


City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: James C. McCann, City Manager 
DATE: January 19, 2010
SUBJECT: Planning Commission and City Council stipend reduction

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2 **ISSUE:** Consideration of a suggestion to temporarily reduce the stipend provided
3 to the members of the City Council and the Planning Commission.

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5 **RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss and provide direction and possibly consider a
6 Resolution.

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8 **DISCUSSION:** The California Government Code and the Calistoga Municipal
9 Code allow the City Council to establish compensation levels for
10 Councilmembers and members of the Planning Commission. The City Council
11 has received compensation of \$200 per month since June of 1996 and the
12 Planning Commission has received a stipend of \$50 per meeting since August of
13 2008.

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15 During the December 1, 2009 budget update discussion, Councilmember Kraus
16 suggested that these stipends should be reduced by 10% as a leadership
17 gesture given the economically challenging times. Councilmember Kraus has
18 requested that the item be discussed for possible action.

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20 **FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact will vary depending upon the action taken by
21 Council. Presently, the City budgets approximately \$18,000 annually for
22 Commissioner and Councilmember compensation.

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24 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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26 1. Draft Resolution.

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-___**
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5 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA**
6 **AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY 10% REDUCTION IN THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED**
7 **TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION**
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11 **WHEREAS**, California the Government Code and the Calistoga Municipal Code allow
12 the City Council to establish compensation levels for the City Council and the Planning
13 Commission; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has adopted resolutions setting compensation levels for
16 the City Council and the Planning Commission at \$200 per month and \$50 per meeting
17 respectively; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the on-going economic challenges of our
20 region and wishes to demonstrate leadership in reducing operating costs.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Calistoga City Council hereby
23 authorizes a temporary 10% reduction in established compensation for the City Council and
24 the Planning Commission which shall remain in effect until such time as this resolution is
25 rescinded.
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27 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at
28 a regular meeting held this 19th day of January, 2010, by the following vote:
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31 **AYES:**

32 **NOES:**

33 **ABSTAIN/ABSENT:**
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37 **JACK GINGLES, Mayor**

38 **ATTEST:**

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40 **SUSAN SNEDDON, City Clerk**