

**MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Section 1. That the Law Director is to be compensated at the rate of \$24,000.00 per annum, payable monthly, for services in attending the semi-monthly Council meetings and preparing the ordinances and resolutions of Council.

Section 2. That additional legal services, other than those services set out in Section 1 above, are to be provided by the firm of Wood & Lamping, its partners, including Kenneth J. Schneider, its associates, paralegals and law clerks. The compensation for said additional legal services shall be at the rate of \$142.00 per hour. Further, services rendered in connection with litigation and labor matters shall be performed at the rate of \$156.00 per hour. However, any services rendered for which the City is reimbursed shall be charged at the firm's standard hourly rates in effect at the time the services are rendered.

Section 3. That said annual compensation and the hourly rate for legal services shall be reviewed annually with an annual adjustment comparable to that provided for other administrative officials of the City.

Section 4. That the City of Mason hereby agrees to pay up to one-half of the expense for the Law Director or a member of his firm, who regularly works on Mason matters, to attend the semi-annual and annual meeting of the International Municipal Lawyers Association in a total amount not to exceed \$750.00 annually.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall be effective July 1, 2002. The reason for said declaration of emergency is the need to establish the compensation as of the aforementioned date.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2002.

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Mayor