

**Appointed Officials, Mayor's & City Clerk's Pay Plan**  
**January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027**

**1. *WAGES AND SALARIES***

**1 a. Wages and salaries shall be as follows:**

1. For the term of this contract, the Grade 1 maximum wage shall be 13% over the salary of the Deputy Police Chief. The Grade 1a maximum wage shall be 95% of the Grade 1 maximum wage. The Deputy Chief of the Fire Department shall receive the same base wage as the Deputy Chief of the Police Department (Grade 1b). The Grade 2 maximum wage shall be 90% of the Grade 1 maximum wage. The Grade 3 maximum wage shall be 90% of the Grade 2 maximum wage. Grade 3A shall be 73% of the Grade 2 maximum wage. Grade 4 shall be 55% of the Grade 1 maximum wage. Grade 5 shall be 50% of the Grade 1 maximum wage.

1. b. Wages for the Mayor and City Clerk shall be set by the LOCC.

**2. *SAVINGS CLAUSE***

If any section of this policy should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any provision of this pay plan should be restrained by a tribunal, the remainder of this pay plan shall not be affected thereby, or if any benefit shall not be available because a provider no longer offers such benefit, then the Council shall enter into deliberations immediately to arrive at a satisfactory replacement for such section or provision.

**3. *VACATION***

On the 1st day of January each year, an employee will be entitled to take vacation time for the following year according to the following schedule:

<i><u>Years of Service as a City Employee</u></i>	<i><u>Amount of Vacation</u></i>
0 - 2 years	18 days
Over 2 yrs to 6 yrs	23 days
Over 6 yrs to 10 yrs	28 days
Over 10 yrs to 15 yrs	30 days
Over 15 years	33 days

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There shall be no banking of vacation time. On the 2nd pay of January each year, any employee who still has unused vacation time as of December 31 of the preceding year, shall be entitled to be paid at their current hourly rate for unused vacation time.

#### **4. FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT & SICK LEAVE**

a. The City shall provide a pay continuation program for those employees who are ill or disabled and in compliance with the Family Medical Leave Act. After four weeks, the employee shall be considered on the Long-Term Disability (LTD) program, the employee shall be paid 100% of his or her base pay during the first year of disability, and 95% the second year, after which the employee shall be terminated or put on medical leave status. All fringe benefits, with the exception of earned credits for sick and vacation leave, shall continue while the person is drawing LTD. If disagreement occurs between the City's doctor and the employee's doctor as to whether an individual is unable to work, a third doctor shall be selected by the City doctor and the employee's doctor. This doctor's decision shall be binding on all parties.

b. No extension of the above time limits shall occur for new illness or complications while off on LTD or within one year of returning to work.

c. Those appointees that have accumulated sick leave while in a Bargaining Unit shall be paid off at the rate they earned on the last day they were in the Bargaining Unit. No pre-existing condition prior to employment with the City shall be eligible for benefits under these LTD provisions.

#### **5. PAID HOLIDAYS**

Paid Holidays shall be in the same amount as the employees they supervise.

#### **6. PERSONAL BUSINESS TIME**

Up to five (5) non-accrued business days per year shall be credited on January 1 for Appointees to conduct personal business.

#### **7. OVERTIME/COMPENSATORY TIME**

Under no circumstances shall a Director, Deputy City Clerk, Division Head or Mayor's Office staff member be paid compensatory time or overtime. This prohibition against compensatory time and overtime shall not apply to the Deputy Fire Chief.

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**8. JURY DUTY**

There will be no loss of pay for jury duty. Stipends for jury duty may be kept by the employee.

**9. FUNERAL LEAVE**

Paid funeral leave may be granted for up to five working days for the death of immediate family members defined as: spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, brothers, sisters, father-in-law, mother-in-law of the employee or a member of the employee's household.

**10. LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

An employee may be granted a leave of absence for up to a period of 60 days at the discretion of the Mayor (or Clerk for his/her appointee). Extensions beyond 60 days will be at the discretion of the Mayor (or Clerk for his/her appointee). No leave shall be granted for a period past the end of the current Mayor's term of office (or Clerk's term of office for his/her appointee). If an employee wishes to continue his or her hospitalization insurance, the employee must pay the premium for his or her hospitalization insurance for this period according to the terms of the City's hospitalization insurance plan. All wages and fringe benefits shall cease during an employee's leave, except for any period of medical disability.

To be eligible for this benefit, the employee must have one year of continuous service as an appointed official.

