

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS AMENDING CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE LOS ALTOS  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH CITY COUNCIL SALARIES**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 36516 outlines procedures for providing salaries to City Council members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to establish the salary for City Council members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the cost of living in Los Altos has increased significantly since Council salaries were first implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the workload and responsibility of City Council members has increased and requires a significant commitment of time; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE:** Section 2.04.060 of the Los Altos Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.04.060 – Salaries**

- A. This section is enacted pursuant to California Government Code Sections 36516 and 36516.5 authorizing the City council to provide by ordinance that each member of the City Council shall receive a prescribed salary;
- B. Each member of the City Council shall receive, as salary, nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950.00) per month which shall be payable at the same time and in the same manner as the salaries paid to other officers and employees of the City;
- C. The City may provide other benefits to City Council members as determined by resolution of the City Council;
- D. The salaries and benefits prescribed in this section are and shall be exclusive of any amounts payable to each member of the City Council as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by the member in the performance of official duties for the City.

**SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

**SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.** This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on February 13, 2024 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on February 27, 2024 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Jonathan D. Weinberg, MAYOR

Attest:

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Melissa Thurman, MMC  
CITY CLERK