

ORDINANCE 2008-09

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FUTURE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the public demands legislative and constituent services by Members of Council; and

WHEREAS, reimbursing the costs of those services is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in the compensation to cover such costs in three and one-half years, or since September, 2003; and

WHEREAS, both inflation and the demands and complexities of attending to public business are imposing increased costs on Township elected officials; and

WHEREAS, processing numerous small reimbursement requests causes excessive and undue costs to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council deems it to be a preferable policy to compensate for costs through a modest salary increase, which would take effect on January 1, 2009 and thereby permit voters to exercise their rights to a referendum if they so choose.

BE IT ORDAINED that the following ordinance is hereby enacted:

Section 1

The salaries of the Township Council and Mayor as set forth below are effective as of January 1, 2009 in the following amounts:

- a. The salary of the Council be increased from [\$4,941] to \$7,500 per year for each member.
- b. The salary of the Mayor be increased from [\$17,685] to \$25,000 per year.

Section 2

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3

This ordinance shall not be effective until twenty days after action or inaction by the Mayor as approved by law or override of a Mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable.

INTRODUCTION: May 5, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING: May 19, 2008

ADOPTION:

MAYORAL APPROVAL:

EFFECTIVE DATE: