

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II,
SECTION 2-18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO
ESTABLISH CITY COUNCIL STAFF POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council has broad legislative authority that provides for the creation, appointment and regulation of its own staff; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council feels it necessary to establish such to insure a separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches of government.

**SECTION 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**

Sec. 2-18. Council Staff Positions.

The Memphis City Council shall hereby create, appoint and regulate its own staff.

- (a) The classifications shall be as follows: Council Attorney, Council Administrator, Assistant Council Administrator, and other positions as determined necessary by the Council Chairman.
- (b) The Chairman shall be in charge of employment, with notification to Council Members of temporary or permanent job openings.
- (c) The Chairman of the Council shall have the authority to appoint a person to any vacant staff position. However, should any Council member object to the person appointed by the chair, said appointment shall require a majority vote by the Council.
- (d) All City Council employees shall receive same benefits afforded any other City employee including but not limited to health insurance, life insurance, holiday pay, vacation, pension or related retirement package.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all current City Council staff shall maintain and retain all benefits currently received including but not limited to health insurance, life insurance, holiday pay, vacation, pension or related retirement package.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

DEDRICK BRITTENUM, JR.
Council Member

TOM MARSHALL
Council Chairman

Attest:
Patrice Thomas, Comptroller