

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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(p) (1) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of:

~~(i) \$48,000 for the calendar year 2003;~~~~(ii) \$50,000 for the calendar year 2004;~~~~(iii) \$52,000 for the calendar year 2005; [and]~~~~(iv) \$54,000 for the calendar year 2006; AND~~~~(v) \$66,000 PLUS A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007 and each calendar year thereafter.~~(i) \$48,000 for the calendar year 2003;(ii) \$50,000 for the calendar year 2004;(iii) \$52,000 for the calendar year 2005; [and](iv) \$54,000 for the calendar year 2006 [and each calendar year thereafter];~~(v) (V) \$65,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007;~~~~(vi) (VI) \$66,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008;~~~~(vii) (VII) \$67,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009; AND~~~~(viii) (VIII) \$68,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010 AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER.~~

(2) At the discretion of the County Commissioners, the Sheriff shall receive county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department.

(3) (i) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff, or the managerial equivalent, who shall:

1. Receive a salary of at least \$8,000; and

2. Serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

(ii) The Sheriff may not refuse to reappoint a deputy sheriff without just cause.

(4) The Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies shall be paid allowances as the Commissioners may deem necessary.

(5) The County Commissioners may authorize additional deputies as necessary and shall set their compensation at the time of their appointment.