**11. HOSPITALIZATION - MEDICAL INSURANCE**

- a. The City shall comply with P.A. 152 as set forth by City Council resolution and the City Health Care Policy on file in the Personnel Department. Employees shall pay anything above the annual maximum amounts contributed by the employer that are established annually by the Act. In the event P.A. 152 is repealed, the cost sharing in place at the time the Act is repealed shall remain in effect.
- b. Employees shall have the option to participate in various healthcare plans to provide coverage for the employee, spouse and eligible dependents of the employee as provided by the City.
- c. 2013 Mutual Gains Program as it may be amended is recognized.
- d. If the employee dies, the employee's eligible dependents as defined by the I.R.S. criteria receive continued hospitalization coverage for one year, to be paid by the City.

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- e. The City shall provide Pre-Medicare Retirees hired before January 1, 2014 or the position of Mayor hired on or before January 1, 2026, their eligible spouses and dependents one of the medical plans offered to active employees. The cost sharing in effect for active employees shall be the cost sharing for healthcare in retirement for the pre-Medicare retiree and his/her dependents. Healthcare premiums for retiree health plans are higher than those of active employees for the same health plans. For example, the PPO-1 plan and PPO-2 plan, are more costly for a retiree than an active employee. At the time an active employee retires, the pre-Medicare retiree shall be subject to cost sharing based upon the percentage of the total retiree premium compared to the total active employee premium for the same health plan. This percentage shall be calculated using the Single Person coverage premium for active employees and pre-Medicare retirees of each of the plans offered. This percentage shall be multiplied by the active employee contributions for the same plan. The ability to receive healthcare in retirement is contingent upon the retired employee or spouse being eligible and drawing benefits or a pension as provided for by MERS or Act 345 or being in position of Mayor with a 6-year vesting period as Mayor. A retiree may select one of the choices annually at the designated open enrollment period.
- f. For retirees who were hired before January 1, 2014 and who become eligible for Medicare, the City will provide a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) in lieu of a City provided supplemental Medicare policy. The provisions of the agreement are as follows:
  1. Effective January 1, 2026, the City shall fund an HRA for the retiree and/or spouse at \$2,650.77\* for single coverage and \$5,301.53\* for a couple. This funding shall continue annually and in future years, the single and couple funding levels will be adjusted no more than once annually and in accordance with the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI).  
\*Subject to change based on yearly Consumer Price Index (CPI).
  2. The City shall contribute a prorated amount into the retiree's HRA ninety (90) days before said retiree or spouse qualifies for Medicare. The first of the year after the retiree or spouse qualifies for Medicare, the City shall make the HRA contribution on the first of every year.

Appointees of the Mayor and/or City Clerk hired on or after January 1, 2014 shall be enrolled in the MERS Health Care Savings Program (HCSP) for their retirement health care. For 2026, the City shall contribute \$4,076\* per year into the employee's HSCP. The employee may make contributions to his/her HCSP on a post-tax basis, through payroll deduction, with the employee's and employer's contributions immediately vested and available to the employee upon separation of employment. In accordance with I.R.S. regulations, HCSP funds may be used for healthcare premiums expenses, co-pays and deductibles and other out of pocket expenses as governed by applicable statute. This funding shall continue annually and in future

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**12. DENTAL INSURANCE**

The City shall provide dental insurance for 100% of treatment costs for preventive, diagnostic (except radiographs) and emergency palliative (Class I) services and 90% of the balance of Class I benefits as paid by Delta Dental or equivalent insurance plan on Class II benefits, with \$1,500 maximum per person per contract year on Class I and II benefits. 80% of treatment costs paid by Delta Dental or equivalent insurance plan on Class III (orthodontic) benefits with \$2,500 lifetime maximum. This benefit is 100% paid for by the City and is available to any active employee (and eligible dependents) and to retirees (and eligible dependents) provided the retiree is eligible and receiving a MERS Defined Benefit or Act 345 Pension from the City.

**13. LIFE INSURANCE**

The City shall provide employees \$120,000 convertible term life insurance. The insurance shall be double indemnity for accidental death or dismemberment. The City shall provide \$30,000 term life insurance for retirees eligible and drawing a MERS Defined Benefit or Act 345 Pension from the City.

**14. OPTICAL BENEFITS**

The City shall provide all active employees and their eligible dependents the EyeMed Plan for optical benefits as summarized in Exhibit A. The City shall provide for retirees eligible and drawing a MERS or Act 345 retirement and their eligible dependents the EyeMed Plan for optical benefits as summarized in Exhibit A.

