

CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 21-1937

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

**BERNT, BORTON, CAVENER,
HOAGLUN, PERREAULT, STRADER**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 9 OF THE MERIDIAN CITY CODE, REGARDING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMPENSATION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Idaho Code Title 50, Chapter 2, Section 3, Meridian City Code Title 1, Chapter 7, Section 9, of the Meridian City Code is hereby amended as follows:

1-7-9. - Compensation.

A. The annual compensation of the members of the City Council shall be as follows:

1. Each member of the City Council shall receive an annual salary of ~~thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500.00)~~ sixteen thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$16,125.00) effective January 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, and effective January 1, ~~2021~~ 2023, a total annual salary of ~~fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00)~~ seventeen thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$17,335.00), until this section is amended as allowed by law.
2. The City Council President shall receive additional compensation of ten percent (10%) more than other Council members as compensation for the additional work involved in that role. The compensation shall be an annual salary of ~~fourteen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$14,850.00)~~ seventeen thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$17,738.00) effective January 1, ~~2020~~ 2022, and effective January 1, ~~2021~~ 2023, a total annual salary of ~~sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00)~~ nineteen thousand and sixty-nine dollars (\$19,069.00), until this section is amended as allowed by law.
3. Salary will be paid in equal monthly amounts. ~~Beginning with fiscal year 2022 (FY22) 2024 (FY24), if the city's annual budget provides for a "market adjustment" increase to the wages of general employees of the city, Council members shall receive the same adjustment to the above salary.~~
4. ~~Employee benefits shall be the same as provided to all other full-time employees of the city.~~

B. The City Council shall receive the same employee benefits as all full-time city employees, except for the accrual of vacation or sick leave, and any other benefits as directed by the City Council.

C. Human Resources shall be tasked to form a committee comprised of no less than five (5)

various citizens, business leaders, and former elected or appointed officials of the City of Meridian prior to the budget workshop during every Municipal election year to make recommendations for adjustments, increases, or decreases to compensation for the Mayor and City Council. The committee may consider any or all of the following in making such recommendation: baseline salaries in comparison to select cities, appropriate increases or decreases based upon the market as determined by the committee, the current and potential impact to the city's budget, performance of the elected official while in office, recent or current increases afforded to all other city employees, and expectations of the public in general for the position that is being evaluated. The membership of the committee may be determined by the City Council with input from the Mayor. The City Council is not bound to follow the recommendations from the committee, but may use any feedback or recommendation as guidance for setting the budget for compensation.

Section 2. That all City of Meridian ordinances, or resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this ____ day of July, 2021.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Meridian, Idaho, this ____ day of July, 2021.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

Chris Johnson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF SUMMARY:

William L.M. Nary, City Attorney of the City of Meridian, Idaho, hereby certifies that the summary below is true and complete and upon its publication will provide adequate notice to the public.

William L. M. Nary, City Attorney

SUMMARY OF CITY OF MERIDIAN ORDINANCE NO. 21 - 1937

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