

**CITY OF COATESVILLE
COUNTY OF CHESTER**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE, CHESTER COUNTY, PART I: ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 2, CHARTER, ARTICLE II, CITY COUNCIL, §2-209, COMPENSATION, SUBSECTION B, BY DELETING SUBSECTION B IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND PART I: ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 51, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, BY ESTABLISHING §51-10, COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCREASING AND SETTING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FROM \$2,100 FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO \$3,780.00 FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT; AND FROM \$1,800 FOR COUNCILPERSONS TO \$3,240.00 FOR COUNCILPERSONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Coatesville (hereinafter the "City") is a Home Rule Municipality operating by means of a home rule charter and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, §2-209 (Compensation) of the City Charter provides, in relevant part, that the Council may establish, by ordinance, the annual compensation of succeeding Council members, but no ordinance changing compensation shall become effective until the expiration of the term of all Council members in office at the time the ordinance is enacted; and

WHEREAS, §2-209 (Compensation) of the City Charter further provides, in relevant part, that it is the intent of this Charter that all Council members in office at the same time shall be paid at the same rate and that no Council shall change the compensation of Council members then in office during the term for which any of them were elected; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, §27 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides, in relevant part, that no law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments, after his election or appointment.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that certain provisions of Chapter 2, Charter, and Chapter 51, Salaries and Compensation, as amended, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Part I: Administrative Legislation, Chapter 2, Charter, Article II, City Council, §2-209, Compensation, Subsection B by deleting solely Subsection B in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Amend Part I: Administrative Legislation, Chapter 51, Salaries and Compensation, to insert new §51-10 (Compensation of Council Members) to read as follows.

§51-10 (Compensation of Council Members). Effective on the date of the reorganization meeting for 2026, all Council Members in office for Calendar Year 2026, and thereafter until further amended, shall be compensated at an annual rate of \$3,240.00 for Councilpersons and \$3,780.00 for Council President.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication following final adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 11th day of December, 2023.


Linda Lavender Norris, President City Council

ATTEST:


James Logan, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced on the 27th day of November, 2023, was duly enacted by the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the 11th day of December, 2023, and that the vote upon the said Ordinance has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and that the Ordinance has been fully recorded.