



CITY OF PEEKSKILL

JOHN G. TESTA, *Mayor*

BLUE COLLAR LABOR CONTRACT SETTLED

for immediate release
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Mayor John Testa said today he was "very pleased to announce acceptance of a three year labor contract by Peekskill's Blue Collar employees. The Council expects to ratify this fair and reasonable agreement at its January 14th meeting."

Retroactive to 2000, the three year term will expire at the end of 2002 with annual salary increases of 3.50%, 3.75% and 3.75% specified in the settlement. "This means a beginning laborer's 1999 wages of \$40,629 would increase to \$42,051 in 2000, to \$43,628 in 2001 and \$45,264 in 2002." Testa explained.

"I believe the commitment made last November by our newly elected officials to improve communication and create a positive atmosphere both inside and outside of City Hall was an important factor in finally bringing these lengthy negotiations to a mutually satisfactory conclusion," Testa added.

The prior contract between the City and Teamsters Local 456, which represents the City's 62 employees in the Public Works, Water and Parks Departments, expired on December 31, 1999.

"It's been a long process," Testa said, "and now we're looking forward to good working relationships and job performances for the benefit of all Peekskill citizens."