

ORDINANCE 2016 - 58

MODIFYING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, five members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Bethany S. Bennett has previously been appointed as the City Prosecutor for the Mason Municipal Court.

Section 2. That said Prosecutor shall receive compensation including benefits as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. That said Prosecutor, or her designated Assistant, shall perform the following duties: prosecute all matters in Mason Municipal Court including tax matters and Building Code matters, as well as all other criminal and traffic matters; advise and counsel members of the City of Mason Police Department regarding these prosecutions; and handle all other matters that may arise related to prosecutions.

Section 4. That at the option of either the City of Mason, or Bethany S. Bennett, this appointment may be terminated upon sixty (60) days written notice of said intent to terminate in order to provide a smooth transition of duties.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people of this municipality, and shall take effect at the earliest date provided by law. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to modify the rate of compensation for prosecution services at the earliest possible date.

Passed this 11th day of April, 2016.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT "A"

April 11, 2016

- 1) Prosecutor shall be paid approximately \$66,130 per year, less any amount paid by Warren County (currently \$15,000). Amount to be paid at a rate of \$1,966.54 biweekly retroactive back to the March 11, 2016 pay date.
- 2) Prosecutor shall receive same health care and OPERS benefits provided full-time City employees.
- 3) Prosecutor shall be eligible for up to \$72,330 per year reimbursement for securing Clerical assistance and Assistant Prosecutor services as necessary.

As much as feasible, reimbursements for professional services will be administered or advanced in such a way to minimize up-front costs for the Prosecutor.