

**Date** February 23, 2009


An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, and amended by Ordinance No. 13,969 passed July 23, 2001, and Ordinance No. 14,499 passed December 10, 2005, by amending Section 2-62 thereof, relating to the salary of the mayor and councilmembers",

presented.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage.

FORM APPROVED:

(First of three required readings)

  
 Bruce E. Bergman  
 City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
VLASSIS				
<b>TOTAL</b>				
MOTION CARRIED			APPROVED	
_____ Mayor				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, and amended by Ordinance No. 14,499 passed July 23, 2001, and Ordinance No. 14,499 passed October 10, 2005 is hereby amended by amending Section 2-62 relating to the salary of the mayor and councilmembers, as follows:

**Sec. 2-62. Salary of mayor and councilmembers.**

The mayor shall receive and be paid a salary at the rate of ~~\$31,500.00~~ \$30,555.00 per annum and \$50.00 per week as allowance for expenses incurred on city business conducted in the city and all other members of the city council shall receive and be paid a salary at the rate of ~~\$22,000.00~~ \$21,340.00 per annum and \$50.00 per week allowance for expenses incurred on city business conducted in the city, which salaries shall be payable as hereinafter provided. The mayor and members of the city council shall be entitled to longevity pay, group insurance benefits (including but not limited to life insurance, hospital and surgical expenses, medical expenses, major medical expenses, dental benefits and prescription drug benefits); participation in retirement plans to which they are eligible for participation, specifically the city deferred compensation program authorized by I.C. § 509A.12; education tuition reimbursement; and reimbursement of office related expenses incurred on city business, and in addition the mayor and members of the city council may receive life insurance benefits or deferred compensation contributions, in the event such benefits are made available to supervisory, professional and management employees generally. All benefits are subject to the provisions of section I.C. § 372.13(8), with respect to the time of commencement of entitlement to such benefits or to any increase thereof. The mayor and each council member may choose to decline any benefit provided

for the position. However, the benefits shall be presumed to be applicable unless the mayor or council member declines the respective benefit in writing. Any written declination of benefits shall be effective from the date specified in such writing to the end of the current term of the mayor or council member, and shall be deemed to cancel the entitlement to such benefits for the balance of the term. In making any such declination each individual mayor and council member shall agree to assume any tax consequences resulting therefrom and to hold the city harmless from any such consequence.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

  
Bruce E. Bergman  
City Attorney

February 20, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS  
OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL

Re: Ordinance amending city council and mayor salary

At the February 9, 2009 meeting of the Des Moines City Council, a request was made for information concerning the issue of reducing the salary of the Mayor and Council members. The City Council requested that an ordinance be prepared to provide for a 3% reduction of salary, effective as soon as permitted by Iowa law.

On the February 23, 2009 city council agenda is a proposed ordinance which would reduce the salary of the Mayor and Council members by 3%. Iowa Code Section 372.13 permits the ordinance to be voted upon now, but delays the effective date of the change in compensation for City Council members until the beginning of the term after the next city council election is held, and for the Mayor until the beginning of the term after the next mayoral election. Therefore the ordinance, if approved, becomes effective for city council members in January of 2010, and for the mayor it becomes effective in January of 2012.



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