

CITY OF VINELAND

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-45, CHAPTER 120 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND, ENTITLED SALARIES AND COMPENSATION**

**WHEREAS**, the salary of the Mayor of the City of Vineland has been set at \$30,000 per annum by Ordinance Number 1, as amended on November 24, 1987, and has not been adjusted since; and

**WHEREAS**, the salaries of Members of City Council have been set at \$5000 per annum, with an additional \$500 per annum, payable to Council President by Ordinance Number 2, as amended on November 24, 1987, and has not been adjusted since; and

**WHEREAS**, it is clear that the City has grown substantially in population, development, and other facets in the past 30 years since the salaries of the Mayor and Members of Council have been adjusted, requiring more time to be dedicated by the Mayor as its Chief Executive Officer and City Council as the City's Legislative Body; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to attract as many qualified individuals as possible to seek election to the position of Mayor and City Council Members; and

**WHEREAS**, in comparison to other municipalities in the County of Cumberland, the salaries paid to the City's elected officials is extremely low and discourages many qualified individuals from considering election to the position of Mayor and City Council Member.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Vineland that Article I and Article II of the Code of the City of Vineland are hereby amended as follows:

**Article I-Section 120-1 Compensation**

The salary of the Mayor of the City of Vineland shall be \$45,000 per annum, commencing January 1, 2017, and commencing January 1, 2018 shall be \$60,000 per annum, paid in the same manner as salaries of all other city employees. In addition to salary, \$1000 per annum shall be appropriated quarterly for travel allowances, and shall be paid upon the submission of properly signed vouchers and \$1500 per annum, shall be appropriated for other general expenses and shall be paid upon the submission of properly signed vouchers. The Mayor shall be available for the performance of his/her duties at all times without additional compensation.

**Article II-Section 120-2**

The salary of each member of City Council shall be \$7500 per annum, commencing January 1, 2017, and commencing January 1, 2018 shall be \$10,000 per annum, paid in the same manner as salaries of all other city employees. In addition to salary, \$1000 per year shall be appropriated for travel allowances, and shall be paid upon the submission of properly signed vouchers.

The President of City Council, by virtue of additional duties, shall be paid an additional \$750 per annum, commencing January 1, 2017, and commencing January 1, 2018 shall be \$1000 per annum, paid in the same manner as salaries of all other city employees.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall be adopted in accordance with NJSA 40A: 9-165.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any Ordinance or portions thereof that are inconsistent herewith shall be deleted and void to the extent of such inconsistencies and the terms of this Ordinance shall supersede the same.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to Law.

Passed First Reading:

Passed Final Reading:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk