

Boston Mayor and City Council Salary History

Mayor

1987-2022

Year	Salary	Increase	% Increase	Years Since Last Change
1987	\$100,000	\$35,000	53.8%	6
1995	\$110,000	\$10,000	10.0%	8
1998	\$125,000	\$15,000	13.6%	3
2002	\$150,000	\$25,000	20.0%	4
2006	\$175,000	\$25,000	16.7%	4
2018*	\$199,000	\$24,000	13.7%	12
2022**	\$207,000	\$8,000	4.0%	4

City Council

1987-2020

Year	Salary	Increase	% Increase	Years Since Last Change
1987	\$45,000	\$12,500	38.5%	6
1995	\$54,500	\$9,500	21.1%	8
1998	\$62,500	\$8,000	14.7%	3
2002	\$75,000	\$12,500	20.0%	4
2006	\$87,500	\$12,500	16.7%	4
2016*	\$99,500	\$12,000	13.7%	10
2020**	\$103,500	\$4,000	4.0%	4

Mayor and City Councilor Salary Notes:

On July 24, 2015, the CAB recommended the Mayor receive a salary of \$194,000 and the City Council receive \$97,000. No action was taken on the CAB report. On August 31, 2015, Mayor Walsh recommended that the Mayor receive a salary of \$199,000 and the City Council receive \$99,500. The Mayor's salary would take effect on the first Tuesday of January, (Jan. 2, 2018) following the next municipal election at which a Mayor is elected (Nov. 7, 2017). The City Council approved the Mayor's recommended salary ordinance on October 28, 2015. On January 2, 2018, the Mayor did not accept the raise and continued to be paid an annual salary of \$175,000. Starting on April 14, 2018, Mayor Walsh did accept the increase and is being paid an annualized salary of \$199,000.

The City Council salary of \$99,500 approved on October 28, 2015 would take effect on the first Tuesday of January (Jan. 5, 2016) following the next municipal election in which members of the City Council are elected (Nov. 3, 2015).

On March 7, 2018, the CAB recommended that the salaries of the Mayor and City Council be increased by 4.2%. On June 11, 2018, Mayor Walsh submitted an ordinance recommendation that the Mayor's salary be increased to \$207,000 or 4.0% to take effect on the first Tuesday of January (Jan. 4, 2022) following the next municipal election at which a Mayor is elected (Nov. 2, 2021).

The Mayor also recommended that the salary of the City Councilors be increased to \$103,500 or 4.0% to take effect on the first Tuesday of January (Jan. 7, 2020) following the next municipal election in which members of the Boston City Council are elected (Nov. 5, 2019). The City Council approved the Mayor's recommended salary ordinance on June 27, 2018.

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