404 Deductions from Pay

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The law requires us to make certain deductions from your pay. We must deduct applicable federal, state, and local income taxes. We also must deduct Social Security taxes on your earnings up to a specified limit that is called the Social Security "wage base." We match the amount of Social Security taxes paid by each employee.

From time to time, we may be required to make deductions to pay off a debt, loss, or other obligation you may owe to us or to a third party (such as garnishments, liens, or child support orders). In such cases, you may be required to sign a payroll deduction authorization form and/or enter into some other sort of pay back or reimbursement agreement during the course of employment or at the time you separate employment from us, regardless of the reason for separation.

Upon recommendations from your Department Head, the Human Resources Department, and the Finance Director, we may authorize deductions for equipment needed to function in your position. This relates to equipment used exclusively for work purposes. The initial purchase of equipment will be made by us and we'll maintain ownership until repayment through payroll deduction is complete. You will need to sign a payroll deduction authorization form prior to receipt of the equipment.

We offer various programs and employee benefits beyond those required by law. If eligible for such programs and/or benefits, you may voluntarily authorize deductions from your paychecks to cover the costs of participation.

Additionally, if you are an exempt employee, deductions from your regular salary may be made under the following circumstances:

- Absences from work for one or more full days for personal reasons other than sickness or disability;
- Absences of one or more full days due to sickness or disability if the deduction is made in accordance with our Annual Leave/Sick Leave Policy;
- To offset amounts you receive as jury or witness fees, or for military pay;
- For unpaid disciplinary suspensions of one or more full days imposed in good faith for workplace conduct rule infractions;
- Days not worked during your initial or terminal week of employment;
- Penalties imposed in good faith for infractions of safety rules of major significance; or
- For any increments of time taken as unpaid leave under FMLA.

We will make sure that any such deductions will be in full compliance with the wage and hour regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

If you have questions concerning why deductions were made from your paycheck or how they were calculated, ask your supervisor for assistance.