



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

Consider approving a resolution amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, by authorizing the addition of a collection fee in an amount not to exceed thirty-five percent (35%) for unpaid court penalties, costs, fines and fees in municipal court cases in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court and establishing an effective date.

INITIATOR: Jillian Allison, Municipal Court Director

STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: Jillian Allison, Municipal Court Director; Kelea Fisher, Deputy City Attorney

BACKGROUND: Should the Council approve an ordinance pertaining to collection services for unpaid court penalties, costs, fines and fees, creating Section 9-1-135, Article 9-1, Chapter 9, Lawton City Code 2015, said ordinance will authorize the City to enter into a contract with a collection agency for the provision of collection services for unpaid court penalties, costs, fines and fees in municipal court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court and to said amounts to the collection agency for collection. Said ordinance would also authorize the collection agency to collect a fee in an amount not to exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the total amount of unpaid court penalties, costs, fines, and fees referred for collection. Section 1-2-205 of the Lawton City Code provides additional fees are implemented by amendment of Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges, Lawton City Code, 2015, upon passage of a resolution amending Appendix A. This resolution amends Appendix A to reflect the above-referenced collection fee.

EXHIBIT: Resolution 2021-_____

KEY ISSUES: n/a

FUNDING SOURCE: Approve Resolution 2021-_____.

STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION: Click or tap here to enter text.