

**CITY OF LA VISTA**  
**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Type:</b>	<b>Submitted By:</b>
AMENDING THE COMPENSATION ORDINANCE & SETTING RATES OF AUTO & PHONE ALLOWANCES	◆ RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	KEVIN L. POKORNY DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

**SYNOPSIS**

An ordinance has been prepared to amend the compensation ordinance to reflect the following items established as part of the FY22 municipal budget:

- For all City employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the range for salary increases will be 0-7% in accordance with the adopted pay matrix effective January 1, 2021.
- A 3.25 percent increase for members of the Fraternal Order of Police in conjunction with their contract.
- A 1.5 percent increase in the wage matrix to maintain wage competitiveness with the market.

A resolution has been prepared to authorize monthly auto and cellular phone allowances for FY22.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY22 municipal budget includes funding for the proposed amendments.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval and waiver of three readings.

**BACKGROUND**

The proposed budget for FY22 reflects pay adjustments for the fourth year of a five-year contract with the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police and a change in the employee performance evaluation and compensation methodologies for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Members of the FOP will receive salary increases of 3.25% for FY22. For all other City employees, the range for salary increases will be 0-7% in accordance with the adopted pay matrix effective January 1, 2021.

The proposed budget for FY22 also includes allowance for auto and cellular phone. Staff proposed no changes to the auto and cellular phone allowances.

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

**Section 1. City Council.** The compensation of members of the City Council shall, in addition to such vehicle and other allowances as may from time to time be fixed by the Budget or other Resolution of the City Council, be, and the same hereby is, fixed at the sum of \$8,000 per year for each of the members of the City Council.

**Section 2. Mayor.** The compensation of the Mayor shall, in addition to such vehicle and other allowances as may from time to time be fixed by the Budget or other Resolution of the City Council, be, and the same hereby is, fixed at the sum of \$16,000 per year.

**Section 3. City Administrator.** The compensation of the City Administrator shall, in addition to such vehicle and other allowances as may from time to time be fixed by the Budget or other Resolution of the City Council, be established by contractual agreement.

**Section 4. Management Exempt Employees.** The management exempt employees hereafter named shall, in addition to such vehicle and other allowances as may from time to time be fixed by Resolution of the City Council, receive annualized salaries fixed in accordance with the schedules, set forth in Section 20 of this Ordinance, for the following respective wage ranges, and in accordance with such rules as the City Council may by resolution establish:

Position	Pay Grade
Asst. City Administrator/Dir. Community Services	28
City Clerk	22
City Engineer	24
Community Development Director	25
Director of Administrative Services	28
Director of Public Works	28
Finance Director	24
Human Resources Director	23
Library Director	22
Police Chief/Director of Public Safety	28
Recreation Director	22

**Section 5. Salaried Exempt Employees.** The monthly salary compensation rates of the salaried exempt employees of the City of La Vista shall be, and the same hereby are, fixed in accordance with the schedules set forth in Section 20 of this Ordinance, for the following respective wage ranges, and in accordance with such rules as the City Council may by resolution establish:

Position	Pay Grade
Accountant	19
Asst. to City Administrator	18
Asst. Planner	17
Asst. Recreation Director	19
Building Superintendent	20
Chief Building Official	20
Community Relations Coordinator	20
Deputy City Clerk	16
Deputy Director Public Works	24
Deputy Community Development Director	21
Financial Analyst	18
Information Technology Manager	20
Librarian II – Inter-Library Loan/Public Services	16
Librarian III	18
Operations Manager	18
Park Superintendent	20
Police Captain	23
Police Records Manager/Office Manager	14
Police Training Director	21
Police Training Instructor	16
Senior Services Manager	18

Street Superintendent	20
Youth and Adult Sports Manager	17

**Section 6. Hourly Non-Exempt Employees.** The hourly compensation rates of the hourly (non-exempt) employees of the City of La Vista shall be, and the same hereby are, fixed in accordance with the schedules set forth in Section 20 of this Ordinance, for the following respective wage ranges, and in accordance with such rules as the City Council may by Resolution establish:

