

*Lack of a motion*

Ordinance No. 16-31

FAILED

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2,  
“ADMINISTRATION” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, as follows:

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**Sec. 2-36 Compensation of aldermen.**

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SECTION THREE: Section 2-186 of Chapter 2, “Administration” is hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: Chapter 2, “Administration” is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following:

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SECTION FIVE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval as required by law.

SECTION SIX: This Ordinance shall be printed and published in pamphlet form by order of the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

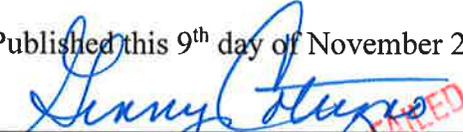
Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

  
Tom Rooney, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ginny Cotugno, Deputy City Clerk

Published this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

  
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NAYS: Prejna, Majikes, Banger  
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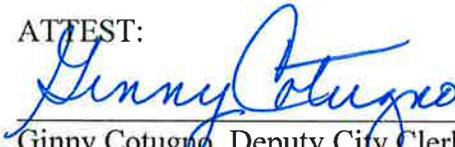
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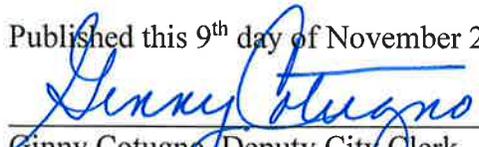
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*Veto message to follow*

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**OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR**



**To:** City Council  
**Date:** Sunday, November 13, 2016  
**Subject:** veto of Ordinance 16-31

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I regret to inform the City Council that I will not affix my signature to Ordinance 16-31 as passed by the City Council at the November 8, 2016 Council meeting.

I object to raising the amount of compensation paid to the mayor and the aldermen because I believe that the current amounts are sufficient. The economic proof that any position is underpaid is a systemic lack of qualified applicants. With an election approaching in April, there is no shortage; all the positions have multiple qualified individuals who have taken out election packets. I therefore do not believe that the amount of compensation is a meaningful deterrent to potential candidates for office.

Furthermore, the compensation for aldermen is really a stipend, not a salary. Therefore any salary-based arguments, such as the length of time since the last increase or any attempts to equate the amount to an hourly wage, etc., are not correctly applied to this issue.

Finally, a request for increased compensation does not show sufficient respect for the main compensation paid to all members on the City Council: the opportunity to vote on the ordinances and resolutions that come before the Council. A number of the issues that have arisen recently have shown me that many residents consider that opportunity to be quite valuable.

I believe, therefore, that the powers of an alderman and the current stipend are sufficient compensation for members of the City Council.

cc: City Manager  
City Attorney  
Deputy City Clerk

