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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE SO AS TO REDUCE THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR; TO CLARIFY COMPENSATION FOR MEETINGS BEYOND THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTH; TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE AMENDMENT TO THE COMPENSATION, EXPENSES AND REIMBURSEMENT PAID TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE BY ORDINANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, an Act was passed in the Georgia Legislature in April of 1996 providing a new Charter for the City of Dawsonville and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 2.13 of the City Charter sets forth the compensation paid and expenses subject to reimbursement for the Mayor and members of the City Council members;

WHEREAS, Section 2.13(a) of the City Charter set the compensation of the mayor and each council member beginning on January 1, 2008 and at that time the City did not have a City Manager;

WHEREAS, the City has hired a City Manager who performs many of the duties that were formerly performed by the Mayor when there was no City Manager;

WHEREAS, the City has conducted a study of compensation to Mayors of similarly situated cities with acting City Managers throughout the state of Georgia and found that most receive compensation much lower than that currently paid to the Mayor;

WHEREAS, Section 2.13(c) of the City Charter provides that the mayor and council shall be authorized to fix the salary, compensation and expenses of the mayor and each member of the council in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4;

WHEREAS, Georgia law does not require that the compensation of the mayor and city council be contained in the City's Charter;

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend Section 2.13 of the City Charter to allow the compensation of the mayor and each member of the city council to be revised as part of the Code of Ordinances for the City, as opposed to requiring future amendments to the City's Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to clarify compensation for meetings beyond the first regular meeting of the month that are attended by the mayor and council members on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Sections 2.13(a) and (c) of the City Charter, as amended, are deleted in their entirety and the new sections set forth below are inserted. All other sub-sections of Section 2.13 and all other sections of the City Charter not specifically amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this Charter Amendment along with all other required documents shall be provided to the Secretary of State in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-35-5.

Sections 2.13(a) and (c) of the City Charter shall read as follows:

Section 2.13. Compensation and expenses.

- (a) The compensation of the mayor shall be \$600.00 per month and the compensation of each council member shall be \$500.00 per month, until such time as the compensation of the mayor and/or council are amended by ordinance adding to or amending the City's Code of Ordinances in accordance with sub-section (c). In

addition to this monthly compensation, the mayor and council members shall also be paid \$100.00 per individual for each city council meeting and for any other meeting that has been pre-approved for compensation by the council that they attend other than the first regular city council meeting of the month.

(c) Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4 as now and hereafter amended, the salary, compensation and expenses of the mayor and each member of the city council may hereafter be established by Ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinances.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2018.

SO ADOPTED by the City Council of Dawsonville, Georgia, this _____ day of December, 2017.

CITY OF DAWSONVILLE

Mayor

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Attested to by Beverly Banister, City Clerk