



## Ordinance 2022-12

### An Ordinance Adopting a New Compensation Schedule for the Elected Officials of the City of La Center

The La Center Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries finds as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 35.21.015, the La Center City Council adopted and enacted Ordinance 2016-10 on September 26, 2016, which created the Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries (the "Commission") and charged the Commission with the responsibility to establish and adopt a compensation schedule for all City elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Salary Commission last adopted a compensation schedule for elected officials on March 13, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission held two public hearings, duly noticed and held pursuant to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, on October 5 and October 20, 2022 to consider the proposed compensation schedule for elected city officials attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the procedures adopted by the City Council in Ordinance 2007-1, codified as LCMC chapter 2.80, provide for final and complete adoption of a compensation schedule that is independent of City Council oversight and does not require Council approval or ratification in order to become effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission operated on the premise that compensation provided to councilors for official city business should be designed to base salaries and other forms of compensation of elected city officials on realistic standards in order that the city's elected officials may be compensated according to the duties of their offices, and so that citizens of the highest quality may be attracted to public service and reimburse them for the expenses incurred with the execution of official city business, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, based on the foregoing Recitals, the Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries for the City of La Center it is hereby ordained as follows:

**Section 1:** Compensation Schedule Adopted. The Compensation Schedule attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1 is hereby adopted and shall be the exclusive form of compensation for City elected officials. This Compensation Schedule shall be applied, interpreted and implemented in accordance with any applicable policies adopted by the

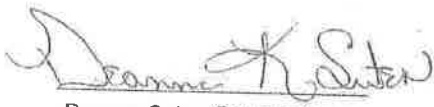
City.


**Section 2: Certification.** This Compensation Schedule has been adopted in compliance with LCMC chapter 2.80, RCW 35.21.015, the rules and procedures of the Commission, and all other applicable laws including the state Constitution.

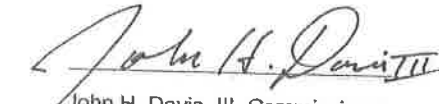
**Section 3: Referendum.** This Ordinance shall be referable to the voters under applicable law as a referendum so long as any such referendum petition is filed with 90 days of adoption of this Ordinance.

**Section 4: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2023 without the need of any further action by the Commission or the City Council.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2022, by a majority of the La Center Citizens Salary Commission on Elected City Officials' Salaries.

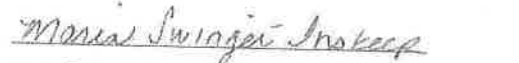
  
Deanna Suter, Commissioner

  
John Jokela, Commissioner

  
John H. Davis, III, Commissioner

  
Dennis Hill, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Maria Swinger-Inskeep, Director of Admin Services/Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
E. Bronson Potter, City Attorney

## Exhibit 1

### **Compensation Schedule For Elected City Officials**

Councilors: \$200.00 per month plus \$65.00 for each regular or special city council meeting attended by a councilor, not to exceed 40 meetings a year. In no event shall the total annual (12-month calendar year) compensation for any one councilor exceed \$5,000.

Mayor: \$700.00 per month plus \$65.00 for each regular or special city council meeting attended by the Mayor, not to exceed 40 meetings a year. In no event shall the total annual (12-month calendar year) compensation for the mayor exceed \$11,000.

For purposes of this Compensation Schedule, a regular or special city council meeting includes all council meetings that are subject to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, including workshops and special council settings.