

CITY OF WEST COVINA
ORDINANCE NO. 2518

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, during its regular meeting on December 19, 2023, the City Council of the City of West Covina adopted Ordinance No. 2518:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION
2-23 OF THE WEST COVINA MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 36516(a)(1) provides that the City Council may enact an ordinance setting the salary for each member of the City Council, the amount of which is based on the population of the City; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 36516(a)(4) provides that the City Council's salaries may be increased by up to five percent (5%) per calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1989, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1830, establishing a monthly salary of \$765.00 for each City Council Member, effective July 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the time, commitment, and expense of serving on the City Council have increased, but the salaries for City Council Members have not been adjusted since 1990; and

WHEREAS, increasing the monthly salary as authorized by California Government Code section 36516 may help attract members of the public from different income levels to run for City Council by providing sufficient income for their service to help ensure they can serve the public while supporting their families; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adjust City Council salaries as authorized by California Government Code section 36516; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Government Code section 36516.5, the adjusted salaries will not take effect until one or more Council Members begins a new term of office following the November 2024 election; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites prior to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 2-23 of the West Covina Municipal Code. Section 2-23 (Salary) of Division 1 (Generally) of Article II (City Council) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the West Covina Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-23. - Salary.

Each member of the city council shall receive a salary in the sum of two thousand twenty seven dollars (\$2,027.00) per month in accordance with California Government Code section 36516. The salary is payable at the same time and in the same manner as the salaries are paid to other officers and employees of the city.

SECTION 2. Effective Date of Salary Adjustment. Pursuant to California Government Code section 35616.5, the increased salary set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall go into effect and become payable for all City Council Members when one or more members of the City Council becomes eligible for a salary increase by virtue of the Council Member beginning a new term of office following the November 5, 2024 general municipal election.

SECTION 3. Environmental Compliance. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption and implementation of this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance is therefore exempt from the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of West Covina hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

SECTION 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

Ordinance No. 2518 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Calderón Tabatabai. Cantos, Diaz, Wu,
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Lopez-Viado