



WILDWOOD

Residents of the City of Wildwood and Members of the City Council,

The arguments that have been presented in favor of increasing the compensation for Council members are flawed and fail any number of tests and cannot be supported based on logic. Council must remember that compensation is based on attendance at a regular Council meeting. See excerpt from the Municipal Code included here for reference:

Section 110.110 Oath – Compensation

Each Council Member of the City Council shall take the oath of office prescribed by Statute and shall receive as compensation payable on a monthly basis the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each regular Council meeting attended, not to exceed an annual sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

The Municipal Code is clear, Council does not receive compensation for anything except attending a regular Council meeting two Mondays a month.

If you look back you will realize that these meetings may last approximately three hours.

Following the logic that has been put forward by the Council means that if each Council meeting lasts for approximately three hours, the rate of compensation has jumped from roughly thirty-three dollars per hour to sixty-six dollars per hour.

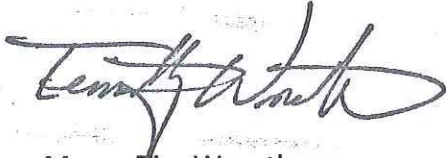
Many of us are professionals in our respective fields and understand what our own “hourly rate” rate is. What Council receives exceeds that of what many of us receive in our daily jobs. To suggest that one should work at Jack in the Box is an insult to those that currently work there and shows the lack of understanding of what it means to serve the community.

To suggest that the current compensation prevents someone from serving is assuming everything is equal. We know that is not the case. We make decisions regarding our place of employment, where we live and what activities we choose to participate is many times based on dollars. If someone expects to have gasoline mileage, child care or meals reimbursed then they should have checked the compensation before running for office. However that gets to a basic issue of people serving for a paycheck versus the betterment of the community.

The other excuses of needing to be compensated to pay for a re-election campaign; receive an adjustment for the cost of living, or to be competitive with other municipalities’ further shows that Council is reaching for reasons justify their action. None of these excuses align with reality, when all you have to do is be here at a regular Council meeting twice a month.

As to the increase of the Mayor salary, it appears to me that Council wishes to have "quid pro quo" situation where if they support the change in the Mayor salary, they should be able to receive an increase in the Council compensation.

The action from February 22nd makes it clear that the Council has little regard for the concept of service and giving back to a community in which they benefit so greatly from.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Woerther". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mayor Tim Woerther

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND AMENDING SECTION 110.040 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.3 of the City Charter, the City Council shall determine the compensation of the Mayor by Ordinance, but no change in such compensation shall become effective for the office of Mayor until commencement of a new term of office; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on January 11, 2016, providing an opportunity for public comment regarding the compensation for the Office of the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One.

In accordance with Section 4.3 of the City Charter, compensation for the Office of the Mayor shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year, payable in twelve (12) equal monthly payments, effective with the commencement of a new Mayoral term of office following passage and approval of this Ordinance. The last sentence of Section 110.040 of the Municipal Code shall be amended by deleting the existing sentence in its entirety and enacting in its place the following: "The Mayor shall take the oath of office presented by Statute and shall receive as compensation the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year payable in twelve (12) equal monthly payments."

Section Two.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

This Bill was passed and approved this ___ day of February, 2016, by the Council of the City of Wildwood, after having been read by title or in full two times prior to passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Timothy Woerther, Mayor

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AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AMENDING SECTION 110.110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3.3 of the City Charter, the City Council shall determine the compensation of the City Council Members by Ordinance, but no change in such compensation shall become effective for the office of City Council until commencement of a new term of office; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on January 11, 2016, providing an opportunity for public comment regarding the compensation for Council Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One.

In accordance with Section 3.3 of the City Charter, compensation for City Council Members shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each regular City Council Meeting attended, payable monthly, effective with the commencement of a new term of office for each Council seat, following passage and approval of this Ordinance. Section 110.110 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the existing Section in its entirety and enacting in its place the following:

SECTION 110.110: OATH – COMPENSATION

Each Council Member of the City Council shall take the oath of office presented by Statute and shall receive as compensation payable on a monthly basis the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each regular City Council meeting attended.

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This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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