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5 conditions for continued benefits, amending Seattle Municipal Code Section
6 4.44.020, adding a new Section 4.44.080 and repealing Seattle Municipal Code
7 Section 4.24.020, as contradicting the intent and application of the City's
8 workers compensation supplemental benefit.
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10 **WHEREAS** City employees are eligible for a disability supplement, for the first 261
11 days of disability, that exceeds that provided by the State Industrial Insurance
12 and Medical Aid Act; and
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14 **WHEREAS** the disability supplement is intended to make the injured or incapacitated
15 employee financially "whole" without additional benefit; Now Therefore
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18 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**
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20 **Section 1.** Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.44.020, Subsection B, Ordinance
21 90881 as amended, is further amended as follows:

22 B. Whenever an employee is injured on the job and compelled to seek
23 immediate medical treatment, the employee shall be compensated in full for the
24 remaining part of the day of injury without effect to his or her sick leave or vacation
25 account. Scheduled workdays falling within only the first three (3) calendar days
26 following the day of injury shall be compensable through accrued sick leave. Any
27 vacation may be used in a like manner after sick leave is exhausted, provided that, if
28 neither accrued sick leave nor accrued vacation is available, the employee shall be
29 placed on no pay status for these three (3) days; provided, further, that this shall

1 constitute the only authorized use of sick leave or vacation by an employee whose
2 disability claim is subsequently approved. If the period of disability equals or extends
3 beyond fourteen (14) calendar days, then (1) any accrued sick leave or vacation leave
4 utilized that results in absence from his or her regular duties (up to a maximum of
5 eighty percent [80%] of the employee's normal hourly rate of pay per day) shall be
6 reinstated by ~~((Industrial Insurance))~~ Workers Compensation; or (2) if no sick leave or
7 vacation leave was available to the employee at that time, then the employee shall
8 thereafter be compensated for the three (3) calendar days at the eighty percent (80%)
9 compensation rate described in subsection A of this section. The days reimbursed or
10 thereafter compensated shall then count toward the two hundred sixty-one (261) day
11 maximum.

12 **Section 2.** There is added to Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 4.44, *Disability*
13 *Compensation* (Ordinance 90881 as amended) a new Section 4.44.080, *Eligibility for*
14 *continued benefits*, as follows:

15 To remain eligible for the City's supplemental benefits, an employee must be
16 eligible for benefits under Title 51 Revised Code of Washington and must comply with
17 all Department of Labor and Industries rules and regulations and related City of Seattle
18 and employing unit policies and procedures, including

19 A. Be responsive to attempts to schedule, and attend:

1 1. all medical appointments, treatments, and meetings related to
2 vocational rehabilitation; and

3 2. any work hardening, conditioning, or other treatment arranged by
4 the City and authorized by the attending physician.

5 B. Accept modified or alternative duty assigned by his or her supervisor
6 when released to perform it by the attending physician.

7 C. Attend all meetings scheduled by the City of Seattle Workers'
8 Compensation Unit or the employing unit concerning the employee's status or claim;
9 provided, that the City or the employing unit provides at least five (5) working days'
10 advance notice of such meeting and provided, further, that the meeting date and time
11 do not conflict with scheduled medical treatment. The employee shall provide at least
12 twenty-four (24) hours' notice of his or her inability to attend a scheduled meeting with
13 the Workers' Compensation Unit or the employing unit because the meeting time
14 conflicts with medical treatment.

15 D. Workers' Compensation supplemental benefits will be terminated for an
16 employee who fails to attend two (2) meetings or medical appointments as described
17 in this section. The Workers' Compensation Unit will provide a minimum of seven (7)
18 days' notification to the employee prior to terminating benefits.

19 **Section 3.** Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.24.020, Ordinance 88522, is
20 hereby repealed.

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Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Seattle this 25 day of August, 1997, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 25 day of August, 1997.

Jan Drago

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 2nd day of September, 1997.
Mourner B. Lee

Mayor

Filed by me this 2nd day of September, 1997.
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City Clerk

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City of Seattle

Norman B. Rice, Mayor

Executive Services Department
Dwight D. Dively, Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 1997

TO: Honorable Jan Drago, President
Seattle City Council

VIA: Honorable Norman B. Rice, Mayor
ATTN: Judy Bunnell, Acting OMP Director

FROM:


Dwight D. Dively
Executive Services Director


Sarah Welch
Personnel Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation To Amend SMC Section 4.44.020 Related to Sick Leave Use While on Disability Compensation

The attached council bill amends Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.44.020, *City compensation additional to State Industrial Insurance and Medical Aid*, to provide that only the first three days of any injury or illness leading to a disability claim may be covered by use of sick leave. If the disability claim is approved, the affected employee's sick leave is reinstated. Thereafter, the only leave benefit to which the employee is entitled is disability compensation, and no additional sick leave may be used to supplement income or extend the 261-day disability period granted by ordinance.

This council bill also repeals Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.24.020, *Officers and employees receiving disability benefits*. This section provides that employees receiving disability compensation may also use accumulated sick leave to make up any difference in pay between such compensation and their regular take-home pay. This section is in conflict with both the intent and the application of our Workers Compensation Program.

The original Industrial Insurance ordinance included the provision that the sick leave ordinance (of which section 4.24.020 is part) is superseded to the extent that it is inconsistent with the Industrial Insurance ordinance. Subsequent Law Department opinions have held that Section 4.24.020 was thereby superseded. On the basis of that

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Honorable Jan Drago
July 16, 1997
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original ordinance and later legal opinions, our consistent practice has been to deny the use of sick leave to extend or supplement disability compensation.

In spite of our consistent practice, however, we recognize that leaving a provision for the use of sick leave under these conditions in the Municipal Code can lead an employee to expect that he or she will be allowed to supplement his or her disability income with sick leave. We propose to avoid misunderstandings by clarifying the relevant section of the disability compensation ordinance and by repealing the inapplicable section of the sick leave ordinance.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance is appreciated. Please direct any questions to Mary Tannehill, Workers Compensation Unit at 4-7859.

SW/ks
Attachment

c: Honorable Charlie Chong, Chair
Performance, Organization and Personnel Committee
Personnel Division Administrators
Policy Development Unit
Mary Tannehill, Workers' Compensation Unit, Personnel Division



City of Seattle

Norman B. Rice, Mayor
Executive Department - Office of Management and Planning
Judy Bunnell, Director

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August 6, 1997

The Honorable Mark Sidran
City Attorney
City of Seattle

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Judy Bunnell
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Dear Mr. Sidran:

The Mayor is proposing to the City Council that the enclosed legislation be adopted.

REQUESTING
DEPARTMENT: Executive Services Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE relating to use of sick leave while on disability and eligibility conditions for continued benefits, amending Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.44.020, adding a new Section 4.44.080 and repealing Seattle Municipal Code Section 4.24.020, as contradicting the intent and application of the City's workers compensation supplemental benefit.

Pursuant to the City Council's S.O.P. 100-014, the Executive Department is forwarding this request for legislation to your office for review and drafting.

After reviewing this request and any necessary redrafting of the enclosed legislation, return the legislation to OMP. Any specific questions regarding the legislation can be directed to Monica Power at 684-8076.

Sincerely,

Norman B. Rice
Mayor

by

Monica Power

JUDY BUNNELL
Director

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R. Patterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

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