be deducted from sick leave for a death in the immediate family. However, if, during the five allowed funeral days, the employee's scheduled day off falls within the five funeral days the employee will not be paid for the scheduled off days. The immediate family shall include: mother, father, spouse, child, step-parent, and stepchild.

An employee shall be allowed three (3) calendar days as funeral leave not to be deducted from sick leave for a death in the family. However, if, the employee's scheduled off day falls within the three funeral days the employee will not be paid for the scheduled off day. The family shall include: foster children, sister, brother, half-sister, half-brother, grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

An employee shall be allowed up to four (4) hours of funeral leave, not to be deducted from sick leave for a death in the extended family. The extended family shall include: aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, stepmother-in-law, stepfather-in-law, ex-spouse, stepsister, stepbrother, stepsister-in-law, stepbrother-in-law, stepdaughter-in-law, stepson-in-law, great grandparents, stepgrandparents, grandparents-in-law, stepgrandparents-in-law, and stepgrandchildren.

## **Jury Duty**

A leave of absence for jury duty will be granted to any full-time or part-time employee who has been notified to serve. An employee is paid 100% of wages while on jury duty. All checks received from the court system must be signed over to the City, less any amount paid for travel. All documents the employee receives from the court must be turned in or copied to the City so we can verify if we need to subtract meals and/or mileage reimbursements. Employees on jury duty are expected to report to work any day they are excused from jury duty. If an employee is dismissed for the day from jury duty and 3.5 hours of work remain, the employee must report to work for the remainder of the work day. Failure to do so will result in the employee not being paid for the time off.

Upon receipt of the notice to serve jury duty, the employee should immediately notify the supervisor, as well as the Human Resources Department. Additionally, a copy of the notice to serve jury duty should be attached to the employee's attendance record for attendance purposes.

Upon the employee's return, the employee must notify Human Resources and must submit a signed Certificate of Jury Service indicating the number of days served.

If the jury duty falls at a time when the employee cannot be away from work, the City may request that the court allow the employee to choose a more convenient time to serve if the employee makes a request in accordance with the court's procedures. The employee must cooperate with this request.

## **Military Leave**

An employee who is a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves or Public Health Service will be granted an unpaid leave of absence for military service, training or related obligations in accordance with applicable law. The employee may use accrued vacation or personal leave, but is not required to do so. At the conclusion of the leave an employee has a right to return to the same position the employee held prior to the leave or

to a position with like seniority, status, benefits and pay that the employee is qualified to perform. Employees are requested to notify their supervisor as soon as they are aware of the military obligation. Group health insurance coverage for the employee and covered dependents will continue for thirty-one (31) days from the date the military leave of absence begins. After the thirty-one (31) days expires, the employee will have access to COBRA to continue coverage.

The City of Owosso abides by the mandatory provisions of Federal and State laws, and its judicial interpretations with respect to leaves of absence due to active military service, re-employment of veterans, Reserves/National Guard and the U.S. Public Health Service, contact the Human Resources Director if you require such a leave.

## **Absence Due to Illness**

To keep the business and each department running smoothly and efficiently, it is important that every employee be on the job on time regularly. For this reason, careful attention is given to promptness, absence record and overall dependability.

The City recognizes, however, that an employee may occasionally have an injury or illness. As a result, the Absence Due to Illness policy is designed to provide protection to each employee against loss of income during unavoidable illness or injury. A sick day may also be taken for an illness of the employee's child, spouse or for a child in which the employee is standing in "loco parentis". For an employee's own personal doctor or dentist appointments, sick time may be used. The employee may also use sick time for doctor or dentist appointments for the employee's child, spouse or for a child in which the employee is standing in "loco parentis". The employee's supervisor/Department Manager may request a physician's note be provided to verify appointments.

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2006: Each full-time employee will receive six (6) sick days per calendar year (receiving on January 1 of each year) and may carry over the days into the employee's sick bank. These will accumulate up to one hundred twenty (120) sick days. The banks will be capped at one hundred twenty (120) days, any days over one hundred twenty (120) accumulated will not be paid out at the end of the year. If the employee leaves the City or is terminated, prior to retirement, the payout of sick days will not be allowed. On retirement, the employee will be paid one-half of the accumulated unused sick leave at their current rate of pay, with maximum payment not to exceed sixty (60) days.

For employees hired after January 1, 2006: Each full-time employee will receive six (6) sick days on January 1. Because sick leave benefits are intended to provide income protection in the event of an actual illness or injury, sick days can be carried over from one calendar year to the next up to an accumulation of twelve (12) days. An employee will be paid out at fifty percent (50%) for any sick days over twelve accumulated at the end of the calendar year or when leaving the City.

To be eligible for sick pay, an employee unable to report to work due to illness must telephone the employee's supervisor directly, each day of absence, as far in advance as possible, but no later than the start of the employee's shift. If the supervisor is not available, the Human Resources Department should be contacted. If an employee is unable to make the call personally, a family member or a friend should contact the supervisor. The supervisor or Human Resources Department must be contacted each day of absence. An employee who fails to contact the