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## AUHR 3.04 TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

### Status of Temporary Appointments

Temporary appointments may be used for meeting emergency, non-recurring, and short-term workloads needs of the Auditor's Office. However, such appointments do not carry "status" in the classification, are outside the Auditor's civil service process, and shall not be used to defeat the open and competitive procedures established by the City Auditor.

### Conditions For Temporary Appointments

Temporary appointments are allowed under certain conditions:

1. In the absence of and pending the preparation of an appropriate eligible register; or
2. In emergencies to prevent delay or injury to the public; or
3. To meet a non-recurring or short-term workload need; and
4. Temporary appointments shall not exceed one (1) year in duration, unless extended by the City Auditor.

### Layoff List and Temporary Appointments

No temporary appointments shall be made to a position in the Auditor's classified service while names of available persons are on the layoff list for the class to which the position is allocated, provided the laid off employees are qualified, have expressed an interest in the position. For non-represented employees on the layoff, list this restriction on temporary appointments only applies if the position is also in the bureau from which the employee was laid off.

### Process For Approval of Temporary Appointments

When filling a budgeted position in the Auditor's classified service with a temporary appointment that is to exceed thirty (30) days, the hiring manager must file a request with the City Auditor or designee prior to appointment.

Electronic personnel actions for temporary appointments must have the City Auditor's approval attached. No temporary employee may start work without approval. To be eligible for rehire as a temporary employee, a former City employee must have left City employment in good standing, meaning the

employee provided adequate notice they were leaving City employment and did not resign in lieu of discharge or discipline.

### **Notice of Temporary Appointment**

The hiring manager or Management Services shall provide written notice to the employee at the time of appointment. The notice shall include conditions of appointment, duration of appointment, and notification that the appointment may end at any time at the discretion of the appointing authority.

### **Temporary Employees Serve At Will**

Temporary employees serve at will and shall not accrue status in the class to which they have been appointed and shall have no appeal rights upon demotion, suspension or termination from the class. Temporary employees are not eligible for reemployment under the Administrative Rule on Reinstatement or Layoff & Recall and have no bumping rights.

### **Accruals for Temporary Employees**

Full time temporary employees in budgeted or Limited Term positions receive vacation, sick leave and health benefits. Full-time temporary employees are also eligible for holiday pay, providing they were appointed more than two weeks prior to the holiday. New hires into temporary positions must complete the applicable waiting period before becoming eligible to use vacation and sick leave accruals. This provision applies to former City employees rehired into temporary positions as well. See Administrative Rules on Sick Leave and Vacation.

Part time temporary employees are not eligible for vacation, sick leave, health benefits or holiday pay. A temporary appointment to a non-budgeted position is considered a casual/casual other appointment. See **Administrative Rule on Types of Appointments**. All temporary employees may be eligible for retirement benefits after six months in accordance with the PERS guidelines.

### **Temporary Appointment of Permanent Employees**

A regular employee who is appointed temporarily to another position will revert to their former classification upon the completion of the temporary appointment. During the temporary appointment, the employee's compensation/benefits and accrual rates will be at the level of the temporary classification.

### **Manager's Responsibility to Monitor Temporary Term**

It is the manager's responsibility to ensure that temporary employees do not work more than the one year allowed under this Administrative Rule. After the one year limit is exhausted, the employee must be terminated or proceed through a recruitment process for limited duration or regular appointment. Multiple subsequent temporary appointments to the same position may not be made. With showing of good cause and at the discretion of the City Auditor, a temporary appointment may be extended beyond one year.

### **Credit for Temporary Service Upon Regular Appointment**

If an employee in a temporary appointment is subsequently regularly appointed to the classification, credit may be given for all accumulated temporary service in that classification in the previous five (5) years for the purpose of determining salary range and anniversary date. A pay adjustment may be made to the appropriate service step of the pay range for that classification.

### **Interns and Work-Study Students**

For purposes of this administrative rule, Interns and Work-Study employees do not have to be preapproved by the City Auditor.

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### **Human Resources Rule Information and History**

Questions about this administrative rule may be directed to the [Management Services Division](#) of the Auditor's Office.

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