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ILLINOIS**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018

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WHEREAS, the City of Kankakee has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is therefore a Home Rule Unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a Home Rule Unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kankakee currently has experienced severe economic set back as a result of a slowing general economy and loss of sales tax revenue previously relied upon for balancing its budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise additional funding to make up for the above referred to lost revenue and to balance its budget, which additional funding will maintain the following public safety programs, including but not limited to the following:

- a. KAMEG;
- b. Project Safe Neighborhood;
- c. Stolen Auto Task Force;
- d. Traffic Unit;
- e. School Resource Officer;
- f. Firefighters;
- g. Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kankakee desires to create a “Public Safety Fee” in order to maintain the above positions and programs; and

WHEREAS, due to the above referred to loss of sales tax and other State and Federal revenues, the best interest of the City of Kankakee citizens would be served by an imposition of a “Public Safety Fee” on all housing units, commercial

units and industrial units located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Kankakee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section One: Public Safety Fee Established.

The City of Kankakee shall charge the owner and/or occupant of each residential unit located within the city limits of the City of Kankakee, and which receives a bill for water services from Aqua Illinois, a “Public Safety Fee” in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per month. The City of Kankakee shall charge each business located within the city limits of the City of Kankakee in a premises zoned commercial or industrial by the City of Kankakee Zoning Ordinance and which receives a bill for sewer service from Aqua Illinois, a “Public Safety Fee” in the amount of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month.

Section Two. Collection

A. Whenever the “Public Safety Fee” is not paid within thirty (30) days of billing, the “Public Safety Fee” shall be considered delinquent. The City of Kankakee may, in its discretion, file suit to collect such amounts as are delinquent and due against the responsible tenant, landlord, record title holder, contract purchaser, and any assignee of the above, in a civil action, and shall collect, as well as all court costs pertaining to said action, reasonable attorney fees, plus the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to cover the costs of preparation of all notices and forms as may be required.

B. The City shall add interest at the rate of nine percent (9%) per annum to all delinquent fees and on all judgments rendered against the responsible party.

C. In the event a bill for the “Public Safety Fee” remains unpaid after thirty (30) days from the date of its rendering, said charge shall then be delinquent, and there shall be added thereto a late payment penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bill.

Section Three:

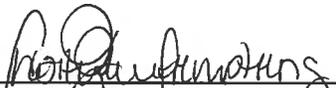
That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section Four.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after May 1, 2018 and shall automatically terminate on April 30, 2022 without the need of further action by the Council.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2018, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 13
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1



Chasity Wells-Armstrong
Mayor, City of Kankakee

ATTEST: 
Anjanita Dumas
City Clerk, City of Kankakee