Sec 13.5-1 Civil Service Commission; Generally

- (a) There is created a civil service commission. The commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and the consent of the city council for terms of threetwo (32) years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified.
- (b) All appointments to the civil service commission, both original and to fill vacancies, shall be so made so that not more than three (3) members shall at the time of appointment be members of the same political party.
- (c) The civil service commissioners shall hold no other lucrative office or employment under any municipality. Each commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution of the state.
- (d) The mayor may remove any commissioner for incompetence, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The mayor shall, within ten (10) days, report in writing such removal to the city council, with the reasons therefor. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner shall be filled by appointment made by the city council.
- (e) The civil service commissioners shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the city council.

Sec 13.5-2 Same; Meetings, Rules And General Powers

- (a) The civil service commission shall hold regular meetings for the deliberation and discussion of the matters under its control at least two (2) times in every calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the chairman of such board, a notice thereof to be given by the chief examiner to each member of the commission. Two (2) civil service commissioners shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) The civil service commission shall make rules to carry out the purposes of this article, and for examinations, appointments and removals in accordance with its provisions. The commission may, from time to time, make changes in its original rules. All rules of the commission and changes therein shall be forthwith printed for distribution by the commission. The commission shall give notice, by publication, of the places where such printed

- rules may be obtained. Such rules shall be available at the commission's office.
 - (c) The civil service commission shall have only the powers and duties provided for it by ordinance.
 - (d) The civil service commission shall have the general direction and supervision of classified civil service system in the city.
 - (e) The civil service commission shall, on or before
 January 15 of each year, make to the mayor, for
 transmission to the city council, a report showing its own
 action, the rules in force, the practical effects thereof,
 and any suggestions it may approve for the more effectual
 accomplishment of the purposes of this article. The mayor
 may require a report from the commission at any other time.

Sec 13.5-3 Chief Examiner Generally

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- (a) The civil service commission shall employ a chief examiner who shall, under the direction of the commission, have the following duties:
 - (1) Prepare, administer, supervise and grade all examinations held by the commission.
 - (2) Establish and maintain eligibility lists for appointments and promotions.
 - (3) Certify to the appointing authority the names of persons who are qualified to fill a vacant position.
 - (4) Certify the appointment, removal, suspension, promotion and transfer of all employees in classified service positions.
 - (5) Publish notice of examinations and fees in accordance with section 13.5-8.
 - (6) Cooperate with the personnel director in maintaining comprehensive personnel records of all employees in the classified service.
 - (7) Maintain a manual of rules promulgated by the civil service commission pursuant to section 13.5-2.
 - (8) Distribute to all elected city officials and department heads the manual of rules promulgated by the civil service commission and all amendments and

changes thereto within fifteen (15) days of their effective date.

- (9) Assist the personnel director in exercising leadership in the development of effective personnel administration within all departments of the city government.
- (10) Establish and administer a plan, approved by the commission for resolving those employee grievances relating to matters of promotion, transfer, discharge and disciplinary suspensions subject to review by the commission.
- (11) Establish and administer procedures, approved by the commission, for disciplinary actions such as demotions in rank or pay grade or discharge which provide for presentation of charges, hearing rights and appeals for all employees in the classified service.
- (12) Make a biannual report to the civil service commission, with copies to the city council, on or before January 15 and June 15 of each year regarding the work of the civil service commission including a summary of all appointments, suspensions, discharges and promotions made during the preceding year.
- (13) Certify to the city treasurer during the first week of each calendar quarter classified positions, all appointments to offices and places in the classified civil service and all vacancies occurring therein whether by dismissal, resignation or death, and all findings made or approved by the commission relating to the removal, suspension or discharge of any employee within the classified civil service.
- (14) Act as ex officio secretary of the civil service commission, keep minutes of all its proceedings, preserve all reports made to it and keep records and copies of all examinations held under its direction.
- (15) Perform such other duties as the commission shall prescribe.
- (b) The civil service commission may employ a civil service assistant who shall have those duties that the

commission may from time to time prescribe. In the absence of a chief examiner, the civil service assistant shall be responsible for those duties of the chief examiner described under subsection (a) hereof which the commission may from time to time designate.

