

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 3, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3-202 TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE COURT COSTS.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-18-304 allows cities/towns to set and collect reasonable municipal court costs; and

WHEREAS, The 114th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee passed Public Chapter 459 amending Tennessee Code Annotated, § 16-18-304(a) to increase the municipal training education fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00 that takes effect on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville wishes to amend its court cost to reflect this legislative change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to amend Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-202 regarding court costs and set a revised court cost amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-202 of the Crossville Municipal Code is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

3-202. Imposition of Fines, Penalties, and Costs.

- 1) All fines and costs shall be imposed by the City judge and recorded by the municipal court clerk on the municipal court docket.
- 2) Court Costs – In all cases heard and determined by him or her, the City judge shall impose court costs in the amount of eighty-five dollars and 50 cents (\$85.50). Two dollars (\$2.00) of the court costs shall be forwarded by the court clerk to the state treasurer in accordance to Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-18-304(a) to be used by the Administrative Office of the Courts for training and continuing education courses for municipal court judges and municipal court clerks.
- 3) When any person has been charged with violation of a law regarding vehicle equipment (including but not limited to inoperable headlights, tail lights, brake lights or turn signals), driver licensing, or vehicle licensing and registration, the charge may be dismissed if the person charged with the violation submits evidence of compliance with such law on or before the court date; provided, however, that the city judge may establish a separate court cost not to exceed \$20 to be collected

from the person charged with the violation. This separate court costs will be assessed in lieu of the court costs detailed in Section 3-202(2) above.

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- 4) Litigation Taxes - In all cases where the defendant is charged with the violation of a City ordinance or authorized state statute and is found guilty, whether by trial or plea of guilty, such defendant shall pay:
- a) The State litigation taxes as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-4-601.
 - b) In addition, pursuant to the authority granted in Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-4-601, the City of Crossville adopts a local litigation tax of \$13.75 and the court shall levy this local litigation tax in all cases in which the state litigation tax is levied.
 - c) Any other taxes and/or fees imposed pursuant to state statutes and/or City ordinances.

Section 2. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Mayor

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney

Passed 1st Reading: _____
Passed 2nd Reading: _____
Passed 3rd Reading: _____