

ORDINANCE NO. 1574

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA
AMENDING THE ARCATA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADJUST COUNCILMEMBER SALARY**

**TITLE II: ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER 1: COUNCIL
SECTION 2010**

The City Council of the City of Arcata does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Title II (Administration), Chapter 1 (Council), Section 2010, of the Arcata Municipal Code is hereby amended as shown by the following with deletions shown as strike-through and additions as underscore:

SEC. 2010. Salaries of City Council Members.

The members of the Arcata City Council shall receive as compensation that amount authorized by Section 36516 of the Government Code of California, equal to ~~eight hundred forty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents (\$849.51)~~ **nine hundred thirty-four dollars and forty-six cents (\$934.46)** per month, which represents an increase of five percent (5%) for each calendar year from the operative date of the last salary adjustment. Said compensation shall become effective the first pay period after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 2. Findings. The City Council finds that adjusting councilmember salaries would account for cost of living increases and support diversity in local government participation as increased compensation can assist individuals from across different income levels to receive sufficient income for their service.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid under law.

Section 4. Limitation of Actions. Any action to challenge the validity or legality of any provision of this ordinance on any grounds shall be brought by court action commenced within thirty (30) days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

Section 5. CEQA. This ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its final passage, provided it is published pursuant to Government Code section 36933 in a newspaper of general circulation within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

DATED: February 5, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Rhea Varley
City Clerk, City of Arcata

/s/ Alexandra Stillman
Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Ordinance No. 1574**, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, held on the 5th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: **STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS**

NOES: **NONE**

ABSENT: **SCHAEFER**

ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

/s/Rhea Varley
City Clerk, City of Arcata