

**MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

RESOLUTION 007-07

**INCREASE THE SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS BY AMENDING
SECTION 1.2. COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSONS**

INTRODUCED BY:

ENACTED: March 9, 2007

WHEREAS, Charter Sections 33-5 and 33-17 govern the setting of salaries for elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 33-12 provides for the emergency passage of ordinances on the day it was introduced and the Council believes it is important to increase the salaries of elected officials at this time because of the lengthy waiting period for increases to go into effect under Charter Sections 33-5 and 33-17; and

WHEREAS, the current salaries of the Mayor and Council members was set in the 1980's when the value of a dollar was less than half of what it is today; and

WHEREAS, the compensation of these officials should be fair; and

WHEREAS, an increase in salary may provide an incentive for more citizens to be interested in these elected positions, and thereby result in more highly qualified persons competing for these offices, and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Forest Heights proposes to amend the Ordinance Code of the Town of Forest Heights Section 1.2 Compensation of the Mayor and Councilpersons. The amendment of the Ordinance Code of the Town of Forest Heights shall be enacted by striking the following words in *italics*:

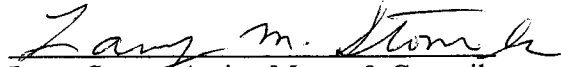
“The Mayor shall receive a salary of \$2,600.00 per year payable quarterly. Each councilperson shall receive a salary of \$1,000 per year payable quarterly.”

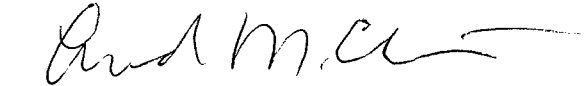
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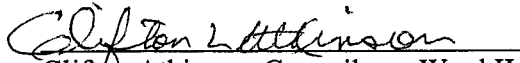
“The Mayor shall receive a salary of \$10,000.00 per year payable monthly. Each Council person shall receive a salary of \$5,000 per year payable monthly. These salaries shall become effective on the first pay period beginning on or after July 1, 2007 and shall otherwise meet the requirements of Sections 33-5 and 33-17 of the Town Charter.”

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the need to amend the Ordinance Code of the Town of Forest Heights regarding elected officials salaries is considered an emergency and therefore this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

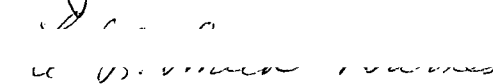
PASSED THIS DAY OF March 9, 2007.


Larry Stoner, Acting Mayor & Councilman
Ward III

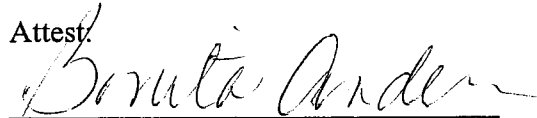

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Attest:

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk