

**CITY OF MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 016/2013(AM)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.24 MMC, COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL; PROVIDING INCREASED COMPENSATION FOR COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.12.070 provides for the salaries of the Mayor and City Council to be established by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Monroe Municipal Code 2.24.050, Salaries of Councilpersons, was adopted through Ordinance No. 1111, August 27, 1997; and amended through Ordinance No. 1175, August 11, 1999, and Ordinance No. 028/2005 § 1, October 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after a comprehensive review of Council compensation across like local jurisdictions, with populations between 15,000 to 30,000, the City Council desires to provide compensation to councilmembers by monthly salary rather than on a per meeting basis, at a rate of \$600.00 per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section. MMC 2.24.050, Salaries of councilpersons, is hereby amended to provide in its entirety as follows:

2.24.050 Salaries of councilpersons.

~~[A. Councilpersons attending council meetings, workshops or study sessions shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars per meeting for a maximum of four such meetings per month and, in addition, shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars per each four-hour session of the annual retreat, with a limit of three hundred dollars per retreat.~~

~~B. City councilpersons who are re-elected or elected for the first time to a term commencing on or after January 1, 2006, shall be compensated at the rate of hundred dollars per meeting with a quorum present for a maximum of eight such meetings per month.]~~

Councilpersons who are first elected, re-elected, or appointed to a term commencing on or after January 1, 2014, shall be compensated at the rate of six hundred dollars per month. All other councilpersons shall be compensated at the rate of one hundred dollars per meeting with a quorum present, for a maximum of eight such meetings per month.

Section 2. Construction. This ordinance shall be reasonably construed and applied consistent and in accordance with the applicable provisions of state law, including without limitation RCW 35A.12.070 and article XI, Section 8, article XXX, Section 1 of the Washington Constitution.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Monroe, at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of October, 2013.

1st/Final Reading: October 22, 2013
2nd Reading: Waived
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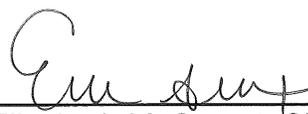
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CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON:



Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



J. Zachary Lell, City Attorney