

Section 303. - General Powers and Duties; Compensation.

- a. All powers of the City shall be vested in the Commission except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter.
- b. Three (3) Commission members shall be considered a quorum, except as provided in Section 302.a., and may do business for the City and may carry out all functions according to the law as if all members were present. A minimum of three (3) affirmative votes shall be required for all actions undertaken by the City Commission.
- c. Compensation and Expenses of Commission.
 1. Compensation. The Commission shall have the power to periodically establish the annual salaries of its members. Each Commissioner shall receive an automatic increase in salary effective the first of October each year based upon the Consumer Price Index, U.S. Department of Labor, All Urban Consumers, Miami/Fort Lauderdale area. The salary of a Commissioner shall not be decreased during his/her current term of office except with his/her consent. The salary of any given Commission (District) seat shall be fixed at least forty-five (45) days prior to the deadline date of filing for that seat by any candidate. All proposals to increase Commission salaries, or to initiate other benefits, shall be subject to a specific Commission vote for those intended purposes.
 2. Expenses. The Commission shall have the power to periodically establish policies and procedures relevant to expenses incurred by its members on City business, including advances, reimbursements, and expense allowances. All proposals to increase Commission expense allowances shall be subject to a specific Commission vote.
- d. Salaries and Compensation of Officers and Employees; and Bonds.
 1. The Commission shall have the power to fix the salaries of all other officers and employees of the City, whether elected, appointed or chosen, and to establish such bonds as in the opinion of the Commission are necessary for the faithful discharge of the duties of such officers and employees.
 2. The premium of any bond required by the Commission shall be paid by the City.
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The Commission may authorize the payment to any officer or employee for travel and relevant expenses for any municipal service. All payments shall be based on acceptable evidence of actual expenses incurred.

(Ref. of 11-6-90; Ref. 3-9-93; Ref. of 3-12-96; Ref. of 3-12-96; Ref. of 3-13-01)