

ORDINANCE NO.: 2013-087

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-31 Salaries of mayor and councilmembers

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WHEREAS, a petition executed by fifteen (15%) percent of the qualified electors and certified by the Richland County Election Commission has been presented to Columbia City Council for a special election to change the form of government; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §5-5-20 (2004) Columbia City Council gave second reading on September 18, 2013 to Ordinance No.: 2013-111 calling for a special election on December 3, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, if a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Columbia vote in favor of the referendum the form of government for the City of Columbia to change from Council-Manager form to Mayor-Council form, the Mayor will assume all duties and powers as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-9-30 (2004), as amended, on July 1, 2014 or immediately upon pre-clearance of the change by the United States Department of Justice, if necessary, whichever shall last occur; and,

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-170 (2004) provides that City Council may determine the annual salary of its members by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 5-7-170 (2004) further provides that an ordinance establishing or increasing such salaries shall not become effective until the commencement date of the terms of two or more members elected at the next general election following the adoption of the ordinance, at which time it will become effective for all members whether or not they were elected in such election; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia's next general election is November 5, 2013 with the office of the seats of Mayor and three Councilmembers being open for election; and,

WHEREAS, if a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Columbia vote in favor of the referendum to change the form of government for the City of Columbia from Council-Manager to Mayor-Council form, the annual compensation of the Mayor would be fixed at the current salary of \$17,500.00 unless Columbia City Council sets a new salary for Mayor under the Mayor-Council form prior to November 5, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia City Council desires to set a salary of the Mayor in the event a change in the form of government occurs or immediately upon pre-clearance of the change by the United States Department of Justice, if necessary, whichever shall last occur; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 15th day of October 2013, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, Mayor and Council, Division 1, Generally, Sec. 2-31 Salaries of mayor and councilmembers, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-31. Salaries of mayor and councilmembers.

The salary of the mayor shall be \$160,000.00 annually if there is a change in the form of government to Mayor-Council form effective July 1, 2014. If there is no change in the form of government the salary of the mayor shall be \$75,000.00 annually under the Council-Manager form of government effective July 1,

2014. If the City of Columbia form of government changes from the Council-Manager to Mayor-Council, the Mayor shall derive no other income from outside employment. Effective July 1, 2006 the salaries of the members of city council shall be \$13,350.00 annually.

This ordinance, as to the Mayor's salary under the Mayor-Council form of government, shall not become effective unless a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Columbia vote in favor of the referendum to change the form of government for the City of Columbia from Council-Manager form to Mayor-Council form. Upon the aforesaid contingency occurring, this ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2014 or immediately upon pre-clearance of the change by the United States Department of Justice, if necessary, whichever shall last occur.

Requested by:

City Attorney _____



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Introduced: deferred 9/17/2013; 10/1/2013

Final Reading: 10/15/2013

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