

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, effective March 22, 2026, Wisconsin Act 113 amended Wis. Stat. §814.65(1), which provides that the Municipal Judge shall collect a fee of not less than \$15.00 nor more than \$48.00 on each separate matter for Court costs in each offense when there is a Court cost assessed, an increase of \$10.00 to the maximum amount; and,

WHEREAS, the Manitowoc Municipal Court Judge has recommended that the Court Costs for each separate matter where costs are assessed be increased to the maximum allowable amount pursuant to state statute; and,

WHEREAS, the increase will provide additional revenue for the Municipal Court and help offset its costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has determined it is reasonable and prudent to allow the Court to collect the maximum court fee allowed by state statute, now and in the future, should the maximum court fee increase and the Municipal Judge recommend the change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc that the Court costs on each separate matter before the Municipal Court be increased to the maximum amount allowed by state statute when costs may be assessed, and for the Municipal Judge to increase that amount, as they see fit and order, as that allowable amount changes, now and in the future, pursuant to §814.65(1), Wis. Stat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council that the attached Municipal Court Bond Schedule be adopted pursuant to the increased court cost fee, and shall be automatically adjusted and adopted if and when the allowable fee is increased by state statute and ordered by the Municipal Judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council that this Resolution shall be effective April 21, 2026.

INTRODUCED _____ ADOPTED _____

APPROVED _____
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

Fiscal Impact: Complete fiscal impact indeterminate at this time. Anticipated additional revenue to the City’s Municipal Court Department that is part of the General Fund. No additional tax levy or 2026 budget amendments needed.
Funding Source: Municipal Court (1100-15300)
Finance Director Approval: /SMA
Approved as to form: /EGN

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