

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS CODE ORDINANCE NO. 02-349

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-111,
OF THE CODE OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS
ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the amount of compensation paid to each member of the County Council was last fixed by Code Ordinance No. 02-249 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities and the demand upon the time and resources of each member of County Council have increased significantly since 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Los Alamos County Charter, Article II, Section 200.5, provides that members of the County Council shall be paid at a rate of compensation to be set by ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County") is an incorporated county of the State of New Mexico as provided in Section 5, Article 10 of the New Mexico Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the County is under 200 square miles and is considered an H Class county by the N.M. Stat. Ann. § 4-44-3; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature saw fit to give H Class counties the ability to increase the annual compensation of elected or appointed part-time officials when it passed House Bill 69 during the regular 2018 Session amending N.M. Stat. Ann. § 4-44-14; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the responsibilities and duties currently assigned to the elected or appointed part-time officials should be compensated commensurate with the salary allowed by state law.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-111 of the Code is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-111. - County council.

The compensation paid to each member of the council shall be ~~\$11,022.00~~ \$12,674.00 per annum. The council member serving as chair shall be paid an additional stipend of ~~\$2,755.00~~ \$3,170.00 per annum. Councilors shall also be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their actual duties as approved by the council or its chair.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after publication of notice of its adoption.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

ADOPTED this 25th day of July 2023.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS**

**Denise Derkacs,
Council Chair**

ATTEST: (SEAL)

**Naomi D. Maestas,
Los Alamos County Clerk**