



**CITY OF WILDOMAR
CC - REGULAR MEETING
GENERAL BUSINESS
Agenda Staff Report # 3.2
Meeting Date: January 17, 2024**

SUBJECT: Wildomar Council Salary Ordinance

SUBMITTED BY: Thomas D Jex

PREPARED BY: Thomas D Jex

ACTION:

1. Introduce and approve first reading of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILDOMAR, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.040 OF THE WILDOMAR MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST THE SALARIES OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW

2. Find that the ordinance amendment is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines sections 15378 and 15378(b)(2).

DISCUSSION:

The City of Wildomar is a general law city that may, pursuant to Government Code section 35616, adopt an ordinance providing a salary for the members of the City Council. Currently, the City Councilmembers receive a salary of \$400.00 per month. This amount is established by Wildomar Municipal Code (WMC) section 2.04.040 and was effective July 1, 2017.

On June 29, 2023 Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 329 ("SB 329") which increases the maximum amount of salary that council members may receive. According to the author Senator Dodd's statement in the April 24, 2023 Assembly Floor Analysis, "[t]he Legislature has not raised the base pay amounts for City Councilmembers since 1984," and the increases authorized by SB 329 are designed to address recent inflationary increases and economic realities, "enable city councilmembers to balance their careers and personal obligations with the calling to serve their community," and "also make it easier for members of marginalized communities to serve."

SB 329 provides that in cities over 35,000 up to and including 50,000 in population, 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 two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$1,275) per month.

Government Code Section 36516.5 provides that any change in City Council salary be adopted by ordinance pursuant to Section 36516 shall become effective whenever one or more members of the City Council begins a new term of office.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact for Fiscal Year 2024.

For Fiscal Year 2025, the Fiscal Impact would be \$30,625 for the months of December through June.

In subsequent years, the Fiscal Impact would be \$52,500 per year.

ATTACHMENTS:

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