

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-516

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 OF TITLE 2 OF THE GUADALUPE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, the City of Guadalupe has not adjusted the salaries for members of the City Council since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the members of the City Council of the City of Guadalupe have increased since that time; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living has increased by a significant amount since that time; and

WHEREAS, SB 329 (approved by Governor Newsom on June 29, 2023) authorizes a maximum salary up to \$950 per month for city council members in cities with population up to 35,000; and

WHEREAS, in passing SB 329, , the state Legislature found that city council salaries had “not been adjusted since 1984, meaning that city council compensation has not kept pace with inflation” and that allowing cities to adjust city council salaries for inflation “may help city councils become more diverse because increased compensation can help individuals from across different income levels receive sufficient income from their service to help ensure that they can continue to serve the public and support their families;” and

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to ensure that individuals who serve on the City Council are recognized for their public service by providing them a reasonable amount of compensation for this service and believes that \$500 per month for City Council members is appropriate, and that the Mayor should receive an additional \$250 per month (for a total monthly salary of \$750) in light of the additional obligations and duties of this office.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Guadalupe does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the Guadalupe Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Chapter 2.08 CITY COUNCIL

2.08.010 Purpose of provisions—Statutory authority.

The ordinance codified in this chapter was enacted pursuant to Section 36516 of the Government Code, authorizing the Council to provide by ordinance that each member of the Council shall receive a prescribed salary the amount of which is based upon the population of the City, as determined by estimates made by the State Department of Finance.

2.08.020 Salaries—Population basis.

As of July 1, 2022, the latest estimate of population of the City made by the U.S. Census Bureau was 8,675 persons.

2.08.030 Council Salaries—Amount designated.

Each member of the Council shall receive, as salary, the sum of \$500.00 per month, as provided for in Section 36516 of the Government Code for cities up to and including 35,000, which shall be payable from and after December 31, 2024, at the same time and in the same manner as the salaries are paid to other officers and employees of the City.

2.08.035 Mayor's Salary—Amount designated.

The Mayor shall receive, in addition to the salary set forth in Section 2.08.030 of this Chapter, the sum of \$250 per month. This sum shall only be payable after December 31, 2024.

2.08.040 Salaries—Increase or decrease.

Following any new and later estimate of population made by the Department of Finance placing the City in a population group other than that set forth in Section 2.08.030 of this chapter, the salary hereby payable to each member of the Council shall be increased or decreased accordingly to equal the sum prescribed for that population group in Section 36516 of the Government Code, as added by Chapter 286 of the Statutes of 1965; provided, however, that the salary as so increased or decreased shall become payable only on and after the date upon which one or more members of the Council become eligible therefor by virtue of beginning a new term of office following the next succeeding general municipal election held in the City.

2.08.050 Expense reimbursement.

The salaries prescribed in this chapter are and shall be exclusive of any amounts payable to each member of the Council as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by the member in the performance of official duties for the City.

SECTION 2. The City Council declares that each section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is severable and independent of every other section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid, the City Council declares it would have adopted the remaining provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of the portion held invalid, and further declares its express intent that the

remaining portions of this Ordinance should remain in effect after the invalid portion has been eliminated.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to make minor changes herein to address clerical errors, so long as substantial conformance of the intent of this document is maintained. In doing so, the City Clerk shall consult with the City Administrator and City Attorney concerning any changes deemed necessary.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 12th day of March 2024, by the following roll call vote:

MOTION: EUGENE COSTA JR. / CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ


AYES: 5 Councilmembers: Costa Jr., Hernandez, Julian, Furness, Robles
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 26th day of March 2024, by the following roll call vote:

MOTION: EUGENE COSTA JR. / CHRISTINA HERNANDEZ

AYES: 5 Councilmembers: Costa Jr., Hernandez, Julian, Furness, Robles
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

ATTEST:



Amelia M. Villegas, City Clerk



Ariston Julian, Mayor

APPROVED AS IS TO FORM:



Philip F. Sinco, City Attorney