

L. VACATION

GENERAL POLICY

It is the policy of Scott County to grant its employees paid vacation time for the purpose of rest and recreation from their daily work routine. Use of accrued vacation time is to be granted with due consideration of operational needs.

SCOPE

This policy is applicable to the following:

All employees responsible to the Scott County Board of Supervisors;

All employees responsible to a county elected office holder with the exception of the elected office holder themselves and deputies;

All deputies provided the appropriate elected office holder and the Board of Supervisors have certified its applicability;

All employees not directly responsible to either the Board of Supervisors or an elected office holder and whose governing body and the Board of Supervisors have certified its applicability.

Whenever the provisions of this policy are in conflict with the Code of Iowa, or with a collectively-bargained agreement between the County and a certified bargaining unit, the provisions of the collectively-bargained agreement and/or the Code of Iowa will prevail.

ACCRUAL AND USAGE

Regular full-time employees in active pay status shall accrue annual vacation leave credit, prorated on a pay period basis. Annual vacation shall be accrued as follows:

Years of Continuous Service	Hours Per Year
Less than 1 year	48 hours
More than 1 year, Less than 5 years	80 hours
More than 5 years, Less than 13 years	120 hours
More than 13 years, Less than 20 years	160 hours
Over 20 years	200 hours

Regular part-time employees shall receive vacation credits on the condition that such part-time employees are scheduled to work one thousand forty (1,040) hours or more

annually. Accrual of vacation credits for regular part-time employees shall be pro-rated according to their percentage of full-time employment. Temporary and/or seasonal employees do not earn vacation credit.

In an effort to attract the best qualified candidate for management level positions classified as exempt, consideration may be given to enhancing the vacation credits of the finalist, subject to a recommendation by the County Administrator and approval by the Board of Supervisors.

That part of the pro-rated vacation leave credit to which an employee is entitled shall be accumulated into the account of the employee bi-weekly. Thereupon, it is available for use by the employee pursuant to approval of the Department Head or designee. Employees cannot access hours not accrued. Accrued hours are those listed on the employee's preceding payroll check. Vacation leave shall be paid at the employee's straight time hourly rate of pay in effect during the vacation period.

Employees are encouraged to expend vacation during the year it is accrued. Upon attaining each anniversary date of employment, the accumulated vacation credit of the employee shall be reduced to twice the employee's current annual rate of accrual, assuming there is an excess accumulation in the account.

Regular employees who are in a non-pay status for more than one-half (1/2) the scheduled hours in an accrual period will not accrue vacation leave credits for that period.

Absence on account of illness, injury, inclement weather or disability in excess of that authorized for such purposes may, at the request of the employee and approval of the department head, be charged against accrued vacation leave.

Officially designated County holidays falling within the period of an employee's approved vacation will not be charged against the employee's vacation leave account.

12 - HOUR SHIFT ASSIGNMENTS

Employees who are regularly scheduled to work seven-12 hour shifts in a two-week pay period will accrue vacation based on a 2,184 hour per year schedule.

Annual vacation shall be accrued as follows:

Years of Continuous Service	Hours Per Year
Less than 1 year	50.4 hours
More than 1 year, Less than 5 years	84 hours
More than 5 years, Less than 13 years	126 hours
More than 13 years, Less than 20 years	168 hours
Over 20 years	210 hours

PAYOUT OF VACATION ACCRUAL ON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

In the event of voluntary resignation, a two (2) week notice shall be given to the department head in writing before unused vacation allowance can be included in the amount of wages due.

In the event of the retirement, layoff or death of an employee, the amount of wages shall include all unused, accrued vacation credit.

In the event of discharge for criminal activity or dishonesty, and said discharge is not reversed, the employee shall forfeit all rights to vacation pay. A discharge for any other reason shall entitle the discharged employee to receive as wages due all unused, accrued vacation credits.

The payout of unused vacation leave under this section shall be at the employee's straight time hourly rate of pay in effect at the time of termination.

An employee terminating County employment who is eligible for payment of unused vacation accruals in accordance with this section shall receive a lump sum payment for such accruals in his/her final paycheck. For the purpose of determining an employee's unused vacation accrual upon termination, the employee's last date of actual work on-the-job shall be considered the termination date unless extenuating circumstances exist. Any exception to this policy must be recommended by the department head and approved by the Human Resources Director.

If an employee is promoted or transferred into an Elected Official or their Deputy position, his/her vacation leave accruals shall be paid out at their straight time hourly rate at the time of the promotion or transfer. Should the employee move back to regular county employment they may request and be advanced up to 40 hours of vacation leave accruals.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Department heads are responsible for the scheduling of vacations, and in so doing should endeavor to schedule vacation with particular regard to the seniority of employees, provided operating efficiency is maintained. If required to maintain operational efficiencies the department head shall accept annual vacation requests for full weeks through the last day of January for the period beginning March 1. No vacation shall be taken unless it is in accordance with a schedule approved in advance, except as otherwise provided in this policy.

DONATED LEAVE

An employee may voluntarily donate accrued vacation leave to a full-time or regular part-

time employee whose paid leave banks have been exhausted due to a catastrophic illness (i.e. an illness requiring prolonged hospitalization or recovery, but does not include chronic conditions requiring intermittent leave) or a catastrophic illness in the employee's immediate family subject to the following conditions:

1. To be eligible to accept donated hours, the employee requesting donated leave must not have exceeded the number of absence permitted per policy (Attendance Policy DD) or have been disciplined for sick leave abuse within the past 24 months.
2. Employees shall submit a request for donated leave to the Human Resources Department and shall waive any and all privacy rights or interests necessary to disseminate a request for donated leave to County employees on their behalf. Employees will not accrue additional paid vacation or sick leave while using the donated leave.
3. Employees donating accrued vacation leave shall complete a form indicating the number of hours to be donated in four hour increments. All hours donated are non-refundable regardless if they are utilized by the recipient employee. Employees may not donate more than 40 hours.
4. The recipient employee shall receive a straight exchange of sick leave hours for every vacation hour of leave donated. The recipient employee will be compensated at the rate of pay that they receive when using their accrued sick leave.
5. The number of donated hours accepted on behalf of an employee shall be capped at the hours necessary to assist the employee to qualify for long term disability (LTD) in case of any employee illness. The number of donated hours accepted on behalf of an employee shall be capped at the number of hours necessary to assist the employee in case of a non-pay status while on approved FML (Policy Y) in case of family member illness.
6. The Human Resources Department is responsible for the administration of this policy. The Human Resources Department will not reveal the identity of donors except to administer the donation or as required to by law.