

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2024

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Denise McGrath, Chief of Police

Topic: Amendment to Homewood Municipal Code

PURPOSE

It is necessary to amend the Homewood Municipal Code to revise the Fine Payment Schedule for seat belt violations. The revision will be written as a local ordinance violation in order to be consistent with the maximum fine allowed by the Illinois Vehicle Code for seat belt violations.

PROCESS

Driver and passenger seat belt requirements are detailed in the Illinois Vehicle Code under 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1. Seat belt violations may be charged as a local ordinance violation and adjudicated in the Village's Administrative Hearing process, or they can be charged as a violation of State law and prosecuted in the Circuit Court.

The Illinois Vehicle Code sets a maximum \$25 fine for seat belt violations charged under State law. However, the Homewood Municipal Code states that the minimum fine for local ordinance violations handled through the Village's Administrative Hearing program is \$50.

In order to be consistent with the State's minimum fine, it is necessary to amend the Municipal Code to set a \$25 fine for seat belt violations charged under the Homewood Municipal Code and adjudicated in the Village's Administrative Hearing process.

OUTCOME

Amending the code for seat belt fines will make the Homewood Municipal Code consistent with State law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** No Financial Impact
- **Budgeted Amount:** N/A
- **Cost:** N/A

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LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Pass an ordinance amending the Homewood Municipal Code to include the Fine Payment Schedule for Seat Belt violations as detailed in the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/12-603.1 (d).

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance