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Pay Cut Mayor's
1st Task in Aurora

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Mayor Norma Walker of Aurora won't even be installed until Monday and already she's planned her first step in office — to lower her salary.

She hopes to drop it from what's been appropriated—$325 a month—to its former level of $225.

In fact, that's one of the reasons the 37-year-old Aurora housewife ran for the office. An attractive, blue-eyed blond with a persuasive smile and shapely figure, she had been a member of the Aurora Charter Convention since 1961.

...in Las Animas and has lived in Aurora 15 years.

"Cautiously confident" of her successful candidacy, she still was "a little surprised" she won.

"I thought perhaps there might be some prejudice against women in political office," she explained.

She defeated Aurora Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem J. Tracy Whitaker in Tuesday's election by a vote of 2396 to 2398. Wednesday, with dirty dishes from Tuesday night's celebration still in the kitchen the new mayor turned her thoughts to her 2-year term.

1st Woman in Office

She is the first female to hold the office in Colorado's fourth largest city, but she can't see any disadvantage in her sex.

"I don't think I'll ever be a politician in quotes," she said. But, flashing her most persuasive feminine smile, she added, "I can be very forceful in my way."

About her success, Mrs. Walker said, "I shouldn't say I'm tickled pink. It's a silly thing for...

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