



ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LA CENTER

The La Center Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries finds as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.21.015, the La Center City Council adopted and enacted Ordinance 2007-001 on February 28, 2007, which created the Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries (the "Commission") and charged the Commission with the responsibility to establish and adopt a compensation schedule for all City elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held several public meetings, including two public hearings, duly noticed and held pursuant to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, on September 12, 2016 and September 26, 2016 to consider the proposed Compensation Schedule for Elected City Officials attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the procedures adopted by the City Council in Ordinance 2007-001, codified as La Center Municipal Code (LCMC) Chapter 2.80, provide for final and complete adoption of a compensation schedule that is independent of City Council oversight and does not require Council approval or ratification in order to become effective; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is mindful of the fact that service on the La Center City Council is voluntary and without compensation, but that elected Councilmembers should not have to pay for the out-of-pocket expenses associated with the conduct of official Council business; and

WHEREAS, the Commission operated on the premise that compensation provided to Councilmembers for official City business should be designed to reimburse them for the expenses associated with the execution of official City business, and

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing recitals, the Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries for the City of La Center ordains as follows:

Section 1: Compensation Schedule Adopted. The Compensation Schedule attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1 is hereby adopted and shall be the exclusive form of compensation for City elected officials. This Compensation Schedule shall be

applied, interpreted and implemented in accordance with any applicable policies adopted by the City. In the event that the adoption of the City's 2017 budget results in layoffs of staff, the Commission will promptly meet again and consider reducing or eliminating the stipends.

Section 2: Certification. This Compensation Schedule has been adopted in compliance with LCMC Chapter 2.80, RCW 35.21.015, the rules and procedures of the Commission, and all other applicable laws including the State Constitution.

Section 3: Referendum. This Ordinance shall be referable to the voters under applicable law as a referendum so long as any such referendum petition is filed within 90 days of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 4: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 10/26/16 without the need for any further action by the Commission or the City Council.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2016, by a majority of the La Center Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries.



Ken Couch, Commissioner

NOT PRESENT

Marti Larsh



Nelda Perryman, Commissioner



Suzi Terrell, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Suzanne Levis, Finance Director/Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Daniel Kearns, City Attorney

Exhibit 1

Compensation Schedule for Elected City Officials

Councilmembers: \$175.00 per month plus \$50.00 for each regular or special City Council meeting attended by a Councilmember for up to forty (40) meetings in one year. In no event shall the total annual (12-month calendar year) compensation for any one Councilmember exceed \$5,200.00.

Mayor: \$525.00 per month plus \$50.00 for each regular or special City Council meeting attended by the Mayor for up to forty (40) meetings in one year. In no event shall the total annual (12-month calendar year) compensation for the Mayor exceed \$9,000.00

For purposes of this Compensation Schedule, a regular or special City Council meeting includes all council meetings that are subject to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, including workshops and special council settings.