

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE MEASURE C
CHARTER AMENDMENT - CITY COUNCIL COMPENSATION
(Full Text of Resolution No. 32-88 (CM))**

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ON THE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CALLING SPECIAL MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY BY AMENDING SECTION 405 OF ARTICLE IV RELATING TO COUNCIL MEMBER COMPENSATION; AND CONSOLIDATING THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 1988

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Watsonville hereby proposes on its own motion to amend the Charter of the City of Watsonville by amending SECTION 405 OF ARTICLE IV, to read as set forth in the notice entitled "PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE" hereafter set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Watsonville hereby proposes to and does hereby on its own motion submit to the qualified electors of the City of Watsonville at the Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election hereafter provided for the proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Watsonville as set forth in the notice hereafter set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution, and hereby designates and refers to the proposal as the proposal to be set forth in the form of ballot hereafter prescribed for use at the Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election.

Section 3. The City Clerk of the City of Watsonville is hereby ordered and directed to cause the proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Watsonville to be published once, not less than forty (40) and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election hereafter provided for, in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Watsonville, and in each edition thereof during the day of publication, and such publication may be in substantially the following form, to wit:

"PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY OF WATSONVILLE"
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION
JUNE 7, 1988
(CONSOLIDATED WITH STATE PRIMARY ELECTION)

The Council of the City of Watsonville hereby submits to the registered and qualified electors of the City for their adoption or rejection, the following proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Watsonville:

1. By amending SECTION 405 of ARTICLE IV thereof, to read as follows:

"SECTION 405. Compensation The members of the Council shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred while performing official business of the City as authorized and approved by the Council. In addition, each member of the Council shall receive such an amount as may be fixed by ordinance, not to exceed the amount provided in the schedule set forth in Section 36516(a) of the Government Code, and as may be amended. Such amount shall constitute total compensation which may include fringe benefits. Absence of a member of the Council from all regular and special meetings of the Council during any calendar month shall render such Council Member ineligible to receive the allowed compensation for such calendar month unless such absence is with the permission of the Council expressed in its official minutes."

The Council of the City of Watsonville hereby submits to the registered and qualified electors of the City for their adoption or rejection at a Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election to be held in the City of Watsonville on Tuesday, June 7, 1988, (which election will be consolidated with the State Primary Election to be held on June 7, 1988) the following proposal to amend the City Charter by amending Section 405 of Article IV, as follows:

City of Watsonville Charter Amendment
Proposal No. C:

Shall the Charter of the City of Watsonville be amended by amending Section 405 of Article IV thereof to provide that the compensation for each Council Member shall be increased from an amount not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per month to an amount not to exceed Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars per month as currently established by Government Code Section 36516(a) for a city population up to 35,000 persons, which Section may be amended from time to time by the State Legislature; the text of which is set forth in Section 3 of Resolution No. 32-88(CM) adopted by the Council of the City of Watsonville, on Tuesday, February 2, 1988, and on file in the Office of the City Clerk?	YES
	NO

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Charter Amendment Proposal was ordered submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Watsonville by the Council of the City of Watsonville.

DATED: February 2, 1988.

s/ Lorraine Washington
City Clerk of the City of Watsonville

Section 4. (a) A Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Watsonville on Tuesday, June 7, 1988, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposal set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution to amend the Charter of the City as in the proposal and in the Resolution provided, and as hereby submitted by the Council of the City of Watsonville on its own motion.

(b) The Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election hereby called shall be held and conducted and the votes thereat canvassed and the returns thereof made, and the results thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided, and in all particulars not prescribed in this Resolution, the Special Charter Amendment Election shall be held as provided for in the Charter of the City and in all particulars not provided for therein the election shall be held as provided by law for the holding of special municipal elections in the City of Watsonville and otherwise in accordance with the Elections Code of the State of California.

(c) All persons qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City of Watsonville on the day of the election herein provided for shall be qualified to vote on amendment hereby submitted at the Special Municipal Charter Amendment Election.

(d) To vote in favor of the proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Watsonville a voter shall stamp a cross (+) in the blank space opposite the word "YES" on the ballot to the right of the proposal, and to vote against the proposal a voter shall stamp a cross (+) in the blank opposite the word "NO" on the ballot to the right of the proposal. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposed Charter Amendment vote in favor thereof, such Charter Amendment shall be deemed ratified.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 2nd day of February, 1988, by Council Member Marsano, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Council Member Clark, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Campos, Clark, Marsano, and Osmer
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Carroll, Deretich, Murphy
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

s/ Elizabeth M. Murphy
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ Lorraine Washington
City Clerk

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**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE C**

Section 405 of Article IV of the City Charter, adopted in 1960, provides that Councilmembers shall receive no compensation but shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred plus an amount not to exceed \$50.00 per month for out-of-pocket expenses.

This proposed Charter Amendment provides that in addition to reimbursement for expenses incurred, Councilmembers would receive total compensation, including fringe benefits, in an amount fixed by ordinance but not to exceed the amount scheduled in Government Code Section 36516(a), as amended, which section applies to general law cities (cities without charters). The schedule presently provides for compensation of \$300.00 per month for cities up to 35,000 in population, which is currently applicable to the City of Watsonville.

In short, the proposed amendment incorporates for this City the same compensation schedule established by the State Legislature for general law cities.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

To the Voters:

The pay raise the City Council has asked that you consider is well deserved and long overdue.

Compared to many cities in California, Watsonville has been well run; and we have reason to be proud of that fact. Where many cities and even counties are on the edge of bankruptcy, our City's financial state reflects sound management and responsible use of tax dollars.

Twenty-eight years ago the people of Watsonville, then a town of 13,000, voted to pay their Council Members \$50 a month (the Mayor an additional \$100). Since then, the "job" of council member has grown from one of commitment of time and energy to one of personal financial sacrifice as well. Of 16 Monterey Bay Area cities, only the council members of the cities of Greenfield (Pop. 5,975) and King City (Pop. 7,175) are paid less. This is out of proportion to the amount of time, energy and personal resources the increasingly complex job demands.

We hope that the people of Watsonville will recognize that the duties and responsibilities of the Council Members in this generation, in a growing city which is now 28,550 people, are far greater than those that existed in 1960 and vote yes on Measure C for adequate compensation.

s/ Jean M. McNeil
s/ Charles Palmtag
s/ Bill Johnston
s/ Roy Ingersoll

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

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