



Russell Hinton

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Core Policies

1.0 Welcome

1.1 *A Welcome Policy*

Welcome! You have just joined a dedicated organization. We hope that your employment with Russell Hinton will be rewarding and challenging. We take pride in our employees as well as in the products and services we provide.

Please take the time now to read this handbook carefully. Sign the acknowledgment at the end to show that you have read, understood, and agree to the contents of this handbook, which sets out the basic rules and guidelines concerning your employment. This handbook supersedes any previously issued handbooks or policy statements dealing with the subjects discussed herein. The Company reserves the right to interpret, modify, or supplement the provisions of this handbook at any time. Neither this handbook nor any other communication by a management representative or other, whether oral or written, is intended in any way to create a contract of employment. Please understand that no employee handbook can address every situation in the work place.

When questions arise concerning the interpretation of these policies as they relate to employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the answers will be determined by reference to the actual collective bargaining agreement, rather than the summaries contained in this Employee Handbook

If you have questions about your employment or any provisions in this handbook, contact Superintendent.

We wish you success in your employment here at Russell Hinton!

All the best,

Jordan Satrap, President Russell Hinton

2.0 Introductory Language and Policies

2.1 *Ethics Code*

Russell Hinton will conduct business honestly and ethically wherever operations are maintained. We strive to improve the quality of our services, products, and operations and will maintain a reputation for honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, integrity, trust, and sound business judgment. Our managers and employees are expected to adhere to high standards of business and personal integrity as a representation of our business practices.

We expect that officers, directors, and employees will not knowingly misrepresent the Company and will not speak on behalf of the Company unless specifically authorized. The confidentiality of trade secrets, proprietary information, and similar confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) about the Company or operations, or that of our customers or partners, is to be treated with discretion and only disseminated on a need-to-know basis (see policies relating to privacy).

Violation of the Code of Ethics can result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment. The degree of discipline imposed may be influenced by the existence of voluntary disclosure of any ethical violation and whether or not the violator cooperated in any subsequent investigation.

2.2 *Mission Statement*

Russell Hinton Company was founded in 1895 and has continued to this day as a highly successful company due to the dedication and hard work of its employees. Our mission is to provide the highest quality craftsmanship and unparalleled customer service. We pride ourselves on our ability to satisfy the demands of our customers, therefore you are asked to focus on what is best for the customer. We will continue as a successful company only so long as all our employees give their best effort in everything they do, maintain a positive working attitude, and communicate freely with each other.

3.0 Hiring and Orientation Policies

3.1 Conflicts of Interest

Russell Hinton is concerned with conflicts of interest that create actual or potential job-related concerns, especially in the areas of confidentiality, customer relations, safety, security, and morale. If there is any actual or potential conflict of interest between you and a competitor, supplier, distributor, or contractor to the Company, you must disclose it to your supervisor. If an actual or potential conflict of interest is determined to exist, the Company will take such steps as it deems necessary to reduce or eliminate this conflict.

3.2 New Hires and Introductory Periods

The first 7 days of your employment is considered an introductory period. During this period, you will become familiar with Russell Hinton and your job responsibilities, and we will have the opportunity to monitor the quality and value of your performance and make any necessary adjustments in your job description or responsibilities. Your introductory period with the Company can be shortened or lengthened as deemed appropriate by management and Human Resources. Completion of this introductory period does not imply guaranteed or continued employment. Nothing that occurs during or after this period should be construed to change the nature of the "at-will" employment relationship.

3.3 Employment Authorization Verification

All new hires and current employees are required by federal law to verify their identity and eligibility to work in the United States. You will be required to complete federal Form I-9 on the first day of employment at Russell Hinton. If this form and verification of employment eligibility is not completed during the first three days of employment, we are required by law to terminate your employment. If you are currently employed and have not complied with this requirement or if your status has changed, inform your supervisor.

4.0 Wage and Hour Policies

4.1 Attendance Policy

If you know ahead of time that you will be absent or late, provide reasonable advance notice to your supervisor. You may be required to provide documentation of any medical or other excuse for being absent or late.

Russell Hinton reserves the right to apply unused vacation, sick time, or other paid time off to unauthorized absences. Absences resulting from approved leave, vacation, or legal requirements are exceptions to the policy.

4.2 Introduction to Wage and Hour Policies

At Russell Hinton, pay depends on a wide range of factors, including pay scale surveys, individual effort, profits, and market forces. If you have any questions about your compensation, including matters such as paid time off, commissions, overtime, benefits, or paycheck deductions, speak with your supervisor.

4.3 Job Abandonment

Unless specifically defined in your collective bargaining agreement, if you fail to show up for work or call in with an acceptable reason for the absence for a period of three consecutive days, you will be considered to have abandoned your job and voluntarily resigned from Russell Hinton.

5.0 Performance, Discipline, Layoff, and Termination

5.1 Problem Solving Procedures

Russell Hinton strives to provide a comfortable, productive, legal, and ethical work environment. To this end, we want you to bring any problems, concerns, or grievances you have about the work place to the attention of your supervisor and, if necessary, to Human Resources or upper level management. To help manage conflict resolution we have instituted the following problem solving procedure:

If you believe there is inappropriate conduct or activity on the part of the Company, management, its employees, vendors, customers, or any other persons or entities related to the Company, bring your concerns to the attention of your supervisor at a time and place that will allow the person to properly listen to your concern. Most problems can be resolved informally through dialogue between you and your immediate supervisor. If you have already brought this matter to the attention of your supervisor before and do not believe you have received a sufficient response, or if you believe that person is the source of the problem, present your concerns to Human Resources or upper level management. Describe the problem, those persons involved in the problem, efforts you have made to resolve the problem, and any suggested solution you may have.

5.2 Standards of Conduct

Russell Hinton wishes to create a work environment that promotes job satisfaction, respect, responsibility, integrity, and value for all our employees, clients, customers, and other stakeholders. We all share in the responsibility of improving the quality of our work environment. By deciding to work here, you agree to follow our rules.

While it is impossible to list everything that could be considered misconduct in the workplace, what is outlined here is a list of common-sense infractions that could result in discipline, up to and including immediate termination of employment. This policy is not intended to limit our right to discipline or discharge employees for any reason permitted by law.

Examples of inappropriate conduct include:

- Violation of the policies and procedures set forth in this handbook.
- Possessing, using, distributing, selling, or negotiating the sale of illegal drugs or other controlled substances.
- Being under the influence of alcohol during working hours on Company property (including Company vehicles), or on Company business.
- Inaccurate reporting of the hours worked by you or any other employees.

- Providing knowingly inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information when speaking on behalf of the Company or in the preparation of any employment related documents including, but not limited to, job applications, personnel files, employment review documents, intra-company communications, or expense records.
- Taking or destroying Company property.
- Possession of potentially hazardous or dangerous property (where not permitted) such as firearms, weapons, chemicals, etc., without prior authorization.
- Fighting with, or harassment of (as defined in our EEO policies), any fellow employee, vendor, or customer.
- Disclosure of Company trade secrets and proprietary and confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development information, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) of the Company or its customers, contractors, suppliers, or vendors.
- Refusal or failure to follow directions or to perform a requested or required job task.
- Refusal or failure to follow safety rules and procedures.
- Excessive tardiness or absences.
- Smoking in nondesignated areas.
- Working unauthorized overtime.
- Solicitation of fellow employees on Company premises during working time (refer to policy on nonsolicitation).
- Failure to dress according to Company policy.
- Use of obscene or harassing (as defined by our EEO policies) language in the workplace.
- Engaging in outside employment that interferes with your ability to perform your job at this Company.
- Gambling on Company premises.
- Lending keys or keycards to Company property to unauthorized persons.

