

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2021-7

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE SALARIES FOR THE
MAYOR, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4 authorizes the governing authority of a municipal corporation to increase the salaries of its municipal governing authority by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Social Circle conducted a review of the salaries of the Mayors and Council Members of other similarly situated municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Social Circle deem the present salary of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore and Members of the City Council inadequate to compensate them for the work incident to these offices and to attract qualified candidates to run for such offices; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Social Circle desires to increase the salaries of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore and Members of the City Council to adequately compensate them for the work incident to these offices and to attract qualified candidates to run for such offices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Social Circle advertised this action in the Walton Tribune and the Covington News in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Social Circle, Georgia deem such action to be for the betterment and general welfare of the City of Social Circle and its inhabitants;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA, and by the authority thereof:

Section 1. The monthly salaries of the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tempore and Council Members of the City of Social Circle are hereby set as follows:

- (a) Mayor: \$850.00
- (b) Mayor Pro-Tempore: \$650.00
- (c) Council Member: \$600.00

Section 2. (a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of the Ordinance and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance was adopted June 15, 2021. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the date of the taking of office of those elected at the next regular municipal election which is held immediately following the date on which the action to increase the compensation was taken.

Signatures appear on the following page


ORDAINED this 15th day of June, 2021.


David Keener, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan M. Roper, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Anthony O. L. Powell, City Attorney
Powell & Edwards, Attorneys at Law, P.C.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular called meeting on June 15, 2021.

3 Council members voting in favor

1 Council members voting against

0 Council members abstaining