

ORDINANCE NO. 849

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2-4.01 OF THE LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA DOES FIND AND ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS

1. The purpose of this ordinance is to update Lomita Municipal Code relating to City council members compensation.
2. The last adjustment to the City Council monthly salary was over thirty years ago in 1991.
3. The City is in the process of contemplating moving from conducting at-large Council elections to by-district Council elections which would reduce the number of eligible candidates. The proposed modest compensation increase is intended to provide additional incentive for future candidates to file for office.
4. Currently, council members may submit monthly reimbursement requests for mileage for city-related activities which are processed by the Administrative Services Department.

SECTION 2. MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENTS.

Title II, Chapter 4, Section 2-4.01 of the Lomita Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-4.01. – Council Member's compensation and other benefits.

Upon the submission of an itemized account, any council member may be reimbursed for his or her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duty. The salary of the mayor and each member of the City Council shall be, and the same is hereby determined fixed and established at the sum of one thousand and fourteen dollars (\$1,014.00) per month pursuant to the provisions of the section 36516 of the Government Code of the State of California. In lieu of any mileage or automobile reimbursement, an auto allowance for the mayor and each member of the City Council is hereby determined fixed and established at the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) per month.

City council members shall be eligible for health and welfare benefits, as such term is defined in Section 53200 of the California Government Code, during their term of office, subject to (1) the terms of any plan of health and welfare benefits adopted by the City, (2) state laws imposing limits on health and welfare benefits for elected officials, and (3) any further rules and regulations adopted by City Council resolution.

SECTION 3. CEQA

This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this ordinance would have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION

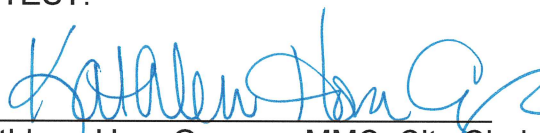
The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same, or the summary thereof, to be published or posted in the manner required by law. This ordinance shall not apply to currently serving council members, unless and until they begin a new term in office, in compliance with Government Code Section 36516.5.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2023.



Barry Waite, Mayor

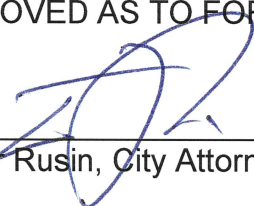
ATTEST:



Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Trevor Rusin, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LOMITA)

I, Kathleen Horn Gregory, City Clerk of the City of Lomita, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 849 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lomita at a regular meeting held on May 02, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

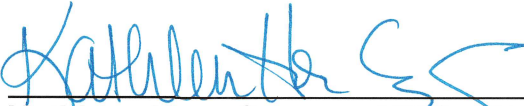
AYES: Council Members: Gazeley, Segawa, Waronek, Mayor Pro Tem Uphoff,
 and Mayor Waite

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Lomita, California this 2nd day of May 2023.



Kathleen Horn Gregory, MMC, City Clerk
City of Lomita, California