ORDINANCE # 3.01 COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERTZON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, quality leadership is essential to the success of communities in Texas;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Councilmembers are asked to not only provide quality leadership but also to devote time, attention and care to the performance of duties not often fully appreciated by the general public;

WHEREAS, talented community leaders are often very active with their families, their churches, schools and other community groups and activities;

WHEREAS, reimbursement for some small portion of the cost for their service is thought to be appropriate to encourage participation in local government;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERTZON:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Mertzon shall be compensated in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per meeting of the City Council that the Mayor presides over.

SECTION 2. Council members of the City of Mertzon shall be compensated in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per meeting of the City Council that they attend.

SECTION 3. REPEALER CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other Ordinances of the City of Mertzon and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such Ordinances except for those instances where there are direct conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance. Ordinances or parts thereof in force at the time this Ordinance shall take effect and that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Mertzon hereby declares it would have passed such

remaining portions of this Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and in effect.

SECTION 5. ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication by the City of Mertzon (the "effective date"), and it is accordingly so ordained. The compensation authorized herein shall be authorized to be paid after the next election to be held for the office of Mayor and for Councilmembers, the year following the adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. PROPER NOTICE & OPEN MEETING. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019, AND

PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019, by a vote of

 $\underline{4}$ (ayes) to $\underline{0}$ (nays) and $\underline{1}$ (abstentions) of the City Council of the City of Mertzon, Texas.

CITY, OF MERTZON

Lisa Hight, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri Benson, City Administrator