



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 09/12/2023

REQUESTER: City Council

PRESENTER: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2324-15 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY AUDITOR CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION IN ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 1, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORMAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR COMPENSATION TO BEGIN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2022, the voters of Norman approved an amendment to the City's Charter creating the position of City Auditor to be an employee of the City Council, serving in an at-will capacity, and hired, supervised, and managed by the City Council. After the Charter amendment was approved by Governor Stitt in the Spring of 2023, Council directed Staff to post the new position and seek applicants. After conducting interviews and discussing the applicants, Council directed Staff to offer the position to Shaakira Calnick. Ordinance O-2324-15 is presented to Council for the purpose of adoption the compensation structure for this position, consistent with the City Manager and City Attorney compensation ordinances.

DISCUSSION:

The compensation set forth in Ordinance O-2324-15 is consistent with Council direction. The employment contract will be submitted as a companion item with adoption of the ordinance on Second and Final Reading on September 26, 2023. Ms. Calnick will begin her position with the City of Norman on October 1, 2023. In order for the ordinance to be effective on October 1, 2023, an emergency clause is included which will require a separate vote of Council for final adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Ordinance O-2324-15 is submitted for Council consideration.