

**ORDINANCE NO. 829**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF GRASS VALLEY INCREASING  
COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND CITY  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Article VI of the Grass Valley City Charter authorizes the City Council to determine by ordinance the compensation of the mayor, vice mayor, and councilmembers, which may take effect upon the commencement of the terms of councilmembers elected at a regular election; and

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Article VI of the City Charter provides that councilmember compensation may not exceed the maximum amounts permitted by Government Code provisions for compensation of councilmembers in general law cities of comparable size to the City; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 36516(a)(2)(A), as amended by Senate Bill 329 (2023), authorizes salaries for councilmembers in cities with populations up to 35,000 of up to \$950 per month;

WHEREAS, as the operative date of the last adjustment to mayor and councilmember compensation was in 2000, the City Council of the City of Grass Valley now finds increased compensation necessary and desirable to address rising inflation and costs of living and to ensure that Council service is not reserved to those who can afford it.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above set forth recitals and findings are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2. CODE AMENDMENT.** Section 2.02.020 of Chapter 2.02 of Title 2 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The mayor shall receive the sum of six hundred dollars each month as compensation for his or her services.
- B. In addition to the monthly compensation set forth in subsection A of this section the mayor shall receive the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties as mayor.

SECTION 3. CODE AMENDMENT. Section 2.02.030 of Chapter 2.02 of Title 2 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Members of the city council shall receive the sum of five hundred fifty dollars each month as compensation for their services as councilmembers.
- B. In addition to the monthly compensation set forth in subsection A of this section members of the city council shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 4. CEQA Findings. This Ordinance is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it establishes compensation, with no potential to result in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly. This Ordinance is also exempt under CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons and circumstances. The City Council of the City of Grass Valley declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof despite the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional and, to that end, the provisions hereof are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days after its adoption under Section 2 of Article VII of the City Charter. However, the increased compensation provided by this Ordinance shall not take effect until the commencement of the terms of councilmembers elected or reelected at the regular election in the City on November 5, 2024.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in *The Union*, a newspaper of general circulation printed, published, and circulated within the City.

INTRODUCED and first read at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 24th day of September 2024.

FINAL PASSAGE AND ADOPTION by the City Council was at a meeting held on the 8th day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney