

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

for

City of Everett

Type: **457**

Account #: **301333**

MissionSquare
RETIREMENT



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This Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of this day, (please enter date) _____, (herein referred to as the "Inception Date"), between the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation doing business as MissionSquare Retirement ("MissionSquare"), a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the **City of Everett** ("Employer"), an **Entity** organized and existing under the laws of the State of **Washington** with an office at **2930 Wetmore Avenue, Everett, Washington 98201**.

RECITALS

Employer acts as public plan sponsor of a retirement plan ("Plan"), and in that capacity, has responsibility to obtain administrative services and investment alternatives for the Plan;

VantageTrust is a group trust established and maintained in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated section 391:1 and Internal Revenue Service Revenue Ruling 81-100, 1981-1 C.B. 326, which provides for the commingled investment of retirement funds;

MissionSquare, or its wholly owned subsidiary, acts as investment adviser to VantageTrust Company, LLC, the Trustee of VantageTrust;

MissionSquare has designed, and VantageTrust Company offers, a series of separate funds (the "Funds") for the investment of plan assets as referenced in the Funds' principal disclosure documents, the Disclosure Memorandum and the Fact Sheets (together, "MissionSquare Disclosures"); and

MissionSquare provides a range of services to public employers for the operation of employee retirement plans including, but not limited to, communications concerning investment alternatives, account maintenance, account recordkeeping, investment and tax reporting, transaction processing, and benefit disbursement.

AGREEMENTS

1. Appointment of MissionSquare

Employer hereby appoints MissionSquare as administrator of the Plan to perform all nondiscretionary functions necessary for the administration of the Plan. The functions to be performed by MissionSquare shall be those set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

2. Adoption of VantageTrust

Employer has adopted the Declaration of Trust of VantageTrust Company and agrees to the commingled investment of assets of the Plan within VantageTrust. Employer agrees that the investment, management, and distribution of amounts deposited in VantageTrust shall be subject to the Declaration of Trust, as it may be amended from time to time and shall also be subject to terms and conditions set forth in disclosure documents (such as the MissionSquare Disclosures or Employer Bulletins) as those terms and conditions may be adjusted from time to time.

3. Employer Duty to Furnish Information

Employer agrees to furnish to MissionSquare on a timely basis such information as is necessary for MissionSquare to carry out its responsibilities as Administrator of the Plan, including information needed to allocate individual participant accounts to Funds in the Plan, and information as to the employment status of participants, and participant ages, addresses, and other identifying information (including tax identification numbers). Employer also agrees that it will notify MissionSquare in a timely manner regarding changes in staff as it relates to various roles. Such notification is to be completed through the plan sponsor website. MissionSquare shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of any information that is furnished to it by a responsible official of the Employer or any information relating to an individual participant or beneficiary that is furnished by such participant or beneficiary, and MissionSquare shall not be responsible for any error arising from its reliance on such information. MissionSquare will provide reports and account information to the Employer through the plan sponsor website.

Employer is required to send in contributions through the plan sponsor website. Alternative electronic methods may be allowed but must be approved by MissionSquare for use. Contributions may not be sent through paper submittal documents.

To the extent Employer selects third-party investment options that do not have profile information provided to MissionSquare through MissionSquare's

electronic data feeds from external sources (such as Morningstar) or the third-party investment option providers, the Employer is responsible for providing to MissionSquare timely investment option updates for disclosure to Plan participants. Such updates may be provided to MissionSquare through the Employer's investment consultant or other designated representative.

4. MissionSquare Representations and Warranties

MissionSquare represents and warrants to Employer that:

- (a) MissionSquare is a non-profit corporation with full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The ability of MissionSquare, or its wholly owned subsidiary, to serve as investment adviser to VantageTrust Company is dependent upon the continued willingness of VantageTrust Company for MissionSquare, or its wholly owned subsidiary, to serve in that capacity.
- (b) MissionSquare is an investment adviser registered as such with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
- (c) MissionSquare shall maintain and administer the Plan in accordance with the requirements for eligible deferred compensation plans under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and other applicable federal law; provided, however, that MissionSquare shall not be responsible for the eligible status of the Plan in the event that the Employer directs MissionSquare to administer the Plan or disburse assets in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of Section 457 or otherwise causes the Plan not to be carried out in accordance with its terms. Further, in the event that the Employer uses its own customized plan document, MissionSquare shall not be responsible for the eligible status of the Plan to the extent affected by terms in the Employer's plan document that differ from those in MissionSquare's model plan document. MissionSquare shall not be responsible for monitoring state or local law applicable to retirement plans or for administering the Plan in compliance with local or state requirements regarding plan administration unless Employer notifies MissionSquare of any such local or state requirements.

5. Employer Representations and Warranties

Employer represents and warrants to MissionSquare that:

- (a) Employer is organized in the form and manner recited in the opening paragraph of this Agreement with full power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to act for the Plan and participants in the manner contemplated in this Agreement. Execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement will not conflict with any law, rule, regulation or contract by which the Employer is bound or to which it is a party.
- (b) Employer understands and agrees that MissionSquare's sole function under this Agreement is to act as recordkeeper and to provide administrative, investment or other services at the direction of Plan participants, the Employer, its agents or designees in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Under the terms of this Agreement, MissionSquare does not render investment advice, is neither the "Plan Administrator" nor "Plan Sponsor" as those terms are defined under applicable federal, state, or local law, and does not provide legal, tax or accounting advice with respect to the creation, adoption or operation of the Plan and its related trust. MissionSquare does not perform any service under this Agreement that might cause MissionSquare to be treated as a "fiduciary" of the Plan under applicable law, except, and only, to the extent that MissionSquare provides investment advisory services to individual participants enrolled in Guided Pathways Advisory Services.
- (c) Employer acknowledges and agrees that MissionSquare does not assume any responsibility with respect to the selection or retention of the Plan's investment options. Employer shall have exclusive responsibility for the Plan's investment options, including the selection of the applicable share class.
- (d) Employer acknowledges that certain such services to be performed by MissionSquare under this Agreement may be performed by an affiliate or agent of MissionSquare pursuant to one or more other contractual arrangements or relationships, and that MissionSquare reserves the right to change vendors with which it has contracted to provide services in connection with this Agreement without prior notice to Employer.
- (e) Employer approves the use of its Plan in MissionSquare external media, publications and materials. Examples include press releases announcements and inclusion of the general plan information in request for proposal responses.

6. Participation in Certain Proceedings

The Employer hereby authorizes MissionSquare to act as agent, to appear on its behalf, and to join the Employer as a necessary party in all legal proceedings involving the garnishment of benefits or the transfer of benefits pursuant to the divorce or separation of participants in the Plan. Unless Employer notifies MissionSquare otherwise, Employer consents to the disbursement by MissionSquare of benefits that have been garnished or transferred to a former spouse, current spouse, or child pursuant to a domestic relations order or child support order.

7. Compensation and Payment

- (a) **Participant Fees.** Plan participant accounts shall be assessed an asset-based fee to cover the costs of record-keeping and other services provided by MissionSquare, and other costs associated with the Plans as directed by the Employer. The Employer shall work with MissionSquare to determine the appropriate amount of the gross asset-based fee to be charged to participant accounts, which may be increased or decreased from time to time at the direction of the Employer. At the inception of this Agreement the participant fee shall be **0.03%**.
- (b) **Revenue Requirement.** MissionSquare shall receive total annual aggregate revenue of **0.03%** of Plan assets under MissionSquare's administration for providing recordkeeping and other services to the Plans.
- (c) **Compensation for Management Services to VantageTrust Company, Compensation for Advisory and other Services to the MissionSquare Funds Class M and Payments from Third-Party Investment Options.** Employer acknowledges that MissionSquare, or its wholly owned subsidiary, receives fees from VantageTrust Company for investment advisory services and plan and participant services furnished to VantageTrust Company. Employer further acknowledges that MissionSquare, including certain of its wholly owned subsidiaries, receives compensation for advisory and other services furnished to the MissionSquare Funds Class M, which serve as the underlying portfolios of a number of Funds offered through VantageTrust. For a MissionSquare Fund Class R that invests substantially all of its assets in a third-party mutual fund not affiliated with MissionSquare, MissionSquare or its wholly owned subsidiary receives payments from the third-party mutual fund families or their service providers in the form of 12b-1

fees, service fees, compensation for sub-accounting and other services provided based on assets in the underlying third-party mutual fund. These fees are described in the MissionSquare Disclosures and MissionSquare's fee disclosure statement. In addition, to the extent that third party options are included in the investment line-up for the Plan, MissionSquare receives administrative fees from its third-party settlement and clearing agent for providing administrative and other services based on assets invested in third-party investment options; such administrative fees come from payments made by third-party investment options to the settlement and clearing agent.

