

ORDINANCE NO. 23-1671

**SETTING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS
AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1550, 1475, 1639**

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2018, the City Council of the City of Lynden adopted Ordinance No. 1550, which set the salaries of elected and appointed officials effective January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.12.070, the City of Lynden ("City") establishes the salary levels of its appointed officers; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1550 included an increase to the wages and salaries for appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase wages and salaries for appointed officials by three percent;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1475 included a car allowance for the Mayor of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$300.00) per month.

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase the car allowance for the Mayor to FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) per month.

WHEREAS the budget adopted in Ordinance 1639 included a car allowance for the City Administrator of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$300.00) per month.

WHEREAS the City desires to increase the car allowance for the City Administrator to FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00) per month.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lynden does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Sections of Ordinance 1550, as it relates to wages and salaries for appointed officials, are repealed and replaced with this Ordinance.

Section 2. Sections of Ordinance 1475 and Ordinance 1639, as it relates to a car allowance for the Mayor and City Administrator, are repealed and replaced with this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2026, the base wages and salaries of appointed officials, as set forth in Exhibit 1, are hereby adopted.

Section 4. Except as set forth herein and as amended by an ordinance adopted subsequent to Ordinance 1550, 1475 and 1639 the remainder of Ordinance 1550 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases have been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason, this ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original ordinance or ordinances shall be in full force and effect.

Section 6. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023
BY A VOTE OF ____ IN FAVOR AND _____ AGAINST, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR
ON THE SAME DATE.**

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY