employee that reinstatement will be denied for that reason.

An employee who fails to return to work after the leave expires (other than due to the continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition or other circumstances beyond the employee's control) will be liable to the County for its share of health plan premiums paid by the County during the period of leave. The County will recover the initial sums through deductions from any sums due to the employee (e.g. unpaid wages, vacation pay, etc.) Any balance will be recovered through legal action.

## 8-8 EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY (LOA)

8-8.1 A Leave of Absence Without Pay (LOA) may be granted for short term disability, or reasons other than those covered by Family Medical Leave of Absence, Section 8-7 as approved by the Department Head or the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee.

8-8.2 A non-probationary employee must use all of his/her accrued benefit time, including sick time if it's available under the circumstances, before beginning a leave of absence without pay. The employee may choose to reserve the equivalent of three days of sick time. Benefit time is exhausted when less than one (1) hour is available to be taken.

8-8.3 A LOA of less than one (1) calendar month may be arranged between an employee and the Department Head without approval of the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee. If possible $L_{L}$ an employee requesting a LOA for a period of one month or less shall notify his/her Department Head of the request, in writing, at least three (3) days prior to the exhaustion of all applicable accrued benefit time.

8-8.4 If the employee will be absent from work longer than the accrued benefit time available to be taken plus one month, if granted under Section 8-8.3, a request for a LOA not to exceed four (4) months shall be submitted to the County Executive. The employee shall notify his/her Department Head in writing of this request as soon as he/she becomes aware of the need for an extended LOA and at least three (3) days prior to the end of benefit time or leave time already granted if possible. The written request shall contain the reason and expected length of the absence. If approved by the Department Head, the written request will be forwarded to the County Executive. The County Executive shall approve or deny the LOA Request and will provide written documentation of that decision to the requesting Department Head and affected employee within five (5) working days of the date he/she receives the request for leave.

8-8.5 All LOAs under Section $8-8.3$ and $8-8.4$ shall be without payment of salary from Champaign County. Employees on an approved Leave of Absence will not earn or accrue benefit time (vacation, sick, holiday or personal leave). The County will continue to pay the employer's contribution for health and life insurance coverage. Time spent on an approved Leave of Absence will count toward determination of length of service with the County in computing benefits when the employee returns to work. The employee remains responsible for payment of any additional individual or dependent health, life and/or dental insurance coverage premiums while on an approved Leave of Absence. The employee will receive a bill from the County for payment of outstanding premiums. If the premium payment is not received by the due date stated, coverage will be canceled.

8-8.6 The Department Head shall provide copies of an approved LOA which include the various terms and conditions of the leave to the following:
a. Employee
b. County Executive's Office

8-8.7 Before an employee may return to work from a Leave of Absence granted due to a short--term disability (either Department Head approved one month leave or additional four months approved by the County Executive), the employee must have a doctor's statement approving the return to work in the employee's position.

8-8.8 An employee who is granted a LOA under Section 8-8.3 or Section $8-8.4$ will be returned to his/her prior position at the end of such leave, unless the position has been abolished, in which case the Reduction in Force Policy (Section 5-2) shall be applied. On return from a LOA, an employee's salary shall be as determined in Chapter 9, Salary Administration.

8-8.9 An employee who does not report for work at the end of an approved Leave of Absence shall be deemed to have resigned as of the date of the employee's next scheduled work day after the expiration of the LOA. If final action on a request for leave cannot be taken until accrued benefit time has been exhausted or approved leave has expired, an employee who has not returned to work within seven (7) days after notification by the Department Head of negative County Executive action shall be deemed to have resigned.

8-8.10 Department Heads may fill a position that is vacant due to an employee being on an approved Leave of Absence, with a temporary employee and without Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee or Board approval if sufficient funds are budgeted in the appropriate temporary line item.

8-8.11 Although the Leave of Absence policy is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate most specific situations, there will be occasions that require techniques or solutions outside the established guidelines. Requests beyond the Leave of Absence benefits granted by this policy may be referred by the Department Head to the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee for recommendation to the County Board for final approval. The approval of an extended Leave of Absence maintains length of service credits. However, employer paid health insurance benefits will not be provided, if a Leave of Absence is approved or extended to an employee for a period longer than the four months stipulated by this policy. The Department Head may permanently fill a vacancy created by approval of an extended leave. The employee will be placed in his/her previous position only if it is vacant on the date the extended leave expires. If the position has been abolished, the Reduction in Force Policy (Section 5-2) shall be applied.

8-8.12 A leave of absence necessitated by a work-related injury will be granted as of right under Sections 8-8.3 and 8-8.4. The employee shall not be required to exhaust benefit time under Section 8-8.2 When the request for leave is due to a workrelated injury, accrued benefit time may be used to supplement Worker's Compensation benefits, not to exceed his or her normal compensation at the option of the employee.

## 8-9 MILITARY LEAVE

Employees performing military duties are entitled to numerous protections under federal and Illinois law. When addressing issues of military leave and its impact on County employment, supervisors are advised to consult with the Civil Division of the State's Attorney's Office or the County Executive's Office.

8-9.1 Leave will be granted from County employment for any period actively spent in military service, whether voluntary or involuntary, including -
a. A period for which the employee is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the employee to perform military duty;
b. Active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty;
c. Basic training, special or advanced training, and annual training;
d. Training or education under the supervision of the United States preliminary to induction or enlistment into military service;
e. Active military duty as a result of an order of the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois;
f. The performance of funeral honors duty pursuant to military orders in preparation for or to perform funeral honors functions at the funeral of a veteran.

## 8-9.2 Pay

a. For periods of annual training, the employee shall continue to receive his or her regular compensation as a County employee.
b. For periods of basic training, up to sixty (60) days of special or advanced training, or mobilization as a result of an order of the President of the United States, the employee shall receive his or her regular compensation as a County employee minus the amount of his or her base pay for military service.

8-9.3 Insurance - Insurance coverage and its automatic continuation upon the employee's return to County employment shall be made available to the employee.

## 8-9.4 Other Benefits

a. Seniority shall continue to accrue during periods of military leave.
b. Pay raises, promotions or other benefits dependent on the passage of time accrue to the employee's benefit as if the employee were present for work during the entire period of military duty.
c. Pay raises, promotions or other benefits based on merit or otherwise related to demonstrated skill or efficiency shall not accrue during the employee's absence due to military duty.
d. Pension rights and benefits shall be protected and preserved for the duration of the employee's military service as if the employee were a County employee for the entire period of military duty.

## 8-9.5 Reinstatement

a. Notice - Any County employee seeking to return to County employment following the completion of military duty must notify the County within ninety (90) days of completion of that military duty, or from any hospitalization continuing after discharge for a period of not more than one (1) year in order to be eligible for reinstatement under this Section. If the employee does not notify the County of his or her request for reinstatement within that time frame, the employee shall be considered absent from work and subject to discipline or discharge.
b. Reinstatement
(i) If the employee seeking reinstatement is still qualified to perform the duties of the position which he or she left, the employee shall be promptly restored to the position which he or she left for military duty, with the same increase in status, seniority and wages that were earned during the period of military service by employees who were in similar positions during the employee's military duty, or to a position of similar seniority, status and pay, unless the County's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so.
(ii) If the employee seeking reinstatement is not qualified to perform the duties of the position which he or she left due to reasons other than disability, such as a lapse in necessary licensure or similar documentary or training requirement, the County shall make reasonable efforts to qualify the employee in an attempt to restore the employee to the position which he or she left for military duty, with the same increases in status, seniority and wages that were earned during the period of military service by employees who were in similar positions during the employee's military duty, or to a position of similar seniority, status or pay, unless the County's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so. If the employee cannot become qualified with reasonable efforts by the County, the employee shall be reemployed in a position which is the nearest approximation of position which the employee left to perform military duty.
(iii) If the employee seeking reinstatement is not qualified to perform the duties of the position which he or she left by reason of disability suffered during military duty but qualified to perform the duties of any other position within the County, the employee shall be promptly reemployed to another position the duties of which he or she is qualified to perform and as will provide the employee with like seniority, status and pay, or the nearest approximation, consistent with the circumstances of the employee's particular case.
c. Any employee restored to County employment following military duty shall not be discharged from County employment without cause within one (1) year of restoration to employment.

## 8-10 SCHOOL VISITATION LEAVE

Under the School Visitation Leave Act, eligible employees are allowed to take unpaid leave for certain school-related functions concerning their children.

8-10.1 Eligible Employees - An employee is eligible for School Visitation Leave if the employee has worked for the County for at least six (6) months preceding the request and worked an average number of hours per week which is at least half of the full-time hours for that job classification during those six (6) months. Furthermore, no leave may be taken by an employee under this Section unless the employee has exhausted all accrued vacation leave, personal leave, compensatory leave and any other leave that may be granted to the employee except sick leave and disability leave.

8-10.2 Leave Requirements - The County will grant an employee unpaid leave of up to a total of eight (8) hours during any school year, and no more than four (4) hours of which may be taken on any given day, to attend school conferences or classroom activities related to the employee's biological, adopted, foster, or stepchild, or legal ward of the employee, who is enrolled in a public or private primary or secondary school, if the conference or classroom activities cannot be scheduled during nonwork hours.

8-10.3 Notice and Certification - Before arranging attendance at the conference or activity, the employee shall provide the supervisor with a written request for leave at least seven (7) days in advance of the time the employee is required to utilize the visitation right. In emergency situations, no more than a 24 --hours notice shall be required. The employee must consult with the employer to schedule the leave so as not to disrupt unduly the operations of the employer. Upon completion of the school visitation, the employee shall submit verification of the exact time and date the visitation occurred.

8-10.4 Alternate Work - An employee who utilizes or seeks to utilize the rights afforded by this Section may choose the opportunity to make up the time so taken on a different day or shift as directed by the supervisor. An employee may not be required to make up the time taken, but if the employee does not make up the time taken, the employee shall not be compensated for the time taken. An employee who does make up the time taken shall be paid at the same rate as paid for normal working time. The County shall make a good faith effort to permit an employee to make up the time taken for the purposes of this Section. If no reasonable opportunity exists for the employee to make up the time taken, the employee shall not be paid for the time. A reasonable opportunity to make up the time taken does not include the scheduling of make-up time in a manner that would require the payment of wages on an overtime basis. If unpaid leave under this Section conflicts with the unreduced compensation requirement for exempt employees under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, the County may require the employee to make up the leave hours within the same pay period.

## 8-11 BLOOD DONATION LEAVE

8-11.1 Employees who are employed full-time by the County and who have worked for the County for at least six (6) months may be granted one (1) paid hour every fifty-six (56) days in order to donate blood.

8-11.2 Employees may take leave pursuant to this Section only after obtaining approval from their respective Department Heads.

## 8-12 VOTING LEAVE

8-12.1 Any employee entitled to vote at a general or special election or at any election at which propositions are submitted to a popular vote shall be entitled to take paid leave from work between the time of opening and closing the polls for a period of:
a. thirty (30) minutes for early voting if the voting location is in the same facility as the employee's office or working location,
b. one (1) hour for the purpose of early voting if the voting location is not in the same facility as the employee's office or working location, or
c. two (2) hours on the day of the election for the purpose of voting at the location identified on the employee's voter registration card.

Ewo (2) hours between the time of opening and closing the polls on the day of the election for the purpose of voting.

8-12.18-12.2 The employee must request leave prior to the day the employee will voteef election.

8-12.28-12.3 The employer may specify the hours during which the employee may leave to vote, except that the employer must permit a 2 -hour absence during working hours if the employee's working hours begin less than 2 hours after the opening of the polls and end less than 2 hours before the closing of the polls.

## 8-13 HEALTH AND TERM LIFE INSURANCE

8-13.1 An employee (including per diem employees) must work at least thirty (30) hours per week and have completed two (2) months of employment to be eligible for the County insurance benefit program. The County provides group health and life insurance coverage. The County Board shall offer such group health and life insurance programs as it determines. The County Board shall determine annually the amount which it will contribute toward group health and life insurance coverage on behalf of each employee. Employee choice of group health insurance program shall not interfere with the employee's group life benefits. If the cost of a particular group health insurance program is more than the County contribution, the employee shall pay the additional amount through payroll deduction. If the employee wishes to have dependent coverage, the employee must assume the responsibility for dependent premiums through payroll deduction.

An employee in a full-time, temporary employment status with the County may be eligible for Health Insurance benefits immediately upon employment as a regular full-time employee under the following condition: That the employee has had two months continuous unbroken employment with the County for a two-month period immediately prior to the employment by the County as a regular full-time employee.

8-13.2 If an employee retires from the County on an IMRF pension or qualifies for IMRF permanent disability, they may retain their health insurance coverage and reimburse the County for their premiums. Arrangements may be made through the County Executive's Office.

## 8-14 ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF)

The benefits of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and eligibility for IMRF are determined by the state law and not by the County. The benefits are subject to change without notice from the County. Included are temporary and permanent disability payments, pension and death benefits. See the most recent edition of the pamphlet distributed by IMRF or visit www.imrf.org for a detailed description of your benefits.

## 8-15 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND RETURN TO WORK FOLLOWING INJURY POLICY

It is the policy of Champaign County to promote a safe work place for its employees. When an employee is off work due to a work-related illness or injury, the County will monitor the status of such an employee, and when available will assist the employee in obtaining rehabilitation services in order for the employee to return to work. An employee who is off work due to a work-related illness or injury is expected to cooperate with any county programs or policies designed to help the employee return to work and to assume their full job responsibilities. The County shall oversee the management of its workers compensation program, and shall investigate all workers compensation claims as necessary to ensure uniform reporting procedures. It is the policy of the County to make every reasonable effort to accommodate an injured employee, unless such accommodation poses undue hardship on the County.

8-15.1 Procedure - Any employee injured on the job or who acquired a job-related illness is required to report the incident to their supervisor as soon as practicable after it is known that such injury or illness is job-related. The report shall contain the approximate date and place of the accident, if known, and may be given to the supervisor either orally or in writing.
a. When an employee sustains what he/she believes to be a work-related injury or illness, and has reported the said work-related injury or illness to his/her supervisor, the employee shall then report to his/her immediate supervisor for the coordination of his/her initial care and treatment. The employee is encouraged to seek treatment from Carle Clinic Occupational Medicine. The employee also has the option of seeking treatment through the medical care provider from whom they have insurance coverage. If the employee needs urgent medical attention, the employee's immediate supervisor shall call 9-11 to have the employee transported to the closest hospital for treatment.
b. After coordinating the employee's initial care and treatment as described in 816.1(a), the employee's immediate supervisor shall complete the State of Illinois Employer's First Report of Injury or Illness (known as Form 45) within twenty-four hours of the employee's report, and obtain the signature of the Department Head or Department Head's designee on the said report. If the Department Head or designee is not available to sign the report within the twenty-four hour period, the immediate supervisor shall e-mail the said report to the Insurance Specialist in Administrative Services. The Supervisor's Incident Investigation Report should also be prepared within twenty-four hours of the incident, unless the said forms cannot be completed during the immediate supervisor's regular working hours, in which case the immediate supervisor shall advise the Department Head or Department Head's designee which forms are incomplete, and what further information is necessary to complete the said forms.
c. The immediate supervisor is responsible for the initial investigation of the employee's reported work-related injury or illness. Supplemental and/or conflicting information, including any written statements by the injured employee, should be noted by the immediate supervisor on the appropriate form, or in a separate memo to the Department Head or the Department Head's designee. The immediate supervisor shall also include within the initial investigation report a list of any witnesses to the injury or illness claimed by the employee.
d. In order to determine whether the injury or illness reported by the employee is a compensable injury and to determine the nature, extent, and probable duration of the injury, the employer may require the employee to undergo a
medical evaluation by a duly qualified medical practitioner or surgeon of the employer's choice, with the said evaluation to be paid for by the employer, for the purpose of determining the nature, extent and probable duration of the injury received by the employee, and for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of compensation which may be due the employee from time to time for disability according to the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act.
e. An employee must provide whatever medical releases of information are necessary to his/her immediate supervisor, and the Insurance Specialist, for all physicians, surgeons, therapists, or other medical providers as to any evaluation, treatment, testing, prescribed medications or other medical information relevant to the evaluation and treatment of the employee's workrelated illness or injury, as well as any recommendations made by any medical providers as to the employee's ability to return to the employee's job, or transitional work. It shall be the responsibility of the immediate supervisor to work with the employee to obtain the said releases. The employee shall not be allowed to return to work or transitional return to work duty assignments unless and until the said medical releases have been executed, and the return to work has been authorized by the employee's medical providers in conjunction with the employer.
f. All employee injury reports will be logged by the Insurance Specialist. If the employee misses work time or is required to undergo medical evaluation and/or treatment for the employee's work-related injury or illness, the Insurance Specialist shall forward all reports for that employee to the designated Third Party Administrator (TPA). All employees and their supervisors are required to cooperate fully with the County's Insurance Specialist and the TPA in the investigation of all reported injuries.
g. If the employee receives any medical bills for the treatment of his/her workrelated injury or illness, the employee shall send such bills to the Insurance Specialist.
h. The Insurance Specialist shall serve as the administrator of the County's Workers Compensation Program, and shall be responsible for working with employees, their supervisors, and Department Heads to answer any questions about benefits, rights, or obligations pursuant to the County's Workers Compensation Program.