**15. WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

The City will supplement the income of an employee proven to be injured on the job by paying the difference between the Worker's Compensation pay and his or her regular net bi-weekly income during the time he or she is eligible for Worker's Compensation up to a period of one year. The following fringe benefits shall remain in force for a period of up to two years: Hospitalization, Dental, Optical, Life Insurance, Pension and Severance Pay.

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**16. PENSION**

a. For employees hired prior to January 1, 2014, the City shall provide a pension under the MERS pension program, with benefit riders V-6, FAC-3, RS-50, E, E-1, E-2, F-55/15, F-60/6, and retirement after 25 years regardless of age. An FAC factor (multiplier) of 2.8% shall be applied for their first 30 years of service, and an FAC factor of 1% shall be applied thereafter, in accordance with Westland City Council Resolution No. 99-2-22. Employees shall pay on a pre-tax basis five percent (5%) of their pensionable earnings as their contribution toward their pension.

b. The City shall pay for the cost of the Act 345 pensions for the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Deputy Fire Chief. Employees shall pay on a pre-tax basis five percent (5%) of their pensionable earnings as their contribution toward their pension.

c. For any Mayor elected after January 1, 2014, for any City Clerk elected after January 1, 2014, or for any appointees of the Mayor or the City Clerk hired after January 1, 2014, the City of Westland shall offer the employee a Defined Contribution Plan (401A) through MERS with immediate vesting privileges for all contributions. Funds deposited into this plan shall be for the employee's pension upon retirement.

The employee shall contribute not less than 5% of the employee's qualifying earnings and not more than 12% of the employee's qualifying earnings, on a pre-tax basis, through payroll deduction. The City of Westland shall match the employee contributions on a 2-1 ratio. Any amount in excess of the 401(a) annual limit shall be paid into the employees 457 Plan, up to the annual maximum allowable contribution. The employee shall have the option to contribute, on a post-tax basis, additional amounts toward his/her retirement through payroll deduction provided the employer and employee aggregate contributions do not exceed I.R.S. plan contribution limits.

**17. CAR ALLOWANCE**

The City shall provide, subject to I.R.S. regulations, the following City executives with a City-owned vehicle for work-related travel: Mayor, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, DPS Director and DPS Superintendents. A mileage log shall be kept for personal mileage.

The City shall provide \$3,000 annually (calendar year) for car allowance; paid in two installments (January & July). The official shall follow adopted travel policy for the payment of any mileage while at seminars/conferences. Exempt from this provision would be individuals listed above in Article 17, paragraph 1.

**18. AFTER HOURS/ON-CALL ALLOWANCE**

The City shall provide \$200 per month for after-hours/on-call allowance, to employees covered by this pay plan, for miscellaneous on call and after-hours expenses. This shall be paid with the first pay of each month.

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**19. PHONE ALLOWANCE**

The City shall provide, subject to I.R.S. regulations, the following City executives with a cell phone for work-related calls: Fire Chief, Police Chief.

The City shall provide \$100 per month for phone allowance to employees for the use of their personal cell phone for work related calls. Exempt from this provision would be individuals listed above in Article 19, paragraph 1.

**20. HEALTH & WELLNESS**

To promote better health among employees and help control future health care costs, the City shall provide \$125 per month for Health & Wellness to employees who participate in annual wellness checks and/or wellness program.

**21. TUITION REFUND**

- A. After advance notification to the Personnel Department and approval by the Mayor or Personnel Director and dependent upon funds being available, course reimbursement for tuition, registration fees and related texts will be made upon successful completion (grade of "C" or higher) of any course taken in a field directly performed on behalf of the City. Registration and lodging for seminars may also be charged to this benefit. Reimbursement from an accredited institution shall be paid at the rate of 90% of books, tuition, and fees expenses. Should an employee resign or be discharged within five (5) years of receipt of a particular tuition reimbursement, employee shall repay to the City the reimbursement(s) received as follows: termination date within: twelve (12) months of receipt of reimbursement – 100%; within 1-2 years – 80%; within 2-3 years – 60%; within 3-4 years – 40%; and within 4-5 years – 20%. Employee has no obligation to reimburse after serving five or more years with the City. Should an employee be discharged due to a change in administration, "no cause termination", the payback provisions in this article are null and void.
- B. The City shall provide an annual continuing education stipend in the amount of \$3,000 to be paid the first pay in January.

***TUITION REFUND: City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk***

After prior notification to the City Council, course reimbursement for tuition and fees will be made upon successful completion of any course taken by the City Clerk in a field performed on behalf of the City of Westland.

Reimbursement for an accredited institution shall be paid at the rate of 90% of tuition and fees expenses. Registration and lodging for seminars may also be charged to this benefit.

