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Council Boosts Own Pay

The Montgomery County Council approved pay raises yesterday for itself and some other top officials.

The council voted 7 to 1 to give itself a two-step, \$10,000 pay increase, bringing salaries to \$89,721 by December 2007. The council president makes an additional 10 percent. The council also approved a raise for the county executive. By December 2009, the salary will rise from \$158,285 to \$175,000.

The salary of the state's attorney, who makes \$142,110, will rise to \$160,000 by January. The sheriff's salary will go from \$102,00 to \$125,000 by December.

Council member Howard A. Denis (R-Potomac-Bethesda) voted against the raise. Council Member Steven A. Silverman (D-At Large), who is running for county executive, abstained.

Council members are allowed to have other jobs, but the executive, state's attorney and sheriff are not.

— Nancy Trejos