

ORDINANCE 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA, COLORADO AMENDING SECTION 2.10.040 OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING COMPENSATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

WHEREAS, Section 2.10.040 of the Fruita Municipal Code provides that “each member of the City Council shall be compensated for expenses incurred in serving his/her office in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month. The Mayor Pro Tem shall receive an additional fifty dollars (\$50) per month. The Mayor shall be compensated in the amount of four hundred seventy five dollars (\$475) per month;” and

WHEREAS, the Fruita Charter details that salary for the City Council (Article II, Section III) shall be effective during the current term of the Council members enacting such ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Fruita Charter also details that salary for the Mayor (Article III, Section II) shall be determined by ordinance, and that no increase in shall take affect until after the next regular City election; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned compensation currently paid to members of the City Council and Mayor was established in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for the City Council and Mayor needs to be increased to make it more equitable in light of the amount of time required to serve as a local elected official and the high level of involvement in various government functions and to reflect inflation; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Ordinance is to increase the monthly compensation paid to the Mayor and Council members elected or appointed to a term of office following the enactment of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an additional intent of this Ordinance is to include future increases in compensation to an annual inflation adjustment to encourage participation and demographic diversity of future Councils and to streamlines for the process for adjustments to compensation rates in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the increase in compensation provided hereby will not cause an increase in compensation for any part of any term of office of Council Members or Mayor that is in effect at the time of final adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA, COLORADO:

Section 1: Section 2.10.040 of the Fruita Municipal Code and Ordinance 2007-09 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.10.040 COMPENSATION. Each member of the City Council shall be compensated for expenses incurred in serving his/her office in the amount of ~~three hundred dollars (\$300)~~ **three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) per month.** The Mayor Pro Tem shall receive an additional fifty dollars (\$50) per month. The Mayor shall be compensated in the amount of ~~four hundred seventy five dollars (\$475) per month~~ **five hundred and twenty five dollars (\$525) per month.** The monthly compensation for the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Council shall automatically increase on January 1st of each year beginning on January 1, 2027, in an amount equal to the percentage increase in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index (“CPI”). Should the CPI decrease in any given year, the monthly compensation shall not decrease, but instead, shall remain the same as the prior year.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

City Clerk

Mayor Joel Kincaid