

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING SECTION 2.04.050 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE REVISING THE SALARY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO NINETEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH AS PROVIDED IN GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36516 AND PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF NECESSARY EXPENSES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. Effective January 1, 2024, with the passage of Senate Bill 329 (Dodd), Government Code Section 36516 provides that council members in a city with a population of 75,000 – 150,000 are authorized to receive a salary of nineteen hundred (\$1,900.00) per month. The population of a city for the purposes of establishing council member salaries may be based upon either a federal census or an estimate of population validated by the California Department of Finance.

B. The population of the City of Temecula in 2023 is 108,899 as validated by the California Department of Finance.

C. The need for the increase in Council salary is based on the following: (1) Council Members work many hours per month in addition to regular council meetings, including meeting with constituents, reviewing agenda reports for Council and City Commissions, attending subcommittee meetings, meeting with staff, and attending events on behalf of the City and not reflected in their current salary; and (2) increasing the salary may help the City Council become more diverse because increased salary can help individuals from across different income levels receive sufficient income from their service to help ensure that they can continue to serve the public and support their families.

Section 2. Section 2.04.050 of the Temecula Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2.04.050 Compensation

"A. In accordance with Government Code Section 36516, each council member shall be entitled to a salary of in the amount of nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900.00) per month.

B. Upon the submission of an itemized account, any council member may be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duty. The

Council may, by resolution, establish a schedule of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duty for which council members may be reimbursed.”

Section 3. As required by Government Code Section 36516.5, council members shall not be eligible for the \$1,900.00 salary described in Section 1 of this ordinance until the term of office begins for council members elected at the November 2024 General Municipal Election. Until such time, council members shall continue to receive \$600.00 per month in salary.

Section 4. Severability. If any portion, provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining portions, provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences, and words of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and shall be interpreted by the court so as to give effect to such remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

Section 6. Notice of Adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause it to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 24th day of October, 2023.

Zak Schwank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2023-08 was duly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Temecula on the 26th day of September, 2023, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 24th day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Randi Johl, City Clerk