

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS; REVISING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE MAYOR, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND COUNCILORS IN 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 to Councilors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY 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 strike-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 ~~\$250.00~~\$300.00 per Town Council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by the Mayor. The Mayor's compensation shall not exceed ~~\$500.00~~\$600.00 per calendar month.
- B. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$125.00~~\$175.00 per Town Council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by the Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor Pro Tempore's compensation shall not exceed ~~\$250.00~~\$350.00 per calendar month.
- C. A Town Councilor shall receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$100.00~~\$150.00 per town council meeting, workshop, or specially called meeting attended by a Town Councilor. A Town Councilor's compensation shall not exceed ~~\$200.00~~\$300.00 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.
- E. The Mayor Pro Tempore or a Town Councilor may be excused from attending a town council meeting, workshop or specially called meeting without a deduction in compensation. The Mayor Pro Tempore or Town Councilor wishing to be excused from a meeting must notify the Mayor 24 hours prior to the meeting, at which time the Mayor shall determine whether the absence will be deemed excused for purposes of this paragraph.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separable and if any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or

unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 4. Codification. The provisions in Section 2 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Town's Code of Ordinances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2025 of the next budget year after its enactment.

PASSED AND ORDAINED on August 11, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

Graham Wells, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for use and reliance by the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills,
Florida, only.

John Brock, Town Clerk

Thomas J. Wilkes, Town Attorney

First Reading held July 28, 2025

Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption held August 11, 2025

Advertised August 1, 2025