

CITY OF DOVER ORDINANCE #2017-09

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER, IN COUNCIL MET:

That Chapter 2 - Administration, Article IV - Officers and Employees, Division 1 - Generally, Section 2-201 - Compensation and Expenses for Mayor, Council, Employees and Other Elected or Appointed Officials, of the Dover Code, be amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 2-201. - Compensation and expenses for mayor, council, and other elected or appointed officials.

- (a) *Fees established.* In accordance with section 12 of the Charter, authorizing the council to establish compensation and expenses for the mayor, councilmembers, and other elected or appointed officials, the following fees are hereby established:
- (1) *Mayor.* The mayor shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000.00. In addition, the mayor shall receive an expense allotment of up to \$5,000.00, to be included in the city's annual budget for miscellaneous expenses, to be reimbursed upon submission of receipts or proper documentation. Expenses in excess of this amount shall only be permitted by council approval. The mayor shall be entitled to all benefits customary to an employee of the city, except pension benefits, and sick and vacation leave.
 - (2) *Councilmembers generally.* Each councilmember shall receive an annual salary of \$7,416.00, to be paid monthly. The council president shall receive an annual salary of \$8,652.00, to be paid monthly. Councilmembers shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred when on official business as prescribed by ordinance or policy.
 - (3) *Board of assessment appeals.* Each appointed member of the board sitting to hear appeals from the municipal assessment shall receive \$75.00 per diem reimbursement for expenses for the preparation and attendance at each meeting of the board of assessment appeals.
 - (4) *Nonemployee election officers.* Each person not a city employee appointed to serve as an election judge for any municipal election shall receive \$200.00 for per diem reimbursement for each election attended. Each person chosen to serve as a clerical assistant for any municipal election shall receive \$150.00 for per diem reimbursement for each election attended.
 - (5) *Employee election officers.* Employees of the city appointed to serve as election judges or officials for any municipal election shall receive \$150.00 for per diem reimbursement for expenses for each municipal election attended in addition to their regular salary.
 - (6) *Appointee to council committee.* Each appointed member to any city council committee, not serving an elected term to any city office, shall receive \$75.00 for preparation and attendance at each committee meeting to which the member is appointed.
 - (7) *Employee on council committee.* Any city employee appointed to a council committee shall receive \$25.00 for reimbursement for expenses per diem for each meeting attended which is held after 5:00 p.m. on a scheduled workday or at any time on a weekend or city-approved holiday.

- (8) *Planning commission.* Each appointed member of the planning commission shall receive \$100.00 per diem reimbursement for expenses to be paid monthly for preparation and attendance at each meeting of the planning commission.
- (9) *Board of adjustment.* Each appointed member of the board of adjustment shall receive \$75.00 per diem reimbursement for expenses to be paid monthly for preparation and attendance at each meeting of the board of adjustment.
- (b) *Compensation commission.* There is hereby created a compensation commission to consider compensation for the mayor, city council, and paid members of city committees and commissions. The compensation commission shall consist of five members, one member appointed by the mayor, one member appointed by the council president, and three members appointed by city council during the annual meeting. Members shall be city residents who are registered to vote in city elections. Members shall serve four-year terms and cannot be reappointed within the next four years. The controller/treasurer and human resources director shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members.

The compensation commission shall meet at least once a year, with a written report due to council on or before the first regular council meeting in November. Prior to submitting a resolution to council which proposes a change in compensation, one public hearing must be held. Upon receiving the resolution of the commission, the city council may reduce or reject the commission's recommendation, but it may not increase any item in the resolution. The recommendations contained in the resolution, and any permitted changes to such recommendations, shall not become effective unless adopted by ordinance enacted at least three months prior to the elections of the next succeeding mayor and council, and shall take effect only for the next succeeding terms of office of the mayor and council.

ADOPTED: AUGUST 14, 2017

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SYNOPSIS

The proposed amendments would correct the charter reference; delete language related to the Mayor and Councilmember's pay reduction in 2009; increase the term length and period of time between reappointments for Compensation Commission members from two years to four years; and require the Commission to meet at least once a year and provide a written report to Council.

(SPONSORS: NEIL AND SLAVIN)

Actions History

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07/24/2017 - First Reading - City Council

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