

**CITY OF WARD
ORDINANCE NO. O-2025-28**

AN ORDINANCE; REPEALING AND REPLACING O-2024-26; CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 14-42-113 requires that the salary of the Mayor, City Clerk and other city officials be set by the governing body and that same must be set by ordinance¹; and,

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS, deems it appropriate to adjust the salary of the City Council Members from time to time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) § 14-43-501 - § 14-43-502 establishes the general powers and duties of the City Council.

SECTION 2: That it is the desire of the City Council to increase the Council's salary, at minimum, annually by the same cost of living allowance provided to all city employees, plus an additional \$100.00 per month for three (3) consecutive years (2024, 2025, 2026)

SECTION 3: That do to economic uncertainties, the \$100.00 per month increase for the City Council's salary for 2026, as listed in Section 2, is delayed until a later date.

SECTION 4: That the Council Members shall receive a salary of \$482.40 per month for the calendar year 2026 for the full and satisfactory completion of the duties and responsibilities established herein.

SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance is hereby effective on January 1, 2026.

SECTION 7 – CODIFICATION: This Ordinance shall be codified in the Ward Municipal Code and the sections may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intention.

¹ A.C.A. 14-43-409

SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 11-18-25.

Brooke Yes, Chapman Yes, Hall Yes, Hefner Absent, McMinn Yes, Ruble Yes

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0

Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor



Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