Nothing in this policy is intended to limit your rights under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

5.3 Workforce Reductions (Layoffs)

If necessary based upon business needs, Russell Hinton management may decide to implement a reduction in force (RIF). We acknowledge that RIFs can be a trying experience for all involved, and the Company will make its best effort to make sound business decisions while acknowledging the needs of its workforce.

6.0 General Policies

6.1 Computer Security and Copying of Software

Software programs purchased and provided by Russell Hinton are to be used only for creating, researching, and processing materials for Company use. By using Company hardware, software, and networking systems you assume personal responsibility for their use and agree to comply with this policy and other applicable Company policies, as well as city, state, and federal laws and regulations.

All software acquired for or on behalf of the Company, or developed by Company employees or contract personnel on behalf of the Company, is and will be deemed Company property. It is the policy of the Company to respect all computer software rights and to adhere to the terms of all software licenses to which the Company is a party. The President is responsible for enforcing these guidelines.

You may not illegally duplicate any licensed software or related documentation. Unauthorized duplication of software may subject you and/or the Company to both civil and criminal penalties under the United States Copyright Act. To purchase software, obtain your manager's approval.

You may not duplicate, copy, or give software to any outsiders including clients, contractors, customers, and others. You may use software on local area networks or on multiple machines only in accordance with applicable license agreements entered into by the Company.

6.2 Nonsolicitation/Nondistribution Policy

To avoid disruption of business operations or disturbance of employees, visitors, and others, Russell Hinton has implemented a Nonsolicitation Policy. For purposes of this policy, "solicitation" includes selling items or services, requesting contributions, and soliciting or seeking to obtain membership in or support for any organization. Solicitation performed through verbal, written, or electronic means is covered by the Nonsolicitation Policy.

You are prohibited from soliciting other employees during your assigned working time. For this purpose, working time means time during which either you or the employees who are the object of the solicitation are expected to be actively engaged with assigned work. You may conduct solicitations during your lunch period, coffee breaks, or other authorized nonworking time, so long as you do so when the other employees are also on nonworking time.

To avoid inappropriate litter, clutter, and safety risks, you may not distribute literature or other items that are not work related in working areas at any time. Working areas do not include break/rest areas, lunch rooms, or parking lots.

6.3 Off-Duty Use of Employer Property or Premises

You may not use Russell Hinton property for personal use during working time. You are responsible for returning Company property in good condition and repairing or replacing any property damaged as the result of personal use or as the result of negligence. This includes use of copy machines, computers, Company products, or office supplies for personal use without prior authorization.

It is Company policy to control off duty and nonworking hour use of Company facilities either for business or personal reasons. You are prohibited from using Company facilities during off duty or nonworking hours without the written consent of your supervisor. If you use Company facilities during your off-duty hours or Company off-hours, you may be required to sign a log-in and log-out sheet maintained by the Company or building manager.

6.4 Open Door Policy

At Russell Hinton, we welcome suggestions for continued improvement and welcome your ideas for better ways to do your job, produce or sell the products or services of our Company, or meet customer and client needs. Discuss your ideas with your supervisor or another member of the management team.

We also encourage you to offer any suggestions derived from seminars, magazines, or other outside sources of information you believe would add value to the Company.

Understand that any suggestions, innovations, inventions, or other matter created by you on work time or with Company tools or property are considered to be the property of the Company.

6.5 Personal Appearance

Your personal appearance reflects on the reputation, integrity, and public image of Russell Hinton. All employees are required to report to work neatly groomed and dressed. You are expected to maintain personal hygiene habits that are generally accepted in the community, including clean clothing, good grooming and personal hygiene, and appropriate attire for the workplace and the work being performed. This may include wearing company shirts or protective safety clothing and equipment, depending upon the job. Use common sense and good judgment in determining what to wear to work. Use common sense and good judgment in determining what to wear to work.

Fragrant products, including but not limited to perfumes, colognes, and scented body lotions or hair products, should be used in moderation out of concern for others with sensitivities or allergies.

The Company will make every effort to reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities or with religious beliefs that make it difficult for them to comply fully with the personal appearance policy. Contact your supervisor to request a reasonable accommodation.

Failure to comply with the personal appearance standards may result in being sent home to groom or change clothes. Frequent violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

6.6 Personal Data Changes

It is your obligation to provide Russell Hinton with your current contact information, including current mailing address and telephone number. Inform the Company of any changes to your marital or tax withholding status. Failure to do so may result in loss of benefits or delayed receipt of W-2 and other mailings. To make changes to this information, contact your supervisor.

6.7 Security

All employees are responsible for helping to make Russell Hinton a secure work environment. Upon leaving work, lock all desks, lockers, and doors protecting valuable or sensitive material in your work area and report any lost or stolen keys, passes, or similar devices to your supervisor immediately. Refrain from discussing specifics regarding Company security systems, alarms, passwords, etc. with those outside of the Company.

Immediately advise your supervisor of any known or potential security risks and/or suspicious conduct of employees, customers, or guests of the Company. Safety and security is the responsibility of all employees and we rely on you to help us keep our premises secure.

6.8 Social Media Policy

At Russell Hinton, we recognize the Internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and share information using a wide variety of social media. However, use of social media also presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. To minimize risks to the Company, you are expected to follow our guidelines for appropriate use of social media.

This policy applies to all employees who work for the Company.

Guidelines

For purposes of this policy, **social media** includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web log or blog, journal or diary, personal website, social

networking or affinity website, web bulletin board or a chat room, whether associated or affiliated with the Company, as well as any other form of electronic communication.

Company principles, guidelines, and policies apply to online activities just as they apply to other areas of work. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you communicate in social media. You may be personally responsible for any litigation that may arise should you make unlawful defamatory, slanderous, or libelous statements against any customer, manager, owner, or employees of the Company.

Know and Follow the Rules

Ensure your postings are consistent with these guidelines. Postings that include unlawful discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence or other unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Be Respectful

The Company cannot force or mandate respectful and courteous activity by employees on social media during nonworking time. If you decide to post complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video, or audio that reasonably could be viewed as unlawful, slanderous, threatening, or that might constitute unlawful harassment. Examples of such conduct might include defamatory or slanderous posts meant to harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile work environment on the basis of race, sex, disability, age, national origin, religion, veteran status, or any other status or class protected by law or Company policy. Your personal posts and social media activity should not reflect upon or refer to the Company.

Maintain Accuracy and Confidentiality

When posting information:

- Maintain the confidentiality of trade secrets, intellectual property, and confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) related to the Company.
- Do not create a link from your personal blog, website, or other social networking site to a Company website that identifies you as speaking on behalf of the Company.
- Never represent yourself as a spokesperson for the Company. If the Company is a subject of the content you are creating, do not represent yourself as speaking on behalf of the Company. Make it clear in your social media activity that you are speaking on your own behalf.

- Respect copyright, trademark, third-party rights, and similar laws and use such protected information in compliance with applicable legal standards.

