

**Munster Police
Department**

Memo

To: Munster Town Council
From: Chief of Police Stephen F. Scheckel
cc: Town Manager Dustin Anderson
Date: March 15, 2021
Re: Amendment of Police Fees

Occasionally, it is necessary to examine the amount of fees that are being collected through various revenue streams. We find that comparing our charges and fines, against other agencies in Lake County, provides us with a good understanding as to whether we are charging an appropriate amount. Jointly with the Clerk Treasurer's Office, the Police Department reviewed our fines and fees and determined that we should bring the amounts more in line with the other communities. Ordinance 1819 provides for said realignment of the current fee ordinance.

Upon examination, you will find that some of our moving violations were determined to be high, relative to other communities. Conversely, in some instances, the Police Department was not charging an adequate amount for services rendered in terms of animal collection and impound fees, just to highlight a few. The Police Department is comfortable with the adjustments and believes that it brings us more in line with surrounding communities.

Recommendation:

By roll call vote adopt Ordinance 1819 and set for a second reading at the next scheduled Town Council meeting.