

RE-HIRE CHECKLIST – PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

Welcome back to the Town of West Seneca! Your reactivation of employment is pending Town Board approval and meeting required contingencies with the Town of West Seneca.

As part of your onboarding process, we will need you to complete ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS in the rehire packet.

Below is a list of the documents included in the re-hire packet. **ALL ARE REQUIRED** unless otherwise noted as optional. Please review your packet before submitting to Human Resources. Use the Document List below to check for completed form. <u>Also, return the re-hire paperwork in the order of the Document List below</u>.

DOCUMENT NAME

CHECK WHEN COMPLETED

ECO CHANGE FORM	
EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM	
W4	
IT2104	
PHYSICAL	
BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION	
DRUG TEST AUTHORIZATION	
DIRECT DEPOSIT FORM	
NYSLRS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (PT/SEASONAL)	
ERS APPLICATION (OPTIONAL)	
CODE OF ETHICS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
CODE OF ETHICS AND ACKNOWLEDGEWENT	

For your records:

HEALTHWORKS INSTRUCTIONS – Bring to your drug screen

Upon completion of all required documents, your re-hire packet will be submitted to the Finance Department for set up in the payroll and time and attendance system. Please be aware that incomplete paperwork may delay your approved start date. Also, failure to meet the contingency requirements may delay your approved start date as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me via email at lscibetta@ebchcm.com or phone at (716) 482-7582. I look forward to working together to support the Town of West Seneca.

Lisa Scibetta

HR Advisor to the Town of West Seneca

Employee Change Form Information

For Supplementary Payroll Certification Report of Personnel Change to Erie County

Effective Date:

Employee Data							
Social Security Number:		Retirement Number:					
Name (Last, First):		Veteran Exemption (Y/N	1):				
Street Address:		Dates of Service:	From: To:				
City/Town:		Volunteer Firemen: (Y/N	1)				
Zip Code:		Dates of Service:	From: To:				

Title – Classification – Salary Information						
Are you currently	emp	loyed by the Town of West Se	eneca? (Y/N)			
If "yes", complete	belo	ow. If "no", leave blank:	Must be completed:			
Current Title:			New Title:			
Current Salary:			New Salary:			
Type (Check One)	:	Meeting	Type (Check One):	Meeting		
		Daily		Daily		
		Hourly		Hourly		
		Weekly		Weekly		
		BiWeekly		BiWeekly		
		Quarterly		Quarterly		
		Annually		Annually		
Classification:		Competitive	Classification:	Competitive		
(Check One)		Non-Competitive	(Check One)	Non-Competitive		
		Labor		Labor		
		Exempt		Exempt		
		Unclassified		Unclassified		

Employee Type – For Temporary Appointment, WRITE IN END DATE					
Full Time Permanent	Part Time Temporary Seasonal				
Full Time Provisional	Regular Part Time Permanent				
Full Time Temporary	Regular Part Time Temporary				
Part Time Regular Permanent	Full Time Contingent Permanent				
Part Time Temporary	Part Time Provisional				
Part Time Permanent	Regular Part Time Provisional				



Emergency Contact Sheet

Name:			
In the event of an emerge	ncy situation, please o	contact the follo	owing individual(s):
	Primary Contact:		Secondary Contact:
Contact Name:			
Relationship:			
Daytime Phone Number:			·
Home Phone Number:			
Cellular Phone Number:			·
D	ON'T FORGET HEALTH	I INSURANCE & I	RETIREMENT SYSTEM
If you have health insurance	with the Town and/or a	re a member of th	ne NYS Retirement System, please call the
following numbers for a char	nge of address.		
Blue	Cross Blue Shield:	1-800-544-258	83
NYS	Retirement System:	1-866-805-099	90
In the event of an emergence	y, each employee's emer	rgency contact info	ormation may be accessed confidentially by
Department Heads. If you do	not wish to have your e	emergency contact	t information shared with the Department Heads,
please initial here:			
Employee Signature:		_ Date:	
Should any of the above informati	on change, please submit rev	visions to a member o	of the Human Resources Department.
Payroll	Bene	efits	HR

Employee's Withholding Certificate

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Give Form W-4 to your employer.

