

ORDINANCE NO. 1019

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF MONETARY FINES,
PENALTIES, AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Code of the City of El Paso imposes various fines and penalties for ordinance and code violations within the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, not all persons who are obligated to pay fines and penalties pay them timely; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso does not have the resources or personnel to spend a significant amount of time or effort in collecting delinquent fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS, State statutes and specifically 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1 authorizes municipalities to retain attorneys and private collection agents for the purpose of collecting delinquent fines, penalties, or installments of fines or penalties; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois statute authorizes fees or costs incurred by the municipality with the respect to attorneys or private collection agents retained by the municipality to be charged by the offender;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1.

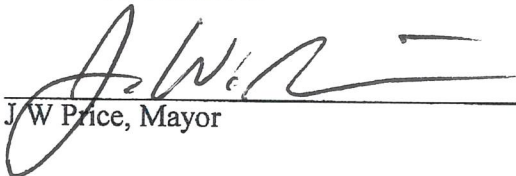
Section 1-26 is hereby added to Article IV (General Penalty) of Chapter 1 of the El Paso Municipal Code to read as follows:

§1-26 Attorneys and Private Collection Agents for Collection of Fines and Penalties.

In the event the City retains an attorney or private collection firm or private collection agent to collect any fine or penalty resulting from a violation of any code or ordinance of the City of El Paso, any fees or costs incurred by the City with respect to such attorney or private collection firm or agent shall be charged to the offender and added to the amount owed under the fine or penalty.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

APPROVED




J. W. Price, Mayor

ATTEST:



David W. Fever, City Clerk

PASSED by the City Council on the 1st day of July, 2019.
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David W. Fever, City Clerk