Using Social Media at Work

Do not use social media while on your work time, unless it is work related as authorized by your manager or consistent with policies that cover equipment owned by the Company.

Media Contacts

If you are not authorized to speak on behalf of the Company, do not speak to the media on behalf of the Company. Direct all media inquiries for official Company responses to Human Resources.

Retaliation and Your Rights

Retaliation or any other negative action is prohibited against anyone who, based on a reasonable belief, reports a possible deviation from this policy or cooperates in an investigation. Those who retaliate against others for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Nothing in this policy is designed to interfere with, restrain, or prevent employees from communications regarding wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment, or to restrain employees in exercising any other right protected by law. All employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.

6.9 *Workplace Privacy and Right to Inspect*

Russell Hinton property, including but not limited to lockers, phones, computers, tablets, desks, work place areas, vehicles, or machinery, remains under the control of the Company and is subject to inspection at any time, without notice to any employees, and without their presence.

You should have no expectation of privacy in any of these areas. We assume no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, your property maintained on Company premises including that kept in lockers and desks.

7.0 Benefits

7.1 Unemployment Compensation Insurance Policy

Unemployment compensation insurance is paid for by Russell Hinton and provides temporary income for employees who have lost their job under certain circumstances. Your eligibility for unemployment compensation will, in part, be determined by the reasons for your separation from the Company.

7.2 Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy

Workers' compensation is a no-fault system designed to provide benefits to all employees for work-related injuries. Workers' compensation insurance coverage is paid for by employers and governed by state law. The workers' compensation system provides for coverage of medical treatment and expenses, occupational disability leave, and rehabilitation services, as well as payment for lost wages due to work related injuries. If you are injured on the job while working at Russell Hinton, no matter how slightly, you are to report the incident immediately to your supervisor. Consistent with applicable state law, failure to report an injury within a reasonable period of time could jeopardize your claim for benefits.

To receive workers' compensation benefits, notify your supervisor immediately of your claim. If your injury is the result of an on-the-job accident, you must fill out an accident report. You will be required to submit a medical release before you can return to work.

7.3 Military Leave (USERRA)

Russell Hinton complies with applicable federal and state law regarding military leave and re-employment rights. Unpaid military leave of absence will be granted to members of the uniformed services in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA; with amendments) and all applicable state law. You must submit documentation of the need for leave to your supervisor. When returning from military leave of absence, you will be reinstated to your previous position or a similar position, in accordance with state and federal law. You must notify your supervisor of your intent to return to employment based on requirements of the law. For more information regarding status, compensation, benefits, and reinstatement upon return from military leave, contact your supervisor.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

8.0 Safety and Loss Prevention

8.1 Policy Against Violence

As the safety and security of our employees, vendors, contractors, and the general public is in the best interests of Russell Hinton, we are committed to working with our employees to provide a work environment free from violence, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Company has a zero tolerance policy regarding workplace violence and will not tolerate acts or threats of violence, harassment, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior, either physical or verbal, that occurs in the workplace or other areas. This applies to management, co-workers, employees, and non-employees such as contractors, customers, and visitors.

Workplace violence can include oral or written statements, gestures, or expressions that communicate a direct or indirect threat of physical harm, damage to property, or any intentional behavior that may cause a person to feel threatened.

Prohibited Conduct

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Physically injuring another person.
- Threatening to injure a person or damage property by any means, including verbal, written, direct, indirect, or electronic means.
- Taking any action to place a person in reasonable fear of imminent harm or offensive contact.
- Possessing, brandishing, or using a firearm on Company property or while performing Company business except as permitted by state law.
- Violating a restraining order, order of protection, injunction against harassment, or other court order.

Reporting Incidents of Violence

Report to your supervisor, in accordance with this policy, any behavior that compromises our ability to maintain a safe work environment. All reports will be investigated immediately and kept confidential, except where there is a legitimate need to know. You are expected to cooperate in any investigation of workplace violence.

Violations

Violating this policy may subject you to criminal charges as well as discipline up to and including immediate termination of employment.

Retaliation

Victims and witnesses of workplace violence will not be retaliated against in any manner. In addition, you will not be subject to discipline for, based on a reasonable belief, reporting a threat or for cooperating in an investigation.

If you initiate, participate, are involved in retaliation, or obstruct an investigation into conduct prohibited by this policy, you will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

If you believe you have been wrongfully retaliated against, immediately report the matter to your supervisor.

9.0 Trade Secrets and Inventions

9.1 Confidentiality and Nondisclosure of Trade Secrets

As a condition of employment, Russell Hinton employees are required to protect the confidentiality of Company trade secrets, proprietary information, and confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) related to the Company. Access to this information should be limited to a "need to know" basis and should not be used for personal benefit, disclosed, or released without prior authorization from management. If you have information that leads you to suspect that employees or competitors are obtaining such information, you are required to inform your superintendent.

Violation of this policy may result in discipline or termination, and may subject the violator to civil liability.

California Policies

10.0 Welcome

10.1 *At-Will Employment*

Your employment with Russell Hinton is on an "at-will" basis. This means your employment may be terminated at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause. Likewise, we respect your right to leave the Company at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause.

Nothing in this handbook or any other Company document should be understood as creating a contract, guaranteed or continued employment, a right to termination only "for cause," or any other guarantee of continued benefits or employment. Only the President has the authority to make promises or negotiate with regard to guaranteed or continued employment, and any such promises are only effective if placed in writing and signed by the President.

When questions arise concerning the interpretation of these policies as they relate to employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the answers will be determined by reference to the actual union contract, rather than the summaries contained in this Employee Handbook.

11.0 Introductory Language and Policies

11.1 Revisions to Handbook

This handbook is our attempt to keep you informed of the terms and conditions of your employment, including Russell Hinton policies and procedures. The handbook is not a contract. The Company reserves the right to revise, add, or delete from this handbook as we determine to be in our best interest, except the policy concerning at-will employment. When changes are made to the policies and guidelines contained herein, we will endeavor to communicate them in a timely fashion, typically in a written supplement to the handbook or in a posting on company bulletin boards.

12.0 Hiring and Orientation Policies

12.1 Disability Accommodation

Russell Hinton complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and all applicable state and local fair employment practices laws, and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities (including pregnancy-related disabilities). Consistent with this commitment, the Company will provide a reasonable accommodation to disabled employees if the reasonable accommodation would allow the individual to perform the essential functions of the job, unless doing so would create an undue hardship.

If you require an accommodation because of your disability, notify your supervisor. When making your request for an accommodation, include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you perform the essential functions of your job.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to perform your job. However, the Company is not required to make the specific accommodation requested by you and may provide an alternative accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees for requesting an accommodation.

12.2 EEO Statement and Nonharassment Policy

Equal Opportunity Statement

Russell Hinton is committed to the principles of equal employment. We are committed to complying with all federal, state, and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, and all other employment laws and regulations. It is our intent to maintain a work environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation because of age (40 and over), race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression,

sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. The Company is dedicated to the fulfillment of this policy in regard to all aspects of employment, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, placement, transfer, training, promotion, rates of pay, and other compensation, termination, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

The Company will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or any violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy in a confidential manner. The Company will take appropriate corrective and remedial action, if and where warranted. The Company prohibits retaliation against any employees who provide information about, complain about, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of discrimination or violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

We are all responsible for upholding the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Any claimed violations of this policy should be brought to the attention of your supervisor.

Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Russell Hinton has a strict policy against all types of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment and other forms of workplace harassment based upon an individual's age (40 and over), race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. All forms of harassment of, or by, employees, applicants, unpaid interns, volunteers, vendors, visitors, customers, and clients are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to, or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

While it is not possible to identify every act that constitutes or may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of sexual harassment:

- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;

- Lewd or derogatory comments or jokes;
- Comments regarding sexual behavior or the body of another;
- Sexual innuendo and other vocal activity such as catcalls or whistles;
- Obscene letters, notes, emails, invitations, photographs, cartoons, articles, or other written or pictorial materials of a sexual nature;
- Repeated requests for dates after being informed that interest is unwelcome;
- Retaliating against another for refusing a sexual advance or reporting an incident of possible sexual harassment to the Company or any government agency;
- Offering or providing favors or employment benefits such as promotions, favorable evaluations, favorable assigned duties or shifts, etc., in exchange for sexual favors; and
- Any unwanted physical touching or assaults, or blocking or impeding movements.

Other Harassment

Other workplace harassment is verbal or physical conduct that insults or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of the individual's age (40 and over), race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

Again, while it is not possible to list all the circumstances that may constitute other forms of workplace harassment, the following are some examples of conduct that may constitute workplace harassment:

- The use of disparaging or abusive words or phrases, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to the above protected categories;
- Written or graphic material that insults, stereotypes, or shows aversion or hostility toward an individual or group because of one of the above protected categories and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, email, voicemail, or elsewhere on our premises, or circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance toward any select group.

Reporting Discrimination and Harassment

If you feel that you have witnessed or have been subjected to any form of discrimination or harassment, you must immediately notify your supervisor, Human Resources manager, or other manager at the Company.

The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who, based on a reasonable

belief, provide information about, complain, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of harassment or discrimination.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim and take appropriate corrective and/or remedial action where we find a claim has merit. If the Company begins an investigation, we will endeavor to conduct the investigation in a timely manner and will keep the investigation confidential to the extent possible. In the same way, anyone involved in an investigation of harassment has an obligation to keep all information about the investigation confidential. That is why the Company will only share information about a complaint of harassment with those who need to know about it. Failure to keep information about an investigation confidential may result in disciplinary action. Investigations will be documented and tracked for timely resolution.

When the investigation has been completed, the Company will normally communicate the results of the investigation to the complaining individual, to the alleged harasser and, if appropriate, to others who are directly involved. If our policy against harassment is found to have been violated, appropriate corrective action, up to and including termination, will be taken against the harasser so that further harassment will be prevented. Both the rights of the alleged harasser and the complainant will be considered in any investigation and subsequent action.

Discipline for violation of this policy may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension, demotion, transfer, and discharge. If the Company determines that harassment or discrimination occurred, corrective and remedial action will be taken to effectively end the harassment. As necessary, the Company may monitor any incident of harassment or discrimination to assure the inappropriate behavior has stopped. In all cases, the Company will follow up as necessary to ensure that no individual is retaliated against for making a complaint or cooperating with an investigation.

In addition to our internal complaint procedure, employees may also contact either the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to report unlawful harassment. The EEOC and the DFEH serve as neutral fact-finders and will attempt to assist the parties to voluntarily resolve their disputes. For more information, contact the Office of Human Resources or the nearest EEOC or DFEH office.

12.3 Religious Accommodation

Russell Hinton is dedicated to treating its employees equally and with respect and recognizes the diversity of their religious beliefs. All employees, unpaid interns, and volunteers may request an accommodation when their religious beliefs cause a deviation from the Company dress or grooming code, or the individual's schedule, basic job duties, or other aspects of employment. The Company will consider the

request, but reserves the right to offer its own accommodation to the extent permitted by law. Some, but not all, of the factors that the Company will consider are cost, the effect that an accommodation will have on current established policies, and the burden on operations — including other employees — when determining a reasonable accommodation. At no time will the Company question the validity of a person's belief.

Religious accommodation request forms are available from your supervisor.

13.0 Wage and Hour Policies

13.1 Accommodations for Nursing Mothers

Russell Hinton will provide nursing mothers reasonable break time to express milk for their infant child(ren).

If you need breaks to express milk, you may use your regular paid rest breaks or may take other reasonable break time when needed. If possible, the break time should run concurrently with scheduled meal and rest breaks already provided to you. If the break time cannot run concurrently with meal and rest breaks already provided or additional time is needed, the break time will be unpaid if you are a nonexempt employee.

To ensure privacy, you will be provided a private room, other than a restroom, to express breast milk. The room will be clearly designated and either have a lock or a sign on the door to indicate when the room is in use.

Expressed milk can be stored in company refrigerators. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator.

You are encouraged to discuss the length and frequency of these breaks with your supervisor.

13.2 Meal and Rest Periods Policy

Russell Hinton strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment and complies with all federal and state regulations regarding meal and rest periods. Check with your supervisor regarding procedures and schedules for rest and meal breaks. The Company requests that employees accurately observe and record meal and rest periods. If you know in advance that you may not be able to take your scheduled break or meal period, let your supervisor know; in addition, notify your supervisor as soon as possible if you were unable to or prohibited from taking a meal or rest period.

Nonexempt employees who work in excess of five hours in a workday will be provided with at least a 30-minute unpaid meal period no later than the end of their fifth hour of work (no later than the start of their sixth hour of work). Those who work in excess of 10 hours in a workday are eligible to receive a second meal period of no more than 30 minutes.

Nonexempt employees will also be provided a 10-minute duty free rest period for each four hours of work or major portion of each four hours as scheduled by their supervisor. Any rest period is considered time worked. Your work schedule will be determined by your supervisor.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

13.3 Pay Period

At Russell Hinton, the standard pay period is weekly for all employees. Payroll periods begin on Monday and end on Sunday. The Superintendent or project Foreman will distribute paychecks to employees at the end of the shift every Thursday. If a pay period falls on a holiday, you will be paid on the preceding workday. Special provisions may be required from time to time if holidays fall on pay dates. Check with your supervisor if this type of date arises.

13.4 Paycheck Deductions

Russell Hinton is required by federal, state, and local laws to withhold certain deductions from your paycheck. This includes income and unemployment taxes, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) contributions (Social Security and Medicare), and any other deductions required under law or by court order for wage garnishments. The amount of your tax deductions will depend on your earnings and the number of exemptions you list on your federal Form W-4 and applicable state withholding form. You may also authorize voluntary deductions from your paycheck, including contributions for insurance premiums, retirement plans, spending accounts, or other services. Your deductions will be reflected in your wage statement.

Contact your supervisor with any questions about your paycheck.

13.5 Recording Time

Federal and state laws require Russell Hinton to keep accurate records of hours worked by nonexempt (hourly) employees. All nonexempt employees are required to enter their hours worked accurately, including all lunch periods and any rest periods. You are required to notify the Company of any pay discrepancies, unrecorded or misrecorded work hours, or any involuntary missed meal or break periods.

Do not complete the time sheet of any other employees or request that they do so for you. Be sure to indicate your days off. Any changes to your time card must be approved of and initialed by your Superintendent. Time cards are to be turned in to your Superintendent every Monday, unless it is a holiday.

Falsification of time records or recording time for other employees may result in discipline up to and including termination of employment.

