

ORDINANCE 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mary Esther is a Florida municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida, which is governed by five (5) council members and one (1) mayor; and

WHEREAS, the demands of public office for the city council members and mayor result in a large amount of time to devote toward fulfilling responsibilities and duties to the City and such other activities associated with being public officials; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds while not all time devoted to civic service can or should be compensated in full, it is in the public's best interest to ensure that public officials are not required to have undue costs and financial burdens due to public service, and that some level of compensation to public officials will encourage those who might otherwise not be able to participate in local government to participate and may expand the pool of candidates for city office; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Mary Esther Charter Article III, Sec. 3.06 allows for establishment of compensation for the City Council and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, establishment of an annual salary for the council members and mayor is consistent with a majority of other cities in the State of Florida who pay their council members and mayor a salary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authority and Findings

The authority for enactment of this ordinance is contained in Section 3.06 of the Mary Esther City Charter. The above recitals and findings set forth above are hereby adopted as additional legislative findings.

Section 2. Establishment of Annual Salary for City Council and Mayor

The City Council hereby establishes the following as the annual salary for the city council members and mayor, which will be paid in accordance with the City's Pay Policy for city employees:

City Council Annual Salary \$ 3,000 (\$250 per month)
Mayor's Annual Salary \$ 4,200 (\$350 per month)

The salaries will be subject to any and all local, state, and federal taxes.

Section 3. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect on April 1, 2018 after approval on second reading by City Council and signature of the Mayor.

SO DONE this 5th day of March 2018.

By: Chris Stein
Chris Stein, Mayor



ATTEST:

Dana L.S. Williams
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City Clerk

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