(c) The commission shall recommend to the city council the annual salary of the chief examiner and civil service assistant, but such salaries shall be fixed by the city council.

Sec 13.5-4 Establishment Of Classified Civil Service; Exemptions

- (a) The civil service commission shall classify all the offices and places of employment in the city with reference to the examinations provided for in this article, including the police and fire departments. The offices and places so classified by the commission shall constitute the classified civil service of the city. No appointments to any of such offices or places shall be made except under and according to the rules provided by section 13.5-2 or by ordinance.
- 20 (b) Exempt from classified service shall be the following:
 - (1) Those officers who are elected by the people.
 - (2) Those officers who are elected by the city council pursuant to any city charter.
 - (3) Those officers and employees who are classified in the executive or exempt service by the city council.
 - (4) Heads of any principal departments of the city.
 - (5) Members of the law department.
 - (6) Employees in the offices of mayor, city clerk and aldermen.
 - (7) Employees of the human resources department.
 - (8) Seasonal employees (employees whose employment does not exceed one hundred twenty (120) days in any calendar year).
 - (9) A municipal golf professional for the municipal golf courses and all such employees, not to exceed

- eight (8) in number, who assist in the operation of the municipal courses.
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- Police officers in the grade of deputy chief, 4 (11)commander and fire officers in the grade of deputy 5 6 chief, assistant chief, fire marshal and battalion 7 chief, provided, however, that those individuals in 8 the grade of captain (now commander) as of January 1, 1990, shall continue to be within the classified civil 9 service so long as they are employed within their 10 present rank. 11
- 12 (12) Police and fire cadets.
- 13 Executive secretaries for department heads.
- 14 (14) The civil service chief examiner.
- 15 (15) The civil service assistant.
- 16 (16) Community service officers.
 - (c) Employees in positions which require a four-year college degree or equivalent experience, excluding firefighters, fire lieutenants, officers, police sergeants and police lieutenants, shall be exempt from the civil service hiring rules. If any such positions are represented by a collective bargaining unit the effected employees shall be entitled to any and all rights and privileges granted under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. Upon successful completion of the required probationary period such employees shall also be entitled to all rights and privileges granted under civil service rules. This paragraph shall apply to effected employees hired after March 12, 1996.

Sec 13.5-5 Examinations Required

in the rules of the civil service.

All applicants for offices or places in the classified civil service, except (a) those set forth in section 13.5-4 (b) as provided in section 13.5-17, or provided for in any labor agreement, shall be subject to examination, which shall be public, competitive and open to all citizens of the United States, with specified limitations as to residence, age, health, habits and moral character, which limitations shall be set forth

Sec 13.5-6 Safety Personnel Qualifications

- (a) The following qualifications are required to be eligible for the position of police officer:
 - (1) The applicant must be at least twenty (20) and under thirty-five (35) years of age at the time of written examination but must be at least twenty-one (21) and under thirty-six (36) years of age at time of appointment, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code as amended [65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.]. Candidates on the list who are passed over because they have not reached their twenty-first birthday, or candidates who become over age, shall retain their standing on the eligibility list until the list is exhausted or expired, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code as amended [65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.]
 - (2) The applicant must be a United States citizen.
 - (3) The applicant must be in good health and in good physical and mental condition so as to be able to competently perform the duties required of a police officer. The applicant must be able to pass physical agility standards for a police officer as established by the Illinois Training and Standards Board at the time of the written test during the application process. Vision must be 20/20 with both eyes open or correctable to 20/20 with corrective lenses.
 - (4) The applicant must possess good moral character and the highest personal integrity. The applicant's background will be checked through fingerprinting and local, state and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal records.
 - (5) The applicant must possess a valid, Class D,
 Illinois driver's license prior to being hired, and at
 the time of testing, must present either a valid,
 Class D, Illinois driver's license or a valid, out-ofstate driver's license of similar classification.
 - (6) The applicant must have achieved a high school diploma with a grade point average of 2.5 out of 4.0 (or an equivalent on a scale with a maximum grade point average other than 4.0) or a G.E.D. with a minimum composite score of no less than 2480 points,

or at least sixteen (16) hours of college credit with a grade point average of 2.5 out of 4.0 (or an equivalent on a scale with a maximum grade point average other than 4.0) regardless of high school grade point average or G.E.D. composite score.