OMB No. 1545-0074

Department of the Treasury		Give Fo		<u> </u>		
Internal Revenue Se			ng is subject to review by the IF	łs.	1 1 1	
Step 1:	(a) ⊦	irst name and middle initial	Last name		(b) S	ocial security number
Enter						
Personal	Addre	SS				your name match the on your social security
Information	0.1	1710			card?	If not, to ensure you get
	City c	r town, state, and ZIP code				for your earnings, ot SSA at 800-772-1213
					or go t	to www.ssa.gov.
	(c)	Single or Married filing separately				
		Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving s	spouse			
-		Head of household (Check only if you're unmar	rried and pay more than half the costs	of keeping up a home for yo	ourself ar	nd a qualifying individual.)
		4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwis m withholding, other details, and privac		2 for more information	n on e	ach step, who can
Step 2:		Complete this step if you (1) hold mor				
Multiple Job	S	also works. The correct amount of with	innolaing depends on income	e earned from all of tr	iese jo	DS.
or Spouse		Do only one of the following.				
Works		(a) Reserved for future use.				
		(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet	on page 3 and enter the resu	It in Step 4(c) below;	or	
		(c) If there are only two jobs total, you option is generally more accurate higher paying job. Otherwise, (b) is	than (b) if pay at the lower pa			
		TIP: If you have self-employment inco	ome, see page 2.			
		4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of the you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form			s. (You	ur withholding will
Step 3:		If your total income will be \$200,000 or	or less (\$400,000 or less if ma	arried filing jointly):		
Claim Dependent		Multiply the number of qualifying of	children under age 17 by \$2,0	00 \$	-	
and Other		Multiply the number of other depe	endents by \$500	. \$	-	
Credits		Add the amounts above for qualifying this the amount of any other credits.		ents. You may add to		\$
Step 4		(a) Other income (not from jobs).	If you want tax withheld f	or other income you	ı	
(optional):		expect this year that won't have w	<u> </u>			
Other		This may include interest, dividend	ds, and retirement income .		4(a)) \$
Adjustments	3	(h) Deductions If you expect to along	a deductions other than the of	andard daduation on		
•		(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim want to reduce your withholding, t				
		the result here	doc the beddenons workshee	t on page o and onto	4(b)) s
		(c) Extra withholding. Enter any addi	tional tax you want withheld e	each pay period	4(c)) \$
Step 5: Sign Here	Unde	r penalties of perjury, I declare that this cert	ificate, to the best of my knowled	dge and belief, is true, c	orrect, a	and complete.
	Em	ployee's signature (This form is not va	alid unless you sign it.)	Da	ite	
Employers Only	Emp	oyer's name and address		First date of employment	Employ numbe	ver identification r (EIN)

Form W-4 (2023)

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW4.

Purpose of Form

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Exemption from withholding. You may claim exemption from withholding for 2023 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2022 and you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2023. You had no federal income tax liability in 2022 if (1) your total tax on line 24 on your 2022 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 27, 28, and 29), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2023 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions above by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). Then, complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 15, 2024.

Your privacy. If you have concerns with Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b); if you have concerns with Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c).

Self-employment. Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay income and self-employment taxes through withholding from your wages, you should enter the self-employment income on Step 4(a). Then compute your self-employment tax, divide that tax by the number of pay periods remaining in the year, and include that resulting amount per pay period on Step 4(c). You can also add half of the annual amount of self-employment tax to Step 4(b) as a deduction. To calculate self-employment tax, you generally multiply the self-employment income by 14.13% (this rate is a quick way to figure your selfemployment tax and equals the sum of the 12.4% social security tax and the 2.9% Medicare tax multiplied by 0.9235). See Pub. 505 for more information, especially if the sum of self-employment income multiplied by 0.9235 and wages exceeds \$160,200 for a given individual.

Nonresident alien. If you're a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Specific Instructions

Step 1(c). Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

Step 2. Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work.

Page 2

If you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may check the box in option (c). The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is roughly accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



Multiple jobs. Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Step 3. This step provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information. You can also include other tax credits for which you are eligible in this step, such as the foreign tax credit and the education tax credits. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

Step 4 (optional).

Step 4(a). Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

Step 4(b). Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 5, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2023 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for student loan interest and IRAs.

Step 4(c). Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe.



Department of Taxation and Finance

IT-2104

Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate New York State • New York City • Yonkers

First name and middle initial	Last name		Your Social Security number
Permanent home address (number and street or rural route)		Apartment number	Single or Head of household Married
City, village, or post office	State	ZIP code	Married, but withhold at higher single rate Note: If married but legally separated, mark an X in the Single or Head of household box.
Are you a resident of New York City?	No 🗌 No 🗆		
 Before making any entries, see the <i>Note</i> below, and Total number of allowances you are claiming for New Y Total number of allowances for New York City (from 	ork State and Yon	ikers, if applicable (from line 1	(9, if using worksheet) 1
Use lines 3, 4, and 5 below to have additional with			
3 New York State amount			3 4
certify that I am entitled to the number of withholding Penalty – A penalty of \$500 may be imposed for any from your wages. You may also be subject to criminal	false statement		the amount of money you have withhel
Employee's signature			Date
Employee: Give this form to your employer and keep f needed.	a copy for your	records. Remember to re-	view this form once a year and update i
Note: Single taxpayers with one job and zero depend dependents, heads of household or taxpayers that ex he instructions. Visit www.tax.ny.gov (search: IT-2104)	pect to itemize of	leductions or claim tax cre	e). Married taxpayers with or without edits, or both, complete the worksheet in
Employer: Keep this certificate with your records. f any of the following apply, mark an X in each correspondably of this form to New York State. See <i>Employer</i> in the	onding box, comp		
A Employee claimed more than 14 exemption allowa	nces for New Yo	ork State A	
B Employee is a new hire or a rehire B First date e	mployee performed	d services for pay (mm-dd-yyyy)	(see Box B instructions):
You may report new hire information online ins	stead of mailing	the form to New York Stat	e. Visit www.nynewhire.com.
Note: Employers must report individuals under using the online reporting website above, not	-	ent contractor arrangem	ent with contracts in excess of \$2,500
Are dependent health insurance benefits availab	le for this emplo	yee? Yes	No
If Yes, enter the date the employee qualifies ((mm-dd-yyyy):		
Employer's name and address (Employer: complete this section only if you	u are sending a copy of	this form to the New York State Tax De	Employer identification number





Employee's Information

TOWN OF WEST SENECA PROOF OF PHYSICAL FORM

This form is to be completed by the (prospective) employee's physician and must be presented to Human Resources on the employee's first day of employment. Please be aware that incomplete paperwork may delay employee's start date.

