## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING KNOX COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 18-1, LITIGATION TAXES, TO INCREASE THE \$1.00 PRIVILEGE TAX LEVIED ON ALL CASES BEFORE THE KNOX COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT AND JUVENILE COURTS LITIGATION TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO SUPPORT A LOCAL VICTIM-OFFENDER MEDIATION CENTER OR CENTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 495 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 2009 (Ord. No. O-92-3-103, §§ 1-6, adopted 6-1-92; Ord. No. O-95-8-101, adopted 9-25-95; Ord. No. O-00-6-102, §§ 1-2, adopted 7-24-00; Ord. O-08-10-101, § 1, adopted 11-17-08).

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee has enacted Senate Bill No. 2015 of the 106th Tennessee General Assembly, hereinafter referred to as Public Chapter 495 of the Public Acts of 2009 (hereinafter "the Act"), which passed both houses on June 4, 2009, was signed into law on June 23, 2009, and took effect June 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Act amends Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-20-106 to authorize an increase in the \$1.00 litigation tax counties are authorized to levy for certain matters before the general sessions courts and juvenile courts in an amount not to exceed \$5.00 over a five (5) year period at \$1.00 per year, which monies must be used exclusively to support a local victim-offender mediation center or centers organized pursuant to this chapter and shall be distributed on a monthly basis by the county to such victim-offender mediation center or centers for the purpose of handling victim-offender mediation and other community mediation matters; and

WHEREAS, such an increase must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Knox County's legislative body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Knox County Code Section 18-1, Litigation Taxes, is hereby amended by deleting subsection (g) (1) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following language:

(g) (1) There is hereby established on all cases before the Knox County General Sessions Courts and Juvenile Courts a litigation tax in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00) for fiscal year 2009-2010, three dollars (\$3.00) for fiscal year 2010-2011, four dollars (\$4.00) for fiscal year 2011-2012, and five dollars (\$5.00) for fiscal year 2012-2013, at which amount the tax shall remain. This litigation tax is in addition to any other litigation tax levied on cases in the Knox County General Sessions Courts and Juvenile Courts.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, as provided by the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Commission County Clerk Approved: County Mayor Date Vetoed: Date **County Mayor** 2