

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

**RESOLUTION 2015-33
ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL COMPENSATION COMMITTEE
AND PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, *Takoma Park Code*, Chapter 2.04, Section 2.04.110 provides for the City Council to appoint a committee of City residents every four years, beginning with calendar year 2007, to serve as the Council Compensation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Committee is to review the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers and make recommendations to the Council whether or not such salaries should be changed; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.04.110(B) of the Code directs that the Council Compensation Committee shall apply the following principles to guide its recommendations:

1. The positions of Mayor and Councilmember are part-time and should be treated that way;
2. Full monetary compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers is not appropriate;
3. It is appropriate to monetarily compensate the Mayor and Councilmembers to some extent for their work;
4. Monetary compensation creates an obligation for the Mayor and Councilmembers to perform their jobs;
5. Monetary compensation provides status to the Mayor and Councilmembers;
6. The Mayor's salary should be greater than that of Councilmembers; and
7. Compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers should be comparable to Maryland municipalities of similar size and complexity; and

WHEREAS, any change in the salary paid to the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be adopted prior to the next municipal election and shall take effect only as to the next succeeding Mayor and Councilmembers as prescribed in Sections 302(c) and 304(c) of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has selected a number of applicants for appointment to the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on the 2015 Council Compensation Committee:

1. Joe Edgell, Ward 2
2. Matthew Golden, Ward 6
3. Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum, Ward 3
4. Paul Weeda, Ward 3

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall review the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers and provide a recommendation to the Council as to whether or not any adjustments should be made for the next succeeding Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee shall report to the Council with its recommendation by September 11, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members' terms shall expire on September 30, 2015 unless the City Council extends the terms pursuant to an extension of the time for the Council Compensation Committee to complete its work.

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2015.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk