

**AFM Local 56 WAGE LIST
(Effective 01 MAY 2026)**

Recently it was discovered that a 3% annual increase should have been occurring over the past eight years for our minimum rates, as it had been presented by a working committee and approved.

After calculating what those increases were, the following are the rates that will go into effect May 1st, 2026.

SCHEDULE 1 — SINGLE (CASUAL) ENGAGEMENTS

Minimum of three (3) hours applies to all Schedule 1 engagements. Engagements may be contracted in half-hour increments beyond the three-hour minimum at half the hourly rate.

Side person, per hour	\$49.00. \$147.00 for 3 hours
Leader and/or Contractor, per hour	\$61.00. \$183.00 for 3 hours
Singles (piano, guitar, etc.), per hour	\$61.00. \$183.00 for 3 hours

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Double minimum on all engagements.

SCHEDULE 2 — STEADY ENGAGEMENTS (CLUBS, ETC.) TWO (2) NIGHTS OR MORE PER WEEK

Side person, per hour	\$122.00 per service
Leader and/or Contractor, per hour	\$147.00 per service
Singles, per hour	\$147.00 per service

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Double minimum

Indefinite contracts must carry a double rate clause.

SCHEDULE 3 — MISCELLANEOUS

ENGAGEMENTS, LOCAL SHOWS, MUSICALS, PRODUCTIONS

Side person, per service	\$111.00
Leader/Contractor, per service	\$141.00

TRAVELING SHOWS, MUSICALS, PRODUCTIONS

Side person, per service	\$147.00
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BAND, ORCHESTRA, AND CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

Side person, per service	\$122.00
Conductor, per service	\$183.00
Playing Contractor if 10+ musicians	\$183.00

Total time including rehearsal immediately prior to the concert, if required, not to exceed three (3) hours.

Doubling on Schedule 3 engagements shall be at the rate of 15% of minimum for the first double and 10% of the minimum for subsequent doubles. Mallet percussion and drum set will be considered as doubling when required of the same person by the conductor or leader.

Keyboards & Modules: Any musician operating one or two electronic keyboard instruments (including modules or other connecting devices) or one electronic and one acoustic keyboard instrument shall receive a premium of 25% of the side person's scale.

PUBLIC SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS

Public Service Engagements — Institutional

(Includes schools, nursing homes, and similar institutions where audiences are generally limited to residential populations, staff, and families.)

Side person	\$122.00 plus 6% pension
Leader/Single	\$147.00 plus 6% pension

Public Service Engagements — Community

(Includes civic and public performances, such as festivals, parks, malls, and parades where audience size and participation is generally unlimited.)

Concert Bands, Orchestras, and Marching Bands:

Side person	\$122.00 plus 6% pension
Conductor	\$183.00 plus 6% pension
Playing Contractor	\$183.00 plus 6% pension

Other Musical Units

Side person	\$122.00 plus 6% pension
Leader/Single	\$183.00 plus 6% pension

A service shall consist of one or more consecutive rehearsals/performances within a three-hour period. All engagements under Public Service Engagements must be free and open to the public.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

As per Collective Bargaining Agreement.

OPERA AND BALLET

Same as Symphony Orchestra.