

**TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 04** \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduced by:** Councilmember Dame  
**Seconded by:** Councilmember Baynes  
**Date of Introduction:** February 6, 2023

**An Ordinance Increasing the Compensation Level for the Mayor and Council  
Commencing Fiscal Year 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 501 of the Charter of the Town of North Brentwood (the "Charter"), the Mayor shall be selected as therein provided and shall hold office for a term of four years or until a successor is elected and qualified, and the Mayor shall be elected during every odd numbered year, and the newly elected mayor shall take office on the third Monday of May following the election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 401(a) of the Charter, all legislative powers of the Town are vested in a Council consisting of three Councilmembers who shall be elected as hereinafter provided and who shall hold office for a term of four years, or until their successors take office, and as provided in Section 709 of said Charter, two Councilmembers (Council seats 1 and 3) shall be elected during every other even numbered year and one Councilmember (Council seat 2) shall be elected during every other odd numbered year, and the regular term of the Councilmembers shall expire on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday following the election of their successors; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 502 of the Charter, the Mayor shall be at least 25 years of age, shall have resided in the Town at least two years immediately preceding election, and shall be a qualified voter of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 709 of the Charter, on the first Monday of May in 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, the qualified voters of the Town shall elect a Mayor and one person to serve as Councilmember (Council seat Ward 2), and on the first Monday of May in the year 2024 and every fourth year thereafter, the qualified voters of the Town shall elect two persons to serve as Councilmembers (Council seats Ward 1 and 3); and

**WHEREAS**, Article III, Section 35 of the Maryland Constitution provides that the salary or compensation of any public officer may not be increased or diminished during his term of office except those whose full term of office is fixed by law in excess of 4 years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 503 of the Charter, the Mayor may receive annual compensation as specified by an ordinance passed by the Council in a public meeting, but no change shall be made in the salary for any Mayor during the term for which he/she was elected, and the ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the Mayor, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be finalized prior to the election of the next succeeding Mayor and shall take effect only as to the next succeeding Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 404 of the Charter, each Councilmember may receive an annual salary which shall be equal for all Councilmembers, and the salaries of Councilmembers shall be adopted by ordinance in a public meeting, and no change shall be made in the salary paid to Councilmembers during the term for which he/she was elected; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 804 of the Charter, the Town shall operate on an annual budget and the fiscal year of the Town shall begin on the first day of July and shall end on the last day of June of the following year and such fiscal year shall constitute the tax year, the budget year, and the accounting year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor currently serving is compensated at a rate of \$375.00 per month or \$4,500 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Councilmembers currently serving are compensated at a rate of \$350.00 per month or \$4,200 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Council recognizes that service as an elected official is substantially a public service, the Council wishes to offer qualified residents willing to stand election, subscribe to the oath of office and serve the Town in the capacity of Mayor or Councilman at a compensation level that is fair, equitable and reasonable in order to attract and maintain experienced, knowledgeable and quality individuals to serve as a legislator and/or the chief executive and administrative officer of the Town government and work together with the Council to decide the policies, taxation, budget, legislation and other matters of the Town.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood that the compensation for the office of Mayor for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be increased to \$700.00 per month or \$8,400 annually to commence on July 1, 2023, and following the next (i.e., 2023) municipal general election; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood that the compensation for the office of Councilmembers for Council Ward 1, 2, and 3 will remain at \$375.00 per month or \$4,500 annually; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood that the annual budget for fiscal year 2024 and the subsequent budgets shall include and reflect this increase in compensation;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the requirements of the Charter or at the expiration of eleven (11) calendar days following adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor or passage by the Council over the Mayor's veto unless a different effective date has been specified therein.

**THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD THIS 6th DAY OF February, 2023.**

Aye: 3  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstain: 0

Approved:

**TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD**

By:   
Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Date: 2-6-2023