

ORDINANCE NO.: 23-2023  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas and All of Council

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION  
FOR THE CITY'S POLICE PROSECUTOR.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 70-2016, adopted by this Council on August 9, 2016, and pursuant to Article V, Section 5, and Article VI, Section 2, of the Charter, and Codified Ordinance Section 135.05, Michael Cicero was appointed as the City's Police Prosecutor and a contract was authorized for his legal services as City Police Prosecutor at that time that included an annual salary as an employee of the City of Richmond Heights, which amount was later amended pursuant to Ordinance No. 132-2019;

WHEREAS, in addition to performing the Prosecutorial duties set forth in Ordinance No. 70-2016 in an excellent manner, Mr. Cicero has provided the City with extraordinary services by attending numerous Council and Committee meetings; proposing legislation to assist with enforcement of building, criminal and traffic laws; and implementing and supervising both traditional and non-traditional methods of Building, Housing, and Zoning Code enforcement that have improved the quality of the residential and commercial building stock within the City, thereby benefitting City residents, tenants and business invitees. Mr. Cicero has provided these extraordinary services at no additional cost to the City for years, and will continue to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Council hereby authorizes the compensation of the Police Prosecutor of the City, effective January 1, 2023, to be as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ASEx 1-Police Prosecutor (Retainer)	\$4,000 salary per month (paid in equal monthly installments)
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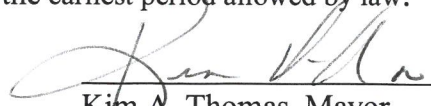
Section 2: Except for the yearly salary provisions approved by this Council in Section 1 of this Ordinance, all other terms of the appointment of Michael Cicero as Police Prosecutor, as authorized by Ordinance No. 70-2016 of this Council, remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary for the Council to provide continuing criminal prosecution services for the City; therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote

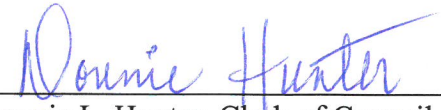
of five members of the Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

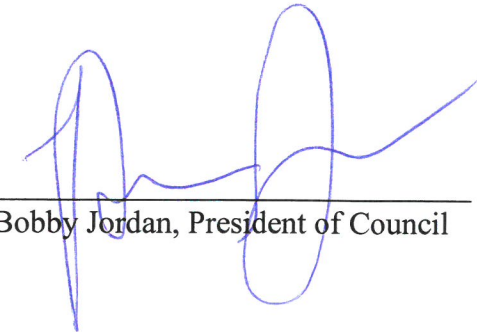
PASSED: February 14, 2023

  
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Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

APPROVED: February 14, 2023

ATTEST:

  
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Donnie L. Hunter, Clerk of Council

  
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Bobby Jordan, President of Council