

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
City Council

February 12, 2019

**STAFF**

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Jamie Heckman, Compensation and Technology Manager  
Jenny Lopez Filkins, Legal

**SUBJECT**

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 014, 2019, Amending Section 2-581 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins and Setting the Compensation of the City Attorney.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this item is to establish the 2019 total compensation of the City Attorney. City Council met in executive session on January 8, 2019, and on January 22, 2019, to conduct and discuss the performance review of Carrie Daggett, City Attorney. This Ordinance sets the 2019 total compensation of the City Attorney. Any amendments to the City Attorney’s employment agreement will come forward with the second reading of this Ordinance.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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None.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

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City Council is committed to compensating employees in a manner which is market based, competitive and understandable. The goal as an employer is to attract, retain, engage, develop and reward a diverse and competitive workforce to meet the needs of the community now and in the future. To accomplish this goal, the City Council and the City Attorney meet twice a year to discuss performance and set goals for the coming year.

In 2018, the total compensation including benefits provided to the City Attorney is as follows:

<b><u>2018 Salary and Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
Salary	\$ 194,259
Medical Insurance	\$ 11,364
Dental Insurance	\$ 612
Life Insurance	\$ 339
Long Term Disability	\$ 942
ICMA (457)	\$ 5,828
ICMA (401)	\$ 19,426
<b>Total Monetary Compensation</b>	<b>\$ 232,771</b>

**Non-Monetary Benefits**

Vacation (30 days per year)  
Holidays (9 days per year)

In addition, the City Attorney cashed out 120 hours of accrued and unused vacation totaling **\$11,207**.

Resolution 2018-098 establishes the process for evaluating the performance of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Chief Judge. It states that any change in compensation for these employees will be adopted by the Council by Ordinance. This Ordinance will amend the City Code to reflect the City Attorney's 2019 total compensation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. PowerPoint Presentation (PDF)



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Establishing Compensation of the City Attorney  
Jamie Heckman



Data driven and transparent



Based on established market



Competitive



Based on performance

## Market

- Two data groups
  - National – 9 Western region peer cities (Bellevue, WA vacancy)
  - Colorado – 11 Front Range cities (Lakewood uses independent contractor)
- Benchmark data
  - Annual salary
  - Retirement
  - Longevity Pay
  - Car allowance

	City Employee Data	NATIONAL Market Data*	NATIONAL Ahead / (Behind)	COLORADO Market Data*	COLORADO Ahead / (Behind)
Salary	\$194,259	\$200,359	<b>(3.04%)</b>	\$194,617	<b>(0.73%)</b>
Retirement	\$25,254	\$27,426	<b>(7.92%)</b>	\$19,619	<b>28.00%</b>
Total Comp	\$219,513	\$232,345	<b>(5.52%)</b>	\$217,511	<b>0.37%</b>

\* Mean

ORDINANCE NO. 014, 2019  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING SECTION 2-581 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the City Charter, the City Council is responsible for fixing the compensation of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to compensating its employees in a manner that is fair, competitive and understandable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports a compensation philosophy of paying employees a competitive salary based on established market data, and is adjusting the salary of the City Attorney to bring that salary more in line with the appropriate market data; and

WHEREAS, the City Council met with the City Attorney to conduct a review and establish goals for her performance; and

WHEREAS, the City's philosophy is to reward performance that meets or exceeds expectations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes the base salary of the City Attorney for 2019 should be established at the amount of \$ [REDACTED] effective January 14, 2019, so that the total compensation of the City Attorney in 2019 will be \$ [REDACTED].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That Section 2-581 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-581. Salary of the City Attorney.**

The base salary to be paid the City Attorney shall be ~~one hundred ninety four thousand, two hundred fifty nine dollars (\$194,259)~~ [REDACTED] (\$) per annum, payable in biweekly installments. Sixty (60) percent of such sum shall be charged to general government expense, twenty (20) percent to the City water utility and twenty (20) percent to the City electric utility.

Section 3. That the effective date of the salary adjustment shall be January 14, 2019, to be paid retroactively within a reasonable period of time after this Ordinance becomes final.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 12th day of February, A.D. 2019, and to be presented for final passage on the 19th day of February, A.D. 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 19th day of February, A.D. 2019.

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ATTEST:

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