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**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016 - 03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR  
COUNCILMEMBER COMPENSATION; PROVIDING  
FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4(4) of the Village Charter provides that the Village Council may adopt an ordinance at any time which increases or decreases the amount of compensation the Mayor and Council receive; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the significant time commitment and financial sacrifice made by the members of the Council in the performance of their duties, the Council desires to raise the level of compensation received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Estero Charter also provides that any adjustment in the level of compensation shall not occur until after the first day following the next regular municipal election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 166, Florida Statutes, the Village Council has all powers of self-government not inconsistent with general or special law, including the power and authority to adopt ordinances providing for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Estero; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that the increased compensation provided for by this ordinance is in the best interests of the residents of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Village Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

**Section 1.** The forgoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The salary for the Mayor shall be raised from \$9,000 to \$22,595.88 annually and that of the Councilmembers from \$6,000 to \$16,946.88 annually, each payable in monthly installments.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Village Council, however the levels of compensations set forth herein shall not take effect until March 8, 2017.

46 PASSED on first reading this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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48 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero,  
49 Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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51 Attest:

VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA

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54 By: *Kathy Hall*  
55 Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk

By: *Nicholas Batos*  
Nicholas Batos, Mayor

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58 Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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61 By: *Burt Saunders*  
62 Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney

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65 Vote:	AYE	NAY
66 Mayor Batos	_____	_____✓
67 Vice Mayor Levitan	_____✓	_____
68 Councilmember Boesch	_____✓	_____
69 Councilmember Brown	_____	_____✓
70 Councilmember Errington	_____✓	_____
71 Councilmember Ribble	_____✓	_____
72 Councilmember Wilson	_____✓	_____