

**ORDINANCE 2009- 2**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE  
§§ 15-127 (4) & (5) OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE,  
“COMPLIANCE WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW REQUIRED,”  
WITH UPDATED SUBSECTIONS

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE as follows:

Section 1: Title 15-127, subsections 4 & 5, are hereby amended to conform to recent amendments of the corresponding sections of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

Section 2: The current subsections 4 & 5 of Title 15-127 are hereby deleted:

Section 3: From the effective date of this Ordinance, Subsections 4 & 5 of Title 15-127 shall provide as follows:

(4) Civil offense. It is a civil offense to fail to provide evidence of financial responsibility pursuant to this section. Any violation of this section is punishable by a civil penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50). The civil penalty prescribed by this section shall be in addition to any other penalty prescribed by the laws of this state or the city’s municipal code of ordinances.

(5) Evidence of compliance after violation. On or before the court date, the person so charged may submit evidence of financial responsibility at the time of the violation. If it is the person’s first violation of this section and the court is satisfied that the financial responsibility was in effect at the time of the violation, the charge of failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility shall be dismissed. Upon the person’s second or subsequent violation of this section, if the court is satisfied that the financial responsibility was in effect at the time of the violation, the charge of failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility may be dismissed. Any charge that is dismissed pursuant to this subsection shall be dismissed without costs to the defendant and no litigation tax shall be due or collected.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its passage.

Passed on first reading:

**May 20, 2009**

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James V. Hunt, Sr, Vice Mayor

Passed on Second Reading:

**June 17, 2009**

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Linda Berner, City Recorder