

EMIGRATION CANYON

ORDINANCE # 2025-O-19

AN ORDINANCE BUDGETING BONUS TO MAYOR SMOLKA

WHEREAS, Joe Smolka has dedicated nearly a decade of distinguished service to the residents of Emigration Canyon, beginning with his election to the Metro Township Council in 2016 and his selection as Council Chair and Mayor in 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Smolka's steadfast leadership, Emigration Canyon successfully navigated its transition from a Metro Township to a full city pursuant to Utah House Bill 35 (effective May 1, 2024), enhancing local governance powers while preserving the community's unique rural and historic character; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Smolka has prioritized public safety and wildfire mitigation in this fire-prone canyon, championing Firewise programs, community chipping events, fire restrictions, and collaborations with the Unified Fire Authority and Unified Police Department to protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS, he has advanced critical infrastructure improvements, including road resurfacing and safety upgrades on Emigration Canyon Road, pavement maintenance projects, and participation in regional transportation planning through the Wasatch Front Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Smolka has guided thoughtful land use reforms, including modernization of zoning ordinances and commercial development codes in 2025 to streamline processes while safeguarding environmental and agricultural resources; and

WHEREAS, as a Trustee on the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District Board, he has effectively represented Emigration Canyon's interests in regional services, fostering cooperation on water, emergency response, and community needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mayor Smolka has promoted community engagement, environmental stewardship, and resident-focused governance, earning the respect and gratitude of the Emigration Canyon community.

WHEREAS, Utah law 10-3-818 provides that the governing body may fix compensation for elected officials for their services through budgeted bonuses or incentive pay pursuant to ordinance enacted by the legislative body following a public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Emigration Canyon Council hereby expresses its profound appreciation to Mayor Joe Smolka for his longstanding dedication, visionary leadership, and outstanding contributions to the well-being and preservation of Emigration Canyon with the following:

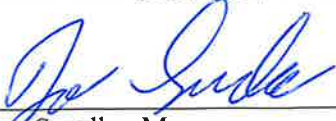
Section I: The mayor shall receive \$ 6,000.00 as a budgeted ^{performance} bonus for his longstanding and excellent work on behalf of Emigration Canyon.

Section II: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

[Execution on following page]

ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a duly called meeting of the Emigration Canyon Council on this 15th day of December 2025.

EMIGRATION CANYON COUNCIL



By: Joe Smolka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana Baun, City Recorder

Voting:

Mayor Smolka voting
Council Member Hawkes voting
Council Member Brems voting
Council Member Pinon voting
Council Member Harris voting

ABSTAIN
aye
aye
aye
ABSENT

(Complete as Applicable)

Date ordinance summary was published on the Utah Public Notice Website per Utah Code §10-3-711:

December 17, 2025

Effective date of ordinance: December 17, 2025