

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 12-171

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Stefanik

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COURT COSTS FOR THE NORTH ROYALTON MUNICIPAL MAYOR'S COURT AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 97-210, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: A municipal Mayor's Court has long been established and functioning in the City of North Royalton; and

WHEREAS: The operation and maintenance of this Court has increased every year, while the court costs have remained unchanged since 2005; and

WHEREAS: The city desires to fix "court costs" sufficient to maintain the day to day operations of this Court; and

WHEREAS: In the event that Council adopts the proposed increase, the median court costs throughout surrounding communities will still be higher than this proposed increase; and

WHEREAS: Ordinance 97-210 was adopted which established a \$10.00 fee to be placed in the court computer fund, which fund has been determined to be no longer needed; and

WHEREAS: Council desires to establish the amount of \$46.00 as the city's municipal Mayor's Court cost, and to amend Ordinance 97-210 to create a sunset clause in order to let the collection of the \$10.00 fee for the computer fund expire effective December 31, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The City of North Royalton hereby establishes effective January 1, 2013 the amount of \$46.00 as the city's municipal Mayor's Court cost.

Section 2. Ordinance 97-210, Section 1, is hereby amended as follows, and all other provisions of 97-210 shall remain in full force and effect:

Section 1. That there is hereby established a Clerk of Courts Computer Services Fund in which shall be deposited up to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) paid by each offender as an additional court cost of the Mayor's Court, which funds shall be utilized to computerize the Clerk of Court operations. The funds shall be used by the Mayor's Court to pay only those costs it incurs in providing computer services for the Clerk of Court. *Collection of this fee shall cease effective midnight December 31, 2012.*

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to establish the amount of \$46.00 as the city's municipal Mayor's Court cost.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Larry Antoskiewicz
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: November 20, 2012

DATE APPROVED: November 20, 2012

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading November 7, 2012
Second reading suspended
Third reading November 20, 2012
Amended November 20, 2012

YEAS: Antoskiewicz, Nickell, Petrusky
Marnecheck, Muller, Kasaris

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Willey