



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**City Council Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** October 5, 2020

**Prepared By:** Ray Forsythe, City Administrator

**Agenda Item:** Wages: Council Members

**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, 2023 and each May 1 thereafter until April 30, 2025, the Council Member's salary will be established and 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 City Council budget to reflect the established wages and CPI-W adjustment

**Action Requested:** Consideration of the Ordinance establishing the compensation for the City Council Members who take office on May 1, 2023

**Attachment:** Ordinance establishing the compensation for the City Council

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE ALDERMAN  
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EFFECTIVE  
MAY 1, 2023**

**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 five Alderman will expire on April 30, 2021 and the current term of three Alderman will expire on April 30, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is being passed more than one-hundred-eighty (180) days before the effective date of any change to Alderman compensation;

**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 Alderman; 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: Section 31.26 “Compensation” of the City Code is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the Section:

Effective May 1, 2023, each Alderman shall receive an annual sum as established by City Council from time to time, payable in monthly installments out of the City Treasury. Alderman shall not receive any additional compensation for attending regular or special meetings of the City Council or any committee meetings of the City Council.

Section 3: Beginning May 1, 2023, the Alderman’s salary shall be Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$3,120) (“Base Salary”). and each May 1 thereafter until April 30, 2025, the Alderman’s salary shall be adjusted annually to account for increases in cost-of-living in an amount equal to the Base 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 Alderman's salary shall be not be further adjusted. The adjustment provided for in this Section shall not decrease the Alderman's salary to an amount less than the Base Salary. The Alderman's salary shall be paid in accordance with City Code Section 31.26.

Section 4: This Ordinance is not intended to make any changes to the Alderman's eligibility for other benefit currently provided by the City to the Alderman.

Section 5: 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 Alderman.

Section 6: That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall be published by the Alderman of the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK