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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

What does your mayor make? It could be \$187,000 — and it could be \$0

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Does your mayor make a lot of money?

That depends on the city and the role.

While some mayors of the county's municipalities work for a buck a year, others get big bucks.

What mayors make was revealed in a recent report by the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission based on information collected between 2016 and 2017 from requests for public records to the cities and the county.

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Here is who makes what:

Miami-Dade County: Population 2,456,378

Annual salary: \$150,000. This amount was reduced, the previous mayor earned \$324,000.

Additional payments: \$64,710 for retirement.

Miami-Dade County has a strong mayor system.

Salaries of mayors of cities with more than 90,000 people

Miami: Population 453,579

Annual salary: \$97,000.

Additional payments: \$19,400 for a retirement account.

Salary of the city manager: previously it was \$ 231,402 but recently it increased to \$ 265,000.

Hialeah: Population 236,387

Annual salary: \$150,000.

Additional payments: \$40,000 for other expenses.

Hialeah has a strong mayor system (mayor and city administrator at the same time).

Miami Gardens: Population 113,058

Annual salary: \$42,000.

Additional payments: \$12,648 for travel expenses related to city affairs and \$14,400 for other expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 198,248.

Miami Beach: Population 91,917

Annual salary: \$10,171.

Additional payments: \$30,000 for additional expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$282,535.

Cities between 20,000 and 70,000 inhabitants

Homestead: Population 67,996

Annual salary: \$6,000.

Additional payments: \$12,500 for vehicle expenses, \$14,700 for expenses, \$12,000 for travel and \$5,000 for public relations.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 210,120.

North Miami: Population 62,139

Annual salary: \$59,880.

Additional payments: compensation for \$17,640 subject to taxes and \$10,000 for travel expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 240,000.

Doral: Population 57,947

Annual salary: \$68,365.

Additional payments: \$30,000 for “duties and memberships”, \$15,000 for trips. Share with the commissioners a budget of \$ 7,800 for cellphone expenses and \$ 25,000 for office expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 206,237.

Coral Gables: Population 50,815

Annual salary: \$38,244.

Additional payments: \$6,000 for travel expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 209,976.

Cutler Bay: Population 44,707

Annual salary: \$15,376.

Additional payments: \$2,400 for travel expenses, \$1,800 for cellphone use and

\$5,500 for city-related expenses such as lunches and trips to Tallahassee.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 197,538.

North Miami Beach: Population 43,891

Annual salary: \$ 3,600.

Additional payments: compensation for \$ 28,799 subject to taxes.

Salaries of the city administrator: \$ 206,000.

Aventura: Population 37,724

Annual salary: \$ 10,000.

Additional payments: last year it was \$ 8,301.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 252,000.

Miami Lakes: Population 30,873

Annual salary: \$18,200.

Additional payments: compensation for \$32,367 subject to taxes.

Salary of the city administrator: \$189,800.

Palmetto Bay: Population 24,570

Annual salary: \$24,000.

Additional payments: \$8,000 last year for “contributions to the community,” and \$ 4,000 shared with city commissioners for travel expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 190,996.

Hialeah Gardens: Population 23,837

Annual salary: \$ 115,648.

Additional payments: \$ 83,000 for other expenses and \$ 45 monthly for telephone

expenses.

Hialeah Gardens has a strong-mayor system.

Sunny Isles Beach: Population 22,086

Annual salary: \$15,000.

Additional payments: \$6,000 for additional expenses and reimbursement for travel expenses related to city affairs.

Salary of the city administrator: \$232,551.

Cities between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants:

Pinecrest: Population 19,444

Annual salary: \$0

Additional payments: \$20,000 for travel expenses related to city affairs.

Salary of the city administrator: \$201,650.

Opa-locka: Population 16,457

Annual salary: The financial emergency has forced Opa-locka to eliminate this item from the city that used to be \$2,400.

The 5,000 were also eliminated for travel expenses, \$32,341 for retirement and health insurance expenses, the use of a city car, gas cards and credit cards.

Miami Springs: Population 14,431

Annual salary: \$ 6,000.

Additional payments: city credit cards, share with the commissioners “promotions and donations” expenses with a budget of \$120,860 for fiscal year 2018.

Salary of the city administrator: \$145,200.

Key Biscayne: Population 13,019

Annual salary: \$0

Additional payments: none.

Salary of the city administrator: \$199,335.

South Miami: Population 12,207

Annual salary: \$ 14,000.

Additional payments: 1,200 for travel expenses, \$ 1,150 for cell phone use, 500 for vehicle expenses, 2,000 for a discretionary fund (which can be used for matters related to the city).

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 200,006.

Florida City: Population 12,078

Annual salary: \$ 176,155.

Additional payments: allocation of expenses for \$ 6,510, cellular expenses, vehicle and travel reimbursement.

Florida City has a strong-mayor system.

Miami Shores: Population 10,762

Annual salary: \$ 1.

Additional payments: travel expenses related to matters of the city.

Salary of the city administrator: \$173,576.

Sweetwater: Population 10,755

Annual salary: \$ 95,000.

Additional payments: \$ 5,000 for expenses related to its management and \$ 179,663 for its retirement.

Sweetwater has a strong-mayor system.

Cities of less than 10,000 inhabitants:

North Bay Village: Population 8,262

Annual salary: \$ 7,800.

Additional payments: \$ 3,600 for travel expenses related to city affairs.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 96,000.

West Miami: Population 7,459

Annual salary: \$20 for each meeting attended.

Additional payments: compensation for \$ 1,200 for expenses related to its management.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 130,924.

Bay Harbor Islands: Population 5,975

Annual salary: \$ 1.

Additional payments: reimbursement for trips related to the city.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 172,578.90.

Surfside: Population 5,811

Annual salary: \$ 1.

Additional payments: cellular expenses.

Salary of the city administrator: \$155,000.

Biscayne Park: Population 3,198

Annual salary: \$4,000.

Additional payments: reimbursed for trips and promotional activities.

Salary of the city administrator: \$83,041.

Bal Harbour: Population 3,050

Annual salary: \$1,800 (the commissioners approved to increase it to \$30,000, will become effective for the next mayor's term).

Additional payments: they are reimbursed for any trip they make on behalf of the city.

Salary of the city administrator: \$222,847.

El Portal: Population 2,480

Annual salary: \$3,000.

Additional payments: monthly cellular expenses (\$ 136.66 per month) and \$ 1,640 for trips related to city affairs.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 85,000.

Virginia Gardens: Population 2,472

Annual salary: \$12,240.

Additional expenses: cellular expenses, trips related to city affairs and the payment of a credit card issued by the city.

Virginia Gardens has a strong-mayor system.

Medley: Population 1,100 inhabitants

Annual salary: \$187,152.

Additional expenses: \$100 per month for cellphone use.

Medley has a strong-mayor system (mayor and city manager at the same time).

Golden Beach: Population 968

Annual salary: \$ 1.

Additional payments: none was registered in 2016.

Salary of the city administrator: \$ 182,973.

Indian Creek Village: Popualtion 91

Annual salary: \$0

Additional payments: none.

Salary of the city administrator: \$107,936.

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