8-15.2 External Case Management - Any employee claims for work-related injuries or illnesses which are expected to cause the employee to miss work for more than thirty days, or which require specialized services for the employee not available within the County, will be referred by the Insurance Specialist to a TPA for professional case management, and/or for medical and/or vocational services. The Insurance Specialist shall require the TPA to provide written reports on the employee's progress on a monthly basis.
a. The employee who has suffered a work-related injury or illness shall be required to participate in the development and implementation of his/her return to work, which shall include:
(i) Cooperating with and implementing any recommended treatment, evaluations or therapies from physicians, therapists, and surgeons; Sharing all
(iii) Signing any and all releases of information necessary for the employer to monitor the employee's progress in returning to work;
(iv) Abiding by all recommended medical restrictions while at work, or off work;
(v) Requesting assistance for medical or vocational services designed to return the employee to work;
(vi) Scheduling and attending medical appointments which will cause the least work disruption, and communicate information about medical appointments to the immediate supervisor as soon as such medical appointments are scheduled;
(vii) Maintaining regular contact with the immediate supervisor;
(viii) Contacting the immediate supervisor about any accommodations the employee feels are necessary to assist the employee to return to work;
(ix) Participating in a functional capacity evaluation as directed by the employer;
(x) Complying with all safety rules and regulations of the employer.
b. The immediate supervisor shall work with the employee in developing and implementing the employee's return to work after a job-related illness or injury. The immediate supervisor shall:
(i) Contact the Insurance Specialist and the Department Head about any accommodations requested by the employee in the return of the employee to work.
(ii) Contact the Insurance Specialist and the Department Head about any changes in the employee's medical condition.
(iii) Contact the Insurance Specialist and the Department Head if the employee does not cooperate with the requirements of 8-16.2.
c. The TPA, together with the employee's immediate supervisor and the Insurance Specialist, will investigate all workers compensation claims and make compensability determinations in accordance with the Illinois Workers Compensation Act. The TPA will determine what benefits are due to the employee and pay such benefits as are required by statute. The Insurance Specialist or the TPA may contact employees to obtain information necessary to process the employee's claim. The TPA shall answer any employee questions concerning the claims process.
d. If after a comprehensive investigation of a workers compensation claim, it is determined by the TPA, Insurance Specialist, and Department Head that an employee has knowingly submitted a fraudulent claim, said employee will be subject to discipline, up to and including discharge.
e. The Insurance Specialist shall serve as the Administrator of the County's Workers Compensation program. The Insurance Specialist shall provide advice and information to all immediate supervisors and Department Heads concerning the program, and shall assist immediate supervisors and Department Heads in meeting their responsibilities pursuant to the program.
f. The Department Head or the Department Head's designee shall identify and select a management representative to serve as the coordinator of any and all claims pursuant to the County's Workers Compensation program within that Department.

8-15.3 County Work Transition Policy - The County shall, when appropriate and available, provide the opportunity for transitional work to any employees suffering from a job-related injury or illness in order to allow the employee to return to work
safely by accommodating the employee's inability to meet all of the demands of the employee's regular work position. Work transition may include the following:
a. Modification of the current job prioritized as follows:
(i) Current job-same work location
(ii) Modified job-same work location; modifications of work tasks or job demands which meet the employee's functional capacity; modification of work tasks to be completed by the employee which meets the employee's functional capacity
(iii) Current job-different work location
(iv) Modified job-different work location; modifications of work tasks or job demands which meet the employee's functional capacity; modifications of work tasks to be completed by the employee which meet the employee's functional capacity
(v) Limited special assignments
(vi) Participate in rehabilitation programs to allow the employee to work and also participate in services to reduce the impairment, facilitate the employee's medical progress, and prevent long term disability.
b. The length of the work transition period should not exceed thirty work days unless an extension is approved by the employee's Department Head. An extension may be granted based on the employee's medical needs or inability of the employee to fully perform former job demands, but if extended shall not exceed ninety work days in length. Any extension of the work transition period beyond ninety work days must be approved in advance by the County Executive.

## 8-16 TRAINING LEAVE

8-16.1 The Department Head may approve a leave for employee training on subject matter directly related to the employee's job. The training may consist of a training seminar or conference of two (2) weeks duration or less or a course for college credit of up to three (3) semester hours. The employee attending the approved training will receive his/her normal salary and reimbursement for expenses incurred and the County will pay the registration fee.

8-16.2 Upon Department Head recommendation, an absence to attend any training seminar or conference lasting more than two (2) weeks or a course for college credit of more than three (3) semester hours, or the equivalent, may be approved by the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee. The Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee shall specify remuneration and terms of reimbursement, if any.

## 8-17 JOB SHARING

8-17.1 Time Period and Approval - Job-sharing will be allowed for a specific period of time, and will be established and renewed annually upon written request by a department head for approval by the County Executive. All requests shall be made in writing to the department head by the employee requesting his/her position be shared and shall include the amount of time the employee proposes to share the position and the time period requested. After department head approval of the requests, the department head shall forward the request to the County Executive.

8-17.2 Compensation - The shared position will be budgeted as one position in the Champaign County staffing plan, and both employees sharing the position will be paid at the same hourly rate of pay, based on the number of hours worked within the

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pay period. Combined hours worked and paid for job-sharing positions will not exceed hours for full-time positions.

8-17.3 Health Insurance - Eligibility for health insurance benefits will be determined by the number of hours worked; therefore, if neither of the employees work thirty (30) hours per week, health insurance benefits will not be provided to either employee.

8-17.4 Accrual of Seniority during Job-Sharing - A former full-time employee who is approved for job-sharing will accrue seniority with Champaign County during the period of time for job-sharing approved by the County Executive.

8-17.5 Accrual of Leave during Job-Sharing - Both employees in a job-sharing position will accrue vacation, sick and personal leave at rates proportionate to hours worked.

8-17.6 Employment at Conclusion of Job-Sharing - The position which has been shared will be returned to full-time employment at the end of the time period granted for job-sharing and the position will be filled by the employee who originally held the position. If that employee does not want the full-time position, then the other employee will be offered the position. If neither employee wants to hold the full-time position, then the position will be filled according to "Champaign County Personnel Policies."

## 8-18 VESSA (VICTIM'S ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT, P.A. 93-0591)

8-18.1 In order to ensure the economic security and safety of Champaign County employees, an eligible employee will be granted unpaid leave for situations when the employee has been subject to domestic or sexual violence, or in order to help a family or household member who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, not caused by the employee. In addition, victims of domestic or sexual violence will be eligible for insurance and protection from employment and insurance discrimination. Eligibility for such protections is dependent upon the employee's ability to perform the essential functions of their position but for being a victim of domestic or sexual violence, and any requested accommodation must not pose an undue hardship on the County's operations.

8-18.2 Eligible employees will be granted job-protected unpaid leave to conduct the following activities related to the domestic or sexual violence during work hours:
a. To seek medical attention for, or recovering from, physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic or sexual violence;
b. To obtain services from a victim services organization;
c. To obtain psychological or other counseling;
d. To participate in safety planning, to temporarily or permanently relocate, or to take other actions to increase the safety of the employee from future domestic or sexual violence or to ensure economic security;
e. To seek legal assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee, including preparing for or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic or sexual violence.

8-18.3 Employees are entitled to 12 workweeks of VESSA leave during any 12-month period and are entitled to take leave upon at least 48 hours notice (where practicable). VESSA does not create a right for an employee to take unpaid leave that exceeds the unpaid leave allowed under, or in addition to, the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Sick, vacation, personal, FMLA leave or compensatory time may be substituted for the unpaid leave provided under this Act.

