

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE #795**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON, REPEALING ORDINANCE #750
AND AMENDING TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL RELATING TO SALARIES FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 35A.12.070 allows for the compensation of mayors and councilmembers by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code states that any increase in compensation shall not be applicable to the term then being served by the incumbent if such incumbent is a member of the city legislative body fixing his or her own compensation; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code states that a mayor's salary may be increased during his or her term of office if the mayor does not cast a vote; and

WHEREAS, the same RCW code sets a minimum salary for mayors in cities with populations of less than five thousand at \$150 per calendar month and councilmembers at \$20 per meeting for not more than two meetings per month; and

WHEREAS, Gold Bar Municipal Code Title 2 sets forth wages for Councilmembers and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the rate of compensation has not changed since the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the compensation of council positions and the mayor position should be kept commensurate with the demands of the position in order to promote qualified candidates to run for office; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 8, provides that any change to the council salary can only take effect at the start of the next term of office for that council position;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOLD BAR ORDAINS as follows:

Section I, Title 2.16.040 - Compensation of Mayor and City Councilmembers

Section II, Severability

Section III, Effective Date

Section I, Title 2.16.040 - Compensation of Mayor and City Councilmembers

2.16.040 - Compensation of mayor and city councilmembers.

A. Members of the city council elected to terms commencing after the date of passage of the ordinance codified in this section or appointed to fulfill an expired term commencing after the date of passage of said ordinance shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per calendar month.

B. The mayor shall be entitled to a salary of ~~one thousand dollars (\$1000)~~ two thousand (\$2,000) per calendar month.

C. Councilmembers and/or the mayor may waive all or part of their monthly compensation upon written notice to the city.

Section II, Severability

This ordinance is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section III, Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect from, and after, its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Gold Bar this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest: _____, Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer

Attest: _____, Steven Yarbrough, Mayor

First Reading: _____

Posted: _____

Second Reading: _____

Passed: _____