

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1497

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING LAKE ELSINORE MUNICIPAL CODE (LEMC) SECTION 2.08.020 COMPENSATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION TO \$1,600 PER MONTH

Whereas, Government Code Section 36516 et seq. authorizes cities to enact Ordinances setting City Council Member salaries based on population or increased amounts equal to five percent for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment; and

Whereas, effective January 1, 2024, with the passage of Senate Bill 329 (Dodd), Government Code Section 36516 provides that councilmembers in a city with a population of 50,000 – 75,000 based upon either a federal census or an estimate of population validated by the California Department of Finance are authorized to receive a salary of \$1,600 per month; and

Whereas, the current City Council compensation was set by Ordinance No.2022-1477 at \$744 per month commencing January 2023; and

Whereas, the City's population as reported in the 2020 Decennial Census is 70,265; and

Whereas, compensation increases will only occur after the next election and the seating of the newly elected Councilmembers.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. LEMC Section 2.08.020, Compensation, is hereby amended in its entirety, as follows:

“2.08.020 Compensation.

Members of the City Council shall each receive compensation for their services in the sum \$1,600 per month.”

Section 2. CEQA. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15061(b) (3) there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections, or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end each phrase, section, sentence, or word is declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after the date of adoption; provided, however, as required by Government Code Section 36516.5, Councilmembers shall not be eligible for the \$1,600.00 salary described in Section 1 of this Ordinance until the term of office begins for Councilmembers elected at the November 2024 General Municipal Election. Until such time, Councilmembers shall continue to receive \$744.00 per month salary.

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall cause a synopsis of the same to be published according to law.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, on this 27th day of February 2024.

Steve Manos
Mayor

Attest:

Candice Alvarez, MMC
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE)

I, Candice Alvarez, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-1497 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, at its Regular meeting of February 27, 2024 and adopted at its Regular meeting of March 12, 2024 and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Candice Alvarez, MMC
City Clerk