

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA,  
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.08.120 OF THE  
CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE  
COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 36516 establishes limits on the amount of compensation that city council members may receive for their service as elected officials based upon a schedule that is determined by the population of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 329, which was signed into law on June 29, 2023, amended Government Code Section 36516 to increase the maximum compensation amounts, based upon the population of a city, that may be approved by a city council by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the current compensation schedule for the members of the City Council of the City of Corona (“City Council”) is set forth in Section 2.08.120 of the Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”); and

**WHEREAS**, CMC Section 2.08.120 has not been revised since 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, the current compensation for members of the City Council is \$800 per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council’s compensation has not been increased since 2010 and, therefore, their compensation is no longer reflective of the time and effort put forth by an elected official in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, reasonable compensation for the City Council acknowledges the civic commitment of service and provides an additional incentive for a diverse candidate pool to represent the citizens of Corona; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Government Code Section 36516.5, the compensation increases set forth herein may take effect only when at least one member of the City Council commences a new term; and

**WHEREAS**, although under Senate Bill 329 the compensation for the City Council may be set up to a maximum amount of \$2,550 per month based upon the current population of the City of Corona, the City Council desires to amend CMC Section 2.08.120 to set the compensation amount for members of the City Council at \$1,900 per month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporates the Recitals herein.

**SECTION 2.** CEQA Findings. This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action merely updates the compensation amounts for City Council members, and there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

**SECTION 3.** Amendment to Section 2.08.120. Section 2.08.120 (Compensation) of Chapter 2.08 (City Council) of Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**“2.08.120 Compensation.**

~~City Council members shall be compensated according to the following schedule:~~

~~(A) When the population of Corona is up to and including 35,000 in population, \$300 per month;~~

~~(B) When the population of Corona is over 35,000 up to and including 50,000 in population, \$400 per month;~~

~~(C) When the population of Corona is over 50,000 up to and including 75,000 in population, \$500 per month;~~

~~(D) When the population of Corona is over 75,000 up to and including 150,000 in population, \$600 per month;~~

~~(E) When the population of Corona is over 150,000 up to and including 250,000 in population, \$800 per month;~~

~~(F) When the population of Corona is over 250,000 in population, \$1,000 per month.~~

~~For the purpose of this section, the population shall be determined by the last preceding federal census, or a subsequent census, or estimate validated by the State of California Department of Finance.~~

(A) Current Compensation. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36516, each member of the City Council shall be compensated in the amount of \$800 per month.

(B) Increase. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 36516 and 36516.5, on the first day of the calendar month following the beginning of a new term of office for any member of the City Council, the compensation for all members of the City Council shall be increased to \$1,900 per month.”

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 5. Conflicting Ordinances.** This Ordinance shall supersede all other previous City Council resolutions and ordinances that may conflict with, or be contrary to, this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Effective Date.** The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a genal circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 17<sup>h</sup> day of April 2024, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the City Council:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSTAINED:**  
**ABSENT:**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

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City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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