

ORDINANCE 2019-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-812 OF THE BELLE MEADE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE 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. TCA § 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". In compliance with TCA § 6-21-507, the Commissioners shall establish rates of court costs.
3. The Commissioners are advised that the Clerk currently charges a cost of \$51.00 for each conviction of a moving traffic violation and/or other violations of the ordinances of the city, with or without a hearing, based on a guilty plea. In addition to this, TCA § 16-18-304 provides for a \$1.00 court cost to be collected for the sole purpose of providing training and continuing education for municipal court judges and municipal court clerks. This \$1.00 shall be forwarded by the municipal court clerk to the state treasurer for deposit.

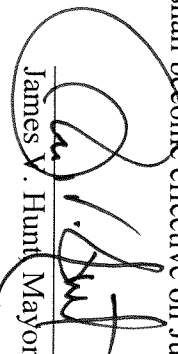
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE,
as follows:

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

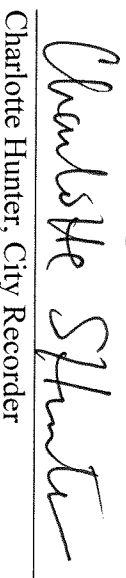
11-812. Court Costs. A court cost of \$75.00 per offense is hereby
established for all moving traffic and other criminal offenses in violation of ordinances of
the City of Belle Meade, which cost shall be in addition to any fine that may be assessed
by the Court, or in addition to any fine that may be due in the form of an Appearance
Bond paid in advance of, and/or in lieu of, a trial. The court cost of \$1.00 for training
fees as authorized by TCA § 16-18-304 shall not be included in the \$75.00 court cost,
but treated as a separate, additional cost.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

Passed on first reading:
April 17, 2019


James V. Hunt Mayor

Passed on second reading:
May 15, 2019


Charlotte Hunter, City Recorder