

FACT SHEET**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

An ordinance amending Section 2-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport to provide for an increase in the salaries of members of the City Council, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

April 13, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

City Council

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-wide

SPONSORS

Council members John Nickelson and Jerry Bowman, Jr.

PURPOSE

To provide an increase in the salary of Council members effective December 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 4.08 and 4.09 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport provides for the base salary of Council members and the method by which changes in the salaries of said Council members may be made. The last time the City Council exercised its authority to set the salary of Council members was through the adoption of Ordinance No. 61 of 2002 to amend Section 2-29 (current Section 2-32) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: April 13, 2021
Final Passage: April 27, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

The Charter of the City of Shreveport provides that this ordinance must be adopted at least six (6) months before the expiration of the current term of office of Council members and shall not be effective during the term of office during which it is adopted.

FINANCES

\$68,424.16 increase per year starting December 31, 2022

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Council members John Nickelson and Jerry Bowman, Jr. recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: Danielle A. Farr Ewing,
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS: JOHN NICKELSON AND JERRY BOWMAN, JR.

WHEREAS, Section 4.08 of the Charter of the City of Shreveport (“City Charter”), provides that each member of the City Council shall receive a certain base salary; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.09 of the City Charter provides that the Council may by ordinance make changes in the salaries of its members, subject to the following provisions and limitations:

- (a) The change shall be adopted at a regular meeting of the Council;
- (b) No increase of salary shall be effective during the term of office during which it is adopted;
- (c) No change in the salaries of Council members shall be made during the last six (6) months of the terms of office of Council members; and
- (d) Any change in the salary of Council members shall apply uniformly to all members, provided that this provision shall not prevent the payment of additional compensation to the chairman of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the compensation of the Council members of the City of Shreveport as provided for in Section 2-32 (former Section 2-29) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport was last amended by Ordinance No. 61 of 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Section 2-32 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit:

Sec. 2-32. Compensation of councilmembers.

- (a) Each member of the city council shall receive a base annual salary of \$25,000.00, payable in equal semi-monthly installments. Such salary shall remain in effect unless and until changed by the city council in accordance with section 4.09 of the Charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective on December 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office