

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-34

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.32.040
RELATED TO THE 2027 COUNCIL COMPENSATION PLAN.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.32.040 of the Richland Municipal Code, as enacted by Ordinance No. 8 and last amended by Ordinance No. 2022-42, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.32.040 Councilmembers

The monthly compensation of each member of the council, whether a new or incumbent member, is as follows: ~~2022, \$1,231~~; 2023, \$1,253; 2024, \$1,269; 2025, \$1,329; ~~and~~ 2026, \$1,396; and 2027, \$1,424; provided, however, that nothing herein shall cause an increase or decrease to the compensation of any member of the council after his or her election or during the term of office or any unexpired term of office, to which such member of the council is appointed or elected. City council shall establish council salary based on the annual increase, if any, in the Compensation Plan for Unaffiliated Employees wage table, maintaining a four-year schedule.

All members of the council who participate in the Washington Public Employees' Retirement System shall provide a written certification to human resources, detailing a monthly calculation of the number of hours of service they provide to the city of Richland each year. This record shall be maintained in the human resources division for auditing purposes as generally required in Chapter 41.40 RCW.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 3. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

Theresa A Richardson
Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Rogers
Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heather Kintzley
Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

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