



## CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2024

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Pete Carr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Stipends for Commission Members**  
(Discussion/Direction)

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### BACKGROUND:

Suggestions have recently been made at City Council meetings that the Council should consider beginning to pay a stipend to residents who serve on City commissions. Most but not all commissioners are City residents. There is no State code or guidance on the matter of stipends.

### ANALYSIS:

Most small cities do not pay a stipend to municipal commissioners, although it is typical to reimburse claimed out-of-pocket expenses for training and travel in the course of the commission responsibility. It is not uncommon for city planning commissioners to be paid a stipend, with \$50 per meeting attended being a typical rate, sometimes \$100 in larger cities.

In our region, neither Corning, Williams, Colusa nor Paradise provide stipends for any commissioners. Willows provides \$50 per meeting attended for Planning Commissioners only. Glenn County pays \$50 per meeting to a maximum \$100/month to County Planning Commissioners. Glenn County LAFCo pays a \$25/meeting stipend. Glenn Transit Committee & Transportation Commission pays \$50.

If Council desires to further consider paying stipends to commissioners, Council should direct staff as to the proposed amount, the applicability (which commissions), and the timing for implementation. Staff would then schedule a noticed public hearing for consideration of an ordinance to codify the Council's intent.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Direct Staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:** None at this time. \$50 per Planning Commissioner per attended meeting could be expected to cost \$3000 (General Fund) in fiscal year 2024-25.