

ORDINANCE NO. 134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEASLEY, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND.

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature, in Tex. Crim. Proc. Code Ann. art. 102.0172, authorized governing bodies of Texas municipalities to create by ordinance a municipal court technology fund and to require certain defendants to pay court costs for deposit in the fund; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that Beasley's municipal court has need for such a technology fund to finance the purchase of certain technological enhancements for its municipal court.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEASLEY, TEXAS:

Section 1.

The City Council hereby creates a Beasley Municipal Court Technology Fund, which shall be administered by or under the direction of the City Council.

Section 2.

- a. The Municipal Court Clerk shall collect from each defendant convicted of a misdemeanor offense in Beasley's Municipal court a \$4.00 technology fee as a cost of court, and shall pay the funds to the municipal treasurer, or to any other official who discharges the duties commonly delegated to the municipal treasurer, for deposit in a fund to be known as the Beasley Municipal Court Technology Fund.
- b. In this ordinance, a person is considered convicted if:
 - (1) a sentence is imposed on the person;
 - (2) the person is placed on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision; or
 - (3) the court defers final disposition of the person's case.

Section 3.

The Beasley Municipal Court Technology Fund may be used only to finance the purchase of technological enhancements for Beasley's municipal court, including:

- (1) computer systems;
- (2) computer networks;

- (3) computer hardware;
- (4) computer software;
- (5) imaging systems;
- (6) electronic kiosks;
- (7) electronic ticket writers; and
- (8) docket management systems.

Section 4.

The change in the law made by this ordinance applies only to a cost on conviction for an offense committed on or after the effective date of this act. A cost on conviction for an offense committed before the effective date of this ordinance is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this ordinance if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

Section 5.

The effective date of this ordinance is the date on which it is passed and approved by Beasley's City Council.

Section 6.


This ordinance expires September 1, 2005.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21 day of September, 1999.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



WILBERT L. PREUSS, Mayor
City of Beasley, Texas