

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS AMENDING SECTION 2.04.020 OF CHAPTER 2.04 "CITY COUNCIL" OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR

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 Councilmembers receive a salary of \$550 per month; and

WHEREAS, currently the City's Mayor receives a salary of \$650 per month; and

WHEREAS, these respective amounts have not been increased since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City has seen an increase in development, economic activity, services; and

WHEREAS, due to these economic increases, the City Council has not only held its regular meetings, but has held special meetings, and overall had an increase in work in order to accommodate the increased demand; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, City Councilmembers and Mayor have been working longer hours; and

WHEREAS, the City Councilmembers and Mayor's service and dedication to the community should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, salaries of City Councilmember and Mayors are dictated by Article XI, Section 5 (b); and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5(b)(4) of the California Constitution provides, "(4) plenary authority is hereby granted, subject only to the restrictions of this article, to provide therein or by amendment thereto, the manner in which, the method by which, the times at which, and the terms for which the several municipal officers and employees whose compensation is paid by the city shall be elected or appointed, and for their removal, **and for their compensation**, and for the number of deputies, clerks and other employees that each shall have, and for the compensation, method of appointment, qualifications, tenure of office and removal of such deputies, clerks and other employees."; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that amending the salaries of the City Councilmembers and Mayor to better reflect the actual work performed by all promotes the health, safety and public welfare of the community.

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 2.04.020 “SALARIES OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND THE MAYOR—AMOUNT, PAYABLE MONTHLY” OF CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE DESERT HOT SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

That Section 2.04.020 “Salaries of Councilmembers and the Mayor—Amount, payable monthly” of Chapter 2.04 “City Council” of the Desert Hot Springs Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

A. ~~Effective July 1, 2002,~~ *Each member of the City Council shall receive a salary in the amount of \$1,111.62 ~~\$550~~ per month.*

B. ~~Effective July 1, 2002,~~ *The City’s Mayor shall receive a salary in the amount of \$1,429.28 ~~\$650~~ per month.*

C. *Each member of the City Council, including the Mayor, who is a member of a City Council -assigned committee, shall receive a stipend from the City of \$75 per committee meeting in which they are in attendance. This stipend shall only apply when an outside committee does not provide a stipend to the City Councilmember or Mayor. This stipend, when applicable, is in addition to the salaries specified in subsections A and B.*

D. *All sums to be paid as salaries to the Mayor and to members of the City Council shall be a debt of the City and shall be paid monthly. (Ord. 658 4-17-18; prior code § 30.02)*

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 of the City of Desert Hot Springs at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of January, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE]

ATTEST:

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Scott Matas, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer A. Mizrahi, City Attorney

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