14.0 Performance, Discipline, Layoff, and Termination

14.1 Criminal Activity/Arrests

Involvement in criminal activity during employment, whether on or off Russell Hinton property, may result in disciplinary action including suspension or termination of employment. Disciplinary action depends upon a review of all factors involved, including whether or not the action was work-related, the nature of the act, or circumstances that adversely affect attendance or performance. Any disciplinary action is not dependent upon the disposition of any case in court.

You are expected to be on the job, ready to work, when scheduled. Inability to report to work as scheduled as a result of an arrest may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, for violation of an attendance policy or job abandonment.

Any disciplinary action taken will be based on information reasonably available. This information may come from witnesses, police, or any other source as long as management has reason to view the source as credible.

14.2 Disciplinary Process

Violation of Russell Hinton policies or procedures may result in disciplinary action including demotion, transfer, leave without pay, or termination of employment. The Company encourages a system of progressive discipline depending on the type of prohibited conduct. However, the Company is not required to engage in progressive discipline and may discipline or terminate employees who violate the rules of conduct, or where the quality or value of their work fails to meet expectations at any time. Again, any attempt at progressive discipline does not imply that your employment is anything other than on an "at-will" basis.

In appropriate circumstances, management will first provide you with a verbal warning, then with one or more written warnings, and if the conduct is not sufficiently altered, eventual demotion, transfer, forced leave, or termination of employment. Your supervisor will make every effort possible to allow you to respond to any disciplinary action taken. Understand that while the Company is concerned with consistent enforcement of our policies, we are not obligated to follow any disciplinary or grievance procedure and that depending on the circumstances, you may be disciplined or terminated without any prior warning or procedure.

15.0 General Policies

15.1 Payroll Advances and Loans

Russell Hinton does not make payroll advances or loans.

15.2 Personnel and Medical Records

Russell Hinton maintains a personnel and medical file for all employees. Medical records will be kept in a separate folder. Every effort will be made to keep your personnel and medical records confidential. Access is on a "need-to-know" basis only. This includes, but is not limited to, supervisors and others in management reviewing the file for possible promotion, transfer, or layoff.

All employees have the right to inspect and receive a copy of their personnel records. The Company will make such records available for inspection and/or copying within 30 days of a written request. All requests by an outside party for information contained in your personnel file will be directed to the Human Resources department, which is the only department authorized to give out such information.

15.3 Voicemail, Email, and Internet Policy

This Voicemail/Email/Internet Policy is intended to provide Russell Hinton employees with the guidelines associated with the use of the voicemail/email/Internet system (the system). This policy applies to all employees and any others accessing and/or using the system through onsite or remote terminals.

General Provisions

- The system, and all data transmitted or received through the system, is the exclusive property of the Company. You should not have any expectation of privacy in any communication over this system. If you are permitted to have access to the system, you will be given a voicemail, email, and/or Internet address and/or access code and will have use of the system consistent with this policy.
- The Company reserves the right to monitor, intercept, and/or review all data transmitted, received, or downloaded over the system. Any individual who is given access to the system is hereby given notice that the Company will exercise this right periodically, without prior notice and without the prior consent.
- The interests of the Company in monitoring and intercepting data include, but are not limited to: protection of Company trade secrets, proprietary, and similar confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales

records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.); managing the use of the computer system; and/or assisting employees in the management of electronic data during periods of absence.

- You should not interpret the use of password protection as creating a right or expectation of privacy. To protect everyone involved, no one can have a right or expectation of privacy regarding the receipt, transmission, or storage of data on the Company voicemail/email/Internet system.

Any employees who violate this policy will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment. If necessary, the Company will also advise law enforcement officials of any illegal conduct.

15.4 Whistleblower Policy

When employees notify a supervisor, manager, or an appropriate government or law enforcement agency that they have reason to believe their employer is violating a state or federal statute, or violating or not complying with a state or federal rule or regulation, those employees are protected from retaliation. As such, Russell Hinton has a strict policy that prohibits retaliation against employees who make such reports while employed in any form of employment. The Company also does not permit retaliation against employees who refuse to participate in an activity that would result in a violation of a state or federal statute, or a violation or noncompliance with a state or federal rule or regulation.

If you have information regarding possible violations of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations, or violations of fiduciary responsibility by the Company, we encourage you to report it immediately to your Superintendent or to the President. Alternatively, you may contact the California State Attorney General's Whistleblower Hotline at (800) 952-5225. The Attorney General will refer your call to the appropriate government authority for review and possible investigation.

16.0 Benefits

16.1 Bone Marrow and Organ Donor Leave

Russell Hinton provides employees, who have been employed with the Company for at least 90 days, with paid leave for the purpose of donating organs or bone marrow. When donating an organ to another person, you may take up to 30 business days in any one-year period; and when donating bone marrow, you may take up to five business days in any one-year period. The one-year period for both leaves is measured from the date leave begins.

You are required to provide as much advance notice as possible if you wish to take leave to donate an organ or bone marrow. Provide Human Resources with verification from a physician that the donation will take place and that there is a medical necessity for the donation. While this leave is paid, you must first use 10 days accrued sick or vacation time when donating an organ, or five days accrued sick or vacation time when donating bone marrow. Leave taken under this policy does not constitute a break in service for health insurance coverage, accrual of vacation or sick pay, or seniority; however, the leave may not run concurrently with FMLA or CFRA leave.

Under most circumstances, upon return from leave under this policy you will be reinstated to the same or equivalent position; however, you will have no greater right to reinstatement than if you had been continuously employed during the leave. For example, if you would have been laid off had you not gone on leave, or if your position is eliminated during the leave, then you will not be entitled to reinstatement.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.2 Crime Victim Leave

Russell Hinton provides employees who are the victim of a violent felony or serious felony (or the family member of a victim of a violent felony or serious felony) with unpaid leave in order to attend judicial proceedings related to the crime. A family member under this policy includes a spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, mother, stepmother, father, or stepfather.

When the need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide documentation of the scheduled proceeding. Such notice is typically given to the victim of the crime by a court or government agency setting the hearing, a district attorney or prosecuting

attorney's office, or a victim/witness office. If advance notice is not possible, you must provide appropriate documentation within a reasonable time after the absence.

Any absence from work to attend judicial proceedings will be unpaid, unless you choose to take paid time off, such as accrued vacation or personal holiday.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.3 Family and Medical Leave of Absence Policy

General

We recognize that there are times when you may need to be absent from work due to qualifying events under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and California Family Rights Act (CFRA). Accordingly, Russell Hinton will provide eligible employees up to a combined total of 12 weeks of unpaid FMLA/CFRA leave per leave year for the following reasons and any others authorized by the FMLA/CFRA:

- **Parental Leave:** For the birth or placement of an adopted or foster child;
- **Personal Medical Leave:** When you are unable to work due to your own serious health condition;
- **Family Care Leave:** To care for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition;
- **Military Exigency Leave:** When your spouse, parent, son, or daughter (of any age) experiences a qualifying exigency resulting from military service (applies to active service members deployed to a foreign country, National Guard and Reservists); and
- **Military Care Leave:** To care for your spouse, parent, son, daughter (of any age), or next of kin who requires care due to an injury or illness incurred while on active duty or that was exacerbated while on active duty. **Note:** Up to 26 weeks of leave per 12-month period may be taken to care for the injured/ill service member.

