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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to enact Section 3-2-55 (ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM FEE FOR PERSONS CONVICTED IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT OR CIRCUIT COURT) of Article E (ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS AND FEES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION, AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

Virginia Code 17.1-279.1 was enacted in 2014 and provides localities with the authority to add an electronic summons system fee of five dollars on any defendant convicted on any traffic or criminal charge in the Alexandria General District Court or Alexandria Circuit Court. The funds generated by the assessment must be used to solely to fund software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system. Institution of an electronic summons system would significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy in the process of issuing citations and allow for reduction of voluminous paper documentation and the need to transfer such documentation between multiple City agencies.

This Ordinance is part of the comprehensive effort to update the City Code.

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Authority

§ 2.04(d), Alexandria City Charter
Virginia Code 17.1-279.1

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

Memorandum