

ORDINANCE 19-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3.04 of the Charter of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida (“City”), provides:

The City Council may determine the annual base salary of Councilmembers and the Mayor by ordinance and may further provide for annual automatic adjustments to the base salary so determined. No ordinance increasing the annual base salary shall become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of the Councilmembers elected at the next regular election, at which time the base salary increase shall become effective as to all of the Councilmembers and the Mayor, provided that such election follows the adoption of such ordinance by at least six (6) months.;

and

WHEREAS, the next election is scheduled for November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council last set the annual base salary in 2001 by Ordinance 01-46;

and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the City’s population in 2001 was 92,493, and has more than doubled to 185,843 as of April 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and declares the adoption of this ordinance is appropriate and in the public interest of the citizens of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Mayor Salary. Effective upon the seating of the next City Council following the November 3, 2020, election, the City shall pay the Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, an amount equal to the salary paid to each St. Lucie County Commissioner as calculated pursuant to the salary formula set forth in Chapter 145, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Councilmember Salary. Effective upon the seating of the next City Council following the November 3, 2020, election, the City shall pay the Councilmembers of the City of

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Port St. Lucie, Florida, other than the Mayor, a percentage of the salary paid to the Mayor that is equal to the percentage of the City population as compared to the County population and calculated as follows:

Councilmember Salary = (City Population / County Population) x Mayor Salary

The term "population" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 145.021, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. Repeal of Previous Ordinances. All previous ordinances pertaining to salary and compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers are hereby expressly repealed effective at the close of business on the day preceding that of the seating of the next City Council following the November 3, 2020, election, including Ordinances 68-6, 69-3, 74-7, 81-31, 87-31 and 01-46.

Section 5. Conflict. If any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, are in conflict herewith this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are intended to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption on second reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James D. Stokes, City Attorney