

ORDINANCE NO. 25-028

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II – CITY COMMISSION, DIVISION 1 – GENERALLY, SECTION 2-19 – COMPENSATION** OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION DUE TO MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at a Budget Workshop and Conference Agenda meeting on July 14, 2025 and a Special Budget Workshop on July 21, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission discussed their current salaries and agreed to accept the same cost of living increase being proposed for all non-bargaining city employees and adjust the code to make that practice permanent for future years without requiring a separate vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 – Administration, Article II – City Commission, Division 1 – Generally, Section 2-19, of the Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-19. - Compensation.

(a)Effective October 1, 2023–2025, the annual base compensation of the mayor-commissioner of the city shall be ~~\$40,560.00~~ 42,588.00. Subsequent to October 1, 2025, the mayor-commissioner shall receive the same rate of cost of living increase as approved in the annual budget for non-bargaining city employees without any additional action, vote, or code revision required to document the increase. Any modification to the compensation of the mayor-commissioner other than the cost of living increase ~~to this amount~~ must be done by ordinance specific to this section of the Code. The current salary of the mayor-commissioner shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

(b)Effective October 1, 2023–2025, the annual base compensation of each city commissioner of the city shall be ~~\$31,200.00~~ 32,760.00. Subsequent to October 1, 2025, each city commissioner shall receive the same rate of cost of living increase as approved in the annual for non-bargaining city employees without any additional action, vote, or code revision required. Any modification to the compensation of a city commissioner other than the cost of living increase ~~to this amount~~ must be done by ordinance specific to this section of the Code. The current salary of each city commissioner shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

(c)In no event shall the mayor-commissioner or city commissioners be compensated in excess of the salaries, provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, for attending any regular, postponed or special meeting.

(d)The compensation for the mayor-commissioner and city commissioners shall be payable at the same time that other city employees are paid.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, which shall remain in effect,

it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts thereof that may be determined to be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is and the same shall become effective as of October 1, 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

Sara Hedges
City Attorney

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Mayor Commissioner and the City Clerk of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing and above Ordinance No. 25-XXX was duly advertised by title only in the St. Lucie News Tribune on August XXXXX; copy of said Ordinance was made available at the office of the City Clerk to the public upon request; said Ordinance was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on first reading by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, on Monday, XXXXX; and was duly introduced, read by title only, and passed on second and final reading on Monday, XXXXXXX, by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

IN WITNESS HEREWITH, we hereunto set our hands and affix the Official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Linda Hudson
MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST

Linda W. Cox
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)