

Ordinance Number 729

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CRISFIELD AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF
THE CRISFIELD CITY CODE ENTITLED OFFICERS.**

WHEREAS, Article II of the City of Crisfield Charter, entitled "Council" provides "Each Councilman shall receive an annual salary, which shall be equal for all Councilmen and shall be as specified from time to time by an ordinance passed by the Council in the regular course of its business;" and,

WHEREAS, Article II of the City of Crisfield Charter, entitled "Mayor" provides "The Mayor shall receive an annual salary as set from time to time by an ordinance passed by the Council in the regular course of business;" and,

WHEREAS, the City of Crisfield Charter, §C2-3 and §C3-3, for Councilmembers and Mayor respectively, prohibits a change in salary for either officer during the term for which the officer is elected. The ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the Mayor or Councilmembers, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be finally ordained prior to the municipal election to elect the next succeeding Mayor or Councilmember and shall take effect only as to the next succeeding Mayor or Councilmember;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Crisfield that Chapter 14 of the Crisfield City Code is hereby amended to adjust the salaries of the Councilmembers and Mayor adding language in bold lettering, and language being deleted by amendment appearing in strike through and language added by amendment appearing in bold and underlined:

Chapter 14 Officers

§ 14-1 Mayor.

The salary of the Mayor shall be ~~\$2,500~~ **\$4,000** per annum.

§ 14-2 Council.

The salaries of the members of the City Council shall be ~~\$1,500~~ **\$2,500** each, per annum, provided that the Vice President of the Council shall be paid an additional ~~\$200~~ **\$500** per annum.

Section 2. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 3. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.

Section 4. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 4.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage, but without contravening the requirements of the City of Crisfield Charter, §C2-3 and §C3-3, respectively.

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THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Crisfield held on the _____ day of _____, 2024, and, a public hearing was held on the _____ day of _____, 2024, following which a second reading occurred and was passed by the Council of the City of Crisfield on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Joyce L. Morgan, City Clerk-Treasurer

Ivan R. Lankford, Council Vice President

Eric Banks, Councilman

Casey Goldsborough, Councilman

LaVerne Johnson, Councilwoman

Ruthie Todd, Councilwoman

Approved, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Darlene M. Taylor, Mayor

This Ordinance shall be effective at the expiration of 20 calendar days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the Council over veto. A fair summary of each ordinance shall be published at least twice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in the municipality, and a statement inviting interested persons to view the complete text of the ordinance at City Hall during regular business hours shall be appended to that published summary.