- (7) The applicant, upon being hired, must make application to the local police pension board for acceptance into the police pension fund.
- (b) The following qualifications are required to be eligible for the position of firefighter/paramedic:
 - (1) The applicant must be at least twenty (20) and under thirty-five (35) years of age at the time of written examination but must be at least twenty-one (21) and under thirty-five (35) years of age at time of appointment, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code as amended [65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.]. Candidates on the list who are passed over because they have not reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday, or candidates who become over age, shall retain their standing on the eligibility list until the list is exhausted or expired, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code as amended [65 ILCS 5/10-1-1 et seq.].
 - (2) The applicant must be a United States citizen.
 - (3) The applicant must be in good health and in good physical and mental condition so as to be able to competently perform the duties required of a firefighter. Applicant must present a copy of their valid Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certificate and ladder climb certificate by the time of application deadline. CPAT cards will be considered valid within one (1) year of the issuance date. Vision must be 20/20 with both eyes open or correctable to 20/20 with corrective lenses.
 - (4) The applicant must possess good moral character and the highest personal integrity. The applicant's background will be checked through fingerprinting and local, state and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal records.
 - (5) The applicant must possess a valid, Class D, Illinois driver's license prior to being hired, and at

the time of testing, must present either a valid, Class D, Illinois driver's license or a valid, out-of-state driver's license of similar classification. The applicant must obtain a Class B non-CDL license within six (6) months of hire.

- (6) The applicant must have achieved a high school diploma with 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a GED with a 2480 min. score or at least 16 hours of college credit with a 2.5 GPA or an equivalent acceptable to the commission. Applicants who were home-schooled must have achieved certification through the Regional Superintendent of Schools for proof of education.
- (7) In accordance with the civil service commission rules and when a conditional offer is made, the applicant may be required to possess a valid, emergency medical technician (EMT-Paramedic) classification/certification. If the applicant is unable to provide the EMT-Paramedic certification, he/she will be disqualified. At any time thereafter the course of employment, the employee must be able to certify as an EMT-Paramedic if required by the city. If the applicant is unable to obtain the EMT-Paramedic certification, the employee will be subject to dismissal.
- (8) The applicant, upon being hired, must make application to the local fire pension board for acceptance into the fire pension fund.

Sec 13.5-7 Character Of Examinations

- (a) Civil service examinations shall be practical in their character, and shall relate to those matters which will fairly test the relative capacity of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the positions to which they seek to be appointed, and shall include tests of physical qualifications and health, and when appropriate, of manual skill. No questions in any examination shall relate to political or religious opinions or affiliations.
- (b) The civil service commission shall establish the passing grade ("cutting score") for a written examination prior to said examination being given. The commission shall use its best judgment in establishing the cutting score and

shall take into account the recommendation of the preparer of said examination, as well as the results of said examination if previously given by the commission.

Sec 13.5-8 Notice Of Examinations

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5 Notice of the time and place and general scope and the required fee for every examination shall be given by the civil service 6 commission by publication for two (2) weeks preceding such 7 8 examination in a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the city, shall be posted on the city's web site 9 for not less than two (2) weeks preceding such examination, and 10 11 such notice shall also be posted by the commission in a conspicuous place in their offices for two (2) weeks before such 12 13 examination. A non-refundable application fee of twenty dollars 14 (\$20.00) shall be collected at the time the application is submitted. 15

Sec 13.5-9 Registers Of Eligibles Generally

- (a) The civil service commission shall prepare a register for each grade or class of positions in the classified service of the city of the persons whose general average standing upon examination for such grade or class is not less than the minimum fixed by the rules of said commission, and who are otherwise eligible. Such persons shall take rank upon the register as candidates in the order of their relative excellence as determined by examination. Each register of eligibles shall be maintained for one (1) year, following which a new register may be prepared. Additionally, the personnel director or his designee may request the commission to extend a register for any period of time not exceeding one (1) year should the personnel director determine that an extension is in the best interests of the city. The commission shall not unreasonably withhold approval of such a request.
- (b) Each promotional register shall be maintained for three (3) years, following which a new promotional register shall be prepared; provided, however, that should a promotional register be exhausted prior to three (3) years, a new promotional register may be prepared. Additionally, the personnel director or his designee may request the commission to extend a promotional register for any period of time not exceeding six (6) months should the personnel director determine that an extension is in the best

interest of the city. The commission shall not unreasonably
withhold approval of such a request.

Sec 13.5-10 Registers Of Eligibles For Police And Fire Departments

- (a) A separate register of eligibles in accordance with the preceding section shall be prepared for the fire department, except that such register shall be maintained for two (2) years.
- (b) A separate register of eligibles in accordance with the preceding section shall be prepared for the police department. Each year the commission shall administer the examination for the position of police officer, and those persons who achieve a passing score as determined by the commission and are otherwise eligible shall take rank upon the register as candidates in the order of their examination scores. The register of eligibles shall be maintained for one (1) year, following which a new register shall be prepared. Additionally, the human resources director or his designee may request the commission to extend a register for any period of time not exceeding one (1) year should the human resources director determine that an extension is in the best interests of the city.
- (c) The register of eligibles for each rank within each of the fire and police departments shall be made from the existing dates of appointment and promotion to the present rank held by each present member of such departments as of June 30, 1954, subject to such rules with relation to present employees as the civil service commission may make.
- (d) Any other requirements of this chapter notwithstanding, appointees to the position of police officer may, in all cases, be chosen first from the ranks of community service officers and/or police cadets who have successfully completed the program, if any, and then, if any vacancies still exist, from the civil service register of eligibles for the rank of police officer.

Sec 13.5-11 Promotions

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- 37 The civil service commission shall, by its rules, provide for
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- 40 shall provide, in all cases where it is practicable, that

vacancies shall be filled by promotion. All examinations for 1 promotion shall be competitive among such members of the next 2 lower rank as desired to submit themselves to such examination; 3 and it shall be the duty of the commission to submit to the 4 5 appointing power the names of the six (6) applicants for each promotion having the highest rating; provided, however, that if 6 7 there are less than six (6) persons in the next lower rank, the human resources director, acting in consultation with the 8 appropriate department head, may promote from among those 9 10 persons eligible. The human resources director, for purposes of 11 promotions, shall determine what positions shall be considered 12 the next lower rank. The method of examination and the rules governing the same, and the method of certifying, shall be the 13 14 same as provided for applicants for original appointment.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in either 15 this Code or in state law, an individual who has been passed 16 over the promotion for the last available vacancy to be filled 17 from a particular promotional list may be submitted for any or 18 all promotions to be made from the next succeeding promotional 19 list; provided, however, that said individual has successfully 20 passed the succeeding promotional exam and has been placed upon 21 such list. Such individual shall be considered in addition to 22 the six (6) applicants normally submitted for promotion. No 23 24 individual shall be deemed to have been passed over for 25 promotion unless said individual has previously been submitted to the appointing authority for promotion. 26

Sec 13.5-12 Original And Temporary Appointments

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(a) When a position classified under this article is to be filled, the human resources director shall follow the applicable labor agreement requirements concerning job bidding. If the position in question is still vacant after said bidding requirements have been satisfied, the human resources director may, if the vacancy is not a police officer or fire fighter position, allow all other members of the classified and exempt service to bid on the vacant position. After the bidding procedures have been met and the vacancy still exists, the human resources director shall notify the civil service commission of that fact and the commission shall certify to the human resources director the names of the six (6) candidates standing highest upon the register of eligibles who are available for employment for the class or grade to which the position

