

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 17

DATE: December 2, 2003

STAFF: John Fischbach

### SUBJECT

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 170, 2003, Amending Section 2-575 of the City Code Relating to Councilmember Compensation.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter provides that the compensation of Councilmembers **shall** be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index. In 2003, Councilmembers were compensated \$585 per month, and the Mayor received \$880 per month.

This Ordinance amends Section 2-575 of the City Code to set the 2004 compensation of Councilmembers at \$595 and the compensation of the Mayor at \$895, **as required by the City Charter**.

### BACKGROUND

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At the April 8, 1997 election, the electorate of the City of Fort Collins approved an amendment to the City Charter setting the monthly compensation of Councilmembers and the Mayor at \$500 and \$750, respectively. In addition, the Charter amendment added language requiring the amounts of Council compensation to be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index. The history of Council compensation since the first adjustment for inflation was made is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>
1999	\$770	\$515
2000	\$790	\$525
2001	\$825	\$550
2002	\$860	\$575
2003	\$880	\$585

The 2004 compensation amounts, adjusted for inflation in accordance with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index are \$595 per month for Councilmembers and \$895 per month for the Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 170, 2003  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING SECTION 2-575 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RELATING TO COUNCILMEMBER COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, on April 8, 1997, the electorate of the City approved certain amendments to the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, one such amendment was an amendment to Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter, pertaining to the compensation of Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter, as amended, provides that, commencing in 1998, the amounts of compensation of the Mayor and Councilmembers shall be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index (est. to be 2.1%); and

WHEREAS, the history of Council compensation since the first adjustment for inflation was made is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>
1999	\$770	\$515
2000	\$790	\$525
2001	\$825	\$550
2002	\$860	\$575
2003	\$880	\$585

and

WHEREAS, after applying the foregoing inflation factor for the year 2003, the amount of compensation for the Mayor for 2004 should be eight hundred ninety-five dollars (\$895.00) per month, and for other Councilmembers, five hundred ninety-five dollars (\$595.00) per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 2-575 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-575. Compensation of City Councilmembers.**

Commencing January 1, 2003, the compensation for all Councilmembers except the Mayor shall be five hundred ~~eighty-five~~ ninety-five dollars (\$~~585~~595.) per month and the compensation of the Mayor shall be eight hundred ~~eighty~~ ninety-five dollars (\$~~880~~895.) per month. These amounts shall be adjusted annually for inflation in accordance with the Denver/Boulder Consumer Price Index.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 2nd day of December, A.D. 2003, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of December, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 16th day of December, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk