

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: February 7, 2017

TITLE: Ordinance Regarding Commission Salaries

Sponsored by: Council Member, Russell Betts
Council Member, Joe McKee

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RECOMMENDATION

Consider introducing for first reading, and read by title only “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs amending Section 2.32.050 of Chapter 2.32 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code increasing the salary of the Planning Commissioners.”

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Consistent with other Cities, Planning Commissioners receive a salary of \$50 per month, pursuant to Section 2.32.050 of the Municipal Code. Currently, the other Commissions do not receive a salary.

The City has seen an increase in development, causing an increase in entitlement applications, many of which need to be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Commission. Due to this increase, the Planning Commission has been holding Special Meetings in addition to its Regular Meetings in order to accommodate the increased demand.

As such, in recognition of the Planning Commission’s service and dedication, Council Members Russell Betts and Joe McKee propose an Ordinance (Exhibit 1) to increase the salary of Planning Commissioners to be provided for any officially convened Planning Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$3,000 is currently budgeted in FY 2016-17 for Planning Commission salaries (General Fund Account No. 001-41-4101 Salaries-Electeds/Appointed). This amount would need to be increased should the City Council adopt the proposed Ordinance.

EXHIBITS:

- 1) Proposed Ordinance