Position	Pay Grade
Administrative Assistant I	5
Administrative Assistant II	8
Administrative Assistant III	10
Building Inspector II	16
Building Maintenance Worker I	9
Building Maintenance Worker II	11
Building Technician	14
Code Enforcement Officer	12
Engineer Assistant	18
Executive Assistant	13
Human Resources Generalist	15
Librarian I	15
Librarian II – Computer/Reference Services	16
Communication Specialist	15
Maintenance Worker I	9
Maintenance Worker II	11
Mechanic	11
Park Foreman	14
Permit Technician	8
Position (non-exempt, continued)	Pay Grade
Police Sergeant	426
Police Officer	423
Police Data Entry Clerk	6
Sewer Foreman	14
Shop Foreman	14
Signal Technician	14
Street Foreman	14

**Section 7. Part-Time, Seasonal and Temporary Employees.** The hourly compensation rates of part-time, seasonal and temporary employees of the City of La Vista shall be, and the same hereby are, fixed in accordance with the schedules set forth in Section 20 of this Ordinance, for the following respective wage ranges, and in accordance with such rules as the City Council may by Resolution establish:

Position	Pay Grade
Assistant Pool Manager	C
Circulation Clerk I	A
Circulation Clerk II	D
Clerical Assistant/Receptionist	D
Custodian	C
Evidence Technician	F
Intern/Special Projects	D
Lifeguard	A
Pool Manager	E
Recreation Attendant	A
Seasonal PW All Divisions 1-5 Years	A
Seasonal PW All Divisions 5+ Years	C
Shop Assistant	A
Special Services Bus Driver	C
Temporary/PT Professional (PW)	H

Part-time employees shall receive no benefits other than salary or such benefits as established in accordance with such rules as have been or may be established by Resolution of the City Council.

**Section 8. Pay for Performance.** Employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement or express employment contract shall be subject to the City's Pay for Performance (PFP) compensation system as outlined in Council Policy Statement. PFP salary ranges are set forth in Section 20 of this Ordinance. For Fiscal year 2022 the range for salary increases will be 0-7% in accordance with the adopted pay matrix.

Section 9. Legal Counsel. Compensation of the legal counsel other than special City Prosecutor for the City shall be, and the per diem rates respecting same shall be, at 90% of the standard hourly rate the firm may from time to time charge. Compensation for Special City prosecution shall be as agreed upon at the time of specific employment.

Section 10. Engineers. Compensation of Engineers for the City shall be, and the same hereby is, fixed in accordance with such schedules of hourly and per diem or percentage rates as shall from time to time be approved by Resolution of the City Council. Travel allowances respecting same shall be as may from time to time be fixed by Resolution of such City Council.

Section 11. Health, Dental Life and Long Term Disability Insurance. Subject to the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements of the applicable insurance plan documents and policies, regular full-time employees of the City of La Vista and their families shall be entitled to be enrolled in the group life, health, and dental insurance program maintained by the City. Regular full-time employees shall also be entitled to be enrolled in the long term disability insurance program maintained by the City.

Unless otherwise provided by collective bargaining agreement, or other applicable agreement, the City's employer share shall be ninety (90) percent of the amount of the actual premium and the employee shall pay the ten percent (10%) balance of the actual premium via payroll deduction for employees enrolled in single coverage. The City's employer share shall be eighty percent (80%) of the amount of the actual premium and the employee shall pay the twenty percent (20%) balance of the actual premium via payroll deduction for any employee enrolled in a level of coverage other than single. Those employees electing not to participate in these programs will receive no other form of compensation in lieu of this benefit.

Section 12. Establishment of Shifts. The City may establish duty shifts of such length, and to have such beginning and ending times, and to have such meal and break times, as it may deem appropriate or necessary, respecting employees of the City.

Section 13. Special Provisions.

