

Public Hearing February 5, 2025

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION,
COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. ____

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

Recitals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article IV, Section 38 of the City of Grand Junction Charter is amended subject
to submission to and approval by the voters, as follows (additions are shown in
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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MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) FOR A
FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD AS SAID AMI IS ANNUALLY DETERMINED BY HUD. THE
CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SALARIES SHALL BE PRORATED AND PAID ON A
MONTHLY BASIS UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF EACH MEMBER'S TERM. AFTER MAY OR
DECEMBER 2027, THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY, BY
ORDINANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCENTAGES OF THE MOST RECENT
MESA COUNTY AMI FOR A FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD SPECIFIED HEREIN.

_____ FOR THE ORDINANCE

_____ AGAINST THE ORDINANCE

The ballot title is set based upon the requirements of the Colorado Constitution
and the City Charter, all State statutes that might otherwise apply are hereby
superseded to the extent of any inconsistencies or conflicts and, pursuant to
Section 31-11-102, C.R.S. et seq., is an alternative to the provisions of State law.

Any inconsistency or conflict is intended by the City Council and shall be
Deemed made pursuant to the authority of Article XX of the Colorado
Constitution and the Charter.

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

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

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

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

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 15th DAY OF
JANUARY 2025.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM THIS ____ DAY OF
_____ 2025.

Abram Herman
President of City Council

ATTEST:

Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk