

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Subject: City Council Pay Check-In

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Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Overview: Per Minnesota State Statute, the Minnetrista City Council can set the pay for the Mayor and City Council Members prior to an election, to be enacted after an election. We are currently in that window of time, allowing City Council to adjust their pay via ordinance, effective January 1, 2027. The last time Mayor and City Council pay was updated was 2021. Also to note, the Mayor and City Council Members receive a \$50.00 per month internet allowance, which can also be adjusted via ordinance.

Below are two tables showing the Mayor and City Council pay submitted to the League of Minnesota Cities:

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2026 MAYOR PAY IN MINNESOTA - CITIES BETWEEN 7,000 AND 15,000			
Organization	Job Title	Average Annual Wage (\$)	Population
City of Alexandria	Mayor	\$13,420.00	14,998
City of Robbinsdale	Mayor	\$11,941.00	14,924
City of Hutchinson	Mayor	\$9,247.00	14,910
City of Brainerd	Mayor	\$7,800.00	14,680
City of Lake Elmo	Mayor	\$6,250.00	14,529
City of North Mankato	Mayor	\$12,382.00	14,490
City of Fergus Falls	Mayor	\$12,900.00	14,188
City of New Ulm	Mayor	\$13,500.00	14,146
City of Marshall	Mayor	\$12,029.41	14,029
City of Waconia	Mayor	\$7,200.00	14,021
City of Worthington	Mayor	\$10,000.00	13,742
City of Big Lake	Mayor	\$6,000.00	12,773
City of North Branch	Mayor	\$5,000.00	12,159
City of Mendota Heights	Mayor	\$5,700.00	11,923
City of Grand Rapids	Mayor	\$10,560.00	11,205
City of Cambridge	Mayor	\$7,500.00	11,039
City of Little Canada	Mayor	\$7,500.00	10,701
City of Hermantown	Mayor	\$10,800.00	10,408
City of Fairmont	Mayor	\$4,800.00	10,226
City of Arden Hills	Mayor	\$8,250.00	10,195
City of Detroit Lakes	Mayor	\$10,800.00	10,015
City of Saint Anthony Village	Mayor	\$8,700.00	9,956
City of Little Falls	Mayor	\$10,800.00	9,213
City of Oak Grove	Mayor	\$6,290.00	9,019
City of Thief River Falls	Mayor	\$7,200.00	8,678
City of Corcoran	Mayor	\$4,620.00	8,631
City of Albertville	Mayor	\$6,000.00	8,569
City of St. Francis	Mayor	\$6,000.00	8,563
City of Waite Park	Mayor	\$7,200.00	8,459
City of Mahtomedi	Mayor	\$7,800.00	8,382
City of Orono	Mayor	\$4,200.00	8,382
City of Virginia	Mayor	\$8,000.00	8,304
City of New Prague	Mayor	\$5,100.00	8,244
City of Shorewood	Mayor	\$6,300.00	7,952
City of Delano	Mayor	\$8,741.00	7,528
City of Isanti	Mayor	\$6,429.80	7,511
City of Spring Lake Park	Mayor	\$7,453.00	7,496
City of Belle Plaine	Mayor	\$6,749.28	7,455
City of St. Joseph	Mayor	\$7,800.00	7,429
	AVERAGE ANNUAL	\$8,178.53	
	AVERAGE MONTHLY	\$681.54	
	MINNETRISTA MONTHLY	\$500.00	

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City of Brainerd	Council Member	\$6,600.00	14,680
City of Lake Elmo	Council Member	\$4,860.00	14,529
City of North Mankato	Council Member	\$8,327.93	14,490
City of Fergus Falls	Council Member	\$7,800.00	14,188
City of New Ulm	Council Member	\$10,500.00	14,146
City of Marshall	Council Member	\$7,608.89	14,029
City of Waconia	Council Member	\$6,000.00	14,021
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City of Hermantown	Council Member	\$8,100.00	10,408
City of Fairmont	Council Member	\$2,400.00	10,226
City of Arden Hills	Council Member	\$7,452.00	10,195
City of Detroit Lakes	Council Member	\$7,200.00	10,015
City of Saint Anthony Village	Council Member	\$7,200.00	9,956
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City of Isanti	Council Member	\$6,429.80	7,511
City of Spring Lake Park	Council Member	\$5,961.00	7,496
City of Belle Plaine	Council Member	\$6,455.82	7,455
City of St. Joseph	Council Member	\$5,220.00	7,429
	AVERAGE ANNUAL	\$6,105.78	
	AVERAGE MONTHLY	\$508.82	
	MINNETRISTA MONTHLY	\$400.00	

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Next Steps: Staff is looking for direction from City Council if a pay adjustment ordinance should be drafted to modify the Mayor and City Council pay, any/or the internet allowance.

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