

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-2015-21**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANGO FOR PURPOSES OF MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Durango currently provides that each member of the City Council shall receive compensation in the amount of \$500.00 per month and that the Mayor shall receive an additional salary of \$250.00 per month during his or her term as Mayor of the City; and

WHEREAS, the compensation rates set forth in said Section 2-20 were last updated in 2005 and have not been modified since that date; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the State's hourly minimum wage rate, La Plata County Thrive Living Wage Rate, and reports collected from the Colorado Municipal League on compensation amounts for elected officials across the state; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above referenced analysis, the Council has determined that an increase in compensation for City Council members and the Mayor is warranted; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that compensation of Council members be increased from \$500.00 per month to a sum of \$867.00 per month, and compensation of the Mayor be increased from \$750.00 per month to \$1117.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Durango provides that Council members shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by ordinance, but no increase in salary shall be effective during the current term of Council members enacting the ordinance which provides for such salary increase; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has heretofore been held before the City Council of the City of Durango, and the Council has determined, subsequent to said public hearing, that the proposed modifications to Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances for purposes of increasing the amount of monthly compensation paid to members of the Council would be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Durango, in that it would more fairly compensate Council members for time expended on City business and would enable more individuals to consider serving as members of the Durango City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DURANGO HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** That Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Durango should be and the same is hereby amended in its entirety, as follows:

**Sec. 2-20 Compensation of members.**

- (a) Each city council member shall receive a salary of eight hundred sixty seven (\$867.00) per month.
- (b) The mayor shall receive, as additional salary, the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month during his or her term as mayor of the city.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its passage and final publication as provided by law, (provided that no salary increase shall be effective during the current term of the Council members enacting this ordinance).

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
DURANGO

Attest:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LA PLATA )

I, Amy Phillips, City Clerk of the City of Durango, La Plata County, Colorado, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. O-2015- 21 was regularly introduced and read at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Durango, Colorado on the 18th day of August, 2015, and was ordered published in accordance with the terms and conditions of the statutes in such cases made and provided, in the Durango Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2015, prior to its final consideration by the City Council.

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City Clerk

I further certify that said Ordinance No. O-2015-21 was duly adopted by the Durango City Council on the 1st day of September, 2015, and that in accordance with instructions received from the Durango City Council, said ordinance was published by title only in the Durango Herald on the 6th day of September, 2015.

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City Clerk