

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2017

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Ann Marie Donegan and Councilwoman Garrity

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, Council adopted Ordinance 22-2015 (Amended) on April 28, 2015, which established salaries for Council members commencing January 1, 2016, having had no increase in salaries to Council members in over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Council members receive no benefits other than the nominal salary for councilperson services and, as intended, to provide compensation to such council members as would qualify for service credit under the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS); and

WHEREAS, at the time of adoption of Ordinance 22-2015, OPERS rules required that \$600.00 per month (\$7,200.00 per year) was the minimum earnable salary required for a public employee to receive full service credit; and

WHEREAS, OPERS amended rules now applicable in 2018 provide that qualifying service credit requires a minimum compensation of \$650.00 per month (\$7,800.00 per year) for an employee to receive the year's service credit and it is the intent of this ordinance that each council person's annual salary shall at least be equal to the minimum annual salary required to earn OPERS service credit for service as a council person; and

WHEREAS, the annual salary for a Member of Council must be set at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the filing deadline of August 9, 2017 for the November 7, 2017 election. Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. For the term of office commencing January 1, 2018, all members of Council of the City of Olmsted Falls, Ohio shall be compensated at the rate of Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) per year, payable in equal semi-monthly installments, (or in accordance with the payroll schedule for other city employees). However, if such amount is insufficient to meet OPERS requirements for minimum earnable salary required for full OPERS service credit, then the annual salary of all members of Council shall be equal to the minimum earnable salary required by OPERS for full service credit. Additionally, the at-large member of Council elected President of Council pursuant to Article IV, Section 5.02(a) of the Charter of the City of Olmsted Falls, shall be compensated an additional Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each year payable in equal semi-monthly installments (or in accordance with the payroll schedule for other city employees).

SECTION 2. Commencing on January 1, 2020 and annually thereafter, the annual compensation for the office of Councilperson as established in Section 1 hereinabove, shall be increased on January 1 of each year by two percent (2%) of the immediately preceding year's annual compensation for such elected position. However, if such amount is insufficient to meet OPERS requirements for minimum earnable salary required for full OPERS service credit, then the annual salary of all members of Council shall be equal to the minimum earnable salary required by OPERS for full service credit. Additionally, the Council President shall receive an additional Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each year for service as Council President.

SECTION 3. Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

Linda Garrity, President of Council

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____
Ann Marie Donegan, Mayor

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Gregory M. Sponseller, Director of Law

ATTEST: _____
Angela Mancini, Clerk of Council

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Third Reading: _____