

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI,
AMENDING SECTION 18-19 OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS
MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE CHARGING/TAXING OF INMATES FOR
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH JAIL AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

WHEREFORE, the State of Missouri does not permit “board bills” associated with being arrested and/or incarcerated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE NEIGHBORS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 18-19 of Chapter 18 of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors municipal code states as follows:

Sec. 18-19 Jailing of Defendants.

If, in the opinion of the municipal judge, the city has no suitable and safe place of confinement, the municipal judge may commit the defendant to the county jail or other suitable and safe place, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff or officer in charge, if space for the prisoner is available in the county jail or such other jail upon receipt of a warrant of commitment from the judge to receive and safely keep such prisoner until discharged by due process of law. The municipality shall pay the board of such prisoner at the same rate as may not or hereafter be allowed to such sheriff for the keeping of such prisoner in his custody. The same shall be taxed as cost to be paid by the defendant in addition to all other court costs as are provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 2: Section 18-19 of Chapter 18 of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors municipal code is hereby amended to state as follows:

Sec. 18-19 Jailing of Defendants.

If, in the opinion of the municipal judge, the city has no suitable and safe place of confinement, the municipal judge may commit the defendant to the county jail or other suitable and safe place, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff or officer in charge, if space for the prisoner is available in the county jail or such other jail upon receipt of a warrant of commitment from the judge to receive and safely keep such prisoner until discharged by due process of law. The municipality shall pay the board of such prisoner at the same rate as may not or hereafter be allowed to such sheriff for the keeping of such prisoner in his custody.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, parts of ordinances or provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED and APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

ATTEST:

**James W. Thomas Sr.
Mayor**

**Denise Johnson
City Clerk**