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- belongs. The human resources director, acting in consultation with the appropriate department head, shall fill each position by the appointment of one (1) of the six (6) persons certified to him by the commission.
- (b) Whenever a register of eligibles for original appointment contains less than six (6) candidates, the personnel director may request that the civil service commission prepare and certify a superseding register. Upon such request, the commission shall, as expeditiously as is possible, prepare and certify such register. Any individuals who remain on the prior register shall be given notice of the preparation of the new register and shall be given the opportunity to take the appropriate examination based upon their prior application. Such notification of individuals shall occur no more than once.
- An original appointment shall be on probation for a period of six (6) months, but all time spent attending training schools and seminars, except appointments to the police department and fire department, shall be excluded in calculating the probation period. Appointments to sworn positions in the police department and fire department shall be on probation for a period of at least one (1) year, or as set forth in the relevant labor agreement. The commission may strike off names of candidates from the register after they have remained thereon more than two (2) years. At or before the expiration of the period of probation, the head of the department or office in which a candidate is employed may request the discharge of said candidate by presenting, in writing, the reasons for such request to the human resources director. A copy of the discharge request shall be contemporaneously served upon the probationary employee in person or by certified mail to the address on file with the human resources department. An affected employee may have an informal conference with the human resources director, provided that a request for such conference is made within three (3) business days of receipt of the discharge request. The employee may bring a representative of his choosing to the conference provided, however, that the name of the representative is given, in writing, to the human resources director at least two (2) business days prior to said conference. If, upon examination of the reasons for discharge, and after a conference if so requested, the human resources director

- concurs in the discharge request, the probationary employee shall then be discharged. The reason for such discharge shall be filed with the civil service commission for this information. Upon completion of the probationary period, the employee's appointment shall be deemed complete.
- (d) To prevent the stoppage of public business, or to meet extraordinary emergencies, the personnel director may make a temporary appointment to remain in force not exceeding one hundred twenty (120) days and only until a regular appointment, under the provisions of this article, can be made. However, if such temporary appointee shall qualify upon the register of eligibles for the class or grade to which he is temporarily assigned during the period of such temporary assignment he may be permanently appointed irrespective of his ranking on the register for said class or grade. The civil service commission shall approve all such permanent appointments. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Sec 13.5-13 Removals And Suspensions; Generally

- (a) No officer or employee in the classified civil service of the city who shall have been appointed under the rules and after examination, shall be removed or discharged, or suspended for a period of more than thirty (30) days, except for cause, upon written charges and after an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Such charges shall be investigated by or before the civil service commission, or by or before some officer or board appointed by the commission to conduct such investigation. The finding and decision of such commission or investigating officer or board, when approved by the commission, shall be certified to the appointing officer, and shall be forthwith enforced by such officer.
- (b) Nothing in this article shall limit the power of any officer to suspend a subordinate for a reasonable period, not exceeding thirty (30) days, except that any employee or officer suspended for more than seven (7) days or suspended within six (6) months after a previous suspension shall be entitled upon request, to a hearing before the commission concerning the propriety of such suspension.
- (c) In the course of investigation of charges, each member of the commission, and of any board so appointed by it, and

- any officer so appointed, shall have the power to
 administer oaths, and shall have power to secure by its
 subpoena both the attendance and testimony of witnesses,
 and the production of books and papers relevant to such
 investigation.
 - (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require such charges or investigation in cases of persons having the custody of public money, for the safekeeping of which another person has given bonds.

10 Sec 13.5-14 Same; Exception

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agreement.

