

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS' STIPEND  
SETTING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING A WRITTEN  
RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED 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, one 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 and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) per month for the entire term beginning January 1, 2027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITIZENS' STIPEND SETTING  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, DOES  
HEREBY RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING:**

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 and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) per month for his/her entire term beginning January 1, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Citizens' Stipend Setting Commission of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 30th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 4                      Commission Members: ESTRADA, JENKINS, KELLY, PEVSNER

NOES: 1                      Commission Members: BURNETT

ABSENT: 1                      Commission Members: KUYKENDALL

ABSTAIN: 0                      Commission Members: NONE

APPROVED:

  
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Commission Chair  
vice

ATTEST:  
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: *Jennifer Parsley*  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

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

*Craig Cornwell* *4/22/2026*  
City Attorney      Date

