

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.12.010 OF THE CASTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE COMPENSATION OF TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS

WHEREAS, the compensation of Town councilmembers is fixed by ordinance and codified in Section 2.12.010 of the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the rate of compensation for Town councilmembers has not increased since 2008; and

WHEREAS, during that time, however, the population of the Town has increased by over fifty percent (50%); and

WHEREAS, as the population of the Town increases, so, too, have the demands made upon the time of the Town's councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds and determines that, in order to attract qualified candidates to serve on future Town Councils, it is appropriate to increase the compensation paid to its individual members; and

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution prohibits the salary of any elected public officer from being increased or decreased during the term of office for which said officer was elected; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, any increases in compensation provided for by this ordinance shall only take effect upon election, reelection, or appointment to a new term of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 2.12.010 of the Castle Rock Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2.12.010 - Compensation.

- A. Beginning with Town Council terms of office commencing in ~~April 2001~~ **DECEMBER 2022**, each Town Council member, UPON ~~who is elected~~ **ELECTION**, ~~reelected~~ **REELECTION** or ~~appointed~~ **APPOINTMENT** to a NEW term of office shall be compensated at the FOLLOWING MONTHLY rateS: ~~of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month. Beginning with the mayoralty term in April 2001, the Mayor shall be compensated at the rate of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per month, which compensation shall be in addition to the base Town Council compensation.~~

MAYOR	\$1,500.00
MAYOR PRO-TEM	\$1,250.00
COUNCILMEMBER	\$1,200.00

- B. ~~Beginning April 9, 2008, each Town Council member shall be compensated at the rate of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650.00) per month.~~
- C. ~~Beginning April 9, 2008, the compensation for Mayor pro tem (inclusive of the Town Council compensation) shall be eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per month.~~
- D. ~~Beginning April 9, 2008, the compensation for Mayor (inclusive of the Town Council compensation) shall be nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950.00) per month. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY MAY BE ELECTED, REELECTED, OR APPOINTED TO A NEW TERM OF OFFICE, EACH INCUMBENT TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY RATES:~~

MAYOR	\$950.00
MAYOR PRO-TEM	\$800.00
COUNCILMEMBER	\$650.00

Section 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Safety Clause. The Town Council finds and declares that this ordinance is promulgated and adopted for the public health, safety and welfare and this ordinance bears a rational relation to the legislative object sought to be obtained.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING this 17th day of May, 2022 by a vote of 7 for and 0 against, after publication in compliance with Section 2.02.100.C of the Castle Rock Municipal Code; and

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this 2nd day of June, 2022, by the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock by a vote of ___ for and ___ against.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved as to content:

Michael J. Hyman, Town Attorney

David L. Corliss, Town Manager