

BILL NO. 649

ORDINANCE NO. 649

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OFFENSE AND PUNISHMENT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND JUDGE.

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish an offense and punishment for failure to appear before the municipal court and judge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(A) In addition to the forfeiture of any security which was given or pledged for his release, any person who, having been released pursuant to Sections 544.040 to 544.665 RSMo(1978), or upon a recognizance or bond pursuant to any other provisions of law, willfully fails to appear before any court or judicial officer as required shall be guilty of an offense and punished.

(B) Punishment for the offense of failure to appear for the violation of a municipal ordinance shall be by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00); provided, that the sentence imposed shall not exceed the maximum fine or maximum period of imprisonment which could be imposed for the offense for which the accused was arrested.

(C) If the offense or ordinance violation is punished by fine only, punishment by confinement shall not be imposed.

(D) Nothing in this section shall prevent the exercise by the court of its power to punish for contempt.

SECTION ONE. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in so far as they conflict.

SECTION TWO. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

READ THREE TIMES AND PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF August, 1997.


MAYOR CARLTON WYATT

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, JOANN E. DONZE