

Ordinance Number: 25-20

See August 4,'20; Sept.22,'20 Minutes

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT AN INCREASE IN SALARY FOR THE
VILLAGE OF ELIZABETH BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND TO
PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Elizabeth, Louisiana, who met in regular session and enacted the following **Ordinance Number 25-20** which shall read as follows:

Section 1

There shall be an increase in the rate of pay for the Board of Aldermen for the Village of Elizabeth as defined herein.

Section 2

The rate of pay for each member of the Board of Aldermen is hereby set at \$350.00 per month. The rate of pay for each member of the Board of Aldermen shall be \$350.00 per month beginning on October 1, 2020 until end of current term. Be it further ordained that the Board of Aldermen's salary shall be reduced to previous salary of \$125.00 per month at the beginning of the next term of office.

Section 3

This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor, or in the event of a veto, upon override.

Section 4

If any provision of this Ordinance and the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 5

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent that they conflict with this Ordinance.

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Said Ordinance was introduced on the 7th day of July, 2020. After Public Hearing having been held, title having been read and Ordinance considered, on motion by Angela Smith, and seconded by Kelly Stalsby to adopt the Ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

Ken Kelly: Nay

Kelly Stalsby: Yea

Angela Smith: Yea

Whereupon the Mayor declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the _____ day of September, 2020.

DENISE LEE - CLERK

MANDY L GREEN- MAYOR

I certify that the above Ordinance was presented to the Mayor by me on the 24th day of September, 2020.

Denise Lee
DENISE LEE- CLERK

24th I acknowledge receipt of the above Ordinance from the Village Clerk on the _____ day of September, 2020.

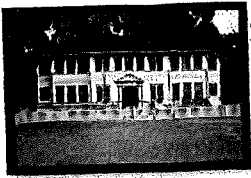
Mandy L Green
MANDY L GREEN- MAYOR

I hereby *Veto* the above Ordinance on the 24th day of September, 2020.

Mandy L Green
MANDY L GREEN- MAYOR

24th I certify that the above Ordinance was received by me from the Mayor on the _____ day of September, 2020.

Denise Lee
DENISE LEE- CLERK



Village of Elizabeth, Louisiana
Mandy L. Green, Mayor

Date: September 24, 2020

Honorable Alderman / Alderwomen of the Village of Elizabeth:

I am returning Ordinance No. 25-20 Aldermen's Salary Increase with term limit unsigned. After much prayer and examination of all the facets of the recommended increase I am exercising my veto powers under R.S. 33:406.

I do not take this action lightly. Since my administration we have took positive steps to correct deficiencies in our Utility Fund by slightly increasing rates that had been neglected. It was recommended in 2017 by Louisiana State Auditor that we increase our rates dramatically due to having some of the cheapest rates in the state. After much researching and planning we developed a plan to slightly increase rates over time while decreasing the overall expense so that our citizens could adjust to the rate increase over a period of time. I do not believe that the people in our community should have to pay for the neglect of an increase all at once.

The Alderman / Alderwoman choosing to increase salary by 180% is unreasonable when our General Fund Expense is still being balanced by \$72,200 from our Utility Fund Income. As Mayor I asked that each member consider the cost of the increase to the people in this community. We had two meetings where the majority of the people present spoke against the amount. Not one person present including myself had an issue with the Aldermen / Alderwoman receiving a slight increase over time. Choosing to process without even considering the lesser increase recommended left me no choice but to exercise my veto powers for the overall betterment of the Village. By vetoing, I know I will be target of anger, as I would be if I did not veto.

As elected officials it is our duty and responsibility to listen to the voiced concerned of the people in our community to treat people with compassion and fairness. As Mayor I pledge to continue to work with the Board of Alderman / Alderwoman to find a solution that will ensure fairness for both the Board and the citizens in our community.

Signed by:

Mandy L. Green, Mayor

Date:

9-24-2020

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ALLEN
STACEY C. HURST
CLERK OF COURT
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act Filed for record in this office, on The 24th Day of December A.D., 2020 @ 8:12AM bearing the NO. 503891 and recorded in COB Book 559 Page 679
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature and seal of office at Oberlin, Allen Parish, LA.
on The 24th Day of December A.D., 2020
By Mandy L. Green
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT