

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 5168

**AN ORDINANCE FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023, ELECTION BALLOT TO CHANGE THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCIL BEGINNING MAY 5, 2025, AND MAY 3, 2027, PROVIDING FOR AN INDEX TO INCREASE THE SALARY BY ORDINANCE IN FUTURE YEARS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO PURCHASE CITY HEALTH INSURANCE**

Recitals.

Pursuant to §151 of the Grand Junction City Charter, the Charter may be amended at any time in the manner provided by Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado.

In 1999 Section 38 of the City Charter was amended to provide that City Council members are paid a salary of \$500.00 per month and the President of the Council is paid \$750.00 per month. The salaries have not been increased since 1999. Accordingly, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to ask the voters if an increase should be approved. If amended, the salary increase would not become effective until 2025 for some members of City Council and 2027 for other members.

The proposed ballot question, if approved by the voters, would also provide for an index, the Denver-Boulder-Greely consumer price index (CPI), to be applied annually to adjust by ordinance the Council and President of the Council salaries by application of the CPI.

The proposed ballot question, if approved by the voters, would also provide for City Council, as allowed by the City's health insurance, to purchase insurance coverage under the City's policy(ies).

With this Ordinance and the proposed ballot question to amend the City Charter, the City Council desires the City voters to determine if the proposed changes would be in the best interest of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That a question of proposed amendments to Section 38 of the City Charter, as amended, to increase the salary of City Council, provide for an index to increase the City Council salary in future years, and authorizing the City Council, as allowed by the City's health insurance, to purchase health insurance coverage, as follows, and incorporating the foregoing Recitals, be placed on the November 7, 2023, ballot. Additions are shown in **bold**, and deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 38 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS ALL AS DESCRIBED IN AND FOR THE PURPOSES AS STATED IN ORDINANCE 5168”:

38. Salaries, meetings, **and insurance**. At least two meetings of the City Council shall be held monthly at such times as may be fixed by the council, such two meetings to be known as the regular meetings. All other meetings of the City council shall be known as special meetings or adjournments. The President of the Council ~~shall be paid a salary of \$750.00 per month~~ and all other Council members shall each be paid a salary of ~~\$500.00 per month~~. **Beginning with the City Council terms commencing on the first Monday of May 2025, for those Councilmembers elected April 1, 2025, and beginning with the City Council terms commencing on the first Monday of May 2027, for those City Councilmembers elected April 6, 2027, or for any member appointed to fill a vacancy on City Council after the first Monday of May 2025, the President of the City Council shall be paid a salary of \$2000.00 per month and all other Council members shall each be paid a salary of \$1500.00 per month.**

**After May 3, 2027, the salaries of the President of the City Council and all other members of City Council shall be adjusted annually by ordinance, at the time of adoption of the City budget, in accordance with the Denver-Boulder-Greely Consumer Price Index.**

**Beginning January 1, 2024, and during the term of service on City Council each Council member may, as allowed by the City’s health insurance, purchase insurance coverage at the same prevailing rate and in accordance with the percentage of the premium paid by City Council employees.**

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE AMENDMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE AMENDMENTS

The ballot title is set based upon the requirements of the Colorado Constitution and the City Charter, all State statutes that might otherwise apply are hereby superseded to the extent of any inconsistencies or conflicts and, pursuant to Section 31-11-102, C.R.S., is an alternative to the provisions of State law. Any inconsistency or conflict is intended by the City Council and shall be deemed made pursuant to the authority of Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and the Charter.

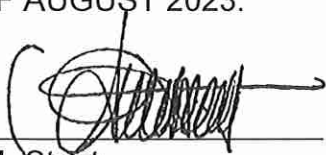
Pursuant to Sections 31-10-1308 and 1-11-203.5 C.R.S., any election contest arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot issue or ballot question is set, and for contest concerning the order of a ballot, within five days after the ballot order is set by the County Clerk.

The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall in no manner affect any remaining provisions of this resolution, the intent being that the same are severable.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2023.



Anna M. Stout  
President of the City Council



ATTEST:



Amy Phillips  
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5168 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023 and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, at which Ordinance No. 5168 was read, considered, adopted and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

  
Deputy City Clerk

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