- (d) **Revenue Received from Investment Options.** Neither MissionSquare nor the Employer shall retain recordkeeping revenue received directly from investment options made available under the Plan. MissionSquare shall be compensated from fees collected from the asset-based fee described in Section 7 (b) above. In the event that any Plan investment options do generate recordkeeping revenue from plan investments, MissionSquare shall, as directed by the Employer, credit any and all revenue back to those participant accounts invested in the option in question.
- (e) **Redemption Fees.** Redemption fees imposed by outside investment options in which Plan assets are invested are collected and paid to the investment option by MissionSquare. MissionSquare remits 100% of redemption fees back to the specific investment option to which redemption fees apply. These redemption fees and the individual investment option's policy with respect to redemption fees are specified in the prospectus for the individual mutual fund and referenced in the MissionSquare Disclosures.
- (f) **Payment Procedures.** All payments to MissionSquare pursuant to this Section 7 shall be made from Plan assets held by VantageTrust or received from third-party investment options or their service providers in connection with Plan assets invested in such third-party investment options, to the extent not paid by the Employer. The amount of Plan assets administered by MissionSquare shall be adjusted as required to reflect any such payments as are made from the Plan. In the event that the Employer agrees to pay amounts owed pursuant to this Section 7 directly, any amounts unpaid and outstanding after 30 days of invoice to the Employer shall be withdrawn from Plan assets.

The compensation and payment set forth in this Section 7 are contingent upon the Employer's using MissionSquare's plan sponsor website for contribution processing and submitting contribution funds by ACH or wire transfer on a consistent basis over the term of this Agreement. The compensation in this Section 7 is also based on the assets of the Plan being invested in **R10** shares of MissionSquare PLUS Fund and the Employer offering the MissionSquare PLUS Fund as the sole stable value option.

The compensation and payment in this Section 7 will take effect in the calendar quarter following receipt at a Delivery Address (defined below the signature line) of one fully executed copy of this Administrative Services Agreement based upon the following schedule:

- Agreement received by February 20 - Effective April
- Agreement received by May 20 - Effective July
- Agreement received by August 20 - Effective October
- Agreement received by November 20 - Effective January

Employer further acknowledges and agrees that compensation and payment under this Agreement shall be subject to re-negotiation in the event that the Employer (a) chooses to implement additional mutual funds that neither (i) trade via NSCC nor (ii) meet MissionSquare's daily trading operational guidelines or (b) chooses to implement investment options that are not mutual funds.

8. Indemnification

MissionSquare shall not be responsible for any acts or omissions of any person with respect to the Plan or its related trust, other than MissionSquare in connection with the administration or operation of the Plan. Employer shall indemnify MissionSquare against, and hold MissionSquare harmless from, any and all loss, damage, penalty, liability, cost, and expense, including without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees, that may be incurred by, imposed upon, or asserted against MissionSquare by reason of any claim, regulatory proceeding, or litigation arising from any act done or omitted to be done by any individual or person with respect to the Plan or its related trust, excepting only any and all loss, damage, penalty, liability, cost or expense resulting from MissionSquare's negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct.

9. Term

This Agreement shall be in effect and commence on the date all parties have signed and executed this Agreement ("Inception Date"). The term of this Agreement will commence on the Inception Date and extend **ten (10) years** from that date. This Agreement will be renewed automatically for each succeeding year unless written notice of termination is provided by either party

to the other no less than 60 days before the end of such Agreement year. The Employer understands and acknowledges that, in the event the Employer terminates this Agreement (or replaces the MissionSquare PLUS Fund of VantageTrust as an investment option in its investment line-up), MissionSquare retains full discretion to release Plan assets invested in the MissionSquare PLUS Fund in an orderly manner over a period of up to 12 months from the date MissionSquare receives written notification from the Employer that it has made a final and binding selection of a replacement for MissionSquare as administrator of the Plan (or a replacement investment option for the MissionSquare PLUS Fund).

10. Amendments and Adjustments

- (a) This Agreement may be amended by written instrument signed by the parties.
- (b) MissionSquare may modify this Agreement by providing 60 days' advance written notice to the Employer prior to the effective date of such proposed modification. Such modification shall become effective unless, within the 60-day notice period, the Employer notifies MissionSquare in writing that it objects to such modification.
- (c) The parties agree that enhancements may be made to administrative services under this Agreement. The Employer will be notified of enhancements or reduction in fees through electronic messages or special mailings.

11. Notices

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices required to be delivered under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered, mailed, e-mailed or faxed to the location of the relevant party set forth below or to such other address or to the attention of such other persons as such party may hereafter specify by notice to the other party.

MissionSquare: Legal Department, MissionSquare, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 600, Washington, D.C., 20002-4240
Facsimile; (202) 962-4601

Employer: at the office set forth in the first paragraph hereof, or to any other address, facsimile number or e-mail address designated by the Employer to receive the same by written notice similarly given.

Each such notice, request or other communication shall be effective: (i) if given by facsimile, when transmitted to the applicable facsimile number and there is appropriate confirmation of receipt; (ii) if given by mail or e-mail, upon transmission to the designated address with no indication that such address is invalid or incorrect; or (iii) if given by any other means, when actually delivered at the aforesaid address.

12. Complete Agreement

This Agreement shall constitute the complete and full understanding and sole agreement between MissionSquare and Employer relating to the object of this Agreement and correctly sets forth the complete rights, duties and obligations of each party to the other as of its date. This Agreement supersedes all written and oral agreements, communications or negotiations among the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations, verbal or otherwise, not expressly set forth in this Agreement are of no force and effect.

13. Titles

The headings of Sections of this Agreement and the headings for each of the attached Exhibits are for convenience only and do not define or limit the contents thereof.

14. Incorporation of Exhibits

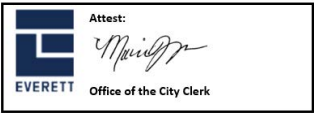
All Exhibits (and any subsequent amendments thereto), attached hereto, and referenced herein, are hereby incorporated within this Agreement as if set forth fully herein.

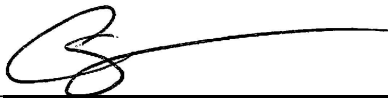
15. Governing Law

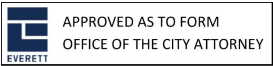
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of **Washington**, applicable to contracts made in that jurisdiction without reference to its conflicts of laws provisions.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto certify that they have read and understand this Agreement and all Exhibits attached hereto and have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the Inception Date first above written.

CITY OF EVERETT



By 
Signature/Date



By Cassie Franklin, Mayor
Name and Title (Please Print)

**THE INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION RETIREMENT CORPORATION
doing business as MISSIONSQUARE
RETIREMENT**

By 
Erica McFarquhar
Assistant Secretary

Exhibit A

Administrative Services

The administrative services to be performed by MissionSquare under this Agreement shall be as follows:

- (a) Participant enrollment services are provided online. Employees will enroll online through a secure site or the Employer will enroll employees through the plan sponsor website.
- (b) Establishment of participant accounts for each employee participating in the Plan for whom MissionSquare receives appropriate enrollment instructions. MissionSquare is not responsible for determining if such Plan participants are eligible under the terms of the Plan.
- (c) Allocation in accordance with participant directions received in good order of individual participant accounts to investment options offered under the Plan.
- (d) Maintenance of individual accounts for participants reflecting amounts deferred, income, gain or loss credited, and amounts distributed as benefits.
- (e) Maintenance of records for all participants for whom participant accounts have been established. These files shall include enrollment instructions (provided to MissionSquare through the participant website or the plan sponsor website), beneficiary designation instructions and all other documents concerning each participant's account.
- (f) Provision of periodic reports to the Employer through the plan sponsor website. Participants will have access to account information through Participant Services, Voice Response System, the participant website, and text access, and through quarterly statements that can be delivered electronically through the participant website or by postal service.
- (g) Communication to participants of information regarding their rights and elections under the Plan.
- (h) Making available Participant Services Representatives through a toll-free telephone number from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays and days on which the securities markets or MissionSquare are closed for business (including emergency closings)), to assist participants.
- (i) Making available access to MissionSquare's website, to allow participants to access certain account information and initiate certain plan transactions at any time. The participant website is normally

available 24 hours a day, seven days a week except during scheduled maintenance periods designed to ensure high-quality performance.

- (j) Maintaining the security and confidentiality of client information through a system of controls including but not limited to, as appropriate: restricting plan and participant information only to those who need it to provide services, software and hardware security, access controls, data back-up and storage procedures, non-disclosure agreements, security incident response procedures, and audit reviews.
- (k) Making available access to MissionSquare's plan sponsor web site to allow plan sponsors to access certain plan information and initiate plan transactions such as enrolling participants and managing contributions at any time. The plan sponsor web site is normally available 24 hours a day, seven days a week except during scheduled maintenance periods designed to ensure high-quality performance.
- (l) Distribution of benefits as agent for the Employer in accordance with terms of the Plan. Participants who have separated from service can request distributions through the participant website or via form.
- (m) MissionSquare is authorized by the Employer to (a) determine whether a domestic relations order is an acceptable qualified domestic relations order under the terms of the Plan and (b) establish a separate account record for the alternate payee and provide for the investment and distribution of assets held thereunder.
- (n) Loans may be made available on the terms specified in the Loan Guidelines, if loans are adopted by the Employer. Participants can request loans through the participant website.
- (o) Guided Pathways Advisory Services – MissionSquare's participant advice service, "Fund Advice", may be made available through a third-party vendor on the terms specified on MissionSquare's website.
- (p) MissionSquare is authorized by the Employer to establish an unallocated plan level expense account to function as the Administrative Allowance account, to be invested as Employer directs.
- (q) MissionSquare will determine appropriate delivery method (electronic and/or print) for plan sponsor/participant communications and education based on a number of factors (audience, effectiveness, etc.)

**457 Governmental Plan and Trust
Optional Provisions Election Form (October 2023)**

Employers should execute this form to make elections, or change prior elections, related to optional provisions contained in the MissionSquare Retirement 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust document. This form may also be used by plan sponsors utilizing an individually designed plan document.

Plan Number: 30 1333 Employer Plan Name: City Of Everett-WA

I. PLAN DOCUMENT (If you are establishing a new plan, please skip this section.)

Our plan currently uses:

- ☒ MissionSquare's model plan document
- ☐ An individually designed plan document

II. PLAN YEAR

The plan year will be (select one):

- ☒ January 1 - December 31 (Default); or
- ☐ The 12-month period beginning _____
Month Day

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following group or groups of Employees are eligible to participate in the plan:

- ☒ All Employees (Default)
- ☐ Full-time Employees
- ☐ Salaried Employees
- ☐ Non-union Employees
- ☐ Management
- ☐ Public Safety Employees
- ☐ General Employees
- ☐ Other Employees (specify the group(s) of eligible employees):

The group specified must correspond to a group of the same designation that is defined in the statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, personnel manuals or other material in effect in the state or locality of the Employer.

IV. LOANS

Loans are allowed under the plan.

- Yes ☒ No (Default)

If you select "Yes" above, you must also complete and return the Loan Guidelines Agreement in the [Loan Implementation Package for 457/401 Plan Sponsors](#).

V. DISTRIBUTIONS

- a. In-service distributions while employed with the Employer are permitted after a participant attains (select one of the options):

☒ Age 70½ (Default)
☐ Not permitted at any age

To adopt an in-service withdrawal age of 59 1/2, please complete the SECURE Act Election form.

- b. In-service distributions of rollovers are allowed at any time:

☐ Yes ☒ No (Default)

- c. Tax-free distributions for the payment of qualifying insurance premiums for eligible retired public safety officers are available under the plan.

☐ Yes ☒ No (Default)

- d. Unforeseeable emergency withdrawals are permitted.

☒ Yes (Default) ☐ No

In applying the rules for unforeseeable emergency withdrawals, the determination of any unforeseen emergency shall include circumstances applying to a Primary Beneficiary.

☒ Yes (Default) ☐ No

VI. ROTH PROVISIONS

- a. The plan will offer Designated Roth Accounts as described in Article IX.

☒ Yes ☐ No (Default)

[If No is selected, skip the remainder of this Section VI.]

- b. The plan will allow In-Plan Roth Conversions as provided in Section 9.05.

☒ Yes (Default) ☐ No

- c. Designated Roth Accounts will be available as a source for loans under the plan.

☐ Yes ☒ No or N/A (Default)

VII. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

The plan will offer automatic enrollment.

☐ Yes ☒ No (Default)

If you select "Yes" above, further steps are required to implement this feature, including completing implementation forms. We will contact you.

VIII. DEFERRAL OF SICK PAY, VACATION AND BACK PAY(CHOOSE ANY/ALL THAT APPLY)

Participants may elect to defer:

Accumulated Sick Pay
Accumulated Vacation Pay
Back Pay

Note: If no election is made, a Participant will not be able to defer any of these.

The Participant's election to defer accumulated sick pay, accumulated vacation pay, or back pay must be made before the beginning of the month in which these amounts would otherwise be paid or made available to the employee.

IX. EMPLOYER MATCH (See Addendum)

Employer will match Elective Deferrals and Default Elective Deferrals ("Deferrals").

☒ Yes

☐ No (Default)

[If No is selected, skip the remainder of Section IX. IF YES, COMPLETE ALL THAT APPLY].

Employer Percentage Match of Deferrals

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant an amount determined as follows (subject to the limitations of Article V of the plan):

_____ % of the Deferrals made on behalf of the Participant for the Plan Year (not including Deferrals exceeding _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____);

Plus _____ % of the Deferrals made on behalf of the Participant for the Plan Year in excess of those included in the above paragraph (but not including Deferrals exceeding in the aggregate _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____).

Employer matching contributions on behalf of a Participant for a Plan Year shall not exceed \$ _____ or _____ % of Earnings, whichever is (CHOOSE ONE) more less.

Employer Dollar Match of Deferrals

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant an amount determined as follows (subject to the limitations of Article V of the plan):

\$ _____ for each _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____ that the Employer contributes on behalf of the Participant as Deferrals for the Plan Year (not including Deferrals exceeding _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____);

Plus \$ _____ for each _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____ that the Employer contributes on behalf of the Participant as Deferrals for the Plan Year in excess of those included in the above paragraph (but not including Deferrals exceeding in the aggregate _____ % of Earnings or \$ _____).

Employer matching contributions on behalf of a Participant for a Plan Year shall not exceed \$ _____ or _____ % of Earnings, whichever is (CHOOSE ONE) more less.

