

Council Business Meeting

January 17, 2023

Agenda Item	City Council Compensation Discussion	
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SUMMARY

This is a discussion item on the Mayor and City Councilors' compensation from the City of Ashland.

Under the current language of the Ashland City Charter, the Mayor and City Councilors annually receive \$500 and \$350 compensation respectively for their work on behalf of the citizens of Ashland. These annual compensation amounts were set by amendment to the City Charter in 1954 and were increased from the original annual compensation amounts adopted by public vote in 1917 of \$100 and \$75 respectively. Under the current language of the City Charter adopted by public vote in 1970, a change to the Mayor and City Councilors compensation "shall be submitted to the vote of the people" of Ashland.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

The City Council may wish to propose a public vote to change their compensation. The remaining 2023 dates for a public vote on compensation are May 16th, August 22nd and November 7th (see attached Secretary of State Elections Division – 2023 Local Elections Calendar, Measures section).

To meet the May 16th election date, the City must commit to funding a special election in Ashland before February 4th. The City Recorder is in contact with the Jackson County requesting a current cost estimate for an Ashland election. To include an item on a May 16th ballot, the City must submit ballot language (including caption, question and summary language) to the Jackson County Clerk before February 15th (see attached Jackson County, May 16, 2023 – Special Election, Important Special Election Dates). The ballot language must be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney prior to its submittal. Finally, voters' pamphlet measure arguments for a May 16th election are due to the Jackson County Clerk by March 20th.

FISCAL IMPACTS

There is no fiscal impact from this discussion item. Subsequent City Council action may have fiscal impact that will be identified at that time.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


Under Oregon's constitution, elected official cannot hold more than one lucrative public position at the same time. A lucrative office is defined by salary or other compensation beyond expenses. Also, under the state's ethics rules, elected officials may not vote to increase their own compensation; votes to increase compensation may only apply to subsequent election holders of the voting individual's position. A League of Oregon Cities survey on elected officials' compensation indicates salary or stipend compensation is usually provided at either a flat annual, monthly or per meeting amount.


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REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS


Secretary of State Elections Division – 2023 Local Elections Calendar





Jackson County, May 16, 2023 – Special Election, Important Special Election Dates

 Conduct of Elections	March 14	May 16	August 22	November 7
Last day to mail ballots to military/overseas voters	January 28	April 1	July 8	September 23
First day to mail ballots to out of state voters	February 13	April 17	July 24	October 9
Last day to register to vote	February 21	April 25	August 1	October 17
First day to mail ballots	February 22	April 26	August 2	October 18
Last day to mail ballots to voters without daily mail service	February 24	April 28	August 4	October 20
Last day to mail ballots	February 28	May 2	August 8	October 24
Last day required to mail absentee/replacement ballots	March 9	May 11	August 17	November 2

 District Candidates	March 14	May 16	August 22	November 7
Last Day for County Elections Official to Publish				
→ notice of district board election (ORS 255.075)	December 3	February 4	May 13	July 29
Last Day to file with Local Elections Official				
→ verified signatures or \$10 filing fee (ORS 255.235)	January 12	March 16	June 22	September 7
→ a statement for inclusion in county voters' pamphlet	January 17	March 20	June 26	September 11

 **County and City Candidates:** Deadlines applicable to county and city office are not included on this calendar. Candidates for those offices, unless otherwise provided for by charter or ordinance, are elected at the primary or general election. If a county or city charter provides for candidates to be elected at an election other than the primary or general election but does not specify a deadline or adopts the statutory filing deadline, ORS 249.722 applies.

 **District Candidates:** The enabling statutes, or principal act, of a district specifies how board members are elected. Most districts, as defined in ORS 255.012, elect board members at the regular district election which is held in May of odd numbered years or at the Primary or General Election. As provided for in ORS 255.235(2)(a), the March and September deadlines included above are only applicable if the election is a district's first election to elect board member and are not included in the daily calendar.

 Measures	March 14	May 16	August 22	November 7
Last Day for County, City or District Governing Body to File with Local Elections Official				
→ ballot title for publication of notice	December 23	February 24	June 2	August 18
or				
→ referral text for drafting of ballot title				
Last Day for Local Governing Body to File with County Elections Official				
→ Form SEL 801 Notice of Measure Election - County	January 12	March 16	June 22	September 7
 Form may only be filed upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.				
→ Form SEL 802 Notice of Measure Election - City	January 12	March 16	June 22	September 7
 Form may only be filed upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.				
→ Form SEL 803 Notice of Measure Election – District	January 12	March 16	June 22	September 7
 Form may not be filed until after the deadline for the immediately preceding election has passed and only upon completion of the ballot title challenge process.				
Last Day to File with County Elections Official				
→ arguments for inclusion in county voters' pamphlet	January 17	March 20	June 26	September 11

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May 16, 2023 - Special Election

Important Special Election Dates

May 16, 2023 Special Election

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- January 25, 2023 - County ballot title filing deadline (SEL 805)
- January 31, 2023 - District board member update form due
- February 3, 2023 - List of open board positions posted online
- February 4, 2023 - Last day to publish notice of election and open board positions
- February 4, 2023 - Candidate filing begins
- February 15, 2023 - County measure filing deadline (SEL 801)
- February 24, 2023 - City/District ballot title filing deadline (SEL 805)
- March 16, 2023 - City/District measure filing deadline (City-SEL 802 & Districts-SEL 803)
- March 16, 2023 - Candidate filing/withdrawal deadline
- March 20, 2023 - Voters' pamphlet filing deadline (candidate statements & measure arguments)
- March 31, 2023 - Military & overseas ballots mailed
- April 17, 2023 - Out of state ballots mailed
- April 17, 2023 - Voters' pamphlet mailed
- April 25, 2023 - Voter registration deadline
- April 28, 2023 - Ballots mailed to voters
- **May 16, 2023 - Election Day**
- June 6, 2023 - Last day to resolve challenged ballots
- June 12, 2023 - Last day to certify election
- June 30, 2023 - Last day for districts to determine result of election