

Commissioners' \$475,000 Estimate

Questions:

- 1) Mayor's Salary of \$20K, almost doubled from \$11K?**
- 2) \$25K Health Benefits added for everyone?**
- 3) Additional Attorney salary of \$25K, City Attorney now paid \$15K?**
- 4) Additional \$41K of "Other" costs?**

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Existing form of Government Costs:

Mayor
Commissioner
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Totals

	Salary	Health Benefits	Social Security	Other	Total Costs
Mayor	11,000.00	-	841.50		11,841.50
Commissioner	10,000.00	25,407.00	765.00		36,172.00
Commissioner	10,000.00	8,775.35	765.00		19,540.35
Totals	31,000.00	34,182.35	2,371.50	-	67,553.85

New Proposed form of Government Costs:

MAXIMUM

Mayor
Council Member
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Council Member
Administrator
Administrator Assistant
Attorney - Council

Office Expenditures

Totals

	Salary	Health Benefits	Social Security	Other	Total Costs
Mayor	20,000.00	25,407.00	1,530.00		46,937.00
Council Member	10,000.00	25,407.00	765.00	1,000.00	37,172.00
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Council Member	10,000.00	25,407.00	765.00	1,000.00	37,172.00
Administrator	120,000.00	25,407.00	9,180.00	10,000.00	164,587.00
Administrator Assistant	40,000.00	25,407.00	3,080.00	5,000.00	73,467.00
Attorney - Council	25,000.00	25,407.00	1,912.50	1,000.00	53,319.50
Office Expenditures				20,000.00	20,000.00
Totals	255,000.00	228,663.00	19,507.50	41,000.00	544,170.50

Additional Costs of New Government - MAXIMUM

476,616.64

TAX INCREASE 1.34 (cents)

Mayor/Council vs Commissioner Forms of Government

OUR COMISSIONERS HAVE SAID:

- *“Sea Isle City enjoys the third lowest tax rate in the county, behind Avalon and Stone Harbor”*
- *The new form of government will cost too much and estimate it could cost up to \$475,000 more per year*

REFERENDUM SUPPORTERS RESPOND:

- *Avalon and Stone Harbor, with the Mayor/Council Form of Government, have even lower tax rates*
- *Avalon and Stone Harbor also have lower total administrative costs than Sea Isle City*
- *The 2006 Budget documents for the three cities show the facts:*

(\$000 omitted)	<u>Sea Isle City</u>	<u>Avalon</u>	<u>Stone Harbor</u>
Administration & Financial	\$502	\$408	\$237
Mayor, Council, Boards	\$592	\$668	\$440
Code Enforcement	\$317	\$194	\$207
Professional Services (including Legal)	<u>\$396</u>	<u>\$320</u>	<u>\$186</u>
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,807	\$1,589	\$1,069
Percentage Relative to Sea Isle City		-12%	-41%
<i>Note: Above figures reflect salaries and other costs. Health and pension benefit costs are excluded since they are not separately broken out for the administrative function.</i>			

- *Referendum supporters estimate that the new form of government may add \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year, but the proposal is based on expectation that better government will save you much more money and improve the City in the long term.*
- *Referendum supporters do not expect an increase in tax rates from this change.*
- *Do you think the Commissioners are more cost conscious than the citizens promoting this referendum?*
- *Do you think Avalon and Stone Harbor are well run with the lower total administrative costs?*
- *Do you think we need to spend \$475,000 more for a few additional positions?*

THAT’S WHY WE NEED THIS CHANGE!