

ORDINANCE 2011-57

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 890  
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO BY  
ENACTING §890.111 ENTITLED  
“COLLECTION COSTS ON UNPAID TAXES”  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

FIRST READ	SECOND READ	THIRD READ				
12-5-20	12-19-20	12-19-20				
			J NEUMEIER	✓		
			D, LEE	✓		✓
			B WURST	✓		✓
			D GRAF	✓		✓
			W WELLS	✓		✓
			S WALTER	✓		✓
			T FINKELMEIER	✓		✓
			TOTAL	7	0	70

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Wapakoneta considers it essential that the tax code in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wapakoneta be amended; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Wapakoneta has determined that all delinquent tax accounts outsourced by the City to a law firm or collection agency shall be assessed a collection fee on the entire balance due equal to the contingency collection percentage charged by each law firm or collection agency as set forth in the collection contract with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Wapakoneta, County of Auglaize, State of Ohio, to-wit:

SECTION ONE

That §890.111 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wapakoneta is hereby enacted to read as follows:

890.111 COLLECTION COSTS ON UNPAID TAXES.

All delinquent tax accounts outsourced by the City to a law firm or collection agency shall be assessed a collection fee on the entire balance due equal to the contingency collection percentage charged by each law firm or collection agency as assessment of the collection fee shall be the principal balance due plus interest, penalties, late fees, and/or other permissible fines, penalties and charges. The collection fee shall be assessed against all payments made by the taxpayer whether or not the balance due is paid in full with one payment, or over time with more than one payment. The assessment of the collection fee shall be made by the law firm or collection agency after the delinquent account has been outsourced for collection. Additionally, court costs shall be added to the balance due as they are incurred but shall not be assessed a collection fee.

SECTION TWO

That said ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Wapakoneta and for further reason that the City of Wapakoneta desires to immediately assess these collection costs to delinquent taxpayers.

Attest:

Carlene S. Koch  
Clerk of Council  
[Signature]  
President of Council

Passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
December, 2011

Approved:

[Signature]  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Law Director

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE WAPAKONETA DAILY NEWS, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND APPEARED IN ITS ISSUES OF 12-22-2011 AND 12-29-2011.

Carlene S. Koch  
CLERK OF COUNCIL