

**CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, TWO (2) MEMBERS OF SOUTH LEBANON CITY COUNCIL FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND THREE (3) MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR EACH FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 [WITH FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS COMMENCING IN 2028] THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 731.13, per Ordinance No. 2021-20, the then-Village Council set the compensation for the elected offices of Mayor and then-Village Council; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2020 U.S. Census, South Lebanon was designated a “City” by the Ohio Secretary of State with an effective date of October 21, 2021, with the electorate of South Lebanon subsequently voting to create a Charter Commission and approving the South Lebanon City Charter on May 2, 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3.08 of the City Charter states that the salary of elected officials, including the members of Council and the Mayor shall be set by ordinance prior to the election new officials; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) has set a minimum monthly salary requirement through December 31, 2029, for elected officials to receive full service credit with respect to retirement benefits through OPERS; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set compensation for the elective offices of Mayor and members of City Council at or above the minimum amount set by OPERS to receive full service credit for those elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of South Lebanon, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. The compensation of the elective office of Mayor and two (2) elective office of Council, whose respective term begins on January 1, 2024, the three (3) elective offices of Council and one elective office of Council, per Section 11.08 of the City Charter, whose respective term begins on January 1, 2024 shall be determined as follows, through December 31, 2029:

<i>Council Member</i>	
Regular Council Meetings & Work Sessions	See Exhibit "1"
Special Meetings & Emergency Meetings	\$25 per meeting
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals, or other Committees	No additional compensation

<i>Mayor</i>	
Regular Council Meetings & Work Sessions	See Exhibit "1"
Special Meetings & Emergency Meetings	\$25 per meeting
Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals, or other Committees	No additional compensation

Section 2. The compensation for the six (6) elective office of Council and the elective office of Mayor of the City of South Lebanon so fixed per the attached schedule and shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which each of the six (6) elective office of Council and the elective office of Mayor are elected or appointed.

Section 3. That all prior Ordinances Setting Compensation of the four (4) elective office of Council of the City of South Lebanon shall have no application to their respective term beginning on January 1, 2026, or to any person appointed to fill a vacancy for one of the four (4) elective office of Council for the term beginning on January 1, 2026.

Section 4. That all prior Ordinances Setting Compensation of the two (2) elective office of Council and the elective office of Mayor of the City of South Lebanon shall have no application to their respective term beginning on January 1, 2024, or to any person appointed to fill a vacancy for one of the two (2) elective office of Council and the elective office of Mayor for the term beginning on January 1, 2024.

Section 5. After six (6) absences in a calendar year by any of the six (6) elective office of the Council or the elective office of Mayor, unless excused by two-thirds vote of all Council members, there shall be deducted a sum equal to two (2) percent of such salary for each absence thereafter from a Council Meeting.

Section 6. That the recitals contained within the Whereas Clauses set forth above are incorporated by reference herein.

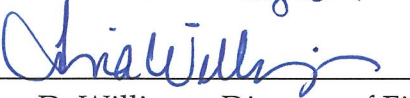
Section 7. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of Council in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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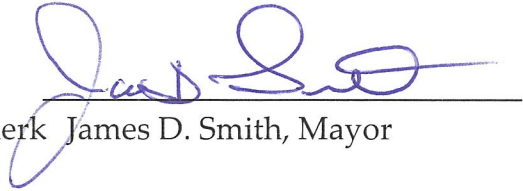
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Approved this 3rd day of August, 2023.

Attest: 

Petrina D. Williams, Director of Finance/Clerk



James D. Smith, Mayor

Rules Suspended: n/a (if applicable)

Effective Date – ___/___/2023

Vote - ___ Yeas

___ Nays

First Reading – 7/20/2023

Effective Date – 9/3/2023

Second Reading – 8/3/2023

Vote - 6 Yeas

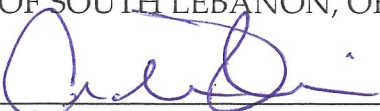
___ Nays

Prepared by and approved as to form:

ANDREW P. MEIER

LAW DIRECTOR

CITY OF SOUTH LEBANON, OHIO

By: 

Date: 8/3/2023

Exhibit "1"

City of South Lebanon Elected Officials Monthly Compensation for Regular Meetings and Work Sessions

YEAR	Mayor		2 Council seats		3 Council seats		1 Council seat 2yr term then 4yr term
	1/1/2024		1/1/2024		1/1/2026		1/1/2026
2024	\$	1,125	\$	725			
2025	\$	1,125	\$	725			
2026	\$	1,150	\$	750	\$	750	\$ 750
2027	\$	1,150	\$	750	\$	750	\$ 750
2028	\$	1,175	\$	775	\$	775	\$ 775
2029	\$	1,175	\$	775	\$	775	\$ 775