



# EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES BENEFITS SUMMARY

**November 16, 2024**

The following is a summary of the benefits available to Executive Management employees of the City of Clovis. This document is prepared as a summary of approved benefits for reference purposes only and nothing in the summary is intended to confer any benefits that have not been approved, or that are inconsistent with approved benefits. For more information on any of the benefits listed below, contact the Personnel/Risk Management Division at (559) 324-2725.

Executive Management classifications include the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Community and Economic Development, Housing and Communications Director, Planning and Development Services Director, Finance Director, Fire Chief, General Services Director, Police Chief, and Public Utilities Director.

## 1. PAID VACATION

Vacation is provided to allow employees paid time away from work to rest, recreate, and return to work with renewed vigor and fresh perspectives. Increases in vacation accrual rates provide reinforcement for and recognition of length of service. Paid vacation time will accrue as follows per pay period/workdays per year/maximum accrual. However, newly hired (not promoted) Executive Managers that enter City employment with prior public agency experience will accrue vacation leave at the level commensurate with their years of public service for benefit accrual purposes.

Years of Service	40 hour week Employees	56 hour week Employees
0 to 7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	5 hrs./15 days/280 hrs. Max.	7 hrs./15 days/392 hrs. Max.
8 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	6 hrs./18 days/328 hrs. Max.	8.4 hrs./18 days/459.2 hrs. Max.
15 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	6.7hrs./20 days/360 hrs. Max.	9.3 hrs./20 days/504 hrs. Max.
20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary plus	8 hrs./24 days/424 hrs. Max.	11.2 hrs./24 days/593.6 hrs. Max.

## 2. PAID SICK LEAVE and SICK LEAVE INCENTIVE

a. In order to ensure that employees have the opportunity to tend to health issues and to provide incentive for judicious use of the sick leave benefit, the City provides paid sick leave and a sick leave incentive program.

b. The sick leave incentive benefit compensates employees up to 50% of a calendar year's unused accrual based on usage after an accumulation of 20 days of sick leave. The incentive is paid automatically on the first paycheck following November 16 of each year.

<b>Annual Sick Leave Incentive - 40 Hour Week Employees</b>		
Hours Used During Preceding 12 Month Period	Number of Cash-Out Hours Available	Percent of Cash-Out
-0-	96	50%
.1 to 8	88	45%
8 to 16	80	40%
16 to 24	72	35%
24 to 32	64	30%
32 to 40	56	25%

**c.** Executive Managers have the choice to receive up to 50% cash-out of total accrued sick leave at the time of retirement, or a 25% cash-out at the time of separation of employment in good standing for reasons other than a “normal” retirement. The cash-out may be applied to the deferred compensation plan or may be received in cash. The balance of unused sick leave hours after the cash-out will be certified to PERS for the benefit known as “Credit for Unused Sick Leave.”

**d.** One-half (½) of the annual accrual of sick leave per calendar year may be used to attend to the health issues of a child, parent, spouse, registered domestic partner, sibling, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, or designated person. (Labor Code 233(a)). Leave taken under Labor Code 233(a) will count toward the satisfaction of leave rights under AB1522 and SB 616.

**e.** Up to 24 hours or three (3) days of sick leave may be used by an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking for the purposes of:

- Seeking medical attention for injuries cause by domestic violence or sexual assault.
- To obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, program, or rape crisis center as a result of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- To obtain psychological counseling related to an experience of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- To participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future domestic violence or sexual assault, including temporary or permanent relocation.

**3. PAID HOLIDAYS**

**a.** The City recognizes 10 scheduled paid holidays, and one (1) paid floating holiday to be used at the mutual agreement of the employee and their supervisor. A four (4) hour floating holiday for all managers is available to be used on either the workday before Christmas Day or the workday before New Year’s Day, subject to the needs of the City.

**b.** On July 1st of each year, the Police Chief shall receive 100 hours in the Holiday Hour Bank in lieu of 10 hours of paid leave time-off for each observed holiday listed below. Up to 100 hours may be cashed-out each fiscal year at the Police Chief’s option.

- New Year’s Day January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January

- President’s Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February
- Memorial Day 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May
- Independence Day July 4
- Labor Day 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September
- Veterans’ Day November 11
- Thanksgiving Day 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November
- Day after Thanksgiving Day Friday following Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day December 25

c. The Fire Chief shall receive 20-hours holiday time for each observed holiday listed below. The conversion of dividing 200 hours by 1.4 is used for the Fire Chief for a calculation of 142.86 on July 1 of each year. Up to 142.86 hours may be cashed out each fiscal year at the Fire Chief’s option.

- New Year’s Day January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January
- President’s Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February
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d. By July 1 of each year, the Fire Chief and Police Chief will notify finance of the number of holiday hours they intend to cash out or use so that it may be reported to PERS as earned in accordance with PERS requirements. Holiday hours must be used or cashed within the fiscal year unless an extension for use has been approved by the City Manager.

e. If the Fire / Police Chief leaves City employment prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, an amount equal to the pro-rata holiday time that has been unearned during the fiscal year will be deducted from their final paycheck.

**4. MANAGEMENT LEAVE**

In recognition of the effort and contributions required of Executive Management employees beyond the “normal” workday, the City provides additional leave time. Executive Management employees receive 96 hours of management leave per fiscal year (posted on the first check after July 5<sup>th</sup>). Up to 56 hours of unused management leave is automatically cashed out on the first check after June 17<sup>th</sup> of each year. Forty (40) hours of management leave has no cash-out value. On June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, up to a maximum of 40 hours of unused management leave will automatically be carried over until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Management leave cannot accumulate to an amount greater than 96 hours, except for hours carried over. After December 31<sup>st</sup>, balances exceeding the 96 hours will be reduced to the normal maximum of 96 hours.

**5. MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PAY**

In recognition of the unique nature of the effort and contributions required of Management employees, the City also provides Management Incentive Pay equal to one (1) hour of base rate pay each pay period that a Manager is in paid status.

**6. LATERAL TRANSFER BENEFIT FOR POLICE**

In order to provide equity with other sworn command staff and to enhance the ability of the City of Clovis to recruit the highest quality candidates for the position of Police Chief the City will provide the following benefits:

- Upon hire, a lateral hire for Police Chief will receive 40 hours of management compensation time with no cash value and 40 hours of sick leave.
- Upon successful completion of probation, the lateral hire Police Chief will receive an additional 40 hours of management compensation time with no cash value and 40 hours of sick leave.

**7. FAMILY ILLNESS & BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

The City provides paid leave of up to 24 hours per calendar year for the purpose of providing personal care for immediate family members. The City also provides 40 hours of paid bereavement leave per calendar year for employees who experience the death of a family member to allow the employee to attend to various matters related to the passing of the family member. For the purposes of this Section, ‘immediate family’ shall include husband, wife, registered domestic partner, mother/step, father/step, brother/step, sister/step, child/step, grandparent, grandchildren, mothers/fathers in-law, brothers/sisters in-law, sons/daughters in law or legal dependent of the employee.

In accordance with AB 1949, a full-time employee who has worked for the City for at least 30 days has the right to take off up to five days of unpaid bereavement leave for a covered family member within three months of the date of death. The five days of unpaid leave will be reduced by any Bereavement Leave taken under the labor agreement or management benefit summary. The five unpaid days do not need to be consecutive, but they must be taken within three months of the death of their family member. Covered family member is defined as spouse, child, parent sibling, grandparent, grandchild, domestic partner, or parent-in-law.

**8. REPRODUCTIVE LOSS LEAVE**

Eligible employees who experience a reproductive loss event are eligible to take five days unpaid leave. A reproductive loss is defined as a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or unsuccessful assisted reproduction. An eligible employee is an employee who has been with the City thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the leave and who would have been a parent if the reproductive event had been successful. Leave must be taken within three months after the reproductive loss but can be intermittent. In the event of multiple reproductive losses, unpaid time off is five days unpaid leave per incident, limited to no more than twenty (20) days within a 12-month period. Employees may take the leave unpaid or can opt to use sick leave or vacation time (if applicable) for the reproductive leave.

**9. VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND STALKING**

As a victim of domestic violence, an employee has certain rights afforded by AB 2337. Those rights include the right to take time off for certain reasons related to the situation, a right to reasonable accommodation for the employee's safety, and the right to be free from retaliation and discrimination. An employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking should contact the Personnel office for more information.

