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EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

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Purpose of This Employee Handbook

This handbook is designed to acquaint you with Allen's Flowers & Plants, LLC (the "Company") and provide a reference for many of your questions regarding your employment with us.

The contents of this handbook are only a summary of the employee benefits, practices, and policies in effect at the time of publication. The Company retains the right to add, modify, or delete policies, benefits, wages, and all other working conditions as it deems appropriate without obtaining another person's consent or agreement. Therefore, other than the at-will agreement contained in the Employee Acknowledgment and Agreement at the end of this handbook, this handbook should not be construed as creating any kind of "employment contract."

As provided in the Employee Acknowledgment and Agreement, employment at the Company is at-will and may be terminated by either the Company or the employee, with or without cause or prior notice. This handbook supersedes any and all prior handbooks, written documents, or oral representations that contradict the at-will nature of your employment. Your status as an "at-will" employee may not be changed except in writing signed by the President of the Company.

Let's Communicate

Employee Relations Philosophy

We are dedicated to continuing what we believe to be an excellent relationship with our employees. We will do our best to maintain good working conditions, competitive wages and benefits, open communications, and employee involvement. We know that the Company's success and reputation is a direct result of the loyalty, commitment, and continued efforts of our employees. We will continue to look to our employees for ideas about how to improve all areas of our business in areas like customer service, safety, efficiency, and employee relations.

If You Have a Question

We encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns regarding this handbook or any work-related issues with us. We cannot address any of your questions or concerns unless we know about them.

If you have a problem, please speak with your direct supervisor or manager as soon as possible. Your direct supervisor or manager is the person responsible for what takes place in your immediate work area and may be in the best position to help you.

If you prefer not to speak with your direct supervisor or manager, or if you feel your direct supervisor or manager cannot or has not satisfactorily resolved the issue, contact the Assistant General Manager. Finally, if you still feel the need to speak to other members of management, we encourage you to contact the General Manager.

If you have a complaint of harassment or discrimination, or you require a reasonable accommodation, please refer to the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy or the Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation in this handbook.

The Company takes all employee concerns and problems seriously. We will work to address your concern and/or resolve your problem as soon as possible. You are encouraged to utilize this procedure without fear of retaliation.

What You Can Expect From Us

Introductory Period

For every new employee, including rehires, the first ninety (90) days of employment is an introductory period. During this time, your job performance, attendance, and overall interest in your job will be assessed. Employees who fail to demonstrate the expected performance and meet the expectations of their position may be terminated during or upon the completion of the introductory period. However, completion of the introductory period does not change or alter the “at-will” employment relationship. You and the Company continue to have the right to terminate your employment at any time, with or without cause or notice.

During the introductory period, you may not be eligible for certain Company benefits.

The Company may choose to extend your introductory period as necessary to give you a further opportunity to demonstrate your ability to do the job. If your introductory period is extended, you will be notified.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

We are committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants without regard to race (including traits historically associated with race, such as hair texture and protective hairstyles, including braids, locks, and twists), ethnicity, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, sex (including childbirth, breast feeding, and related medical conditions), gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, uniform service member and veteran status, marital status, pregnancy, age (40 and over), protected medical condition (including cancer and genetic conditions), genetic information, disability (mental or physical), reproductive health decision-making, medical leave or other types of protected leave (requesting or approved for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act), domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other protected status in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

This policy extends to all aspects of our employment practices including, but not limited to, recruiting, hiring, discipline, termination, promotions, transfers, compensation, benefits, training, leaves of absence, and other terms and conditions of employment.

Reasonable Accommodations

The Company is committed to complying with all laws protecting qualified individuals with disabilities, as well as employees’ religious beliefs and practices. This policy extends to all aspects of our employment practices including, but not limited to, recruiting, hiring, discipline, termination, promotions, transfers, compensation, benefits, training, leaves of absence, and other terms and conditions of employment. The Company will provide a reasonable accommodation for any known physical or mental disability of a qualified individual and/or employees’ religious

beliefs and practices, provided the requested accommodation does not create an undue hardship for the Company and/or does not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others in the workplace and/or to the individual.

If you require an accommodation to perform the essential functions of your job and/or for your religious beliefs or practices, please notify the General Manager. Once the Company is aware of the need for an accommodation, the Company will engage in an interactive process to identify possible accommodations.

If you believe that you have been treated in a manner not in accordance with these policies, please notify the Company immediately by speaking to the General Manager. You are encouraged to utilize this procedure without fear of retaliation.

Pregnancy Accommodations

The Company will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified employees for known limitations related to the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions of a qualified employee. If you require an accommodation to perform the essential functions of your job for known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, please notify the General Manager. Once the Company is aware of the need for an accommodation, the Company will engage in an interactive process to identify possible accommodations.

If the Company determines that all other reasonable accommodations create an undue hardship for the Company and/or pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others in the workplace, the Company may require employees to take a leave of absence, subject to the provision of medical documentation of the employee's need. If the employee does not have available leave or does not qualify for any state or federal protected leaves, the Company will provide any leave of absence to the extent leave is otherwise provided to eligible employees.

If you believe that you have been treated in a manner not in accordance with these policies, please notify the Company immediately by speaking to the General Manager. You are encouraged to utilize this procedure without fear of retaliation.

Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation

The Company is committed to providing a work environment that is free of unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. In furtherance of this commitment, the Company strictly prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment, including: discrimination or harassment on the basis of race (including traits historically associated with race, such as hair texture and protective hairstyles, including braids, locks, and twists), ethnicity, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, sex (including childbirth, breast feeding, and related medical conditions), gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, uniform service member and veteran status, marital status, pregnancy, age (40 and over), protected medical condition (including cancer and genetic conditions), genetic information, disability (mental and physical), reproductive health decision-

making, medical leave or other types of protected leave (requesting or approved for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act), domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other category protected by applicable state or federal law.

The Company's policy against unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation applies to all employees, including supervisors and managers. It also applies to all customers, clients, vendors, and independent contractors as well as to all unpaid interns and volunteers (all of whom are designated for the terms of this policy as "Business Associates"). The Company prohibits managers, supervisors, and employees from harassing subordinates or co-workers as well as the Company's Business Associates. Any such harassment will subject an employee to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination. The Company likewise prohibits its Business Associates from harassing our employees, unpaid interns, and volunteers.

Examples of Prohibited Sexual Harassment: Sexual harassment includes a broad spectrum of conduct including harassment based on sex, gender, gender transition, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. By way of illustration only, and not limitation, some examples of unlawful and unacceptable behavior include:

- Unwanted sexual advances or flirtation;
- Offering an employment benefit (such as a raise or promotion) in exchange for sexual favors, or threatening an adverse action (such as termination or demotion) for an employee's failure to engage in sexual activity;
- Visual conduct, such as leering, making sexual gestures, and displaying or posting sexually suggestive objects or images;
- Verbal sexual advances, propositions, requests, or comments;
- Electronically sending or posting sexually-related text messages, videos, or images;
- Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal comments about an individual's appearance or anatomy, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, and suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations;
- Physical conduct, such as touching, kissing, groping, assault, or blocking movement;
- Physical or verbal abuse concerning an individual's gender, gender transition, gender identity, or gender expression; and
- Verbal abuse concerning a person's characteristics such as pitch of voice, facial hair or the size or shape of a person's body, including remarks about an individual's masculinity or femininity.

Other Examples of What Constitutes Prohibited Harassment: In addition to the above listed conduct, the Company strictly prohibits harassment concerning any other protected characteristic. By way of illustration only, and not limitation, such prohibited harassment includes:

- Racial or ethnic slurs, insults, and any other offensive remarks based on a protected characteristic;
- Jokes, whether written, verbal, or electronic, that are based on a protected characteristic;
- Mocking or ridiculing another's religious or cultural beliefs, practices, or manner of dress;
- Threats, intimidation, horseplay, or other menacing behavior that are based on a protected characteristic;
- Inappropriate verbal, graphic, or physical conduct, including practical jokes based on a protected characteristic;
- Electronically sending or posting harassing text messages, videos, or images; and
- Other harassing conduct based on one or more of the protected characteristics identified in this policy.

If you have any questions about what constitutes prohibited harassing behavior, ask your supervisor or the General Manager.

Prohibition Against Retaliation: The Company is committed to prohibiting retaliation against those who themselves or whose family members report, oppose, or participate in an investigation of alleged unlawful harassment, discrimination, or other wrongdoing in the workplace. By way of example only, participating in such an investigation includes, but is not limited to:

- Filing a complaint with a federal or state enforcement or administrative agency;
- Participating in or cooperating with a federal or state enforcement agency conducting an investigation of the Company regarding alleged unlawful activity;
- Testifying as a party, witness, or accused regarding alleged unlawful activity;
- Making or filing an internal complaint with the Company regarding alleged unlawful activity;
- Providing notice to the Company regarding alleged unlawful activity;
- Assisting another employee who is engaged in any of these activities.

The Company is further committed to prohibiting retaliation against qualified employees who request a reasonable accommodation for any known physical or mental disability and employees who request a reasonable accommodation of their religious beliefs and practices. In addition, the Company will not penalize or retaliate against an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking for requesting leave time or accommodations in the workplace to ensure the employee's safety and well-being.

What You Should Do If You Feel You Are Being or Have Been Harassed, Discriminated Against, or Retaliated Against

If you feel that you are being or have been harassed, discriminated against, or retaliated against in violation of this policy by any employee, supervisor, manager, or Business Associate of the Company, you should immediately report it to your manager or supervisor or to **the Assistant General Manager or the General Manager as follows:**

- In person, at **Allen's Flowers & Plants, LLC, 5225 Lovelock St., San Diego, CA 92110**; or
- By telephone, at **(619) 784-3962**; or
- By e-mail, at sam@allensflowers.com.

In addition, if you observe harassment by another employee, supervisor, manager, or Business Associate, please report the incident immediately as indicated above.

Supervisors who receive any complaint of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation must promptly report such complaint to **the Assistant General Manager or the General Manager**.

Your notification of the problem is essential to us. We cannot help resolve a harassment problem unless we know about it. Therefore, it is your responsibility to bring your concerns and/or problems to our attention, so we can take appropriate steps to address the situation. The Company takes all complaints of unlawful harassment seriously and will not penalize you or retaliate against you in any way for reporting a harassment problem in good faith.

All complaints of unlawful harassment which are reported to management will be investigated as promptly as possible by an impartial and qualified person and, upon conclusion of such investigation, appropriate corrective action will be taken where warranted. The Company prohibits employees from refusing to cooperate with internal investigations and the internal complaint procedure. All complaints of unlawful harassment reported to management will be treated as confidentially as possible, consistent with the Company's need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Violation of this policy will subject an employee to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination. Moreover, any supervisor or manager who condones or ignores potential violations of this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to

and including termination. **Additionally, under California law, employees may be held personally liable for harassing conduct that violates the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.**

Timekeeping and Payroll Practices

Employee Classification

Full-Time Employees

Full-time employees are those normally scheduled to work at least forty (40) hours per week, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion. “Full-time” is a general employee classification used by the Company for a variety of purposes. Employees not classified by the Company as “full-time” may still be eligible for medical insurance coverage, depending on their position and hours of service. Consult the applicable plan document for all information regarding eligibility, coverage, and benefits. The plan document ultimately governs your entitlement to benefits.

Part-Time Employees

Part-time employees are those normally scheduled to work fewer than forty (40) hours per week, as determined by the Company in its sole discretion.

Temporary Employees

Temporary employees are those employed to work seasonally, on special projects for short periods of time, or on a “fill-in” basis. These positions are *not* intended to be a part of continuing operations. The employment status of temporary employees will not be changed due to an extension of employment in excess of that originally planned. Unless otherwise required by applicable law, temporary employees are not eligible for Company benefits, and temporary employees remain employed at will at all times.

Non-Exempt Employees

Non-exempt employees include all employees who are covered by the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and California state law.

Exempt Employees

Exempt employees include all employees who are classified by the Company as exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and California state law.

If you have any questions concerning your employee classification or the benefits for which you qualify, please consult the General Manager or the applicable benefit plan document.

Your Pay

We offer direct deposit of employee paychecks to all employees who provide a written authorization for direct deposit and we encourage employees to enroll in our direct deposit program.

We distribute paychecks and issue direct deposits bi-weekly on Wednesday. You should pick up your own paycheck or paystub copy on the normally scheduled pay day. If the scheduled payday falls on a holiday, paychecks will generally be distributed on the preceding business day. Any questions about the amount of your pay or deductions should be brought to the attention of the General Manager immediately.

Timekeeping Procedures

Our workweek starts on Saturday at 12:00 midnight and runs through Friday at 11:59 p.m.

Unless otherwise notified, you are required to accurately record your hours of work through the use of an electronic timekeeping system. Accurately recording all of your time is required in order to be sure that you are paid for all hours worked as required by the wage and hour laws.

Working “off the clock” is strictly prohibited. If any manager or supervisor directs you to, or suggests that you should, perform work while not “on the clock,” you must notify the General Manager immediately. Similarly, non-exempt employees are not permitted to perform work after hours or from home without specific direction from their supervisor. In the event such work is authorized, all time spent working must be reported on the employee’s time record.

Your obligation to accurately record all hours worked does not relieve you of your obligation to obtain advance approval from your supervisor *before* working overtime or hours beyond your regular work schedule. Employees who work overtime or off-schedule hours without prior authorization by their supervisor are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Any changes or corrections to your time records must be approved by you and the Assistant General Manager or the General Manager. Under no circumstances may any employee record another employee’s time.

Overtime and Work Schedule

The Company may periodically schedule overtime work in order to meet business needs. We will attempt to give as much advance notice as possible, and we expect that all employees who are scheduled to work overtime will be at work. Otherwise, all overtime work must be pre-approved by your supervisor. Working overtime without your supervisor’s approval may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Your supervisor will inform you of the hours you are to work. Due to changing business needs, your actual work schedule may vary from time to time. If it does, you will be notified by your supervisor. Management retains the right to reassign employees to a different shift where it is necessary for the efficient operation of the Company.

Meal Periods

Except for certain salaried exempt employees, it is our policy to provide and afford all employees who work more than five (5) hours in a work day with an uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal period free from all duty to begin no later than the end of the 5th hour of work and a second uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal period free from all duty to commence no later than the end of the 10th hour of work, should an employee work that many hours in any given day. Only in limited circumstances, discussed below, can meal periods be waived. For this reason, unless there is a written agreement for an on-duty meal period approved by the General Manager, employees must record the beginning and ending time of their meal period(s) every day.

It is our policy to relieve you of all duty during your meal periods, so that you are at liberty to use the meal period time as you wish. You may leave the premises for your meal period if you so desire. The Company schedules all work assignments with the expectation that all employees will take their duty-free meal periods and we encourage you to do so. You may be asked to confirm in writing that you have been relieved of all duty and otherwise provided all of your meal periods during a particular pay period, or in the alternative, identify any meal periods during which you were required to work. At no time may any employee perform off-the-clock work or otherwise alter, falsify, or manipulate any aspect of their timekeeping records to inaccurately reflect or hide meal periods or time spent working during meal periods.

Please note that no Company manager or supervisor is authorized to instruct you how to spend your personal time during a meal or rest period. You should immediately report a manager's or supervisor's instruction to skip or work during a meal or rest period to the General Manager. The Company strictly prohibits retaliation against any employee who reports violations of the Company's meal and rest period policies.

Waiver of Meal Period. You may waive your meal period only under the following circumstances:

- If you will complete your work day in six (6) hours or less, you may waive your meal period as approved by your supervisor.
- If you work over ten (10) hours in a day, you may waive your second meal period only if you have taken your first meal period that day and you do not work more than twelve (12) hours on that day.

You may not waive your meal periods to shorten your work day.

On-Duty Meal Period. In limited situations, certain designated employees may be authorized to work an "on-duty meal period" when the nature of the employee's duties prevent the employee from being relieved of all duty. You will be permitted to take an on-duty meal period only if the nature of your job duties requires it and you and the Company have agreed to an on-duty meal period in writing. In this situation, your on-duty meal period will be paid and treated as

hours worked. The on-duty meal period agreement is revocable by you or the Company at any time.

The Company pays one-hour of premium pay to non-exempt employees at their regular rate of compensation for each day during which they are required by the Company to work during one or more meal periods or if the Company has not otherwise provided them with an opportunity to take one or more meal periods on any day in accordance with this policy. Because this should be an exceptional occurrence, if you are aware of such a situation, please be sure to bring it to our attention without delay. The one-hour premium will not apply in situations where the meal period is waived as permitted by law, where an employee has a lawful on-duty meal period, or if an employee personally chooses to disregard the Company's schedules or policies providing meal periods as required by law.

Rest Periods

The Company provides non-exempt employees with the opportunity to take a net ten (10) minute paid rest period for every four (4) hours worked (or major fraction thereof), which should be taken so far as practicable in the middle of each four-hour work period. During your rest periods, you will be relieved of all duty so that you can enjoy this personal time. You may leave the premises for your rest period if you so desire. Rest breaks will be provided as follows:

Shift (Hours Worked in Day)	Number of Paid Rest Breaks
At least 3.5 and up to 6 hours	1
More than 6 and up to 10 hours	2
More than 10 and up to 14 hours	3
More than 14 hours	Continue under the above schedule

The Company generally will not authorize a rest period for employees whose total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3 ½) hours. Employees are generally authorized and permitted to schedule their rest periods at their own discretion under these guidelines; however, a supervisor may ask that rest periods be scheduled to best ensure the smooth operation of their Department. Rest periods may not be combined with other rest or meal periods.

Rest periods are “on the clock” and counted as hours worked, and thus, you are not required to separately record your rest periods on your timecards or the Company's timekeeping system. If your rest period is interrupted, you must notify your supervisor immediately so that arrangements can be made for you to take a further, uninterrupted, rest period required by Company policy. No supervisor is authorized to instruct you to waive a rest period, and rest periods cannot be used to shorten the workday or be accumulated for any other purpose. Rest periods can be waived provided they are waived by an employee without any coercion from a supervisor and the waiver is purely voluntary. You may be required to confirm that you have been provided an opportunity to take all of your duty-free rest periods during a particular pay period (including pay periods when one or more rest periods have been voluntarily waived by you).

The Company pays one-hour of premium pay to non-exempt employees at their regular rate of compensation for each day during which they are required by the Company to work during one or more rest periods or when they are not otherwise provided an opportunity by the Company to take one or more rest periods on any day in accordance with this policy. Because this should be an exceptional occurrence, if you are aware of such a situation, please be sure to bring it to our attention without delay. The Company strictly prohibits retaliation against any employee who reports violations of the Company's rest period policy. The one-hour premium will not apply in situations where an employee personally chooses not to take a rest period or to disregard the Company's schedules or policies providing rest breaks as required by law.

Recovery Periods

The Company provides employees working in conditions exceeding 80 degrees Fahrenheit with the opportunity to take an uninterrupted cool-down period of at least five (5) minutes as needed to avoid overheating.

Employees are permitted to access the provided shaded area and drinking water at any time to avoid heat illness. Cool-down periods are counted as hours worked. You are not required to record your cool-down periods.

It is our policy to relieve employees of all duty during cool-down periods. As such, no supervisor is authorized to instruct you to waive or skip a cool-down period. You should immediately report a manager's or supervisor's instruction to skip, shorten, or work during a cool-down period to the General Manager.

The Company pays one-hour of premium pay to non-exempt employees at their regular rate of compensation for each day during which they are required by the Company to work during one or more recovery periods or if the Company has not otherwise provided them with an opportunity to take one or more recovery periods on any day in accordance with this policy. Because this should be an exceptional occurrence, if you are aware of such a situation, please be sure to bring it to our attention without delay. The one-hour premium will not apply in situations where an employee personally chooses not to take a discretionary recovery period or to disregard the Company's schedules or policies providing discretionary recovery periods as required by law.

Lactation Accommodations

You have the right to request, and the Company will provide, accommodations required for employees to express breast milk as necessary. Employees should notify their immediate supervisor or the General Manager to request accommodations to express breast milk under this policy. The Company will provide a reasonable amount of break time to accommodate an employee's need to express breast milk for the employee's infant child. The break time should, if possible, be taken concurrently with meal and rest periods already provided. Non-exempt employees should clock out for additional lactation breaks that do not run concurrently with normally scheduled meal and rest periods. Such additional breaks will be unpaid.

The Company additionally will provide employees needing to express breast milk with a room or place, other than a restroom, to express breast milk in private. The room or location will be near the employee's work area, shielded from view, and free from intrusion while the employee is expressing milk. In addition, the room or location will be safe, clean, and free of hazardous materials. It will contain a surface on which to place a breast pump and personal items, as well as a place to sit. It will provide access to electricity needed to operate an electric or battery-powered breast pump. A sink with running water and a refrigerator or cooler suitable for storing milk will also be made available as close as possible to the employee's workspace. If a multipurpose room is used for lactation, among other uses, the use of the room for lactation will take precedence over the other uses, but only for the time it is in use for lactation purposes.

If we are unable to provide a permanent space for lactation due to operational, financial, or space limitations, we will provide a temporary space other than a restroom that is near the employee's work area, shielded from view, free from intrusion while the employee is expressing milk, and has the other elements described above.

Employees have the right to file a complaint with the California Labor Commissioner for any failure by the Company to provide appropriate lactation accommodations.

Seating

The Company provides suitable seating when the nature of an employee's work reasonably permits. If you feel you need seating at your workstation or feel your seating is inadequate, please inform your supervisor or the General Manager.

Company Benefits

The Company provides the following benefits to eligible employees. The Company reserves the right to terminate or modify these plans at any time for any reason.

Paid Sick Leave

The Company provides paid sick leave to all full-time employees who have worked at the Company for less than one year and all non-full-time employees in accordance with this policy. Full-time employees who have completed one year of service with the Company are provided with paid sick leave through the Company's PTO policy (see below).

The sick leave year runs from January 1 to December 31. Eligible employees will accrue one (1) hour of paid sick leave for every thirty (30) hours worked. Upon the 90th day of employment, employees may begin to use accrued sick leave, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours or five (5) days of paid sick leave per year. Employees may not use accrued paid sick leave in increments of less than two (2) hours. Accrued paid sick leave will carry over each year up to a maximum of eighty (80) hours.

Leave under this policy may be used in connection with the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition of, or preventive care for, the employee or the employee's family member. "Family member" for purposes of this policy includes a spouse, registered domestic partner, child (regardless of the child's age), parent (including a step-parent or parent-in-law), grandparent, grandchild, sibling or a designated person. "Designated person" for the purposes of this policy is a person identified by the employee at the time the employee requests paid sick days. Employees will be limited to identifying one (1) designated person per twelve (12)-month period.

Leave under this policy may also be used if the employee's place of business is closed by order of a public official due to a Public Health Emergency or the employee is providing care or assistance to a child whose school or child care provider is closed by order of a public official due to a Public Health Emergency. Additionally, leave under this policy may be used by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to seek aid or medical attention, obtain services or counseling, or participate in safety planning. For absences of more than three (3) consecutive work days, the employee must provide reasonable documentation that leave was taken for one or more of these reasons. Sick leave may also be used for bereavement leave within three (3) months of the death of an employee's family member.

Consult the General Manager for detailed information on how the dollar amount of your sick pay is calculated and the amount you are entitled to receive. The actual dollar amount that an employee receives may vary according to the compensation plan of the employee.

Employees requesting time off under this policy must provide as much advance notice as possible. Where your need for paid sick leave is unforeseeable, you must provide notice as soon as practicable.

The Company will not take any adverse action against employees who utilize paid sick leave. However, employees who misuse or abuse this policy, e.g., misrepresent the reason for use of paid sick leave or use paid sick leave for vacation, may be subject to disciplinary action.

Unused time under this policy will not be paid out at the time of separation from employment. However, employees who are re-employed with the Company within a year of separation will have any unused paid sick leave accrued under this policy reinstated.

Leave under this policy may run concurrently with leave taken under local, state, or federal law, including leave taken pursuant to the California Family Rights Act or the Family and Medical Leave Act. For more information regarding this policy, contact the General Manager.

Paid Time Off (PTO)

The Company provides PTO benefits to all regular full-time employees who have completed one (1) year of service. Beginning on the first day of a regular full-time employee's second year of employment, the employee will stop accruing paid sick leave and will accrue PTO as follows, subject to the indicated accrual caps. Any unused paid sick leave remaining at the beginning of the regular full-time employee's second year of employment will be converted into PTO. The PTO policy is meant to satisfy the requirements under the San Diego paid sick leave ordinance and may be used for vacation, sick leave, and other personal business.

Employee's Continuous Length of Service	Amount of Accrual	Amount of PTO Accrued per Year	Maximum Accrual Cap
0 – 12 months	0	0	
13 months and thereafter	1 hour for every 30 hours worked	80 hours	120 hours

Employees may not use accrued PTO in increments of less than two (2) hours.

PTO may not be accrued in excess of the applicable maximum accrual cap above. Once your unused and accrued PTO reaches the maximum cap, you will not accrue any additional PTO until prior PTO has been used and your accrued balance falls below the maximum accrual cap.

Consult the General Manager for detailed information on how the dollar amount of your PTO pay is calculated and the amount you are entitled to receive. The actual dollar amount that you receive while on PTO may vary according to your compensation or pay plan.

PTO is provided so that you are better able to perform your job when you return. For this reason, the Company encourages employees to take their PTO. The Company will permit employees to take pay in lieu of time off but in no event will an employee's PTO balance be paid out if it would result in the employee not having the minimum required paid sick leave time available pursuant to California law.

Employees who are out on a leave of absence do not accrue PTO while they are on leave. Also, the Company, at its sole discretion, may require you to take your PTO at a particular time, and may also refuse your application for PTO where business needs dictate. We pay all accrued but unused PTO when an employee leaves the Company.

Employees may use any of their PTO hours for “Sick Leave” purposes. “Sick Leave” includes time off in connection with the diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition for, or the preventative care of, an employee or an employee’s immediate family member. “Family member” for purposes of this policy includes a spouse, registered domestic partner, child (regardless of the child’s age), parent (including a step-parent or parent-in-law), grandparent, grandchild, sibling or designated person. “Designated person” for the purposes of this policy is a person identified by the employee at the time the employee requests paid sick days. Employees will be limited to identifying one (1) designated person per twelve (12)-month period. Leave under this policy may also be used if the employee’s place of business is closed by order of a public official due to a Public Health Emergency or the employee is providing care or assistance to a child whose school or child care provider is closed by order of a public official due to a Public Health Emergency. Additionally, leave under this policy may be used by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking to seek aid or medical attention, obtain services or counseling, or participate in safety planning. Sick leave may also be used for bereavement leave within three (3) months of the death of an employee’s family member.

For absences of more than three (3) consecutive work days, the employee must provide reasonable documentation that leave was taken for one or more of these reasons.

Generally, PTO must be scheduled and approved by your supervisor at least one (1) week in advance. If, however, an employee uses PTO for reasons that would qualify under for “Sick Leave,” the employee must provide reasonable advance notice if such leave is foreseeable. If it is not foreseeable, you must notify your supervisor as soon as practicable.

The Company will not take any adverse action against employees who utilize PTO. However, employees who misuse or abuse this policy, e.g., misrepresent the reason for use of PTO, may be subject to disciplinary action.

Leave under this policy may run concurrently with leave taken under local, state, or federal law, including leave taken pursuant to the California Family Rights Act or the Family and Medical Leave Act. For more information regarding this policy, contact the General Manager.

Insurance and Retirement Benefits

We offer the following insurance and retirement benefits to eligible employees:

- Health Insurance
- Simple IRA

Consult the applicable plan document for all information regarding eligibility, coverage, and benefits. The plan document ultimately governs your entitlement to benefits.

State Mandated Insurance Benefit Programs

State Disability Insurance

The Company is required by law to deduct a certain amount from your pay to provide State Disability Insurance (“SDI”). SDI benefits are payable when you cannot work because of illness or injury unrelated to your employment. For information concerning these benefits, contact the California Employment Development Department, which administers the SDI program.

Family Temporary Disability Insurance

The Company is also required to withhold a certain percentage of your wages pursuant to the Family Temporary Disability Insurance Act in order to fund the Paid Family Care Leave (PFL) Program. PFL is another disability benefits program that is administered by California’s Employment Development Department which allows you to receive compensation for lost wages, for up to eight (8) weeks in a twelve (12) month period, if you take time off work to provide care for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, domestic partner, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, parent-in-law, or to bond with a new child.

Despite its name, PFL does not provide you with any entitlement to leave beyond what you are entitled pursuant to Company policy. You may elect to use up to two (2) weeks of accrued PTO prior to receiving PFL benefits during any twelve (12) month period. You may also elect to use your sick leave during receipt of PFL benefits. You must notify the Company if you intend to file for PFL benefits.

All claims for PFL benefits must be submitted directly to the California Employment Development Department. The Employment Development Department ultimately determines whether you are eligible to receive PFL benefits. You will not be eligible for PFL benefits if you are receiving State Disability Insurance, Unemployment Compensation Insurance, or Workers’ Compensation benefits.

Workers’ Compensation Insurance

The Company pays the entire amount of its Workers’ Compensation insurance premium, which provides benefits to employees who experience injury or illness that arises out of the course and scope of employment. It is essential that you report all work-related accidents, injuries, and illnesses immediately. You should be aware that California law makes it a crime to knowingly file a false or fraudulent claim for Workers’ Compensation benefits, or to knowingly submit false or fraudulent information in connection with any Workers’ Compensation claim. Such conduct is also against Company policy and will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Literacy Assistance

The Company will reasonably accommodate and assist employees with their literacy needs, provided the requested accommodation does not create an undue hardship for the Company. Employees who need time off to participate in an adult education program for literacy assistance should inform the General Manager, so arrangements can be made to provide unpaid time off or an adjusted work schedule. The Company will make reasonable efforts to safeguard the employee's privacy with respect to such a request. Employees may choose to use any accrued PTO benefit, if available, in lieu of unpaid leave.

Employee Discounts

All employees are encouraged to use Company products and services. Depending on availability and at the sole discretion of the General Manager, the following discounts are available to employees who have been with the Company for at least ninety (90) days:

- 50% off flowers
- 30% off plants, hardgoods, and select discounted items and specials

These discounts are available only to our employees for their personal use. Employees may not purchase products and services at a discount on behalf of friends and/or family members, and may friends and/or family members may not use an employee's discount. Under no circumstances may these discounts be used for personal profit or to compete with the Company. The Company reserves the right to exclude certain items from being eligible for the employee discount.

Leaves of Absence

Civic Duties

The Company encourages all employees to accept their civic responsibilities.

Jury Duty: If you receive a jury duty summons, please notify your supervisor immediately so your supervisor may plan the department's work with as little disruption as possible.

Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, time spent serving on jury duty will be unpaid for non-exempt employees.

Exempt employees will continue to receive their regular salary for any week in which they perform any work while on jury duty, pursuant to state and federal law.

Employees who are released from jury service before the end of their regularly scheduled shift or who are not asked to serve on a jury panel are expected to call their supervisor as soon as possible and report to work if requested.

Witness Duty: If you receive a subpoena to appear in court, please notify your supervisor immediately. You are expected to return to work as soon as your service as a witness is completed.

Unless otherwise required by state or federal law, time spent serving on witness duty will be unpaid for non-exempt employees.

Exempt employees will continue to receive their regular salary for any week in which they perform any work while on witness, pursuant to state and federal law.

Employees who are released from witness service before the end of their regularly scheduled shift or who are not asked to serve as a witness are expected to call their supervisor as soon as possible and report to work if requested.

Voting: If you would like to vote in a public election, but do not have sufficient time to vote during non-work hours, you may arrange to take up to two (2) hours off from work with pay to vote. To receive time off for voting, you must obtain advance approval from your supervisor and must take the time off to vote either at the beginning or end of your work shift. The Company reserves the right to request a copy of your voter's receipt following any time off to vote.

Leave for Emergency Rescue Personnel

To the extent required by law, employees who are volunteer firefighters, reserve peace officers, members of a disaster medical response team, or emergency rescue personnel ("Emergency Rescue Personnel") may receive unpaid leave to perform their duties in the case of an emergency. Such employees may also take a temporary, unpaid leave of absence, not to exceed a total of fourteen (14) days per calendar year, in order to engage in fire, law enforcement, or emergency rescue training.

If you qualify as state-sponsored or requested Emergency Rescue Personnel, please alert your supervisor so that your supervisor is aware of the fact that you may have to take time off for emergency duty and/or training. In the event that you need to take time off for emergency duty and/or training, please alert your supervisor in writing as far in advance as possible. You must provide the Company with appropriate documentation evidencing your performance of emergency duty and/or attendance at training upon returning to work.

You may choose to use any accrued PTO or sick leave time, if available, for an absence described above.

Civil Air Patrol Leave

The Company will provide eligible employees who are volunteer members of the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and are called to emergency operational missions up to ten (10) days of unpaid leave per calendar year. Leave for a single emergency operational mission cannot exceed three (3) days unless an extension is granted by appropriate government entities and approved by the Company.

To be eligible, employees must have been employed with the Company for ninety (90) days immediately preceding the commencement of leave.

Employees are expected to notify the Company of the need for Civil Air Patrol Leave by providing their supervisor with certification from Civil Air Patrol authorities as soon as possible. The Company will restore employees who return from Civil Air Patrol leave to their former position or to a position of equivalent seniority status, employee benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

Military Leave of Absence

Employees who require time off from work to fulfill military duties will be treated in accordance with applicable requirements of state and federal laws. You are expected to notify the Company in advance of upcoming military duty by providing your supervisor with verbal or written notice as soon as possible. In addition, spouses and registered domestic partners of military personnel who are home on leave during a period of military deployment may be eligible to take up to ten (10) days of unpaid leave.

Leave for Victims of Felony Crimes

To the extent required by law, employees who are victims of certain specified felony crimes, or who are an immediate family member of a victim, a registered domestic partner of a victim, or the child of a registered domestic partner of a victim, may receive unpaid time off from work to attend judicial proceedings related to that crime. Additionally, employees who are victims of such crimes may take unpaid time off from work to be heard at any proceeding, including any delinquency proceeding, involving a post-arrest release decision, plea, sentencing, post-conviction release decision, or any proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue. To take this leave,

you must provide the Company in advance with a copy of the notice of the proceeding. If advance notice is not possible, you must provide the Company with appropriate documentation evidencing your attendance at the judicial proceeding upon returning to work.

Leave for Victims of Crimes or Abuse

Eligible employees may take unpaid time off to seek relief including, but not limited to, a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief, to help ensure their health, safety or welfare or that of their child. You may be eligible for this leave if you meet one of the following definitions of a victim: 1) you are a victim of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault, 2) you are a victim of a crime that caused physical injury or that caused mental injury and a threat to physical injury, or 3) your immediate family member is deceased as the direct result of any crime or public offense that would be punishable as a misdemeanor or felony if it had been committed in the State of California. “Immediate family member” for purposes of this policy includes, regardless of age, a child (biological, adopted or foster), stepchild, legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis, a person to whom the employee stood in loco parentis when the person was a minor, a parent (biological, adoptive, or foster), stepparent, legal guardian of an employee or an employee’s spouse or domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee or the employee’s spouse or domestic partner was a minor child, a person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state, a domestic partner of an employee as registered under the law of any state or political subdivision, a sibling (biological, foster or adoptive), a stepsibling or a half-sibling.

Eligible employees who meet the definition of victim above may also take time off to: 1) seek medical attention for injuries caused by any crime or public offense that would be punishable as a misdemeanor or felony if it had been committed in the State of California or abuse, 2) obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, rape crisis center or victim services organization or agency as a result of the crime or abuse, 3) obtain psychological counseling or mental health services related to an experience of crime or abuse; and 4) take safety planning or other action, such as relocation, to protect against future crime or abuse.

To be eligible for this leave, you must provide the Company with advance notice of your need for leave. If advance notice is not possible, you must provide the Company with the following certification within a reasonable amount of time after returning to work: (1) a police report showing that you meet the definition of a victim as set forth above (2) a court order protecting you from the perpetrator of the crime or abuse or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that you appeared in court, 3) documentation from a medical professional, domestic violence or sexual assault counselor, victim advocate, health care provider, or counselor showing that your absence was due to receiving treatment or services for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting in victimization from the crime or abuse, or (4) any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred.

You may choose to use any accrued PTO or sick leave time, if available, for an absence described above.

In addition, employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking are entitled to a reasonable accommodation for the employee's safety while at work. If you require such an accommodation, please notify your supervisor or the General Manager. The Company will engage in a timely, good faith, and interactive process to determine effective reasonable accommodations. Employees are encouraged to request leave and accommodation under this policy without fear of retaliation.

School Disciplinary Action Leave

Employees who are requested by their child's school to appear at the school in connection with the suspension of their child from school will be provided unpaid time off for such purpose. Employees must provide reasonable advance notice that they have been requested to appear at the school where feasible.

Unpaid Family School Partnership Leave

The Company encourages its employees to be involved in the education of their children. Parents, guardians, step-parents, foster parents, grandparents, or individuals standing in *loco parentis* with custody of school age children (K-12), who work in a location with twenty-five (25) or more employees, are eligible for up to forty (40) hours of unpaid leave each year, not to exceed eight (8) hours in any calendar month, to participate in school-related activities of their children or their registered domestic partner's children. Employees may also take such leave to find, enroll, or reenroll their child in a school or with a licensed child care provider, or to participate in activities of the school or licensed child care provider, or to address child care provider or school emergencies.

You must personally notify your supervisor and the General Manager as soon as you learn of the need for a planned use of this leave. You will not be allowed time off if you do not provide your supervisor with adequate notice. The Company may require verification of the school-related activity.

You are requested to schedule activities such as parent/teacher conferences during non-work hours. Employees who request leave for unauthorized purposes will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Leave for Organ and Bone Marrow Donors

Employees who have been employed for at least ninety (90) days and who provide written verification to the Company that they are an organ or bone marrow donor are entitled to receive a paid job protected leave of absence that may be taken in one or more periods in order to donate. Eligible organ donors are entitled to a leave of absence not to exceed thirty (30) business days in any one-year period of time. Such employees may also be eligible for an additional unpaid leave of absence not to exceed thirty (30) business days in any one-year period of time if they have exhausted all available sick leave. Eligible bone marrow donors are entitled to a leave of absence not to exceed five (5) business days in any one-year period. Employees will be required to use up

to five (5) days of their PTO for bone marrow donor leave and up to two (2) weeks of their PTO for organ donor leave. The one-year period is measured from the date the eligible employee's leave begins and will consist of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Pregnancy Disability Leave of Absence

Female employees may take a leave of absence up to four (4) months for disabilities relating to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions (meaning a physical or mental condition intrinsic to pregnancy or childbirth). "Female employees" includes transgender employees. For the purposes of leave under this policy, "four (4) months" means the number of days the employee would normally work within four (4) calendar months (one-third of a year equaling 17 1/3 weeks), if the leave is taken continuously, following the date the pregnancy disability leave commences.

Prior to the start of your pregnancy disability leave, the Company will require a statement from your health care provider indicating that you are unable to perform your job and the anticipated date of your return. In the event your leave exceeds the anticipated date of return, it is your responsibility to provide further verification from your health care provider that you are unable to perform your job and the revised anticipated date of return. If you and/or your family participate in our group health plan, the Company will maintain coverage during your pregnancy disability leave on the same terms as if you had continued to work. If applicable, you must make arrangements to pay your share of health plan premiums while on leave. In some instances, the Company may recover premiums it paid to maintain health coverage or other benefits for you and your family.

Employees granted leaves for pregnancy will be returned to their same or a comparable position to the extent required by state law. Upon the advice of your health care provider, you may also be entitled to reasonable accommodation, to the extent required by law, for conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. In addition, a transfer to a less strenuous or hazardous position or duties may be available pursuant to your request, if such a transfer is medically advisable. You should promptly notify the General Manager of your need for a reasonable accommodation as soon as reasonably possible.

Medical Leave of Absence

Employees who are ineligible for leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and California Family Rights Act as provided below, or who have exceeded their leave allotment under those laws, are nonetheless eligible for medical leave according to the following policy:

Employees are eligible for unpaid leaves of absence for medical reasons. Medical reasons may include illness, injury, medical and surgical procedures, and related medical conditions. You must request a leave of absence if you will be unable to work for medical reasons for a period in excess of three (3) consecutive days. Such requests are subject to management approval and must be made as soon as possible. Each request must be accompanied by a certification from your treating physician or Company approved physician which states that you are unable to work and

provides the duration of leave that you require. The Company reserves the right to have employees on a medical leave of absence examined by a physician of the Company's choice. The Company may require periodic physician's verification of your inability to work. Misrepresenting the reason for applying for a leave of absence may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

During a medical leave of absence, the Company's medical insurance plan documents will determine whether you and your eligible dependents may continue your health insurance coverage under the Company's plan. If you remain eligible for such coverage you must pay your share of the premium the same as if you continued working. If you are not eligible to continue coverage under the Company's plan you will be issued a COBRA notice and given the option of continuing coverage at your own expense. The plan document ultimately governs your eligibility for and entitlement to these benefits.

Upon your return from a medical leave of absence, we will attempt to return you to your regular job if it is available. If it is not available, you will be placed in a similar job for which you are deemed by management to be qualified if such a job is available. If no jobs are available at the time, you will be given preferential consideration for any position for which you apply and for which you are deemed by management to be qualified following your notifying the Company in writing that you are ready and able to return to work.

Failure to report to work as scheduled following a leave of absence without notifying the Company of your need for additional leave can result in dismissal. Employees who are out on leaves of absence will not accrue such benefits as PTO during their leaves of absence.

You should speak directly with the General Manager prior to taking a leave to ensure your understanding of all of your obligations to the Company while on leave, such as reporting and verification obligations, and your obligations to pay health insurance premiums, if applicable. Failure to comply with Company policy may substantially affect your ability to return to work and/or result in the loss of health insurance coverage.

Other Employment

While on a leave of absence, employees are prohibited from holding other employment, including self-employment, not held immediately prior to the start of the leave. In other words, an employee who has another job in addition to the employee's job with the Company may continue working that job while on leave from the Company if medically able to do so, but such an employee may not seek and hold other employment to replace the employee's employment with the Company while on leave. This policy remains in force during all leaves of absence including a medical leave and violation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment.

Fraud

Providing false or misleading information or omitting material information in connection with any medical leave will result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination.

Family and Medical Leave Act

The Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) provides eligible employees the opportunity to take unpaid, job-protected leave for certain specified reasons. The maximum amount of leave you may use is either twelve (12) or twenty-six (26) weeks within a twelve (12) month period depending on the reasons for the leave.

Employee Eligibility

To be eligible for FMLA leave, you must:

- Have worked at least twelve (12) months for the Company in the preceding seven (7) years (limited exceptions apply to the seven (7) year requirement);
- Have worked at least 1,250 hours for the Company over the twelve (12) months preceding the date your leave would begin; and
- Currently work at a location where there are at least fifty (50) employees within seventy-five (75) miles.

All periods of absence from work due to or necessitated by service in the uniformed services are counted in determining FMLA eligibility.

Reasons for Taking Leave

FMLA leave may be taken for the following reasons:

- Birth of an employee’s child, including time for bonding with the child after birth (up to twelve (12) weeks). Such time is available to employees regardless of sex or gender.
- Placement of a child with an employee in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee (up to twelve (12) weeks). Such time is available to employees regardless of sex or gender.
- To care for an immediate family member (employee’s spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition (up to twelve (12) weeks).
- Because of an employee’s serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the employee’s position (up to twelve (12) weeks).

- To care for a Covered Servicemember with a serious injury or illness related to certain types of military service (up to twenty-six (26) weeks) (see Military-Related FMLA Leave for more details).
- To handle certain qualifying exigencies arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is on duty under a call or order to active duty in the Uniformed Services (up to twelve (12) weeks) (see Military-Related FMLA Leave for more details).

The maximum amount of leave that may be taken in a twelve (12) month period for all reasons combined is twelve (12) weeks, with one exception. For leave to care for a Covered Servicemember, the maximum combined leave entitlement is twenty-six (26) weeks, with leaves for all other reasons constituting no more than twelve (12) of those twenty-six (26) weeks. Also, in addition to leave available under the FMLA and CFRA, employees may be eligible for leaves of absence during periods of disability associated with pregnancy or childbirth. Please see the Pregnancy Disability Leave of Absence Policy for further information on this type of leave.

Definitions

A "Serious Health Condition" is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either (i) an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or (ii) continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities for more than three (3) full calendar days. The continuing treatment requirement includes two (2) visits to a health care provider or one (1) visit to a health care provider and a continuing regimen of care. An incapacity caused by pregnancy or prenatal visits, a chronic condition (such as asthma, diabetes or migraines) that continues over an extended period of time and requires periodic visits (at least two (2) per year) to a health care provider, permanent or long-term conditions requiring supervision but not active treatment by a health care provider, or absences due to multiple treatments ordered by a health care provider may also meet the definition of a Serious Health Condition.

Identifying the 12-Month Period

The Company measures the twelve (12) month period in which leave is taken by the "rolling" twelve (12) month method, measured backward from the date of any FMLA leave with one exception. For leave to care for a Covered Servicemember, the Company calculates the twelve (12) month period beginning on the first day the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for a Covered Servicemember and ends twelve (12) months after that date. FMLA leave for the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care must be concluded within twelve (12) months of the birth or placement.

Using Leave

Eligible employees may take FMLA leave in a single block of time, intermittently (in separate blocks of time), or by reducing the normal work schedule (including the elimination of

required overtime) when medically necessary for the serious health condition of the employee or immediate family member, or in the case of a Covered Servicemember, their injury or illness. Eligible employees may also take intermittent or reduced-schedule leave for military qualifying exigencies. Intermittent leave is generally not permitted for the birth of a child, to care for a newly-born child, or for placement of a child for adoption or foster care; such leave must be taken in at least two (2) week increments. Employees who require intermittent or reduced-schedule leave for planned medical treatment must make a reasonable effort to schedule their leave so that it will not unreasonably disrupt the Company's operations. Intermittent leave is permitted in increments of at least one (1) hour.

Use of Paid Leave

Depending on the purpose of your leave request, the Company may require you to use accrued paid leave (such as sick leave, vacation, or PTO), concurrently with some or all of your FMLA leave. If the Company does not require you to do so, you may elect to substitute paid leave for FMLA leave, so long as you comply with the Company's normal procedures for the applicable paid-leave policy (e.g., call-in procedures, advance notice, etc.).

Maintenance of Health Benefits

The Company will maintain coverage under the Company's group health plan during your FMLA leave on the same terms as if you had continued to work. If applicable, you must make arrangements to pay your share of health plan premiums while on leave. In some instances, the Company may recover premiums it paid to maintain health coverage or other benefits for you and your family. Use of FMLA leave will not result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of your leave. Consult the applicable plan document for all information regarding eligibility, coverage, and benefits.

Notice and Medical Certification

When seeking FMLA leave, you must provide:

- Sufficient information for us to determine if the requested leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that you are unable to perform job functions, a family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. You must also inform the Company if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.
- Thirty (30) days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave, if the need for leave is foreseeable, or notice as soon as practicable in the case of unforeseeable leave and in compliance with the Company's normal call-in procedures, absent unusual circumstances.

- Medical certification supporting the need for leave due to a serious health condition affecting you or an immediate family member within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Company's request to provide the certification (additional time may be permitted under certain circumstances). If you fail to do so, the Company may delay the commencement of your leave, withdraw any designation of FMLA leave or deny the leave, in which case your leave of absence would be treated in accordance with our standard leave of absence and attendance policies, subjecting you to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Second or third medical opinions and periodic re-certifications may also be required.
- Periodic reports as deemed appropriate during the leave regarding your status and intent to return to work.
- Medical certification of fitness for duty before returning to work, if the leave was due to your serious health condition, as permitted by law. The Company will require this certification to address whether you can perform the essential functions of your position.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in delay, denial of leave, or disciplinary action.

Employer Responsibilities

The Company will inform you whether you are eligible for leave under the FMLA. Should you be eligible for FMLA leave, the Company will provide a notice that specifies any additional information required as well as your rights and responsibilities. The Company will also inform you if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and, to the extent possible, note the amount of leave counted against your leave entitlement. If you are not eligible for FMLA leave, the Company will provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Job Restoration

Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, upon returning from FMLA leave, you will be restored to the same or a comparable position as the position held prior to the leave.

Failure to Return after FMLA Leave

If you fail to return to work as scheduled after FMLA leave or you exceed the twelve (12) week FMLA entitlement (or in the case of military caregiver leave, the twenty-six (26) week FMLA entitlement), you will be subject to the Company's standard leave of absence and attendance policies. This may result in termination if you have no other Company-provided leave available to you that applies to your continued absence. Likewise, following the conclusion of your FMLA leave, the Company's obligation to maintain your group health plan benefits may end (subject to any applicable COBRA rights). If you are unable to return to work after FMLA leave, you must notify the General Manager. If the Company becomes aware of the need for additional

leave, the Company will engage in an interactive process to determine whether the condition is a disability for which additional unpaid leave may be provided as a reasonable accommodation.

Other Employment

While on a leave of absence, employees are prohibited from holding other employment, including self-employment, not held immediately prior to the start of the leave. In other words, an employee who has another job in addition to the employee's job with the Company may continue working that job while on leave from the Company if medically able to do so, but such an employee may not seek and hold other employment to replace the employee's employment with the Company while on leave. This policy remains in force during all leaves of absence including FMLA leave and violation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment.

Fraud

Providing false or misleading information or omitting material information in connection with an FMLA leave will result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination.

Military-Related FMLA Leave

FMLA leave may also be available to eligible employees in connection with certain service-related medical and non-medical needs of family members. There are two forms of such leave. The first is Military Caregiver Leave, and the second is Qualifying Exigency Leave. Each of these leaves is detailed below.

Definitions

A "Covered Servicemember" is either: (1) a current Servicemember of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, with a serious injury or illness incurred in the line of duty for which the Servicemember is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list; or (2) a "covered veteran" who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious injury or illness.

A "covered veteran" is an individual who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable during the five (5) year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered veteran. The period between October 28, 2009 and March 8, 2013 is excluded in determining this five (5) year period.

The FMLA definitions of "serious injury or illness" for current Servicemembers and veterans are distinct from the FMLA definition of "serious health condition." For purposes of Military-Related FMLA Leave, the term "serious injury or illness" means an injury or illness incurred by the Servicemember in the line of duty while on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render the Servicemember medically unfit to perform the duties of the Servicemember's

office, grade, rank, or rating, or one that existed before the beginning of active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty while on active duty.

With regard to covered veterans, the serious injury or illness may manifest itself before or after the individual assumed veteran status, and is: (1) a continuation of a serious injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated when the covered veteran was a member of the Armed Forces and rendered the Servicemember unable to perform the duties of the Servicemember's office, grade, rank or rating; (2) a physical or mental condition for which the covered veteran has received a VA Service Related Disability Rating (VASRD) of 50 percent or greater and such VASRD rating is based, in whole or in part, on the condition precipitating the need for caregiver leave; (3) a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs the veteran's ability to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation by reason of a disability or disabilities related to military service or would be so absent treatment; or (4) an injury, including a psychological injury, on the basis of which the covered veteran has been enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

“Qualifying exigencies” include activities such as short-notice deployment, military events, arranging alternative childcare, making financial and legal arrangements related to the deployment, rest and recuperation, counseling, parental care, and post-deployment debriefings.

Military Caregiver Leave

Unpaid Military Caregiver Leave is designed to allow eligible employees to care for certain family members who have sustained serious injuries or illnesses in the line of duty while on active duty. The family member must be a “Covered Servicemember,” which means: (1) a current member or veteran of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves, (2) who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy or, in the case of a veteran, who was a current member of the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves, who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time within five years prior to the treatment which an eligible employee requests; is otherwise in outpatient status; or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, (3) for a serious injury or illness that may render current member medically unfit to perform the duties of the member's office, grade, rank, or rating. Military Caregiver Leave is not available to care for Servicemembers on the *permanent* disability retired list. Serious injury or illness specifically includes, but is not limited to, aggravation of a preexisting condition while in the line of duty.

To be eligible for Military Caregiver Leave, you must be a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of the Covered Servicemember. “Next of kin” means the nearest blood relative of the Servicemember, other than the Servicemember's spouse, parent, son, or daughter, in the following order of priority: blood relatives who have been granted legal custody of the Servicemember by court decree or statutory provisions; brothers and sisters; grandparents; aunts and uncles; and first cousins; unless the Servicemember has specifically designated in writing another blood relative as their nearest blood relative for purposes of Military Caregiver Leave. You must also meet all other eligibility standards as set forth within the FMLA Leave policy.

An eligible employee may take up to twenty-six (26) workweeks of Military Caregiver Leave to care for a Covered Servicemember in a “single twelve (12) month period.” The “single twelve (12) month period” begins on the first day leave is taken to care for a Covered Servicemember and ends twelve (12) months thereafter, regardless of the method used to determine leave availability for other FMLA-qualifying reasons. If you do not exhaust your twenty-six (26) workweeks of Military Caregiver Leave during this “single twelve (12) month period,” the remainder is forfeited.

Military Caregiver Leave applies on a per-injury basis for each Servicemember. Consequently, an eligible employee may take separate periods of caregiver leave for each and every Covered Servicemember, and/or for each and every serious injury or illness of the same Covered Servicemember. A total of no more than twenty-six (26) workweeks of Military Caregiver Leave, however, may be taken within any single twelve (12) month period.

Within the “single twelve (12) month period” described above, an eligible employee may take a combined total of twenty-six (26) weeks of FMLA leave including up to twelve (12) weeks of leave for any other FMLA-qualifying reason (i.e., birth or adoption of a child, serious health condition of the employee or close family member, or a qualifying exigency). For example, during the “single twelve (12) month period,” an eligible employee may take up to sixteen (16) weeks of FMLA leave to care for a Covered Servicemember when combined with up to ten (10) weeks of FMLA leave to care for a newborn child.

An employee seeking Military Caregiver Leave may be required to provide appropriate certification from the employee and/or Covered Servicemember and completed by an authorized health care provider within fifteen (15) days. Military Caregiver Leave is subject to the other provisions in our FMLA Leave Policy (requirements regarding employee eligibility, appropriate notice of the need for leave, use of accrued paid leave, etc.). Military Caregiver Leave will be governed by, and handled in accordance with, the FMLA and applicable regulations, and nothing within this policy should be construed to be inconsistent with those regulations.

Qualifying Exigency Leave

Eligible employees may take unpaid “Qualifying Exigency Leave” to tend to certain “exigencies” arising out of the duty under a call or order to active duty of a “covered military member” (i.e., the employee’s spouse, son, daughter, or parent). Up to twelve (12) weeks of Qualifying Exigency Leave is available in any twelve (12) month period, as measured by the same method that governs measurement of other forms of FMLA leave within the FMLA policy (with the exception of Military Caregiver Leave, which is subject to a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks of leave in a “single twelve (12) month period”). The maximum amount of “Qualifying Exigency Leave” an employee may utilize to bond with a military member on short-term, temporary rest and recuperation during deployment is fifteen (15) days.

Although Qualifying Exigency Leave may be combined with leave for other FMLA-qualifying reasons, under no circumstances may the combined total exceed twelve (12) weeks in

any twelve (12) month period (with the exception of Military Caregiver Leave as set forth above). The employee must meet all other eligibility standards as set forth within the FMLA policy.

Persons who can be ordered to active duty include active and retired members of the Regular Armed Forces, certain members of the retired Reserve, and various other Reserve members including the Ready Reserve, the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve, the National Guard, state military, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve.

A call to active duty refers to a *federal* call to active duty, and *state* calls to active duty are not covered unless under the order of the President of the United States pursuant to certain laws.

Qualifying Exigency Leave is available under the following circumstances:

- Short-notice deployment. To address any issue that arises out of short notice (within seven days or less) of an impending call or order to active duty.
- Military events and related activities. To attend any official military ceremony, program, or event related to active duty or a call to active duty status or to attend certain family support or assistance programs and informational briefings.
- Childcare and school activities. To arrange for alternative childcare; to provide childcare on an urgent, immediate need basis; to enroll in or transfer to a new school or daycare facility; or to attend meetings with staff at a school or daycare facility.
- Financial and legal arrangements. To make or update various financial or legal arrangements; or to act as the covered military member's representative before a federal, state, or local agency in connection with service benefits.
- Counseling. To attend counseling (by someone other than a health care provider) for the employee, the covered military member, or for a child or dependent when necessary as a result of duty under a call or order to active duty.
- Temporary rest and recuperation. To spend time with a covered military member who is on short-term, temporary rest and recuperation leave during the period of deployment. Eligible employees may take up to fifteen (15) days of leave for each instance of rest and recuperation. If your spouse or registered domestic partner is a member of the military, you may be entitled to an additional ten (10) days of unpaid leave. Please refer to the Military Leave of Absence above for more details.
- Post-deployment activities. To attend arrival ceremonies, reintegration briefings and events, and any other official ceremony or program sponsored by the military for a period of up to ninety (90) days following termination of the covered military member's active duty status. This also encompasses leave to address issues that arise from the death of a covered military member while on active duty status.

- Mutually agreed leave. Other events that arise from the close family member's call or order to active duty, provided that the Company and the employee agree that such leave qualifies as an exigency and agree to both the timing and duration of such leave.

An employee seeking Qualifying Exigency Leave may be required to submit appropriate supporting documentation in the form of a copy of the covered military member's active duty orders or other military documentation indicating the appropriate military status and the dates of active duty status, along with a statement setting forth the nature and details of the specific exigency, the amount of leave needed and the employee's relationship to the military member, within fifteen (15) days. Qualifying Exigency Leave will be governed by, and handled in accordance with, the FMLA and applicable regulations, and nothing within this policy should be construed to be inconsistent with those regulations.

California Family Rights Act

The California Family Rights Act ("CFRA") provides eligible employees the opportunity to take unpaid, job-protected leave for certain specified reasons. The maximum amount of leave an eligible employee may use is twelve (12) weeks within a twelve (12) month period.

In most circumstances, the Company anticipates that CFRA leave will run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"). In such case(s), the aggregate amount of CFRA leave and/or FMLA leave shall not exceed twelve (12) workweeks in a twelve (12) month period. However, under the following circumstances, CFRA leave will not run concurrently with FMLA leave:

- CFRA leave for birth of an employee's registered domestic partner's child, including time for bonding with the child.
- CFRA leave for placement of a child for adoption or foster care with an employee's registered domestic partner.
- CFRA leave to care for an employee's registered domestic partner, registered domestic partner's child, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling who has a serious health condition.
- FMLA leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. (See Family and Medical Leave Act Policy for more information).
- Additional FMLA leave 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 (See Family and Medical Leave Act Policy for more information).

Employee Eligibility

To be eligible for CFRA leave, you must:

- Have worked at least twelve (12) months for the Company; and
- Have worked at least 1,250 hours for the Company over the twelve (12) months preceding the date your leave would begin.

Reasons for Taking Leave

CFRA leave may be taken for the following reasons:

- Birth of an employee’s child, including time for bonding with the child after birth. Such time is available to employees regardless of sex or gender.
- Placement of a child with an employee or an employee’s registered domestic partner in connection with the adoption or foster care of the child by the employee. Such time is available to employees regardless of sex or gender.
- To care for an employee’s spouse, registered domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or a designated person who has a serious health condition.
- Because of an employee’s own serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the employee’s position, except for leave taken for disability on account of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions (see Pregnancy Disability Leave of Absence Policy).
- For certain qualifying exigencies (as defined below) related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of an employee’s spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Definitions

A “Serious Health Condition” is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either (i) inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential care facility, or (ii) continuing treatment or supervision by a health care provider.

A “child” means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, or a person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis, regardless of age.

A “parent” means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a parent-in-law, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.

A “parent-in-law” means the parent of a spouse or registered domestic partner.

A “sibling” means a person related to another person by blood, adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent. A “designated person” means any individual related by blood

or whose association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship. Employees will be limited to identifying one (1) designated person per twelve (12)-month period.

A “qualifying exigency” related to the covered active duty or call to covered active duty of an employee’s spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent (“military member”) means any of the exigencies described in California Unemployment Insurance Code section 3302.2, a copy of which you may obtain from the General Manager. These exigencies include:

- Childcare and school activities. To arrange for alternative childcare; to provide childcare on an urgent, immediate need basis; to enroll in or transfer to a new school or daycare facility; or to attend meetings with staff at a school or daycare facility.
- Financial and legal arrangements. To make or update various financial or legal arrangements; or to act as the military member’s representative before a federal, state, or local agency in connection with service benefits.
- Counseling. To attend counseling (by someone other than a health care provider) for the employee, the military member, or for a child or dependent when necessary as a result of duty under a call or order to active duty.
- Temporary rest and recuperation. To spend time with a military member who is on short-term, temporary rest and recuperation leave during the period of deployment. Eligible employees may take up to fifteen (15) days of leave for each instance of rest and recuperation.
- Post-deployment activities. To attend arrival ceremonies, reintegration briefings and events, and any other official ceremony or program sponsored by the military for a period of up to ninety (90) days following termination of the military member’s active duty status.

Identifying the 12-Month Period

The Company measures the twelve (12) month period in which leave is taken by the “rolling” twelve (12) month method, measured backward from the date of any CFRA leave. CFRA leave for the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care must be concluded within twelve (12) months of such birth or placement.

Using Leave

Eligible employees may take CFRA leave in a single block of time, intermittently (in separate blocks of time), or by reducing their normal work schedule (including the elimination of required overtime) when medically necessary for the serious health condition of the employee or to care for a covered family member. Eligible employees may also take intermittent or reduced-schedule leave for military qualifying exigencies. Employees who require intermittent or reduced-schedule leave for planned medical treatment must make a reasonable effort to schedule their leave

so that it will not unreasonably disrupt the Company's operations. For the birth of or care for a newly-born child, or for the adoption or foster-care placement of a child, intermittent leave must be taken in increments of at least two (2) weeks, with shorter increments allowed on any two (2) occasions. For all other kinds of CFRA leave, intermittent leave may be taken in increments of at least one (1) hour.

Use of Paid Leave

Depending on the reason for your leave, the Company may require you to use accrued paid leave (such as sick leave, vacation, or PTO), concurrently with some or all of your CFRA leave. If the Company does not require you to do so, you may elect to substitute paid leave for CFRA leave, so long as you comply with the Company's normal procedures for the applicable paid-leave policy (e.g., call-in procedures, advance notice, etc.).

Maintenance of Health Benefits

The Company will maintain coverage under the Company's group health plan during your CFRA leave, on the same terms and conditions as if you had continued to work. If applicable, you must make arrangements to pay your share of health plan premiums while on leave. In some instances, the Company may recover premiums it paid to maintain health coverage or other benefits for you or your family during your leave. Use of CFRA leave will not result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of your leave. Consult the applicable plan document for all information regarding eligibility, coverage, and benefits.

