

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: October 27, 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

ATTACHMENTS: a) Ordinance No. 821

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.]

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: The Council may adopt Ordinance No. 821 as written and as an emergency measure, adopt Ordinance No. 821 with modifications (as an emergency measure or otherwise), OR not adopt Ordinance No. 821.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to read Ordinance No. 821 once by title only as an emergency measure then place the same on final passage, OR Motion not to read Ordinance No. 821. **VOTE.**

[If the motion passes to read Ordinance No. 821, the Mayor asks the Town Clerk to read Ordinance No. 821 once by title only. The Mayor then asks "Shall the Ordinance pass?"] **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff makes no recommendation.

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.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____