

ORDINANCE NO. 1765

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.007 ENTITLED "COMPENSATION" OF
CHAPTER 31, TITLE III, OF THE FULTON CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City Council for Fulton, Illinois, has the power under the Illinois Municipal Act, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-50-15 of the Alderpersons and other elected officials by ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Council endeavored to set the compensation for the Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Clerk in Ordinance No. 1708 enacted on September 26, 2022.

WHEREAS, the agenda for the regular meeting of the Council which took place on September 12, 2022, contains the minutes for the regular meeting of the city council meeting that took place on August 22, 2022.

WHEREAS, the agenda for the regular meeting of the Council which took place on October 10, 2022, contain the minutes for the regular meeting of the Council which took place on September 26, 2022.

WHEREAS, the minutes for the regular meeting of the Council occurring on August 22, 2022, and September 26, 2022, contain the complete discussion regarding elected official compensation and Ordinance No. 1708.

WHEREAS, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council occurring on August 22, 2022, show that the Council discussed compensation on a per meeting basis rather than a per meeting attended basis.

WHEREAS, the agenda for the regular meeting of the Council occurring on September 26, 2022, contained the text for an ordinance setting elected official compensation.

WHEREAS, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Council occurring on September 26, 2022, show that a motion was made and seconded to approve the ordinance contained in the agenda for said meeting. The minutes further show that the Council discussed a compensation rate of \$75 on a per meeting basis rather than a per meeting attended basis.

WHEREAS, to the best of the Council's knowledge, a motion to approve the ordinance as amended to insert the missing information into the text of the ordinance contained in the September 26, 2022, regular meeting agenda was made at the time; however, the minutes of the Council's regular meeting for the September 26, 2022, failed to record the motion or the seconding of the motion. To the best of the recollection of those alderpersons who were also alderpersons on September 26, 2022, such motion to amend the ordinance to add the rates of compensation and remove the word "attended" from the ordinance was made and seconded at that time; and further, that the ordinance passed as Ordinance No. 1708 was not fully amended as directed by the Council before being signed by the Mayor and, therefore, contains errors.

WHEREAS, the City has paid elected officials on a per meeting basis for regular and special meetings of the Council since the enactment of Ordinance No. 1708 reflecting the understanding of all municipal authorities at that time that compensation was to be paid on a per meeting basis.

WHEREAS, the discrepancy between the text of Ordinance No. 1708 and the city's practices regarding elected official compensation has only recently been discovered.

WHEREAS, the Council now feels that it is in the best interests of the City to amend the City Code to correct the error in Ordinance No. 1708 to align with city practices.

WHEREAS, the amendment to the Section 31.007 entitled "Compensation" does not reflect an increase in pay for elected officials as elected officials were already receiving compensation on a per meeting basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fulton, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 31.007 entitled "Compensation" in Chapter 31 of Title III, entitled Administration of the Code of Fulton, is hereby deleted in its entirety and shall be amended to state in its entirety as follows:

" § 31.007 COMPENSATION

The following City officers shall be paid compensation as set forth below effective September 26, 2022:

City Mayor:	\$300 for the first meeting \$75 for each additional meeting
City Alderperson:	\$75 per meeting
City Clerk	\$262.50 for the first meeting \$75 for each additional meeting, plus \$20 per hour for hours worked with a maximum of 8 hours per week.

The term "meeting" shall refer to regularly scheduled City Council meetings and special City Council meetings as a committee of the whole or a recognized standing or special committee of the City. City officers shall be paid for regularly scheduled City Council meetings and special City Council meetings as a committee of the whole regardless of attendance. City officers shall only be paid for recognized standing or special committee meetings actually attended by the officer."

SECTION 2: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fulton, Whiteside County, Illinois, on the 23rd day of June, 2025, and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk in said City on that date pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

Elected Alderman: 8

Ayes; 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 2



City Clerk of the City of Fulton, Illinois

APPROVED BY THE Mayor of the City of Fulton, this 23rd day of June, 2025



Mayor of the City of Fulton, Illinois

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