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OBJECTIVE

1. The objective of the Policy is to supplement the Conditions of the Service applicable to employees of Bitou Municipality.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

2. Section 10 of Basic Conditions of Employment Act (75/1997),
3. Paragraph 11 of SALGA Main Collective Agreement signed on 4 June 2009

DEFINITIONS

4. **Earnings** means the retirement funding income or regular annual remuneration before deductions, i.e. income tax, pension, medical and seminar payments but excluding similar payments (contributions) made by the employer in respect of the employee. Provide further that subsistence and transport allowance received, achievement awards and payments for the overtime worked shall not be regarded as remuneration for the purpose this notice.
5. **Emergency Work** means work that must be done without delay because of circumstances for which the employer could not reasonable have been expected to make provision and which cannot be performed by employees during their ordinary hours of work. Emergency work excludes the performance routine maintenance work outside normal working hours.
6. **Overtime** means the time that the employees work during a day or a week in excess of normal work. Employees of Bitou Municipality work for 40 hours in a normal workweek, Monday to Thursday from 07:30 to 16:30 with a lunch break from 13h00 to 13h30 and Friday 07:30 to 13:30. Some employees work shifts and / or on weekends and public holidays.
7. **Public Holidays** means any day that is a public holiday in terms of the Public Holidays Act, 1994 (Act 36 of 1994):
8. **Senior managerial employee** means an employee who has the authority to hire discipline and / or dismiss employees and to present the employer internally and externally and for purposes of this policy includes all employees remunerated on a grading of 0 to 4 or TASK grading of 13 to 25.

9. **Shift worker** means an employee engaged in a scheduled continuous process which actively is deemed to be one on which continued working by means of daily shift is necessary
10. **Planned overtime** means overtime where the overtime could have been and/or was foreseen and / or where overtime is worked in accordance with a schedule compiled beforehand. Such overtime includes the performance of routine maintenance; council and committee meetings where minutes must be kept and continues or takes place after normal working hours, traffic and law enforcement work during season, etc.
11. **Unplanned overtime** means overtime where the overtime could not have been foreseen. This refers to emergency overtime.

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

12. The purpose of this policy is to regulate overtime worked by employees of Bitou Local Municipality outside their normal working hours.
13. The policy applies from being approved by the municipal manager.
14. The policy will apply until amended and such amendment/s being approved or recommended by the municipal manager.

PRINCIPLES

15. Working overtime should be the exception rather than the rule, supervisors and especially heads of departments must ensure that overtime work is minimized overtime.
16. Where overtime cannot be prevented, and where possible, the work to be done should be stipulated beforehand indicating what needs to be done and was performed in the most cost effective manner.

TIME OFF IN LIEU OF OVERTIME

17. Time - off must always be preferred over paid overtime.
 18. Payment in respect of overtime should only be applied where it is impractical or impossible to allow time off in lieu of overtime.
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19. Time off in lieu of overtime worked must be taken within 6 months from the date of accrual. Time off not taken within 6 months will be forfeited. The municipal manager may for operational reasons, extend this 6 months period to a maximum of 12 months.

OVERTIME WORKED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

20. Work on Public Holidays must be remunerated at double the normal remuneration. If a shift worked by an employee falls on a public holiday and another day, the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the public holiday, but if the greater portion of the shift was worked on the other day, the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the other day.

OVERTIME WORKED ON SUNDAYS

21. Work on Sundays must be remunerated at double the normal remuneration unless the employee ordinary works on Sunday, in which case the employer must pay the employee at one and one-half times the employees wage for each hour worked.
22. If an employee works less than the employee's ordinary shift on a Sunday and the payment that the employee is entitled to in terms of the previous paragraph is less than the employee's ordinary daily wage, the employer must pay the employee the employee's daily wage.
23. If a shift worked by an employee falls on a Sunday and another day, the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the Sunday, unless the greater portion of the shift was worked on the other day, in which case the whole shift is deemed to have been worked on the other day.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES FOR MANAGING AND CONTROL OF OVERTIME AND WORK ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

24. Each head of the department is responsible and accountable to constantly monitor and review the provisions for overtime on his/ her budget and to ensure that overtime is limited trends are noted early, funds are adequate, over expenditure is noted, justified and provided for timeously.
 25. The authorizing body must determine whether the information on the overtime form is accurate and correct before they authorize the form for payment / time off. Attendance registers, time sheets and overtime approval forms, which should indicate dates, starting and ending times, must be kept as source for three years
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in respect of all employees who qualify for the overtime payment or time off in terms of this policy. Attendance registers or time sheets should serve as source documents to complete overtime sheets.

26. All employees have to complete and sign an attendance register / time sheet on a daily basis. Line managers / supervisors have to check and sign such attendance registers / time sheets on a weekly basis. Attendance registers / time sheets which are signed / approved by the competent authority must be submitted to the pay office on a monthly basis.

APPLICATION / REMUNERATION

27. Senior managerial employees earning a basic remuneration package of the starting notch of post level 3 or the starting notch of T14 and above, excluding the Municipal Manager and Heads of Departments shall be eligible for time off in lieu of payment of overtime worked on the basis of an hour time – off for every hour worked. The relevant director and employee shall come to an agreement on the time-off arrangement.
 28. Notwithstanding the above, where an employee in this category is on standby in terms of clause 9 of the Collective Agreement on Conditions of Service for the Western Cape Division of the SALGBC, such employee will receive overtime payment when called out irrespective of the statutory threshold.
 29. Employees earning more than the overtime threshold, as provided for in the BCEA, but less than the minimum basic remuneration of a post level 3 or T14, shall be eligible for time – off in lieu of payment for overtime worked on the basis of one hour time – off for one hour of overtime worked. The relevant manager or director and the employee will come to an agreement on the time-off arrangement.
 30. Notwithstanding the above, where an employee in this category is on standby in terms of clause 9 of the Collective Agreement on Conditions of Service for the Western Cape Division of the SALGBC, such employee will receive overtime payment when called out irrespective of the statutory threshold.
 31. Employees earning less than the overtime earnings threshold, as provided for in the BCEA, shall be remunerated in terms of the provisions of the BCEA (Section 10).
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INCREASE IN MAXIMUM PERMITTED OVERTIME

32. As operational reasons applicable at Bitou Local Municipality, especially over the period from the 15 December to 3 January requires more man hours from protection services and other disciplines that would be available should the legislative framework been followed, the LLF agreed to an extension of the number of hours overtime applicable to certain employees.
33. Should the employee agree an agreement must be entered into between the employer and each individual employee who was identified for overtime in access of the statutory determination. Such agreement to perform overtime must limit the maximum permitted overtime to 15 hours per week and to a maximum of 12 hours a day.

GENERAL

34. Overtime work is subjected to prior written approval by a competent authority and no overtime may be worked without such written approvals being obtained, except in cases of work related to emergency situations where work has to be done without delay owing to circumstances for which the employer could not reasonably have expected to make provision for and which cannot be performed by employees during their ordinary hours of work. For emergency overtime the competent authority may give verbal approval for the working of such overtime provided such approval is followed-up with a written confirmation. Written standing approval may be granted where justified by operational requirements and such approval may not endure beyond the existence of the operational requirement.
 35. Only the municipal manager and the heads of departments may approve overtime work an overtime payment.
 36. Overtime only commences after completion of an employee's ordinary weekly working hours.
 37. Overtime can only be claimed for actual hours worked and exclude travelling time except for standby staff. In respect of standby staff the overtime starts from the time of call out.
 38. No overtime will be paid for attendance of functions / prize giving, etc. except in cases of compulsory attendance as official representative of Council provided that such employee qualifies for overtime in terms of this policy and such overtime
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is authorized in advance in terms of this policy.

39. Employees working overtime are not entitled to any benefits except the overtime payment (they do not qualify for meals, drinks, etc.).
 40. Should unstructured overtime work result in an employee working past midnight on a day, the person authorizing such overtime must consider whether a break of at least eight hours should be enforced before the start of the next shift. Such time off will be regarded as time off in lieu overtime.
 41. Should an employee who is appointed on less than a full day (5/8th basis) be required to work overtime, payment or time off in lieu of overtime payment will only be applied at overtime rates (should such a person qualify in terms of this policy) after 8 hours worked on that specific day. The hours worked beyond the employee's normal working hours up to 8 hours will be remunerated at normal tariffs (on a straight line).
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