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NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
ORDINANCE 22-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST
ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE
BOROUGH CODE TO INCREASE THE
COMPENSATION RATE FOR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS
ATTENDING MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS,
CONFERENCES, OR SIMILAR GATHERINGS.

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body for the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: the United States is experiencing the highest inflation since 1981, with the consumer price index spiking 8.5% from March 2021 to March 2022; and

WHEREAS: due to inflation and the exorbitant price of gasoline, the region is experiencing sharp increases in the basic cost of living; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly wishes to increase the rate Assembly members receive for attending meetings, conventions, conferences, and similar gatherings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED: by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly as follows:

Section 1: Section 2.04.040 of the Borough Code is amended as follows with additions indicated by underlining in bold and deletions by ~~strikethrough~~ in bold:

2.04.040 Compensation and per diem of assembly members.

A. Each member of the assembly shall receive compensation at the rate of ~~\$350.00~~ **\$400.00** for each meeting day of the assembly attended, including any meetings of a committee or subcommittee established under NABC 2.04.070. Compensation shall be paid at the rate of ~~\$350.00~~ **\$400.00** for each day of attendance at a convention, conference or similar gathering.

B. Each member of the assembly shall receive per diem for each day or part of a day the assembly member is away from his/her village of residence to

attend to borough business. The per diem shall be at a rate which is adjusted and set according to budget amendments.

C. The assembly shall invite the Regional Elders Council to send an ex officio representative to meetings of the assembly. The representative of the Regional Elders Council shall receive compensation for each meeting day of the assembly attended. The rate of compensation shall be the same as that set in subsection (A) of this section. In addition, the representative of the Regional Elders Council shall receive per diem for each day or part of a day the representative is away from his/her village of residence to attend a meeting of the assembly. The per diem rate shall be the same as that set in subsection (B) of this section.

D. On or after July 1st of each year, the assembly shall appoint two youth representatives on the assembly as advisory seats. The two youth representatives shall be nonvoting members whose primary role shall include providing recommendations and support to assembly members. The mayor may nominate one or more youth for the assembly to consider for the two appointments on an annual basis with a term ending June 30th of each calendar year. No youth representative may serve more than a single one-year term. The position shall be open to all Northwest Arctic Borough residents between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age. Nominations shall be made by submission of letters of interest to the mayor. The rate of compensation shall be \$150.00 per meeting attended. In addition, the youth representative shall receive per diem for each day or part of a day the representative is away from his/her village of residence to attend a meeting of the assembly. The per diem rate shall be the same as that set in subsection (B) of this section. (Ord. 13-01 § 1, 2013; Ord. 08-01 § 1, 2008; Ord. 07-01 § 1, 2007; Ord. 01-07 § 1, 2001; Ord. 99-01 § 1, 1999; Ord. 97-05 § 1, 1997; Ord. 96-10 § 1, 1996; Ord. 91-04am2 § 1, 1991; Ord. 91-04am, 1991; Ord. 86-13 § 1, 1986; Code 1986 § 2.04.040)

Section 2: Pursuant to Charter § 2.07, an ordinance providing for an increase in compensation shall not take effect until the Assembly meeting following the regular election after the ordinance has been adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF May, 2022.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF May, 2022.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF May, 2022.

Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

First Reading May 10, 2022

Second Reading: May 24, 2022