

Town Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance amending Chapter 2.04.050 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to Town Council Salaries.

Commission Meeting Date: 9/7/2022

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Recommended Motion: Waive the reading and adopt by title only the ordinance amending Chapter 2.04.050 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code related to Town Council Compensation.

Summary: As a General Law Town, Town Council compensation is governed by Government Code Section 36516, which caps the pay of City Councilmembers at \$300 per month for cities with populations under 35,000 but allows that amount to be increased 5% per year. In addition, the Code says that increases are not permitted to be compounded retroactively and automatic annual increases are not allowed. From 1985 to 2014 Town Council salaries remained the same at \$300 per month. In 2014, the Town Council adopted an ordinance increasing Town Council salaries by 5% for 29 years putting the Town Council salary at \$735 per month.

The proposed ordinance implements the allowed increase of 5% per year for the last eight years putting the new Town Council salaries at \$1,029 per month. An increase to Town Council salaries can only take place after an election and new Councilmembers are seated, so the proposed ordinance is to be effective December 7, 2022 or upon the seating of the new Council, whichever is later. The proposed increase in compensation will have a fiscal year cost increase estimated at \$17,640.

The Town Council voted unanimously to introduce the ordinance at the August 17, 2022 Town Council meeting.