

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2244**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR A MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE MAYOR-COUNCILMEMBER OF \$800.00; PROVIDING FOR A MONTHLY SALARY FOR ALL OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS OF \$625.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 2.03 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to determine the annual salary of its members;

WHEREAS, Section 10.07 of the City Code authorizes the City Council to determine the salary of City Council by ordinance;

WHEREAS, the annual salary of the City Council has not been increased since 1988, a period of 33 years;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes and acknowledges that service on the City Council is a matter of public service and not compensation for actual services rendered, but increasing the salary level may promote and encourage qualified individuals to seek election to City Council and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, it is declared as a matter of legislative determination and public policy that the provisions herein are necessary in the public interest; and it is further declared that the provisions herein are in pursuance of and for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, safety, welfare and quality of life in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** The annual salary, payable monthly, for each member of the City Council is hereby established, as follows:

- (a) Mayor-Councilmember: \$9,600.00 annually, payable at \$800.00 per month; and
- (b) All other Councilmembers: \$7,500.00 annually, payable at \$625.00 per month.

**SECTION 2. Conflict with Other Ordinances and Codes.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of New Port Richey, Florida, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3. Severability.** If any provision or portion of this ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect on the date of commencement of the terms of councilmembers elected at the election to be conducted in April of 2022, and shall apply to all councilmembers as of that date.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly read and approved on first reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021, and read and adopted on second reading at a duly convened meeting of the City Council of the City of New Port Richey, Florida this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Meyers, CMC, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Marlowe, Mayor-Council Member

(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE SOLE  
USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW PORT  
RICHEY, FLORIDA:

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Timothy P. Driscoll, City Attorney  
CA Approved 9-28-21