

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2016-14**

BILL NO. 2016-16

Title of Bill: Compensation for County Council Members

Synopsis: An Act to enact a new Section of Chapter 21 County Council, to be titled Section 21-3 Compensation of Council Members, of the Code of Cecil County, as amended; to set the compensation for County Council Members to \$27,000 as of December 3, 2018.

Introduced by: Council President at the recommendation of the Compensation Review Commission

Introduced and order posted on: July 19, 2016

Public hearing scheduled on: August 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: September 6, 2016

By: _____
Council Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill having been posted by July 19, 2016 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and having been published according to the Charter on August 3, 2016 and August 10, 2016, a public hearing was held on August 16, 2016 and concluded on August 16, 2016.

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Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate language deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added to ordinance by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language stricken out of an Ordinance by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 10-302 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of
2 Maryland, a county may establish a commission to recommend the compensation and allowances for
3 members of the county legislative body; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the commission may recommend an increase or decrease in the compensation and
5 allowances for members of the county legislative body; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on receiving the recommendation, the county legislative body may reduce or reject the
7 commission's recommendation, but may not increase any item; and

8 **WHEREAS**, any change in the compensation and allowances of members of the county legislative
9 body shall be enacted by ordinance before the election for members of the next succeeding county
10 legislative body and take effect only for the members of the next succeeding county legislative body; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the compensation or allowances for members of the county legislative body of a
12 charter county may not be less than provided in the county charter; and

13 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Charter of Cecil County, Section 207 Compensation, each council
14 member shall receive as compensation and allowances for the performance of public duties under this
15 Charter the sum of not less than \$25,000 per year; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the County Council shall establish by ordinance a Compensation Review Commission
17 every four years to review the Council's compensation and allowances in accordance with State law; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the County Council appointed a Compensation Review Commission by Resolution No.
19 11-2016 on April 5, 2016 to review and recommend the compensation and allowances of the County
20 Executive, County Council and Cecil County Sheriff; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Compensation Review Commission presented their recommendations to the
22 County Council on June 7, 2016; and

23 **WHEREAS**, it was the Commission's recommendation that the compensation of County Council
24 Members be increased from \$25,000 per year to \$27,000 per year, an increase of \$2,000.

25 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that
26 a new section of Chapter 21 County Council of the Code of Cecil County is hereby enacted to read as
27 follows:

28 Section 21-3. Compensation of County Members
29 County Council Members will receive an annual salary of \$27,000 as of December 3, 2018.

30 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland, that this Act shall

31 take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY Council Manager

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