

ORDINANCE 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 11, SECTION 812 OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE COURT COSTS FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, the municipal court of the City of Belle Meade hears cases involving traffic and other violations of City ordinances, which result in some instances in the imposition of a fine upon the guilty party; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City is authorized under T.C.A. Section 6-21-507 to establish standards for the recovery of court costs; and

WHEREAS, the clerk of the municipal court currently charges as court costs \$95.00 for ordinance violations whether after a full hearing or based on a guilty plea; and

WHEREAS, the administrative costs of operating municipal court have increased since court costs were last amended in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Belle Meade, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 11, Chapter 8 of the Municipal Code of the City of Belle Meade is hereby replaced by replacing Section 11-812, in its entirety, to read as follows:

11-812. Court Costs. A court cost of \$105.00 per offense is hereby established for all moving traffic and other 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 costs of \$2.00 for state training fees as authorized by T.C.A. 6-18-304 shall be included in the \$105.00 court cost.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Passed on first reading: October 15, 2025

Passed on second reading: November 19, 2025



Mayor Rusty Moore



City Recorder Rusty Terry, CMC