

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 39-22

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AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE IV – MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 4.02(C) – COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM THEREON; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pensacola has determined that certain amendments to the City Charter are in order to clarify and update the Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 166.031 Florida Statutes, the City Council is required to submit the Charter Amendments to the electors of the City for approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that a fair and objective method for setting the annual salaries of Council Members is to use the formula methodology utilized by the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research (OEDR) for School Board Members; and

WHEREAS, the OEDR formula may vary upwardly or downwardly on an annual basis depending on fluctuation in population and other factors built into the formula; and

WHEREAS, the formula for School Board Members, taking into account the current population of the City of Pensacola and other components of the formula, when applied in 2022 results in an annual salary of \$31,807.89 which could be lesser or greater in November 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Council calls for the holding of a referendum of the electors of the City of Pensacola on November 8, 2022, to consider and vote for or against the approval of proposed amendments to the City Charter.

SECTION 2. The Supervisor of Elections of Escambia County is hereby appointed as the clerk of a municipal election to be held on November 8, 2022.

SECTION 3. The City of Pensacola shall reimburse the Supervisor of Elections for any costs incurred by that office directly related to the preparation for, conducting of, and certifying the results of the referendum on the proposed City Charter revision.

SECTION 4. The language to appear on the ballot of the referendum on the proposed City Charter revisions shall be:

QUESTION

THE CITY OF PENSACOLA – REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that the annual salary of members of City Council be set each year by a formula derived from Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research, beginning in 2024 and continuing thereafter for each fiscal year that a member is in office?

_____ **Yes – For Approval**

_____ **No – Against Approval**

SECTION 5. The appropriate officials of the City shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation of the City the notices of the Referendum required by the existing City Charter and applicable Florida Law.

SECTION 6. In the event the foregoing proposal is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the proposal, the following provision of the Charter for the City of Pensacola shall be added to Article IV of the existing Charter, to wit:

ARTICLE IV – MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Section 4.02. City Council

(c) **Compensation.** ~~The salary compensation of Council Members shall be set by ordinance—shall be established on an annual basis using the Florida Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research formula on an annual basis for School Board Members, which shall take effect for all Council Members assuming office following the next Council election following the 2024 General Election.~~

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8. This ordinance shall take effect on immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk