

**ORDINANCE NO. 1543**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, IOWA REGARDING SPECIAL MEETING FEES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Denison, Iowa has regularly scheduled City Council meetings that allow for citizen participation and to handle regular City business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Denison, from time to time, is required to schedule special meetings when the timing of an issue does not allow the City to wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings cost money and, since some special council meetings are called for the express benefit of a specific person or business, the City Council has determined that—instead of passing the costs of the meeting on to the citizens—the individuals and/or businesses requesting a special meeting shall be responsible for the costs of said meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Denison, Iowa that it hereby amends City Code Chapter 17 to specifically state that any person or legal entity that requests a special Council meeting shall agree to be responsible for all the costs of said meeting. The Council further authorizes City staff to take all action necessary to effectuate this change, as follows:

**SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.** Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof (changes italicized and in bold):

Each *Council Member* shall be paid twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each regular or special meeting attended, payable quarterly. *An individual or legal entity that requests a special meeting shall be responsible for the costs of said meeting, including the payment to each Council Member that attends said special meeting.*

(Code of Iowa, Section 372.13(8))

THE REMAINDER OF SUBSECTION 17 REMAINS UNCHANGED.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

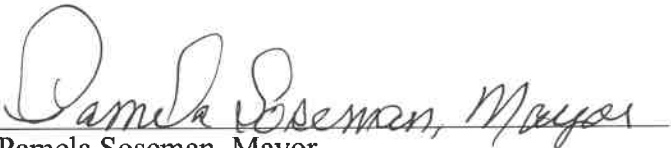
**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 5. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed First Reading by the City Council of Denison, Iowa, 16th day of November 2021.

Waived Second & Third Readings by the City Council of Denison, Iowa, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

**PASSED AND ENACTED** by the City Council of Denison, Iowa, the 16th day of November 2021.

  
Pamela Soseman, Mayor

Attest:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk

#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk of the City of Denison, Iowa, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 1543 was published in a Denison Newspaper published at least once weekly and having general circulation in the City of Denison, Iowa on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk