

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-O-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA, INCREASING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III (CITY COUNCIL), SECTION 3.05 (COMPENSATION); OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Edgewater, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. At the general election and referendum held November 3, 2020, the Citizens of the City of Edgewater voted to amend the City Charter to increase the annual compensation for the mayor to \$9,512.00 and the annual compensation for council members to \$7,631.00. This Charter amendment also limited the council’s authority to adjust the annual salaries by ordinance to every five years. The election results, and thereby the Charter amendments, were accepted and adopted by Resolution 2020-R-39.

2. With the increase in population and expansion of the City, which has multiplied the time required for Council members to continue to be effective in their positions, the City Council wishes to increase the annual compensation of its members by ordinance, as authorized under Section 3.05 of the Charter.

3. Pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Charter, the ordinance shall not become effective until the date of commencement of the term of those members of the City Council elected at the next regular election, provided that such election follows the adoption of the ordinance by at least six (6) months.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Edgewater, Florida:

PART A. INCREASING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III (CITY COUNCIL), SECTION 3.05 (COMPENSATION), OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA

Starting on December 7, 2026, Council members shall receive as compensation the sum of \$18,000.00 annually, payable monthly and the mayor shall receive as compensation the sum of \$20,000.00 annually, payable monthly.

PART B. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All conflicting ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby superseded by this ordinance to the extent of such conflict.

PART C. SEVERABILITY AND APPLICABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. If this ordinance or any provisions thereof shall be held to be inapplicable to any person, property, or circumstances, such holding shall not affect its applicability to any other person, property or circumstance.

PART D. CODIFICATION

Provisions of this ordinance shall be incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Edgewater, Florida, and the word “ordinance”, may be changed to “section”, “article”, or other appropriate word, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention; provided, however, that Parts B through E shall not be codified.

PART E. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect on December 7, 2026, which is the date of commencement of the terms of the City Council to be elected at the next general election.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Diezel DePew, Mayor

ATTEST:

Monique Toupin, Interim City Clerk

Passed on first reading on the ____ day of _____, 2026

REVIEWED AND APPROVED: _____
Anthony Sabatini, City Attorney