

**CITY OF AVENTURA ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE AMOUNT FOR THE MAYOR AND INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONERS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2.06 OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA CHARTER; APPROVING A \$500 MONTHLY INCREASE TO THE LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR EACH CITY COMMISSION MEMBER; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission is authorized to review and adjust legislative expenses under Section 2.06 of the City of Aventura Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the last increase to the legislative expense account occurred in 2015 when the City Commission enacted Ordinance 2015-11; and

**WHEREAS**, other than the annual cost of living increase applied to the legislative expense account, the amount has remained constant for eight years, yet the demands and commitments placed on the City's elected officials have grown considerably over this timeframe; and

**WHEREAS**, an adjustment to the legislative expense account for the members of the City Commission is warranted and in the best interest of the City, enabling the City's elected officials to meet the obligations entrusted to them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The recitals contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference herein.

**Section 2.** The Legislative Expense amount contained in the City's 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for the Mayor and individual City Commissioners, as provided for in Section 2.06 of the City of Aventura Charter, is hereby increased by \$6,000 per year, and may be further adjusted in subsequent annual City budgets.

**Section 3.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption on second reading, and shall be applied from and after November 17, 2023.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Commissioner Joel, who moved its adoption on first reading. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bloom, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Amit Bloom	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Rachel S. Friedland	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Billy Joel	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Dr. Linda Marks	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Stern	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Paul A. Kruss	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Howard S. Weinberg	<u>No</u>

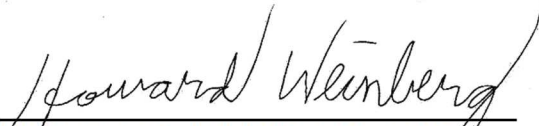
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**PASSED** on first reading this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on second reading this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.




  
HOWARD S. WEINBERG, ESQ.  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ELLISA L. HORVATH, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
ROBERT MEYERS  
CITY ATTORNEY  
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE + BIERMAN, P.L.