Key Policy Definitions

- **Eligible employees** under this policy are those who have been employed by the Company for at least 12 months (these need not be consecutive months and under certain circumstances hours missed from work due to military call-up will also be counted) and have performed at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12-month period immediately preceding the date

leave is to begin. Where the Company has small locations with fewer than 50 employees within 75 miles, employees are not eligible for leave.

However, you may contact Human Resources to discuss other types of leave that might be available for the reasons listed in this policy.

- **Leave year** for the purposes of this policy is a rolling 12-month period measured backward from the date FMLA leave begins.
- A **spouse** means a husband or wife as recognized under state law for the purposes of marriage in the state or other territory or country where the marriage arose.
- A **son or daughter** for the purposes of parental or family leave is defined as a biological, adopted, foster, step-child, legal ward, or a child for whom you stood in loco parentis to, who is either under 18 years of age, or is 18 years of age or older and incapable of self-care because of physical or mental disability. A son or daughter for the purposes of military exigency or military care leave can be of any age.
- A **parent** means a biological, adoptive, step, or foster parent or any other individual who stood in loco parentis to you when you were a son or daughter.
- **Next of kin** for the purposes of military care leave is a blood relative other than a spouse, parent, or child in the following order: brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and first cousins. If a military service member designates in writing another blood relative as his or her caregiver, that individual will be the only next of kin. In appropriate circumstances, you may be required to provide documentation of next of kin status.
- A **serious health condition** is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either inpatient care or continuing treatment by a health care provider. Ordinarily, unless complications arise, cosmetic treatments and minor conditions such as the cold, flu, ear aches, upset stomach, minor ulcers, headaches (other than migraines), and routine dental problems are examples of conditions that are not serious health conditions under this policy. If you have any questions about the types of conditions that may qualify, contact Human Resources.
- A **health care provider** is a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant, podiatrist, dentist, clinical psychologist, optometrist, nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, clinical social worker, or Christian Science practitioner licensed by the First Church of Christ. Under limited circumstances, a chiropractor or other provider recognized by our group health plan for the purposes of certifying a claim for benefits may also be considered a health care provider.
- **Qualifying exigencies** for military exigency leave include:
 - Short-notice call-ups/deployments of seven days or less (**Note:** Leave for this exigency is available for up to seven days beginning the date of call-up notice);
 - Attending official ceremonies, programs, or military events;
 - Special child care needs created by a military call-up including making alternative child care arrangements, handling urgent and

- nonroutine child care situations, arranging for school transfers, or attending school or daycare meetings;
 - Making financial and legal arrangements;
 - Attending counseling sessions for yourself, the military service member, or the military service members' son or daughter who is under 18 years of age or is 18 or older but incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability;
 - Rest and recuperation (**Note:** Fifteen days of leave is available for this exigency per event);
 - Post-deployment activities such as arrival ceremonies, re-integration briefings, and other official ceremonies sponsored by the military (**Note:** Leave for these events is available during a period of 90 days following the termination of active duty status). This type of leave may also be taken to address circumstances arising from the death of a covered military member while on active duty;
 - Parental care when the military family member is needed to care for a parent who is incapable of self-care (e.g. arranging for alternative care or transfer to a care facility); and
 - Other exigencies that arise that are agreed to by both the Company and you.
- A **serious injury/illness** incurred by a service member in the line of active duty or that is exacerbated by active duty is any injury or illness that renders the service member unfit to perform the duties of his or her office, grade, rank, or rating.

Notice and Leave Request Process

Foreseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is foreseeable because of an expected birth/adoption or planned medical treatment, you must give at least 30 days' notice. If 30 days' notice is not practicable, give notice as soon as possible. You are expected to complete and return a leave request form prior to the beginning of leave. ***Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork will result in the delay or denial of leave.***

Unforeseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practicable and possible under the facts of the particular case. Normal call-in procedures apply to all absences from work including those for which leave under this policy may be requested. You are expected to complete and return the necessary leave request form as soon as possible to obtain the leave. ***Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork on a timely basis will result in the delay or denial of leave.***

Leave Request Process

To request leave under this policy, obtain a leave request form from your supervisor and return the completed form to Human Resources. If the need for leave is unforeseeable and you will be absent more than three days, contact Human Resources by telephone and request that a leave form be mailed to your home. If the need for leave will be fewer than three days, complete and return the leave request form upon returning to work.

Call-In Procedures

In all instances of absence, the call-in procedures and standards established for giving notice of absence from work must be followed.

Leave Increments

Parental Leave

Leave for the birth or placement of a child must be taken in a single block and cannot be taken on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis. Parental leave must be completed within 12 months of the birth or placement of the child; however, you may use parental leave before the placement of an adopted or foster child to consult with attorneys, appear in court, attend counseling sessions, etc.

Family Care, Personal Medical, Military Exigency, and Military Care Leave

Leave taken for these reasons may be taken in a block or blocks of time. In addition, if a health care provider deems it necessary or if the nature of a qualifying exigency requires, leave for these reasons can be taken on an intermittent or reduced-schedule basis.

Paid Leave Utilization During FMLA Leave

If you are taking parental, family care, military exigency, and/or military care leave, you must utilize available vacation/PTO, personal days, and/or family illness days during this leave. If you are taking personal medical leave, you must utilize available sick, personal, and vacation/PTO days during this leave. If you are receiving short- or long-term disability or workers' compensation benefits during a personal medical leave, you will not be required to utilize these benefits. However, you may elect to utilize accrued benefits to supplement these benefits.

Certification and Fitness for Duty Requirements

Provide certification from a health care provider when requesting family care, personal medical, or military care leave. Such certification must be provided within 15 days of the request for leave unless it is not practicable under the circumstances despite your diligent efforts. Failure to timely provide certification may result in leave being delayed, denied, or revoked. In our discretion, you may also be required to obtain a second and third certification from another health care provider at Company expense (except for military care leave). Recertification of the

continuance of a serious health condition or an injury/illness of a military service member will also be required at appropriate intervals.

When requesting a military exigency leave, you may also be required to provide appropriate active duty orders and subsequent information concerning particular qualifying exigencies involved.

When requesting personal medical leave, you will also be required to provide a fitness for duty certification from your health care provider prior to returning to work.

Scheduling Leave and Temporary Transfers

Where possible, attempt to schedule leave so as not to unduly disrupt operations. If you are requesting leave on an intermittent or reduced schedule basis that is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, you may be temporarily transferred to another job with equivalent pay and benefits that better accommodates recurring periods of leave.

Health Insurance

Your health insurance coverage will be maintained by the Company during leave on the same basis as if you were still working. You must continue to make timely payments of your share of the premiums for such coverage. Failure to pay premiums within 30 days of when they are due may result in a lapse of coverage. If this occurs, you will be notified 15 days before the date coverage will lapse that coverage will terminate unless payments are promptly made. Alternatively, at our option, the Company may pay your share of the premiums during the leave and recover the costs of this insurance upon your return to work. Coverage that lapses due to nonpayment of premiums will be reinstated immediately upon return to work without a waiting period. Under most circumstances, if you do not return to work at the end of leave, the Company may require reimbursement for the health insurance premiums paid during the leave.

Return to Work

Upon returning to work at the end of leave, you will be placed in your original job or an equivalent job with equivalent pay and benefits. You will not lose any benefits that accrued before leave was taken. You may not, however, be entitled to discretionary raises, promotions, bonus payments, or other benefits that become available during the period of leave.