- A. Employees covered by the "Agreement Between the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28 and the City of La Vista, Nebraska, covering the period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2023," shall receive compensation and benefits and enjoy working conditions, as described, provided and limited by such Agreement. The terms of such Agreement shall supersede any provisions of this Ordinance inconsistent therewith, and be deemed incorporated herein by this reference.
- B. Holiday Pay shall be compensated as set forth in the Agreement between the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28 and the City of La Vista for police officers and as set forth in the Personnel Manual for all other full time employees.
- C. Subject to subsection 14.D. hereof, each full time hourly non-exempt employee of the City shall be entitled to receive overtime pay at the rate of one and one half times the employee's regular rate for each hour worked in excess of forty hours during a work week. If called out at any time other than during regular assigned work hours during the pay period, such employee shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of one and one half times the regular rate for each hour so worked, provided that in no case shall an employee receive less than two hours over time pay for such call out work, and further provided there shall be no pyramiding of hours for purposes of computing overtime. For purposes of this subsection an employee's "regular rate" shall be the sum of his or her hourly rate specified in Section 6 of this Ordinance and any longevity pay due under this Ordinance.
- D. Police Department employees covered by the "Agreement Between the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28 and the City of La Vista, Nebraska," described in subsection 14.A hereof shall, as provided in such Agreement, be paid overtime at one and one half times the employee's hourly rate (including any longevity allowance) for each hour worked in excess of 80 hours during any 14 day work period coinciding with the pay period established by Section 16 of this Ordinance.

- E. All Management Exempt Employees and all Salaried Exempt Employees are considered to be salaried employees and shall not be eligible for overtime pay, holiday pay, or other special pay as provided by this section.
- F. Public Works Employees who are required to wear protective footwear may submit to the City for reimbursement for the cost of work boots in an amount not to exceed \$150.
- G. Public Works Employees may submit to the City for reimbursement for the difference in cost between a Nebraska Driver's License and a "CDL" driver's license within 30 days of obtaining a CDL license when a CDL license is required as a part of the covered employee's job description.
- H. Public Works Employees shall be provided by the City five safety work shirts in each fiscal year at no cost to the employee.
- I. Employees not covered by the "Agreement Between the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28 and the City of La Vista" and who are otherwise eligible, shall be paid overtime at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's hourly rate for all hours worked over forty in the pay periods that encompass the annual La Vista Days celebration, except, that if an employee uses any sick leave, vacation leave, personal leave, or comp time during the corresponding pay periods, such leave time shall offset any overtime earned. Overtime earned will not be offset by any holiday that falls during the above referenced pay periods.
- J. An increase of the fixed dollar amount specified in Section 1 above shall take effect with respect to all members of the City Council on and after the first day of the first full term of office of any member of the City Council that begins after the Ordinance making the increase is effective. An increase of the fixed dollar amount specified in Section 2 above shall take effect on and after the first day of the first full term of office of Mayor that begins after the Ordinance making the increase is effective

Section 14. Pay for Unused Sick Leave Upon Retirement or Death. Employees who voluntarily retire after twenty or more years of service with the City and have no pending disciplinary action at the time of their retirement, shall be paid for any unused sick leave. Employees who began their employment with the City after January 1, 2005, or who began their employment prior to this date but elected to waive their eligibility for emergency sick leave, shall be paid for any unused sick leave, if they voluntarily leave City employment and have no pending disciplinary action, according to the following sliding schedule: After 10 years of employment – 100% of sick leave hours accrued over 660 and up to 880; after 15 years of employment – 100% of sick leave hours accrued over 440 hours and up to 880; after 20 years of employment – 100% of sick leave hours accrued up to 880. No other employee shall be paid for any unused sick leave upon termination of employment.

A regular full-time employee's unused sick leave shall also be paid if, after October 1, 1999, the employee sustains an injury which is compensable by the City or the City's insurer under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and such injury causes the death of the employee within two years after the date of injury. Any payment made pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be made to the surviving spouse of the employee; provided, such payment shall be made to the employee's estate if the employee leaves no surviving spouse or if, prior to his or her death, the employee filed with the City Clerk a written designation of his or her estate as beneficiary of such payment.

Section 15. Pay Periods. All employees of the City of La Vista shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis. The pay period will commence at 12:01 a.m. Sunday and will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on the second succeeding Saturday. On the Friday following the conclusion of the pay period, all employees shall be paid for all compensated time that they have been accredited with during the pay period just concluded.

Section 16. Public Works Lunch and Clean-up Times. Lunch period for employees of the Public Works Department shall be one half hour (30 minutes) in duration. Public Works employees shall be granted a 5 minute clean-up period prior to start of lunch period, and shall be granted an additional 5 minutes clean-up period prior to the end of the work day.