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After prior notification from the Deputy City Clerk to the City Clerk, course reimbursement for tuition, registration fees and related texts will be made upon successful completion of any course taken in a field performed on behalf of the City of Westland. Reimbursement for an accredited institution shall be paid at the rate of 90% of books, tuition and fees expenses. Registration and lodging for seminars may also be charged to this benefit.

#### **22. *SEVERANCE PAY***

All appointees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority subject to any confirmation rights of the City Council. The Deputy City Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the City Clerk. Any Local 1602 employee or Supervisory employee promoted to an appointed position will not lose any accrued benefits as they relate to years of service with the City of Westland.

Severance pay is paid to any employee whose employment with the City is terminated except for the following reasons:

- Resignation
- Termination due to LTD Plan (after 2 years)
- Leaves of Absence
- Retirement
- Employment with the City is not terminated
- Death
- Conviction of a felony

If termination is for any other reason, payment for severance shall be made upon termination according to the following schedule:

<u>LENGTH OF SERVICE AS APPOINTEE</u>	<u>SEVERANCE PAY</u>
0 TO 6 months	no payment
Over 6 months up to 3 years	1 month pay*
Over 3 years up to 4 years	2 months pay*
Over 4 years up to 5 years	3 months pay*
Over 5 years	4 months pay*

\* At the employee's pay rate at termination.

If an employee has previously received full severance pay from the City, that employee shall be eligible for only one half (1/2) of the rate that the employee would otherwise be entitled under this plan.

#### **23. *SPECIAL TO POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS***

The Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Deputy Fire Chief shall receive the same benefits of the Lieutenants' and Sergeants' Association and the Firefighters' Association respectively, rather than the above listed benefits in regard to pension, medical/insurance coverage options (provided they are

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equal to or better than those outlined herein), clothing allowance, sick, personal and vacation leave, holiday pay, EMS bonus, on-call pay, gun allowance, technological-education bonus (upon compliance with contract requirements), base pay and severance pay. (In regard to pension: (1) the Fire Chief shall be allowed to accrue a vacation time bank equal to the Police Chief; and (2) there shall be parity and equality between the Fire Chief and the Police Chief concerning the pension benefits for which they are eligible).

*\*August 27, 2024 - Pension clarification of Sections 16.a and 23 as it relates to Police Chief, Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief: Specific Pension benefit language for these positions is per Section 23 of the Appointed Officials, Mayor's & City Clerk's Pay Plan ("Pay Plan") and not Section 16.a. Consequently, the Deputy Fire Chief's pension is calculated based on the pertinent provisions under the WPFF bargaining agreement. The last sentence in Section 23 in regards to pension applies to the Fire Chief only for years of service earned while both in the Pay Plan and at the rank of Chief.*

**24. *SPECIAL TO ANY UPGRADED SUPERVISORY Local 174 or AFSCME Local 1602 EMPLOYEE***

Any City employee promoted to an appointed position will not lose any accrued benefits as they relate to years of service with the City of Westland.

**25. *MAYOR***

The elected Mayor and elected City Clerk shall be entitled to receive the same insurances, allowances, vacation and post-retirement benefits as are received by the Appointed Officials.

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**JANUARY 1, 2026 through DECEMBER 31, 2027**

Appointed Officials & Mayor's Office Salaries as of January 1, 2026

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Maximum</u>
<b><u>Pay Grade 1</u></b>	\$ 145,703
Exec Asst. to Mayor	
DPS Director	
Finance Director	
Budget Director	
Fire Chief	
Police Chief	
Planning/Building Director	
<b><u>Pay Grade 1A</u></b>	\$ 138,418
Comm. Development Director	
Deputy City Clerk	
Controller (97% of Maximum)	
<b><u>Pay Grade 1B</u></b>	\$ 128,941
Deputy Fire Chief	
<b><u>Pay Grade 2</u></b>	\$ 131,133
C&M Superintendent	
Economic Development Director	
Facilities Director	
MIS Director	
Personnel Director	
Senior Resources Director (85% of Maximum)	
W&S Superintendent	
<b><u>Pay Grade 3</u></b>	\$ 118,020
Building Official (90% of Maximum)	
Parks & Recreation Director	
Communication & Public Affairs Director (95% of maximum)	
Grants and Philanthropy	
<b><u>Pay Grade 3A</u></b>	\$ 95,727
Community Engagement Director	
<b><u>Pay Grade 4</u></b>	\$ 80,137
Executive Secretary	
Assistant Parks & Rec Director	
<b><u>Pay Grade 5</u></b>	\$ 72,851
Mayor's Admin Secretary	