8-18.4 The Department Head shall require certification from the employee that VESSA leave is for a qualifying reason. Certification consists of:
a. A sworn statement of the employee, and
b. One of the following:
(i) Documentation from an employee, agent or volunteer of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or other professional form whom the employee or the employee's family or household member has sought assistance in addressing domestic or sexual violence and the effects of violence;
(ii) A police or court record; or
(iii) Other corroborating evidence. The Department Head shall keep such documentation in the strictest of confidence.

8-18.5 An employee who takes such leave is entitled to be restored to the same or an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment. The employee shall retain all benefits accrued prior to the date leave commences (including life and health insurance, sick and vacation leave, educational benefits and pensions) but the employee is not entitled to accrue seniority or additional employment benefits during the leave. The employee is also entitled to continued health insurance during any period of leave on the same terms and conditions as if the employee remained continuously employed. If an employee fails to return from leave, the County can recover the premium the employer paid for health insurance, provided the reasons the employee has not returned do not include the continuation, recurrence, or onset of domestic or sexual violence of other circumstances beyond the employee's control. The County may also require certification of such reasons.

8-18.6 It is unlawful to interfere with an employee's exercise of right under the Act or to discriminate in employment against an individual because:
a. The individual:
(i) Is, or is perceived to be, a victim of domestic or sexual violence;
(ii) Has attended, participated in, prepared for, or requested leave to attend, participated in, or prepare for a criminal or civil court proceeding relating to an incident of domestic or sexual violence of which the individual or a family or household member was a victim; or Requested an adjustment to a job, structure, workplace facility, or work requirement, including a transfer, reassignment, or modified schedule, leave, a changed telephone number or seating assignment, installation of a lock, or implementation of a safety procedure in response to actual or threatened domestic or sexual violence; or
b. The workplace is disrupted or threatened by the action of a person whom the individual states has committed or threatened to commit domestic or sexual violence against the individual or the individual's family or household member.

## CHAPTER 9 - SALARY ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

## 9-1 DEFINITIONS

9-1.1 Position Description - A written set of criteria regarding the essential duties and responsibilities performed in a position and the minimum knowledge, skills, abilities, education, training and experience required to perform the job. Position descriptions will be written and maintained by the Salary Administrator, in consultation with the appropriate Department Heads.

9-1.2 Authorized Position - A single job slot allocated to a County department authorized by the Board as full time or part time. Part-time positions are stated as a percentage of full-time, or average hours worked. All authorized positions shall be identified by a specified County position description.

## 9-1.3 New Position Description - Creation of a new job and, therefore, a new position

 description.9-1.4 New Position - Creation of a new authorized position in a County department or increase in an existing position based upon an existing or a new position description, which has been documented by a position questionnaire and has been evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee

9-1.5 Transfer - The process of hiring or moving a current County employee from one authorized position and position description to a new authorized position and/or position description within the County personnel system.

9-1.6 Reclassification/Position Re-Evaluation - The process of deleting an existing authorized position in a County department and creating a new authorized position based upon an existing or new position description.

9-1.7 Midpoint - The midpoint as a control point, represents the dollar value that the County is willing to pay an experienced employee for performing consistently competent work that fully meets all position requirements in a job of a given level of difficulty and responsibility. It also reflects favorable competitive rates paid in the employment market for experienced employees in similar jobs.

9-1.8 Maximum - The maximum salary is the highest salary paid for a particular position. The maximum is expressed as $120 \%$ of the midpoint.

9-1.9 Minimum - The minimum salary is beginning salary for a particular position. The minimum is expressed as $80 \%$ of the midpoint.

9-1.10 Salary Administrator - A Department Head or employee who has been appointed by the Champaign County Board and The County Executive or his/her designee whose responsibilities include the implementation of and compliance with the Salary Administration Guidelines.

9-1.11 Salary Range - A salary range is established based on the midpoint, which represents the dollar value the County is willing to pay an experienced employee for performing consistently competent work that fully meets all position requirements. The salary range represents the normally expected variation in individual performance. The salary minimum is $80 \%$ of the midpoint, and the maximum is $120 \%$ of the midpoint. The range, from minimum to maximum is $150 \%$. The established salary range for the Attorney grade varies in that the range from minimum to maximum is $172 \%$, with the minimum established at $77.3 \%$ of the midpoint; and the maximum established at $133 \%$ of the mid-point for this grade.

9-1.12 Experienced - A candidate whose Knowledge, Skills, Abilities; and Education and Experience substantially exceed the minimum requirements as stated in the appropriate position description.

9-1.13 Inexperienced - A candidate whose Knowledge, Skills, Abilities; and Education and Experience meet the minimum requirements as stated in the appropriate position description.

9-1.14 Exempt/Non-Exempt Pay Practice Status - Determination made by the State's Attorney's Office, according to Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Guidelines, of the salary grid applicable to a position.

9-1.15 Job Content Evaluation Committee - A selected group of County employees who have been trained in the Champaign County Salary Administration System. The Committee, as convened by the Salary Administrator, meets to review existing or proposed County position documentation and establish a job point evaluation to the position. The Job Content Evaluation Committee will be comprised of 6-10 nonelected and non-bargaining full-time employees of Champaign County who, combined, have the experience to fully assess how well a proposed position or evaluation meets the needs of the Department and of the County, to identify and quantify the level of expertise and authority of the position, and to ensure decisions by the committee comply with federal, state, and local employment laws. of the following positions with Champaign County government:

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9-1.16 Job Content Evaluation Points - The expression of a position's relative importance to the County as it compares to the contribution made by all other positions. Job points are established by utilizing the Employers' Association of Illinois Plan. The four areas of basic criteria used to determine the "total point value" are: Working Conditions, Effort, Knowledge/Skill and Responsibility.

## 9-2 SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS \& SALARY GRID

9-2.1 The Schedule of Authorized Positions reflects the quantity and position title of all permanent positions in every County Department as approved by the Champaign County Board. Temporary positions are controlled solely by a Department's line item in their appropriated budget. The County Board's appropriations for salaries to Department's budgets will only be made to positions approved for the Schedule of Authorized Positions. No full-time, part-time, or per diem employee filling a permanent position may be paid except through service in a position which is authorized to the Schedule of Authorized Positions. Recommendation for additions or deletions to the Schedule of Authorized Positions will be made by committee approval initiated by the Finance Committee for recommendation to the County Board. The Salary Administrator will be responsible for maintaining the Schedule of Authorized Positions.

9-2.2 The Salary Grids reflect every position title in the County personnel system, with the exception of positions represented by bargaining units, with a minimum, midpoint,
and maximum salary for each position. Per Diem employees are reflected in the salary grids with a single daily per diem figure.

An employee's salary may be between the minimum and maximum, but may not exceed the maximum.

## 9-3 HIRING

9-3.1 Beginning Salary - Unless otherwise authorized under these guidelines or recommended by the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee, a new or promoted employee's beginning salary shall be paid at the minimum salary for an approved authorized position.

9-3.2 Salary Administration - In order to assure consistent and uniform salary administration program application and maintenance, the hiring Department Head shall advise the Salary Administrator of all planned salary actions for new hires, promotions, transfers, etc. At the time of hire, an employee should be informed of the salary range of the position.

9-3.3 Prior to Offer of Employment at Salary Above Minimum - Prior to offering a salary above the minimum to a candidate the Department Head shall verify that the proposed starting salary meets the Salary Administration Guidelines and that adequate appropriations exist in the Department's appropriate current or proposed budget line item. The hiring Department Head may confer with the Salary Administrator regarding these issues.

9-3.4 Beginning Salary Above Minimum fFor Inexperienced Candidate - Normally, an inexperienced candidate (a candidate who meets the minimum Knowledge, Skills, Abilities; and Education and Experience requirements as stated in the position description) should be hired at the minimum salary for the position.

However, in order to meet market conditions or to offer a competitive salary appropriately exceeding the current salary of a qualified candidate, the hiring Department Head may offer a salary up to $90 \%$ of the position's salary range midpoint, after following the provisions of 9-3.3.

