

ORDINANCE NO. 920 N.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
AMENDING SECTION 2.40.030 D OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY
COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION)

WHEREAS, Government Code section 36516 provides that a City Council may enact an ordinance setting the salary for each member of the City Council, the amount of which shall be based upon population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 514 N.S. on March 18, 1986, setting City Council compensation at \$300 per month; and

WHEREAS, Paso Robles Municipal Code section 2.40.030 D, "Salary -- Amounts" provides that each City Councilmember shall receive a salary of \$300 per month; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2000, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 00-72, which recited the fact of the General Municipal Election held on March 7, 2000 and declared the election result that, among other things, a majority of voters voted in favor of the Mayor receiving compensation of \$200 a month in addition to what he receives as a Council Member, as permitted by Government Code section 36516.1; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 36516(c) provides that City Council salaries may increase by up to five (5) percent for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment of the salary in effect; and

WHEREAS, the time, commitment and expense of serving on the Council has increased significantly, but the monthly compensation for Council Members has not been adjusted since 1986; and

WHEREAS, increasing the Council Member compensation from \$300 per month to \$600 per month and increasing the Mayor's compensation from \$500 per month to \$800 per month amounts to an increase of less than five percent compounded biennially since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has concluded that the "effective date of an adjustment in the salaries of city council members is delayed pursuant to California Government Code section 36516.5 until one council member commences a new term of office" (54 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen 112, 6-30-71); and

WHEREAS, the next general municipal election is to be held on November 7, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.40.030.D, "Salary -- Amounts" of the Paso Robles Municipal Code, is amended to read as follows:

"City Council members shall receive six hundred dollars per month and the Mayor shall receive eight-hundred dollars per month."

Section 2. Effective Date. The compensation rates shall go into effect for all City Council members, pursuant to Government Code section 36516.5, when one or more members of the City Council become eligible for a salary increase by virtue of that member beginning a new term of office following the November 7, 2006 general municipal election.

Section 3. Publication. This ordinance shall be published once fifteen (15) days after its passage in a newspaper of general circulation, printed, published and circulated in the City in accordance with Government Code section 36933.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 6, 2006, and passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles on the 5th day of July 2006 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco, Strong, and Mecham

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor Frank R. Mecham

ATTEST:

Deborah D. Robinson, Deputy City Clerk