**As an alternative to this Physical Form, the Town will accept a record of a physical (documented and signed by a medical provider) that has been performed within the last 12-months, prior to the employee's date of hire.

	(Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	
Address				
	(Number and Street)		(Town, State)	
Date of Birth				
	(MM/DD/YYYY)			
Department			Job Title	
mployee Ack	nowledgement:			
Лу employme	nt is also contingent upon p	providing the Towr	with required proof of a reco	ent medical physical.
		•	hire candidates whose proof	of physical form
ndicates they	are physically unable to per	form the work for	which they were hired.	
	mployee		 Date	

Job Information (Highway, Buildings & Grounds, Sanitation, Sewers, Electrical)

Employees in these departments may be required to perform tasks that involve motions such as:

- Lifting, Pulling or Pushing up to 50 pounds
- Climbing (such as ladders or into equipment)
- Driving
- Bending, Twisting, Stooping
- Operation of motorized equipment
- Standing for at least four (4) hours continuously without a break
- Walking for at least four (4) hours continuously without a break



Physician's Statement

Employ	yee Name:		
Is the 6	employee able to perform the foll	owing work duties:	
1.	Lifting, Pulling or Pushing up to	50 pounds?	☐ Yes ☐ No
2.	Climbing (such as ladders or into	o equipment)	
3.	Driving		
4.	Bending, Twisting, Stooping		Yes 🗆 No
5.	Operation of motorized equipme	ent	☐ Yes ☐ No
6.	Standing for at least four (4) ho	urs continuously without a break	Yes 🗆 No
7.	Walking for at least four (4) hou	rs continuously without a break	
8.	Is the employee able to perform	the essential job functions of the job for w	hich he/she is applying with
	or without reasonable accommo	odation?	Yes 🗆 No
If the r	esponse to any of the above ques	tions was "No", please indicate the anticipa	ted duration of the
conditi	on:		
	er Name and Name of Practice:		
Provide	er Address:		
Provide	er Signature:		
Date:			



BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION/RELEASE

Print Name:					
	(First)		(Middle)	(Last)	
Former Name(s) an	d Dates Use	d:			
Current Address Sir	ice:				
	(Mo/Yr)	(Street)		(City)	(State/Zip)
Previous Address Fr					
	(Mo/Yr)	(Street)		(City)	(State/Zip)
Previous Address Fr					
	(Mo/Yr)	(Street)		(City)	(State/Zip)
Social Security Num	ber:			Date of Bi	rth:
Telephone:					
(Hor		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(Work)		(Mobile)
Vest Seneca and its design ausing a consumer report nderstand that the scope ollowing areas: verification ackground, character refeastice agency in any or all fecords.	ated agents a and/or an inv of the consur of social sec rences; drug federal, state	and represent vestigative cor mer report/in curity number; testing, credit, county jurisc	atives to connsumer repovestigative contrent and report/histodictions; driving	duct a comprehence to be generated on sumer report in previous residentary, civil and criming records, birth	e. I hereby authorize the Town of nsive review of my background d for employment purposes. I hay include, but is not limited to eces; employment history, educat nal history records from any crim records, and any other public
ne Town of West Seneca o	orcement ag r its agents.	encies) to divu I further auth	ulge any and orize the con	all information, vention, vention and the second control of the se	uding the Social Security erbal or written, pertaining to me any records or data pertaining to lude information or data received
ssigned agencies, including	g officers, em Itever kind, w	ployees, or re which may, at a	elated persor any time, res	nel both individu	is agents, officials, representative ally and collectively, from any an rs, family, or associates because o
gnature:				Date:	



EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL TESTING

I hereby agree, upon a request made under the drug/alcohol testing policy of the **Town of West Seneca**, **New York**, to submit to a drug or alcohol test and to furnish a sample of my urine, breath, and/or blood for analysis. I understand and agree that if I at any time refuse to submit to a drug or alcohol test under Town policy, or if I otherwise fail to cooperate with the testing procedures, I may be subject to immediate termination. I further authorize and give full permission to have the Town and/or its Town physician send the specimen or specimens so collected to a laboratory for a screening test for the presence of any prohibited substances under the policy, and for the laboratory or other testing facility to release any and all documentation relating to such test to the Town and/or to any governmental entity involved in a legal proceeding or investigation connected with the test. Finally, I authorize the Town to disclose any documentation relating to such test to any governmental entity involved in a legal proceeding or investigation connected with the test.

I understand that only duly-authorized Town officers, employees, and agents will have access to information furnished or obtained in connection with the test; that they will maintain and protect the confidentiality of such information to the greatest extent possible; and that they will share such information only to the extent necessary to make employment decisions and to respond to inquiries or notices from government entities.

WE HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE TOWN, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, GDY, INC. AND ITS EMPLOYEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL HARM, LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DAMAGES AND COSTS THAT MAY ARISE FROM OR BE RELATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO A DRUG TEST. SUCH HARM, LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DAMAGES AND COSTS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: PHYSICAL HARM OR INJURY; LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT OR ADVERSE JOB ACTION THAT MIGHT ARISE AS A RESULT OF THE TEST; ALLEGED HARM THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE RELEASE OR USE OF INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE TEST.

This policy and authorization have been explained to me in a language I understand, and I have been told that if I have any questions about the test or the policy, they will be answered.

Signature of Employee	Date
Employee's Name - Printed	
Town Representative	Date



TOWN OF WEST SENECA PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREEN INFORMATION FORM

Town of West Seneca 1250 Union Rd West Seneca, NY 14224

Employee N	ame:		

Please bring this form to HealthWorks with you.

- Drug screens must be performed at HealthWorks WNY located at 1900 Ridge Rd, West Seneca (Seneca Square Plaza).
- Hours of Operation are Monday Friday 8:00am 4:00pm. No appointment is necessary.
- You must bring picture ID. If you have a CDL License, you will need to present this as ID.
- Drug screens must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving the packet.
- Please contact Human Resources at 716.674.7900 with any questions.

HealthWorks

CDL License holders will receive a 10-panel screen. All other new hire candidates will receive a 9-panel screen.

Please process this under the account GDY Professional Investigation.





DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

Last Name	First Name			Last 4 SSN	
Please complete form e	ven if you have had I	Direct Deposit	in the past.		
Bank Name	Transit/	Type of	Amount or	Account Number	
	ABA Number	Account	Percent		
		[] Checking			
		[] Savings			
		[] Checking			
		[] Savings			
		[] Checking			
		[] Savings			
		[] Checking			
		[] Savings			
accounts are designated, d The Town will credit my a morning of pay date howe has no control over my b	eposits are to be made account(s) the amount wer each bank posts for ank's posting. Also, I	e in whole perce t of my payroll ounds to accounts hereby grant th	ntages of pay to check on payda at different tin e Town of Wes	e percentages specified. (If two or more total 100%.) y. Deposits are normally available the nes daily, and the Town of West Senecast Seneca the right to correct any suching my account to the extent of such	
my responsibility to verify	deposits on a per pay is not responsible for	date basis befor bank errors or b	e writing checks bank fees. Bank	receipt and without advice to me. It is against these funds. I understand that ing services are provided in accordance n.	
termination or change. I u my behalf. If this occurs, i	nderstand that if my a my employer will not ORDER TO TERMINAT	account has clos be able to proce E OR REVOKE TH	ed, my financia ess any further	ved written authorization from me of its I institution cannot accept a deposit on direct deposits without further written FION, I MUST NOTIFY MY EMPLOYER IN	
Signature:				Date:	

Please allow 2-4 weeks for your direct deposit to begin.

Please verify with your bank that your first direct deposit has been processed correctly.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM ELIGIBILITY

I,	, as an employee of the Town of
(Print Employee Name)	
West Seneca, was offered the option of enrolling	g in the New York State and Local
Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Sec	ction 45 of the New York State
Retirement and Social Security Law.	
Employee Signature	Date
Town Representative	 Date

Employees' Retirement System Office of the New York State Comptroller Received Date **Membership Registration RS 5420** New York State and Local Retirement System 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001 Plan Tier Rate Date of Membership (mm/dd/yyyy) Fax Number: (518) 486-4382 For questions concerning Member Enrollment call: (518) 474-3081 NYSLRS ID Social Security Number * **Registration Number** Part 1: Employee - Read information provided on page 2. Complete part 1 and sign at the bottom of the form. Middle Initial: **Employee's Last Name:** First Name: Employee's Address: City State **Zip Code** Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Former Name: (if applicable) Sex Are you receiving or about to receive a pension from a New York State or New York City public retirement system? Yes No If yes, please indicate name of system: Are you inactive or withdrawn from a New York State or New York City public retirement system? Yes No If yes, please indicate name of system: (NYS Teachers', NYS Employees', NYS Police and Fire, NYC Police Pension Fund, NYC Fire Pension Fund, NYC Board of Education, NYC Teachers', NYC Employees') Part 2: Employer - See page 2 for additional information and instructions regarding the completion of this form. Employer's Name: Employer's Telephone: Employer's Address: **Employer's Fax Number:** Job Code [1] **Employee Classification** Regular [2] ☐ Full Time ☐ 12 Month ☐ 10 Month ☐12 M Provisional LIOn Call Part Time Temporary Seasonal Substitute Per Diem Date of Full-Time Permanent Standard For State Agency Use Only -**Location Code** Hire Date [3a] Workday [4] Agency Code Appointment [3b] Day Month Month Year Day Year For a substitute, seasonal, on call or per diem employee, please check if he/she/they Frequency of Payment Semi - Monthly Monthly Quarterly Semi- Annually Annually Other- Please Specify_ | Weekly | Bi-Weekly Projected Annualized Wage [5] Tier 6 requires employers to determine the Annualized Wage for individuals who work part-time, seasonal, or on an hourly, daily, or unit of work basis. We ask that you use this calculation for all other tiers as well. See page 2 for examples. Important: If your employment is on a part-time, temporary or provisional basis, or less than 12 months a year, membership is optional. If your membership is optional, you must sign and date below to affirm Retirement System Membership. I acknowledge that my membership in the New York state and Local Retirement System is governed by provisions of Article 15 of the Retirement and Social Security Law and that I am entitled to all the benefits thereof. I understand that, as required by law, a deduction will be made from my salary or compensation for retirement contributions. Date: ___ Employee's Signature: **Employee's Telephone Number: Employee's Email Address:**

Part 1 - Employee Instructions

Important: If your employment is on a part-time, temporary or provisional basis, or less than 12 months a year, membership is optional. If your membership is optional and you **do not wish** to join the Retirement System, do not complete this application.

