

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2004

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 60.22 OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO  
ESTABLISHING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR  
THE TOWING OF VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF  
VALPARAISO, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Valparaiso Police Department incurs administrative time and expense in connection with the towing of vehicles and the processing of vehicle towing records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Valparaiso City Chief of Police has studied the aforementioned costs and expenses associated with the towing of vehicles and the processing of vehicle towing records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso deems it appropriate to assess an administrative fee to defray part of the costs and expenses associated with the towing of vehicles and the processing of vehicle towing records.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso that **Section 60.22** of the Municipal Code of the City of Valparaiso should be and is hereby created to read as follows:

**Section 60.22 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR TOWING VEHICLES.**

- (A) Whenever the Valparaiso Police Department orders that a vehicle be towed from any location within the corporate limits of the City of Valparaiso, the designated towing service authorized to tow that vehicle shall assess against the owner of the towed vehicle an administrative fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) which shall be collected in addition to any and all other applicable towing charges.
- (B) The administrative towing fee created by this section shall be included in the towing bill assessed by the authorized towing service and collected by the authorized towing service as part of the authorized towing bill.
- (C) The administrative towing fee created by this section shall be forwarded by the authorized towing service to the Valparaiso Clerk-Treasurer within thirty (30) days of collection.
- (D) The Valparaiso Clerk-Treasurer shall deposit the administrative towing fee created by this section into the Local Police Education Fund (Fund 290) for appropriation and expenditure pursuant to established guidelines.

The provisions of this ordinance shall take effect as prescribed by state statute.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of all members present and voting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2004.

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Jon Costas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_.m.

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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer

This Ordinance approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_.m.

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Jon Costas, Mayor