

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE SETTING OF THE SALARIES OF THE TOWN'S COUNCILORS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND CONFLICTS WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida (the "Council"), is constituted pursuant to Article II of the Town Charter for the Town of White Springs, Florida (the "Charter");

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.02 of the Charter a mayor (the "Mayor") is elected by the Council from its membership;

WHEREAS, members of the Council and Mayor are compensated by the Town of White Springs for their service through an annual salary, paid in equal monthly installments for the duration of any term of office;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.06(b)2. of the Charter the Council may "fix and regulate salaries of officers and employees of the Town... by procedures outline[d] in ordinances,"

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted Resolution 21-01, "adopting a final annual operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022";

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Council to set the salary for the councilors and the Mayor for the 2021-22 fiscal year in accordance with the 2021-22 budget and this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council for the Town of White Springs, Florida, as follows:

1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Annual Salaries Set. Pursuant to section 2.06(b)2 of the Charter and Florida Statutes section 112.313(5), the salaries of the Mayor and councilors shall be as follows:

- a. Mayor: \$7,200 per year.
- b. Vice Mayor: \$6,600 per year
- c. Town Councilor other than the Mayor: \$6,000_ per year.

3. Authority and Conflicts with State law. The Town Council is authorized to set and adjust its salary pursuant to section 2.06(b)2 of the Charter and the councilors and Mayor are authorized to vote on issues relating to their respective rates of pay pursuant to Florida Statutes section 112.313(5). In the event of any conflict between this ordinance, the Charter, and provisions of State Law pertaining to compensation paid to municipal governing board members, State Law shall control.

4. Severability. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction then it is the intent of the Council that the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect to the extent the same is possible without the stricken or severed portion.

5. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED upon first reading this 14th day of December 2021.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED upon second and final reading during regular session this 11th day of January 2022.

TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

ANITA RIVERS, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Audre' J. Ruise, Town Clerk

APPROVED as to Form and Legality

Joel Foreman, Town Attorney