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James,

Further to below, here is the statute:

66.0505(2)(2) Establishment of salary. An elected official of any political subdivision, who by virtue of the office held by that official is entitled to participate in the establishment of the salary attending that office, shall not during the term of the office collect salary in excess of the salary provided at the time of that official's taking office. This provision is of statewide concern and applies only to officials elected after October 22, 1961.

62.09(6)(6) Compensation.

(a) Salaries shall be paid the mayor or alderpersons only when ordered by a vote of three-fourths of all the members of the council.

(am)

1. In this paragraph, "compensation" means a salary, a per diem compensation for each day or part of a day necessarily devoted to the service of the city and the discharge of duties, or a combination of salary and per diem compensation.
2. Except as provided in subd. 3., and subject to par. (a), the compensation for an elective city office shall be established before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the office. After that time, no change may be made in the compensation for the office that applies to the term of office for which the deadline applies. The compensation established for an elective office remains in effect for ensuing terms unless changed.
3. In a newly incorporated city, the compensation for an elective office may be established during the first term of office.

(c) Salaries shall be paid at the end of each month unless the council shall at any regular meeting by ordinance order payment at more frequent intervals.

As noted above in 66.0505, this law is of "statewide concern," so no Village can move around this via their own local rules in their ordinance.

The Board can make salary increases for future "ensuing terms". This means that any

increases will naturally fall into future terms and have a staggered affect where it is possible a new trustee enjoys the higher salary while an incumbent does not.

Hope that answers your question.

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Thank you!

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Good morning,

That is correct. No increase on any term currently effected by such office holder. In other words, can't vote to increase any sitting elected officials for that term.

They could discuss and take action for the next term's cycle. That typically means there will be a staggering effect when increased salaries take effect.

I will send you the statute and Engagement Letter when I get into office.

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Good morning, Mr. Bitar.

Please see the inquire below.

Thank you!



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Jennifer – I don't have Remzy's email address – If you do could you forward this message to him and cc me?

Remzy –

We have two village trustees that want to change the elected official's salary. Papers have already been taken out as of 1 Dec. If I understand correctly any salary changes should have been made prior to papers being taken out. Is that correct?

Jim

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