

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER TWO OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS, BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 2-360 WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FEE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.0031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, AND OTHER DEBTS; PROVIDING FOR THE TREPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OR INFORMAL POLICIES OF THE CITY WHICH ARE IN ANY MANNER INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE UPON IN ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS:

Section One

Article VI entitled Municipal Courts of Chapter Two entitled Municipal Court of Chapter Two entitled Administration shall be and is hereby amended by the addition of Section 2-360 entitled Fee to Defray Costs of Collecting Delinquent Fines, Fees and Other Debts.

Section 2-360. In accordance with Article 103.0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, there shall be imposed an additional fee of thirty percent (30%) on all debts and accounts receivable i.e. fines, fees, restitution, other debts, and costs that are more than sixty (60) days past due and have been referred to a private firm for collection.

Section Two

Any rules, ordinances, policy regulations, resolutions, and/or policies of the City of West Columbia, whether written, or otherwise, which are in any manner in conflict with or inconsistent with this ordinance, shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and/or inconsistency.

Section Three

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the several provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order which holds that any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase,

or other portion of this ordinance is invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, then any such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and any such ruling shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance which are not specifically designated as being illegal, invalid or unenforceable.

Section Four

This ordinance shall be effective and applicable immediately from and after the date of its passage and approval by the City Council of the City of West Columbia, and the publication of its caption as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of December, 2009


LAURIE B. KINCANNON, Mayor

ATTEST:


KELLI R. KUBAN, City Secretary