

Pierogi Kitchen

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1. Introduction

1.1 Handbook Disclaimer

The contents of this handbook serve only as guidelines and supersede any prior handbook. Neither this handbook, nor any other policy or practice, creates an employment contract, or an implied or express promise of continued employment with the Company. Employment with Plerogi Kitchen is "AT-WILL." This means employees of Plerogi Kitchen may terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason, with or without cause or advance notice. As an at-will employee, it is not guaranteed, in any manner, that you will be employed with Plerogi Kitchen for any set period of time.

This handbook may provide a summary of employee health benefits, however actual coverage will be determined by the express terms of the benefit plan documents. If there are any conflicts between the handbook or summaries provided and the plan documents, the plan documents will control. The Company reserves the right to amend, interpret, modify or terminate any of its employee benefits programs without prior notice to the extent allowed by law.

The Company also has the right, with or without notice, in an individual case or generally, to change any of the policies in this handbook, or any of its guidelines, policies, practices, working conditions or benefits at any time. No one is authorized to provide any employee with an employment contract or special arrangement concerning terms or conditions of employment unless the contract or arrangement is in writing and signed by the president and the employee.

1.2 Welcome Message

Dear Valued Employee,

Welcome to Plerogi Kitchen! We are pleased with your decision to join our team.

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to providing superior quality and unparalleled customer service in all aspects of our business. We believe each employee contributes to the success and growth of our Company.

This employee handbook contains general information on our policies, practices, and benefits. Please read it carefully. If you have questions regarding the handbook, please discuss them with your supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

Welcome aboard. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

The Art Wnorowski

1.3 Changes in Policy

Change at Plerogi Kitchen is inevitable. Therefore, we expressly reserve the right to interpret, modify, suspend, cancel, or dispute, with or without notice, all or any part of our policies, procedures, and benefits at any time with or without prior notice. Changes will be effective on the dates determined by Plerogi Kitchen, and after those dates all superseded policies will be null and void. No individual supervisor or manager has the authority to alter the foregoing. Any employee who is unclear on any policy or procedure should consult a supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

2. General Employment

2.1 At-Will Employment

Employment with Plerogi Kitchen is "at-will." This means employees are free to resign at any time, with or without cause, and Plerogi Kitchen may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without cause or advance notice. As an at-will employee, it is not guaranteed, in any manner, that you will be employed with Plerogi Kitchen for any set period of time. The policies set forth in this employee handbook are the policies that are in effect at the time of publication. They may be amended, modified, or terminated at any time by Plerogi Kitchen, except for the policy on at-will employment, which may be modified only by a signed, written agreement between the President and the employee at issue. Nothing in this handbook may be construed as creating a promise of future benefits or a binding contract between Plerogi Kitchen and any of its employees.

2.2 Immigration Law Compliance

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to employing only United States citizens and aliens who are authorized to work in the United States. In compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended, each new employee, as a condition of employment, must complete the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9 and present documentation establishing identity and employment eligibility. Former employees who are rehired must also complete the form if they have not completed an I-9 with Plerogi Kitchen within the past three years, or if their previous I-9 is no longer retained or valid. Plerogi Kitchen may participate in the federal government's electronic employment verification system, known as "E-Verify." Pursuant to E-Verify, Plerogi Kitchen provides the Social Security Administration, and if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization.

2.3 Equal Employment Opportunity

Plerogi Kitchen is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Employment opportunities at Plerogi Kitchen are based upon one's qualifications and capabilities to perform the essential functions of a particular job. All employment opportunities are provided without regard to race, religion, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic protected by law.

This Equal Employment Opportunity policy governs all aspects of employment, including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, selection, job assignment, promotions, transfers, compensation, discipline, termination, layoff, access to benefits and training, and all other conditions and privileges of employment.

The Company will provide reasonable accommodations as necessary and where required by law so long as the accommodation does not pose an undue hardship on the business. The Company will also accommodate sincerely held religious beliefs of its employees to the extent the accommodation does not pose an undue hardship on the business. If you would like to request an accommodation, or have any questions about your rights and responsibilities, contact your Art Wnorowski. This policy is not intended to afford employees with any greater protections than those which exist under federal, state or local law.

Plerogi Kitchen strongly urges the reporting of all instances of discrimination and harassment, and prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination, harassment, or participates in an investigation of such report. Plerogi Kitchen will take appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination, against any employee who violates this policy.

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- Citizenship status
- Age
- Military status
- Unfavorable discharge from military status
- Disability
- Marital status
- Arrest or criminal history record
- Genetic information
- Sexual orientation
- Order of protection status
- Lawful activity outside the workplace during non-work hours, such as the use of tobacco products
- Any other characteristic protected by law/

You have the right to:

- Be free from unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment in the workplace;
- File a charge of discrimination or sexual harassment; and
- Obtain reasonable accommodations based on disability and pregnancy (for more information, see the *Pregnancy Accommodation Policy*).

Plerogi Kitchen strongly urges the reporting of all instances of discrimination and harassment and prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment, participates in an investigation, or helps others exercise their right to complain about such misconduct. To report discrimination or harassment, you may:

- Contact the Art Wnorowski.
- Contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) to file a charge.
- Call the Illinois Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Helpline at 1-877-236-7703 to talk to someone about your concerns.

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1st Floor

Springfield, IL 62702

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Website: www.illinois.gov/dhr

Email: IDHR.Intake@illinois.gov

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2.5 Employee Grievances

It is the policy of Plerogi Kitchen to maintain a harmonious workplace environment. Plerogi Kitchen encourages its employees to express concerns about work-related issues, including workplace communication, interpersonal conflict, and other working conditions. Employees are encouraged to raise concerns with their supervisors. If not resolved at this level, an employee may submit, in writing, a signed grievance to the Art Wnorowski. After receiving a written grievance, Plerogi Kitchen may hold a meeting with the employee, the immediate supervisor, and any other individuals who may assist in the investigation or resolution of the issue. All discussions related to the grievance will be limited to those involved with, and who can assist with, resolving the issue. Complaints involving alleged discriminatory practices shall be processed in accordance with Plerogi Kitchen's Sexual and other Unlawful Harassment Policy. Plerogi Kitchen assures that all employees filing a grievance or complaint can do so without fear of retaliation or reprisal.

2.6 Internal Communication

Effective and ongoing communication within Plerogi Kitchen is essential. As such, the Company maintains systems through which important information can be shared among employees and management.

Bulletin boards are posted in designated areas of the workplace to display important information and announcements. In addition, Plerogi Kitchen uses the Intranet and email to facilitate communication and share access to documents. For information on appropriate email and Internet usage, employees may refer to the Computer, Email, and Internet Usage policy. To avoid confusion, employees should not post or remove any material from the bulletin boards.

