

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 10,
SECTION 1-1008 TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE COURT COSTS**

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Jonesborough has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to amend Title 1, Chapter 10, Section 1-1008 regarding court costs and set a revised court cost amount:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH, THAT:

Section 1. Title 1, Chapter 10, Section 1-1008 of the Jonesborough Municipal Code is amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

1-1008. Imposition of Fines, Penalties, and Costs: (1) All fines, penalties, and costs shall be imposed and recorded by the Town Judge on the Town court docket in open court.

- (a) In all cases heard and determined by the Town Judge, the Town Judge shall impose court costs in the amount of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00). One dollar (\$1.00) of the court costs shall be forwarded by the court clerk to the state treasurer in accordance with 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.
- (b) When any person has been charged with a 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 Town Judge may establish a separate court cost not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be collected from the person charged with the violation. The separate court costs will be assessed in lieu of the court costs detailed in section 1-1008(1)(a) above.
- (c) Nothing in this ordinance shall prohibit the Town Judge from reducing a fine and/or costs as deemed appropriate by the Town Judge provided it does not conflict with prevailing state law.

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage on second and final reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Causey and seconded by Alderman Countermine that the preceding ordinance be adopted on first reading. Those voting for the adoption thereof were: Alderman Causey, Alderman Countermine, Alderman Dickson, Alderman Wolfe

Those voting against: _____

PASSED ON FIRST READING September 12, 2022

CHUCK VEST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ROBERT ANDERSON, RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM

JAMES R. WHEELER, TOWN ATTORNEY

Motion was made by Alderman Countermine and seconded by Alderman Dickson that the preceding ordinance be adopted on second and final reading. Those voting for the adoption thereof were: Alderman Countermine, Alderman Dickson, Alderman Causey, Alderman Wolfe

Those voting against: _____

PASSED ON SECOND READING September 28, 2022


CHUCK VEST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ROBERT ANDERSON, RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM

JAMES R. WHEELER, TOWN ATTORNEY