

CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 7921-07

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 171 OF THE
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO BY
ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 171.021 ENTITLED COLLECTION
COSTS ON UNPAID TAX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Bedford, Ohio considers it essential that the tax code in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford be amended, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Bedford has determined that all delinquent tax accounts outsourced by the City to a law firm or collection agency shall be assessed a collection fee on the entire balance due equal to the contingency collection percentage charged by each law firm or collection agency as set forth in the collection contract with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. Section 171.021 is hereby created and adopted by the Council of the City of Bedford and shall read as follows:

All delinquent tax accounts outsourced by the City to a law firm or collection agency shall be assessed a collection fee on the entire balance due equal to the contingency collection percentage charged by each law firm or collection agency as set forth in the collection contract with the City. The balance due prior to the assessment of the collection fee shall be the principle balance due plus interest, penalties, late fees, and/or other permissible fines, penalties and charges. The collection fee shall be assessed against all payments made by the taxpayer whether or not the balance due is paid in full with one payment, or over time with more than one payment. The assessment of the collection fee shall be made by the law firm or collection agency after the delinquent account has been outsourced for collection. Additionally, court costs shall be added to the balance due as they are incurred but shall not be assessed a collection fee.

Section 2. Said ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Bedford, Ohio and for the further reason that the City of Bedford desires to immediately assess these collection costs to delinquent taxpayers.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date permitted by law.

Mayor – President of Council

PASSED: May 7, 2007

Clerk of Council