



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: October 5, 2020

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Agenda Item: Wages: Mayor

Explanation: Increases to the elected official's compensation must be approved no less than 180 days before the beginning of the term of the officers.

The proposed Ordinance provides that beginning on May 1, 2021 and each May 1 thereafter until April 30, 2025, the Mayor's salary will be adjusted annually to account for increases in cost-of-living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), as published by the United States Social Security Administration.

Fiscal Impact: Annual increase to the Mayor's budget to reflect the CPI-W adjustment

Action Requested: Consideration of the Ordinance establishing the compensation for the Mayor

Attachment: Ordinance establishing the compensation for the Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021**

WHEREAS, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-50 provides that compensation of Elected Officials be set by Ordinance and that said compensation be fixed at least one-hundred-eighty (180) days before the beginning of the terms of the Officers who compensation is to be fixed;

WHEREAS, similarly, 50 ILCS 145/2 provides, “Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the compensation of elected officers of school districts and units of local government, including home rule units, which compensation is to be fixed by that school district or unit of local government, shall be fixed at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be fixed.”;

WHEREAS, the current term of the Mayor will expire on April 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is being passed more than one-hundred-eighty (180) days before the beginning of the term of the Mayor, being May 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Washington, an Illinois home rule municipality, have deemed it appropriate and in the best interests of the City to establish the salary of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on review by the City Council, the salary set forth below in this Ordinance is deemed to be reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: The City of Washington hereby finds as fact the recitals set forth above and are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2: The Mayor’s current salary is Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) (“Current Salary”). Beginning May 1, 2021 and each May 1 thereafter until April 30, 2025, the Mayor’s salary shall be adjusted annually to account for increases in cost-of-living in an amount equal to the Current Salary multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), as published by the United States Social Security Administration, for October, November and December of the year immediately preceding the year of the adjustment and the denominator of which is 250.663 (the average of the CPI-W for October, November and December 2019). If the CPI-W ceases to be published, the Mayor’s salary shall be adjusted each May 1 to equal the Mayor’s current salary multiplied by one hundred two percent (102%) until April 30, 2025. The adjustment provided for in this Section shall not decrease the Mayor’s salary to an amount less than the Current Salary. The Mayor’s salary shall be paid in accordance with City Code Section 30.20(T).

Section 3: This Ordinance is not intended to make any changes to the Mayor's eligibility for other benefit currently provided by the City to the Mayor.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, but the compensation increases shall not take effect during the current term of the Mayor.

Section 5: That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be published by the Mayor of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of October, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK