

**Proposed Ordinance 22-60**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS,  
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT FAULKNER COUNTY ORDINANCE 20-02  
ESTABLISHING PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ATTENDING  
QUORUM COURT MEETINGS AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE FAULKNER  
COUNTY QUORUM COURT AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-1205 (2)(A), per diem compensation is defined as a per calendar day allowance, exclusive of allowable expenses, which shall be paid to a justice for attending meetings of the county quorum court and shall be based on attending meetings of a quorum court during any single calendar day without regard to the duration of the meetings; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann 14-14-1205 (2)(B), a member of the quorum court may receive per diem compensation for one (1) meeting per year for which the member is absent due to an emergency or for personal reasons; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS THAT:

Article 1. Quorum Court members may receive a per diem of \$\_\_\_\_\_, beginning January 1, 2023 for attending any Regular Meeting of the Faulkner County Quorum Court.

Article 2. Quorum court members may receive a per diem of \$\_\_\_\_\_, beginning January 1, 2023 for attending any committee meeting of which they are a member.

Article 3. Each Justice of the Peace shall be compensated for mileage for travel to and from a meeting or event which has received prior approval from the County Judge or Quorum Court which takes place outside of Faulkner County at a rate determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Article 4. The total per diem compensation for any one justice of the peace attending regular quorum court meetings or standing committee meetings of the Faulkner County Quorum Court shall not exceed the maximum annual allowed compensation pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-1205.

Article 5. Attendance at a meeting of the Quorum Court shall be verified by roll call by the Court Secretary. Attendance at a committee meeting of the Quorum Court shall be verified by the committee chairman, who shall file with the County Clerk written reports of those justices attending committee meetings.

Article 6. If two or more committees are scheduled on the same day, quorum court members serving in multiple committee meetings shall receive only one per diem payment. If a committee meeting is scheduled on the same day as a regular quorum court meeting, the quorum court members which serve on and attended both the committee meeting and regular quorum court meeting shall only be paid the regular quorum court meeting per diem.

Article 7. REPEALER: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Article 8. SEVERABILITY: If any part of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Article 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: This Ordinance, being necessary for the compensation of justices of the peace for the 2023 Budget Year shall be in full effect immediately upon adoption and signing.

**Dated:**

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**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Margaret Darter**  
**Quorum Court Secretariat**  
**Faulkner County, AR**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Jim B. Baker**  
**Faulkner County Judge**  
**Faulkner County, AR**