X. MILITARY SERVICE ELECTIONS

- a. Plan contributions shall be made under the plan for differential wage payments (i.e., payments made by the employer to an individual performing military service that represents all or a portion of the wages he/she would have received).

☒ Yes (Default) ☐ No

If yes is selected, this is effective beginning January 1, 2009 (or if later, the effective date of the Plan), unless another effective date is filled in here:

- b. A participant shall be deemed to have a severance from employment for purposes of eligibility for a distribution during any period of military service for more than 30 days.

☐ Yes ☒ No (Default)

- c. A participant who dies or becomes Disabled (as defined in the plan) while performing qualified military service shall receive plan contributions as if the individual had resumed employment on the day preceding death or disability and then terminated employment on the actual date of death or disability.

☐ Yes ☒ No (Default)

If yes is selected, this is effective for participants who died or became disabled while performing military service on or after January 1, 2007 (or if later, the effective date of the plan), unless another effective date is filled in here:

_____ (date cannot be prior to January 1, 2007)

XI. SPOUSAL CONSENT (APPLIES ONLY TO COMMUNITY PROPERTY STATES)

If your state is not a community property state, skip the remainder of Section XI.

Where spousal consent is required, it will apply to:

- ☒ Only to persons who are married (Default)

A person who is married, who is a domestic partner under state law, or who is a person in a civil union or other formally recognized personal partnership

A person who is married or who is a domestic partner under state law

A person who is married or is a person in a civil union or other formally recognized personal partnership

Note: This election applies only for plans in community property states requiring the consent of a spouse to name someone other than the spouse as a beneficiary, and only for determining who is treated as a "spouse" for this purpose and not for any other plan purposes.

XII. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

If you are making changes to an existing plan, please summarize the changes along with the effective dates of the changes below and identify the applicable Optional Provisions Election Form section number. If you are establishing a new plan, please skip this section.

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|----|-----------------------------------|---|
| a. | <u>Add Age 59.5 (SECURE Form)</u> | Effective Date: <u>07</u> / <u>01</u> / <u>2025</u> |
| b. | <u>Other Updates under SECURE</u> | Effective Date: <u>07</u> / <u>01</u> / <u>2025</u> |
| c. | <u>(SECURE Form)</u> | Effective Date: ___/___/___ |
| d. | _____ | Effective Date: ___/___/___ |

XIII. EMPLOYER SIGNATURE

By signing, Employer confirms he or she is authorized to make the elections specified on this form.

Employer hereby appoints MissionSquare Retirement as the non-discretionary Plan Administrator in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MissionSquare Retirement Corporation 457 Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust.

Employer hereby attests that it is a unit of state or local government or an agency or instrumentality of one or more units of state or local government.

Employer acknowledges that applicable state law may or may not allow for the addition of an Automatic Enrollment Feature in their 457(b) plan administered by MissionSquare Retirement, and Employer assumes full responsibility for the decision to add such a feature to their plan.

Employer Signature: _____

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 08/18/2025

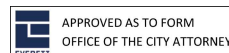
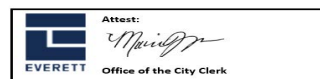
Name (Please Print): Cassie Franklin

Title: Mayor

Preferred Phone Number: (N/A)

Email Address: N/A

Plan Number: 301333



This form can be returned by email, fax, or mail using the information below.

Online: Submit through secure messaging to:
www.employers.msqplanservices.org

Fax to: MissionSquare Plan Services
(844) 677-3297

Mail to: MissionSquare Plan Services
P.O. Box 219320
Kansas City, MO 64121-9320



June 11, 2025

MissionSquare Plan Services
P.O. Box 219320
Kansas City, MO.
64121-9320

Re: 457 Plan #301333

In relation request to the request for Secure 2.0 provisions, please see the below employer contributions and match amounts for 2025. Please note, employer contributions/match amounts are pursuant to collective bargaining and are subject to change.

- EPOA members: Dollar for dollar match up to a maximum of \$149.43 biweekly.
- EMPA members:
 - Police Lieutenants: City contribution of \$356.12 biweekly
 - Police Captains: City contribution of \$382.71 biweekly
- IAFF members: City contribution of \$240.24 biweekly
- Commissioned appointive staff: City contribution of \$504.03 – \$569.76 biweekly (rate varies dependent on job classification held)

Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding implementation.

Thank you,

Chelsi Bardwell
HR Operations Manager
cbardwell@everettwa.gov
(425) 257-8708

Human Resources

Category 2: Sensitive information
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SECURE ACT 2.0 and 1.0 Election Form

Use this form to adopt any of the provisions made available by The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE 1.0), SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022, and related legislation. If you would like to add these provisions to more than one plan, please complete one form per plan.

I. SECURE 2.0 and Related Provisions

A. Roth Provisions (Available in 401(k), 457(b), and 403(b) plans and is not available in (i) 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans without the 401(k) feature or (ii) 401(a) Money Purchase Plans)

Note: While the ability to adopt Roth is not a SECURE 2.0 provision, if you wish to allow participants to make age-based catch-up contributions after 2025 in your 401(k), 457(b), or 403(b) plans, you must adopt a Roth Contribution provision. **If you allow age-50 catch-up contributions and your plan currently does not offer Roth contributions**, check below to add the Roth Contribution provision and indicate whether you will permit in-plan Roth conversions and whether Roth amounts will be available for participant loans.

☒ Add Roth Contributions

The plan will permit in-plan Roth Conversions.

☒ Yes (Default) ☐ No

The Roth account will be an available source for loans.

☐ Yes ☒ No or N/A (Default)

Note: To officially adopt the Roth features, you will need to also review and execute applicable adoption materials. Our Plan Design Team will reach out to you with prepopulated versions of the applicable materials upon receipt of this form.

B. Eliminate the “first date of the month” rule for 457(b) deferral changes. The plan will permit all deferral initiation and change requests to transpire as soon as administratively feasible, but no later than on the earliest date the deferrals can reasonably be segregated from the employer’s general assets, rather than the first pay period of the following month.

☒ Yes ☐ No (“No” is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

C. Student Loan Repayment Match (Available in 401(k), 457(b), and 403(b) plans and is not available in (i) 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans without the 401(k) feature or (ii) 401(a) Money Purchase Plans)

For purposes of calculating the employer match of participant elective deferrals into the plan in which the match will be made, qualified student loan repayments made by the participant shall be treated as participant elective deferrals.

☐ Yes ☒ No (“No” is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

Note: To adopt the student loan repayment match provision, the plan must be offering an elective deferral match. To officially adopt the Roth features, you may need to also review and execute applicable adoption materials to adopt the elective deferral match provision. Our plan design team will reach out to you with prepopulated versions of the applicable materials upon receipt of this form.

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D. Distribution for victims of domestic abuse (Available in 457(b), 403(b), 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans that have not made a "QJSA Election")

The plan will permit participants to receive, upon written request, a distribution of up to the lesser of \$10,000 (indexed) or 50% of the participant's vested account balance during the one-year period beginning on any date on which the individual is a victim of domestic abuse by a spouse or domestic partner. Plan sponsors may rely upon the participant's self-certification that they are victims of abuse with no documentation needed.

Such a distribution is exempt from the 10% early distribution tax penalty and is exempt from the mandatory 20% withholding; and can be repaid into the account within 3 years without regard to the usual 60-day time limit for rollovers if elected.

☒ Yes ☐ No ("No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

If "Yes" is selected, Domestic Abuse Victim Distributions may be distributed on or after: 07/01/2025
(insert a date no earlier than 01/01/2025).

E. \$1,000 withdrawal for certain emergency expenses (Available in 457(b), 403(b), 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans)

The plan will permit participants to receive, upon written request, a distribution of up to \$1,000 (or if the participant's vested balance is less than \$2,000, the amount that exceeds \$1,000) to pay for unforeseen or immediate financial needs relating to necessary personal or family emergency expenses. Plan sponsors may rely upon the participant's self-certification that they are eligible for emergency withdrawals with no documentation needed.

A participant is not permitted to receive more than one emergency withdrawal per year. Additionally, a participant is not permitted to take another emergency withdrawal from the plan during the immediately following three (3) calendar years unless the amount of withdrawal is repaid, or equivalent contributions are made to the plan.

Such a distribution is exempt from the 10% early distribution tax penalty and is exempt from the mandatory 20% withholding; and can be repaid into the account within 3 years without regard to the usual 60-day time limit for rollovers if elected.

☐ Yes ☒ No ("No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

If "Yes" is selected, \$1,000 withdrawal for certain emergency expenses may be distributed on or after:
_____ (insert a date no earlier than 01/01/2025).

F. Self-certification for hardship withdrawals (Available in 403(b), 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans with the 401(k) feature)

The plan will permit participants to self-certify that a distribution is on account of a financial need that IRS regulations deem to create an immediate and heavy financial need, the amount of the distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy the financial need, and that the participant has no alternative means reasonably available to meet the financial need.

☐ Yes ☒ No ("No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

The distribution will be processed without plan sponsor approval. If you as the plan sponsor wish to approve each request, check this box ☐.

If the box is checked, the plan sponsor will be required to approve each request.

G. Self-certification unforeseeable emergency withdrawals (Available in 457(b) Plans)

The plan will permit participants to self-certify that a distribution is being made when a participant is faced with an unforeseeable emergency of a type that is described in IRS regulations as an unforeseeable emergency, the amount of the distribution is not in excess of the amount required to satisfy the emergency need, and the participant has no alternative means reasonably available to satisfy the emergency need.

☐ Yes ☒ No (“No” is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

The distribution will be processed without plan sponsor approval. If you as the plan sponsor wish to approve each request, check this box ☐.

If the box is checked, the plan sponsor will be required to approve each request.

H. Distribution for qualified Federally declared natural disasters (Available in 457(b), 403(b), 401(a) Money Purchase, 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans)

The plan will permit qualified participants to receive, upon written request, a distribution of up to \$22,000 per Federally declared natural disaster. A participant is qualified if:

- The individual's principal residence at any time during the incident period of any qualified disaster is in the qualified disaster area with respect to that disaster, and
- The individual has sustained an economic loss by reason of that qualified disaster.

Plan sponsors may rely upon the participant's self-certification that they are a qualified individual with no documentation needed, unless the plan sponsor has actual knowledge to the contrary.

Whether a disaster is a formally declared disaster and qualified can be determined here:

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations>

Such distribution may be made on or after the first day of the incident period of a qualified disaster and before the date that is 179 days after the latest of the following three dates:

- Dec. 29, 2022,
- The first day of the incident period with respect to the qualified disaster, or
- The date of the disaster declaration with respect to the qualified disaster.

Such a distribution is exempt from the 10% early distribution tax penalty, is includible in income over 3 years, and is exempt from the mandatory 20% withholding; and can be repaid into the account within 3 years without regard to the usual 60-day time limit for rollovers if elected.

☒ Yes ☐ No (“No” is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

I. Age 60-63 “Super Catch-up” (Available in 457(b), 403(b), 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans with the 401(k) feature)

Starting January 1, 2025, participants who attain age 60-63 can contribute \$11,250. Note that this provision will be automatically integrated into the applicable plans in starting 2026. To adopt this for 2025, please check yes below.

☒ Yes ☐ No (“No” is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.)

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II. SECURE 1.0 and Related Provisions

- J. **In-Service Distributions at Age 59.5 (Available in 457(b), 403(b), and 401(a) Money Purchase Plans) The Plan will permit in-service withdrawals at age 59.5**

Note: Not applicable to 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans, as this provision is already available in your plan. You can change the in-service distribution age in your Profit Sharing Plan submitting a revised Adoption Agreement.

☒ Yes ☐ No (*"No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.*)

- K. **Qualified Birth and Adoption (Available in 457(b), 403(b), 401(a) Money Purchase, 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans)**

The plan will permit participants to receive, upon written request, a distribution of up to \$5,000 per qualifying birth or adoption (not to exceed \$5,000 across all retirement accounts of the participant).

Note to 401(a) Money Purchase Plan Sponsors: Such a withdrawal can only be undertaken if the participant meets the plan's existing in-service withdrawal criteria.

Such a distribution is exempt from the 10% early distribution tax penalty and is exempt from the mandatory 20% withholding; and can be repaid into the account within 3 years without regard to the usual 60-day time limit for rollovers if elected. A qualified adoption distribution would be limited to the adoption of children who are under age 18 or who are physically or mentally incapable of self-support.

☐ Yes ☒ No (*"No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.*)

Note: If you elect to offer this provision, your plan may need to offer the ability for participants to roll assets into the plan.


- L. **MissionSquare Retirement IncomeAdvantage In-Service Distribution (Available in 457(b), 401(a) Money Purchase, 401(a) Profit Sharing Plans that have the MissionSquare Income Advantage Fund as an available Investment Option)**

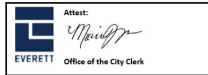
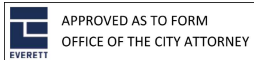
In the event the MissionSquare Retirement IncomeAdvantage Fund is no longer an investment option under the plan, a Participant shall, upon written request, be permitted to roll these assets to another plan. Such a distribution can be undertaken regardless of the participants eligibility pertaining to in-service distributions.

☐ Yes ☒ No (*"No" is the default provision under the Plan if no selection is made.*)

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By signing below, we intend to amend the plan to allow these provisions as of the date below or as soon as administratively feasible. **Please submit one form per plan number.**

EMPLOYER PLAN NUMBER: 301333	EMPLOYER PLAN NAME: City Of Everett	
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PLAN REPRESENTATIVE: 		
PRINT NAME: Cassie Franklin		
TITLE: Mayor		
DATE: (MM/DD/YYYY) 08/18/2025	EMAIL ADDRESS: N/A	PHONE NUMBER: N/A



This form can be returned by secure message, fax, or mail using the information below.

Online: Submit through secure messaging: <https://accountaccess.missionsq.org/login.html>

Fax to: MissionSquare Plan Services (844) 677-3297

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