Notice and Medical Certification

In order to qualify for CFRA leave, you must provide:

- Reasonable advance notice (at least thirty (30) days) if the need for leave is foreseeable, or notice as soon as practicable in the case of unforeseeable leave, in compliance with the Company's standard call-in procedures, absent unusual circumstances.
- Medical certification supporting the need for leave due to a serious health condition affecting you or a covered family member, within fifteen (15) calendar days of the Company's request (additional time may be permitted under certain circumstances). If you fail to do so, the Company may delay the start of your leave, retract any designation of CFRA leave, or deny leave, in which case your leave of absence would be treated in accordance with our other leave of absence and attendance policies. Second or third medical opinions and periodic re-certifications may also be required.
- Appropriate documentation, within fifteen (15) days of the Company's request (additional time may be permitted under certain circumstances), supporting the need for leave due to a qualifying military exigency. Such documentation may be in the form of a copy of the military member's active duty orders or other military documentation indicating the appropriate military status and the dates of active duty status, along with a statement setting forth the nature and details of the specific

exigency, the amount of leave needed, and the employee's relationship to the military member.

- Periodic reports as required by the Company during the leave regarding your status and intent to return to work.
- Medical certification from your medical provider of your fitness to return to work, if the leave was due to your own serious health condition, as permitted by law.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in delay, denial of leave, or disciplinary action.

Employer Responsibilities

The Company will inform you whether you are eligible for leave under CFRA. Should you be eligible for CFRA leave, the Company will provide a notice that specifies any additional information required as well as your rights and responsibilities. The Company will also inform you if leave will be designated under CFRA and, to the extent possible, note the amount of leave counted against your leave entitlement. If you are not eligible for CFRA leave, the Company will provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Job Restoration

Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, upon returning from CFRA leave, you will be restored to the same or a comparable position as the position held prior to the leave.

Failure to Return after CFRA Leave

If you fail to return to work as scheduled or fail to contact the Company after your CFRA leave expires, you will be subject to the Company's standard leave of absence, attendance, and other policies. Likewise, following the conclusion of your CFRA leave, the Company's obligation to maintain your group health plan benefits may end (subject to any applicable COBRA rights). If you are unable to return to work after CFRA leave, you must notify the General Manager. If the Company becomes aware of the need for additional leave, the Company will engage in an interactive process to determine whether the condition is a disability for which additional unpaid leave may be provided as a reasonable accommodation.

Other Employment

While on a leave of absence, employees are prohibited from holding other employment, including self-employment, not held immediately prior to the start of the leave. In other words, an employee who has another job in addition to the employee's job with the Company may continue working that job while on leave from the Company if medically able to do so, but such an employee may not seek and hold other employment to replace the employee's employment with the Company while on leave. This policy remains in force during all leaves of absence including

CFRA leave and violation may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment.

Fraud

Providing false or misleading information or omitting material information in connection with a request for CFRA leave may result in disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination.

Personal Leave of Absence

Additional types of unpaid personal leaves of absence may be granted in the sole discretion of management, for up to a maximum of thirty (30) days. An extension beyond thirty (30) days will be considered on an individual basis.

Failure to report to work as scheduled following a personal leave of absence may result in disciplinary action, including termination. Time spent on personal leave of absence will not be used for computing benefits such as PTO.

You should speak directly with the General Manager prior to taking a leave to ensure your understanding of all of your obligations to the Company while on leave, such as your periodic reporting and re-verification obligations. Failure to comply with Company policy may substantially affect your ability to return to work under this policy.

Bereavement Leave

Eligible employees may receive up to five (5) days of unpaid bereavement leave in the event they miss regularly scheduled work days due to the death or funeral of a member of the employee's family member. A family member includes your spouse, registered domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild as defined under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA).

To be eligible, employees must have been employed with the Company for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the commencement of leave.

Employees who are notified of the death of a family member while at work will be unpaid for the remainder of the scheduled hours that day. Eligible employees may take bereavement leave in a single block of time or intermittently within three (3) months of the employee's family member's death. All time off in connection with the death of a family member, as defined above, should be scheduled with your supervisor. The Company will make reasonable efforts to safeguard the employee's privacy with respect to a request for bereavement leave. Employees are encouraged to request leave under this policy without fear of retaliation.

The Company reserves the right to request supporting documentation of the need for bereavement leave, which can include a death certificate, a published obituary, or a written

verification of death, burial, or memorial services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial society, crematorium, religious institution, or government agency.

You may choose to use any accrued vacation or sick leave time, if available, for an absence described above.

What We Expect of You

This section discusses your responsibilities to the Company as an employee. Please thoroughly familiarize yourself with these policies and apply them in your work.

Violation of any of the basic rules below, the policies in this handbook, or any other policy of the Company or misconduct on your part may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. This list is not all inclusive and there may be other circumstances for which employees may be disciplined, up to and including termination. If you have any questions about, what we expect of you as one of our employees, please discuss them with your supervisor.

These rules do not alter the at-will nature of your employment.

Employee Conduct

Absenteeism and Tardiness

You are expected to be at work ready to perform your job duties on time each day. Absenteeism or tardiness, even for good reasons, is disruptive of our operations and creates a burden for co-workers. Absenteeism or tardiness can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

If you are going to be late or absent from work for any reason, you must personally notify your supervisor as far in advance as possible so that proper arrangements can be made to handle your work during your absence. Of course, some situations may arise in which prior notice cannot be given. In those circumstances, you are expected to notify your supervisor as soon as possible or practicable. The Company's preferred method of communication is through WhatsApp.

If you are required to leave work early, you must also personally contact your supervisor and obtain permission. Leaving work early without authorization is strictly prohibited.

When an absence is due to illness, the Company may require supporting medical documentation in accordance with state and federal law.

Although you may be terminated at any time for failing to report to work without contacting the Company, if you fail to report for work or call in for more than three (3) consecutive calendar days, you may be considered to have abandoned your job and may be terminated.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

All employees are prohibited from manufacturing, cultivating, distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using illegal drugs and cannabis and THC-containing products (regardless of prescription) or other unauthorized, mind-altering, or intoxicating substances while on Company property (including parking areas and grounds), or while otherwise performing their work duties away from the Company's premises. Included within this prohibition are lawful controlled

substances which have been illegally or improperly obtained. This policy does not prohibit the possession and proper use of lawfully prescribed drugs taken in accordance with the prescription, other than cannabis and THC-containing products.

Employees are also prohibited from having any such illegal or unauthorized controlled substances (and cannabis and THC-containing products regardless of prescription) in their system while at work and from having excessive amounts of otherwise lawful controlled substances in their systems. This policy does not apply to the authorized dispensation, distribution, or possession of legal drugs where such activity is a necessary part of an employee's assigned duties.

All employees are prohibited from distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using alcohol while at work or on duty. Furthermore, off-duty alcohol use, while generally not prohibited by this policy, must not interfere with your ability to perform the essential functions of your job. From time to time, the Company may host events where alcohol is served. During these authorized Company events, employees are permitted to engage in moderate consumption of alcohol that is served. Employees are expected to exercise good personal judgement concerning alcohol consumption and must not over indulge.

Prescription Drugs

With the exception of medically prescribed cannabis and THC-containing products, the proper use of medication prescribed by your physician is not prohibited; however, we do prohibit the misuse of prescribed medication. Employees' prescription medication use may affect their job performance, such as by causing dizziness or drowsiness. You are required to disclose any medication that may cause a risk of harm to yourself or to others in performing your job duties. It is your responsibility to determine from your physician whether a prescribed drug may impair your job performance.

Notification of Impairment

Each employee who observes or has knowledge of another employee in a condition which impairs the employee in the performance of their job duties, or who presents a hazard to the safety and welfare of others, or is otherwise in violation of this policy, must promptly report that fact to their supervisor or another member of management.

Who is Tested

You may be required to submit to drug or alcohol screening whenever the Company has a reasonable suspicion that you have violated any of the rules set forth in this policy. Reasonable suspicion may arise from, among other factors, supervisory observation, co-worker reports or complaints, performance decline, attendance or behavioral changes, results of searches or other detection methods, or involvement in a work-related injury or accident that may have been caused by drug or alcohol impairment. Injury or accident-based testing does not apply where the incident or accident is unlikely to have occurred as a result of drug or alcohol use, or where the cause of the incident or injury is known or clear (e.g., back sprains from lifting a heavy object, bug bites that require treatment, etc.).

Additionally, employees in safety sensitive positions may be tested on a random or periodic basis to the extent permitted by applicable state and federal laws.

Discipline

Violation of this policy or any of its provisions may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Enforcement Policy

In order to enforce this policy and procedures, the Company may investigate potential violations and require employees to undergo drug or alcohol screening, including urinalysis, blood tests, or other appropriate tests and, where appropriate, searches of all areas of the Company's physical premises, including, but not limited to work areas, personal articles, employees' clothes, desks, work stations, lockers, and personal and Company vehicles. You will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment for refusing to cooperate with searches or investigations, refusing to submit to screening, tampering with any screening sample, or for failing to execute consent forms when required by the Company.

What Happens When an Employee Tests Positive for Prohibited Substances

All employees who test positive in a confirmed substance test will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Damage to Property

Deliberate or careless damage to a co-worker's, vendor's, customer's, or client's property or the property of the Company will not be tolerated.

Fraud, Dishonesty, and False Statements

Employees and applicants are prohibited from providing false, dishonest, or misleading information on any application, medical history record, leave request, time entry, investigative questionnaire, workplace injury report, or any other Company document. Employees are likewise prohibited from making any maliciously dishonest or false statement to another employee, or to a vendor, customer, client, or other third party in the course of performing the employee's job duties.

Under the law, an employee may be held personally liable for making misrepresentations to customers or clients. It is also against the law and against Company policy for an employee to provide, or assist a customer or client in providing, false or misleading information on a credit application or regarding credit status to any financial institution.

Any employee found to have made false, dishonest, or misleading statements or omissions as detailed above will be subject to immediate termination of employment. If you observe any such violations, please report them to the General Manager or another member of management immediately.

Gambling

Gambling is prohibited on Company property, or through the use of the Company's property such as computers and telephone equipment.

Gifts and Gratuities

Employees may not request or accept gifts of any kind from a customer, client, or supplier without the express written authorization of the General Manager or the President. However, employees may accept gratuities when offered.

Illegal Activity

Employees are not permitted to engage in any kind of illegal activity while on duty or on the Company's property, or while off the job which reflects detrimentally on the Company's reputation.

Misuse of Property

Employees are prohibited from misusing, or using without authorization, equipment, vehicles or other property of the Company, customers, clients, vendors, or other employees of the Company. Any non-business use of the Company's office equipment must be approved by management.

Off-Duty Use of Facilities

Employees are prohibited from being on Company premises or making use of Company facilities while not on duty. Employees are expressly prohibited from using Company facilities, Company property, or Company equipment for personal use.

Off-Duty Social and Recreational Activities

During the year, the Company may sponsor social or recreational activities for its employees. Your attendance at these events is completely voluntary and not required as a condition of employment and the time spent will not be considered time worked. Neither the Company nor its insurer will be liable for the payment of workers' compensation benefits for any injury that arises out of your voluntary participation in any off-duty recreational, social, or athletic activity that is not part of your job duties.

Outside Employment

It is important that other employment do not interfere in any way with your job with the Company. You should be careful that extra hours of work do not affect the performance of your job duties by leaving you tired or distracted. Also, if your second job creates a potential conflict

of interest (i.e., working for a competitor) you are required to obtain written approval, in advance, from the General Manager or the President.

Personal Dress and Appearance

We expect all employees to use good judgment with respect to their dress and appearance and to present a neat and well-groomed appearance. We feel that these qualities go further than any other factor in making a favorable impression on customers, clients, and your co-workers.

Flashy, ill-fitting, revealing, offensive, and other non-businesslike and distracting clothing are unacceptable. Employees are responsible for complying with all separately available Company guidelines regarding dress and appearance. Employees who report to work in unacceptable attire may be required to leave work and return in acceptable attire. Such time away from work will be without pay.

The Company will not enforce this policy in violation of any federal, state, or local equal employment opportunity laws. The Company will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for an employee's religious beliefs and practices, medical needs, or other protected reasons, provided the requested accommodation does not create an undue hardship for the Company and/or does not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others in the workplace and/or to the individual. Once the Company is aware of the need for an accommodation, the Company will engage in an interactive process to identify possible accommodations. For more information, please see the Reasonable Accommodations policy.

Personal Mail

All mail which is delivered to the Company is presumed to be related to our business. Mail or packages sent to you at the Company may be opened by office personnel and routed to your department. If you do not wish to have your correspondence handled in this manner, please have it delivered to your home or personal mailbox.

Company postage meters and letterhead may not be used for personal correspondence.

Personal Telephone Calls and Visits

We ask our employees to refrain from making or receiving personal calls during work time except in emergencies. Long distance business calls must be cleared by your supervisor unless your job duties include the routine making of long distance calls. Employees will be held financially responsible for unauthorized calls and will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination.