**10. MILITARY LEAVE**

**a.** Military leave shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of federal and state law. All employees entitled to military leave shall give the City Manager and/or the City Manager's authorized agent an opportunity, within the limits of military regulations, to determine when such leave shall be taken.

**b.** Employees shall be paid their regular salary for the first 30 days of active duty within a fiscal year. Starting on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of active duty, employees will receive the difference between their military base pay and their City of Clovis pay. Military orders and wage statements will be required. See the Leave Guide for more details.

**11. MEDICAL, DENTAL, PHARMACY, OPTICAL, and GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

**a.** In order to provide employees with an opportunity to maintain the health and wellness of themselves and their dependents, the City provides health insurance that includes medical, prescription, dental, and vision coverages. In addition, the City provides life insurance coverage.

**b.** The City provides a variety of medical plan choices to employees. Each year before the open enrollment period in October/November, the City will provide the details of those options to employees. Employees may also elect dental, vision, and life coverage only at a reduced rate or waive health benefits entirely. Employees who waive *all health coverage* (medical, dental, prescription, and vision coverage) are eligible for a \$420.00 health insurance rebate each month. ***To receive the \$420.00 health rebate the employee must annually provide evidence of being covered on another group health plan.*** Employees who have exhausted their FMLA/CFRA rights and are on an unpaid leave of absence approved by the City Manager are eligible to continue their health insurance coverage for a period of up to 6 (six) months. After that, if eligible, employees will have to enroll in COBRA to continue health insurance coverage.

**c.** City-paid life insurance coverage for Executive Managers is \$300,000 for the employee and \$10,000 for dependents.

**12. RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE**

**a.** Employees with a minimum of five (5) years of service as a regular full time employee immediately preceding separation, and who are currently enrolled in a City health plan or other approved group health plan, and who retire in accordance with PERS age and service requirements are allowed to continue in a City sponsored Medical and Prescription plan at their expense. Details of the retiree health insurance program are provided to retirees active in the program each year before open enrollment.

b. Retiring Managers who do not meet the eligibility guidelines for the Retiree Health Insurance program will be eligible to continue the City Health Insurance at their own expense by exercising their COBRA rights.

**13. SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE**

Employees have the option to purchase supplemental life insurance in addition to the life insurance coverage provided by the City in Item 10 above. Supplemental Group Life Insurance is available at the employee's expense by payroll deduction. There is a 30 day guaranteed purchase provision from date of hire. After 30 days from the date of hire, the insurance company, through the underwriting process, has discretion over policy issuance and amount of issuance. The guaranteed issue amounts are: \$100,000 for the employee, \$25,000 for the spouse and \$2,000 for children. The maximum additional insurance amount is \$500,000 for employees, \$250,000 for spouses and \$2,000 for children.

**14. BUSINESS TRAVEL INSURANCE**

A \$500,000 death benefit for Executive Management employees who die while traveling on City business is provided by the City. Benefits are also paid for bodily dismemberment.

**15. SHORT TERM/LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE**

a. In order to provide income replacement due to a non-work related event, the City provides Short and Long Term Disability Insurance. Short Term Disability Insurance provides a benefit equal to 66.67% of base salary up to \$7,000 per month for up to 24 weeks after 14 days of disability. This benefit is paid for by each employee through payroll deduction.

b. If an employee continues to be disabled, the Long Term Policy begins after 24 weeks. Long Term Disability provides a benefit equal to 66.67% of base salary up to \$7,000 per month for up to two years after 180 days of disability. If an employee is permanently disabled from all occupations, a lifetime monthly benefit (to age 65) is paid to the employee. This benefit is paid for by each employee through payroll deduction.

**16. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Insight program is available to full-time City employees and household members to provide guidance to promote wellness and to help resolve personal issues that may be interfering with work or home life. Each employee or household member is entitled to three (3) free visits every six (6) months. (Each sworn safety employee is entitled to an additional (3) free visits every (6) month period.) Insight can be reached 24 hours a day at (559) 226-7437.

**17. RETIREMENT**

a. The City has contracted with the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for employee retirement benefits. The benefits provided are based on the benefit formula, age at retirement, compensation, and length of service in the system. The contract provisions also include a 2% cost of living adjustment, the Level 4 1959 Survivor Benefit, and sick leave service credit conversion for all Managers.

**b. Employees hired before January 1, 2013, are classified by PERS as “Classic Employees” for retirement purposes. The following retirement formulas apply to PERS Classic Employees:**

Misc. 2.7% at 55 formula with 8% Employee paid contribution on a pre-tax basis.

Safety 3% at 50 formula with 9% Employee paid contribution on a pre-tax basis.

**The PERS retirement benefit for Classic Employees will be based on the employee’s highest 12 consecutive months of compensation.**

**c. Employees hired after January 1, 2013, are classified as “New Employees” by PERS for retirement purposes. The following retirement formulas apply to PERS New Employees:**

Misc. 2.0% at 62 formula with 7.50% Employee paid contribution on a pre-tax basis.

Safety 2.7% at 57 formula with 13.25% Employee paid contribution on a pre-tax basis.

**The PERS retirement benefit for New Employees is based on the employee’s highest 36 consecutive months of compensation.**

**The employee contribution rate for PERS New Employees may be subject to change. For example, the employee contributions may increase or decrease based on PERS funding requirements.**

**d. Additional Employee Cost-Sharing of PERS Contributions:**

**All employees participate in PERS retirement benefit cost-sharing in the form of additional percentages of employee compensation paid toward the City’s PERS retirement costs as follows:**

Miscellaneous Employees: 8.4% cost sharing

Safety Employees: 8.0% cost sharing

**18. PRE-RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS**

**a.** The City’s retirement contract with PERS includes a pre-retirement death benefit. If an **employee is not eligible to retire** (i.e., has not attained age 50 and at least five (5) years of PERS service credit) the employee’s beneficiary will receive the Basic Death Benefit which is a refund of the employee’s contributions plus interest and up to six (6) month’s pay. In addition, the beneficiary will receive the 1959 Survivor Benefit which provides a monthly allowance of up to \$2,280 for three (3) or more eligible survivors.

**b.** Beneficiaries of **employees who are eligible to retire**, may elect to receive the same benefit as noted above or the 1957 Survivor Benefit which provides a monthly allowance equal to one half of what the highest service retirement allowance would have been had the employee retired on the date of their death. In lieu of either of these benefits, an eligible survivor may receive the Pre-Retirement Option 2W Death Benefit. It provides a monthly

benefit to the eligible survivor equal to the amount the employee would have received had the employee retired on the date of their death and elected Option 2W.

**c.** When the death of a safety employee who is **not eligible to retire** is determined to be **job related** the beneficiaries may receive the Special Death Benefit which provides a monthly allowance equal to one half of final compensation. If the cause of death is some external violence or physical force while on the job, and there are eligible children in addition to a spouse or registered domestic partner, the allowance may be increased to 75 percent. The beneficiary may elect to receive the Basic Death Benefit and the 1959 Survivor Benefit in place of the Special Death Benefit.

**d.** When the death of a safety employee who is **eligible to retire** is determined to be **job related** the beneficiaries may receive the Special Death Benefit which provides a monthly allowance equal to one half of final compensation. If the cause of death is some external violence or physical force while on the job, and there are eligible children in addition to a spouse or registered domestic partner, the allowance may be increased to 100 percent. The beneficiary may elect to receive the Basic Death Benefit and the 1959 Survivor Benefit in place of the Special Death Benefit.

**19. DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

An IRC Section 457(b) deferred compensation plan is available to all Management employees as a supplemental retirement plan option. Contributions to the IRC Section 457(b) plan can be made on a pre-tax or post-tax (457(b) Roth) basis, or a combination of both. Additionally, the City will match the employee's contributions and deposit the City funds into a 401(a) plan, matching on a dollar for dollar basis, up to 3% of the employee's base pay for all employees except PERS "Classic Employees" in (a) below:

- a)** Effective July 1, 2022, PERS "Classic Employees" in positions listed had an additional 3% added to the salary matrix in lieu of the deferred compensation match.
  - 1. Fire Chief
  - 2. Police Chief
  
- b)** PERS "New Employees" in the positions listed in (a) are still eligible for the deferred compensation match up to 3% of the employee's base pay.

**20. VEHICLE ALLOWANCE**

Executive Managers receive a \$550 per month vehicle allowance, unless modified by an employment agreement, in lieu of an assigned City vehicle for business and personal use pursuant to IRS regulations. Miles driven in excess of 50 miles round-trip will be paid at the current IRS set mileage rate. To receive a vehicle allowance, the employee must maintain a valid California Driver's license, maintain current registration and qualifying insurance (minimum limit of \$300,000 combined single limit personal liability) on the vehicle, and provide proof of that insurance to the City by December 16 of each year. Failure to provide proof of insurance will result in the vehicle allowance being suspended until the proof is provided. For more information, see the City's Business Travel Policy.



**21. HOME GARAGE OF CITY VEHICLE**

Designated management positions who have an assigned City vehicle may home garage their City vehicle if their residence is within a 25-mile radius from City Hall. Employees who home garage a City vehicle are not eligible for a vehicle allowance.

**22. CELLULAR TELEPHONE PROGRAM**

Executive Management employees will receive a \$50 per month cellular phone allowance for business and personal use pursuant to IRS regulations.

**23. COMPUTER LOAN PROGRAM**

The computer loan program is intended to encourage computer ownership in order to improve computer skills and organizational efficiency. The City will loan up to \$3,000 for a period of 24 months, interest free, for Executive Management employees to purchase a computer, software, and related devices for professional development and personal use.

**24. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The City shall reimburse employees in the Unit for the cost of tuition, required fees (such as a health fee), required textbooks or e-books, for job-related courses leading to a college degree. To be eligible for reimbursement, the course must be related to job duties or related to a position to which an employee might reasonably aspire.

The maximum reimbursement rate will be calculated September 1 of each year as the total of eight (8) semesters full-time undergraduate tuition, including required fees, at California State University Fresno. A total of \$2,000 for required textbooks or e-books will be added to the tuition fees noted above for a grand total maximum reimbursement. Expenses for courses which began prior to July 1, 2019 will not be included in the maximum lifetime allocation.

Reimbursement under this Section shall be made under the following conditions:

- A. Employees must have completed their initial probationary period with the City.
- B. By February 28 of each year, employees must submit a written request to participate in the Educational Incentive Program including an estimate of costs to be incurred during the following fiscal year.
- C. Course work must be for an accredited college or university degree program and have the prior approval of the Department Head. Accreditation shall be through the U.S. Department of Education unless otherwise approved by the Department Head.
- D. An employee will be eligible for reimbursement of approved expenses for either an Associates, Bachelor's or Master's degree. Fees for any combination of these degrees may be reimbursed as long as they do not exceed the employee's maximum allocation for the Educational Incentive Program.
- E. Course work must be work-related and determined by the Department Head to be of benefit to the City. Required course work as part of an approved undergraduate or master's degree program is eligible for reimbursement.

F. Reimbursement of approved course work and related expenses shall be contingent upon the attainment of a letter grade of “C” or better, or “Pass” in a course with Pass/Fail grading. Reimbursement shall be made after the employee submits expense receipts and proof of letter grade.

G. Fees not required for enrollment such as parking, graduation related expenses, or travel will not be reimbursed.

H. All courses for which reimbursement is sought shall be taken while off duty and not in paid status.

**25. SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE**

The City of Clovis does not participate in Social Security, except as required for Medicare for employees hired after April 30, 1986.

**26. PUBLIC SAFETY FITNESS INCENTIVE**

In the interest of public safety, the City encourages its public safety managers to maintain a high state of health, wellness, and fitness. To that end, employees in police management classifications who participate in physical fitness testing and attain the necessary benchmarks will receive the same incentive provided to represented employees in the respective departments. (Note: The Fire Management Fitness Incentive was added into step one of the salary schedule for the Fire Chief on July 1, 2019.)

**27. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMAND STAFF EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT STIPEND**

Each fiscal year, upon recommendation, the City Manager will have the discretion to authorize up to an additional 40 hours of paid compensation to the Police and Fire Chiefs who have worked extraordinary law enforcement or fire events or other major incidents which required significant additional time in excess of their regular work schedule and for which they have not otherwise received compensation for those hours worked.

**28. UNIFORMS**

Uniform allowance is provided to public safety Executive Management employees as follows:

Fire \$1,500.00 per fiscal year, paid each pay period.

Police \$1,500.00 per fiscal year, paid annually each January.