

ORDINANCE NO. 1939

**AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF THE
CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK, ALABAMA**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Effective October 6, 2015, the salary of the City Manager of the City of Mountain Brook shall be increased to six thousand one hundred forty-seven and 10/100 dollars (\$6,147.10) bi-weekly.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an [amended] employment agreement to reflect the revised base salary described in Section 1 above, in the form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, between the City and City Manager.

Section 3. All ordinances and resolutions concerning the salary and employment agreement of the City Manager which have been adopted previously are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective when published by posting the same as required by law.

ADOPTED: The 14th day of September, 2015.



Council President

APPROVED: The 14th day of September, 2015.



Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Steven Boone, City Clerk of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, as its meeting held on September 14, 2015, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting, and published by posting copies thereof on September 15, 2015, at the following public places, which copies remained posted for five (5) days as required by law.

City Hall, 3928 Montclair Road, Ste. 148
Gilchrist Pharmacy, 2850 Cahaba Road

Overton Park, 3020 Overton Road
The Invitation Place, 3150 Overton Road



City Clerk

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT made by and between SAM GASTON ("Gaston") and the CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK, ALABAMA ("City").

WHEREAS, Gaston has satisfactorily served as City Manager for the City since June 1993; and

WHEREAS, Gaston and the City have agreed that the terms and conditions of Gaston's continued employment should be memorialized and set forth in a formal contract of employment in order to promote clarity and avoid misunderstanding;

PREMISES CONSIDERED, Gaston and the City agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Appointment as City Manager; Duties. Gaston shall serve as City Manager of the City of Mountain Brook, Alabama, and, in such capacity, shall perform such tasks and duties as may be prescribed and/or directed by the governing body or by applicable ordinance or statute. Gaston shall devote all of his productive time, ability and attention to the business of the City during the term of his appointment and shall not engage in any other employment or pursuit that would conflict or interfere with his duties and responsibilities as City Manager.
2. Term of Appointment. The term of Gaston's appointment shall be as provided by law.
3. Cancellation; Notice. Gaston's appointment and the City's obligations hereunder may be terminated by (i) operation of law; (ii) termination thereof by the governing body without cause during his term of appointment; (iii) termination thereof by the governing body for cause during his term of appointment; and (iv) Gaston's voluntary resignation.

The City may at its option terminate Gaston's appointment at any time for cause. For purposes of this Agreement, termination "for cause" shall include, but not be limited to, viz: (i) any act of theft, embezzlement, immoral conduct, sexual harassment, use of illicit drugs, or intoxication while acting as an employee of the City; (ii) the conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude; (iii) the willful neglect by Gaston of his duties hereunder; or (iv) the continued breach of any material term or condition of this Agreement by Gaston after written notice. Upon any such termination by the City for cause, Gaston shall only be entitled to the compensation and benefits provided in this Agreement (including accrued but unused vacation and sick leave) computed on a prorated basis up to and including the date of such termination, and shall be entitled to no further compensation subsequent to said date except as may be required by law. Any termination for cause by the City shall not prejudice its rights to seek any other redress or remedy to which it may be entitled under the law.

The City may also, at its option, terminate this Agreement at any time without cause. In the event of any termination by the City of this Agreement without cause prior to the expiration of Gaston's term as provided by law, the City shall be fully obligated to pay to Gaston his full salary and fringe benefits, including but not limited to any accrued but unused vacation and sick leave, only for the four (4) month period immediately following said date of termination. In exchange for said payments by the City, Gaston agrees to make himself available to provide consulting services to the City as may be reasonably requested during said four (4) month period.

Gaston shall provide the City at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice of his resignation. Upon termination of his employment, Gaston shall be paid for any accrued but unused sick leave and/or unused vacation days in accordance with generally applicable city policy.

4. Compensation and Benefits; Evaluation. Gaston shall receive as base compensation the sum of one hundred fifty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-four and 60/100 dollars (\$159,824.60) per annum, which shall be paid in regular increments according to the payroll system and schedule then in effect for the City. Gaston shall also receive and be eligible for the same across-the-board raises and fringe benefits (including but not limited to health, dental, disability, and life insurance, longevity pay, vacation, and sick leave) as are accorded or made available to city employees generally; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to confer merit or civil service status on Gaston. Gaston's job performance shall be evaluated periodically at the discretion of the City Council. Upon receipt of a satisfactory performance evaluation, Gaston shall be entitled to such increase in basic compensation for the duration of the term of his appointment as the governing body may deem appropriate.

In addition to the foregoing, and in keeping with past practice, the City shall furnish to Gaston an automobile that may be used by Gaston for city-related functions, activities, and purposes, and for transportation between work location(s) and his personal residence. The City shall pay or provide for all gasoline, oil, maintenance, and insurance expenses associated with operation of the automobile. The City shall also pay for or reimburse Gaston for all actual and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, dues, or fees incurred by Gaston in performing or attending city-related functions and activities, including but not limited to membership in and attendance at annual or semi-annual conferences sponsored by the ACCMA, the APA, and the ICMA.

5. Notice. All notices, consents, requests, approvals, and other communications provided for herein shall be validly given, made, or served if in writing and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, as follows, viz:

TO GASTON: Sam S. Gaston
2028 Clearview Drive
Birmingham, AL 35244

TO CITY: City of Mountain Brook
c/o The Mayor
P. O. Box 130009
Mountain Brook, AL 35213-0009

6. Modification. This Agreement cannot be changed, modified, or amended in any respect except by a written instrument signed by both parties.

7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements previously made between the parties relating to its subject matter. There are no other understandings or agreements, as all prior agreements are hereby merged into this Agreement.

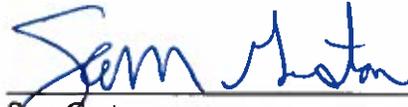
8. Severability. If any part, section or subdivision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such holding shall not be construed to invalidate or impair the remainder of this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such holding.

9. **Controlling Law.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and applicable state or federal law, said law(s) shall control, and this Agreement shall be construed with reference to and in accordance with applicable law.

10. **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall be effective upon approval of an ordinance adopting or ratifying same.

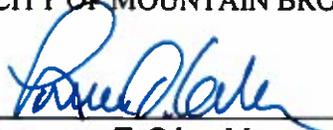
DATED this 14th day of September, 2015.

CITY MANAGER



Sam Gaston

CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK

By: 

Lawrence T. Oden, Mayor