

ORDINANCE NO. 198

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.050 OF THE LAKE FOREST MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADJUSTING COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

The City of Lake Forest desires to provide a salary to Members of the City Council in accordance with California law.

In 1991, the City set Council Member compensation at six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month pursuant to Ordinance No. 91-09. This compensation level is codified in Section 2.04.050 of the Lake Forest Municipal Code.

In June 2006, the City amended Municipal Code Section 2.04.050 establishing a new compensation amount for City Council Members.

Also, in June 2006, the City adopted Resolution No. 2006-20 establishing a procedure to address increases in the Council Member compensation.

California Government Code section 36516(a)(3) allows the City Council to periodically adjust its compensation by ordinance in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) per year since the last salary adjustment.

Consistent with State law and Council policy, the City now desires to amend Municipal Code section 2.04.050 to adjust the Council Member compensation.

State law does not allow for automatic increases in Council Member compensation, and requires that any increase not take effect for all Council Members until after one or more Council Members begin a new term of office.

SECTION 2. COMPENSATION INCREASE

The City Council hereby authorizes an increase in Council Member compensation as provided below.

Said increase shall be in the amount of 6.7%, rounded-up to the nearest whole dollar, which is the cumulative Consumer Price Index for the period beginning May 2006 and ending May 2008, the most recently available Consumer Price Index calculation at the time this Ordinance is considered, for a total of seven hundred four dollars (\$704.00) per month, per Council Member.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

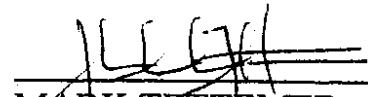
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from its adoption; however, the compensation increase authorized in Section 2 shall not take effect until December 2008, subsequent to the terms commencing for Members of the City Council elected in the General Election to be held November 4, 2008.

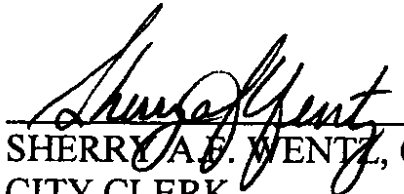
SECTION 5. PUBLICATION

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once within fifteen (15) days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the City of Lake Forest, and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with Government Code § 36933.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2008.


MARK TETTEMER
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHERRY A.F. WENTZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


SCOTT SMITH
CITY ATTORNEY

I, Sherry A.F. Wentz, City Clerk of the City of Lake Forest, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 198 was duly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 5th day of August 2008, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 19th day of August 2008, by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: DIXON, HERZOG, MCCULLOUGH,
RUDOLPH, TETTEMER

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE


SHERRY A.F. WENTZ, CMC
CITY CLERK