

**CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE 2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE EQUATING THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE MAYORIAL
COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO KRS 83A.075 AND THE KENTUCKY
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 83A sets forth legal authority for compensation for Mayors in Kentucky; AND

WHEREAS, KRS 83A.075 requires the Kentucky Department for Local Government to compute annually the increase or decrease in the consumer price index of the preceding year for use in equating the compensation for Mayors; AND

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department for Local Government has determined that the consumer price index increase for 2026 is 2.7%; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Russellville, Kentucky as follows:

1. Effective January 1, 2026, the current annual salary of the Mayor shall be increased by 2.7%, pursuant to the provisions of KRS 83A.075 and the most recent Kentucky Department of Local Government cost of living adjustment released on January 27, 2026.
2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any particular state of case is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or repeal any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections or parts of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent of this body to ordain and in act each other.

3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith now in effect, to the extent of said conflict, are hereby repealed.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FIRST READING conducted on February 17, 2026.

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE on March 3, 2026.

APPROVED:

By: 
Mark Stratton, Mayor
City of Russellville

ATTEST:

By: 
City Clerk
City of Russellville

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Russellville, Kentucky, held on March 3, 2026, the foregoing ordinance was adopted, after full discussion, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Jimmy Davenport

Larry Wilcutt

Rich Ewald

Sandra Kinser

Diane Walker

Pat Bell



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Matt Sawyers
COMMISSIONER

January 27, 2026

Dear Mayors and Legislative Body Members:

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 83A.075(1) the Department for Local Government calculates, by the second Friday in February of each year, the maximum allowable annual compensation of the mayor in cities of the first class, the mayor in cities other than the first class, and legislative body members.

The department's calculations are based upon the court-established formula application of Section 246 of the Kentucky Constitution, setting forth maximum compensation levels for state and local governmental constitutional officers. Under the prescribed formula, salary maximums set in the 1949 Amendment of Section 246 of Kentucky's Constitution, to be paid to constitutional officers, are adjusted to reflect the current purchasing power of the dollar. The adjustments are based upon the Consumer Price Index maintained and reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. A news release issued by the Bureau establishes the Consumer Price Index, as of December 2025, at 970.722. The percentage of increase for the previous twelve-month period is 2.7%. The Consumer Price Index for 1949 was 71.4.

The calculations below provide the maximum allowable 2026 annual compensation for the referenced offices.

Mayors of City of First Class

$$\frac{970.722}{71.4} = \frac{X}{\$12,000}$$

$$71.4 X = (970.722) (\$12,000)$$
$$X = \$163,146.55$$

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Legislative Body Members and Mayors of Cities Other Than First Class

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{970.722}{71.4} & = & \frac{X}{\$7,200} \\ \\ 71.4 X & = & (970.722) (\$7,200) \\ X & = & \$97,887.93 \end{array}$$

The compensation amount generated by this computation reflects a maximum allowable salary rather than a mandated salary.

If you have questions concerning these maximum salaries, Robert Brown in the Office of Financial Management and Administration will welcome your call at 502-892-3433.

Sincerely,



Matt Sawyers
Commissioner