

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. 719 SESSION 2021 Bill No. 811

Introduced by John Cusick and Kevin Lott on November 18, 2021

Enacted January 6, 2022 Effective February 5, 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

WHEREAS, Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 106. Compensation provides that, *"The County Council shall have the power by ordinance to set the salary of each elected official. No ordinance shall increase or decrease the salary of an elected official during his term of office. No ordinance which increases or decreases the salary of an elected official shall take effect less than one (1) year after its date of enactment."*

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED, By the Northampton County Council that:

- I. Effective January 1, 2024, the County Controller of the County of Northampton shall be compensated on a per annum basis in the amount of eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00). (Not Vetoed)
- II. Effective January 1, 2026, the County Executive of the County of Northampton shall be compensated on a per annum basis in the amount of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00). (Vetoed)
- III. Effective January 1, 2024, the members of the Northampton County Council shall be compensated on a per annum basis in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00). The President of County Council shall receive an additional five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per annum as compensation for his/her responsibilities as presiding officer. (Not Vetoed)

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that the Northampton County Council shall review the salaries of all Northampton County Elected Officials within four years of the effective date of this ordinance.

This ordinance was advertised on the 24th day of November, and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the 2nd day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council

Lori Vargo Heffner
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County Council President

Lamont G. McClure
County Executive

The ordinance titled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON", was adopted by the Northampton County Council at the meeting held December 2, 2021, by a vote of 8 yes - 1 no. The vote: Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Myers, "yes"; Lott, "yes"; McGee, "yes"; Zrinski, "no"; Cusick, "yes"; Ferraro, "yes"; Giovanni, "yes" and Heckman, "yes". The ordinance was presented to the County Executive on December 3, 2021. The County Executive vetoed the ordinance on December 10, 2021 and returned it to the Northampton County Council on December 10, 2021.

The Northampton County Council voted to override the veto in three parts. In voting for Paragraph I, with respect to the Controller's salary, County Council overrode the veto by a vote of 7-2 at the meeting held January 6, 2022. The vote: John A. Brown, "no"; John Cusick, "yes," Thomas A. Giovanni, "yes"; John P. Goffredo, "yes"; Ronald R. Heckman, "yes"; Lori Vargo Heffner,

"yes"; Kevin Lott, "yes"; Kerry L. Myers, "yes"; Tara M. Zrinski, "no".

In voting for Paragraph II, with respect to the County Executive salary, County Council failed to override the veto by a vote of 3-6 at the meeting held January 6, 2022. The vote: John A. Brown, "no"; John Cusick, "yes," Thomas A. Giovanni, "no"; John P. Goffredo, "no"; Ronald R. Heckman, "no"; Lori Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Kevin Lott, "yes"; Kerry L. Myers, "no"; Tara M. Zrinski, "no".

In voting for Paragraph III, with respect to the County Council salary, County Council overrode the veto by a vote of 6-3 at the meeting held January 6, 2022. The vote: John A. Brown, "yes"; John Cusick, "yes," Thomas A. Giovanni, "yes"; John P. Goffredo, "yes"; Ronald R. Heckman, "no"; Lori Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Kevin Lott, "no"; Kerry L. Myers, "yes"; Tara M. Zrinski, "no".

In accordance with Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 602 (g) (4), the ordinance was enacted on January 6, 2022, and becomes effective as such on February 5, 2022.