Warning: If you are receiving or are about to receive a pension from another New York State or New York City public retirement system, contact us directly before enrolling in NYSLRS. Enrollment may result in suspension of your pension benefit. NYSLRS retirees should contact us directly before enrollment to discuss working after retirement and possible restoration of membership.

Membership Information:

- If you are currently an active or vested member of any other public retirement system in New York State, you should contact that system concerning the advantages of transferring your membership to this System. Failure to contact that system could cause loss of the privilege of transferring membership and may affect contribution cessation dates.
- If you were previously a member of any public retirement system in New York State, and your membership was terminated or withdrawn, you may be eligible for a reinstatement of that membership. It is highly recommended that if you have a prior Tier 1 or 2 membership in any New York public retirement system that you complete the Tier Reinstatement application, RS5506 and include it with your membership registration application.
- You may also be eligible to receive credit for public service earned with a participating employer before your current date of membership. This additional service may impact your future benefits.
- You are covered by the Death Benefit allowed by law for your tier and plan status. If you have not already done so, complete an RS5127 Designation of Beneficiary with Contingent Beneficiaries form to designate beneficiary(ies) to receive an Ordinary Death Benefit. If there is no RS5127 Designation of Beneficiary with Contingent Beneficiaries on file with this System, your Ordinary Death Benefit will become payable to your estate.

Part 2 – Employer Instructions - Field Explanation and information:

- [1] Job Code— As the employer, you will need to reference our job code list at https://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/retirement_online/job_codes.php to determine which job code is applicable to the employee's job title. If the title is accountant, auditor, physician, attorney, engineer or architect, please submit documentation as indicated at https://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/employers/ employer reporting basics/emp-membership-basics/independent vs employee.php
- [2] Regular is the same as Permanent or Probationary. Temporary is anything other than regular.
- [3a] Hire Date is the first time the employee was hired for the job criteria entered.
- [3b] Full-Time permanent appointment box must only be completed if at anytime the employee is appointed to a (permanent or probationary) 12 month, full-time position earning no less than current state minimum wage
- [4] Standard Workday A standard workday (hrs/day) applies to all tiers. The minimum number of hours that can be established for a standard workday is six, while the maximum is eight. A standard workday is the denominator to be used for the days worked calculation; it is not necessarily the number of hours the person actually works. For example, if a bus driver works four hours a day, you must still establish a standard workday between six and eight hours as the denominator for their days worked calculation. When entering the information on the Employer Retirement Online, you will need to select "Daily" for Work Period and then enter the standard work day in the standard day field.
- [5] Projected Annualized Wage Examples of Tier 6 annual wage for individuals paid at an Hourly, Daily or Unit of Work basis of compensation:

compensation.	
Hourly Employees 12 month Employee: \$ X X 260 = \$ Hourly Standard Days Annual Rate Workday Worked Wage	Daily Employees 12 month Employee: \$ X 260 = \$ Daily Days Annual Rate Worked Wage
10 month Employee: \$XX 180 = \$ Hourly Standard Days Annual Rate Workday Worked Wage	10 month Employee: \$X 180 = \$ Daily Days Annual Rate Worked Wage
Unit of Work Employees \$X = Unit Rate # of Events** Annual Wage	Unit of Work Employee Example: Paid \$50 per Meeting \$ 50
Estimated or Actual	*An estimate of the number of events is acceptable

Note: Any questions regarding annualized wage, please contact the Retirement System.

*Social Security Disclosure Requirement

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, you are hereby advised that disclosure of your Social Security account number is mandatory pursuant to Sections 11, and 34 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. The number will be used in identifying retirement records and in the administration of the Retirement System.

Personal Privacy Protection Law

The Retirement System is required by law to maintain records to determine eligibility for and calculate benefits. Failure to provide information may interfere with the timely payment of benefits. The System may be required to provide certain information to participating employers. The official responsible for record maintenance is the Director of Member and Employer Services, NYS and Local Retirement System, Albany, NY 12244; call toll-free at 1-866-805-0990 or 518-474-7736 in the Albany Area.

Chapter 13. Ethics, Code of

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca 12-16-2019 by L.L. No. 5-2019.1¹1 Amendments noted where applicable.]

[1] Editor's Note: This chapter also superseded former Ch. 13, Ethics, Code of, adopted 12-7-2009 by L.L. No. 4-2009.

§ 13-1. Legislative intent.

The proper operation of Town government requires that its officers and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; that public officers and employees observe in their official acts the highest standards of ethics and discharge faithfully the duties of their public office regardless of personal consideration; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government and the officers and employees thereof. It is the policy of the Town of West Seneca and the purpose of this chapter to establish standards and guidelines for ethical conduct of officers and employees. Though assurance of such conduct will continue to rest primarily on personal integrity and community vigilance, the establishment of standards is another step toward providing the highest caliber of public administration for the Town and ensuring that government decisions are arrived at impartially and free of conflict of interests and thereby increasing confidence in public officials. It is also the purpose of this chapter to protect officials and employees from unwarranted assaults on their integrity by separating real conflict from the inconsequential, recognizing that for local government to attract and hold competent administrators, public service must not require a complete divesting of all proprietary interests. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all officers and for all employees of the Town of West Seneca, hereinafter referred to as the "Town." In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Code and provisions of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law, the latter shall control. This chapter shall be enforceable upon all Town officials, officers and employees. No acknowledgement, service or acceptance of this chapter shall be necessary for enforcement of its provisions.

