

ORDINANCE NO. 25-005

TOWN OF WHITE HALL, WEST VIRGINIA

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 24-003,
AN ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY AND ADJUST THE AMOUNTS, DISCRETION, AND
MANNER OF PAYMENTS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND TO SPECIFY, CLARIFY
AND ADJUST THE AMOUNTS, DISCRETION AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS TO
ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF WHITE HALL FOR SERVICES
RENDERED AND REPLACING OFFICIALS**

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of White Hall, West Virginia:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE THEREOF; PREVIOUS ORDINANCE REPEALED.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-003, AN ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY AND ADJUST THE AMOUNTS, DISCRETION, AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following are hereby enacted in its place and stead:

SECTION 2. PAYMENT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF WHITE HALL.

1. Payment is authorized to each of the members of Council who are in attendance any regular or duly authorized Council Meeting. All workshops that are voted on become regularly scheduled meetings.

2. Payment is authorized to each of the members of Council for attendance to any regular or duly authorized Council meeting. Payment is authorized for members of Council that are absent, have reported off following proper procedures and/or excused due to engaging in any Official Business of the Town of White Hall, illness of the Council Member, or illness or death in the immediate family of a Council Member, provided said absences are excused and recognized by a majority vote of Council. All Council Members must contact the Mayor, Recorder or Town Administrator in the event they are unable to attend a council meeting. It is considered an automatic unexcused absence if no one is contacted.

Any council member that has more than 2 unexcused absences will be required to confer with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to discuss absences.

After 3 unexcused absences, Council may provide a written statement asking for resignation and signed by agreeing council members. This must be read publicly at a regularly scheduled meeting.

"Immediate Family" shall mean a spouse, parent, stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, child, stepchild, sibling, or any person who regularly resides in the household or within the prior six months regularly resided in the household, whether related directly by consanguinity or affinity.

3. The Mayor shall be paid \$10.00 per hour for 20 hours per week for a total of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per week. Insurance benefit coverage will be offered to the Mayor that will include premium paid Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance coverage that is offered with the Towns Health Insurance plan. Additional hours worked will be compensated at the same rate of \$10.00 per hour. Hours must be justified and reported to the Town Administrator and Deputy Mayor prior to going above the approved 20 hours.

4. The salary for Recorder shall be Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$275.00) per regular or duly authorized Council meeting for which payment is authorized.

5. The salary for all other Council Members shall be Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per regular or duly authorized Council meeting for which payment is authorized.

6. The salary for the Deputy Mayor shall be Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per regular or duly authorized Council meeting for which payment is authorized.

7. The salary for the Treasurer shall be Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$275.00) per regular or duly authorized Council meeting for which payment is authorized.

8. Under no circumstances shall a Council Member receive a salary for any meeting during which said Member is absent due to attendance at other employment or job duties for which the Member receives income.

SECTION 3. MEETING LIMITS.

There shall be a limit of thirty (30) paid Council Meetings per calendar year; or otherwise determined by council, however, that Council Members and Officers shall not be paid for any meeting which is fifteen (15) minutes or less in duration.

SECTION 4. REPLACING ELECTED OFFICIALS.

1. If an elected official steps down, is forced to resign, or passes away before their term is completed, the Town Council will have the authority to appoint a replacement according to the steps set forth in this ordinance.

2. The Deputy Mayor will be appointed as the Mayor until the Mayors term of office is complete and up for election.

3. The Treasurer will be appointed as the Recorder until the Recorders term of office is complete and up for election.

4. A council member will be appointed to the Treasurer's position until the Treasurer's term of office is complete and up for election.

5. A council member will be appointed by a member of the council's choosing until the council member's term of office is complete and up for election.

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SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Should any section, phrase or word of this Ordinance be deemed unenforceable or ineffective or otherwise illegal, the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall be separately construed and remain saved and effective and enforceable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.


Consistent with W.Va. Code § 8-5-12, no salary of any officer shall be increased or diminished during his or her current term. Stated differently, this Ordinance shall be interpreted and applied at all times consistent with the language and intent of W.Va. Code § 8-5-12.

First Reading: Feb. 24, 2025


Public Hearing: Mar 10, 2025

Second Reading: Mar 10, 2025

Passed: MAR 10, 2025


Jason DeFrance, Mayor

Attest:



Charlie Mason, Recorder