

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Rinker and Council as a Whole

**AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 6, RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION
OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, Article IX of the Village Charter currently requires that the Charter Review Commission convene every five years to review the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission is required to have a review session with the Mayor and Council and to recommend to the voters any amendments to the Charter as in its judgment are desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission has recommended to the voters the following proposed amendments to Article III, Section 6 for the reason that there has been no increase in compensation for these elected positions since the year 2000, and that such positions should be compensated fairly in relation to the surrounding and greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 6 of the Charter of the Village of Mayfield is amended to read as set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. This ordinance upon adoption by Council shall be referred to the Clerk of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections not later than sixty (60) days before the November 3, 2015 election. Upon this proposed amendment being approved by the majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall become part of the Charter of Mayfield Village, Ohio.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the mandates of the Charter, a copy of the full text of this proposed amendment shall be delivered to the residents of the Village not less than thirty (30) days before the election and, pursuant to law, a legal notice will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

SECTION 4. The language appearing on the ballot on November 3, 2015 shall be as follows:

**PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
(MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

SHALL MAYFIELD VILLAGE CHARTER ARTICLE III, SECTION 6, BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS?

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon signature by the Mayor.

SECTION 6. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees, resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WILLIAM BUCKHOLTZ
Council President

First Reading: _____ 2015
Second Reading: _____ 2015
Third Reading: _____ 2015
PASSED: _____ 2015

BRUCE G. RINKER, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOSEPH W. DIEMERT, JR.
DIRECTOR OF LAW

ATTEST: _____
MARY E. BETSA,
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

ARTICLE III

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SECTION 6. SALARIES, BONDS AND COMPENSATION.

- (a) The Council shall have the power to fix all compensation paid by the Municipality and the salary of its own members except as otherwise provided in this Charter. Any person may be required by the Council, from time-to-time, to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of that person's duties and the Council shall provide that the premium for such bond be paid by the Municipality. Per the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission of 2015, and as approved by the Voters, the compensation beginning on January 1, 2016, shall be as follows: Mayor: \$26,000 per annum; Council President \$11,000 per annum; Council Members: \$10,000 per annum. The Council shall not increase the compensation for itself or the Mayor from and after the effective date of this ~~section~~ amendment unless such increase in compensation has been enacted by ordinance and submitted to the electorate for approval by a majority vote thereof. Such compensation, when so fixed, shall become effective on the first day of January of the following year and shall remain in effect unless and until increased in accordance with this section. Council may decrease compensation for itself and the Mayor at its sole discretion. Each member of Council shall be compensated equally, both newly elected members and those serving the balance of a term, except the President of Council who shall receive 10% more.

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