§ 13-2. Definitions and word usage.

A. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AGENCY

Any Town department, division, board, committee, or bureau, including the Town Board or any successor thereto.

APPEAR and APPEAR BEFORE

Communicating in any form, including without limitation, personally, by letter, electronic communication, telephone or by any other device.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The same meaning as defined in the New York State Public Officer's Law1¹1 as well as any information discussed and/or revealed at an executive session of a Town Board meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any action or omission which is in conflict or gives or may reasonably give the appearance of conflict with the performance of official Town business or government.

CUSTOMER or CLIENT

Any entity or person to whom an official, officer or employee of the Town of West Seneca or his or her outside employer or business has supplied goods or services during the previous calendar year having, in the aggregate, a value greater than \$2,000.

FINANCIAL BENEFIT

Any money, service, license, permit, contract, authorization, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, gratuity or other compensation of anything of value, or any promise thereof.

GOOD FAITH

Information concerning potential wrongdoing is disclosed in good faith when the individual making the disclosure reasonably believes such information to be true and reasonably believes that it constitutes potential wrongdoing.

HOUSEHOLD

All persons living in a single residence, whether related or not.

INTEREST

Deemed to include the affairs of the official, officer or employee or their spouse, minor children and dependents, firm, partnership or association in which such official, officer or employee is a member or employee; a corporation in which such official officer or employee is an officer director, or employee; and a corporation of which any stock is owned or controlled directly by the official, officer or employee.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Any action affecting compensation, appointment, promotion, transfer, assignment, reassignment, reinstatement or evaluation of performance.

RECUSE

The act of abstaining from participation or influencing in an official action due to a conflict of interest.

RELATIVE

A spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling, step-sibling, sibling's spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece or household member of a Town official, officer or employee and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the Town official, officer or employee.

TOWN EMPLOYEE

All board members, officers and staff employed by the Town, whether employed full-time or part-time, employed pursuant to a contract, employed temporarily or employees who are on probation, paid or unpaid.

WHISTLEBLOWER

Any Town employee (as defined herein) who in good faith discloses information concerning wrongdoing by another Town employee or concerning the business of the Town itself.

WRONGDOING

Any alleged corruption, fraud, criminal or unethical activity, misconduct, waste, conflict of interest, intentional reporting of false or misleading information or abuse of authority engaged in by a Town employee (as defined herein) that relates to the Town.

- [1] Editor's Note: See McKinney's Public Officers Law§ 1 et seq.
- B. Word usage. The use of the masculine gender shall include the feminine where applicable.

§ 13-3. Standards of conduct.

Every official, officer and employee of the Town of West Seneca shall be subject to and abide by the following standards of conduct:

- A. No Town official, officer or employee shall use his or her official position or office to take or fail to take any action in a manner which he or she knows or has reason to know may result in a financial benefit or interest for any of the following persons or entities:
 - (1) The Town official, officer or employee;
 - (2) His or her outside employer or business;
 - (3) A member of his household;
 - (4) A customer or client; or
 - (5) A relative.
- B. No Town official, officer or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity or incur any obligation of any nature that is in conflict with, or might reasonably tend to conflict with, the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest. Any officer or employee who has a direct or indirect financial or other private interest in any matter before any board of the Town shall publicly disclose in writing on the official record of such board the nature and extent of such interest prior to participating in the discussion or before making a recommendation or giving an opinion to such board on such matter.
- C. No Town official, officer or employee shall represent private interests before any board, department, office or agency of the Town, nor represent private interests in any action or proceeding against the interests of the Town or in any litigation to which the Town is a party. The preceding sentence shall not preclude any such officers or employees from appearing in the performance of public or civic obligations or on their own behalf with respect to matters of a personal nature. All appearing parties before any board of the Town shall make a disclosure as provided under § 809 of Article 18 of the General Municipal Law. Every application, petition or request submitted for a variance, change of zoning, site plan approval or waiver, license or permit pursuant to the provisions of any ordinance, local law, rule or regulation constituting the zoning and planning regulations of the Town in which a Town officer or employee has an interest as defined in this chapter shall state the name, residence and the nature and extent of the interest of any officer or employee of the Town, in the person, partnership or association making such application, petition or request.
- D. A Town Board member, official, officer or employee shall promptly recuse himself or herself from acting on a matter before the Town when acting on the matter or failing to act on the matter may provide a financial benefit to the persons or entities listed in § 13-3A above. A Town Board member shall promptly recuse himself or herself from voting on the appointment, hiring, or other matter involving a person or entity described in§ 13-3A above.
- E. No Town official, officer or employee, whether paid or unpaid, shall directly or indirectly solicit, accept or receive any gift, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, material goods, things, or promise of any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred or could reasonably be expected that the gift was intended to influence such official, officer or employee in the performance of his or her official duties or was intended to reward official action or inaction. Under no circumstances shall an official, officer or employee accept any gift valued in excess of \$25. No officer or employee of the Town shall grant in the discharge of his duties any improper favor, service or thing of value. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to prohibit any officer or employee of the Town from borrowing money from any bank or banks designated as depositories by the Town Board.

- F. No Town official, officer or employee shall disclose any confidential information or use said information to further their personal interest or the personal interests of others, unless required to do so by law or court order.
- G. No Town official, officer or employee, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in or accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service is in conflict with the proper discharge of his official duties.
- H. No Town official, officer or employee shall accept employment by any person, firm or corporation with which he or his department, office or agency is engaged on behalf of the Town in the transaction of business which is or may be affected by his official action. No officer or employee of the Town shall, within one year after termination of service or employment with the Town, appear before any board or agency of the Town in relation to any case, proceeding or application in which he personally participated during the period of his service or employment or which was under his active consideration.
- I. No Town official, officer or employee shall use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others or grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizens beyond that which is available to every other citizen.
- J. No Town official, officer or employee shall, by his conduct, give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can unduly influence him or improperly enjoy his favor in the performance of his official duties or that he is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person.
- K. No Town official, officer or employee shall direct or cause any officer or employee of the Town to do or perform any service or work outside of public work or employment, or accept any such service or work, nor shall any officer or employee of the Town offer to or perform any such service or work for such officer or employee.
- L. No Town official, officer or employee shall use or permit the use of Town property (including vehicles, equipment, materials and any other property) for personal convenience, profit, or political means except when such use is available to Town citizens generally or is provided as a matter of written Town policy
- M. No Town official, officer or employee shall require, authorize, or influence any other Town official, officer, or employee to participate in an election campaign or contribute to a political committee.
- N. No Town official, officer or employee shall induce or aid other officials, officers or employees of the Town to violate any provisions of this chapter.
- O. All Town Board members, officials, officers, employees, and volunteers are required to reasonably cooperate with any investigation of the Board of Ethics. Such reasonable cooperation shall include by way of example, but not be limited to, participating in investigatory interviews, producing documents or other tangible information in their possession or control, and appearing at scheduled hearings and giving testimony. Employees represented by a union will have the right to have a union representative present with them for any investigatory interviews and to seek the advice of their union representative prior to appearing before or providing information to the Board of Ethics.
- P. Every Ethics Board Member shall annually complete two hours of ethics training.
- Q. This Ethics Code shall be annually available to all Town officials, Board members, employees, and volunteers.

§ 13-4. Penalties.

- A. In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, a violation of this chapter may result as follows:
 - (1) Forfeiture of pay, suspension or removal from office or employment or such other disciplinary action as the Town Board may consider advisable.
 - (2) Any contract knowingly entered into by and/or with the Town or any agency thereof in which there is an interest or financial benefit prohibited by this chapter shall be null, void, and wholly unenforceable.
 - (3) Recommend a civil fine, not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, upon a Town Official, Board member, employee or volunteer found guilty of a violation of this code. Such fine shall be payable to the Town.
- B. No action expressly or impliedly permitted under Article 18 of the General Municipal Law shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

§ 13-5. Disclosure statements.

- A. The following Town officials, officers and employees of the Town of West Seneca shall be required to file annual disclosure statements by March 31 of each year in the form set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto: |
 - (1) All elected officials.
 - (2) All department heads.

- (3) Any and all Board members, Commission members, Committee members, whether elected, appointed, or volunteer.
- [1] Editor's Note: Said attachment is on file in Town offices.
- B. Said forms shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be available for public inspection.
- C. Any independent contractors hired by the Town to perform any work for the Town shall be required to file annual disclosure statements by March 31 of each year in a form set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.|2|
 - [2] Editor's Note: Said attachment is on file in Town offices.

§ 13-6. Whistleblower Policy.

