

ORDINANCE 2023-40

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2011-21 BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SALARY TO THE CITY COMMISSIONERS FROM \$12,000 TO \$18,000; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 12 provides that the salaries of the City Commissioners are set by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the City Commission passed ordinance number 532, which set the salary of the City Commission at \$2,400 per year; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the City Commission authorized a \$1,200 increase in salary, from \$2,400 to \$3,600 per year/per Commissioner, which was included in the 1981-1982 budget and passed as part of the budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 the City Commission authorized a \$2,400 increase in salary, from \$3,600 to \$6,000 per year/per Commissioner, which was included in the 1985-1986 budget and passed as part of the budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 1987 the City Commission authorized a \$2,000 increase in salary, from \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year/per Commissioner, which was included in the 1987-1988 budget and passed as part of the budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the City Commission authorized a \$4,000 increase in salary, from \$8,000 to \$12,000 per year/per Commissioner, which was included in the 1997-1998 budget and passed as part of the budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City Commission approved a one-year reduction in salary of \$9,600, which was included in the 2011-2012 budget and passed as part of the budget ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners' current salary is \$12,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Commission's approval of the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, the City Commission authorized an increase in pay per year/per commissioner, resulting in an annual salary of \$18,000 for each commissioner; and

WHEREAS, payment of a salary to each City Commissioner is an appropriate expenditure of public funds pursuant to the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. It is hereby established that the annual salary of the City Commission be \$18,000 per annum per commissioner to be paid to each City Commissioner during their term of office.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision or portion of the Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2023.

ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2023.

CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH

BRADLEY M. BEAN
Commissioner-Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:



CAROLINE BEST
City Clerk

TAMMI E. BACH
City Attorney

Date of First Reading: October 3, 2023

Date of Second/Final Reading: November 7, 2023

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