

## ORDINANCE 2003-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-812 OF THE BELLE MEADE  
MUNICIPAL CODE AND ESTABLISHING COURT COSTS FOR VARIOUS  
MOVING TRAFFIC AND OTHER OFFENSES IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

## WHEREAS:

1. The City Court of the City of Belle Meade regularly hears cases involving traffic and other violations of the Ordinances of the City, which result in some instances in the imposition of a fine upon the guilty party.
2. The processing of arrest warrants for such offenses, the scheduling of offenses for hearings before the court and the recording and collection of fines when assessed by the Court require the staffing of a Clerk's office to provide administrative and clerical services to the Court for which the City is entitled to be compensated.
3. T C A § 6-21-507 authorizes the City Judge "for offenses against the corporate laws and ordinances" of the City to "tax in the bill of costs the same amounts and for the same items allowed in courts of General Sessions for similar work in state cases".
4. In addition, The Commissioners are advised that the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions for Davidson County currently charges a fee of \$50.00 for each conviction of a moving traffic and/or other violations of the ordinances of the city and a fee of \$12.00 per offense for warrants dismissed, without a hearing, based on a guilty plea.
5. T C A § 6-21-507 also authorizes municipalities to add \$1.00 to the Bill of costs as a tax upon the same, making total court costs authorized by the statute of \$51.00 and \$13.00 respectively.
6. The Commissioners have determined that the City, in compliance with T C A § 6-21-507, should establish rates of court costs at the rates established in Tennessee by Courts of General Sessions for offenses against the City of Belle Meade.

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

Section 1. That Section 11-812 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

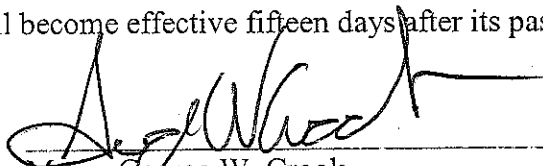
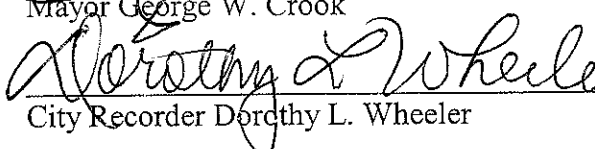
"11-812. Court Costs. A court cost of \$51.00 per offense is hereby established for all moving traffic and other criminal offenses in violation of ordinances of the City of Belle Meade, which cost shall be in addition to any fine that may be assessed by the Court, or in addition to any fine that may be due in the form of an Appearance Bond paid in advance of, and/or in lieu of, a trial.

A court cost of \$13.00 per offense is hereby established for any violation which has been dismissed, without a hearing, after a guilty plea, which cost shall be payable at the time of, and as a condition of, the dismissal."

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen days after its passage.

Passed on first reading:  
August 26, 2003

Passed on Second Reading:  
September 17, 2003

  
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 Mayor George W. Crook  
  
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 City Recorder Dorothy L. Wheeler