

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Nosler-Beck**  
**COUNCIL BILL NO. 15**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1722**

**Series 2021**

**TITLE:       AN ORDINANCE REVISING COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR,  
COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR PRO TEM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge is a home rule municipality having all powers conferred by Article XX of the Colorado Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its home rule authority and C.R.S. § 31-23-101, the City, acting through its City Council (the "Council"), is authorized to adopt ordinances for the protection of the public health, safety or welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.12 of the Wheat Ridge Home Rule Charter provides that compensation of the City's elected officials must be established by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers was last adjusted in 1997 and 2001, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to increase the compensation for terms of office of the Mayor, Councilmembers and Mayor Pro Tem which commence on and after the November 2, 2021 election.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO:**

**Section 1. Compensation for Elected Officials.** The salaries for terms of office commencing upon the November 2, 2021, municipal election and thereafter shall be:

Mayor:                   \$21,600 per year

Mayor Pro Tem:       \$200 per month during term, in addition to Council Member compensation

Councilmembers:     \$14,400 per year

And that compensation for the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers shall be reviewed by City Council every six (6) years.


**Section 2. Severability, Conflicting Ordinances Repealed.** If any section, subsection or clause of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections and clauses shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption, as provided by Section 5.11 of the Charter.

**INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED** on first reading by a vote of 8 to 0 on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021, ordered published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Wheat Ridge, and Public Hearing and consideration on final passage set for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., as a virtual meeting and in City Council Chambers, 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, if allowed to meet in person on that date per COVID-19 restrictions.

**READ, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** on second and final reading by a vote of 8 to 0, this 27 day of September, 2021.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2021.



Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephen Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Gerald E. Dahl, City Attorney

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