

Ordinance 2023-22

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL PERSON OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHERE AS, the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, Amendment 56, Section 4, provides for the compensation of municipal officers: and

WHERE AS, Arkansas Code Annotated §14-43-409 provides that such compensation shall be in the form of salary and provided for by ordinance; and

WHERE AS, the City of Brookland, Arkansas operates with a Mayor/Council form of government; and

WHERE AS, the compensation for Council Person of the City of Brookland was previously set by Ordinance 2016-18, Amended by Ordinance 2017-05, Amended by Ordinance 2020-15; and

WHERE AS, Resolution 2023-21 was read at the December 7, 2023, city council meeting and adopted by the Brookland City Council, approving the General, Street, and Utility funds to reflect a compensation increase in the 2024 adopted budget.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS, THAT:

- **Section 1:** The General Fund submitted for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, will adjust salaries as described in the Johanson Group Salary study completed and accepted September 20, 2021, by Resolution 2021-15.
- **Section 2:** Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-43-409, in no instance shall any municipal elected official receive any additional compensation by the way of fees, fines, or perquisites.
- **Section 3:** In accordance with the Johanson Group Salary study and resolution of the Brookland City Council, compensation for each council person of the City of Brookland, Arkansas shall be \$400.00 per month.

Section 4: Should a Brookland City Council member fail to attend a regular scheduled monthly meeting, he or she shall not be entitled to compensation for the missed regular scheduled regular scheduled monthly meeting, unless excused by majority vote of the Brookland City Council.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Section 6: Any ordinance or part of any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance shall be held null and void.

Section 7: This ordinance shall repeal Ordinance Numbers 2016-18, 2017-05, and 2020-16, as it pertained to the salary for a council member for the City of Brookland, Arkansas.

Section 8: Any part of this ordinance that may be held invalid by any court or jurisdiction SHALL not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 9: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby determined that the establishment of compensation for council persons of the City of Brookland, Arkansas pursuant to the adoption of the 2024 budget by Resolution 2023-21 December 7, 2023, is an emergency as it is in the best interests of the citizens of Brookland, Arkansas.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS, that beginning the first payment after December 31, 2023, and continuing to such time as it may be amended, the compensation of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, shall be set in accordance with this Ordinance.

Passed this 7th day of December 2023.

Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Julie Thomas, Clerk/Treasurer