

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-2015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER II, "GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE I, "TOWN OFFICES AND PROCEDURES", TO ADD SECTIONS 2-113, "COMPENSATION OF THE COUNCIL" AND 2-114, "COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR" TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTIONS 404 AND 504 OF THE TOWN CHARTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of Kensington (hereinafter, the "Town") has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 404 of the Town Charter, the Council by ordinance may set the compensation for its members, provided that the compensation specified at the time any Council Member takes office shall not be changed during the term for which that Council Member was elected; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 504 of the Town Charter, the Council by ordinance may set the compensation for the Mayor, provided that the compensation specified at the time any Mayor takes office shall not be changed during the term for which the Mayor was elected; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the public interest and will promote good government to set compensation for the Mayor and Council, to be effective July 1, 2016.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland that Chapter II, "Government and Administration", Article I, "Town Offices and Procedures", Section 2-113, "Compensation of the Council" of the Code of the Town of Kensington be, and is hereby, enacted to read as follows:

CAPS	: Indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * *	: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance
CAPS	: Indicate matter added in amendment.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted in amendment.

Section 2-113. COMPENSATION OF THE COUNCIL

EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT THE RATE OF \$2,5000 PER ANNUM. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 AND EACH JULY 1ST THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT EQUAL TO ANY INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (“CPI-U”) FOR THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA AS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER OF THE PRIOR YEAR AND ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington that Chapter II, “Government and Administration”, Article I, “Town Offices and Procedures”, Section 2-114, “Compensation of the Mayor” of the Code of the Town of Kensington be, and is hereby, enacted to read as follows:

Section 2-114. COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR

THE MAYOR SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT THE RATE OF \$12,000.00 PER ANNUM. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 AND EACH JULY 1ST THEREAFTER, THE MAYOR SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT EQUAL TO ANY INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (“CPI-U”) FOR WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA AS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER OF THE PRIOR YEAR AND ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

Section 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington that upon formal introduction of this proposed Ordinance, the Town Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Council member and shall maintain a reasonable number of copies in the office of the Town Clerk. The proposed ordinance or a fair summary thereof together with a notice setting out the time and place for a public hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council, shall be:

- a. Posted at the town hall by the next business day;
- b. Posted on the official town website;

- c. Sent to those persons listed on the official town email list /mail subscription service; and
- d. Published once prior to the public hearing in the town newsletter or sent by substitute regular mail to newsletter circulation addresses.

The public hearing shall be held at least fifteen (15) days after introduction and may be held separately or in connection with a regular or special council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time. All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard. This Ordinance shall become effective on _____ provided that the ordinance or a fair summary thereof is:

- a. Posted at the town hall by the next business day for at least two (2) weeks;
- b. Posted on the official town website;
- c. Sent to those persons listed on the official town email list /mail subscription service; and
- d. Published once in the town newsletter.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland at a public meeting assembled on the **9th** day of **March 2015**.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, Maryland at a public meeting assembled on the ____ day of _____ 2015.

EFFECTIVE the ____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

By: _____
Susan Engels, Clerk-Treasurer

By: _____
Peter Fosselman, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney