

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE
SECTIONS 30-426
TO COMPLY WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECS. 53.1-120 and 17.1-275.5**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia Sec. 53.1-120 to allow localities to charge a \$20 fee upon the conviction of criminal or traffic cases; and that revenue produced from this fee is used to provide court security personnel, or upon request of the Sheriff, equipment or other personal property used in connection with courthouse security; and

WHEREAS, amending the City Code to allow the Circuit Court Clerk to collect this fee will provide additional revenue to the City; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearings on the proposed amendment have been conducted; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has considered staff recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that Chapter 30, Section 426, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, be and hereby is amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 30-426. - Funding of courthouse security personnel.

There is hereby assessed a fee of ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ **twenty dollars (\$20.00)** as part of the costs in each criminal or traffic case in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance; provided such actions are filed in the General District Court for the City of Charlottesville or in the Circuit Court for the City of Charlottesville. The costs so assessed shall be used for the funding of courthouse security personnel. The fees shall be collected by the clerks of the respective courts involved and remitted to the city treasurer, who shall hold the fees in a designated account subject to disbursements by the governing body for the purposes stated above.

Suggested Motion: I move that Chapter 30 - Section 426 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville be amended per staff recommendation.