

**BILL NO. 24-\_\_**

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSOURI, RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL COURT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 53, Section 53-8, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-8. Report to Board of Aldermen.**

On or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, the Municipal Division shall submit to the municipality a copy of the monthly case load summary report for the preceding month. The same shall be prepared under oath by the municipal court clerk. This report will be filed with the city clerk, who shall thereafter forward the same to the board of aldermen of the city for examination at its first session thereafter. The municipal court shall, within the ten (10) days after the first of the month, pay to the municipal treasurer the full amount of all fines collected during the preceding months, if they have not previously been paid.”

Section 2. That Chapter 53, Section 53-11, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-11. Traffic Violations Bureau.**

Should the municipal judge determine that there shall be a traffic violations bureau, the city shall provide all expenses incident to the operation of the same. The municipal court clerk is hereby designated as the traffic violations clerk for such bureau, if established.”

Section 3. That Chapter 53, Section 53-24, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-24. Temporary Municipal Judge.**

If a municipal judge be absent, sick or disqualified from acting, the mayor may request the presiding judge of the circuit court to designate a special municipal judge or in cases of circumstances making it impossible to reach the presiding judge of the circuit court in a timely manner, the mayor may designate some competent, eligible person to act as municipal judge until the presiding judge of the circuit court can designate a special municipal judge. The board of aldermen shall provide by ordinance for the compensation of any person designated to act as municipal judge under the provisions of this section.”

Section 4. That Chapter 53, Section 53-25, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-25. Clerk of municipal court.**

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The municipal court clerk is hereby designated as the clerk of the municipal court. The duties of such clerk shall be as follows:”

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Section 5. That Chapter 53, Section 53-26, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **amended** to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-26. Court Cost-Generally.**

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(3) Domestic violence shelter fund.

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c. Costs collected for the aforesaid fund shall be collected by the clerk and disbursed to the city at least monthly.”

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Section 6. That Chapter 53, Section 53-27, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby **repealed**.

**NOTE TO CODIFIER:** Please renumber current Sec. 53-28 as Sec. 53-27.

Section 7. That Chapter 53, Section 53-28, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Sec. 53-27. Installment payment of fine.**

When a fine is assessed for violating an ordinance and the defendant states he or she is unable to pay the amount due, the judge shall inquire as to the defendant’s ability to pay. If the defendant has the ability to pay but is unable to pay when assessed or due, the judge shall establish a payment plan for said defendant. Any payment plan established by the court should state the plans effective date, the minimum payment due, the date the payment is due, the means by which the court shall obtain the defendant’s social security number and the collection procedure the court will utilize if there is a default in payment.”

Section 8. It is the intent of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and it is hereby ordained that this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Missouri, and that sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

Section 9. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

FIRST READING: November 4, 2024.

SECOND READING: November 4, 2024.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November, 2024, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions and \_\_\_\_\_ absent.

CITY OF JACKSON, MISSOURI

(SEAL)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk