

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION
2.04.060 (SALARY DESIGNATED) OF
CHAPTER 2.04 (CITY COUNCIL) OF
TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND
PERSONNEL) OF THE FORT BRAGG
MUNICIPAL CODE**

ORDINANCE NO. 1021-2026

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 36516 provides that the City Council may enact an ordinance providing that each member of the City Council shall receive compensation during their term of office; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 36516 designates the City Councilmember monthly stipend is established by ordinance, not to be effective until the beginning of the next elected term of any one of the Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the current Councilmembers' compensation of Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$510) per month has not been increased since 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council's activities have expanded since 2022, including the correspondingly increased responsibilities and time commitments of Councilmembers to City business, increased concern with and involvement in regional issues, increased inflation, and future challenges of global warming.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council ordains as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The City Council hereby finds as follows:

1. The above recitals constitute a part of the findings made by the City Council in adopting this Ordinance.
2. There is no possibility that the adoption of this ordinance will have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations).

Section 2. Section 2.04.060 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code entitled "Salary Designated" is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

2.04.060 SALARY DESIGNATED

Each member of the City Council shall receive, as salary, the sum of \$950.00 per month, as prescribed in Cal. Government Code § 36516 for cities with population under 35,000, which shall be payable at the same time and in the same manner as the salaries are paid to other officers and employees of the City.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be held invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date and Publication. This ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after the date of its passage. Within fifteen (15) days after the passage of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall cause a summary of said Ordinance to be published as provided in Government Code §36933, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Fort Bragg, along with the names of the City Council voting for and against its passage.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Peters at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on November 24, 2025, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Fort Bragg held on January 12, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

Jason Godeke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk

PUBLISH: January 1, 2026, and January 22, 2026 (by summary).
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 12, 2026