

Ordinance 2025-22

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;
- 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, Amended by Ordinance 2023-22; and
- WHERE AS, Resolution 2025-21 was read at December 9, 2025, city council meeting and adopted by the Brookland City Council, approving the General, Street, and Utility funds to reflect a compensation increase in the 2026 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, 2026, through December 31, 2026, will adjust salaries as described in adopted 2026 General Fund Budget.

Section 2: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-43-409, in no instance shall any municipal elected official receives any additional compensation by the way of fees, fines, or perquisites.

Section 3: The Brookland City Council, compensation for each council person of the City of Brookland, Arkansas shall be \$450.00 per month.

As the compensation herein is monthly compensation, it is not specifically tied to attendance of council meetings because there are more duties associated with serving as a city council member. However, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-43-501(c)(ii) the governing body may compel attendance in such a manner as it prescribes. Should a council member fail to attend more than two

(2) consecutive meetings, the City Council may upon the majority vote of the council compel future attendance for payment of said compensation.

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, 2020-16 and 2023-22, 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 is pursuant to the adoption of the 2026 budget by Resolution 2025-21 December 9, 2025. The passage of this ordinance will ensure city business will be conducted with all city council members being at each meeting creating a quorum of which it is required to conduct city business by Arkansas State Law.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLAND, ARKANSAS, that beginning the first payment after December 31, 2025, 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 9th day of December 2025.

Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Thomas, Clerk/Treasure