Spouse Aggregation

In the case where you and your spouse are both employed by the Company, the total number of weeks to which you are both are entitled in the aggregate because of the birth or placement of a child or to care for a parent with a serious health condition will be limited to 12 weeks per leave year. Similarly, spouses employed

by the Company will be limited to a combined total of 26 weeks of leave to care for a military service member. This 26-week leave period will be reduced, however, by the amount of leave taken for other qualifying FMLA events. This type of leave aggregation does not apply to leave needed because of for your own serious health condition, to care for a spouse or child with a serious health condition, or because of a qualifying exigency.

General Provisions

Failure to Return

If you fail to return to work or fail to make a request for an extension of leave prior to the expiration of the leave, you will be deemed to have voluntarily terminated your employment.

Alternative Employment

While on leave of absence, you may not work or be gainfully employed either for yourself or others unless express, written permission to perform such outside work has been granted by the Company. If you are on a leave of absence and are found to be working elsewhere without permission, you will be automatically terminated.

False Reason for Leave

You will be terminated if you provide a false reason for a leave.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.4 Jury Duty Leave

Russell Hinton encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

If you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. If you are classified as nonexempt, you will not be compensated for time spent on jury duty. You may opt to use PTO in place of unpaid leave.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of jury duty service to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.5 Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

Russell Hinton is concerned about employees who are victims of domestic violence. If you are the victim of domestic violence, the Company will provide you with unpaid leave to obtain a restraining order, medical treatment, psychological counseling, assistance from a shelter or similar organization, or to obtain relief to help ensure your own health, safety, or welfare or that of your child, including time off to participate in safety planning. You may opt to use PTO or any unused sick pay in place of unpaid leave.

To take advantage of the leave provided under this policy, you must provide the Company with advance notice of the need for leave. If advance notice is not possible, you will be required to provide one of the following certifications upon returning to work:

- A police report showing that you were the victim of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- A court order protecting you from the perpetrator or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that you appeared in court.
- Documentation from a medical professional, domestic violence or sexual assault victim advocate, health care provider, or counselor showing that your absence was due to treatment for injuries from domestic violence or sexual assault.

The Company will maintain the confidentiality of anyone requesting time off under this policy. Failure to provide the required certification may result in a denial of the requested time off. The length of unpaid leave you may take under this policy is limited to 12 weeks.

The Company is aware that a domestic situation may impact employees. Accordingly, if you obtain a restraining order as the result of domestic violence, provide a copy of the restraining order to Human Resources, in addition to a photograph and a description of the individual who is being restrained. The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who are the victim of domestic violence for taking time off from work for the purposes specified herein that are related to addressing domestic violence.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.6 New Parent Leave

If eligible, Russell Hinton will provide you with up to 12 weeks of unpaid parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement.

To be eligible for parental leave, you must meet the following requirements:

- As of the date leave begins, you must be employed with the Company for at least 12 months and for 1,250 hours during the previous 12 months.
- You must work at a worksite where the Company employs at least 20 employees within a 75-mile radius.

If the need for leave is foreseeable because of an expected birth, adoption, or placement, you must provide at least 30 days' written notice. If 30 days' notice is not practicable due to a premature birth, unexpected adoption, or unexpected foster placement, provide notice as soon as possible.

In cases where both parents are employed by the Company and are eligible for leave, the max amount of total leave for both parents is 12 weeks. The Company may, but is not required to, grant simultaneous leave to both parents.

While on parental leave, employees will be allowed to utilize accrued vacation pay, paid sick time, or any other accrued paid time off.

The Company will maintain your group health insurance coverage during the leave period under the same terms and conditions that would have applied had the leave not been taken. If you fail to return to work after leave, the Company may seek to recover any premiums paid for maintaining coverage by deducting the amount from your final wages, unless the failure to return to work was due to the continuation, recurrence, or onset of a serious health condition or other circumstances beyond your control.

Upon returning to work at the end of leave, you will be placed in your original job or an equivalent job with equivalent pay and benefits. You will not lose any benefits that accrued before leave was taken. You may not, however, be entitled to discretionary raises, promotions, bonus payments, or other benefits that become available during leave.

The Company will not discharge or otherwise discriminate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.7 Paid Family Leave Insurance

California's Paid Family Leave (PFL) insurance program provides eligible employees with up to six weeks of partial wage replacement in any 12-month period to take time off from work to bond with a new child (either by birth, adoption, or foster care placement) or to care for a seriously ill family member (child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner). The 12-month period begins on the day a claim is submitted.

PFL insurance is funded entirely by workers through state disability insurance (SDI) payroll deductions. If you are currently receiving benefits from SDI or workers' compensation insurance, you may not be eligible to receive PFL benefits. The California PFL insurance program does not create a right to a leave of absence, job protection, or job reinstatement.

The PFL insurance program makes benefits available to eligible employees through the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Apply for PFL insurance directly with the EDD. Contact the EDD for information on eligibility or to obtain a claim form. Medical and other documentation may be required.

16.8 Pregnancy Disability Leave (50 or More EE)

If you are disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, Russell Hinton will provide you with up to four months of unpaid pregnancy disability leave (PDL).

Eligibility

To be eligible for PDL, you must suffer from a pregnancy-related disability. A ***pregnancy-related disability*** is a physical or mental condition related to pregnancy or childbirth that prevents you from performing the essential duties of your job, or would cause undue risk to you or your pregnancy's successful completion.

Conditions for which PDL is available include, but are not limited to:

- Severe morning sickness.
- Prenatal or postnatal care.
- Doctor ordered bed rest.
- Gestational diabetes.
- Pregnancy-induced hypertension.
- Preeclampsia.
- Post-partum depression.
- Lactation conditions such as mastitis.
- Loss or end of pregnancy.
- Recovery from loss or end of pregnancy.

Use of Leave

PDL may be taken before or after birth during any period of time (not to exceed four months) where you are physically unable to work due to your pregnancy-related disability. You may take PDL all at once or intermittently.

If you qualify, you are entitled to take PDL, California Family Rights Act (CFRA) leave, and federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave. PDL and FMLA run concurrently. CFRA will be counted separately from PDL. CFRA will also be counted separately from FMLA taken for pregnancy disability, childbirth, or related medical conditions. You will receive an additional 12 weeks of bonding leave under the CFRA if you qualify.

Notice and Leave Request Process

Foreseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is foreseeable because of an expected birth/adoption or planned medical treatment, you must give at least 30 days' notice. If 30 days' notice is not practicable, give notice as soon as possible. You are expected to complete and return a leave request form prior to the beginning of leave. Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork will result in the delay or denial of leave.

Unforeseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practicable and possible under the facts of the particular case. Normal call-in procedures apply to all absences from work including those for which leave under this policy may be requested. Complete and return the necessary leave request form as soon as possible to obtain the leave. Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork on a timely basis will result in the delay or denial of leave.

Leave Request Process

To request leave under this policy, obtain a leave request form from your supervisor and return the completed form. If the need for leave is unforeseeable and you will be absent more than three days, contact Human Resources by telephone and request that a leave form be mailed to your home. If leave will be fewer than three days, complete and return the leave request form upon returning to work.

Call-In Procedures

In all instances of absence, follow the call-in procedures and standards established for giving notice of absence from work.

Paid Leave Utilization During Pregnancy Leave

You will be required to use available sick leave during PDL; however, you may opt to use any available PTO during your PDL in order to receive compensation.

