

**DATE:** August 16, 2011  
**STAFF:** Darin Atteberry

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT**

First Reading of Ordinance No. 107, 2011, Repealing Section 2-575 of the City Code Relating to the Compensation of Councilmembers.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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This Ordinance repeals the City Code provision relating to Council compensation. This section is unnecessary because the method for adjusting compensation is set out in the City Charter, and such adjustment is accomplished through administrative action of the City Manager.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

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On April 8, 1997, the voters of Fort Collins approved an amendment to Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter, pertaining to the compensation of Councilmembers, providing 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.

In January 1999, Council enacted a new section in the City Code relating to Council compensation. Council periodically amends this section of the City Code so that it accurately reflects the amount of compensation, adjusted for inflation, that is currently paid to Councilmembers. These amendments sometimes create the misimpression among members of the public that the City Council is, by adopting an amending ordinance, increasing the compensation of its members, when, in fact, adjustment of Council compensation is accomplished through administrative action of the City Manager.

Since the current amount of Councilmember compensation is readily available to members of the public through sources other than the City Code, such as the City's website and financial records of the City, this Ordinance repeals Section 2-575 of the City Code.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 107, 2011  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
REPEALING SECTION 2-575 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS

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; and

WHEREAS, the adjustment of Council compensation, pursuant Article II, Section 3 of the City Charter, is accomplished through administrative action of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1999, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 233, 1998, amending the City Code by the addition of a new section relating to Council compensation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council periodically amends this section of the City Code so that it accurately reflects the amount of compensation, adjusted for inflation, that is currently paid to Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, such amendments sometimes create the misimpression among members of the public that the City Council is, by adopting the amending ordinance, increasing the compensation of its members, whereas such increases actually occur automatically under the above-referenced City Charter provision; and

WHEREAS, the current amount of Councilmember compensation is readily available to members of the public through sources other than the City Code, such as the City's website and financial records of the City; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Council believes that it would be in the best interests of the City to repeal Section 2-575 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that Section 2-575 is repealed in its entirety.

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

~~Commencing January 1, 2009, the compensation for all Councilmembers except the Mayor shall be six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$675.) per month and the compensation of the Mayor shall be one thousand five dollars (\$1,005.) 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 16th day of August, A.D. 2011, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of September, A.D. 2011.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of September, A.D. 2011.

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