

Full Text of Measure F (1998 November)

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City of Santa Cruz Salary Increase
Proposed Amendment To The Charter Of The City Of Santa Cruz

The Council of the City of Santa Cruz does hereby submit to the registered, qualified electors of the City for their adoption or rejection, the following proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Santa Cruz.

A. By amending Section 603 of Article VI to read as follows:

"SECTION 603. SALARY. The salary of City Councilmembers commencing on January 1, 1999 and continuing thereafter unless adjusted in accordance with this Section shall be \$1,000.00 per month. The salary of the Mayor commencing on January 1, 1999 and continuing thereafter unless adjusted in accordance with this Section shall be \$2,000.00 per month.

At any municipal election, the question of whether City Councilmembers or the Mayor shall receive compensation for services, and the amount of compensation, may be submitted to the electors. If a majority of electors voting at the election favor it, all of the Councilmembers and the Mayor shall receive the compensation specified in the election call. Compensation of Councilmembers and the Mayor may be increased beyond the amount provided in this Section or decreased below the amount in the same manner.

Compensation of Councilmembers and the Mayor may be increased beyond the amount provided in this Section by an ordinance enacted by the City Council or by an amendment to an ordinance enacted by the City Council but the amount of the increase may not exceed an amount equal to five (5%) percent for each calendar year from the operative date of the last adjustment of the salary in effect when the ordinance or amendment is enacted. No salary ordinance shall be enacted or amended by the City Council which provides for automatic future increases in salary.

Any amounts paid by the City for retirement, health and welfare, and Federal Social Security benefits shall not be included for purposes of the determining salary under this Section provided the same benefits are available and paid by the City for its employees."