If you are on PDL for eight or more consecutive calendar days, you may be eligible for partial wage replacement benefits under the California State Disability Insurance (SDI) program. You are responsible for applying for these benefits and can obtain forms from your health care provider.

Certification and Fitness for Duty Requirements

When requesting PDL, you must provide certification from a health care provider to qualify for leave. Such certification must be provided within 15 days of the request for leave unless it is not practicable under the circumstances despite your diligent efforts. Failure to provide certification may result in leave being delayed, denied, or revoked. At the discretion of Company, you may also be required to obtain a second and third certification from another health care provider at Company expense (except for military care leave). Recertification of the continuance of a serious health condition or an injury/illness of a military service member will also be required at appropriate intervals.

Temporary Transfer and Other Accommodations

If you are suffering from a pregnancy related disability, you are entitled to a temporary transfer to another position or other reasonable accommodation based on the pregnancy-related disability if you request the transfer or reasonable accommodation and the request is based on the medical certification of a health care provider that a transfer or reasonable accommodation is medically advisable, and the request can be reasonably accommodated by the Company. All employees who are transferred to accommodate a pregnancy-related disability have the same reinstatement and other rights described below with respect to pregnancy-related disability leaves.

The Company may also require you to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position with the same pay and benefits in order to accommodate your need for intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule.

Health Insurance

The Company will maintain your health insurance coverage during leave as if you were still working. You must continue to make timely payments of your share of the premiums. Failure to pay premiums within 30 days of when they are due may result in a lapse of coverage. If this occurs, you will be notified 15 days before the date coverage will lapse that coverage will terminate unless payments are promptly made. Alternatively, at our option, the Company may pay your share of the premiums during the leave and recover the costs of this insurance upon your return to work. Coverage that lapses due to nonpayment of premiums will be reinstated

immediately upon return to work without a waiting period. Under most circumstances, if you do not return to work at the end of leave, the Company may require reimbursement for the health insurance premiums paid during the leave.

Return to Work

Upon returning to work at the end of leave, you will be placed in your original job or an equivalent job with equivalent pay and benefits. You will not lose any benefits that accrued before leave was taken. You may not, however, be entitled to discretionary raises, promotions, bonus payments, or other benefits that become available during leave.

At the completion of PDL, you will be required to obtain a release to return to work from your health care provider stating that you are able to resume your original job or duties.

Failure to Return

If you fail to return to work or fail to make a request for an extension of leave prior to the expiration of the leave, you will be deemed to have voluntarily terminated your employment.

Alternative Employment

While on leave of absence, you may not work or be gainfully employed either for yourself or others unless express, written permission to perform such outside work has been granted by the Company. If you are on a leave of absence and are found to be working elsewhere without permission, you will be automatically terminated.

False Reason for Leave

You will be terminated if you provide a false reason for a leave.

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.9 School and Child Care Activities Leave

Russell Hinton will provide employees who have one or more children that are of the age to attend a licensed child care provider, kindergarten, or grades 1 through 12, with up to 40 hours of leave per year to participate in the following:

- Finding, enrolling, or re-enrolling the child in a school or with a licensed child care provider;
- Participating in school or childcare-related activities; or
- Addressing a child care provider or school emergency.

Leave is limited to eight hours in any calendar month.

To be eligible for leave, you must be a parent, guardian, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, or a person who stands in the place of a parent (in loco parentis) to a child.

If you wish to take leave to enroll a child in school or with a child care provider or to participate in a school or child-care related activity, you must provide reasonable advance notice to your supervisor. If you need to take leave to address a child care provider or school emergency, you must provide notice to your supervisor as soon as practicable. You may be required to provide documentation from the school or child care provider verifying that you participated in the school or childcare activity.

If both parents of a child work for the Company, only one parent — the first to provide notice — may take the time off, unless the Company approves both parents taking time off simultaneously.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.10 Voting Leave

If your work schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, Russell Hinton will allow you a reasonable time off to vote. The time when you can go to vote will be at the discretion of your supervisor, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

16.11 Witness Leave

If you are required by law to appear in court as a witness, you may take unpaid time off to do so, provided you give Russell Hinton reasonable advance notice.

This policy may be in conflict with your collective bargaining agreement. If so, your

collective bargaining agreement will override. Please refer to your collective bargaining agreement.

17.0 Safety and Loss Prevention

17.1 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Russell Hinton considers drug and alcohol abuse a serious matter that will not be tolerated. The Company absolutely prohibits employees from using, selling, possessing, or being under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol, or a controlled substance or prescription drug not medically authorized while at their job, on Company property, or while on work time.

Therefore, it is Company policy that:

1. You may not report to work under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled substance or prescription drug not medically authorized.
2. You may not possess or use alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled substance or prescription drug not medically authorized while on company property or on company business.

We also caution against use of prescribed or over-the-counter medication, which can affect your ability to perform your job safely, or the use of prescribed or over-the-counter medication in a manner violating the recommended dosage or instructions from the doctor. You must have a valid prescription for any prescription medication used while working for the Company. Inform your supervisor prior to working under the influence of a prescribed or over-the-counter medication that may affect your ability to perform your job safely. If the Company determines that the prescribed or over-the-counter medication does not pose a safety risk, you will be allowed to work. Failure to comply with these guidelines concerning prescription or over-the-counter medication may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

A violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

17.2 General Safety Policy

It is the responsibility of all Russell Hinton employees to maintain a healthy and safe work environment. Report all safety hazards and occupational illnesses or injuries to your supervisor immediately and complete an occupational illness or injury form as needed. Failure to follow the Company health and safety rules may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Refer to our Injury Prevention Plan (IPP) for further information regarding safety at work.

Closing Statement

Thank you for reading our handbook. We hope it has provided you with an understanding of our mission, history, and structure as well as our current policies and guidelines. We look forward to working with you to create a successful Company and a safe, productive, and pleasant workplace.

Jordan Satrap, President

Russell Hinton

Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Russell Hinton Employee Handbook (handbook) and that I have read it, understand it, and agree to comply with it. I understand that the Company has the maximum discretion permitted by law to interpret, administer, change, modify, or delete the rules, regulations, procedures, and benefits contained in the handbook at any time without notice. No statement or representation by a supervisor, manager, or any other employee, whether oral or written, can supplement or modify this handbook. Changes can only be made if approved in writing by the President of the Company. I also understand that any delay or failure by the Company to enforce any rule, regulation, or procedure contained in the handbook does not constitute a waiver on behalf of the Company or effect the right of the Company to enforce such rule, regulation, or procedure in the future.

I understand that neither this handbook nor any other communication by a management representative or other, whether oral or written, is intended in any way to create a contract of employment. I further understand that, unless I have a written employment agreement signed by an authorized Company representative, I am employed "at-will" (to the extent permitted by law) and this handbook does not modify my "at-will" employment status.

If I am covered by a written employment agreement (signed by an authorized Company representative) or a collective-bargaining agreement that conflicts with the terms of this handbook, I understand that the terms of the employment agreement or collective-bargaining agreement will override terms of this handbook.

This handbook is not intended to preclude or dissuade employees from engaging in legally protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

This handbook supersedes any previous handbook or policy statements, whether written or oral, issued by Russell Hinton.

If I have any questions about the content or interpretation of this handbook, I will contact Superintendent.

Date

Signature

Print Name