

**AN ORDINANCE
INCREASING SALARIES FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL
MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF CHARLESTON COUNTY
COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, ("Authority") gives County Council the authority to adjust the salary for its members by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, at one of Council's regular meetings on October 22, 2014, Charleston County Council voted to increase its members salary from Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two (\$14,352.00) Dollars per year to Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight (\$20,738.00) Dollars per year and to increase the Chairman of County Council's salary from Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Seven (\$17,347.00) Dollars per year to Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Two (\$26,142.00) Dollars per year; and,

WHEREAS, the salary increase shall become effective on the date of commencement of terms of at least two members of County Council at the next general election following the enactment of the ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the salaries may further increase by any Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) adopted by ordinance of County Council; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance is consistent with state law and the Charleston County Code of Ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by County Council of Charleston County, South Carolina in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. PURPOSE AND INTENT

Charleston County Council increases the salary of its members from Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Two (\$14,352.00) Dollars per year to Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight (\$20,738.00) Dollars per year and to increase the Chairman of County Council's salary from Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred

Forty Seven (\$17,347.00) Dollars per year to Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Two (\$26,142.00) Dollars per year.

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SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 18th day of November, 2014.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.
Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Beverly T. Craven
Clerk to County Council

First Reading: October 30, 2014
Second Reading: November 3, 2014
Third Reading: November 18, 2014