

## Public Hearing February 5, 2025

1 CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION,  
2 COLORADO

3 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_

4 AN ORDINANCE FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER TO BE PLACED ON  
5 THE APRIL 8, 2025 ELECTION BALLOT TO CHANGE THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCIL  
6 BEGINNING \_\_\_\_ (MAY OR DECEMBER 1, 2027), AND PROVIDING FOR A METHOD  
7 TO INCREASE THE SALARY BY ORDINANCE IN FUTURE YEARS

8 Recitals.

9 Pursuant to §151 of the Grand Junction City Charter, the Charter may be  
10 amended at any time in the manner provided by Article XX of the Constitution  
11 of the State of Colorado.

12 In 1999 Section 38 of the City Charter Council was amended to provide that City  
13 Council members are paid a salary of \$500.00 per month and the President of  
14 the Council is paid \$750.00 per month. The salaries have not been increased  
15 since 1999. Accordingly, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate  
16 to ask the voters if an increase should be approved. If amended, the salary  
17 increase would not become effective until 2027.

18 The proposed ballot question, if approved by the voters, would provide for an  
19 index, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
20 Mesa County, Colorado four-person household Area Median Income (AMI), to  
21 be applied annually to adjust by ordinance the Council and President of the  
22 Council salaries by application of a percentage of the AMI.

23 With this Ordinance and the proposed ballot question to amend the City  
24 Charter, the City Council desires the City voters to determine if the change  
25 would be in the best interest of the City.

26 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND  
27 JUNCTION:

28 That a question of a proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 38 of the City  
29 Charter, as amended, to increase the salary of City Council, provide for a basis  
30 to set and to increase the City Council salary in future years, and incorporating  
31 the foregoing recital as findings for the Ordinances, be placed on the April 8,  
32 2025 ballot.

33 Article IV, Section 38 of the City of Grand Junction Charter is amended subject  
34 to submission to and approval by the voters, as follows (additions are shown in  
35 ALL CAPS and deletions are shown in ~~strike~~through.)

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37 Approval by the voters of any Charter amendment which repeals any section or  
38 portion of the Charter shall not be construed to be a limitation, denial, or  
39 suspension of any power of the City of Grand Junction, or any power of the City  
40 Council otherwise vested in or authorized to the City or the City Council by the  
41 Constitution or statutes of the State of Colorado.

42 All acts, orders, resolutions, ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith shall  
43 be repealed at the time the amendments provided for herein take effect;  
44 however, no such repeal shall be construed to destroy any property right,  
45 contract, right, or right of action of any nature or kind, vested in or against the  
46 City by virtue of any such act, order, resolution, ordinance or part thereof,  
47 theretofore existing or otherwise accruing to the City.

48 If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application  
49 thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a  
50 court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect the  
51 remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

52 The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated and  
53 adopted for the public health, safety and welfare and this Ordinance bears a  
54 rational relation to the legislative object sought to be obtained.

### 55 **City of Grand Junction**

56 **SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 38 OF THE CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO READ AS**  
57 **FOLLOWS ALL AS DESCRIBED IN AND FOR THE PURPOSES AS STATED IN ORDINANCE**  
58 **\_\_\_\_\_ AND AS FOLLOWS:**

59 **38. Salaries, meetings.** At least two meetings of the City Council shall be held  
60 monthly at such times as may be fixed by the council, such two meetings to be  
61 known as the regular meetings. All other meetings of the City council shall be  
62 known as special meetings or adjournments. The President of the Council shall  
63 be paid a salary of \$750.00 per month and all other Council members shall each  
64 be paid a salary of \$500.00 per month. BEGINNING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL  
65 TERMS COMMENCING ON THE FIRST **MONDAY OF MAY, OR DECEMBER 2027** IF A  
66 MAJORITY OF CITY ELECTORS APPROVE ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_ ESTABLISHING NOVEMBER  
67 OF ODD YEARS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
68 SHALL BE PAID AN ANNUAL SALARY CALCULATED AS 22% OF THE MESA COUNTY,  
69 COLORADO AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) FOR A FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD AS  
70 SAID AMI IS ANNUALLY DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
71 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), AND ALL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS  
72 SHALL EACH BE PAID A SALARY CALCULATED AS 15% OF THE MESA COUNTY AREA

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73 **MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) FOR A  
74 FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD AS SAID AMI IS ANNUALLY DETERMINED BY HUD. THE  
75 CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SALARIES SHALL BE PRORATED AND PAID ON A  
76 MONTHLY BASIS UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF EACH MEMBER'S TERM. AFTER **MAY OR**  
77 **DECEMBER 2027, THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
78 **AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY, BY**  
79 **ORDINANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCENTAGES OF THE MOST RECENT**  
80 **MESA COUNTY AMI FOR A FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD SPECIFIED HEREIN.****

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82 **FOR THE ORDINANCE** **AGAINST THE ORDINANCE**

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84 The ballot title is set based upon the requirements of the Colorado Constitution  
85 and the City Charter, all State statutes that might otherwise apply are hereby  
86 superseded to the extent of any inconsistencies or conflicts and, pursuant to  
87 Section 31-11-102, C.R.S. et seq., is an alternative to the provisions of State law.  
88 Any inconsistency or conflict is intended by the City Council and shall be  
89 Deemed made pursuant to the authority of Article XX of the Colorado  
90 Constitution and the Charter.

91 Pursuant to sections 31-10-1308 and 1-11-203.5 C.R.S., any election contest  
92 arising out of a ballot issue or ballot question election concerning the order of  
93 the ballot or the form or content of the ballot title shall be commenced by  
94 petition filed with the proper court within five days after the title of the ballot  
95 issue or ballot question is set, and for contest concerning the order of a ballot,  
96 within five days after the ballot order is set by the County Clerk.

97 The officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take all action  
98 necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance.

99 If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall for any  
100 reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability  
101 of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall in no manner affect any

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102 remaining provisions of this  
103 resolution, the intent being that the same are  
104 severable.

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106 INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
107 JANUARY 2025.

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109 PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
110 \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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113 Abram Herman  
114 President of City Council  
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117 ATTEST:

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119 Selestina Sandoval  
120 City Clerk

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