ORDINANCE NO. 11
SERIES 2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON AMENDING
CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF
GUNNISON, COLORADO, PROVIDING AN INCREASE IN SALARIES FOR THE
MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, recognizes and
appreciates the dedication and hard work exhibited by its elected City Council Members; and

WHEREAS, neither the City Council, nor the mayor, have received an increase in
monetary compensation since Ordinance No. 5, Series 2005, was passed over 14 years ago; and

WHEREAS, City staff created a committee of five external professionals and
community members to examine current state-wide council compensation of similarly-sized
municipalities, wage analysis, and a summary of current Council’s time and committee
commitments to determine if an increase in compensation was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the external committee, the City Council of
the City of Gunnison, wishes to increase the compensation of its elected City Council Members
by 25% as a one-time adjustment and an obligation to review council compensation every two
years to determine if a cost of living increase is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON,
COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. Section 2.10.010 of the City Code of the City of Gunnison is
hereby amended to read: Council and Mayor Compensation.

a) Each Councilmember of the City shall receive a salary of Six Hundred
and Twenty Five/100 Dollars ($625.00) per month, except the Mayor, whose salary
shall be Seven Hundred and Fifty/100 Dollars ($750.00) per month, all such salaries
to be paid out of the General Fund of said City as budgeted, appropriated, and
directed by the City Council. Council compensation be reviewed every two years
by the Finance Director to determine if a cost of living adjustment is appropriate.

b) Effective Date; Applicability Limited. The compensation increases
granted and allowed hereby shall become effective on January 1, 2020, with respect
to those officers elected at the coordinated municipal election on November 5,
2019, and thereafter, and also those officers whose terms shall not have expired on
said date.

Section 2. Severability Clause. Should any section, clause, phrase, or
 provision of this ordinance be ruled invalid or unenforceable by any court of
competent jurisdiction, it is hereby declared the intent of the City Council of
the City of Gunnison, Colorado, that the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall
be given full force and effect if it is possible to do so.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED this 13th day of
August, 2019, on first reading, and introduced, read, passed and adopted on second and final
reading this 27th day of August, 2019.

Jim Gelwicks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Boucher, City Clerk

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