

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 26 – SERIES 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO AMENDING  
CHAPTER 2 OF THE MINTURN MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT COSTS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Minturn (“Town”) is a Colorado home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Town of Minturn Home Rule Charter for which the Minturn Town Council (“Town Council”) is authorized to act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Court in and for the Town, created by Section 6.1 of the Charter of the Town, is established as a qualified municipal court of record; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Minturn 2023-2025 Strategic Plan (hereinafter the “Strategic Plan”) seeks to “foster the authentic small town character that is Minturn,” and to “Lead Minturn to long-term viability while preserving its unique character and genuine mountain town community,” through specific strategic plan goals and policies;

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Plan contains four key strategies for implementation including “Practice fair, transparent and communicative local government,” “Long-term stewardship of the natural beauty and health of Minturn’s environment,” “Sustain and invest in the things that define Minturn as a proud, sturdy mountain town to “Keep Minturn, Minturn,” and “Advance decisions/projects/initiatives that expand future opportunity and viability for Minturn;” and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-5-20. of the Minturn Municipal Code provides the Town the authority to impose fines and penalties in accordance with Section 1-4-20.

**WHEREAS**, the Minturn Municipal Court has determined that the proposed amendments to Chapter 2 as provided herein are necessary and proper.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2 of the Minturn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions shown in double underlined text and deletions shown in ~~strike through text~~. Sections of Chapter 2 which are not expressly described in this Ordinance are deemed to continue to be in full effect without change.

**CHAPTER 2 – Administration**

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**ARTICLE 5 – Municipal Court**

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**Sec. 2-5-60. – Amendments.**

Sec. 2-5-60. – Court Costs.

(a) Plea entered at or subsequent to arraignment: The Municipal Judge shall assess court costs ~~in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00)~~, in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) plus 25% of the assessed fine which shall be assessed against all defendants upon entry of a conviction at or subsequent to arraignment, but the Municipal Judge may suspend the cost in the interest of justice. No cost shall be assessed when conviction is by a plea of guilty entered by mail pursuant to the penalty assessment procedures set forth in this Code.

**INTRODUCED, READ BY TITLE, APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY AND POSTED IN FULL ON THE OFFICIAL TOWN WEB SITE THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023. A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE HELD AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023 AT 5:30 p.m. AT THE MINTURN TOWN HALL 302 PINE STREET, MINTURN COLORADO 81645.**

**TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO**

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**Earle Bidez, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk**

**THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO, ORDAINS THIS ORDINANCE ENACTED ON SECOND READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY AND POSTED IN FULL ON THE OFFICIAL TOWN WEB SITE THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.**

**TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO**

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**Earle Bidez, Mayor**

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