

CHAPTER 47  
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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47.01 PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

- (1) This Chapter governs only the compensation of Sheboygan County employees who are not members of recognized bargaining units, excluding County Board Supervisors and other Board members who are compensated under Chapter 1.14 of this Code of Ordinances , and health care professionals employed by the Health and Human Services Department where the Health and Human Services Committee and the Human Resources Committee agree that compensation for those professionals should be handled on an individual basis outside of this Chapter.
- (2) The objectives of the compensation program are to provide an appropriate salary structure which will permit the County to competitively recruit and retain competent employees, to provide appropriate pay incentives for satisfactory and meritorious job performance, to promote internal equity and consistency within and among County Departments, and to provide an effective means of controlling salary expenditures.
- (3) This compensation program is administered by the Sheboygan County Human Resources Department under the oversight of the Human Resources Committee based on the Comprehensive Compensation Study pursuant to a contract with the Human Resources Committee in 2014 and effective January 1, 2016. Said program may be modified from time to time by the Human Resources Committee provided that the Committee provides an annual report to the full County Board.

47.02 CLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS.

- (1) Each position governed by this Chapter will be assigned a Decision Band™ Method (DBM) Rating by the Human Resources Committee based on the compensation program and as modified from time to time by the Human Resources Committee.
- (2) All employees holding the positions governed by this Chapter shall be placed into the DBM Rating assigned by the compensation program. In the event that an employee had been paid less than the minimum amount for the assigned DBM Rating as set forth in Section 47.03 prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, such employee shall be paid at the minimum salary provided for in the assigned Rating. In the event that an employee has been paid more than the maximum amount for the assigned DBM Rating as set forth in Section 47.03, that employee shall continue to be paid at the same level, notwithstanding such payments being beyond the maximum.
- (3) When a new position is created, the Human Resources Director shall recommend a proposed DBM Rating for the new position using the methodology set forth in the compensation program as adopted by the Human Resources Committee, and the Human Resources Committee shall place the position as it determines most appropriate.
- (4) The Human Resources Committee shall from time to time determine whether certain positions from among those governed by this Chapter are correctly rated.

Using the methodology set forth in the compensation program, the Committee shall consider: (a) any position for which the responsibilities and duties have significantly and permanently changed since the last time the position was studied; and (b) any position which the responsible Department Head or the Human Resources Director believes is not rated correctly. The study of such positions shall include opportunities for written comments by the employees holding those positions as well as the direct supervisors of those employees.

47.03 SALARIES.

(1) The salary range for 2024 for positions governed by this Chapter is as follows:

Note: due to market conditions, certain positions, shown below, have their own DBM classifications:

<b>DBM RATING</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>		<b>MIDPOINT</b>		<b>MAXIMUM</b>	
<b>A11</b>	\$24,829	\$11.94	\$31,542	\$15.16	\$37,141	\$18.39
<b>A12</b>	\$28,049	\$13.49	\$35,632	\$17.13	\$41,957	\$20.78
<b>A13</b>	\$31,267	\$15.03	\$39,721	\$19.10	\$46,771	\$23.16
<b>A13-ESW</b>	\$36,067	\$17.34	\$44,362	\$21.33	\$51,123	\$25.32
<b>A13-CNA</b>	\$40,310	\$19.38	\$48,038	\$23.10	\$55,765	\$26.81
<b>B21</b>	\$34,495	\$16.58	\$43,822	\$21.07	\$51,601	\$25.55
<b>B21-BKG CLK</b>	\$44,554	\$21.42	\$51,090	\$24.56	\$55,948	\$27.71
<b>B22</b>	\$37,717	\$18.13	\$47,915	\$23.04	\$56,420	\$27.94
<b>B22-RK MW II</b>	\$41,965	\$20.18	\$52,281	\$25.14	\$60,774	\$30.09
<b>B23</b>	\$40,936	\$19.68	\$52,003	\$25.00	\$63,071	\$30.32
<b>B23-DISP</b>	\$50,918	\$24.48	\$59,909	\$28.80	\$68,900	\$33.12
<b>B24/B31</b>	\$44,967	\$21.62	\$57,125	\$27.46	\$69,284	\$33.31
<b>B24-RK SR MW</b>	\$49,200	\$23.65	\$61,484	\$29.56	\$73,769	\$35.47
<b>B24-CO</b>	\$53,040	\$25.50	\$63,401	\$30.48	\$73,761	\$35.46
<b>B25/B32</b>	\$49,800	\$23.94	\$63,265	\$30.42	\$76,730	\$36.89
<b>B25-LPN</b>	\$49,800	\$23.94	\$64,306	\$30.92	\$79,811	\$37.89
<b>C41</b>	\$51,678	\$24.85	\$68,495	\$32.93	\$85,312	\$41.02
<b>C41-CO SUP</b>	\$65,770	\$31.62	\$77,784	\$37.40	\$89,798	\$43.17
<b>C42</b>	\$54,768	\$26.33	\$72,591	\$34.90	\$90,413	\$43.47
<b>C42-CO SHFT COM</b>	\$72,134	\$34.68	\$83,507	\$40.15	\$94,881	\$45.62
<b>C42-RKRN</b>	\$54,768	\$26.33	\$74,153	\$35.65	\$93,538	\$44.97
<b>C43</b>	\$57,860	\$27.82	\$76,688	\$36.87	\$95,517	\$45.92
<b>C44/C51</b>	\$61,728	\$29.68	\$81,817	\$39.33	\$101,905	\$48.99
<b>C45/C52</b>	\$66,368	\$31.91	\$87,968	\$42.29	\$109,567	\$52.68
<b>D61</b>	\$70,240	\$33.77	\$93,098	\$44.76	\$115,955	\$55.75
<b>D62</b>	\$73,331	\$35.26	\$97,194	\$46.73	\$121,057	\$58.20
<b>D63</b>	\$76,420	\$36.74	\$101,289	\$48.70	\$126,157	\$60.65
<b>D64/D71</b>	\$80,290	\$38.60	\$106,421	\$51.16	\$132,551	\$63.73
<b>D65/D72</b>	\$84,932	\$40.83	\$112,571	\$54.12	\$140,210	\$67.41
<b>E81</b>	\$85,386	\$41.05	\$117,872	\$56.67	\$150,358	\$72.29
<b>E82</b>	\$88,359	\$42.48	\$121,974	\$58.64	\$155,590	\$74.80
<b>E83</b>	\$91,329	\$43.91	\$126,076	\$60.61	\$160,823	\$77.32
<b>E91</b>	\$95,052	\$45.70	\$131,214	\$63.08	\$167,377	\$80.47
<b>E92</b>	\$99,606	\$47.89	\$137,419	\$66.07	\$175,233	\$84.25
<b>F101</b>	\$103,234	\$49.63	\$142,510	\$68.51	\$181,787	\$87.40

