

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS,
FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO TOWN COUNCIL; REVISING THE
COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO
TEMPORE AND COUNCILORS UNDER SECTION 42-10 OF THE
TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, Subsection 112.313(5) of the Florida Statutes provides that the Town Council members may vote on matters affecting their salary, expenses, or other compensation as a public officer.

Whereas, the Town Council now desires to amend the Town's Code of Ordinances regarding the amount of compensation paid to the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Councilors.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-
IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and constitute the legislative findings of the Town Council.

Section 2. Amendments to the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills' Code of Ordinances. Section 42-10 of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Code of Ordinances is amended, as shown by the addition of the underlined language and the deletion of the struck-through language, as follows:

Sec. 42-10. - Compensation of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Town Council Members.

- A. The Mayor shall receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$125.00~~\$250.00 per Town Council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by the Mayor. The Mayor's compensation shall not exceed ~~\$250.00~~\$500.00 per calendar month.
- B. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$62.50~~\$125.00 per Town Council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by the Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor Pro Tempore compensation shall not exceed ~~\$125.00~~\$250.00 per calendar month.
- C. A Town Councilor shall receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$50.00~~\$100.00 per town council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by a Town Councilor. A Town Councilor's compensation shall not exceed ~~\$100.00~~\$200.00 per calendar month.
- D. The Mayor may be excused from attending a town council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting without a deduction in compensation. The Mayor must notify the Town Clerk 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Town Clerk shall announce the Mayor's absence at the meeting, and the Town Council shall determine whether the absence will be deemed excused for purposes of this paragraph.

46 E. The Mayor Pro Tempore or a Town Councilor may be excused from attending a town
47 council meeting, workshop or specially called meeting without a deduction in
48 compensation. The Mayor Pro Tempore or Town Councilor wishing to be excused from a
49 meeting must notify the Mayor 24 hours prior to the meeting, at which time the Mayor
50 shall determine whether the absence will be deemed excused for purposes of this
51 paragraph.
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53 **Section 3. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any
54 section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or
55 unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences,
56 clauses or phrases of this ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent
57 that this ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.
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59 **Section 4. Codification.** The provisions in section 2 of this ordinance, and of no other sections,
60 shall become and be made a part of the Town’s Code of Ordinances.
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62 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2024 or upon its
63 enactment, whichever comes later.
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65 **ORDAINED AND ENACTED** on _____, 2024, by the Town Council of the Town
66 of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.
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69 **Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida**
70 By: Town Council
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73 By: _____
74 Martha MacFarlane, Mayor
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78 **ATTEST:**
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80 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**
81 (for the use and reliance of the Town only)
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83 _____
84 John Brock, Town Clerk
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87 Thomas J. Wilkes, Town Attorney
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89 First Reading held August 12, 2024
90 Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption held _____
91 Advertised _____