9-3.5 Beginning Salary Above Minimum fFor Experienced Candidates - A candidate with previous directly applicable work experience should be carefully evaluated. Candidates with previous experience acquired elsewhere should not normally be considered of any greater value than comparable experience at Champaign County. Starting salaries should reflect experience as it relates to the specific job and staffing requirements for which the candidate is being considered.
a. In the case of an experienced candidate (a candidate who substantially exceeds the minimum Knowledge, Skills, Abilities; and Education and Experience requirements as stated in the position description) a hiring Department Head may offer a starting salary up to the position's salary range midpoint, after following the provisions of 9-3.3.
b. Any request by a Department Head to hire an experienced candidate at a salary exceeding the position's midpoint will be referred by the Salary Administrator to the Finance Committee for approval.)
bd. The Attorney grade positions are not subject to the requirements of 9-3.5 (a) and (b), but shall be managed as follows: a candidate who has been licensed to practice law for less than ten years may be hired at a salary between the minimum and mid-point based on the affected department head's

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determination and current fiscal year budget limitations; and a candidate who has been licensed to practice law for more than ten years may be hired at a salary above the mid-point based on the affected department head's determination and current fiscal year budget limitations.

9-3.6 Promotion - A promotion exists when an employee is proposed to be hired to an open position or a re-evaluation of a current position has been accepted by the Finance Committee where the job content has increased, resulting in placement at a higher grade range in the salary grade scale.
a. The hiring Department Head shall confirm compliance with the Salary Administration Guidelines, and budget requirements before promoting an employee to a new position. Promotions include movement between positions in all County departments.
b. An employee receiving a promotion shall receive up to a $10 \%$ increase in salary at the Department Head discretion or increase to the new salary range minimum, whichever is greater and which normally shall not exceed the new position's salary range midpoint. If such adjustment places the employee's salary above the midpoint, the Salary Administrator will refer the request to the Finance Committee for approval.

9-3.7 Transfer t干o a Lower Salary Range - Transfer to a lower salary range is defined as a permanent change from a position in one salary range to a position where the job is placed in a lower salary range, as expressed by job content evaluation points. An employee will also be considered to have been reassigned when, as a result of reevaluation, total job size results in placement in a lower salary range.
a. In such instances, the Department Head must follow the provisions of 9-3.3 and 9-3.4 or 9-3.5, as applicable; however, the current salary may not be exceeded.

9-3.8 Lateral Transfer - A lateral transfer occurs when an employee moves to a new position, which is assigned to the same grade range as the employee's previous position.
a. An employee who makes a lateral transfer to a position in the same grade range will not receive a salary increase or decrease, and shall be credited with years of experience in that grade/range.

9-3.9 Exceptiona+Actions Outside Salary Administration Guidelinessituations Although the Salary Administration Program is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate most specific situations, there will be oceasions that require techniques or solutions outside the established guidelines. The Salary Administrator does not have the authority to approve actions outside Salary Administration quidelines. Therefore, iIn order to ensure accountability and internal consistency, however, some control must be maintained over exeeptional situationsand to provide transparency to the County Board who sets the budget for Departments,.-Therefore, proposed salary administration actions taken by Department Heads that deviateing from established guidelines will be referred reported on a monthly bases by the Salary Administrator to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee for recommendation to the Finance Committee and-the County Board-for final approval.

9-3.10 New Employee Training Period - For purposes of training and subject to budgetary restraints, an authorized position may concurrently be filled by two both the County employees-terminating employee and their replacement for a period of no

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longer than two weeks prior to the last day worked by the employee who is terminating employment or taking a Leave of Absence Without Pay (LOA).

## 9-4 PROCEDURE

The effective planning and control of salary costs requires a systematic procedure which includes:
a. Review and adjustment of the midpoint salary policy consistent with competitive and economic conditions;
b. Determination of funds required for policy implementation;
c. Distribution of allocated funds among departments;
d. Efficient control of fund utilization throughout the budget period.

No change or addition to the Schedule of Authorized Positions of a department or Salary Grid will be made except in accordance with the following procedures or the Reduction in Force procedure (Section 5-2).

## 9-4.1 Market Adjustments - Each year in March-April, Salary Administration will conduct a salary survey to review the mid-point valuation of jobs in Champaign County. In May, Salary Administration will provide a recommendation to the Finance Committee of any recommended mid-point changes pursuant to market to be implemented on the following January 1st for the ensuing fiscal year. <br> 9-4.2 Movement Through Salary Ranges - In June of each year, Salary Administration will present to the Finance Committee the anticipated cost of implementation of the following compa-ratio schedule for non-bargaining employees (with the exception of the Attorney Grade) to be implemented the following January 1st.

| Years Completed as of December 1st Compa-Ratio |  |
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|  |  |
| 1 | $80 \%$ |
| 2 | $83 \%$ |
| 3 | $86 \%$ |
| 4 | $89 \%$ |
| 5 | $92 \%$ |
| 6 | $95 \%$ |
| 7 | $98 \%$ |
|  | $100 \%$ |

The compa-ratio schedule insures that each employee moves toward compensation at the full market value of their position upon completion of seven years worked in that position or grade.

The Compa-ratio schedule for the Attorney Grade is established as follows:

| Years Completed as of January $1^{\text {st }}$ | Compa-Ratio |
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| 1 | $77.31 \%$ |
| 2 | $79.56 \%$ |
| 3 | $81.86 \%$ |
| 4 | $84.24 \%$ |
| 5 | $86.68 \%$ |
| 6 | $89.19 \%$ |
| 7 | $91.78 \%$ |
| 8 | $94.44 \%$ |
| 9 | $97.18 \%$ |
| 10 | $100 \%$ |

9-4.3 Merit Adjustments - In June of each year, Salary Administration will present to the Finance Committee a recommendation for a percentage allowance for merit increases to be awarded non-bargaining employees the following January 1st. Determination of individual merit increases will be made by Department Heads based on employee performance.

9-4.4 New Positions, Position Descriptions and Salary Ranges will be proposed by a Department Head in most instances.
a. The Department Head, after presenting the new proposed concept to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee and receiving a recommendation to proceed, should consult the Salary Administrator and complete a Position Description Questionnaire for the proposed new position.
b. After receipt of the completed questionnaire, the Salary Administrator will convene the Job Content Evaluation Committee and a job point evaluation will be made to determine the job size.
c. The Salary Administrator will consult the State's Attorney's Office in order to receive a determination of the exempt/non-exempt status of the proposed position.
d. If necessary, the Salary Administrator will prepare a new position description.
e. The Salary Administrator will forward the Job Content Evaluation Committee Report documenting the job point evaluation, proposed salary range and position description to the Policy, Personnel \& Appointments Committee and to the Department Head.
f. The Salary Administrator is responsible for presenting the report of the Job Content Evaluation Committee to the Policy, Personnel, and Appointments Committee, which shall determine whether the new position, position classification and recommended salary range should be approved and make a recommendation to the Finance Committee.
g. The Finance Committee shall review the new position, position classification, and recommended salary range and recommend to the County Board final approval of any New Position to be added to the Schedule of Authorized Positions.
h. Unless otherwise specified, the new position, will take effect immediately upon approval by the Board.

9-4.5 Reclassifications/Job Re-Evaluations - Reclassifications/Job Re-Evaluations may be requested of the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee by a Department Head.
a. The Department Head, after presenting the justification for position reevaluation review to the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee and receiving a recommendation to proceed, should contact the Salary Administrator and receive a Position Description Questionnaire.
b. The questionnaire should be completed by the employee working in the position to be reclassified/re-evaluated.
c. After the receipt of completed questionnaires for all positions to be reevaluated for reclassification purposes, the Salary Administrator will convene the Job Content Evaluation Committee. The Job Evaluation Committee will evaluate all positions for which documentation has been received.
d. The results will be presented to the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee for approval.
e. After approval, the re-evaluations will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval of the resulting change to the Schedule of Authorized Positions, and then to the County Board for final approval.
f. Unless otherwise specified, a Reclassification or Job Re-Evaluation shall take effect on the first day of the fiscal year immediately following approval by the Board.

9-4.6 Department Head Salary Adjustments - Except as provided by statute or contract, are made as per the guidelines and rules of implementation in compliance with the annual salary administration recommendation for non-bargaining employees adopted pursuant to Sections 9-4.1, 9-4.2 and 9-4.3 of this policy.

