

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE II "CITY COMMISSION," SECTION 2-29 "COMPENSATION OF MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS; TRAVEL ALLOWANCE; OFFICE EXPENSE; CAR ALLOWANCE," TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND TO ELIMINATE THE CAR ALLOWANCE FOR MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2023-31 which adopted the Annual Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, the City Commission adjusted the compensation of the City Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to adjust the salary of the Mayor and Vice Mayor to the 2022-2023 compensation plus an increase tied to annual increase in the CPI-W, as provided in Section 2-29 of the City Code; to reduce the expense allowance for the Mayor to \$500 per month and for the Vice Mayor to \$400 per month; and to eliminate the car allowance for the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption the hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission does hereby amend Chapter 2 "Administration," Article II "City Commission," Section 2-29 "Compensation of mayor, commissioners, travel allowance; office expense; car allowance," as follows:

Sec. 2-29. - Compensation of mayor, commissioners; travel allowance; office expense; car allowance.

(a) *Compensation.* The annual compensation of the five members of the city commission for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, shall be ~~\$69,000.00~~\$46,087.00 for the mayor, ~~\$67,000.00~~ \$40,319.00 for the vice-mayor, and \$65,000.00 for each of the three commissioners. Commencing October 1, 1986, and each October thereafter, all increases in compensation for

elected officials shall be tied to the annual increase in the CPI-W for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the preceding July, and shall be ratified by the commission at a public hearing, with such increase to be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year.

(b) *Travel expense.* Travel expense for each commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,200.00 per annum, and travel expense for the mayor-commissioner is hereby fixed at \$1,800.00 per annum, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

(c) *Expense allowance.* An expense allowance for each commissioner is hereby fixed at \$500 per month for the mayor, \$400 per month for the vice mayor, and \$800.00 per month for each of the three commissioners, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

(d) *Mayor's office allowance.* Office allowance for the mayor for secretarial, telephone, postage and like expenses is hereby fixed at \$100.00 per month, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

(e) *Car allowance.* Except for the mayor and vice mayor, ~~A~~ car allowance for each commissioner is hereby fixed at \$703.84 per month, at a minimum, or as provided for in the annual adopted budget.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 4. If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, A.D., 2023.

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY