**PAID TIME OFF POLICY**

Paid Time Off (PTO) provides you with the flexibility to use your time off to meet your personal needs, while recognizing your individual responsibility to manage your paid time off.

You will accumulate a specified amount of PTO each pay period worked and it is up to you to allocate how you will use it: for vacation, illness, caring for children, school activities, medical/dental appointments, leave, personal business or emergencies.

[The Company] may require you to use any unpaid PTO during disability or family medical leave, or any other leave of absence. The amount of PTO earned will depend on your length of your service with [the Company.]

[PTO does not replace [the Company’s] published holiday schedule. We will continue to have designated paid holidays each year.]

**ELIGIBILITY**: You are eligible to receive PTO if you are a regular, full-time employee scheduled to work at least \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week. [Part-time employees working more than \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours per week accrue PTO on a prorated basis, depending on the number of hours worked.]

**DEPOSITS INTO YOUR PTO ACCOUNT**: The amount of PTO you accrue each year is based on your length of service and accrues according to the Accrual Schedule for Full-Time Employees chart below. PTO is accrued as you work. You will not accrue PTO time while you are on leave of absence or suspension by [the Company.]

**PTO ACCRUAL SCHEDULE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES**

Years of Service Days Accrued Hours Accrued Maximum Annual Accrual (Hours)

 0 - \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**MAXIMUM TIME ACCUMULATED**: Although you may carry over unused PTO time from year to year, there is a cap on the amount of PTO time you can accumulate. This encourages you to use your PTO and allows the company to manage its financial obligations responsibly. Once you reach your cap, you will not accumulate any more PTO until you use some of the time in your account and drop below the cap. After your balance goes below the cap, you will begin accruing PTO again. However, you will not receive retroactive credit for time worked while you were at the cap limit. PTO accrual is capped at [one and one-half] times your annual PTO accrual rate.

**TERMINATION**: You will be paid for all accrued but unused PTO when you leave the company. [Alternative: Employees are not paid wages in lieu of unused PTO. All accrued PTO not taken at the time an employee leaves employment will be forfeited upon departure.]

**MANAGEMENT OF PTO**: You are responsible for managing your PTO account. It is important that you plan ahead for how you will use it. This means developing a plan for taking your vacations, as well as doctor's appointments and personal business. It also means holding some time in "reserve" for the unexpected, such as emergencies and illnesses.

**MINIMUM INCREMENTS OF PTO**: The minimum amount of PTO you can use at one time depends on whether you are an exempt or a non-exempt status employee. If you are non-exempt, you may not take less than [one hour off at a time.] If you are an exempt status employee you must take PTO in increments of not less than [one-half day.]

**NOTICE AND SCHEDULING**: You are required to provide your manager with reasonable advance notice and obtain approval prior to using PTO. This allows for you and your manager to prepare for your time off and assure that all staffing needs are met. There may be occasions, such as sudden illness, when you cannot notify your manager in advance. In those situations, you must inform your manager of your circumstances as soon as possible.

**RECORDING PAID TIME OFF**: You must complete a [PTO Report] for all PTO time used. We are required to track absences for illness or work related illness/injury [or the attendance of school-related activities in California] for legal compliance reasons. The amount of PTO accrued, used and available will appear on your paycheck stub.

[**TRANSITION PROVISIONS**: Most employees will start the new PTO banking system with an account balance consisting of all accrued old vacation, sick and personal time. You will not lose any days if you come into the plan with a balance greater than your PTO cap. Employees who have hours over the maximum will continue to accrue PTO time and have one year to use time in excess of the maximum accrual.]

**Legal Disclaimer:** This document is intended for informational purposes only, and does not constitute legal information or advice. Your state or local regulations regarding paid time off and sick leave may be different and should be consulted. If your city or state requires paid sick leave, you should ensure that your PTO policy meets the law’s minimum requirements. If you are seeking legal advice, you are encouraged to consult an attorney.