

ORDINANCE 2019-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN "AMNESTY WEEK" RELATING TO CERTAIN OUTSTANDING WARRANTS ISSUED BY THE GARDENDALE MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, an "Amnesty Week" is a designated period of time during which a defendant may voluntarily appear before a Gardendale Magistrate and have any outstanding warrant(s) recalled.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, while in a regular session on February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. as follows:

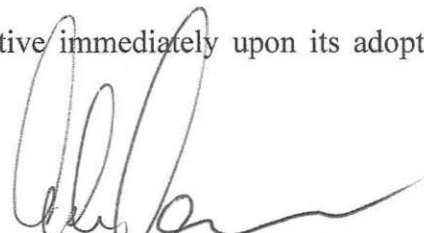
SECTION 1. An "Amnesty Week" be and is hereby authorized beginning on April 8, 2019, and ending on April 12, 2019, in the Gardendale Municipal Court from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on each day.

SECTION 2. Warrants for Failure to Appear on charges of traffic violations may be withdrawn and recalled upon the defendant's appearance before a Gardendale Magistrate during said "Amnesty Week," and his or her: (1) execution of a plea of guilty/waiver or rights to appear in court and either payment in full of any applicable fines, court costs, restitution, and like payments in default, or agreement to make partial payments in accordance with a payment plan established by the Gardendale Municipal Court; or (2) agreement to appear before the Municipal Court Judge on May 3, 2019, as ordered by the Magistrate.

SECTION 3. Warrants for Failure to Appear on charges previously adjudicated by the Municipal Court may be withdrawn and recalled upon the defendant's appearance before a Gardendale Magistrate during said "Amnesty Week," and his or her payment of any applicable fines, court costs, restitution, and like payments in default, or agreement to make partial payments in accordance with a payment plan established by the Gardendale Municipal Court; provided that, any defendant with an outstanding warrant who also has failed to complete any Court Referral Program, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, driving school, etc., as previously ordered by the Municipal Court, shall be required to appear before the Municipal Court Judge on May 3, 2019, as ordered by the Magistrate.


SECTION 4. All administrative processing or recall fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be allocated to the operations of the Court Magistrate(s) and shall be used towards the operations and purchasing of equipment and/or other physical furnishings for their respective operations.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication or by it otherwise becoming a law.



Alvin Currington, Council President

Approved on this 4th day of February 2019


Stan Hogeland, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Melissa Honeycutt, City Clerk of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance that was duly and legally adopted on the 4th day of February 2019, by the City Council of the City of Gardendale, Alabama, while in a regular session and was published in its entirety in the *North Jefferson News* on 02/12 2019.


Melissa Honeycutt