

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTING THE CITIZENS' STIPEND  
SETTING COMMISSION'S  
RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE  
MONTHLY STIPEND IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE  
FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 402 OF THE CITY OF  
MERCED CHARTER**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, Section 402 of the City of Merced Charter was amended by the voters to provide for a monthly stipend for the Mayor and City Council;

WHEREAS, Section 402, as amended, provides for the establishment of a Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission ("Commission") who shall recommend, by majority vote and in writing, the amount of the monthly stipend which it deems appropriate for the Members of the City Council and the Mayor;

WHEREAS, the Commission ultimately held two (2) public hearings on April 16, 2026 and April 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the Commission determined that the recommended monthly stipend it deemed appropriate for Members of the City Council is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the two (2) year period beginning January 1, 2027; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, the Commission determined that the recommended monthly stipend it deemed appropriate for the Mayor is One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month for the entire term beginning January 1, 2027.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the monthly stipend for members of the City Council is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the two (2) year period beginning January 1,2027.

SECTION 2. That the monthly stipend for the Mayor is One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month for his/her entire term beginning January 1,2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:  
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell 5/11/2020  
City Attorney Date