

**CITY OF WASILLA  
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 06-22**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 2.04.035,  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

\* **Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

\* **Section 2. Amendment of section.** WMC 2.04.035, compensation and reimbursement, is amended to read as follows:

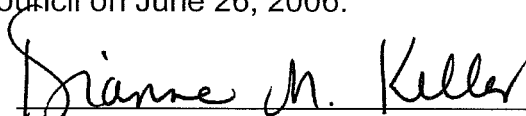
A. Council members shall be compensated **\$6,000 annually.** [SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) FOR EACH REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OR WORK SESSION ATTENDED AND EACH MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEETING ATTENDED AS A CITY REPRESENTATIVE].

B. A council member may elect to purchase individual and related insurance coverage at their own expense.

[C. COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES.]

\* **Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2006.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 26, 2006.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WASILLA  
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

Agenda of: May 22, 2006

Originator: Council Members Menard and Metiva

*Steve Menard*  
Date: May 8, 2006  
*metiva*

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>[Signature]</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

*Dianne M. Keller*

15,750

FISCAL IMPACT:  yes\$ or  no

Funds Available  yes  no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

After research of several communities throughout the state, I would like the City Council to consider changing the rate of compensation for the City Council.

Currently the City Council receives \$75 for each meeting attended. Some months we have earned \$675 for regular and special meetings and work sessions attended and an additional \$150 for acting as the city representative during the borough assembly meetings, totaling up to \$875 per month. Other months the Council Members receive \$150 for Council meetings or \$300 if two borough assembly meetings were attended.

The proposed ordinance allows for a flat rate of \$6,000 per year equaling \$500 per month for City Council Member's compensation regardless of how many meetings attended as a body or as a representative during the borough assembly meetings.

I hope you will look favorably on this code amendment.

Municipality Salary and Benefit Survey  
March 2006

Municipality	Manager form of government	Population of Municipality	Amount of Meetings held during the year	Council pay for meetings attended	Health insurance benefit	Additional benefits offered
City of Fairbanks	Mayor	30,000	42	\$400 per month flat rate	No	Travel expenses for city business.
City of Kenai	Manager	6,777	50	\$400 per month flat rate	No	Travel expenses for city business.
City of Ketchikan	Manager	7,922	34	\$200 per regular meeting \$100 per special meeting	No	\$105 monthly expense allowance; travel expenses; cell phone for mayor
City of Palmer	Manager	5,400	54	\$100 per regular meeting \$25 per special meeting	No	Travel expenses for city business.
City of Valdez	Manager	4,454	40	None	No	Travel expenses for city business.
City/Borough of Juneau	Manager	30,000	70	\$500 per month flat rate	Yes, provided at no cost	Laptop computers for city business, travel expenses and mayor's cell phone.
City/Borough of Sitka	Manager	9,000	54	\$300 per month flat rate	Offered, however, must pay premium	Travel expenses for city business.
Fairbanks North Star Borough	Mayor	86,000	79	\$675 per month flat rate	No	Travel expenses for city business.
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Mayor	52,000	35-40	\$500 month flat rate for Assembly President \$400 month flat rate for Assembly Members	Yes \$20 - \$50 per month depending on coverage	Car allowance and travel expenses.
Municipality of Anchorage	Mayor	275,000	178	\$25,800 per year (\$2,150 per month) for Chair \$22,800 per year (\$1,900 per month) for Assembly	\$200 per pay period for health insurance (\$5,200 per year- not MOA provided coverage)	\$10,000 each a year for travel, cell phone, assistant, subscriptions, etc. Laptops are provided. Chair also travels on lobbying, National League of Cities and AML trips.
Mat-Su Borough	Manager	70,148	73	\$7,800 per year (\$650 per month) for Deputy Mayor \$6,000 per year (\$500 per month) for Assembly	Yes, \$115 per month	\$10 a day for expenses (\$140 per pay check or \$3,640 per year); travel expenses. Tablet Personal Computers are also provided for Assembly packet.
City of Wasilla	Mayor	6,413	2005 - 35 2006 - 45	\$75 per meeting	Offered, however, must pay premium	Travel expenses.