

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07-XXXX

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING
COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW**

WHEREAS, City of Signal Hill City Charter Section 304 provides that the compensation for those serving on the City Council may be periodically adjusted by ordinance of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the compensation levels for members of the City Council were last adjusted in December 2024; and

WHEREAS, State law provides that charter cities are not limited in the amount of compensation that may be paid to members of the City Council; however, the City of Signal Hill has historically followed the compensation levels provided in State law for general law cities; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 36516 and 36516.5 authorize the City to change the compensation for the entire City Council in accordance with a statutory formula, provided that any change shall not become effective until new City Council terms commence; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adjust the compensation levels effective in 2026 upon the commencement of new City Council terms after certification of the 2026 General Municipal Election, from the amount of \$794.40 to \$873.84 per month, as permitted by Government Code Section 36516.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Compensation. The compensation for members of the City Council while serving in office shall be \$873.84 per month. All members of the City

Council shall receive the same level of compensation and there shall be no additional compensation for service as Mayor or Vice Mayor. Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting reimbursements to City Council Members for actual and reasonable expenses incurred while serving on the City Council, as provided by separate ordinance or resolution of the Council.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption; however, the new compensation level for City Council Members shall become effective as of December 8, 2026, following the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Section 3. Prior Ordinances Superseded. Upon the date the new compensation level for City Council Members becomes effective, all prior ordinances establishing levels of compensation for City Council Members shall be superseded.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portions thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Certification and Effective Date. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance by the City Council of the City of Signal Hill and shall cause a summary of this ordinance to be published in accordance with Government Code Section 36933, in a newspaper of general circulation which is hereby designated for that purpose, and this ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Signal Hill, California, on this 28th day of July, 2026.

TINA L. HANSEN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DARITZA PEREZ
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF SIGNAL HILL)

I, JOY POST, Assistant City Clerk of the City of Signal Hill, California, hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026-07-XXXX was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Signal Hill held on the 14th day of July, 2026, and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 28th day of July 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

JOY POST
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK