INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain section 2-1-4 (COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Chapter 1 (THE CITY COUNCIL), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance increases the compensation of the mayor from $30,500 to $32,367 per year, and of the members of city council from $27,500 to $29,183. These increases equate to the 2% COLA provided to City employees each year for the three year period since the last adjustment in council salaries. Consideration of these increases is required by Section 2-1-4(e) of the City Code. If approved, these changes will take effect on July 1, 2006, when the mayor and council members elected on May 2, 2006 take office.

Sponsor

Staff

Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 3.02, Alexandria City Charter
§§ 15.2-1414.5, 15.2-1414.6, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended

Estimated Costs of Implementation

See Memorandum from the City Manager (Docket Item 17, November 22, 2005)

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None
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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That section 2-1-4 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1-4 Compensation of members.

(a) The mayor shall receive, in full compensation for his services, the salary of $30,500 $32,367 per year.

(b) The members of city council shall receive, in full compensation for their services, the salary of $27,500 $29,183 per year.

(c) The members of city council and the mayor shall, in addition to the compensation provided above, be eligible to receive the same benefits as are provided city employees by the city, to the extent permitted by law. For the purpose of benefits for which eligibility is determined by the city, the mayor and members of city council shall be categorized as full time city employees.

(d) The rate of compensation for the members of the city council and the mayor may be changed by ordinance, except that no increase in such rate of compensation shall be made to become effective during the term of office of the members of council and the mayor in which the vote to increase the compensation is cast, and any ordinance to approve such an increase shall be adopted at least four months prior to the date for the next general election of the members of city council and the mayor.

(e) The rate of compensation of the members of city council and the mayor shall be reviewed every three years, in conformance with the time periods established in subsection (d) of this section, for the purpose of considering whether such rate should include a cost of living increase in line with cost of living increases, if any, afforded city employees since the last such review.
Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

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Final Passage: