

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, CHAPTERS 2.20 AND 2.24 OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE BENEFITS FOR THE MAYOR AND RECORDER-TREASURER EQUIVALENT TO THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Johnson provides, at the cost to the City, individual health coverage (currently through the Arkansas Municipal League-Municipal Health Benefit Fund) for all full-time employees and pays for one-half of elective family coverage;

WHEREAS, that benefit has not been extended to elected officials in the past;

WHEREAS, extending health coverage to the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer is the right thing to do and will assist in producing quality candidates for elective officials in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to make equivalent health coverage available to the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer at the first opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS, That:

Section 1: That Chapter 2.20 of Title 2 of the Johnson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 2.20

MAYOR

Sections:

2.20.01 Mayor’s Salary
2.24.03 Health Coverage

2.20.01 Mayor’s Salary The salary for the Mayor of Johnson, Arkansas, shall be determined each year by the city budget, payable as determined from time to time for full-time City employees.

2.20.03 Health Coverage The City shall pay for individual health coverage for the Mayor through the program or plan provided to full-time employees of the City. Should the Mayor elect obtain health coverage for his/her family through such program or plan, the City will pay one-half (1/2) of the cost of such family coverage with the balance of the cost of family coverage being withheld periodically, as required, from the Mayor's salary."

Section 2: That the Sections index of Chapter 2.24 of Title 2 of the Johnson Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 2.24

RECORDER/TREASURER

Sections:

- 2.24.01 Duties**
- 2.24.02 Supervisory Authority**
- 2.24.03 Changes**
- 2.24.04 Salary/Health Coverage"**

Section 3: That Section 2.24.04 of Chapter 2.24 of Title 2 of the Johnson Municipal Code is hereby amended to reads as follows:

2.24.04 Salary/Health Coverage The salary for the Recorder/Treasurer of Johnson, Arkansas shall be determined each year by the city budget, payable as determined from time to time for full-time City Employees. City shall pay for individual health coverage for the Recorder-Treasurer through the program or plan provided to full-time employees of the City. Should the Recorder-Treasurer elect to obtain health coverage for his/her family through such program or plan, the City will pay one-half (1/2) of the cost of such family coverage with the balance of the cost of family coverage being withheld periodically, as required, from the Recorder-Treasurer's salary."

Section 4: This health coverage benefit being extended to the Mayor and Recorder-Treasurer hereby shall become effective as soon as enrollment in the program or plan will allow following the first payday in December 2018.


Section 5: That due to limited enrollment in the health coverage program or plan currently being utilized by the City, in order to provide the described benefits to the named City officials it is necessary that these benefits be made effective on an accelerated basis, therefore to provide for the peace, safety and welfare of our elected officials (and thereby our citizens) in this regard, an emergency is hereby declared, and this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of November, 2018.



CHRIS KEENEY, Mayor

ATTEST:



JENNIFER ALLEN, Recorder-Treasurer