Section 17. Sick Leave and Personal Leave. Sick leave and personal leave will be awarded and administered in conjunction with the provisions set forth in the personnel

manual and the Agreement between the La Vista Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28 and the City of La Vista, as applicable to the employee in question.

Section 18. Vacation Leave. Upon satisfactory completion of six months continuous service, regular full-time employees and permanent part-time employees shall be entitled to vacation leave. Such vacation shall not be used in installments of less than one hour. Increments of vacation leave of less than four hours must have 48 hours prior approval and can be taken only at the beginning or at the end of the work day.

Section 19. Vacation Entitlement.

- A. All full-time employees whose employment is governed by the Agreement described in Section 14, Paragraph A. of this Ordinance shall earn, accrue and be eligible for vacation as provided in such Agreement.
- B. All other full-time Hourly Non-Exempt Employees shall earn: six (6) days of paid vacation during the first year of continuous full-time employment; eleven (11) days of paid vacation during the second year of continuous full-time employment; and thereafter, eleven (11) days of paid vacation during each subsequent year of continuous full-time employment, plus one (1) additional day of paid vacation for each year of continuous full-time employment in excess of two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no employee shall earn more than twenty-three (23) days of paid vacation per employment year.
- C. All Management Exempt Employees, and Salaried Exempt Employees, shall earn ten (10) days paid vacation during the first year of continuous employment, and one (1) additional vacation day for each additional year of continuous employment not to exceed twenty-six (26) days.
- D. All Permanent Part Time Employees working a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week shall earn forty (40) hours of paid vacation time per year after six (6) months of employment. Total paid vacation time earned per year shall not exceed forty (40) hours.
- E. Full Time Exempt and Non-Exempt Employees shall be allowed to accrue unused vacation leave from previous years to a maximum of 220 hours.
- F. Permanent Part Time Employees shall be allowed to accrue unused vacation leave from previous years to a maximum of 110 hours.

Section 20. Wage Tables.**Full Time Wages**

Grade		Minimum	Maximum
32	Hourly	\$71.68	\$100.38
	Annual	\$149,094	\$208,790
31	Hourly	\$66.94	\$93.75
	Annual	\$139,235	\$195,000
30	Hourly	\$62.54	\$87.59
	Annual	\$130,083	\$182,187
29	Hourly	\$58.49	\$81.93
	Annual	\$121,659	\$170,414
28	Hourly	\$54.72	\$76.63
	Annual	\$113,818	\$159,390
27	Hourly	\$51.26	\$71.79
	Annual	\$106,621	\$149,323
26	Hourly	\$48.03	\$67.27
	Annual	\$99,902	\$139,922
25	Hourly	\$45.03	\$63.06
	Annual	\$93,662	\$131,165
24	Hourly	\$42.28	\$59.22
	Annual	\$87,942	\$123,178
23	Hourly	\$39.70	\$55.60
	Annual	\$82,576	\$115,648
22	Hourly	\$37.33	\$52.28
	Annual	\$77,646	\$108,742
21	Hourly	\$35.15	\$49.23
	Annual	\$73,112	\$102,398
20	Hourly	\$33.12	\$46.40
	Annual	\$68,890	\$96,512
19	Hourly	\$31.23	\$43.75
	Annual	\$64,958	\$91,000
18	Hourly	\$29.51	\$41.32
	Annual	\$61,381	\$85,946
17	Hourly	\$27.88	\$39.05
	Annual	\$57,990	\$81,224