Section 13.5-13 shall not apply to any officer or employee in 11 the classified civil service whose position is covered by a 12 labor agreement the effective date of which is subsequent to 13 January 1, 1987, in which case an appeal of a removal, discharge 14 15 or suspension shall be had solely through the grievance 16 procedure established in the relevant labor agreement. The removal, discharge and suspension procedures contained in any 17 labor agreement effective prior to January 1, 1987 shall remain 18 in full force and effect until the termination of such 19

Sec 13.5-15 Preference Points

- (a) Original appointment.
 - Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in state law, persons who were engaged in active duty in the military or naval service of the United States for more than one hundred eighty (180) days shall receive a preference for original appointments to the classified civil service by adding five (5) points to the final grade average which they receive as a result of any examination held for original appointment. The numerical result thus attained shall be applied by the civil service commission in determining the position of such persons on any eligible list which has been created as a result of any examination for original appointment taken on or after August 15, 1992 for purposes of preference in certification and appointment from such eligible list. The preference points provided for in this subsection shall apply only to examinations held for original appointments and shall not apply to promotional examinations.

1 (2) Police officer applicants:

- 1. Who have earned an associate degree, or who have earned at least sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter hours shall receive two (2) points; or
- 2. Who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, shall receive five (5) points.
- (3) Firefighter applicants who have successfully completed a certified paramedic training course in the Southern Fox Valley System and have received certification within one (1) year of application shall receive in the case of certification as an EMT-I, three (3) points; or in the case of certification as an EMT-P, five (5) points.
- (4) Applicants for employment who reside within the corporate limits of the City of Aurora shall receive five (5) points. Preference points for City of Aurora residency shall not be used in determining promotions.
- (5) Firefighter applicants who have been certified by the Aurora Fire Department as having successfully completed the Aurora Fire Department Explorer program shall receive three (3) points. Firefighter applicants who have been certified by the Aurora Fire Department as having successfully completed the Aurora Fire Department Explorer program and served in that program as an officer, shall receive five (5) points.
- (6) The total preference points under subsections(a), (b), (c), and (e) of this section may not,however, be more than five (5) points.
- (7) Persons eligible for preference points shall make application for said points in accordance with the rules of the civil service commission. These points shall be applied by the civil service commission in determining the position of applicants on any eligibility list which has been created as the result of the written examination for original entrance for purposes of preference in certification and appointment.

(b) Promotions, military preference points. The Civil Service Commission shall give preference for promotional appointment according to 65 ILCS 5/10-1-16.

In addition thereto, the commission shall give preference for promotional appointment to persons whose names appear on promotional eligible registers that may hereafter be created, by adding to the final grade average of any promotional examination, seven-tenths of one percent (.7) for each six (6) months of inactive duty training (also known as "weekend drills"), active duty training (also known as "annual training," "active duty for training," and "active duty special work") and mobilization for reserve military and national guard service not exceeding thirty (30) months.

Sec 13.5-16 Bribery, Etc.

- (a) No person seeking employment or promotion shall give, render or pay any money, service or other valuable thing to any person for, or on account of, or in connection with his test, appointment, proposed appointment, promotion or proposed promotion to or any advantage in, a position in the classified service.
- (b) No city employee shall give, render or pay any money, service or other valuable thing to any person for, or on account of, or in connection with his test, appointment, proposed appointment, promotion or proposed promotion to or any advantage in, a position in the classified service.

Sec 13.5-17 Appointment Of Fully Qualified Police Officers Without Examination

- (a) Whenever the chief of police determines that there is a present need to hire a fully-qualified officer to fill a vacancy the commission will be notified in writing upon hire.
- (b) For purposes of this section, a "fully-qualified officer" shall mean an individual who meets the Police Pension eligibility requirements and who possesses a valid Illinois peace officer certification through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board or an individual with equivalent qualifications from an out-ofstate agency who is able to obtain a waiver from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to serve as a full-time police officer, and who is presently

or who has previously been employed as a full-time certified police officer.

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- (c) A fully-qualified officer hired pursuant to this section shall be hired in accordance with the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement applicable to the position.
- (d) The Human Resources Department shall determine all other pre-hire conditions and provisions not specifically addressed in this section or by the applicable collective bargaining agreement.