

## **ORDINANCE 05- 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REPEALING ORDINANCE #568-98, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AS WELL AS ALL ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, CODES AND/OR ORDERS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PURSUANT TO KRS §83A.070 AND 83A.075, AMENDING TITLE III, SECTION 31.02 OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF THE SUCCEEDING MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL IN JANUARY, 2027.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance #568-98, the City of Fort Wright established compensation for the Mayor and Members of City Council of the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, as thereafter amended; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS §83A.070 sets forth the legal authority for the compensation of the Mayor and Members of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, KRS §83A.075 provides that, in order to equate the compensation of mayors and members of city legislative bodies with the purchasing power of the dollar, the Department for Local Government shall compute by the second Friday in February of every year the annual increase or decrease in the consumer price index of the preceding year by using 1949 as the base year in accordance with Section 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky ("DLG Letter"); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2025, the Department of Local Government issued its annual DLG Letter as required by KRS §83A.075, which DLG Letter is incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the annual cost of living adjustment set forth in the DLG Letter, and pursuant to KRS §83A.070 and KRS §83A.075, the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky wishes to repeal Ordinance #568-98, and all subsequent amendments thereto; and pursuant to KRS §83A.070 and KRS §83A.075, amend Title III, Section 31.02 of the City of Fort Wright Code of Ordinances, and adopt and approve the compensation of the succeeding Mayor and Members of City Council of the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, effective as of the installation of the newly elected Mayor and Members of City Council in January, 2027;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

### **SECTION I**

Ordinance #568-98, and all subsequent amendments thereto, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

## **SECTION II**

Title III, Section 31.02 of the City of Fort Wright Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended as follows (any text being added is shown by a single solid line drawn underneath it; text that is removed is marked at the beginning with an opening bracket and at the end with a closing bracket; the text between the brackets is stricken through with a single solid line).

## **SECTION III**

### **§ 31.02 COMPENSATION.**

#### **A. Manner and Procedure for Establishing Compensation.**

(A) City Council shall establish the compensation of every elected city officer not later than the first Monday in May in the year in which the officer is elected. An elected officer's compensation shall not be changed after his election or during his term of office.

(1) In order to equate the compensation of Mayors and Councilmembers with the purchasing power of the dollar, the Department for Local Government computes by the second Friday of every year the annual increase or decrease in the consumer price index of the preceding year by using 1949 as the base year in accordance with Section 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky, which provides that the Mayor in cities of the first class shall be paid at a rate no greater than \$12,000 per annum and Mayors in cities other than the first class and Councilmembers shall be paid at a rate no greater than \$7,200 per annum.

(2) The City Council shall set the compensation of these officers in accordance with KRS 83A.070 at a rate no greater than that stipulated by the Department for Local Government.

(B) The City Council shall fix the compensation of each appointed city officer by ordinance and may change it by ordinance.

(C) The City Council shall establish the compensation of city employees in accordance with the personnel and pay classification plan ordinance of the city.

(D) All fees and commissions authorized by law shall be paid into the city treasury for the benefit of the city and shall not be retained by any officer or employee.

#### **B. Compensation for Succeeding Mayor and Members of City Council, Effective as of the Installation of the Newly Elected Mayor and Members of City Council in January, 2027.**

Effective as of the installation of the newly elected Mayor and Members of City Council in January, 2027, pursuant to KRS §83A.070 and KRS §83A.075, the compensation of the Succeeding Mayor and Members of City Council of the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky, shall be as follows:

- (1) The Mayor of Fort Wright, Kentucky shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$8,000.00 per calendar year;



- (2) The Members of City Council of Fort Wright, Kentucky shall receive annual compensation in the amount of \$3,300.00 per calendar year; and
- (3) The Compensation of the Mayor and Members of City Council of Fort Wright, Kentucky shall remain subject to modifications based upon the annual cost of living adjustment consistent with the Department of Local Government's annual DLG letter.

#### **SECTION IV**

Any and all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be, and hereby are, repealed to the extent of said conflict.

#### **SECTION V**

If any provisions of this ordinance or their application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the City Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or applications and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

#### **SECTION VI**

That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and shall be published under KRS §83A.060(9) and other applicable law. The ordinance may be published by summary.

Passed by City Council on June 4, 2025.

CITY OF FORT WRIGHT, KENTUCKY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

David Hatter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerrie Holland  
Kerrie Holland, City Clerk

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