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CITY OF AMESBURY, MA

## CITY OF AMESBURY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

SPONSORED BY:

  
Councilor Nicholas Wheeler

BILL No.2023-050

### **An Ordinance to Establish Increased Salaries for the Positions of Mayor and City Councilors**

**Summary:** This Ordinance will increase the Mayor's annual salary to \$120,000, will increase the annual salary of a City Councilor to \$5,000, and will increase the annual salary of the City Council President to \$6,250.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2-1(c) of the Amesbury City Charter states: *"The city council shall by ordinance establish an annual salary and expense schedule for the mayor; provided, however, that no ordinance increasing or decreasing such salary and expense schedule shall be effective unless it shall have been adopted during the first 18 months of the term for which councilors are elected and the revised salary and expense schedule is to be effective upon the commencement of the next term of office of the mayor. The mayor shall receive no additional compensation from serving as the chairperson of the school committee as provided by section 4-3", and*

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3-11 of the Amesbury City Charter states: *"The city council shall, by ordinance, establish an annual expense allowance and salary for its members. Except as provided by this section, members of the city council shall receive no other compensation or benefits from the city. No ordinance increasing such salary or expense allowance shall be effective unless it shall have been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the full city council membership during the first 18 months of the term for which councilors are elected and the revised salary and expense schedule is to be effective upon the commencement of the terms of office of the next city council to be elected.", and*

WHEREAS, the annual salaries for the positions of Mayor and City Councilors of the City of Amesbury were last updated in 2019 under City Council Bill 2019-020; now, therefore:

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**Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:**

1. That the Amesbury Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:
  - a. By striking the figure of \$110,000 in Section 461-1 and inserting the following figure: \$120,000.
  - b. By striking the figure \$4,000 in Section 461-2 and inserting the following figure: \$5,000.
  - c. By striking the figure \$5,000 in Section 461-2 and by inserting the following figure: \$6,250.
2. This ordinance shall take effect upon the commencement of the new terms of office of the positions of Mayor and City Councilors, respectively, of the City of Amesbury, following adoption of this measure, on or about January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.