



## CITY OF BATTLE GROUND STAFF REPORT

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To: City Council  
From: Jeff Swanson, City Manager  
Date: October 2, 2017  
Proceeding Type: Motion  
Subject: Ordinance No. 2017-17, Council Compensation

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### Legislative History:

• First Presentation:	October 20, 2014
• Public Hearing required:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
• Second presentation:	November 17, 2014
• Action:	December 15, 2014
• Discussion:	August 7, 2017
• Discussion:	September 5, 2017
• Action:	September 18, 2017
• Action:	October 2, 2017

### **Staff Report Summary**

Council directed staff to return with an ordinance to increase council compensation.

### **Background**

During the September 18, 2017 council meeting, Ordinance No. 2017-16 was adopted which repealed the Salary Commission. Mayor Johnson then asked for a motion to supersede the decision of the Salary Commission and set council salaries in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.23.091 that provides *"The mayor and the members of the city council may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties, upon presentation of a claim therefor, after allowance and approval thereof, by resolution of the city council; and each city councilmember may be paid for attending council meetings an amount which shall be fixed by ordinance and may be revised from time to time by ordinance, but any increase or reduction in the compensation attaching to an office shall not be applicable to the term then being served by the incumbent"*. The motion was approved and Ordinance No. 2017-17 is the formal action to adopt and increase council salaries.

This action would increase the salaries effective January 1, 2018 for positions No. 1, 4, 5, and 6. Salaries would increase for positions No. 2, 3, and 7 effective January 1, 2020. The amount for the increase is in accordance to the decision of the commission members.

**Fiscal and Policy Implications**

The fiscal implication for 2018 is approximately \$9,720.

**Options**

<i>Option</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-17 as presented.</li> </ul>	The salaries would increase in accordance with timeline set by state law.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend Ordinance No. 2017-17</li> </ul>	Dependent upon amendment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action.</li> </ul>	Salaries would remain as current.

**Attachments**

A.	Ordinance 2017-17
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**Legal Review**

Type of Document	Title of Document	Date Reviewed by Legal Counsel
Ordinance	AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS	Reviewed by C. Hayes

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SALARIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, City Council repealed Ordinance No. 14-20 which established the Salary Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salary Commission had established salaries for the mayor and council members to become effective January 1, 2019 pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-20; and

**WHEREAS**, the council has determined the salaries need to be adjusted in accordance to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35.23.091 and become effective January 1, 2018 to be comparable to other jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35.23.091 provides that council members may be reimbursed actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties upon presentation of a claim and approval of the council; and

**WHEREAS**, the council intends for this Ordinance to supersede the written salary schedule previously filed by the now abolished Salary Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the city council of the city of Battle Ground, Washington does hereby ordain that Chapter 2.04 City Council, Section 2.04.040 be amended as follows:

**Section 1. 2.04.040 Council Compensation**

Salaries of the council members of the City of Battle Ground shall be six hundred dollars per month and the salary of the individual selected as mayor of the city of Battle Ground shall be seven hundred and fifty dollars per month.

In addition to the foregoing compensation, the mayor and council members shall be reimbursed their reasonable and actual expenses incurred in connection with the conduct of city business in accordance with the city's travel and business expense policy. Eligible expenses are allowed only when a council member has been appointed or authorized to represent the city in an official capacity.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance.

**Section 3. Regulatory Conflicts.** All other Ordinances and parts of other Ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

**Section 4. Corrections.** The City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 5. Effective date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effective thirty (30) days from the passage and published in accordance with law. Passed by the City Council of the City of Battle Ground, Washington this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2017.

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Philip Johnson, Mayor

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Kay Kammer, City Clerk

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Christine Hayes, City Attorney