

Section 12.01 Earned Sick and Safe Leave

“Earned Sick and Safe Leave” is paid time off and applies to all employees (including full-time employees, part-time employees, temporary employees and seasonal employees performing work for at least 80 hours in a calendar year for the city.

(a) Accrual of Earned Sick and Safe Leave

1. Part-time, temporary, and seasonal employees scheduled to work at least 80 hours per calendar year will accrue Earned Sick and Safe Leave at a rate of one hour for every 30 hours worked, including overtime hours, and can earn a maximum of 48 hours each calendar year.
2. For employees holding multiple positions performing work for at least 80 hours per calendar year all hours worked will contribute to Earned Sick and Safe time accrual up to the maximum of 48 hours each calendar year. Accrual is not based on separate positions. Accrued Earned Sick and Safe time may be used for all positions held by an employee.
3. Employees performing work for less than 80 hours per calendar year do not qualify for Earned Sick and Safe Leave.
4. Per the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry elected officials are not considered employees and are exempt from Earned Sick and Safe Leave.
5. Once an employee performs work for more than 80 hours per calendar year, the employee’s eligibility threshold is met. Once the eligibility threshold is met, the accrual calculation includes all hours worked back to the first hour worked for the employer. Once the eligibility threshold is met, the employee will accrue one hour for every thirty hours worked moving forward, in compliance with the Carry Over and Pay Out requirements below, even if the employee does not meet the threshold of 80 hours in subsequent calendar years.

(b) Earned Sick and Safe Leave Use

The leave may be used as it is accrued in the smallest increment of time tracked by the city’s payroll system (.25 hours) as described below, for the following circumstances:

- An employee’s own:
 - Mental or physical illness, injury or other health condition
 - Need for medical diagnosis, care or treatment, of a mental or physical illness
 - injury or health condition
 - Need for preventative care
 - Closure of the employee's place of business due to weather or other public emergency
 - The employee's inability to work or telework because the employee is prohibited from working by the city due to health concerns related to the potential transmission of a communicable illness related to a public emergency or seeking or awaiting the results of a diagnostic test for, or a medical diagnosis of, a communicable disease related to a public emergency and the employee has been exposed to a communicable disease or the city has requested a test or diagnosis.
 - Absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking of the employee provided the absence is to:
 - Seek medical attention related to physical or psychological injury or disability caused by domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking

- Obtain services from a victim services organization
- Obtain psychological or other counseling
- Seek relocation or take steps to secure an existing home due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking
- Seek legal advice or take legal action, including preparing for or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or resulting from domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking
- Care of a family member:
 - With mental or physical illness, injury or other health condition:
 - Who needs medical diagnosis, care or treatment of a mental or physical illness, injury or other health condition
 - Who needs preventative medical or health care
 - Whose school or place of care has been closed due to weather or other public emergency
 - When it has been determined by health authority or a health care professional that the presence of the family member of the employee in the community would jeopardize the health of others because of the exposure of the family member of the employee to a communicable disease, whether or not the family member has actually contracted the communicable disease
 - Absence due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking of the employee's family member provided the absence is to:
 - Seek medical attention related to physical or psychological injury or disability caused by domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking
 - Obtain services from a victim services organization
 - Obtain psychological or other counseling
 - Seek relocation or take steps to secure an existing home due to domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking
 - Seek legal advice or take legal action, including preparing for or participating in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or resulting from domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking

(c) For Earned Sick and Safe Leave purposes, family member includes an employee's:

- Spouse or registered domestic partner
- Child, foster child, adult child, legal ward, child for whom the employee is legal guardian, or child to whom the employee stands or stood in loco parentis
- Sibling, step sibling or foster sibling
- Biological, adoptive or foster parent, stepparent or a person who stood in loco parentis when the employee was a minor child
- Grandchild, foster grandchild or step grandchild
- Grandparent or step grandparent
- A child of a sibling of the employee
- A sibling of the parent of the employee or
- A child-in-law or sibling-in-law
- Any of the above family members of a spouse or registered domestic partner

- Any other individual related by blood or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship
- Up to one individual annually designated by the employee

(d) Advance Notice for use of Earned Sick and Safe Leave

If the need for sick and safe leave is foreseeable, the city requires seven days' advance notice. However, if the need is unforeseeable, employees must provide notice of the need for Earned Sick and Safe time as soon as practicable. When an employee uses Earned Sick and Safe time for more than three consecutive days, the city may require appropriate supporting documentation (such as medical documentation supporting medical leave, court records or related documentation to support safety leave). However, if the employee or employee's family member did not receive services from a health care professional, or if documentation cannot be obtained from a health care professional in a reasonable time or without added expense, then reasonable documentation may include a written statement from the employee indicating that the employee is using, or used, Earned Sick and Safe Leave for a qualifying purpose. The city will not require an employee to disclose details related to domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking or the details of the employee's or the employee's family member's medical condition. In accordance with state law, the city will not require an employee using Earned Sick and Safe Leave to find a replacement worker to cover the hours the employee will be absent.

(e) Carry Over and Pay Out of Earned Sick and Safe Leave

Part-time employees working less than 20 hours per week, part-time salaried employees, temporary employees, seasonal employees, may carryover unused Earned Sick and Safe time into the next calendar year, but at no time may the accrued Earned Sick and Safe time exceed 80 hours. Accrued Earned Sick and Safe time will not be paid out when an employee leaves their job, either voluntarily or involuntarily. An employee who transfers positions retains their accrued Earned Sick and Safe time. An employee who returns to work for the same employer within 180 days of separation is entitled to the Earned Sick and Safe time accrued before leaving.

(f) Retaliation prohibited

The city shall not discharge, discipline, penalize, interfere with, or otherwise retaliate or discriminate against an employee for asserting Earned Sick and Safe Leave rights, requesting an Earned Sick and Safe Leave absence, or pursuing remedies. Further, use of Earned Sick and Safe Leave will not be factored into any attendance point system the city may use. Additionally, it is unlawful to report or threaten to report a person or a family member's immigration status for exercising a right under Earned Sick and Safe Leave.

(g) Benefits and return to work protections

During an employee's use of Earned Sick and Safe Leave, an employee will continue to receive the city's employer insurance contribution as if they were working, and the employee will be responsible for any share of their insurance premiums.

An employee returning from time off using accrued Earned Sick and Safe Leave is entitled to return to their city employment at the same rate of pay received when their leave began, plus any automatic pay adjustments that may have occurred during the employee's time off. Seniority

during Earned Sick and Safe Leave absences will continue to accrue as if the employee has been continually employed.

When there is a separation from employment with the city and the employee, including a seasonal employee, is rehired again within 180 days of separation, previously accrued Earned Sick and Safe Leave that had not been used will be reinstated. An employee is entitled to use and accrue Earned Sick and Safe Leave at the commencement of reemployment.