

**ORDINANCE NO 1616**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FOUNTAIN VALLEY REGARDING THE COMPENSATION  
OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 36516(a)(2)(C) provides that, in cities with a population of 50,000 up to and including 75,000, a city council may enact an ordinance providing that each member of the city council shall receive a salary up to and including one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) per month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fountain Valley has a population of approximately 54,893; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1997, council compensation for City Council members of the City of Fountain Valley has been five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month and no increase in council member compensation has occurred since that time;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for increased compensation for City Council members due to zero increases in council compensation since 1997, the rise of inflation, and recent changes to Government Code 36516 authorizing an increase in council member compensation to \$1,600.00 a month to reflect recent economic trends;

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 36516.5 allows for an increase in compensation for the entirety of the Council "whenever one or more members of the city council becomes eligible for a salary increase by virtue of the council member beginning a new term of office." The new term of office for newly elected council members (after the November 2024 election) is anticipated to begin December of 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Council hereby deletes and replaces in its entirety Section 2.04.190 of the Fountain Valley Municipal Code to read as follows:

**2.04.190 Compensation.**

Pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 36516 and 36516.5, Council Members shall receive as compensation \$1,200 per month and such benefits as allowed by law and provided by the city. Beginning with the first day of the month following the date when the term of office commences for a member of the City Council elected at the November 2024 general municipal election, the compensation of City Council Members shall be \$1,200.00 per month and such benefits as allowed by law and provided by the city.

**Section 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it to be published as required by law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Fountain Valley at a regular meeting this 15th day of October, 2024.

Ayes: Constantine, Harper, Bui, Grandis  
Nays: Cunneen  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

ATTEST:



Rick Miller  
City Clerk



Glenn Grandis  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
**HARPER & BURNS LLP**



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