

**ORDINANCE NO. 1493**

**SETTING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS  
AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1475**

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2014, the City Council of the City of Lynden adopted Ordinance No. 1475, which set the salaries of elected and appointed officials effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the salary of the Mayor set by Ordinance 1475 is approximately eighteen percent of the salary of the City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to increase the salary of the Mayor to twenty-five percent of the salary of the City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the salary of City Council members set by Ordinance 1475 is paid per meeting and the City Council wishes to change its payment schedule to a monthly payment; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of mayors and council members shall be fixed by ordinance and may be revised pursuant to RCW 35A.12.070;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lynden does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance 1475 Section A shall be amended with the following revision in bold:

Salaries of elected and appointed City officials of the City of Lynden shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2015, **or such other date as specified herein.**

Section 2. Ordinance 1475 Section A(1) shall be amended with the following revision in bold:

**Effective January 1, 2016, the salary of the Mayor shall be TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100TH DOLLARS (\$2,500) per month. The Mayor shall also receive a car allowance of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100TH DOLLARS (\$300.000) per month. Beginning January 1, 2017 and terminating December 31, 2025, the monthly salary of the Mayor shall increase by three percent (3%) of the Mayor's monthly salary for the previous year.**

Section 3. Ordinance 1475 Section A(2) is hereby amended with the following deletions in strikeout and additions in bold:

**Effective January 1, 2016, the salary of City Council members eligible for an increase shall be SIX HUNDRED AND NO/100 TH DOLLARS (\$600.00) per month. The salary of non-eligible City Council members shall be TWO**

HUNDRED AND NO/100<sup>th</sup> DOLLARS (\$200.00) per regular or special meeting of the City Council; provided that City Council members shall not be compensated for more than thirty-six (36) meetings per calendar year; provided further, however, that City Council members shall be paid for up to four (4) meetings per year which they are unable to attend, within the thirty-six (36) meeting compensation limit. **On January 1, 2018, the monthly salary of all City Council members shall be SIX HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 54/100<sup>TH</sup> DOLLARS (\$636.54). On January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year thereafter until December 31, 2025, the monthly salary of City Council members shall increase by three percent (3%) of the previous year's monthly salary of City Council members.**


Section 4. Except as set forth herein and as amended by an ordinance adopted subsequent to Ordinance 1475, the remainder of Ordinance 1475 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases have been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason, this ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original ordinance or ordinances shall be in full force and effect.

Section 6. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL THIS 5 DAY OF October, 2015  
BY A VOTE OF 3 IN FAVOR AND 2 AGAINST, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR  
ON THE SAME DATE.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY