

**ORDINANCE 07-2026-A**

**Code of the Town of Bladensburg**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO ENACT CHAPTER 9, “FEES”, §9-1, “RETURNED CHECK FEE” AND §9-2, “COLLECTION FEES AND SERVICES” TO AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT OF A FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS AND FOR SERVICES REQUIRED TO COLLECT FEES AND FINES OWED TO THE TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of Bladensburg (hereinafter, the “Town”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

**WHEREAS**, to more efficiently collect fines and fees owed to the Town, it is necessary to institute a returned check fee and to authorize assessment of a fee for, and for services required to collect fees and fines owed to the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined that it is in the public interest to authorize the assessment of a fee for returned checks and to authorize collection services for fees and fines owed to the Town.

**Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg that Chapter 9, “Fees”, §9-1, “Returned check fee”, be and it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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CAPS	: Indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * *	: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance
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## CHAPTER 9 FEES

### § 9-1. RETURNED CHECK FEE.

THE TOWN MAY ASSESS A FEE TO THE ISSUER OF ANY CHECK THAT IS RETURNED UNPAID DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. THE FEE MAY BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION.

**Section 2.** AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg that Chapter 9, “Fees”, §9-2, “Collection Fees and Services”, be and it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

### § 9-2 COLLECTION FEES AND SERVICES

THE TOWN MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES TO COLLECT OVERDUE FEES AND FINES OWED TO THE TOWN, AND TO ASSESS A FEE, OR AUTHORIZE ASSESSMENT OF A FEE, FOR THE COLLECTION SERVICES. THE FEE MAY BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION.

**Section 3.** AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption.

**Section 4.** AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

**INTRODUCED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town Bladensburg, at a regular meeting on September \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and thereafter this Ordinance was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a regular meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

WITNESS

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

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Regine Watson, Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor