

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING FROM \$10 TO \$20 THE AMOUNT ASSESSED AGAINST A CONVICTED DEFENDANT AS PART OF THE COSTS IN A CRIMINAL OR TRAFFIC CASE IN DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT COURT TO FUND COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM SECURITY.**

**WHEREAS** §§ 15.2-1427 and 15.2-1433 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as may be amended from time to time, enable a local governing body to adopt, amend, and codify ordinances or portions thereof;

**WHEREAS** Appomattox County currently assesses a courthouse security fee of \$10, pursuant to subsection D of Virginia Code § 53.1-120;

**WHEREAS** subsection D of Virginia Code § 53.1-120 was amended by Senate Bill 149, which was adopted by the Senate and House of Delegates, and signed by the Governor on March 4, 2020;

**WHEREAS** Senate Bill 149 increases the maximum amount that a locality may charge for a courthouse security fee from \$10 to \$20, and goes into effect on July 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS** such an increase is necessary and expedient for the courthouse security needs of the County of Appomattox;

**WHEREAS**, the full text of this amendment was available for public inspection in the Appomattox County Administration Office at 153-A Morton Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522; and

**WHEREAS**, on \_\_\_\_\_, a public hearing was held on this matter, and all of those wishing to speak on this topic were heard;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County as follows:

A. The courthouse security fee in Appomattox County shall be increased to \$20, in both the district and circuit courts. The assessment shall be collected by the clerk of the court in which the case is heard, remitted to the County Treasurer, and held by the Treasurer to be appropriated by the Board of Supervisors to the Sheriff's Office. The assessment shall be used solely for the funding of courthouse security personnel, and, if requested by the Sheriff, equipment and other personal property used in connection with courthouse security.

B. "Courthouse security fee" means the amount assessed by the Board of Supervisors under the authority of subsection D of Virginia Code § 53.1-120 against a convicted defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse and courtroom security.

C. The provisions of this Ordinance shall go into effect on July 1, 2020.