

ORDINANCE 2026 - 007

1st reading and Introduction: April 20, 2026

2nd reading and Public Hearing: May 4, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE JAIL SURCHARGE TO OFFSET THE COST OF HOUSING INMATES AT THE COUNTY JAIL; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs are authorized to amend, adopt, and repeal the Code of Ordinances for the City of Powder Springs; and

WHEREAS state law allows an extra 10% penalty (County Jail Construction and Staffing Fine Add-on) to be added to fines imposed by the Municipal Court to offset the per diem and medical costs of a city prisoner,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council desire to amend the code of ordinances to increase the jail fee to offset the city's cost of housing inmates.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs find that in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare it does hereby ordain that the Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

SECTION ONE

Chapter 6, Section 6-7 of the Code of Ordinances is amended by striking "eight" and substituting "ten" as follows:

Sec. 6-7. - Court costs.

Court costs shall be determined under the provisions of section 4.13 of the City Charter. All court fines shall have added a surcharge of ~~eight (8)~~ **ten (10)** percent to be paid into a special jail fund to be used to defray the costs to the city which are associated with the incarceration of municipal prisoners.

SECTION TWO

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION THREE

If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained therein.

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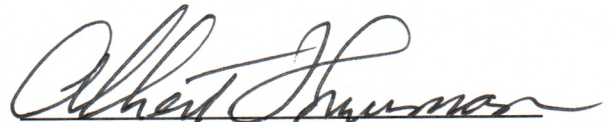
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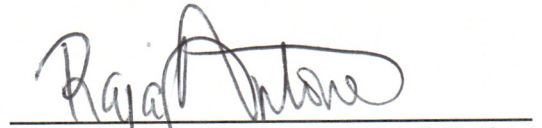
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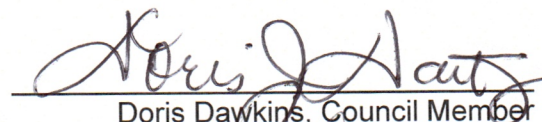
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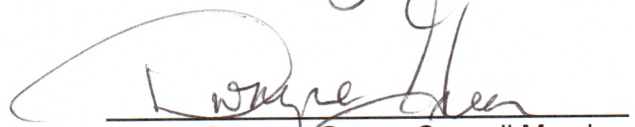
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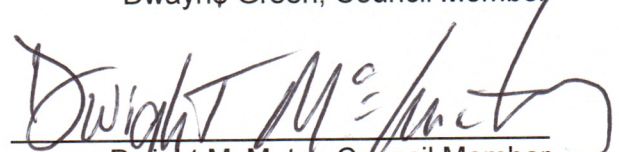
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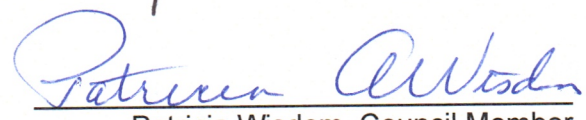

Albert Thurman, Mayor

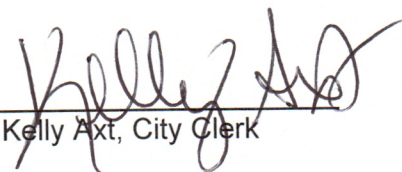

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