Personal visits by friends or relatives during work hours can be disruptive to our operations and are strongly discouraged. If you receive a non-business-related visit from a friend or relative, you must notify your supervisor at the time of your guest's arrival and departure. Non-employees are strictly forbidden from entering unauthorized areas.

Poor Performance

You are expected to make every effort to learn your job and to perform at a level satisfactory to the Company at all times. Consistent failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Romantic or Sexual Relationships with Other Employees

The Company has adopted this policy because of the potential problems posed by romantic or sexual relationships between employees. These problems include conflicts of interest, interference with the productivity of co-workers, and potential charges of sexual harassment. Such problems can be particularly serious in situations in which one person has a position of authority over the other, such as in a supervisor-subordinate position.

The Company imposes the following restrictions on romantic or sexual relationships between employees:

1. A supervisor or manager must not engage in a romantic or sexual relationship with a subordinate employee under any circumstances.
2. If a supervisor or manager becomes involved in a romantic or sexual relationship with a non-subordinate non-management employee, the supervisor or manager must disclose the existence of such relationship immediately to the General Manager. The Company will take all steps it deems necessary to prevent conflicts of interest and potential legal claims.
3. All employees must avoid romantic or sexual relationships with other employees that create conflicts of interest, potential charges of sexual harassment, or discord or conflicts in the workplace.
4. All employees are expected to behave in a professional manner and avoid inappropriate displays of affection, arguments over relationship issues, etc., in the workplace.

Questions and clarifications will be addressed by the General Manager.

Sleeping

Everyone needs to be fully alert while on the job in order to protect the safety of all employees and to properly serve our customers and clients. Therefore, we cannot tolerate sleeping or inattention on the job.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all Company buildings and vehicles. This policy specifically extends to electronic cigarettes (“e-cigarettes”) or any other personal vaporizing devices. Smoking

must be confined to designated outdoor areas. Of course, smoking is prohibited in all areas where hazardous and flammable materials are present.

Solicitation - Distribution Policy

In order to allow employees to perform their job duties and provide our customers and clients with their undivided attention, the solicitation by an employee of another employee for the support of any organization is prohibited during the working time of either employee. In addition, the distribution of paper advertising materials, handbills or other literature is prohibited in all working areas and sales areas at all times. Similarly, non-employees may not come on the Company's property at any time to solicit for any cause or distribute material or literature of any kind for any purpose.

Theft

Theft of money or property from the Company, your co-workers, customers, or clients is strictly prohibited. Employees found to have stolen or misappropriated money or property will be subject to immediate termination and will also be reported to law enforcement. The Company reserves the right to inspect all purses, briefcases, backpacks, packages, lockers, and vehicles on the Company's property to investigate allegations of theft. Failure to cooperate in such a search will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Workplace Violence Policy

The Company has a zero-tolerance policy for violent acts or threats of violence against our employees, applicants, customers, clients, or vendors.

We do not allow fighting or violent words or conduct. Weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited and not permitted on Company premises, including parking areas.

No employee may commit or threaten to commit any violent act against a co-worker or third party. This includes discussions of the use of dangerous weapons, such as bombs, guns, or knives, even in a joking manner.

Employees who are subjected to or threatened with violence in the workplace, or are aware of another individual who has been subjected to or threatened with violence, are to report this information to their supervisor or the General Manager as soon as possible.

All threats should be taken seriously. Please bring all threats to our attention so that we can deal with them appropriately. All threats will be thoroughly investigated, and all complaints which are reported to management will be treated with as much confidentiality as possible.

Procedures and Guidelines

Background Screening

To ensure that employees of the Company continue to be qualified and to ensure that the Company maintains a safe and productive work environment free of any form of violence, harassment, or misconduct, and to determine eligibility for promotion, re-assignment, or retention, the Company reserves the right to conduct background screening on all of its employees.

Should you have any questions regarding the Company's background screening policy, please contact the General Manager.

Bulletin and Message Boards

The Company may maintain a bulletin board(s), message board(s), or internal webpage as a source of information for employees. Any such resource is to be used solely to post information approved by the Company regarding Company policies, governmental regulations, and other matters of concern to all employees. No information may be placed on resources without the prior approval of the General Manager.

Company Keys/Entry Cards

Each employee to whom a key and/or entry card is given is responsible for proper use of that key and/or entry card and will be required to sign for it. A lost or misplaced key and/or entry card must be reported immediately to your supervisor. Never duplicate or loan a key and/or entry card to anyone for any reason. See your supervisor if you need another key and/or entry card. All keys and/or entry cards must be turned in to the General Manager upon separation from the Company. Employees who take a leave of absence must turn in any keys and/or entry cards prior to beginning their leave.

Company Vehicles & Safe Driving

Only authorized employees may operate Company vehicles. If a Company vehicle incurs any damage while under the charge of a particular employee, that employee must report the damage immediately.

You must hold a valid state driver's license for the class of vehicle you are driving. All persons in Company vehicles are required to use their seatbelts. Not using seatbelts in a Company vehicle may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Only persons authorized by your supervisor can be passengers in Company vehicles. Permitting unauthorized passengers may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

You must notify the Company immediately of any change in the status of your driving record. Any employee whose duties include the operation of Company vehicles who is convicted of DUI/DWI or for reckless driving will be considered to have an unacceptable driving record and

the employee's continued employment will be subject to review. Further, you may never use a motorcycle to conduct business or provide transportation for a customer, client, or fellow employee. Any employee whose duties include the operation of Company vehicles who becomes uninsurable under the Company's liability policy will be considered to have an unacceptable driving record and the employee's continued employment will be subject to review.

If you receive a traffic citation while operating a Company vehicle, you will be responsible for paying any fine or penalty. If you are involved in a traffic accident while operating a Company vehicle, you are required to call 911 and report the accident. You must also report the accident to the General Manager immediately.

Mileage Reimbursement: Employees who must use their personal car for Company business will be reimbursed at the IRS Standard Mileage Rate. Mileage reimbursements are intended to cover expenses related to the operation of a personal vehicle, including the price of gasoline, insurance, maintenance, and ordinary wear-and-tear costs.

Conflicts of Interest

Our policy forbids employees from engaging in any other business which competes with the Company. Company policy also forbids an employee from holding a financial or ownership interest in an entity that does business with or is a competitor of the Company (except where such ownership consists of securities of a corporation regularly traded on the public stock market). Providing consulting services to any entity that does business with or is a competitor of the Company, except with the knowledge and written consent of the President, is also prohibited. If you think that there is a possibility that any business venture of yours may conflict with this policy, it is your responsibility to notify the President and obtain approval in writing.

Employee Rights in Emergencies

Employees are permitted to leave work or refuse to report to work during an "emergency condition." An "emergency condition" is defined to mean (i) conditions of disaster or peril caused by natural forces or a criminal act, or (ii) an order to evacuate a workplace, worksite, an employee's home, or the school of an employee's child. Notably, an "emergency condition" does not include a health pandemic.

Employees must provide advance notice of the emergency condition requiring them to leave or refuse to report to the workplace or worksite. If advance notice is not feasible, employees must provide notice as soon as possible.

The Company will not take any adverse action against employees for refusing to report to, or leaving, a workplace or worksite within the affected area if the employee has a reasonable belief that the workplace or worksite is unsafe. Furthermore, the Company will not prevent employees from accessing their mobile device or other communications device to seek emergency assistance, assess the safety of the situation, or communicate with a person to verify their safety.

Hazardous and Toxic Materials

If your job requires that you use hazardous or toxic materials, you are expected to comply with all laws, rules, and regulations concerning their safe handling and disposal. If you have any questions about the materials you work with or the proper safety or disposal procedures to follow, please discuss them with your supervisor before taking any action.

Housekeeping

Work areas must be maintained in a clean, healthy, and orderly fashion to prevent unsafe conditions and potential accidents. If you observe conditions or equipment which are potentially dangerous, report them immediately to your supervisor. It is each employee's responsibility to make sure the work area is clean and orderly at the completion of the scheduled work shift. Employees may not litter or discard personal items on the premises.

Meetings

From time to time, individual or group meetings may be scheduled either during or outside of your normal working hours. You are required to attend all Company meetings involving your department or which you have been asked to attend, unless excused by your supervisor.

Parking

So that we will have sufficient and convenient parking for our customers and clients, we require all of our employees to park their vehicles in the area designated for employee parking. If you have any questions as to where you should park your vehicle, please ask your supervisor.

Personnel Records

Recognizing the confidential nature of the information in your personnel record, the Company limits access to the personnel records to you and those with proper authorization or pursuant to legal process.

No documents contained in your personnel file will be released without your consent, except pursuant to legal process. Any records of medical evaluation results will be maintained in a separate file, in accordance with legal requirements, and may only be reviewed by authorized individuals.

You may review your own personnel file with the General Manager present to answer any questions. Additionally, a manager may review your personnel file if you have a current reporting relationship to that manager or have been interviewed and are being considered for a position reporting to that manager. Your personnel records also are subject to review by investigative agencies, or during periodic internal audits conducted by the Company.

Within thirty (30) days of an employee's written request, or the written request of the employee's designated representative, the Company will either make personnel records available to the employee for inspection or provide a copy of the employee's personnel records to the employee or the employee's designated representative. The employee is responsible for the cost of copying the records.

Safety

It is our policy to promote safety on the job. The health and well-being of our employees is foremost among the Company's concerns. For this reason, you are urged to follow common sense safety practices and correct or report any unsafe condition to your supervisor. Each employee is expected to assist the Company in maintaining safe working conditions. Safety is a state of mind and requires constant vigilance and common sense. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Remember: SAFETY FIRST.

All accidents, including those which do not involve serious injury and those involving customers or clients, must be reported immediately to your supervisor. It is only through full knowledge of every accident that the Company can become a safer, healthier place to work for everyone.

Searches and Inspections

In order to protect the safety and property of all of our employees, the Company reserves the right to inspect employees' lockers, desks, cabinets, briefcases, backpacks, toolboxes, purses, personal computers, personal motor vehicles, and any other personal belongings brought onto Company property. Employees are expected to cooperate in any search. Failure to cooperate will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Technology and Information

Mobile and Electronic Devices

Excessive use of personal mobile or electronic devices (“mobile devices”) during the workday can interfere with employee productivity and be distracting to others. Employees are, therefore, prohibited from using mobile devices for personal, non-work related purposes during working hours except in an emergency. Employees should ensure that friends and family members are aware of the Company’s policy.

Employees may not use a mobile device in a manner that violates our Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation, Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, or any other Company policies.

The Company will not be liable for the loss of personal mobile devices brought into the workplace.

Personal Use of Company-Provided Mobile Devices

The Company may issue a Company-owned mobile device to an employee for work-related communications. These devices should be used in accordance with this policy. Employees will be held responsible for any charges incurred for an employee’s personal or unauthorized use of any Company-provided mobile devices.

Recording Devices

Employees are prohibited from taking photographs or making audio or video recordings of our customers or clients at any time. Employees are also prohibited from taking photographs or copying for their own use confidential business documents not related to employee wages or working conditions at any time.

Safety Issues for Mobile Devices

Employees are required to refrain from using mobile devices while driving in connection with their job duties, except as set forth below. Safety must come before all other concerns. You are not permitted to use any mobile device to write, send, or read any text-based message while driving, except through the use of hands-free voice command. Under no circumstances are employees allowed to place themselves or anyone else at risk to communicate via mobile devices.

Employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of mobile devices while driving will be solely responsible for all fines, penalties and liabilities that result from such actions. Employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Reimbursement

Unless expressly authorized by the Company, using a personal mobile device for work is not a necessary part of the job and is strictly prohibited. The Company provides mobile devices for employees who are required to use mobile devices for business. If you feel that your job duties require use of a mobile device, please seek authorization from a supervisor prior to using your personal mobile device for work. To the extent possible, employees should conduct Company business by using Company-provided phones rather than by their personal mobile devices.

The Company reimburses employees for business expenses reasonably incurred in performing their duties, including employees' mandatory use of their personal mobile device. If your job requires you to use your personal mobile device, such usage will generally be reimbursed at a reasonable rate. If you believe that the business that is being conducted via your mobile device results in an expense to you that is greater than what the Company is offering, please contact the General Manager.

Reimbursement for any expense will only be made upon the employee's timely submission of a request for reimbursement along with sufficient documentation, such as receipts. It is the employee's responsibility to seek reimbursement for business expenses, as the Company can only reimburse expenses for which it receives a request and sufficient documentation.

Information Technology

The following policy governs the use of all Company-owned computers, databases, and personal computers used for Company business, email and voice mail systems, and Internet access via Company computers and/or data lines, hereinafter referred to in this policy as "Company IT." Personal computers used for Company business include laptops, tablets, or home computers that are connected with the Company's network on a regular or intermittent basis.

The Company invests in information technology to facilitate the business of the Company. These tools are intended to assist employees with the execution of their job duties and must not be abused. Employees should not use or access Company IT in any manner that is contrary to this policy.

Company Property

All Company IT is the Company's property. All information that is temporarily or permanently stored, transmitted, or received with the aid of Company IT remains the sole and exclusive property of the Company.

In addition, all data temporarily or permanently received, collected, downloaded, uploaded, copied, and/or created on Company IT, and all data temporarily or permanently received, collected, downloaded, uploaded, copied, and/or created on non-Company computers used for Company business that relates in any manner to the Company's business is subject to monitoring by the Company, is the exclusive property of the Company and may not be copied or transmitted to any outside party or used in any manner that violates this policy.

All software that has been installed on Company IT may not be used in any manner that violates this policy.

Upon termination of employment, employees are prohibited from removing any software, documents, or data from Company IT and must completely remove all data collected, downloaded, and/or created on non-Company computers used for Company business that relate in any manner to the Company's business. Upon request of the Company, a terminating employee will provide proof that such data has been removed from all personal computers used for Company business.

Prohibited Use Under Any Circumstances

It is not possible to identify every type of inappropriate or impermissible use of Company IT. The following conduct, however, is strictly prohibited under any circumstances and at any time:

- Employees may not transmit, retrieve, download, or store inappropriate messages or images relating to sex, race, religion, ethnicity, or any other protected category as defined in the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, or any other status protected under federal, state, and local laws.
- Employees may not use Company IT in any way that violates the Company's policy against unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. By way of example, employees may not transmit messages that would constitute sexual harassment; may not use sexually suggestive or explicit screen savers or backgrounds; may not access, browse, receive, transmit, or print pornographic, obscene or sexually offensive material or information; and may not access, browse, transmit, retrieve, download, store, or print messages or images that are offensive, derogatory, defamatory, off-color, sexual in content, or otherwise inappropriate in a business environment. Employees are also prohibited from communicating threatening or harassing statements to another employee, or to a vendor, customer, client, or other outside party.
- Employees may not use Company IT in any manner that violates the Company's Rules of Conduct.
- Employees may not use Company IT in any manner that violates the Company's Policy on Confidential and Trade-Secret Information.
- Employees may not use or allow another individual to use Company IT for any purpose that is competitive with the Company. All such access and use is unauthorized.
- Employees must honor and comply with all laws applicable to trademarks, copyrights, patents and licenses to software and other electronically available information. Employees may not send, receive, download, upload, or copy software or other copyrighted or otherwise legally protected information through Company IT, email, or the Internet without prior authorization.

- Employees may not engage in gambling of any kind, stream movies or videos, watch television programs, or play electronic games utilizing Company IT.
- Employees may not engage in day trading, or otherwise purchase or sell stocks, bonds or other securities or transmit, retrieve, download, or store messages or images related to the purchase or sale of stocks, bonds, or other securities through Company IT.

Prohibited Use During Working Time

The following conduct is prohibited during an employee's working time, which excludes time spent on an employee's meal or rest break, or before or after an employee's shift:

- Employees may not solicit personal business opportunities or conduct personal advertising through Company IT.
- Employees may not download, transmit, stream, or retrieve messages, data, or information from multi-network gateways, real-time data, and conversation programs including, but not limited to, messaging services, social media, or similar platforms, unless such activity is necessary for business purposes.

Unsolicited Email

Abuse of email, as well as the receipt and transmission of unsolicited commercial email places an incredible drain on the Company's servers and network, and imposes significant monetary costs to filter and remove unsolicited emails from our system. You may not use Company IT to transmit unsolicited commercial email:

- Promoting the Company's business, goods, products, and services without prior authorization.
- Promoting your own personal business, goods, products, and services.
- To the Company's customers or clients who have elected to "opt-out" of receiving the Company's electronic advertisements.
- That contains or is accompanied by maliciously false information.

In addition, to help the Company eliminate the receipt of unsolicited commercial email from outside parties advertising various websites, products, or services and to further prevent the receipt of offensive or undesired outside email, you should delete unfamiliar or suspicious email from outside the Company without opening it.

Monitoring

Employees should expect that all information created, transmitted, downloaded, received, or stored in Company IT may be accessed by the Company at any time without prior notice.

Employees should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in such data, messages, or information (whether or not password-protected), or that deleted messages are necessarily removed from the system.

Employees must provide all passwords and access codes for Company computers or personal computers used for Company business to the General Manager. Changing passwords or creating new passwords without notifying the General Manager is strictly prohibited.

The Company's monitoring policy may include, but is not limited to, inspection of internet activity, e-mails sent or received, internal drives, external memory devices, and mobile devices; review of content passing through the Company's network, data lines, and other systems; and use of screen monitoring software.

System Integrity

Because outside storage devices may compromise Company IT, employees are not permitted to use personal storage devices or copies of software or data in any form on any Company computer without first: (1) obtaining specific authorization from the General Manager, and (2) scanning the data for viruses or malware. Any employee who introduces a virus or malware into the Company's system via use of personal software or data will be deemed guilty of gross negligence and/or willful misconduct and may be held responsible for the consequences, including cost of repair and lost productivity.

Similarly, information is not to be downloaded directly from the Internet onto Company IT.

Enforcement

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Employees who damage Company IT through unauthorized use may additionally be liable for the costs resulting from such damage. Employees who unlawfully misappropriate copyrighted or confidential and proprietary information, or who unlawfully distribute harassing messages or information, or who unlawfully access the computer systems and information it stores may additionally be subject to criminal prosecution and/or substantial civil money damages.

Protection of the Company's Trade Secrets and Confidential Information

In the course of your employment with the Company, you may be exposed to and/or provided with trade secrets ("Trade Secrets") and other confidential and proprietary information ("Confidential Information") of the Company relating to the operation of the Company's business and its customers and clients (collectively referred to as "Trade Secrets/Confidential Information").

"Trade Secrets" mean information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique or process, that: (1) derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to the public or to other persons or entities who can

obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. The Company's Trade Secrets are: (1) not generally known to the public or to the Company's competitors; (2) were developed or compiled at significant expense by the Company over an extended period of time; and (3) are the subject of the Company's reasonable efforts to maintain their secrecy.

"Confidential Information" means information belonging to the Company, whether reduced to writing or in a form from which such information can be obtained, translated, or derived into reasonably usable form, that has been provided to employees during their employment with the Company and/or employees have gained access to while employed by the Company and/or were developed by employees in the course of their employment with the Company, that is proprietary and confidential in nature.

As part of the consideration you provide to the Company in exchange for your employment and continued employment with the Company, you agree and acknowledge that all Trade Secrets/Confidential Information developed, created or maintained by you remains at all times the sole property of the Company, and that if the Company's Trade Secrets/Confidential Information were disclosed to a competing business or otherwise used in an unauthorized manner, such disclosure or use would cause immediate and irreparable harm to the Company and would give a competing business an unfair business advantage against the Company.

Employees are strictly prohibited, at all times during their employment with the Company, except with prior written approval of the Company's President, from forwarding from their Company email account to personal email account(s) any emails or documents containing any Trade Secrets/Confidential Information, as well as from copying, transferring or uploading to employee's personal cloud-based or online storage accounts (such as a personal Dropbox or Google Drive account) any documents containing any Trade Secrets/Confidential Information. Employees are also strictly prohibited, at all times during their employment with the Company, except with the express or implicit authorization of the Company, and then only for the sole benefit of the Company during the term of employment, from removing from the premises of the Company any physical item or document, or any written, electronic or recorded copy of any physical item or document, containing or embodying any Trade Secrets/Confidential Information, including without limitations the same in electronic or digital form. Employees must not leave any of the Company's Trade Secrets/Confidential Information unattended in any area, whether on or off the Company's premises, where leaving such information unattended creates a risk that the information may be accessed or acquired by any individual who is not authorized to view or access the Trade Secrets/Confidential Information.

Employees must not, except as required in the conduct of the Company's business or as authorized in writing by the Company, disclose or use during the term of their employment or subsequent thereto any Trade Secrets/Confidential Information. Furthermore, all records, files, plans, documents, and the like relating to the business of the Company you prepare, use, or come in contact with remains the sole property of the Company and is not to be copied without written permission of the Company and is to be returned to the Company on termination of your

employment, regardless of whether requested by the Company to do so at the time of your termination, or at the Company's request at any time.

Social Media

This policy governs employee use of social media, including any tools used to share content and profiles including, but not limited to, social networking websites, apps, and blogs. The lack of explicit reference to a specific site or type of social media does not limit the application of this policy.

The Company respects the rights of all employees to use social media. However, because communications by Company employees on social media could, in certain situations, negatively impact business operations or create legal liability, it is necessary for the Company to provide these guidelines. These guidelines are intended to ensure employees understand the types of conduct that are prohibited. **This policy will not be interpreted or applied so as to interfere with the rights of employees to discuss or share information related to their wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment. Employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.**

Employees engaging in use of social media remain subject to the Company's policies and procedures regarding: (1) protecting trade secrets and confidential information related to the Company's operation; (2) safeguarding Company property; (3) prohibiting unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation; and (4) governing the use of Company IT.

Employees are prohibited from the following:

- Disclosing on social media the Company's or any third party's Trade Secrets/Confidential Information (as defined above).
- Using social media to post or to display comments about co-workers, supervisors, customers, clients, vendors, or suppliers, that constitute a violation of the Company's Policy Against Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation or are otherwise physically threatening.
- Using social media to post or display content that is an intentional public attack on the Company's products and/or services in a manner that a reasonable person would perceive as calculated to harm the Company's business and is unrelated to any employee concern involving the terms and conditions of employment.
- Disclosing or publishing on social media any promotional content about the Company or its products, unless authorized and approved by the Company.
- Using social media while on working time, unless authorized and approved by the Company.

- Posting a photograph of a vendor, supplier, customer, or client on social media without that individual's express permission.
- Misrepresenting on social media an employee's title or position with the Company.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. If you have any questions about this policy, contact your supervisor or the General Manager.

Employees may not use Company-owned equipment, including Company information technology, Company-licensed software, or other electronic equipment, or facilities or Company time, to conduct personal blogging or social networking activities.

Employees should know that the Company has the right to and will monitor the use of its information technology, telephone, and other equipment and systems, as well as any publicly accessible social media. Employees should expect that any information created, transmitted, downloaded, exchanged, or discussed on publicly accessible online social media may be accessed by the Company at any time without prior notice.

Social media account ownership: To the extent employees are authorized as part of their job duties to use social media account(s) to advance the Company's interests, the Company, not the employee, owns the account(s) and employees are required to return all logins and passwords for such accounts at the end of employment.

Unauthorized Interviews

Employees should not speak to the media on the Company's behalf without contacting the General Manager or the President. All media inquiries should be directed to them.

Changes in Status

Changes in Personnel Records

To keep your personnel records up to date and to ensure that the appropriate benefits are available to you, you are expected to notify the Company promptly of any change of name, address, phone number, number of dependents, or other applicable information.

Outside Inquiries Concerning Employees

All inquiries concerning employees from outside sources, including requests for references, should be directed to the General Manager. No employee information should be given by any other employee or manager to an outside source. The Company's policy as to references for employees who have left the Company is to disclose only the dates of employment and the title of the last position held. If an employee has authorized disclosure in writing, the Company will also provide information on the amount of salary or wage last earned.

Notice of Resignation

In the event you choose to resign from your position, we ask that managers and supervisors provide at least thirty (30) days' written notice and all other employees provide at least two (2) weeks' written notice. You are responsible for returning Company property in your possession or for which you are responsible.

Exit Interview

Any employee leaving the Company may be requested to attend an exit interview conducted by the employee's supervisor or the General Manager. The purpose of the interview is to determine the reasons for separation and to resolve any questions of compensation, Company property, or other matters related to the separation.

To Sum It All Up

This handbook highlights your opportunities and responsibilities at the Company. By always keeping the contents of the handbook in mind, you should be successful and happy in your work here. Once again, welcome to our Company, and we look forward to working with you.

Employee Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Allen's Flowers & Plants, LLC ("Company") Employee Handbook and I will familiarize myself with its contents.

I acknowledge that nothing in the Employee Handbook creates or is intended to create a promise or representation of continued employment and that my employment, position, and compensation at the Company are at-will, shall be for no specific duration, and may be changed or terminated at the will of the Company. Both I and the Company have the right to terminate my employment at any time, with or without cause or prior notice. By signing below, I certify that I understand that employment at-will is the sole and entire agreement between myself and the Company concerning the duration of my employment and the circumstances under which my employment may be terminated. It supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, and representations (whether written or oral) concerning the duration of my employment with the Company and/or the circumstances under which my employment may be terminated. My employment-at-will status may only be changed in a written document signed by the President of the Company.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW ATTESTS TO THE FACT THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND TO ALL OF THE ABOVE TERMS.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT.

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

[RETAIN IN EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL FILE]