All employees are responsible for checking internal communications on a frequent and regular basis. Employees should consult their supervisor with any questions or concerns on information disseminated.

2.7 Outside Employment

Employees may hold outside jobs as long as the employee meets the performance standards of their position with Plerogi Kitchen. Unless an alternative work schedule has been approved by Plerogi Kitchen, employees will be subject to the Company's scheduling demands, regardless of any existing outside work assignments; this includes availability for overtime when necessary. Plerogi Kitchen's property, office space, equipment, materials, trade secrets, and any other confidential information may not be used for any purposes relating to outside employment.

2.8 Anti-Retaliation and Whistleblower Policy

This policy is designed to protect employees and address Plerogi Kitchen's commitment to integrity and ethical behavior. In accordance with anti-retaliation and whistleblower protection regulations, Plerogi Kitchen will not tolerate any retaliation against an employee who:

- Makes a good faith complaint, or threatens to make a good faith complaint, regarding the suspected Company or employee violations of the law, including discriminatory or other unfair employment practices;
- Makes a good faith complaint, or threatens to make a good faith complaint, regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters that may lead to incorrect, or misrepresentations in, financial accounting;
- Makes a good faith report, or threatens to make a good faith report, of a violation that endangers the health or safety of an employee, patient, client or customer, environment or general public;
- Objects to, or refuses to participate in, any activity, policy or practice, which the employee reasonably believes is a violation of the law;
- Provides information to assist in an investigation regarding violations of the law; or
- Files, testifies, participates or assists in a proceeding, action or hearing in relation to alleged violations of the law.

Retaliation is defined as any adverse employment action against an employee, including, but not limited to, refusal to hire,

failure to promote, demotion, suspension, harassment, denial of training opportunities, termination, or discrimination in any manner in the terms and conditions of employment.

Anyone found to have engaged in retaliation or in violation of law, policy or practice will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Employees who knowingly make a false report of a violation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Employees who wish to report a violation should contact their supervisor or Malgorzata Pieniazek directly. Employees should also review their state and local requirements for any additional reporting guidelines.

Plerogi Kitchen will promptly and thoroughly investigate and, if necessary, address any reported violation.

Employees who have any questions or concerns regarding this policy and related reporting requirements should contact their supervisor, the Art Wnorowski or any state or local agency responsible for investigating alleged violations.

2.9 Pregnancy Accommodation Policy (Illinois Employees)

Employees who are limited in their abilities to perform their jobs because of pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions may request a reasonable accommodation as is necessary.

Plerogi Kitchen will provide eligible employees with reasonable accommodations as long as the accommodation does not impose an undue hardship on the Company. Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to:

- More frequent or longer breaks
- Break time and appropriate facilities for expressing breast milk
- Assistance with manual labor
- Light duty assignments or temporary transfer to a less strenuous position
- An accessible worksite
- Suitable seating or the acquisition or modification of equipment
- Job restructuring
- Part-time or modified work schedule
- Reassignment to a vacant position
- Leave of absence necessitated by pregnancy, childbirth, or medical or common conditions resulting from pregnancy or childbirth

Employees should be prepared to provide the Company with medical certification in order to verify the need and probable duration for the accommodation requested.

If an employee takes leave as an accommodation, the leave is unpaid; however, employees may use accrued paid time off for this purpose. To the extent allowed by law, leave taken under this policy runs concurrently with leave provided under other relevant laws. Upon expiration of leave taken under this policy, an employee will generally be reinstated to her position with equivalent seniority, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

The Company will not retaliate against an employee who requests or uses a reasonable accommodation under this policy. Employees should speak with the Art Wnorowski to discuss their need for reasonable accommodation or for questions regarding this policy.

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Email: IDHR.Intake@illinois.gov

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3. Employment Status & Recordkeeping

3.1 Employment Classifications

For purposes of salary administration and eligibility for overtime payments and employee benefits, Plerogi Kitchen classifies employees as either exempt or non-exempt. Non-exempt employees are entitled to overtime pay in accordance with federal and state overtime provisions. Exempt employees are exempt from federal and state overtime laws and, but for a few narrow exceptions, are generally paid a fixed amount of pay for each workweek in which work is performed. If you change positions during your employment with Plerogi Kitchen or if your job responsibilities change, you will be informed by the Art Wnorowski of any change in your exempt status. In addition to your designation of either exempt or non-exempt, you also belong to one of the following employment categories: **Full-Time:** Full-time employees are regularly scheduled to work greater or equal to 40 hours per week. Generally, regular full-time employees are eligible for Plerogi Kitchen's benefits, subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of each benefit program. **Part-Time:** Part-time employees are regularly scheduled to work less than 40 hours per week. Regular part-time employees may be eligible for some Plerogi Kitchen benefit programs, subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of each benefit program. **Temporary:** Temporary employees include those hired for a limited time to assist in a specific function or in the completion of a specific project. Temporary employees generally are not entitled to [Plerogi Kitchen benefits, but are eligible for statutory benefits to the extent required by law. Employment beyond any initially stated period does not in any way imply a change in employment status or classification. Temporary employees retain temporary status unless and until they are notified, by Plerogi Kitchen Management, of a change.

3.2 Personnel Data Changes

It is the responsibility of each employee to promptly notify their supervisor or the Art Wnorowski of any changes in personnel data. Such changes may affect your eligibility for benefits, the amount you pay for benefit premiums, and your receipt of important company information.

If any of the following have changed or will change in the coming future, contact your supervisor or the Art Wnorowski as soon as possible:

- Legal name
- Mailing address
- Telephone number(s)
- Change of beneficiary
- Exemptions on your tax forms
- Emergency contact(s)
- Training certificates
- Professional licenses

3.3 Expense Reimbursement

Plerogi Kitchen reimburses employees for necessary expenditures and reasonable costs incurred in the course of doing their jobs. Expenses incurred by an employee must be approved in advance by the Art Wnorowski.

Some expenses that may warrant reimbursement include, but are not limited, to the following: mileage costs, air or ground transportation costs, lodging, meals for the purpose of carrying out company business, and any other reimbursable expenses as required by law. Employees are expected to make a reasonable effort to limit business expenses to economical options.

To be reimbursed, employees must submit expense reports to the Art Wnorowski for approval. The report must be accompanied by receipts or other documentation substantiating the expenses. Questions regarding this policy should be

directed to your supervisor.

3.4 Termination of Employment

Termination of employment is an inevitable part of personnel activity within any organization.

