

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: October 20, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Increase in Mayor and Council Compensation

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Management

**PREPARED BY:** Larry Tarkowski, Town Manager

**AGENDA LOCATION:** Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,  
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

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**ATTACHMENTS:** a) Ordinance No. 821

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:** ARS §9-232.01 authorizes the Town Council to prescribe by ordinance a salary for the mayor and council members. On January 25, 1990, the Council first prescribed a salary of \$200.00 per month for the Mayor and \$100.00 per month for Council members (Ordinance No. 219). On October 27, 1994, the salaries were increased to \$400.00 per month for the Mayor and \$200.00 per month for Council members (Ordinance No. 339). On January 23, 1997, the salaries were changed to \$700.00 per month for the Mayor and \$400.00 per month for Council members (Ordinance No. 410). And, on May 10, 2007 the salaries were increased to \$1,050.00 per month for the Mayor and \$700.00 per month for Council members (Ordinance No. 687). After 9 years it is now proposed that the salaries be changed to \$1,500.00 per month for the Mayor and \$1,000.00 per month for Council members.

Article IV, Part 2, §17 of the Arizona Constitution provides that the compensation of public officers may not be either increased or diminished during their term of office. In determining when a term of office begins, if candidates for mayor and council are elected at the primary election (per ARS §9-821.01(A)) the election is effective as of the date of the general election that would have followed (even if the general election isn't necessary). Therefore, any ordinance changing compensation must be effective prior to the general election date. [It should also be noted that, per Article IV, Part 2, §17 of the Arizona Constitution, if there is any increase or decrease in compensation of any municipal council officer then that increase or decrease becomes effective at the same time for all of the officers.]

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**OPTIONS ANALYSIS:** N/A for discussion only

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**ACTION OPTION:** N/A for discussion only [NOTE: any Ordinance will need to be an emergency measure if it is to be effective prior to the new term of office.]

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**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A for discussion only

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** Any revised salaries would begin to be earned as of January 1, 2017. The increased amount for the remainder of FY 2016-17 is available in Contingency funds.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved  Denied  Tabled/Deferred  Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_