Ordinance No. 1826

["Beginning July 1, 1998"]

(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

Amended by Ords. 3421;3480;3617;3687
ORDINANCE NO. 1926

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington fixing the compensation for City Councilmen and amending Section 1 of Ordinance 1112.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance 1112, entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Kent fixing the compensation for City Councilmen for attending Council Meetings", passed November 20, 1961 and approved November 20, 1961, and which reads as follows:

"Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7, of Chapter 89, Laws of Washington 1961 (RCW 35.24.090) each City Councilman of the City of Kent as his next elected term commences, shall be paid the sum of $20.00 for each meeting attended by said Councilman, provided that no Councilman shall be paid for more than two council meetings in any one month."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5, Chapter 251, Laws of Washington, 1st Ex. Session, 1971 (RCW 35A.12.070) each City Councilman of the City of Kent, as his next elected term commences, shall be paid a salary of $200 per month."

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 4th day of June, 1973.

APPROVED the 35th day of June, 1973.

PUBLISHED the 15th day of June, 1973.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1826, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK
June 8, 1973

TO: All City Council Members  
FROM: Mayor Isabel Hogan  
SUBJECT: Kent Zoning Code Ordinance and Council Salary Ordinance

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The ordinance increasing council members' compensation will also become law without my signature. The council has indicated this increase is being made for the work now being done by the council with no commitment of additional participation in public meetings. The public is only aware of the combination committee meeting-workshop sessions on the second and fourth Mondays and the regular council meetings on the first and third Mondays. Any other official participation by the council members has been limited to occasional attendance at Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings. There is an increasing need for "coverage" of a variety of meetings involving the city; this need apparently will not be met by this across-the-board salary increase. A more equitable arrangement would be to compensate those members for actual time spent in representing the city.

A comment at a recent finance meeting indicated the administration would be required to justify all employee salaries. A number of employees have been required to assume additional responsibilities and a report of these activities will be given to the council by the Personnel Director. Salaries of employees as well as compensation of elected officials represent the investment of the taxpayers money and should be defensible.
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