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SUMMARY: This regulation amends Section 12 of the Montgomery County Personnel Regulations to

align with existing longevity increments based on collectively bargained longevity increments passed through to non-represented employees as approved by Council during

fiscal year operating budgets 2022 through 2025.

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#### **COMCOR 33.07.01.12 Service Increments**

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- 12-4. Amount of service increment
  - (a) The CAO must establish the percentage or amount of the service increment pay increase.
  - (b) An eligible employee's salary cannot exceed the maximum salary for the employee's pay grade. In cases where a service increment would make an eligible employee's salary greater than the maximum salary of their pay grade, the OHR Director must give the employee a reduced service increment pay increase that would make the employee's salary equal to the maximum salary for the employee's pay grade.

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- 12-8. Performance-based longevity increments for employees on the General Salary Schedule.
  - (a) A performance-based longevity increment is a one-time differential added to an employee's base salary.
  - (b) The CAO must determine the amount of the performance-based longevity increment.
  - (c) A department director must award a one-time performance-based longevity increment to an employee in a position on the General Salary Schedule if the employee has:
    - (1) earned 16, 20, or 25 years of actual County service;
    - (2) earned a base salary equal to the maximum salary of the pay range at the time the employee achieves 16, 20, or 25 years of actual County service; and,
    - (3) received an annual overall performance rating of *Highly Successful Performance* or *Exceptional Performance* for the most recent performance year.
  - (d) An employee is eligible to receive only one 16-year, one 20-year, and one 25-year performance-based longevity increment.



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- (e) Awarding performance-based longevity increments to promoted employees.
  - (1) When an employee is promoted from a non-bargaining unit position to another non-bargaining unit position:
    - (A) the promotional increase is added to the employee's base salary and cannot exceed the maximum salary of the new grade's pay range;
    - (B) if the employee's new base salary reaches the maximum salary of the new grade's pay range, the previously earned performance-based longevity increment(s) is re-added onto the new base salary; and,
    - (C) the employee remains eligible for any future performance-based longevity increments as outlined in Section 12-8(c).
  - When an employee receives a promotion from a non-bargaining unit position to a bargaining unit position:
    - (A) the promotional increase is first added to the employee's base salary; and,
    - (B) the new base salary cannot exceed the maximum salary of the new pay range; however,
    - (C) if the employee's new base salary is equal to the maximum salary of the new pay range, then the employee may be eligible to receive a bargaining unit longevity increment(s) as stipulated in the respective collective bargaining agreement.
  - (3) When an employee receives a promotion from a bargaining unit position to a non-bargaining unit position:
    - (A) The promotional increase is first added to the employee's base salary;
    - (B) the employee's new base salary cannot exceed the maximum salary of the new pay range;
    - (C) if the employee's new base salary reaches the maximum salary of the new grade's pay range, the previously earned longevity increments are then added using the comparable performance-based longevity increment(s);



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and,

- (D) the employee remains eligible for any future performance-based longevity increments as outlined in Section 12-8(c).
- (f) Awarding longevity increments to transferred employees. An employee who has a performance-based longevity increment(s) and who:
  - (1) transfers from a non-bargaining unit position to another non-bargaining unit position, the longevity/performance increment remains the same;
  - (2) transfers from a non-bargaining unit position to a bargaining unit position is eligible to receive a bargaining unit longevity increment(s) as provided in the respective collective bargaining agreement; or,
  - (3) transfers from a bargaining unit position to a non-bargaining unit position is eligible to receive the comparable performance-based longevity increment(s) based on years of service.
- (g) A department director must not give an employee a lump-sum award and a performance-based longevity increment for the same annual overall performance rating.
- (h) The effective date of all performance-based longevity increments will be the beginning of the pay period in which the employee meets the years of service indicated in 12-8(c)(2).
- 12-9. Longevity increments for correction and sheriff management.
  - (a) A department director must award a longevity increment to an employee who has:
    - (1) completed 16, 20, or 25 years of active service (excluding temporary service); and
    - (2) is in a position on the correctional management or sheriff management salary schedules.
  - (b) The employee's annual base salary does not have to be at the maximum of the respective pay range to receive the longevity increment.
  - (c) The CAO must determine the amount of the longevity increment.



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12-10. Longevity increments for fire management.

- (a) A department director must award a longevity increment to an employee who has:
  - (1) completed 17, 20, or 24 years of active service (excluding temporary service); and
  - (2) is in a position on the fire management salary schedule.
- (b) The employee's annual base salary does not have to be at the maximum of the respective pay range to receive the longevity increment.
- (c) The CAO must determine the amount of the longevity increment.

12-11. Appeal of a reassignment of service increment date or of a delay of service increment pay increase. An employee with merit system status may appeal a department director's decision to reassign an employee's service increment date or to delay an employee's service increment by filing a grievance under Section 34 of these Regulations.

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Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

May 23, 2025

Date

Approved as to form and legality:

Office of the County Attorney

3/14/2025

Date