

CITY OF CHEVIOT
STATE OF OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 15 – 35

TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL CITATIONS WHICH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYOUT BY A DEFENDANT; TO AUTHORIZE AND IMPOSE A FEE FOR CERTAIN CITATIONS WHICH ARE PAID LATE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the fine for most traffic citations, excluding court costs, which are eligible for payout by a defendant, is \$20.00; and

WHEREAS, the fine for most criminal citations, excluding court costs, which are eligible for payout by a defendant, is \$60.00; and

WHEREAS, these fine amounts have not been adjusted for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cheviot currently has no system in place to allow for citations to be paid out late, past the seven day time limitation. Rather, a warrant must be issued; and

WHEREAS, this council believes it to be in the best interest of the city to raise its current fines and to put in place a system to allow for the late payment of citations in certain instances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO, TWO-THIRDS OF ALL MEMBERS THEREOF CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. All traffic fines for traffic citations which are eligible for payout by the defendant shall be increased by \$6.00.

Section 2. All criminal fines for criminal citations which are eligible for payout by the defendant shall be increased by \$6.00.

Section 3. The Cheviot Mayor's Court Clerk shall adjust the payout schedules for traffic and criminal cases to reflect the \$6.00 increases.

Section 4. When the seven day period, which is permitted for a defendant to pay out a traffic or criminal citation, has lapsed, the allowable period for payment will be extended by three days upon the condition that the defendant pay a late fee of \$45.00 per charge, in addition to the fines and costs which are due. The \$45.00 late fee will be payable to the general fund of the City of Cheviot. If a defendant does not pay a citation within the seven days, or within the ten days with payment of a late fee, and arrest warrant shall be issued, and any appropriate new charges may be filed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be an emergency measure for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cheviot and shall take effect on with citations issued on January 1, 2016, and thereafter. The emergency is necessary in order to allow the City of Cheviot to collect the proper fines and costs at the earliest possible time.

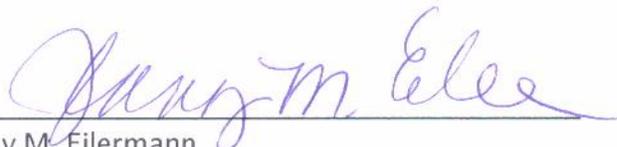

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President of Council

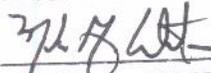
December 15, 2015
Date passed


Samuel D. Keller
Mayor

12/15/15
Date approved

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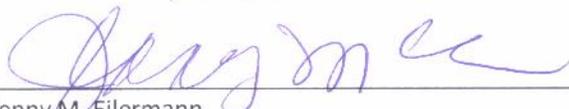

Jenny M. Eilermann
Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARK G. WATERS
LAW DIRECTOR

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Jenny M. Eilermann, Clerk of the Council of the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, or a succinct summary, was published in the *Western Hills Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, on the following dates :

- 1) 12/23, 2015, and
- 2) 12/30, 2015.


Jenny M. Eilermann
Clerk of Council