

ORDINANCE NO. 55-2016

Amending Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City to Establish the Salary of Council Members.

WHEREAS, in 1957 City Council voted to raise the salaries of its members from five dollars per meeting to twenty-five dollars per meeting and in 1988 the amount was raised to fifty dollars per meeting, these being the only times since 1957 that Council salaries were raised; and

WHEREAS, the Worthington Charter Review Commission recommended to Council that the Charter be amended to allow for one raise for all Council members to take effect at the same time, with no salary increases thereafter taking effect during a Council member's term of office, it being the conclusion of the Charter Review Commission that the salaries of Worthington's City Council are low, especially in comparison to most other jurisdictions in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, the voters of the City of Worthington approved the recommended amendments to the Charter, including the provision authorizing the one-time adjustment to the City Council salary; and

WHEREAS, Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances establishes the salary of Council members and the President of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 121.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

**121.03 SALARY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

Effective January 1, 2017, the salary of each member of Council shall be set at the rate of \$660.00 per month to qualify for full-time service credit for the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. The President of Council shall receive an additional \$100.00 per month.

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SECTION 2. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed: December 19, 2016

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ Tanya Maria Word  
Temporary Clerk of Council

Introduced December 5, 2016  
P.H. December 19, 2016  
Effective January 11, 2017