Notice of Voluntary Separation

Employees who intend to terminate employment with Plerogi Kitchen shall provide Plerogi Kitchen with at least two weeks written notice. Such notice is intended to allow the Company time to adjust to the employee's departure without placing undue burden on those employees who may be required to fill in before a replacement can be found.

Return of Company Property

Any employee who terminates employment with Plerogi Kitchen shall return all files, records, keys, and any other materials that are the property of Plerogi Kitchen prior to their last date of employment.

Final Pay

Plerogi Kitchen will provide employees with their final pay in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Benefits Upon Termination

All accrued and/or vested benefits that are due and payable at termination will be paid in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

Certain benefits, such as healthcare coverage, may continue at the employee's expense, if the employee elects to do so. Plerogi Kitchen will notify employees of the benefits that may be continued and of the terms, conditions, and limitations of such continuation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, contact Plerogi Kitchen's Art Wnorowski.

4. Working Conditions & Hours

4.1 Company Hours

Plerogi Kitchen is open for business from

- Monday 9 AM to 9 PM
- Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
- Wednesday 9 AM to 9 PM
- Thursday 9 AM to 9 PM
- Friday 9 AM to 10 PM
- Saturday 9 AM to 10 PM
- Sunday 9 AM to 8 PM

. This excludes holidays recognized by Plerogi Kitchen. The standard workweek is 40 hours.

Supervisors will advise employees of their scheduled shift, including starting and ending times. Business needs may necessitate a variation in your starting and ending times as well as in the total hours you may be scheduled to work each day and each week.

4.2 Emergency Closing

At times, emergencies such as severe weather, fires, or power failures can disrupt company operations. In extreme cases, these circumstances may require the closing of a work facility. The decision to close or delay regular operations will be made by Plerogi Kitchen management.

When a decision is made to close the office, employees will receive official notification from their supervisor.

4.3 Workplace Safety

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to providing a clean, safe, and healthful work environment for its employees. Maintaining a safe work environment, however, requires the continuous cooperation of all employees. Plerogi Kitchen and all employees must comply with all occupational safety and health standards and regulations established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act and state and local regulations. In addition, all employees are expected to obey safety rules and exercise caution and common sense in all work activities.

Complaint and Reporting Procedure:

Employees should immediately report any unsafe conditions to their supervisor without fear of reprisal. In the case of an accident that results in injury, regardless of how seemingly insignificant the injury may appear, employees must notify their supervisor. If you believe it would be inappropriate to report the matter to your supervisor, you can report it directly to:

Malgorzata Pieniasek

723 W Armitage, Chicago IL

3123758928 Employees who violate safety standards, cause hazardous or dangerous situations, or fail to report or, where appropriate, remedy such situations may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. **Retaliation Prohibited:**

Plerogi Kitchen expressly prohibits retaliation against anyone who reports unsafe working conditions or work-related accidents, injuries or illnesses. Any form of retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of

employment.

Questions or concerns regarding this policy should be directed to your supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

4.4 Security

The purpose of Plerogi Kitchen's security policy is to protect Company assets and to maintain a safe working environment for all employees. **Facility Access:**All Plerogi Kitchen managers will be issued a key to gain access to Plerogi Kitchen facilities. Employees who are issued keys are responsible for their safekeeping. All lost or stolen keys must be reported to your supervisor as soon as possible. Upon separation from Plerogi Kitchen, and at any other time upon Plerogi Kitchen's request, all keys must be returned to your supervisor. **Closing Procedures:**The last employee, or a designated employee, who leaves the office at the end of the business day assumes the responsibility to ensure that: all doors are securely locked; the alarm system is armed; thermostats are set on appropriate evening and/or weekend setting; and all appliances and lights are turned off with the exception of the lights normally left on for security purposes. Employees are not permitted on company property after hours without prior written authorization from the Art Wnorowski.

4.5 Meal & Break Periods

In accordance with state and local laws, non-exempt employees will be provided with meal and break periods. Break periods of less than 20 minutes will be paid. Break periods lasting longer than 20 minutes will be unpaid. Non-exempt employees must be fully relieved of their job responsibilities and are not permitted to work during unpaid break and meal periods of more than 20 minutes. If for any reason a non-exempt employee does not take the applicable meal and rest period that they are provided, the employee must notify his or her supervisor immediately.

Plerogi Kitchen will schedule meal and break periods in order to accommodate Company operating requirements.

4.6 Meal Periods (Illinois Employees)

If scheduled for at least 7 ½ consecutive hours of work, employees are entitled to a meal period of at least 20 minutes. For non-exempt employees, the meal period is unpaid. Non-exempt employees must record the beginning and ending of the meal period using Plerogi Kitchen's timekeeping system.

Non-exempt employees must be fully relieved of their job responsibilities and are not permitted to work during unpaid meal periods. If for any reason a non-exempt employee does not take the applicable meal period that they are provided, the employee must notify his or her supervisor immediately.

Supervisors will schedule meal periods in order to accommodate the Company's operating requirements; however, the meal period must be scheduled no later than 5 hours after the start of the employee's shift.

4.7 Break Time for Nursing Mothers

Plerogi Kitchen accommodates employees who wish to express breast milk during the workday by providing reasonable break times to do so. The Company will provide a designated room, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view, free from intrusion from coworkers and the public and is in compliance with all other applicable laws for this purpose.

Employees who use regularly scheduled rest breaks to express breast milk will be paid for the break time. If the lactation break does not run concurrently with the employee's regularly scheduled compensated break, the lactation break time will be unpaid.

For questions related to this policy, please contact the Art Wnorowski.

4.8 Break Time for Nursing Mothers (Illinois Employees)

Plerogi Kitchen accommodates employees who wish to express breast milk during the workday by providing reasonable paid rest periods to do so. These breaks will be provided for up to one year after the birth of the employee's child.

Lactation breaks may run concurrently with the employee's other scheduled break periods.

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When a decision is made to close, employees will receive official notification from Plerogi Kitchen.

Note: In a declared state of emergency that prohibits travel, employees shouldn't report to work.

Pay:

Exempt Employees:

If Plerogi Kitchen closes due to an emergency, employees who are classified as exempt from overtime will receive their full salary, provided they have worked any part of the workweek.

Non-Exempt Employees:

If Plerogi Kitchen closes due to an emergency, employees who are classified as non-exempt from overtime won't be paid, unless state or local law requires such pay or they have paid leave available and elect to use it for the missed work hours.

Note: If a non-exempt employee is already working when the decision to close is made, the employee will be paid for all hours actually worked and any additional hours that may be required under state and local laws, if applicable. If a non-exempt employee arrives at work and is asked to wait while a decision to close is made, they will receive pay for the time they spent waiting.

If you have questions about emergency closing or pay, please contact the Art Wnorowski.

5. Employee Benefits

5.1 Employee Discount Program

Plerogi Kitchen offers a 50 percent discount off of Plerogi Kitchen products/services. This employee discount extends to Employees and family members. For purposes of this policy, an immediate family member is a parent, sibling, spouse, domestic partner, or child. Prohibited use of employee discounts may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Art Wnorowski.

5.2 Military Leave

Plerogi Kitchen grants employees unpaid time off for service, training and other obligations in the uniformed services in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and any other applicable state law.

All employees requesting time off for military service must provide advance notice to their immediate supervisor, unless military necessity prevents such notice or it is otherwise impracticable. Continuation of health insurance benefits is available during military leave subject to the terms and conditions of the group health plan and applicable law.

Employees are eligible for reemployment for up to five years from the date their military leave began. The period an individual has to apply for reemployment or report back to work after military service is based on time spent on military duty and on applicable law. For reinstatement guidelines, contact the Art Wnorowski.

Employees who qualify for reemployment will return to work at a pay level and status equal to that which they would have attained had they not taken military leave. They will be treated as though they were continuously employed for purposes of determining benefits based on length of service.

Plerogi Kitchen complies with all rights and protections under all applicable state laws granting time off for service, training and other obligations in the uniformed services. This includes, but is not limited to, benefits entitlement and continuation, notice and recertification requirements, and reemployment application requirements.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Art Wnorowski.

5.3 Jury Duty

Plerogi Kitchen encourages employees to fulfill their civic responsibilities when called upon to serve as a juror. Employees must provide their immediate supervisor with a copy of their jury summons as soon as possible so that the supervisor may make arrangements to accommodate their absence.

Employees on jury duty must report to work on workdays, or parts of workdays, when they are not required to serve. Either Plerogi Kitchen or the employee may request an excuse from jury duty if it is determined that the employee's absence would create serious operational difficulties.

Jury duty will be paid if required by applicable state law. If paid, jury duty pay will be calculated on the employee's base pay rate times the number of hours the employee would otherwise have worked on the day of absence. . If exempt employees miss work because of jury duty, they will receive their full salary, unless they miss the entire workweek. However, Plerogi Kitchen may offset any jury-duty fees received by an exempt employee against the salary due for that workweek.

5.4 Jury Duty Leave (Illinois Employees)

Plerogi Kitchen encourages employees to fulfill their civic responsibilities when called upon to serve as a juror. Employees must provide their immediate supervisor with a copy of their jury summons within 10 days so that the supervisor may make arrangements to accommodate their absence. Either Plerogi Kitchen or the employee may request an excuse from jury duty if it is determined that the employee's absence would create serious operational difficulties.

If an employee reports for jury duty and/or serves on a jury, he or she will not be required to work the night shift. Time off for jury duty will be unpaid; however, employees may opt to use accrued paid time off for this purpose.

5.5 Workers' Compensation

Employees who are injured on the job at Plerogi Kitchen are eligible for Workers' Compensation benefits. Such benefits are provided at no cost to employees and cover any injury or illness sustained in the course of employment that requires medical treatment.

Lost time or medical expenses incurred as a result of an accident or injury which occurred while an employee was on the job will be compensated for in accordance with workers' compensation laws. This protection is paid for in full by Plerogi Kitchen. No premium is charged for this coverage and no individual enrollment is required. Plerogi Kitchen will provide medical care and a portion of lost wages through our insurance carrier.

All job-related accidents or illnesses must be reported to an employee's supervisor immediately upon occurrence. Supervisors will then immediately contact the Art Wnorowski to obtain the required claim forms and instructions.

5.6 Emergency Response Leave (Illinois Employees)

Volunteer emergency workers may be allowed a leave of absence to respond to an emergency that occurs prior to the start of their shift.

If an employee is going to be late or absent due to an emergency dispatch, he or she must make every effort possible to provide notice to his or her supervisor prior to the beginning of their shift.

Employees must be prepared to provide Plerogi Kitchen with certification from the appropriate authority along with the date and time of the employee's response to the emergency to verify the employee's eligibility for leave.

Emergency response leave is unpaid; however, employees may use accrued paid time off for this purpose.

5.7 Witness Duty Leave (Illinois Employees)

Employees may be eligible for leave if they are subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a criminal proceeding.

To the extent possible, employees must provide his or her supervisor with notice of their need for leave under this policy as soon as possible after receipt of the subpoena.

Leave is unpaid; however, employees may opt to use accrued paid time off for this purpose.

Employees must be prepared to provide Plerogi Kitchen with certification to verify the employee's eligibility for the leave requested.

5.8 Voting Leave (Illinois Employees)

Plerogi Kitchen requests that, whenever possible, employees vote before or after work hours to avoid interference with business operations. However, if an employee does not have sufficient time outside of work hours to cast his or her ballot, the employee may be eligible for time off to vote.

Plerogi Kitchen may specify the hours during which the employee may take leave to vote. Such time will generally be limited to the beginning or end of a working shift unless otherwise mutually agreed.

If there are fewer than two consecutive hours between the opening of the polls and the beginning of an employee's workday or between the end of an employee's workday and the closing of the polls, an employee may take up to two hours of paid leave to vote on Election Day.

To the extent possible, employees must advise their supervisor of their need for leave under this policy no later than the day before the election.

Employees must be prepared to provide Plerogi Kitchen with certification, such as a voter's receipt, to prove that he or she voted.

5.9 School Visitation Leave (Illinois Employees)

Employees may be eligible to take up to 8 hours per year of leave to attend their child's educational or behavioral conferences and school activities, provided the conference or activity cannot be scheduled during non-work hours.

To be eligible, employees must have been employed with Plerogi Kitchen for 6 consecutive months prior to the request for leave and worked an average number of hours per week equal to at least one-half the full-time equivalent position in the Company's job classification during those 6 months.

To the extent possible, employees must provide 7 days' advance notice of their need for leave under this policy. In emergency situations, no more than 24 hours' notice is required. When possible, employees should consult with their supervisor to schedule the leave so that it does not unduly disrupt Plerogi Kitchen's operations. Requested leave may be limited to 4 hours per day.

Plerogi Kitchen may require the employee to provide verification from a school administrator detailing the attendance of the school visitation.

Leave is unpaid and employees must exhaust all accrued paid time off before taking unpaid school visitation leave. If a reasonable opportunity exists, employees requesting school visitation leave may be allowed to make up time on a different day or shift as directed by their supervisor. Employees who make up the time will be paid at the same rate as normal working hours.

5.10 Domestic Violence Leave (Illinois Employees)

An employee may be entitled to up to 4 weeks of leave during a 12-month period if the employee, or a family member or member of his or her household, is a victim of domestic or sexual violence. This leave may be used to:

- Seek medical attention for, or recover from, physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic or sexual violence;
- Obtain services from a victim services organization;
- Obtain psychological or other counseling;
- Participate in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocate, or take other actions to increase safety from future domestic or sexual violence or ensure economic security; or
- Seek legal assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or the employee's family or household member, including prepare for or participate in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from domestic or sexual violence.

Except in cases of imminent danger to the health or safety of the employee or his or her family member, or unless impractical, an employee requesting domestic violence leave must inform his or her supervisor at least 48 hours prior to the need for leave.

Employees must be prepared to provide Plerogi Kitchen with certification to verify the employee's eligibility for the leave requested, such as police reports, court records, or documentation from a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other professional from whom the employee or the employee's family or household member has sought assistance.

Upon expiration of the leave, an employee will generally be reinstated to his or her position with equivalent seniority, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

Domestic violence leave is unpaid; however, employees may use accrued paid time off for this purpose.

5.11 Domestic Violence Leave and Reasonable Accommodations (Illinois Employees)

An employee may be entitled to up to four weeks of leave during a 12-month period if the employee, or a family or household member, is a victim of domestic, gender, or sexual violence, or any other covered crime of violence.

Reasons for Leave:

This leave may be used to:

- Seek medical attention for, or recover from, physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic, gender, or sexual violence or any other crime of violence;
- Obtain services from a victim services organization;
- Obtain psychological or other counseling;
- Participate in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocate, or take other actions to increase safety from future domestic, gender, or sexual violence or ensure economic security; or
- Seek legal assistance or remedies to ensure the health and safety of the employee or the employee's family or household member, including to prepare for or participate in any civil or criminal legal proceeding related to or derived from the incident.

Covered family and household members include a:

- Spouse or party to a civil union
- Parent
- Grandparent
- Child
- Grandchild
- Sibling
- Any other person related by blood or by present or prior marriage or civil union, or who shares a relationship through a child, or any other individual whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

Unpaid Leave:

This leave is unpaid; however, employees may use accrued paid time off for this purpose.

Notice:

Except in cases of imminent danger to the health or safety of the employee or their family member, or unless impractical, an employee requesting domestic violence leave must inform their supervisor at least 48 hours prior to the need for leave.

Certification:

Employees must be prepared to provide certification to verify the employee's eligibility for the leave requested, such as police reports, court records, or documentation from a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of the clergy, or a medical or other professional from whom the employee or the employee's family or household member has sought assistance.

Reasonable Accommodations:

Employees may also be entitled to a reasonable accommodation for limitations related to being a victim of domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence or a family or household member being a victim of the same.

Accommodations may include:

- An adjustment to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement, including a transfer, reassignment, modified schedule, or leave;
- A changed telephone number or seating assignment;
- Installation of a lock, or implementation of a safety procedure;
- Assistance in documenting an incident that occurs at the workplace or in work-related settings; or
- Any other reasonable accommodation in response to actual or threatened domestic, sexual, or gender violence, or any other crime of violence.

Reinstatement:

Upon expiration of the leave, an employee will generally be reinstated to their position with equivalent seniority, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

Questions Regarding Leave:

Employees who have any questions or concerns regarding this policy should contact their supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

5.12 Paid Leave (Illinois Employees)

Under state law, employees may be entitled to up to 40 hours of paid leave. The leave may be used for any reason.

Accrual, Frontloading and Carryover:

Under the law, employees are entitled to begin accruing paid leave on January 1, 2024 or their date of hire, whichever is later. Employees are entitled to accrue one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours in the benefit year.

Employees who are exempt from the overtime requirements of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act are deemed to work 40 hours in each workweek for purposes of paid leave accrual unless their regular workweek is less than 40 hours, in which case paid leave accrues based on that regular workweek.

If Plerogi Kitchen uses the accrual method, any unused paid leave will be carried over to the next benefit year. However, under this policy, employees are limited to using 40 hours of paid leave in any benefit year.

Instead of using the accrual method, Plerogi Kitchen may make available the minimum number of hours of paid leave to an employee on the first day of employment or the first day of the benefit year. This is commonly known as frontloading.

If Plerogi Kitchen frontloads the paid leave, unused leave won't be carried over to the next benefit year. However, under no circumstances will an employee be credited with paid leave that is less than what the employee would have accrued under the accrual method.

Use:

Employees are entitled to begin using their paid leave 90 days following commencement of their employment or March 31, 2024, whichever is later.

Employees are entitled to use accrued paid leave for any reason, upon written or oral request. They aren't required to provide a reason for the leave, and Plerogi Kitchen won't require employees to provide documentation or certification in support of the leave. Employees may choose whether to use paid leave provided under the law prior to using any other leave provided by Plerogi Kitchen or another state law.

Employees are also entitled to determine how much paid leave they need to use, but Plerogi Kitchen may set a reasonable minimum increment for the use of paid leave, provided the minimum increment doesn't exceed two hours per day.

Pay During Leave:

During the leave, the employee will be paid their hourly rate of pay. Employees engaged in an occupation in which gratuities or commissions have customarily and usually constituted and have been recognized as part of their pay will be paid at least the full minimum wage in the location in which they are employed when paid leave is taken.

Employee Notice:

If use of paid leave is foreseeable, employees must provide seven calendar days' notice before the date the leave is to begin.

If the use of paid leave isn't foreseeable, the employee must provide notice as soon as is practical. To provide such notice, the employee must call or email their supervisor or the Art Wnorowski to provide oral or written notice.

Retaliation Prohibited:

Plerogi Kitchen will not take adverse action against an employee for exercising their rights under the law.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact the Art Wnorowski.

6. Employee Conduct

6.1 Standards of Conduct

Plerogi Kitchen's rules and standards of conduct are essential to a productive work environment. As such, employees must familiarize themselves with, and be prepared to follow, the Company's rules and standards.

While not intended to be an all-inclusive list, the examples below represent behavior that is considered unacceptable in the workplace. Behaviors such as these, as well as other forms of misconduct, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment:

- Theft or inappropriate removal/possession of property
- Falsification of timekeeping records
- Possession, distribution, sale, transfer, manufacture or use of alcohol or illegal drugs in the workplace
- Fighting or threatening violence in the workplace
- Making maliciously false statements about co-workers
- Threatening, intimidating, coercing, or otherwise interfering with the job performance of fellow employees or visitors
- Negligence or improper conduct leading to damage of company-owned or customer-owned property
- Violation of safety or health rules
- Smoking in the workplace
- Sexual or other unlawful or unwelcome harassment
- Excessive absenteeism
- Unauthorized use of telephones, computers, or other company-owned equipment on working time. Working time does *not* include break periods, meal times, or other specified periods during the workday when employees are not engaged in performing their work tasks.
- Unauthorized disclosure of any "business secrets" or other confidential or non-public proprietary information relating to the Company's products, services, customers or processes. *Wages and other conditions of employment are not considered to be confidential information.*

This policy is not intended to restrict an employee's right to discuss, or act together to improve, wages, benefits and working conditions with co-workers or in any way restrict employees' rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

Other forms of misconduct not listed above may also result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. If you have questions regarding Plerogi Kitchen's standards of conduct, please direct them to your supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

6.2 Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action at Plerogi Kitchen is intended to fairly and impartially correct behavior and performance problems early on and to prevent reoccurrence.

Disciplinary action may involve any of the following: verbal warning, written warning, suspension with or without pay, and termination of employment, depending on the severity of the problem and the frequency of occurrence. Plerogi Kitchen reserves the right to administer disciplinary action at its discretion and based upon the circumstances.

Plerogi Kitchen recognizes that certain types of employee behavior are serious enough to justify termination of employment, without observing other disciplinary action first.

These violations include but are not limited to:

- Workplace violence
- Harassment
- Theft of any kind
- Insubordinate behavior
- Vandalism or destruction of company property

- Presence on company property during non-business hours
- Use of company equipment and/or company vehicles without prior authorization
- Indiscretion regarding personal work history, skills, or training
- Divulging Plerogi Kitchen business practices or any other confidential information
- Any misrepresentation of Plerogi Kitchen to a customer, a prospective customer, the general public, or an employee

6.3 Confidentiality

Plerogi Kitchen takes the protection of Confidential Information very seriously. “Confidential Information” includes, but is not limited to, computer processes, computer programs and codes, customer lists, customer preferences, customers’ personal information, company financial data, marketing strategies, proprietary production processes, research and development strategies, pricing information, business and marketing plans, vendor information, software, databases, and information concerning the creation, acquisition or disposition of products and services.

Confidential Information also includes the Company’s intellectual property and information that is not otherwise public. Intellectual property includes, but is not limited to, trade secrets, ideas, discoveries, writings, trademarks, and inventions developed through the course of your employment with Plerogi Kitchen and as a direct result of your job responsibilities with Plerogi Kitchen. *Wages and other conditions of employment are not considered to be Confidential Information.*

To protect such information, employees may not disclose any confidential or non-public proprietary information about the Company to any unauthorized individual. If you receive a request for Confidential Information, you should immediately refer the request to your supervisor.

The unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information belonging to the Company, and not otherwise available to persons or companies outside of Plerogi Kitchen, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. If you leave the Company, you may not disclose or misuse any Confidential Information.

This policy is not intended to restrict an employee’s right to discuss, or act together to improve, wages, benefits and working conditions with co-workers or in any way restrict employees’ rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Art Whorowski.

6.4 Workplace Violence

Plerogi Kitchen strictly prohibits workplace violence, including any act of intimidation, threat, harassment, physical violence, verbal abuse, aggression or coercion against a coworker, vendor, customer, or visitor.

Prohibited actions, include, but are not limited to the following examples:

- Physically injuring another person
- Threatening to injure another person
- Engaging in behavior that subjects another person to emotional distress
- Using obscene, abusive or threatening language or gestures
- Bringing an unauthorized firearm or other weapon onto company property
- Threatening to use or using a weapon while on company premises, on company-related business, or during job-related functions
- Intentionally damaging property

All threats or acts of violence should be reported immediately to your supervisor or security personnel. Employees should warn their supervisors or security personnel of any suspicious workplace activity that they observe or that appears problematic. Employee reports made pursuant to this policy will be investigated promptly and will be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible. Plerogi Kitchen will not tolerate any form of retaliation against any employee for making a report under this policy.

Plerogi Kitchen will take prompt remedial action, up to and including immediate termination, against any employee found to have engaged in threatening behavior or acts of violence.

6.5 Drug & Alcohol Use

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to maintaining a workplace free of substance abuse. No employee or individual who performs work for Plerogi Kitchen is allowed to consume, possess, sell, purchase, or be impaired by alcohol or illegal drugs, as defined under federal and/or state law, on any property owned by or leased on behalf of Plerogi Kitchen, or in any vehicle owned or leased on behalf of Plerogi Kitchen or while on Company business.

The use of over-the-counter drugs and legally prescribed drugs is permitted as long as they are used in the manner for which they were prescribed and provided that such use does not hinder an employee's ability to safely perform their job. Employees should inform their supervisor if they believe their medication will impair their job performance, safety or the safety of others, or if they believe they need a reasonable accommodation when using such medication.

Plerogi Kitchen will not tolerate employees who report for duty while impaired by the use of alcohol or drugs. All employees should report evidence of alcohol or drug abuse to their supervisor or the Art Wnorowski immediately. In cases in which the use of alcohol or drugs creates an imminent threat to the safety of persons or property, employees are required to report the violation. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. As a part of our effort to maintain a workplace free of substance abuse, Plerogi Kitchen employees may be asked to submit to a medical examination and/or clinical testing for the presence of alcohol and/or drugs. Within the limits of federal, state, and local laws, Plerogi Kitchen reserves the right to examine and test for drugs and alcohol at our discretion. As a condition of your employment with Plerogi Kitchen, employees must comply with this Drug & Alcohol Use Policy. Be advised that no part of the Drug & Alcohol Use Policy shall be construed to alter or amend the at-will employment relationship between Plerogi Kitchen and its employees. Employees found in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

6.6 Sexual & Other Unlawful Harassment

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Plerogi Kitchen expressly prohibits discrimination and all forms of employee harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, military or veteran status, or status in any group protected by state or local law. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and is prohibited by law. For purposes of this policy sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. Unwelcome sexual advances (either verbal or physical), requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment; (2) submission or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for making employment decisions; or, (3) the conduct has the purpose or effect of interfering with work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. Sexual and unlawful harassment may include a range of behaviors and may involve individuals of the same or different gender. These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Unwanted sexual advances or requests for sexual favors.
- Sexual or derogatory jokes, comments, or innuendo
- Unwelcomed physical interaction
- Insulting or obscene comments or gestures
- Offensive email, voicemail, or text messages
- Suggestive or sexually explicit posters, calendars, photographs, graffiti, or cartoons
- Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances
- Visual conduct that includes leering, making sexual gestures, or displaying of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons or posters
- Verbal sexual advances or propositions
- Physical conduct that includes touching, assaulting, or impeding or blocking movements
- Abusive or malicious conduct that a reasonable person would find hostile, offensive, and unrelated to the Company's legitimate business interests
- Any other visual, verbal, or physical conduct or behavior deemed inappropriate by the Company

