

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2016-0003

Sponsored by: Councilmember Germana	An Ordinance enacting Chapter 307 of the Cuyahoga County Code establishing the compensation for the Members of Council, and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga Charter Section 3.08 states “salaries may be changed by ordinance at any time before a primary election for members of the Council, but no change shall be effective until the commencement of the ensuing term,” and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Chapter 307 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Chapter 307

Section 307.01 Compensation of Members of Council

- A. Effective January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each Council member shall be \$52,000.00 and the annual salary of the President of Council shall be \$55,000.00.
- B. Commencing on January 1, 2020, and every year thereafter, the annual salary of each member of Council shall be increased each year by an amount equal to the lesser of the following:
 - 1. The average percentage increase, if any, applied to the salaries of the non-bargaining County employees within the County Executive’s organization and departments;
 - 2. The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

C. Commencing on January 1, 2020, and every year thereafter, the annual salary of the President of Council shall be \$3,000.00 greater than the salary of each member of Council.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County and the reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Germana, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas: Hairston, Miller, Germana, Conwell, Jones, Brown and Brady

Nays: Simon, Greenspan, Gallagher and Schron

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County Council President	Date
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County Executive	Date
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Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 26, 2016
Committee(s) Assigned: Council Operations & Intergovernmental Relations

[Clerk's Note: Legislation did not receive the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council; therefore, it is not effective immediately.]

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