



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/14/2025

REQUESTER: City Council

PRESENTER:

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINANCE O-2425-18 UPON SECOND AND FINAL READING: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION IN ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 1, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORMAN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

BACKGROUND:

Since the adoption of the City of Norman Charter, the City Attorney has been hired, supervised and managed by the City Manager in a protected "for-cause" capacity like other City employees. In August 2022, the voters of Norman approved a Charter amendment that makes the City Attorney an employee of the City Council, serving in an at-will capacity, and hired, supervised, and managed by the City Council.

On June 25, 2024, Council appointed Rickey J. Knighton II to serve as Interim City Attorney, effective July 5, 2024. Council has recently indicated a willingness to employ Mr. Knighton as the City Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

The compensation set forth in Ordinance O-2425-18 is consistent with the contract distributed by the City Manager. The contract will be submitted as a companion item with adoption of this ordinance on Second and Final Reading in January 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Ordinance O-2425-18 is submitted for Council's consideration.