Harassment on the basis of any other protected characteristic is also strictly prohibited. **Complaint Procedure:** Plerogi Kitchen strongly encourages the reporting of all instances of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation. If you believe you have experienced or witnessed harassment or discrimination based on sex, race, national origin, disability, or another factor, promptly report the incident to your supervisor. If you believe it would be inappropriate to discuss the matter with your supervisor, you may bypass your supervisor and report it directly to:

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Any reported allegations of harassment or discrimination will be investigated promptly, thoroughly, and impartially. Any employee found to be engaged in any form of sexual or other unlawful harassment may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Retaliation Prohibited: Plerogi Kitchen expressly prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment, or assists in investigating such charges. Any form of retaliation is considered a direct violation of this policy and, like discrimination or harassment itself, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

6.7 Telephone Usage

Plerogi Kitchen telephones are intended for the sole use of conducting company business. Personal use of the Company's telephones and individually owned cell phones during business hours should be kept to a minimum or for emergency purposes only. We ask that personal calls only be made or received outside of working hours, including during lunch or break time. Long distance phone calls which are not strictly business-related are expressly prohibited.

Any employee found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

6.8 Personal Property

Employees should use their discretion when bringing personal property into the workplace. Plerogi Kitchen assumes no risk for any loss or damage to personal property. Additionally, employees may not possess or display any property that may be viewed as inappropriate or offensive on Plerogi Kitchen premises.

6.9 Use of Company Property

Company property refers to anything owned by the company: physical, electronic, intellectual, or otherwise. The use of company property is for business necessity only. When materials or equipment are assigned to an employee for business, it is the employee's responsibility to see that the equipment is used properly and cared for properly. However, at all times, equipment assigned to the employee remains the property of the Company, and is subject to reassignment and/or use by the Company without prior notice or approval of the employee. This includes, but is not limited to, computer equipment and data stored thereon, voicemail, records, and employee files. Plerogi Kitchen has created specific guidelines regarding the use of company equipment. Below is a list of employee responsibilities and limitations with regards to company property.

Personal use of company property: Company property is not permitted to be taken from the premises without proper written authority from company management. **Company Tools:** All necessary tools are furnished to employees in order to assist them in their required duties. Each employee is, in turn, responsible for these tools. Tools damaged or stolen as a result of an employee's negligence will, to the extent permitted by federal, state and local law, be charged to the employee. **Care of Company Property:** Office areas should be kept neat and orderly and all equipment should be well-maintained. The theft, misappropriation, or unauthorized removal, possession, or use of company property or equipment is expressly prohibited. Any action in contradiction to the guidelines set herein may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

6.10 Smoking

Plerogi Kitchen provides a smoke-free environment for its employees, customers, and visitors. Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers, is prohibited throughout the workplace. We have adopted this policy because we have a sincere interest in the health of our employees and in maintaining pleasant working conditions.

6.11 Visitors in the Workplace

To ensure the safety and security of Plerogi Kitchen and its employees, only authorized visitors are permitted on

Company premises and in Company facilities.

All visitors must enter through the main reception area and sign in and out at the front desk. All visitors are also required to wear a "visitor" badge while on Plerogi Kitchen premises. Authorized visitors will be escorted to their destination and must be accompanied by a representative of the Company at all times.

6.12 Computer, Email & Internet Usage

Computers, email, and the Internet allow Plerogi Kitchen employees to be more productive. However, it is important that all employees use good business judgment when using Plerogi Kitchen's electronic communications systems (ECS).

Standards of Conduct and ECS

Plerogi Kitchen strives to maintain a workplace free of discrimination and harassment. Therefore, Plerogi Kitchen prohibits the use of the Company's ECS for bullying, harassing, discriminating, or engaging in other unlawful misconduct, in violation of the Company's policy against discrimination and harassment.

Copyright and other Intellectual Property

Respect all copyright and other intellectual property laws. For the Company's protection as well as your own, it is critical that you show proper respect for the laws governing copyright, fair use of copyrighted material owned by others, trademarks and other intellectual property, including the Company's own copyrights, trademarks and brands. Employees are also responsible for ensuring that, when sending any material over the Internet, they have the appropriate distribution rights.

Plerogi Kitchen purchases and licenses the use of various computer software for business purposes and does not own the copyright to this software or its related documentation. Unless authorized by the software developer, Plerogi Kitchen does not have the right to reproduce such software for use on more than one computer. Employees may only use software according to the software license agreement. Plerogi Kitchen prohibits the illegal duplication of software and its related documentation.

ECS Guidelines

The following behaviors are examples of previously stated or additional actions and activities under this policy that are prohibited:

- Sending or posting discriminatory, harassing, or threatening messages or images about coworkers, supervisors or the Company that violate the Company's policy against discrimination and harassment.
- Stealing, using, or disclosing someone else's code or password without authorization.
- Pirating or downloading Company-owned software without permission.
- Sending or posting the Company's confidential material, trade secrets, or non-public proprietary information outside of the Company. *Wages and other conditions of employment are not considered confidential material.*
- Violating copyright laws and failing to observe licensing agreements.
- Participating in the viewing or exchange of pornography or obscene materials.
- Sending or posting messages that threaten, intimidate, coerce, or otherwise interfere with the job performance of fellow employees.
- Attempting to break into the computer system of another organization or person.
- Refusing to cooperate with a security investigation.
- Using the Internet for gambling or any illegal activities.
- Sending or posting messages that disparage another organization's products or services.
- Passing off personal views as representing those of Plerogi Kitchen.

Privacy and Monitoring

Computer hardware, software, email, Internet connections, and all other computer, data storage or ECS provided by Plerogi Kitchen are the property of Plerogi Kitchen. Employees have no right of personal privacy when using Plerogi Kitchen's ECS. To ensure productivity of employees, compliance with this policy and with all applicable laws, including harassment and anti-discrimination laws, computer, email and Internet usage may be monitored.

This policy is not intended to restrict an employee's right to discuss, or act together to improve, wages, benefits and working conditions with co-workers or in any way restrict employees' rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Questions or concerns related this policy should be directed to your supervisor or the Art Wnorowski.

6.13 Company Supplies

Only authorized persons may purchase supplies in the name of Plerogi Kitchen. No employee whose regular duties do not include purchasing shall incur any expense on behalf of Plerogi Kitchen or bind Plerogi Kitchen by any promise or representation without express written approval.

6.14 Sexual Harassment (Illinois Employees)

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Plerogi Kitchen expressly prohibits discrimination and sexual harassment against employees and interns.