- A. This Whistleblower Policy applies to all board members, officers, employees of the Town of West Seneca, and the public, and provides them with a confidential means to report credible allegation of misconduct, wrongdoing or unethical behavior and to protect those individuals, when acting in good faith, from personal or professional retaliation.
- B. Town employees who discover or have knowledge of potential wrongdoing concerning board members, officers or employees of the Town, or a person having business dealings with the Town, or concerning the Town itself, shall report such activity in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (1) The Town employee shall disclose any information concerning wrongdoing either orally or in a written report to his or her supervisor, to the Town Ethics Board Attorney, general counsel, human resources representative, or the Erie County Whistle Blower Hotline at (716-858-7722) or email at whistleblower@erie.gov.
 - (2) Town employees who discover or have knowledge of wrongdoing shall report such wrongdoing in a prompt and timely manner. If reporting through the Town Ethics Board Attorney, then the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C"[¹1shall be completed and submitted to the Town Ethics Board Attorney.
 - [1] Editor's Note: Said attachment is on file in Town offices.
 - (3) The identity of the whistleblower and the substance of his or her allegations will be kept confidential to the best extent possible.
 - (4) The individual to whom the potential wrongdoing is reported shall investigate and handle the claim in a timely and reasonable manner, which may include referring such information to the authorities or an appropriate law enforcement agency where applicable.
 - (5) Should a Town employee believe in good faith that disclosing information within the Town would likely subject him or her to adverse personnel action or be wholly ineffective; the Town employee may instead disclose the information to the local authorities or to an appropriate law enforcement agency, if applicable.
 - (6) Should a Town employee believe in good faith that disclosing information within the Town would likely subject him or her to adverse personnel action or be wholly ineffective; the Town employee may instead disclose the information to the local authorities or to an appropriate law enforcement agency, if applicable.
 - (7) All allegations of retaliation against a whistleblower or interference with an individual seeking to disclose potential wrongdoing will be thoroughly investigated by the Town Ethics Board.
 - (8) Any Town employee who retaliates against or attempts to interfere with any individual for having in good faith disclosed potential violations of the Town's Code of Ethics or other instances of potential wrongdoing is subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment.
 - (9) Any allegation of retaliation or interference will be taken and treated seriously and irrespective of the outcome of the initial complaint, will be treated as a separate matter.
 - (10) The Whistleblower Policy is not intended to limit, diminish or impair any other rights or remedies that an individual may have under the law with respect to disclosing potential wrongdoing free from retaliation or adverse personnel action.
 - (11) Specifically, the Whistleblower Policy is not intended to limit any rights or remedies that an individual may have under the laws of the State of New York, including but not limited to the following provisions: Civil Service Law§ 75-b, Labor Law§ 740, State Finance Law§ 191 (commonly known as the "False Claims Act") and Executive Law§ 55(1).
 - (12) With respect to any rights or remedies that an individual may have pursuant to Civil Service Law§ 75-b or Labor Law§ 740, any employee who wishes to preserve such rights shall, prior to disclosing information to a government body, have made a good faith effort to provide the appointing authority or his or her designee the information to be disclosed and shall provide the appointing authority or designee a reasonable time to take appropriate action unless there is imminent and serious danger to public health or safety. [See Civil Service Law§ 75-b(2)(b); Labor Law§ 740(3)).
- C. Once a complaint has been submitted, the Ethics Board will investigate the allegations of the complaint. In conducting any such investigation, the Ethics Board may administer oaths or affirmations, issue subpoenas pursuant to Article 23 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules, compel witness attendance and require the production of any books or records which it may deem relevant and material. The Ethics Board shall require clear and convincing evidence before determining that a violation has occurred.

§ 13-7. Creation of Board of Ethics; composition of membership; conditions of membership.

- A. A Board of Ethics is hereby established pursuant to Article 18, Section 808, Subdivision 3 of the General Municipal Law. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed by the Town Board and shall receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of such Board. A member of the Board of Ethics may be removed for cause. The Board shall be composed of one member to be appointed by each member of the Town Board with staggered terms. Three members shall be appointed in 2021 and two members to be appointed in 2022. The term of each member shall be five years with three more being appointed or reappointed in 2026 and two being appointed or reappointed in 2027, which shall continue on the same scheme. A member of the Town Board shall not appoint himself or herself or any other current Town Board member. The seventh member of the Board of Ethics shall be the Town Clerk, who shall be an ex officio member without the power to vote. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be residents of the Town of West Seneca and only one member shall be a current Town official, officer or employee. The Town Attorney representing the Town shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Ethics without the power to vote. In the event that the Town Board increases to five board members, the Board of Ethics shall become a five-member Board. One member shall be appointed by each Town Board member and the terms shall be five years as decided by a majority of the Town Board members.
- B. Advisory opinions. Upon written request of any Town official, officer or employee, the Board of Ethics established herein shall render advisory opinions regarding this chapter of Ethics or the provisions contained in Article 18 of the New York State General Municipal Law. The Board of Ethics shall also make recommendations as to any amendments to this chapter upon the request and majority vote of the Town Board. The opinions of the Board of Ethics shall be advisory and under no circumstances shall the identity of the Town officer, official or employee be disclosed except to authorized persons and agencies or pursuant to a court order.
- C. Rules and regulations. The Board of Ethics shall promulgate its own rules and regulations as to its form and procedures and shall maintain appropriate records of its opinions and proceedings.
- All recommendations, advisory opinions and rules and regulations of the Board of Ethics shall be kept in the Town Clerk's Office.

§ 13-8. Severability.

If any portion of this chapter shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such portion thereof shall be deemed inoperative and the balance of the code deemed to be in full force and effect.

§ 13-9. Permissible claims.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to bar or prevent the timely filing by a present or former Town official, officer or employee of any claim, account, demand or suit against the Town or any agency thereof on behalf of himself or any relative or household member arising out of any personal injury or property damage or for any lawful benefit authorized or permitted by law.

§ 13-10. Compliance required; distribution of copies.

Compliance with this Code of Ethics shall be deemed a condition of employment for all Town officials, officers and employees. The Town Human Resources Department must promptly cause a copy of this code, including any amendments, to be distributed to every person who is or becomes an official, officer or employee of the Town of West Seneca and a receipt of the same shall be signed by such official, officer or employee. Such receipts shall be filed with Human Resources, who shall supply the necessary forms, and a photocopy shall be filed in the officer's or employee's personnel folder and with the Board of Ethics.

§ 13-11. When effective.

This chapter shall become effective immediately upon its enactment by the Town Board after proper filing, including filing with the office of the State Comptroller and the office of the Secretary of State.

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



Gary A. Dickson **Supervisor's Office**

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I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Town of West Seneca's Code of Ethics (West Seneca Town Code Chapter 13). I have read and understand the aforementioned Code together with all amendments thereto and will abide by them.

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