

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date:

August 7, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through:

From: Theresa Smalling

Date: 2025-07-29

Subject: First Reading of Ordinance 25-06: City Commission Salary Adjustment

Presenter(s): Dr. Theresa Smalling, Director of HR & Risk Management, Les Tyler, Director of Finance

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends Commission approval of Ordinance 25-06 at first reading.

Strategic Themes: Good Governance

Boards & Committees: N/A

Budget Impact: N/A

Past Action: N/A

Next Action: The Second Reading of Ordinance 25-06 is scheduled for September 4, 2025.

Attachments: [A. Ordinance 17-32 Establish Commission Annual Salary.pdf](#)
[B. Ordinance 25-06 Establishing the Annual Salary of the City Commission.pdf](#)

Background: In 2016, the City of Dunedin Charter Review Committee suggested that the salary of elected officials be increased appropriately within the current range of similar surrounding communities. The reasoning for the suggestion by the Charter Review Committee was:

â€¢ The last increase for City of Dunedin elected officials was in January 1999

â€¢ The average Mayoral salary in the neighboring cities was \$15,000 in 2016

â€¢ The average Commission salary in the neighboring cities was \$11,500 in 2016

â€¢ The duties of elected officials had expanded dramatically, and had become a full-time job, due to the time involved.

Based on the Committee's suggestion to increase the salary of the City Commission, and in accordance with the City Charter which requires an ordinance for the approval of City Commission salaries, Ordinance 17-32 was approved by the City Commission on August 24, 2017 at first reading and at the second reading on September 21, 2017 (see attached Exhibit A).

The ordinance increased the annual salary of the City Commission as follows:

â€¢ Mayor \$15,000 per annum
â€¢ City Commissioners \$11,500 per annum

The salary adjustments became effective on October 1, 2017. The approved ordinance also recommended that the City review the salaries of the City Commission every five (5) years to determine whether an adjustment of the salaries is appropriate.

In June of 2024, as part of the FY 2025 budget discussions, Staff researched the City Commission salaries to compare to neighboring cities and determined that, due to the increased salaries in neighboring cities, and the increase of the City's minimum wage to \$15/hour, an adjustment to the City Commission salaries was appropriate. Florida's minimum wage is scheduled to increase to \$15.00 on September 30, 2026.

The adjustments proposed on August 6, 2024 were as follows:

â€¢ Mayor \$19,100 per annum
â€¢ City Commissioners \$15,600 per annum.

During an agenda review this year, the City Clerk identified the need for an ordinance to approve the change to Commission salaries; Ordinance 25-06 is presented for Commission approval in accordance with the City Charter.

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 25-06 at first reading (see Exhibit B).