

ORDINANCE NO. 32-22

AMENDMENT TO CITY COURT JUDGE SALARY

WHEREAS, West Lafayette City Code Sections 2-212, 2-213 and 2-214 provide for the creation and operation of the West Lafayette City Court; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 33-35-1 provides for and regulates city courts of second class cities such as West Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the West Lafayette City Court has been in continuous existence since 1960 and has provided the citizens of West Lafayette and the City administration a convenient local forum for judicial determinations; and

WHEREAS, the volume of cases filed in the West Lafayette City Court have declined over the last decade due to the elimination of criminal cases brought to City Court and the decline in traffic infractions occurring in the City; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of City Court sessions can now be reduced so that the expense of the City Court may also be reduced accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the West Lafayette City Court continues to hear and decide a consistent volume of code violations involving noise, building repairs, weed and unkept property abatement and other cases which protect the neighborhoods and the citizens of this City; and

WHEREAS, the current annual salary of the incumbent Judge of City Court is \$20,634.12 which can be reduced to \$14,000.00, beginning in 2024 after the current Judge's term has expired to fairly reflect the reduced frequency of Court sessions; and

WHEREAS, the incumbent City Court Judge Lori Sabol has reviewed and supports this Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the incumbent City Court Clerk Sana Booker has reviewed and supports this Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has been provided with a report from the City Controller showing the historical and current financial details related to the City Court.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE that:

1. The annual salary for the West Lafayette City Court Judge shall be \$14,000 beginning on January 1, 2024 and the Salary Ordinance for the year 2024 will reflect such salary.

2. The West Lafayette City Court will continue to use the Council Chambers in the Margerum City Hall on a schedule as determined by the City Court Judge both now and in the future as provided by I.C. § 33-35-1.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 7 DAY OF November, 2022.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY ORDAINED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 5 DAY OF December, 2022, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Hardesty	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders			✓	
Thomas	✓			


Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:

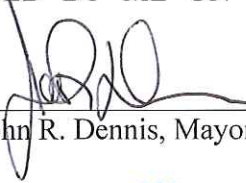

Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 6 DAY OF December, 2022.


Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 6 DAY OF
December, 2022.



John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:



Sana G. Booker, Clerk