The Human Resources Department and County Administrator shall annually propose adjustments to the salary schedule as part of the budget adopted by the County Board under Chapter 5 of the County Code. The annual adjustments shall be made effective January 1 of each following year. In making the proposed salary schedule adjustment to the County Board, the Human Resources Department and County Administrator shall consider the applicable

Consumer Price Index-U as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and posted by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 111.70(1)(cm) and 66.0506.

- (2) Positions shall be classified by the Human Resources Department as either salaried (exempt) or hourly (non-exempt). The pay for part-time hourly positions shall be an hourly rate calculated by dividing the appropriate pay level on the salary schedule by 2080. The pay for part-time salaried positions shall be a pro-rata portion of the appropriate pay level on the salary schedule, based on the ratio of the number of work hours expected annually to 2080, or such other methodology as may be required to maintain compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- (3) A new employee may be paid up to the midpoint if approved by the Department Head with the approval of the Human Resources Director. A new employee may be given a starting salary above the midpoint for the position after consultation with the Human Resources Director, if approved by the County Administrator and the Human Resources Committee. Before offering a starting salary, the following factors should be considered: (1) whether the new employee has substantial experience immediately usable in the new position; (2) whether market conditions demand a higher starting salary for the skills and qualifications needed; and (3) whether the higher starting salary will exacerbate or alleviate compression issues and whether it will promote internal equity and consistency.
- (4) All employees subject to this Chapter shall receive a performance evaluation at the conclusion of an initial period (if less than twelve [12] months) and at twelve (12) months of employment and annually thereafter between November 1 and February 28. Based on the evaluation rating set forth below, each employee who has not yet reached the maximum of the salary range for that employee's position shall be eligible for a pay-for-performance increase at the completion of the employee's initial period and at twelve (12) months and annually thereafter, retroactive to the first of each year for the annual evaluation completed between November 1 and February 28. Pay-for-performance increases shall not be effective unless the performance evaluation has been reviewed and approved by the Human Resources Director or designee.
- (5) No pay-for-performance increase may be granted except at the completion of the initial period (if applicable), at twelve (12) months, and annually thereafter. To receive a pay-for-performance increase, the employee must receive a performance evaluation rating of at least 2.5. The following ratings shall be used in determining the amount of the employee's pay-for-performance increase:

Rating	Pay-for-Performance Increase
2.5	1.00%
3.0	2.00%
3.5	2.50%
4.0	3.00%
4.5	3.25%
5.0	3.50%

- (6) Notwithstanding Subsection (5) above, the maximum pay-for-performance increase shall be the amount that would put the employee at the maximum in the salary schedule for that employee's position.
- (7) If an employee fails to obtain an annual performance evaluation rating resulting in pay-for-performance increases equal to or greater than the annual adjustments to the salary schedule provided under Section 47.03(1) of this Chapter which would otherwise result in an employee earning less than the minimum salary for that employee's DBM Rating, the employee shall nevertheless be granted a pay

increase in an amount equal to the minimum salary for that employee's DBM Rating at the annual pay for performance opportunity. The Department Head and Human Resources Director shall identify and target any such employee for enhancement programming to improve that employee's performance.

- (8) All hires subject to this Chapter hired at or near the minimum wage or salary for their position may earn less than the minimum if the annual adjustment to the salary schedule as provided under Section 47.03(1) of this Chapter is made before their first annual performance evaluation.
- (9) In the event that a salary or compensation adjustment other than the changes otherwise provided for in this Chapter is necessary because of internal or equitable comparables, market conditions, salary compression, or other unusual circumstances, the Department Head involved and the Human Resources Director shall obtain approval of the salary or compensation adjustment from the Department's Liaison Committee and shall then submit such recommendation to the Human Resources Committee which shall further evaluate and approve any warranted adjustment. The Liaison Committee shall refer the adjustment to the Finance Committee pursuant to Section 5.07 if the department's budgeted salaries and benefits are not sufficient to cover the adjustment. If the Committee makes any salary or compensation adjustments, it shall periodically provide a report of the adjustments to the full County Board.
- (10) Pay for limited-term employees will be as determined by the Department Head after consultation with the Human Resources Director and does not need to conform to the salary schedule. Limited-term employees are not eligible for pay-for-performance increases.

#### 47.04 TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS, AND DEMOTIONS.

- (1) An employee who moves to a DBM Rating with a higher salary range shall be subject to the same salary determination process as set forth for newly-hired employees in Section 47.03(3) of this Chapter.
- (2) An employee who elects to take a new position in a lower DBM Rating may receive an adjustment in salary to an appropriate point in the new position's DBM Rating as may be agreed upon between the Department Head and employee at the time the employee is offered the new position, subject to the prior approval requirements set forth in Section 47.03(3).
- (3) An employee who is reassigned due to inadequate performance and who is offered and accepts a position in a lower DBM Rating shall receive a salary within the DBM Rating subject to same salary determination process as set forth for newly-hired employees in Section 47.03(3) of this Chapter.
- (4) An employee who is temporarily assigned to an existing vacant position with a higher DBM Rating for a period which exceeds or is expected to exceed thirty (30) days may receive a temporary increase to the salary that would result from a permanent promotion to that position as provided by Subsection (1). The temporary increase will not take effect unless approved by the Human Resources Committee. At the end of the temporary assignment, the employee will return to his or her previous salary as adjusted by any increase that the employee would have been entitled to during the period of temporary assignment.

47.05 LONGEVITY PAY. Employees shall not receive longevity pay. Longevity pay was rolled into the base salary in the compensation program for those employees who had previously received longevity pay.

#### 47.06 SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

- (1) Wis. Stat. § 59.22 requires the Board establish the compensation for County

elected officials (other than Supervisors and Circuit Judges) before the earliest time for filing nomination papers (normally June 1 of the election year).

- (2) That annual salaries of the elected officials have been set as follows:

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Clerk of Courts	\$84,831	\$86,951	\$89,125		
County Clerk	\$79,945	\$83,543	\$86,049	\$88,630	\$91,289
Register of Deeds	\$79,945	\$83,543	\$86,049	\$88,630	\$91,289
Sheriff	\$115,769	\$118,664	\$121,630		
Treasurer	\$79,945	\$83,543	\$86,049	\$88,630	\$91,289

- (3) These annual salaries shall not be modified during the term of office thereafter.
- (4) The medical, dental, and other benefits granted to other non-bargaining unit employees as established by the Human Resources Committee shall be provided to the elected officials throughout the term of office thereafter on the same basis as is set forth in the County Policy and Procedure manual as of the earliest date for circulating nomination papers and shall not be modified during the term of office thereafter.
- (5) As the time approaches for the filing of nomination papers for elected office, the County Administrator, in consultation with the Human Resources Director, shall prepare a report to the Board setting forth recommended salaries for the elected positions. The County Administrator shall evaluate the position and shall consider the comparable salaries for similar positions in other counties, the comparable salaries of non-elected Department Heads and other County staff, the changing duties or responsibilities of the Department, the salary history for the position, the Consumer Price Index-U for each year as determined by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(cm), and such other information as the County Administrator deems pertinent. The County Administrator shall report the recommended salaries and benefits to the County Board to be included in the Agenda mailing to the County Board members prior to the regular Board meeting on the second Tuesday in April in even numbered calendar years. At the meeting on the second Tuesday in April in even numbered years, the County Board shall vote to approve the salaries and benefits as reported or to approve such other salaries and benefits as deemed appropriate.
- (6) By the earliest date for the circulation of nomination papers for these elected offices, the County Clerk and the Human Resources Director shall prepare a list of what the salaries and benefits will be for these elected offices and shall make this list available to the public.

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