

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 -01

Introduced by: Councilmember Aaron Baynes
Seconded by: Councilmember Markel Day
Date of Introduction: February 18, 2014

**An Ordinance Increasing the Compensation Level for the Mayor
Commencing Fiscal Year 2015.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 501 of the Charter of the Town of North Brentwood (the "Charter"), the Mayor shall be selected as therein provided and shall hold office for a term of two years or until a successor is elected and qualified, and the Mayor shall be elected during every odd numbered year, and the newly elected mayor shall take office on the third Monday of May following the election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 502 of the Charter, the Mayor shall be at least 25 years of age, shall have resided in the Town at least two years immediately preceding election, and shall be a qualified voter of the Town; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 709 of the Charter, on the first Monday of May in odd-numbered years, the qualified voters of the Town shall elect a Mayor and one person to serve as Councilmember (Council seat 1); and.

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 35 of the Maryland Constitution provides that the salary or compensation of any public officer may not be increased or diminished during his term of office except those whose full term of office is fixed by law in excess of 4 years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 503 of the Charter, the Mayor may receive annual compensation as specified by an ordinance passed by the Council in a public meeting, but no change shall be made in the salary for any Mayor during the term for which he/she was elected, and the ordinance making any change in the salary paid to the Mayor, either by way of increase or decrease, shall be finalized prior to the election of the next succeeding Mayor and shall take effect only as to the next succeeding Mayor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 804 of the Charter, the Town shall operate on an annual budget and the fiscal year of the Town shall begin on the first day of July and shall end on the last day of June of the following year and such fiscal year shall constitute the tax year, the budget year, and the accounting year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor currently serving is compensated at a rate of \$300.00 per month or \$3,600 annually; and

WHEREAS, although the Council recognizes that service as an elected official is substantially a public service, the Council wishes to offer qualified residents willing to stand

election, subscribe to the oath of office and serve the Town in the capacity of Mayor at a compensation level that is fair, equitable and reasonable in order to attract and maintain experienced, knowledgeable and quality individuals to serve as the chief executive and administrative officer of the Town government and work together with the Council to decide the policies, taxation, budget, legislation and other matters of the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood that the compensation for the office of Mayor for Fiscal Year 2015 shall be increased to \$350.00 per month or \$4,200 annually to commence on the third Monday of May 2015 upon swearing in the newly elected Mayor following the next (i.e., 2015) municipal election; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the annual budget for fiscal year 2015 shall include and reflect this increase in compensation;

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the requirements of the Charter but in no event shall it be later than the third Monday of May 2015.

THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD THIS 18 th. DAY OF February , 2014.

Aye: 2

Nay: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0

Approved:

TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD

By: 
Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Date: February 18, 2014