Grade		Minimum	Maximum
16	Hourly	\$26.39	\$36.96
	Annual	\$54,891	\$76,877
15	Hourly	\$25.00	\$35.02
	Annual	\$52,000	\$72,842
14	Hourly	\$23.72	\$33.23
	Annual	\$49,338	\$69,118
13	Hourly	\$22.55	\$31.59
	Annual	\$46,904	\$65,707
12	Hourly	\$21.44	\$30.02
	Annual	\$44,595	\$62,442
11	Hourly	\$20.42	\$28.60
	Annual	\$42,474	\$59,488
10	Hourly	\$19.49	\$27.30
	Annual	\$40,539	\$56,784
9	Hourly	\$18.62	\$26.07
	Annual	\$38,730	\$54,226
8	Hourly	\$17.81	\$24.95
	Annual	\$37,045	\$51,896
7	Hourly	\$17.07	\$23.90
	Annual	\$35,506	\$49,712
6	Hourly	\$16.37	\$22.94
	Annual	\$34,050	\$47,715
5	Hourly	\$15.74	\$22.05
	Annual	\$32,739	\$45,864
4	Hourly	\$15.12	\$21.18
	Annual	\$31,450	\$44,054
3	Hourly	\$14.60	\$20.44
	Annual	\$30,368	\$42,515
2	Hourly	\$14.09	\$19.73
	Annual	\$29,307	\$41,038

**Part-Time, Seasonal and Temporary Employees Wages**

Grade		Minimum	Maximum
A	Hourly	\$11.20	\$15.65
	Annual	\$23,296	\$32,552
B	Hourly	\$12.84	\$17.98
	Annual	\$26,707	\$37,398
C	Hourly	\$13.90	\$19.39
	Annual	\$28,912	\$40,331
D	Hourly	\$13.97	\$19.53
	Annual	\$29,058	\$40,622

E	Hourly	\$15.94	\$22.33
	Annual	\$33,155	\$46,446
F	Hourly	\$16.67	\$22.33
	Annual	\$34,674	\$46,446
G	Hourly	\$18.33	\$25.68
	Annual	\$38,126	\$53,414
H	Hourly	\$23.67	\$33.09
	Annual	\$49,234	\$68,827

**Fraternal Order of Police**

Rate	A	B	C	D	E	F
<b>426 Pay Grade</b>						
Hourly				\$42.61	\$44.38	\$47.20
Monthly				\$7,386	\$7,693	\$8,181
Annually				\$88,629	\$92,310	\$98,176
<b>423 Pay Grade</b>						
Hourly	\$27.93	\$29.82	\$32.78	\$34.69	\$37.86	\$39.38
Monthly	\$4,841	\$5,169	\$5,682	\$6,013	\$6,562	\$6,826
Annually	\$58,094	\$62,026	\$68,182	\$72,155	\$78,749	\$81,910

Section 21. Repeal of Ordinance No. 1418 Ordinance No. 1418 originally passed and approved on the 6th day of APRIL 2021 is hereby repealed.

Section 22. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after, approval and publication as provided by law.

Section 23. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and take effect as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

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Douglas Kindig, Mayor

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA AUTHORIZING MONTHLY VEHICLE AND MOBILE PHONE ALLOWANCES FOR SPECIFIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council establish by ordinance the compensation for officers and employees of the City of La Vista and said ordinance establishes that the Mayor and Council may additionally fix by resolution such vehicle and other allowances as may from time to time be fixed in the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, the FY21 and FY22 municipal budgets establish funds for vehicle and mobile phone allowances for various officers, employees and volunteers of the City and are recommended by the Director of Administrative Services and City Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the following vehicle and cellular phone allowances:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Monthly Vehicle Allowance</u>	<u>Tier</u>	<u>Monthly Phone Allowance</u>
Tier 1	\$30	Tier 1	\$30
Tier 2	\$50	Tier 2	\$60
Tier 3	\$100	Tier 3	\$90
Tier 4	\$150		
Tier 5	\$300		

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

CITY OF LA VISTA

ATTEST:

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

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Pamela A. Buethe, CMC  
City Clerk

**Definition to Phone Allowance Tiers**

**Tier 1** – Business justification for the use of a cell phone either at work or for after work hours.

**Tier 2** – Business justification for the use of a cell phone for work and after work hours for public safety needs, coordinating city activities, and/or supervision of city operations.

**Tier 3** – Business justification for the use of a cell phone for work and after work hours that require the availability at a moment's notice, lack of regular access to city land-line during business hours, and/or regular city business is conducted on the cell phone.

Cell Phone Tiers		
Tier		Amount
1		\$30
2		\$60
3		\$90

Car Allowance Tiers		
Tier	Mileage	Amount
1	<50	\$30
2	50 - 149	\$50
3	150 - 249	\$100
4	250>	\$150
5	Contract	\$300