

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2**

### **TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICE BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE FEES**

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 2-210 of Chapter 2, Article 4, of the codification of the Town of Griffith Ordinances, currently charges a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) service fee for requests to the town police department to produce videos.

**WHEREAS** the cost of producing such videos has increased, and the requests for producing such videos has increased, has created a financial burden on the Town of Griffith Police Department.

**WHEREAS** Indiana Code § 36-1-3-8 specifically governs fees charged by governmental units and regulates that service fees shall not be greater than that reasonably related to reasonable and just rates and charges for services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town of Griffith that the present Chapter 2: Administration, Article V Finance, Division 4 – Police Department Administrative Services, Sec. 2-210. Services provided and fees specified, be amended to include a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) minimum fee, and a One Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$150.000) maximum fee, for police video requests, and a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00) fee for a repeated request on video(s) previously sent, and that Chapter 2: Administration, Article V Finance, Division 4 – Police Department Administrative Services, be amended to include Sec. 2-213. Body Camera Footage Fee, which shall read as follows.

#### **CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V: FINANCE, DIVISION 4 – POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Sec. 2-210. Services provided and fees specified.

The town police department is hereby authorized and empowered to charge and collect fees for specified services as follows:

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| Accident Reports                         | \$10.00 |
| VIN Inspections                          | \$5.00  |
| Nonresident                              | \$20.00 |
| Salvage VIN Inspections (residents only) | \$25.00 |
| Vehicle Release                          | \$25.00 |
| Gun Permit                               | \$10.00 |
| 4-year license                           | \$10.00 |
| Lifetime/no current permit               | \$50.00 |
| Lifetime/current valid permit            | \$40.00 |
| Moped Registration                       | \$25.00 |
| Fingerprints (nonresident)               | \$20.00 |
| Offense Reports (nonresident)            | \$5.00  |

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| Plus, per report                                      | \$1.00             |
| In-House Criminal History (nonresident)               | \$10.00            |
| Photo CD  | \$15.00            |
| Photo Single  | \$10.00            |
| 911 Audio Tape/CD                                     | \$10.00            |
| Video   | \$50.00 - \$150.00 |
| Repeated Video Request                                | \$25.00            |
| Vehicle release due to arrest                         | \$50.00            |
| Police Officer Application                            | \$25.00            |
| Animal Fees   |                    |
| Boarding, per day                                     | \$15.00            |
| Reclaiming, per animal (in a rolling 12-month period) |                    |
| 1st and 2nd offense                                   | \$10.00            |
| 3rd offense   | \$25.00            |
| 4th offense   | \$50.00            |

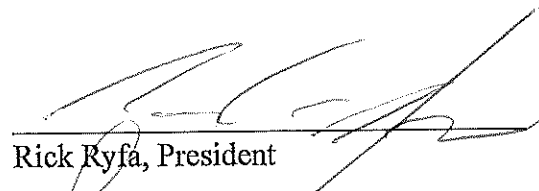
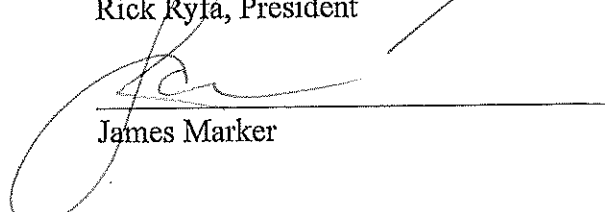

#### Sec. 2-213. Body Camera Footage Fees

For videos provided under section 2-210 that contain body camera footage, the town police department shall charge a minimum fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for body camera footage. Fees shall be based on an hourly rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per hour with a maximum fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) dependent upon the staff time incurred in copying and formatting a particular video. For repeated requests to resend video files after the requested video has already been sent to the requesting party, the town police department shall charge a Twenty-Five Dollar (\$25.00) fee to fulfil the repeated request. Monies collected as a result of these fees shall be forwarded to the town Clerk-Treasurer for deposit in the continuing education fund for the benefit of the police department along with other statutorily permitted fund sources.

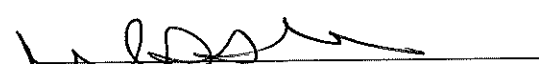

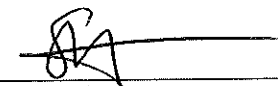
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
GRIFFITH, INDIANA, THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025.**

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH**

  
Rick Ryfa, President  
James Marker  
Lawrence Ballah

Attest:

  
Melissa Robbins  
Gina Smith, Clerk-Treasurer  
Tony Hobson