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Matt Sawyers
COMMISSIONER

January 27, 2026

Dear Mayors and Legislative Body Members:

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 83A.075(1) the Department for Local Government calculates, by the second Friday in February of each year, the maximum allowable annual compensation of the mayor in cities of the first class, the mayor in cities other than the first class, and legislative body members.

The department's calculations are based upon the court-established formula application of Section 246 of the Kentucky Constitution, setting forth maximum compensation levels for state and local governmental constitutional officers. Under the prescribed formula, salary maximums set in the 1949 Amendment of Section 246 of Kentucky's Constitution, to be paid to constitutional officers, are adjusted to reflect the current purchasing power of the dollar. The adjustments are based upon the Consumer Price Index maintained and reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. A news release issued by the Bureau establishes the Consumer Price Index, as of December 2025, at 970.722. The percentage of increase for the previous twelve-month period is 2.7%. The Consumer Price Index for 1949 was 71.4.

The calculations below provide the maximum allowable 2026 annual compensation for the referenced offices.

Mayors of City of First Class

$$\frac{970.722}{71.4} = \frac{X}{\$12,000}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 71.4 X = & (970.722) (\$12,000) \\ X & = & \$163,146.55 \end{array}$$

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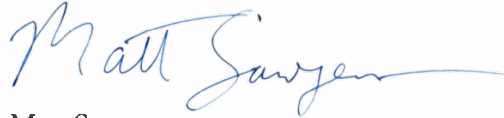
Legislative Body Members and Mayors of Cities Other Than First Class

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \frac{970.722}{71.4} & = & \frac{X}{\$7,200} \\ 71.4 X & = & (970.722) (\$7,200) \\ X & = & \$97,887.93 \end{array}$$

The compensation amount generated by this computation reflects a maximum allowable salary rather than a mandated salary.

If you have questions concerning these maximum salaries, Robert Brown in the Office of Financial Management and Administration will welcome your call at 502-892-3433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Sawyers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matt Sawyers
Commissioner