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OF

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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Local Government Act, and with the approval of the Minister, the Council do hereby make the following orders -

Citation. 1. These Orders may be cited as the Standing Orders (Salaries and Entitlements) of the Honiara Town Council 1996.

Interpretation. 2. In these Orders, unless the contrary intention otherwise requires -

“Council” means Honiara Town Council;

“Executive member” means a member appointed to the executive committee of the Council;

“Member” means an elected member of the Council; and

“President” means the President of the Council elected under section 15 of the Local Government Act.

Salary. 3. Members shall be paid the following salaries which shall be paid by-monthly -

	\$ (per annum)	\$ (per month)
President	18 000	1 500
Vice President	15 000	1 250
Executive members	13 800	1 150
Ordinary members	9 600	800

Sitting allowances. 4. Sitting allowances shall be paid to members for committee meetings of the Council other than Executive and Full Council Meetings at the following rate -

Chairman	-	\$15	per hour
Members	-	\$12	” ”

Allowances. 5. (1) A member travelling overseas on official duty is entitled to an overseas outfit allowance of \$600, provided that such allowance shall be payable once every four years to each individual member.

(2) Overseas subsistence allowances for any member travelling overseas on official duties shall be as follows -

	US \$
President	130 per day
Vice President	120 " "
Executive members	100 " "
Ordinary members	80 " "

If subsistence is wholly or partly met by host government or agency, the above allowance shall be reduced by an equivalent amount.

(3) Local subsistence allowance for any member travelling within Solomon Islands on official Council duty other than ward tours shall be paid from Council funds as follows -

	\$
President	30 per day
Head of Delegation	30 " "
Vice President	25 " "
Executive members	20 " "
Ordinary members	20 " "

6. A member may receive salary in advance provided that such advance shall not exceed one month's salary and that all previous advances have been repaid and such repayments have been recorded in the books of accounts.

Advances.

7. The following travelling expenses shall be payable to members -

Travelling expenses.

(a) a reasonable travelling expenses incurred by members from their home to the Council's Head Office for the purpose of attending official Council meetings;

(b) cost of travel for the member and his family (and dependant children under 18 years) to his home village or that of his spouse once in every two years;

(c) reasonable travelling expenses for members of the Executive whilst performing their official duties;

(d) reasonable travelling expenses for members whilst performing their official duties with in Solomon Islands;

(e) cost of overseas travel and accommodation

for members whilst performing their official duties outside of Solomon Islands. This paragraph shall not apply where funds for such trip is provided by a body other than the Council.

Payments.

8. (1) The salary and allowances of a member shall become payable and shall have effect from the day on which the Returning officer declares the result of the election.

(2) The salary and allowances of a member shall cease to be payable upon the dissolution of the Council or a member ceases to be a member.

Methods of payments.

9. Salaries or allowances may be paid -

- (a) direct to a bank account on the request of a member, submitted on the form as prescribed in Appendix A;
- (b) cash or cheque paid directly to the member;
- (c) to a third party, provided that the member has given signed authority in writing authorising a specifically named person to collect the payment. Such authority shall clearly state how long it shall remain in force.

President privileges.

10. (1) The President shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits that are enjoyed by a member of the Executive or a member of the Council including -

- (a) an official residence or where official residence is not available, a fully furnished accommodation;
- (b) free electricity, gas and water;
- (c) one domestic servant and one gardener; and
- (d) one vehicle and a driver.

(2) All expenses in respect of 10(1) shall be met by the Council.

Terminal grant.

11. (1) A member who has served for a period exceeding 12 months shall be entitled to a terminal grant of \$6,000 at the end of the life of the Council.

(2) A member who has served for a period of less than twelve months, shall only be entitled to one-sixth of the terminal grant.

(3) where a member dies in office, the surviving spouse or the oldest child surviving of that union, as the case may be, shall be entitled to that deceased member's terminal grant or any part

thereof.

(4) Any outstanding debts, owing to the Council by a member shall be deducted from the terminal grant before payment is made to that member.

(5) Payment of terminal grant or any part thereof shall only be payable at the end of the life of the Council.

12. A member who has served for three consecutive terms or more shall be entitled to an exgratia payment of 10% of his highest basic salary that he had received whilst serving as a member.

Exgratia pay-
ment.

APPENDIX A

I, member for
..... (name of ward)
of the Honiara Town Council, hereby authorise the payment of my
salary/allowance to be paid to me -

(a) in cash/cheque; or

(b) into my bank account,

No.

Name of Bank:

Signature:

Name of member:

Witness:

Dated at Honiara this nineteenth day of March, 1996.

DAVID J. MAESUA
President
Honiara Town Council