

ORDINANCE 45- 22

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the compensation of elected officials of the City is set by the Council, and

WHEREAS, the compensation of Elected Officials has not been increased in years and the last increase was given in 2007, Ordinance No. 6-07 As Amended, and

WHEREAS, a study was completed where the City obtained salaries of Elected Officials from other cities with similar populations to the City of Port Clinton and increases were calculated based on the results of the study; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the Law Director have significantly increased since the enactment of Ordinance No. 6-07, As Amended, and the Law Director's presence at City Hall is now required to answer legal questions, handle time sensitive matters, and time sensitive legislation in addition to normal Law Director duties; and

WHEREAS, the below salary shall be considered compensation for normal Law Director duties, attendance at Council Meetings, preparation of all ordinances and resolutions, serve as legal advisor for all officers and boards and commissions of the City of Port Clinton, serve as prosecutor for all violations charged under the City of Port Clinton Codified Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the Law Director shall also handle special matters such as bond issues, annexation, detachment, contract negotiations, employee disciplinary matters, prosecution and defense of actions by or against the municipality, and provide legal assistance for the following: transient occupancy tax collection, watercraft dockage and rack storage tax collection, backflow prevention, water department violations, blight in the city, income tax violations, zoning violations, and public records requests; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines the compensation for the following Elected Officials shall be increased, and that the increase shall take place at the time of the commencement of the next term of office for the elected position; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that the amount of annual compensation for the following Elected Officials shall be further increased by 2% of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment. This this provision applies to the following positions and shall continue until otherwise repealed or modified by this Council, pursuant to law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Port Clinton, Ottawa County, Ohio;

Section 1. That commencing January 1, 2024, the salary of the Mayor remains at \$20,000.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 2. That commencing January 1, 2024, the salary of the Auditor remains \$40,000.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 3. That commencing January 1, 2024, the salary of the Law Director shall be \$50,000.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment. The Law Director shall have an office at City Hall, shall be present at City Hall during the business hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm for a minimum of 25 hours per week.

Section 4. That commencing January 1, 2024, the salary of the President of Council shall be \$6,300.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 5. That commencing January 1, 2024, the salary of the At-Large Council members shall be \$5,100.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 6. That commencing January 1, 2026 the salary of the Ward Council Members shall be \$5,100.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 7. That commencing January 1, 2026, the salary of the Treasurer shall remain at \$9,000.00 per annum, payable bi-monthly, with a 2% annual increase of the previous year's amount by way of a cost of living adjustment.

Section 8. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its Committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or Committees, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 9. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and this Ordinance is required to be immediately effective prior to February 1, 2023 so that individuals filing as candidates for the elective offices of the City will be aware of and know the compensation they will receive if elected at the next general election. Wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____, 2022

President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved _____, 2022

Mayor