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**To:** Lemoore City Council Item # 5  
**From:** John Tyler, Administrative Analyst  
**Date:** September 1, 2006  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2006-07: Council Compensation

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**Background:**

Staff was directed to draft an ordinance to amend Section 1-5-2 of the Lemoore Municipal Code with regard to City Councilmember compensation. That ordinance is before you this evening.

The ordinance states clearly that:

*“The salaries provided in this Section are exclusive of any amounts payable to members of the City Council as reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses of office and are also exclusive of benefits including, but not limited to, retirement, health and welfare, Federal social security payments and such other benefits as the City may pay on their behalf, so long as said benefits are also available for other City employees.”*

During the last Study Session, Council directed staff to have the ordinance and any proposed increase take effect on December following the election. According to City Clerk Lima, the earliest that any proposed changes could take effect, due to County Election Certification requirements, would be the day after the December 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. This is an odd day to change compensation levels, so staff recommends that any proposed changes take place on January 1, 2007.

**Budget Impact:**

If adopted, Ordinance 2006-07 would change the language in the Municipal Code that currently provides *“the sum of \$150.00 per month”* to Councilmembers and *“an additional \$50 per month”* to the Mayor. The amendment ordinance (attached) provides for an increase to *“three hundred dollars (\$300) per month”* for Councilmembers and the Mayor *“shall receive an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.”* This increase equates to \$9,600 (plus payroll taxes) per year in additional expenditures.

**Recommendation:**

That City Council waive the first reading of the attached Ordinance 2006-07, and pass to a second reading at the next regular meeting.