Ordinance No. 3421

["Beginning July 1, 1998"]

(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

Amends Ords. 814;1112;1826;2301;2521;3165
Amended by Ords. 3480;3617;3687
ORDINANCE NO. 3421

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending chapter 2.01 of the Kent City Code to eliminate cost of living adjustments to council member salaries.

WHEREAS, chapter 2.01 of the Kent City Code provides cost of living adjustment to the salaries of council members;

WHEREAS, a recent state auditor opinion has raised concerns over the validity of their cost of living adjustment;

WHEREAS, the city council desires to eliminate these adjustments to remove any concerns over the validity of salaries to council members; NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: - Section 2.01.010 of the Kent City Code is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2.01.010 Compensation of council members.

A. Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35.A.12.070 each city council member shall be paid a salary of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per month. Effective January 1, 1998 each city council member shall be paid a salary of five hundred fifty dollars ($550.00) per month. Additionally, effective January 1, 1998, council
member salaries shall be adjusted seventy-five (75) percent of the Consumer Price Index W (Seattle) for the period of July to July of the previous year. The duly elected president of the city council shall be paid an additional salary of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per month in addition to the regular council member salary. This additional salary shall not be subject to consumer Price Index adjustments as set forth herein.

B. Each council member may receive medical insurance coverage benefits for himself or herself as is provided to full time employees of the city. Additionally, each council member may, at his or her expense, elect to obtain medical insurance coverage benefits for his or her family as is provided pursuant to city policy.

SECTION 2. - Severability. If any one or more sections, subsections, or sentences of this Ordinance are held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. - Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

JIM WHITE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

ROGER A. LUBOVICH, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED: 15 day of September, 1998.
APPROVED: 16 day of September, 1998.
PUBLISHED: 18 day of September, 1998.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 3421, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

BRENDA JACOBER, CITY CLERK

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