

CHAPTER 276  
Local Officers Compensation Commission

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CROSS REFERENCES

Compensation of elective officers - see CHTR. Sec. 3.4

Compensation and salaries in home rule cities - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 117.3, 117.5, 117.17, 117.19, 117.20, 117.28, 117.32, 117.33

Municipal Employees Retirement System - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 38.601 et seq.

**276.01 CREATION; COMPOSITION; TERMS OF OFFICE; APPOINTMENTS; VACANCIES.**

(a) A Local Officers Compensation Commission for the City of Litchfield is hereby created, which Commission shall determine the salaries of all local elected officials.

(b) Said Commission shall consist of five members who are registered voters of the City of Litchfield, appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members elected and serving in the legislative body.

(c) The terms of office shall be five years, except that of the members first appointed, one each shall be appointed for a term of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively.

(d) All first members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this chapter and, thereafter, before October 1 of the year of appointment.

- (e) (1) Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of an unexpired term.  
 (2) Vacancies on the Commission occurring as a result of unexcused absences shall be filled in the manner provided for making the original appointment. In the case of a member of the Commission appointed for a definite term, such appointment shall be for the unexpired term.

(f) No member or employer of the legislative, judicial or executive branch of any level of government or members of the immediate family of such member or employee shall be eligible to be a member of the Commission.

(Ord. 79-6. Passed 9-10-79; Ord. 2001-03. Passed 6-11-01.)

**276.02 DETERMINATION OF SALARIES; EXPENSE ALLOWANCES OR REIMBURSEMENTS.**

(a) The Local Officers Compensation Commission shall determine the salaries of all elected officials of the City of Litchfield, which determination shall be the salaries for such elected officials unless the legislative body, by a resolution adopted by two-thirds of the members elected and serving on the legislative body, rejects them.

(b) The determinations of the Commission shall be effective thirty days following their filing with the City Clerk, unless rejected by the legislative body. In the case of rejection, the existing salaries shall prevail.

(c) Any expense allowance or reimbursement paid to elected officials in addition to their salaries shall be for expenses incurred in the course of City business and accounted for to the City. (Ord. 79-6. Passed 9-10-79.)

**276.03 MEETINGS; QUORUM; CONCURRENCE OF MAJORITY; CHAIRPERSON; SESSION DAYS; COMPENSATION.**

(a) (1) The Local Officers Compensation Commission shall meet for not more than fifteen session days in 1979 and every odd-numbered year thereafter and shall make its determination within forty-five calendar days of its first meeting.

(2) The office of any member of the Commission shall be declared vacant if such member shall miss two consecutive regular meetings of the Commission, unless such absences shall be excused by the Commission Chairperson and the reason therefor entered in the proceedings of the Commission at the time of each absence.

(b) A majority of the members of the Commission constitute a quorum for conducting the business of the Commission.

(c) The Commission shall take no action or make determinations without a concurrence of a majority of the members appointed and serving on the Commission.

(d) The Commission shall elect a Chairperson from among its members.

(e) "Session days" means any calendar day on which the Commission meets and a quorum is present.

(f) The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be entitled to their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

One year following the date this chapter goes into effect, the procedure for establishing the compensation of elected officials may be changed by, Charter amendment or revision, provided, however, that this provision shall be implemented only by resolution of the governing body of the City of Litchfield.

(Ord. 79-6. Passed 9-10-79; Ord. 2001-03. Passed 6-11-01.)

#### **276.04 PETITION FOR REFERENDUM.**

(a) Within sixty days after the effective date of this chapter, a petition for referendum on this ordinance may be filed with the City Clerk, containing the signatures of at least five percent of the registered electors of the City of Litchfield on the effective date of this chapter, in which case the election shall be conducted in the same manner as an election on a Charter amendment.

(b) If a petition for referendum is filed, any determination of the Local Officers Compensation Commission shall not be effective until the ordinance has been approved by the electors.

(Ord. 79-6. Passed 9-10-79.)

#### **276.05 IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER.**

The Council may implement the provisions of this chapter by resolution, including the date for convening the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

(Ord. 79-6. Passed 9-10-79.)