

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING EATONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.04.014
REGARDING COUNCILMEMBERS' COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.27.130, members of the Town Council may receive compensation for their services to the Town at such levels as set by the Council by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.04.014 of the Eatonville Municipal Code, councilmembers currently receive compensation of \$50.00 for their attendance at each regular, special or continued meeting of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town last increased councilmember compensation in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Finance Committee has reviewed the level of councilmember compensation, compared it to similar municipalities, considered the time and commitment of councilmembers, and now recommends that councilmember compensation for attendance at each regular, special or continued meeting of the Town Council be increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Washington State Constitution, Article XI § 8, no increase or decrease in councilmember compensation may apply to an incumbent councilmember during a term being served at the time of the increase or decrease; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Eatonville, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.04.014 of the Eatonville Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.04.014 Councilmembers – Compensation for attending meetings.

A. Regular Meetings. The compensation of each councilmember shall be \$75.00 for attending each regular or special meeting or continued meeting of the council.

B. Other Meetings. The compensation for each councilmember shall be \$50.00 for attending, as a town delegate or representative, meetings of organizations in which either (1) the town is a dues-paying member; or (2) any other official meeting authorized by motion of the council, including committee meetings, and provided the member does not receive compensation from any other government unit or agency for attendance at the same meeting. In addition, the mayor pro tem and the alternate mayor pro tem shall receive compensation of \$25.00 for each day that he or she performs any duty of the mayor in the absence of the mayor.

C. Payroll Procedure.

1. A councilmember may submit a payroll voucher for attendance at regular and special meetings of the council where roll is taken and minutes are recorded.

2. Councilmembers may also submit payroll vouchers for attendance at other meetings by listing the date, place and purpose of those meetings. The voucher is subject to approval of the Town Council.

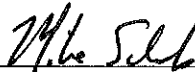
SECTION 2. In accordance with Article XI § 8 of the Washington State Constitution, the adjusted councilmember compensation established by this Ordinance may not take effect for any Town Council Position during that position's current term. The new compensation level set by this Ordinance shall therefore be implemented as follows: for Town Council Positions 1, 2, and 3, the new compensation level shall take effect on January 1, 2018; for Town Council Positions 4 and 5, the new compensation level shall take effect on January 2, 2016. Prior to implementation of the adjusted councilmember compensation as set forth in this Section, councilmembers shall continue to receive compensation at the previously established rate of \$50.00.

SECTION 3. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication of a summary, consisting of the title, pursuant to RCW 35.27.300.

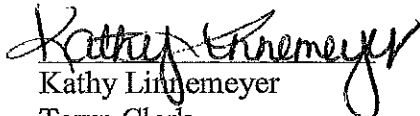
1ST READING: 02/23/2015
2ND READING: 03/09/2015

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 9th day of March, 2015.

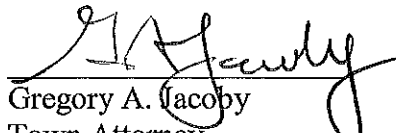


Mike Schaub
Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathy Linnemeyer
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gregory A. Jacoby
Town Attorney