

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, GEORGIA TO IMPLEMENT THE INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- WHEREAS,** Section 2.13 of the Charter of the City of Dallas, Georgia provides that the Council may determine the annual salary of the Mayor and Council by Ordinance; and
- WHEREAS,** The salary currently paid to the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council is: \$10,000.00 per annum for the Mayor, \$7,500.00 per annum for the Mayor Pro Tem, and \$5,000.00 per annum per Councilmember; and
- WHEREAS,** The Mayor and Council desire an increase in pay to be commensurate with the work done in and for the City; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4, municipalities are authorized to fix the compensation of elected officials via its Home Rule powers provided such intent is published in the county legal organ once a week for at least three consecutive weeks prior to the week of adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** An increase would be commensurate to other municipalities similar to the City of Dallas; and
- WHEREAS,** Such increase is not being taken in an election cycle of elected officials and is not being taken during the period of time of candidates qualifying for election to the membership on the Dallas City Council; and
- THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of the City of Dallas, Georgia hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I

The salary for the Mayor shall be \$12,500.00 per annum, the salary for the Mayor Pro Tem shall be \$10,000.00 per annum, and the salary for Councilmembers shall be \$7,500.00 per annum payable in monthly installments.

SECTION II

That any and all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION III

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance or any part thereof.

SECTION IV

Following passage and approval by the Mayor and Council, this Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2026.

FIRST READING: _____

**SO SHALL IT BE ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF DALLAS, GEORGIA, THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2025.**

L. James Kelly, Mayor

James Henson, Councilmember

Christopher B. Carter, Councilmember

Nancy R. Arnold, Councilmember

Leah Alls, Councilmember

Cooper Cochran, Councilmember

Candace Callaway, Councilmember

Attest: _____
Tina Clark, City Clerk