## CHAPTER 10 - DRUG- AND ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE

Champaign County is committed to programs that promote safety in the workplace, employee health and well-being and citizens' confidence. Employee involvement with drugs and alcohol can adversely affect job performance and employee morale, jeopardize employee safety, and undermine citizens' confidence.

The County's goal, therefore, and the purpose of this policy, is to establish and maintain a healthy and efficient workforce free from the effects of drug and alcohol abuse. Consistent with this goal and commitment, and in response to the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1-11), Champaign County has established this policy statement.

10-1 Prohibition of all illegal substances - The unlawful possession, consumption, use,
dispensation, distribution, or manufacture of illegal substances by employees while
conducting County work, or when on property that is owned, operated, leased by, or under the control of the County, is strictly prohibited.

10-2 Prohibition of being under the influence - The conducting of County work or being on property that is owned, operated, leased by, or under the control of the County while under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, or any substances that adversely affect the employee's ability to safely perform job duties, is strictly prohibited.

10-3 Special CDL compliance requirement - All County employees who are required to have a Commercial Driver's License must comply with Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration testing regulations found in 49 CFR parts 40 and 382.

10-4 Prescribed medications - This policy does not prohibit employees from the lawful use and possession of prescribed medications. Employees must, however, consult with their doctors about the medication's effect on their fitness for duty and ability to work safely, and they must promptly disclose any work restrictions to their supervisor. Medical documentation of restrictions or necessary safety precautions may be required.

10-5 Proactive intervention - The County encourages any employee who feels they may have a drug or alcohol problem to contact his or her immediate supervisor or the Insurance

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Specialist for assistance. The County will, at the employee's request, refer him or her to the employee's designated healthcare provider for information or professional assistance. All communications will be strictly confidential. Employees will not be subject to discipline for seeking such assistance prior to detection. However, this will not thereafter excuse violations of policies for which the employee is subject to discipline.

10-6 Conditions of employment - As a condition of employment, Champaign County requires that all employees: (1) acknowledge receipt of the Champaign County's Drug and Alcohol Policy; (2) agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy; and (3) agree to notify the Department Head of my department of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute no later than five days after conviction. Also, as a condition of employment, Champaign County requires that all employees acknowledge that any employee who violates this policy will be required to enroll in a drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, or assistance program in order to be considered for continued employment; documentation of successful completion of a required program may be required

10-7 Progressive discipline not applicable - Any other disciplinary methods used by the County may not apply to violations of this drug and alcohol policy. If while in violation of this policy an employee harms County property or another person, Champaign County will take appropriate action against such employee, up to and including termination of employment. If Champaign County receives notice from an employee of a conviction of a violation of a criminal drug statute, Champaign County will take appropriate action against such employee, up to and including termination of employment. Any employee who violates this policy for a second time will be discharged.

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10-1.1 Use, Possession, Transportation, Sale, Distribution- The use, possession, sale, transportation, or distribution of controlled substances, including cannabis or alcohol by anyone while on County property or on County business may be cause for discharge. Controlled substances or alcohol shall be taken into custody, and the appropriate law enforeement agencies will be notified.

10-1.2 Over-The-Counter or Prescribed-Medieations - Employees who take over-thecounter or prescribed medications are responsible for being aware of any effect the medication may have on the performance of their duties and must promptly report to their supervisors the use of medication likely to impair their ability to do their jobs. An employee who fails to do so shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Moreover, employees who take over-the-counter or prescribed medication contrary to doctor's instructions may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.


## CHAPTER 11 - WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY

## 11-1 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE POLICY

The County of Champaign values its employees and citizens and the County Board affirms its commitment to providing workplaces and facilities that minimize the potential for violence. It is the intent of this policy to ensure that everyone associated with Champaign County, including employees and the public, never feel threatened by any form of violence.

Champaign County has a zero--tolerance policy for violence, whether by or toward employees. "Violence" shall include physically harming another, shoving, pushing, harassing, intimidating, coercing, brandishing weapons, and threatening or talking of engaging in those activities. It shall also include acts, threats, intentions of harm, destruction towards self, others or property, and may be psychological as well as physical, and the perception thereof.

11-1.1 Disciplinary Action - If it has been determined that an employee is engaging in any form of violence in the workplace or threatening violence in the workplace, the employee shall be terminated immediately. No talk of or joking about violence will be tolerated. In cases of acts or threats of violence by employees, the County endorses immediate and definitive use of the disciplinary process outlined in this document, resulting in termination of said employees. Criminal prosecution will be pursued as appropriate, as well.

## 11-1.2 Responsibility

a. The County Executive's Office has overall responsibility for maintaining this policy, administering workplace violence prevention measures, and coordinating post-incident activities. The County Executive's Office will also identify resources that departments may use in developing their training plans and workplace violence measures.
b. If elected Department Heads or departments operated under the authority of separate governing boards choose to adopt a different policy, they are expected to provide a copy of it to the County Executive's Office.
c. Managers and supervisors shall make safety one of their highest concerns. When made aware of a real or perceived threat of violence, management shall conduct a thorough investigation, provide support for employees, and take specific actions to help prevent all acts of violence. Management is also responsible for documenting and reporting such incidences to the respective Department Heads.
d. Employees shall report all acts and/or threats of violence to their supervisors or Department Heads. Employees should learn to recognize and respond to behaviors by potential perpetrators that may indicate a risk of violence.

11-1.3 Continual Review - The County Executive's Office shall develop a method for receiving and reviewing reports of violence and threats of violence. Information and data from such reports shall be utilized to establish a continual improvement process for reducing the potential for adverse outcomes associated with acts or threats of workplace violence.

## CHAPTER 12 - ANTI-HARASSMENT \& CULTURAL HUMILITY

12-1 CULTURAL HUMILITY

| 12-1.1 As a public entity, Champaign County represents and supports a broad and diverse |
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| population. Champaign County Government recognizes that this diversity is an asset |
| to our community, and expects all representatives of Champaign County Government |
| to treat every single person in our community with respect and dignity at all times. |
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| While it is often not possible to fully understand another person's experiences or |

perspective, Champaign County does not condone and will not tolerate disrespecting

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or marginalizing residents or employees of Champaign County, especially on the
basis of their identity, including but not limited to: race, gender or gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, sexuality, age, and/or religion.
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At a minimum, employees shall endeavor to:

- Have empathy for others' experiences and perspectives
- Be open to feedback and change
- Engage in non-offensive inquiry
- Practice bystander intervention
- Accept people's lived experiences
- Respect people's pronouns/gender identity
- Refrain from minimizing the opinions and experiences of others
- Refrain from personal comments that are insulting in nature or malicious in intent
- Respect people's personal and professional boundaries


## 12-2 1 ANTI- HARASSMENT

12-21.1 It is the policy of Champaign County Government to provide to all officials and employees a work environment free of harassment based upon gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, age, physical and mental disability, and marital status, as waell as sexual harassment. It is the right of all employees to work in an environment free from harassment and the responsibility of all employees to refrain from harassment. Champaign County prohibits sexual harassment and harassment based upon gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, age, and physical and mental disability of and by its employees.

Harassment is inappropriate, offensive, and, in specific cases, may be illegal and will not be tolerated by Champaign County.

Harassment refers to physical or verbal actions that have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance, which create a hostile, intimidating, or offensive environment and which is based on the sexual orientation, race, color, religious belief or practice, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, citizenship status, marital status, or disability of the person that feels harassed or discriminated against. Such actions, intentional or not, can annoy or disturb members of one sex, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status and disability. Examples include but are not limited to:
a. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or physical conduct of a sexual nature;
b. Any sexual, ethnic, racial, gender or religious-related jokes, comments, insults, cartoons, innuendoes, or personal conduct or mannerisms that could be construed as offensive, intimidating, or hostile as measured from the point of view of a reasonable person of the same protected group;
c. Demeaning comments or ridicule of an employee based on the employee's status as a member of a protected group;
d. Repeated unwanted, unwarranted, or unsolicited off-duty telephone calls, contact, or conduct that violates this policy;
e. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions;
f. Displaying or permitting the display of pictures, drawings, or graffiti that could be considered a violation of this policy.

Champaign County directs all employees and supervisory personnel within Champaign County to ensure that their workplaces are free of harassment. Department Heads and supervisory personnel shall be responsible for supporting training on sexual, ethnic, racial, sexual orientation, religious, age, and disabilityrelated harassment prevention and this harassment policy. Department Heads and supervisory personnel shall post and distribute this policy, encourage employees to report harassment incidents, and assure employees they do not have to endure a hostile or negative work environment. Behavior or acts that employees find offensive or harassing, if not based on protected class as set forth in this Policy, while rude or offensive, are not a violation of this Policy. Employees are advised to present their complaints to their supervisors or personnel identified in the "Complaint Procedure" as set forth in this Chapter.

Any person who knowingly and intentionally makes a false report of harassment or discrimination will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination. If a report of harassment or discrimination is made in good faith, but is unable to be substantiated, it shall not be deemed a false report.

## 12-3z COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

12-3z.1 Employees who wish to register a complaint of sexual harassment (or any form of harassment based on their race, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, religion or disability) may do so through their Department Head or the County Executive.

12-3z.2 All allegations of harassment will be investigated thoroughly. The facts will determine the response of the County to each allegation. Substantiated acts of harassment will be met with appropriate disciplinary action by the County up to and including termination. All information regarding any specific incident will be kept confidential within the necessary boundaries of the fact-finding process. No reprisal or retaliation against the employee reporting the allegation of harassment will be tolerated.

12-3z.3 Employees are also informed that complaints of harassment or discrimination may also be reported to the Civil Rights Division of the Department o日f Justice, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)/Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR), or the Office of General Counsel, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

## 12-43 RETALIATION AND INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED

12-43.1 The County is committed to maintaining a culture that promotes the prevention, detection and elimination of any and all forms of harassment. No individual making a report in good faith under this policy shall be subject to any negative employment consequences based upon that report, even if that report not able to be substantiated. In addition, any witness will be protected from retaliation in accordance with the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act ( 5 ILCS 430/15-10), the Whistleblower Act (740 ILCS 174/15), and the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/6-101).

12-43.2 For the purposes of this policy, retaliatory action means the reprimand, discharge, suspension, demotion, denial of promotion or transfer, or adverse change in the terms or conditions of employment of any municipal employee that is taken in response to a municipal employee's involvement in protected activity pursuant to this policy.

## CHAPTER 13 - PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES \& GIFT BAN

## 13-1 PROHIBITED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

13-1.1 No officer or employee shall intentionally perform any prohibited political activity during any compensated time, as defined herein. No officer or employee shall intentionally use any property or resources of the employer in connection with any prohibited political activity.

13-1.2 At no time shall any officer or employee intentionally require any other officer or employee to perform any prohibited political activity:
a. As part of that officer or employee's duties;
b. As a condition of employment; or
c. During any compensated time off (such as holidays, vacation or personal time off.)

13-1.3 No officer or employee shall be required at any time to participate in any prohibited political activity in consideration for that officer or employee being awarded additional compensation or any benefit, whether in the form of a salary adjustment, bonus, compensatory time off, continued employment or otherwise, nor shall any officer or employee be awarded additional compensation or any benefit in consideration for his or her participation in any prohibited political activity.

13-1.4 Nothing in this Section prohibits activities that are permissible for an officer or employee to engage in as part of his or her official duties, or activities that are undertaken by an officer or employee on a voluntary basis which are not prohibited by this policy.

13-1.5 No person either:
a. In a position that is subject to recognized merit principles of public employment; or
b. In a position the salary for which is paid in whole or in part by federal funds and that is subject to the Federal Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration applicable to grant-in-aid programs,
shall be denied or deprived of employment or tenure solely because he or she is a member or an officer of a political committee, of a political party, or of a political organization or club.

## 13-2 GIFT BAN

13-2.1 Except as permitted by this policy, no officer or employee, and no spouse of or immediate family member living with any officer or employee (collectively referred to herein as "recipients"), shall intentionally solicit or accept any gift from any prohibited source, as defined herein, or which is otherwise prohibited by law or ordinance. No prohibited source shall intentionally offer or make a gift that violates this policy.

13-2.2 Exceptions - Section 13-2.1 is not applicable to the following:
a. Opportunities, benefits, and services that are available on the same conditions as for the general public;
b. Anything for which the officer or employee, or his or her spouse or immediate family member, pays the fair market value;
c. Any:
(i) Contribution that is lawfully made under the Election Code; or
(ii) Activities associated with a fundraising event in support of a political organization or candidate;
d. Educational materials and missions;
e. Travel expenses for a meeting to discuss business;
f. A gift from a relative, meaning those people related to the individual as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half--brother, half--sister, and including the father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother of the individual's spouse and the individual's fiancé or fiancée;
g. Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal friendship unless the recipient has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position or employment of the recipient or his or her spouse or immediate family member and not because of the personal friendship. In determining whether a gift is provided on the basis of personal friendship, the recipient shall consider the circumstances under which the gift was offered, such as:
(i) The history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including any previous exchange of gifts between those individuals;
(ii) Whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift personally paid for the gift or sought a tax deduction or business reimbursement for the gift; and
(iii) Whether to the actual knowledge of the recipient the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other Department Heads or employees, or their spouses or immediate family members.
h. Food or refreshments not exceeding $\$ 75$ per person in value on a single calendar day; provided that the food or refreshments are (i) consumed on the premises from which they were purchased or prepared or (ii) catered. For the purposes of this Section "catered" means food or refreshments that are purchased ready to consume which are delivered by any means.
i. Food, refreshments, lodging, transportation, and other benefits resulting from outside business or employment activities (or outside activities that are not connected to the official duties of an officer or employee), if the benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position or employment of the officer or employee, and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.
j. Intra-governmental and inter-governmental gifts. For the purpose of this policy, "intra-governmental gift" means any gift given to an officer or employee from another officer or employee, and "inter-governmental gift"
means any gift given to an officer or employee by an officer, or employee of another governmental entity.
k. Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death.
I. Any item or items from any one prohibited source during any calendar year having a cumulative total value of less than $\$ 100$.
m. Each of the exceptions listed in this section is mutually exclusive and independent of every other.

13-2.3 Disposition of gifts - An officer or employee, his or her spouse, or an immediate family member living with the officer or employee, does not violate this Policy if the recipient promptly takes reasonable action to return a gift from a prohibited source to its source or gives the gift or an amount equal to its value to an appropriate charity that is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended, renumbered, or succeeded.

## 13-3 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall be given these definitions:
13-3.1 "Campaign for elective office" means any activity in furtherance of an effort to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to any federal, State, or local public office or office in a political organization, or the selection, nomination, or election of Presidential or Vice-presidential electors, but does not include activities:
a. Relating to the support or opposition of any executive, legislative, or administrative action;
b. Relating to collective bargaining; or
c. That are otherwise in furtherance of the person's official duties.

13-3.2 "Candidate" means a person who has filed nominating papers or petitions for nomination or election to an elected office, or who has been appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination, and who remains eligible for placement on the ballot at a regular election.

13-3.3 "Collective bargaining" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 31513).

13-3.4 "Compensated time" means, with respect to an employee, any time worked by or credited to the employee that counts toward any minimum work time requirement imposed as a condition of his or her employment, but for purposes of this Ordinance, does not include any designated holidays, vacation periods, personal time, compensatory time off or any period when the employee is on a leave of absence.

13-3.5 "Compensatory time off" means authorized time off earned by or awarded to an employee to compensate in whole or in part for time worked in excess of the minimum work time required of that employee as a condition of his or her employment.

13-3.6 "Contribution" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 9-1.4 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1.4).

13-3.7 "Employee" means a person employed by the Employer, whether on a full-time or part-time basis or pursuant to a contract, whose duties are subject to the direction
and control of an employer with regard to the material details of how the work is to be performed, but does not include an independent contractor.

13-3.8 "Employer" means the following elected officials of Champaign County: the Auditor, Coroner, County Clerk, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, with respect to the officers and employees of their respective offices. Employer also means the Champaign County Board with respect to the officers and employees not under the authority of any elected official. This Policy does not apply to the following elected officials or their officers and employees: Judges of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the State's Attorney.

13-3.9 "Gift" means any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, food and drink, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to government employment or the official position of an officer or employee.

13-3.10 "Leave of absence" means any period during which an employee does not receive:
a. Compensation for employment,
b. Service credit towards pension benefits, and
c. Health insurance benefits paid for by the employer.

13-3.11 "Officer" means a person who holds, by election or appointment, an office created by the Illinois Constitution, Illinois statute or County ordinance, regardless of whether the officer is compensated for service in his or her official capacity.

13-3.12 "Political activity" means any activity in support of or in connection with any campaign for elective office or any political organization, but does not include activities:
a. Relating to the support or opposition of any executive, legislative, or administrative action;
b. Relating to collective bargaining; or
c. That are otherwise in furtherance of the person's official duties.

13-3.13 "Political organization" means a party, committee, association, fund, or other organization (whether or not incorporated) that is required to file a statement of organization with the State Board of Elections or a county clerk under Section 9-3 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-3), but only with regard to those activities that require filing with the State Board of Elections or a county clerk.

## 13-3.14 "Prohibited political activity" means:

a. Preparing for, organizing, or participating in any political meeting, political rally, political demonstration, or other political event;
b. Soliciting contributions, including but not limited to the purchase of, selling, distributing, or receiving payment for tickets for any political fundraiser, political meeting, or other political event;
c. Soliciting, planning the solicitation of, or preparing any document or report regarding anything of value intended as a campaign contribution;
d. Planning, conducting, or participating in a public opinion poll in connection with a campaign for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;
e. Surveying or gathering information from potential or actual voters in an election to determine probable vote outcome in connection with a campaign
for elective office or on behalf of a political organization for political purposes or for or against any referendum question;
f. Assisting at the polls on election day on behalf of any political organization or candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
g. Soliciting votes on behalf of a candidate for elective office or a political organization or for or against any referendum question or helping in an effort to get voters to the polls;
h. Initiating for circulation, preparing, circulating, reviewing, or filing any petition on behalf of a candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
i. Making contributions on behalf of any candidate for elective office in that capacity or in connection with a campaign for elective office;
j. Preparing or reviewing responses to candidate questionnaires;
k. Distributing, preparing for distribution, or mailing campaign literature, campaign signs, or other campaign material on behalf of any candidate for elective office or for or against any referendum question;
I. Campaigning for any elective office or for or against any referendum question.
m . Managing or working on a campaign for elective office or for against any referendum question;
n. Serving as a delegate, alternate, or proxy to a political party convention.
o. Participating in any recount or challenge to the outcome of any election; or
p. All other political activity on behalf of a candidate for public office, a referendum question, a political campaign, or a political organization.

## 13-3.15 "Prohibited source" means any person or entity who:

a. Is seeking official action:
(i) By an officer or
(ii) By an employee, or by the officer or another employee directing that employee;
b. Does business or seeks to do business:
(i) With the officer or
(ii) With an employee, or with the officer or another employee directing that employee;
c. Conducts activities regulated:
(i) By the officer or
(ii) By an employee, or by the officer or another employee directing that employee; or
d. Has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the official duties of the officer or employee.

## 13-4 ENFORCEMENT

No County employee may use his or her official position of employment to coerce or inhibit others (whether County employees or members of the public) in the free exercise of their political rights, including, without limitation, the right to petition, make public speeches, campaign for or against political candidates, speak out on questions of public policy, distribute political literature, make contributions, or seek public office.

13-4.1 Except as specifically stated herein, no Department Head may make or enforce any
rule that in any way inhibits or prohibits any of its employees from exercising any political rights, including, but not limited to, those described in Section 13-5.1.

13-4.2 Nothing in this Section 13-5 shall apply to:
a. Efforts to enforce Chapter 13 of this Policy, the Champaign County Ethics Ordinance, State law, or any comparable provision of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.
b. Efforts to limit non-work-related activity on County time, even if such efforts have the incidental effect of limiting political activity on the same basis as other non-work-related activity.

## CHAPTER 14 - GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

## 14-1 LEAVE BENEFITS FOR PERSONS RETURNING TO THE EMPLOY OF THE COUNTY

Persons returning to the employ of the County shall be credited continuous employment for the purposes of determining eligibility for leave benefits as follows:
a. Persons returning as County employees within one (1) year of termination shall be credited with eighty percent ( $80 \%$ ) of their prior service.
b. Persons returning as County employees within fifty (50) months after termination shall be credited with fifty percent ( $50 \%$ ) of their prior service.
c. Persons returning as County employees more than fifty (50) months after termination shall receive no credit for prior service.

## 14-2 REPORTING UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS

Employees who become aware of unsafe working conditions must report those conditions to the Department Head, County Executive or the Director of the Physical Plant.

## 14-3 REGISTRATION OF A DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

Registration of a domestic partnership will be required for coverage under the group health, dental, vision and dependent life insurance.

14-3.1 An employee who wishes to register a domestic partnership needs to contact the Insurance Specialist for information and the registration form. Upon receipt of a properly completed form, the county will consider the Partnership registered as of the date of the signature on the form.

14-3.2 Children of domestic partners are eligible for benefits under the same conditions as are the children of employees' legal spouses.

14-3.3 Enrollment of domestic partners and eligible dependent children is subject to the same rules as enrollment of other dependents.

14-3.4 Domestic partners and their enrolled dependents receive the same or equivalent benefits as spouses and their enrolled dependents receive for group continuation health coverage through COBRA and/or individual conversion.

14-3.5 An employee may terminate a domestic partnership by notifying the Insurance Specialist in writing of the termination of the domestic partnership within thirty days of its termination. (The same guideline exists for married couples that divorce.) The employee must then wait six months from the date of the notice before registering another domestic partnership, except in either of the following cases:
a. The employee is registering the same domestic partnership within thirty days notification of the termination of that domestic partnership, or
b. The employee's former domestic partnership was dissolved through the death of the employee's domestic partner.

14-3.6 The tax consequences of a domestic partnership are the responsibility of the employee, not the County. Under the Internal Revenue Code, an employee is not taxed on the value of benefits provided by an employer to an employee's spouse or dependent. However, the IRS has ruled that a domestic partner does not qualify as a spouse.

The value of benefits provided to an employee's domestic partner (and the domestic partner's eligible children, if any) is considered part of the employee's taxable income, unless the employee's domestic partner qualifies as a dependent under Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. This company (the County) will treat the value of the benefits provided to the employee's domestic partner (and the domestic partner's eligible children, if any) as part of the employee's income and will withhold the taxes on the value of those benefits from employee's paychecks. If the employee's domestic partner qualifies as a dependent under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, the employee may file the proper documentation with the IRS and seek a refund for taxes withheld.

Some courts have recognized non-marriage relationships as the equivalent of marriage for the purpose of establishing and dividing community property. A declaration of common welfare, such as the registration of a domestic partnership, may therefore have legal implications.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Insurance Specialist.

## 14-4 SUGGESTIONS

Employees who have suggestions for the improvement of County services, reduction of costs, improvement of safety, training, or other related plans or programs are encouraged to submit new and original ideas to their Department Head. In all cases, the Department Head should notify the employee in writing of the disposition of the suggestions; and a copy shall be sent to the County Executive.

## CHAPTER 15 - FRAUD

15-1 Fraud and Abuse Portal - The Champaign County Auditor shall maintain the County's program for reporting and controlling fraud, and the County's website portal that documents the County's fraud, waste, and abuse related policies and procedures, including options for anonymous reporting.

15-2 Whistleblower Protection - As a public entity, Champaign County is subject to the Illinois Whistleblower Act, which protects Illinois residents when they blow the whistle on government corruption. The Champaign County Auditor shall maintain current whistleblower protection information on the County's fraud, waste, and abuse portal.

## CHAPTER 15 - ADMINISTRATION

## 165-1 ADMINISTRATION

165-1.1 The County Executive, the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee, and the Department Heads shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Personnel Policies.

165-1.2 When the County Executive is the Department Head involved, all actions required of the County Executive by this policy shall be taken by the Chair of the Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee.

165-1.3 The Policy, Personnel, \& Appointments Committee may issue opinions construing the provisions of these Policies. A written opinion shall be prepared detailing the facts and circumstances surrounding the question, the issue presented to the Committee, the decision of the Committee and the reasoning upon which the decision is based. These opinions shall be numbered and/or dated and a copy of each opinion shall be maintained by the County Executive for future reference.

165-2 THIS POLICY MAY BE REVISED AT ANY TIME-WITH-THE APPROVAL OF THE
GOUNTY BOARDBY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE


[^0]:    - Work described more broadly than current systems (reduced narrow classifications, streamlined number of titles)
    - Similar "bodies of work" assigned to job family and series regardless of department where work is performed.

    Facilitates visual career path.

