

ORDINANCE NO. 278-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2-1.2 TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2027

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2024, Senate Bill 329 was adopted to "reset" city council salaries to reflect the important work done by city council members, to take into account the impacts of inflation and economic realities on those who serve as city council members, and to encourage more persons to consider service as council members by making the compensation more reflective of the time and work being performed; and

WHEREAS, Clearlake Municipal Code section 2-1.2 currently establishes the salary for City Council members at five hundred dollars (\$500) per month. The salary for City Council members was last amended in 2020 (Ord. No. 245-2020); and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 36516 authorizes Clearlake to set salaries at as much as one thousand fifty dollars (\$1,050) per month; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 36516.5, salary increases set forth herein may take effect only when at least one member of the Council commences a new term;

WHEREAS, this ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of December 5, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARLAKE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Municipal Code. Ordinance No. 2-1.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Each member of the City Council shall receive a salary of one thousand fifty dollars (\$1,050) per month.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance will become effective on the 31st day after this ordinance is adopted.

Section 4. Date of Salary Change. Councilmembers may receive the increased payments authorized by this ordinance on the first date authorized by applicable law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Russ Cremer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Swanson, City Clerk

I, Melissa Swanson, City Clerk of Clearlake, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and adopted at a meeting thereof on the ___th day of _____, 2025.

Melissa Swanson, City Clerk