The Illinois Human Rights Act defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly 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 the individual, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

The law prohibits sexual harassment by coworkers, supervisors and managers, and non-employees (such as vendors and customers), whether the person is the same or a different gender as the harasser. The definition of sexual harassment includes many forms of offensive behavior, including harassment of a person of the same gender as the harasser and harassment of a Company employee by a non-employee. These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Unwanted sexual advances
- Offering employment benefits in exchange for sexual favors
- Actual or threatened retaliation
- Leering; making sexual gestures; or displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters
- Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes, including racial, ethnic or religious jokes, slurs or remarks
- Sexual comments including graphic comments about an individual's body; sexually degrading words used to describe an individual; or suggestive, discriminatory or obscene letters, notes, or invitations, including sending harassing emails or text messages and messages on social media
- Physical harassment including touching or assault, as well as impeding or blocking movements

Reporting and Retaliation:

Plerogi Kitchen strongly urges the reporting of all instances of discrimination and harassment and prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports sexual harassment or discrimination, participates in an investigation, or helps others exercise their right to complain about such misconduct.

Promptly report the incident to your supervisor if you believe you have experienced or witnessed harassment, discrimination, or retaliation. Supervisors are instructed to promptly report any complaints of misconduct to the Company.

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You also have the right to:

- Contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) to file a charge (see contact information below).
- Call the Illinois Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Helpline at 1-877-236-7703 to talk to someone about your concerns.

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Any reported allegations of harassment or discrimination will be investigated by Plerogi Kitchen promptly, thoroughly, and impartially.

The Company will keep the investigation confidential but only to the extent possible to conduct an impartial and thorough investigation. The Company will document and track the investigation to ensure reasonable progress, and will provide appropriate resolution at the conclusion of the investigation. Any employee found to be engaged in any form of sexual harassment may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

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6.15 Sexual Harassment (Illinois Employees)

Plerogi Kitchen is committed to a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Plerogi Kitchen expressly prohibits discrimination and sexual harassment against employees and interns.

The Illinois Human Rights Act defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors or any conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly 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 the individual, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

The law prohibits sexual harassment by coworkers, supervisors and managers, and non-employees (such as vendors and customers), whether the person is the same or a different gender as the harasser. The definition of sexual harassment includes many forms of offensive behavior, including harassment of a person of the same gender as the harasser and harassment of Company employee by a non-employee. These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Unwanted sexual advances
- Offering employment benefits in exchange for sexual favors
- Actual or threatened retaliation
- Leering; making sexual gestures; or displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters
- Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes, including racial, ethnic or religious jokes, slurs or remarks
- Sexual comments including graphic comments about an individual's body; sexually degrading words used to describe an individual; or suggestive, discriminatory or obscene letters, notes, or invitations, including sending harassing emails or text messages and messages on social media
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- Contact the U.S. Equal Employment Commission.
- (800) 669-4000
- (800)-669-6820 (TTY for Deaf/Hard of Hearing callers only)
- (844) 234-5122 (ASL Video Phone for Deaf/Hard of Hearing callers only)
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Harassment Prevention Training

All employees must complete annual training on preventing sexual harassment.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy can be directed to the Art Wnorowski.

7. Timekeeping & Payroll

7.1 Attendance & Punctuality

Absenteeism and tardiness place an undue burden on other employees and on the Company. Plerogi Kitchen expects regular attendance and punctuality from all employees. This means being in the workplace, ready to work, at your scheduled start time each day and completing your entire shift. Employees are also expected to return from scheduled meal and break periods on time.

All time off must be requested in writing, in advance, as outlined in the Company's Paid Time Off (PTO) policy. If an employee is unexpectedly unable to report for work for any reason, he or she must directly notify their supervisor as early as possible, and preferably prior to their scheduled starting time. It is not acceptable to leave a voicemail message with a supervisor, except in extreme emergencies. In cases that warrant leaving a voicemail message or when an employee's direct supervisor is unavailable, a follow-up call must be made later that day.

If an illness or emergency occurs during work hours, employees should notify their supervisor as soon as possible.

Employees, who are going to be absent for more than one day, should contact their supervisor on each day of their absence. Plerogi Kitchen reserves the right to ask for a physician's statement in the event of a long-term illness (three consecutive days), or multiple illnesses or injuries.

If an employee fails to notify their supervisor after three consecutive days of absence, Plerogi Kitchen will presume that the employee has voluntarily resigned. Plerogi Kitchen will review any extenuating circumstances that may have prevented him or her from calling in before the employee is removed from payroll.

Should undue or recurrent absence and tardiness become apparent, the employee will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

This policy is not intended to restrict an employee's right to discuss, or act together to improve, wages, benefits and working conditions with co-workers or in any way restrict employees' rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

7.2 Timekeeping

It is the Company's policy to comply with applicable laws that require records to be maintained of the hours worked by our employees. Every employee is responsible for accurately recording time worked.

In addition to recording arrival and departure time, non-exempt employees are required to accurately record the start and end of each meal period as well as any departure for non-work related reasons. Any errors in time records, must be immediately reported to your supervisor.

Absent prior authorization, non-exempt employees are not permitted to start work until their scheduled starting time or work past their scheduled ending time.

Plerogi Kitchen strictly prohibits non-exempt employees from working off the clock for any reason. All time spent working must be logged and accounted for; this includes time spent using electronic devices for work-related purposes.

Vacation days, sick days, holidays, and absences for jury duty, funeral leave or military training must be specifically recorded by all employees. It is the responsibility of all employees to submit and approve their time records each week. Altering, falsifying, tampering with time records, or recording time on another employee's time record may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

7.3 Paydays

Plerogi Kitchen employees are paid on a Bi-weekly basis. In the event that a regularly scheduled payday falls on a holiday, employees will be paid on the day preceding the holiday, unless otherwise required by state law.

Paychecks will not, under any circumstances, be given to any person other than the employee without written authorization. Paychecks may also be mailed to the employee's listed address or, upon advance written authorization, deposited directly into an employee's bank account. Employees who elect payment through direct deposit will receive an itemized statement of wages when the Company makes direct deposits. In the event of employee termination, the employee will receive their accrued pay in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

7.4 Payroll Deductions

Plerogi Kitchen makes deductions from employee pay only in circumstances permitted by applicable law. This includes, but is not limited to, mandatory deductions for income tax withholding and Social Security and Medicare contributions as well as voluntary deductions for health insurance premiums and other related contributions. If you believe that an improper deduction has been made from your pay, raise the issue with the Art Wnorowski immediately. Plerogi Kitchen will promptly investigate. If the investigation reveals that you were subjected to an improper deduction from pay, you will be reimbursed promptly.

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Certain absences may be protected by federal, state, and/or local law. If you have questions about this policy or your entitlement to time off, contact the Art Wnorowski.