

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS: 1) AMENDING SECTION 2.32.050 OF CHAPTER 2.32 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY OF CITY COMMISSIONERS, 2) ADDING SECTION 2.36.050 TO CHAPTER 2.36, SECTION 2.40.050 TO CHAPTER 2.40, AND SECTION 2.44.060 TO CHAPTER 2.44 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING A SALARY FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Desert Hot Springs ("City") is a charter city organized pursuant to Article XI of the California Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the City's Planning Commissioners receive a salary of \$50 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the City's other commissioners and committee members do not receive a salary for attending meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this increase in development, the Planning Commission has not only held its regular meetings, but has holding Special Meetings in order to accommodate the increased demand; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, Planning Commissioners have been working longer hours in the course of reviewing the projects that come before them; and

**WHEREAS**, the other City commissioners and committee members, including the Architectural and Landscape Review Committee, the Police Commission, and the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission have also been working longer hours as a result of the increase in development; and

**WHEREAS**, the commissioners' and committee members' service and dedication to the community should be recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council determines that amending the Planning Commissioners' salary and adding a salary for the various other commissioners and committee members, as listed above, to better reflect the actual work performed by all commissioners and committee members promotes the health, safety and public welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, once this Ordinance becomes effective, payment of salaries to commissioners and committee members shall be retroactive to February 7, 2017;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. RECITALS.**

That the Recitals are hereby incorporated by this reference.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.32.050 “SALARIES OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS” OF CHAPTER 2.32 OF THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE**

That Section 2.32.050 of Chapter 2.32 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

**2.32.050 Salaries of Planning Commissioners.**

*Each member of the Planning Commission shall receive a salary in the amount of \$50 per any officially convened Planning Commission meeting that they attend. ~~month.~~ No Planning Commissioner shall receive compensation for a month during which the Commissioner did not attend at least one meeting. (Prior code § 32.35)*

**Section 3. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2.36 ADDING SECTION 2.36.050 “SALARIES OF ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS” TO THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE**

That Section 2.36.050 be added to Chapter 2.36 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, and shall read as follows:

**2.36.050 Salaries of Architectural and Landscape Review Committee Members.**

*Each member of the Architectural and Landscape Review Committee shall receive a salary in the amount of \$50 per any officially convened Committee meeting that they attend.*

**Section 4. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2.40 ADDING SECTION 2.40.050 “SALARIES OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS” TO THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE**

That Section 2.40.050 be added to Chapter 2.40 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, and shall read as follows:

**2.40.050 Salaries of Police Commissioners.**

*Each member of the Police Commission shall receive a salary in the amount of \$50 per any officially convened Commission meeting that they attend.*

**Section 5. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2.44 ADDING SECTION 2.44.060 “SALARIES OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONERS” TO THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE**

That Section 2.44.060 be added to Chapter 2.44 of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code, and shall read as follows:

**2.44.060 Salaries of Community and Cultural Affairs Commissioners.**

**Each member of the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission shall receive a salary in the amount of \$50 per any officially convened Commission meeting that they attend.**

**Section 6. SEVERABILITY**

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this ordinance as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 7. CEQA EXEMPTION**

That this ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3), because approval of this ordinance does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Section 8. AMENDING OF BAIL SCHEDULE**

That the City Attorney's Office is hereby directed to determine whether this ordinance necessitates amendment of the City's Bail Schedule and to cause such necessary amendments to be made and filed with the local branches of the Superior Court of the County of Riverside.

**Section 9. EXECUTION AND CERTIFICATION**

That the City Clerk is directed to do all things necessary to cause the execution of this ordinance immediately upon its adoption and shall thereafter certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published according to law.

**Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE**

That this ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its second reading by the City Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

**ATTEST:**

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Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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Scott Matas, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Jennifer A. Mizrahi, City Attorney